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New Funding Opportunities

Free Trees for Community Groups and Schools (UK)

The Woodland Trust has thousands of free tree packs to give away to community groups and schools. 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 an application 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. Tree packs can consist of:

- Hedging to make a natural screen or connect existing woodland to help wildlife stay on the move
- Copse to create a mini forest school classroom or a peaceful spot that's an oasis for birds
- Wild harvest an array of fruits and nuts
- Year-round colour for beautiful blossoms, bright berries and stunning autumn displays
- Working wood to fuel a log burner in 7-10 years, or to carve or weave willow
- Wildwood to establish food and shelter for wildlife
- Urban trees for residential areas with limited communal space

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](#)

[Apply Online](#)

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/schools-and-communities/>

School Grants to Promote Physics (UK)

The Institute of Physics has announced that UK schools, colleges or home school groups can apply for grants of up to £600 for small-scale projects or events linked to the teaching or promotion of physics and engineering to pupils aged 5 - 19. Grants can support a wide range of projects such as school-based science weeks, extracurricular activities, science clubs, careers event or a visit from a working physicist or engineer.

Grants may be used for the following purposes: materials/resources; transport; marketing and publicity; other purposes deemed appropriate by the judges; and supply cover (in certain circumstances).

The Institute of Physics is interested in proposals that look at:

- particle physics
- astronomy
- space and nuclear physics
- energy
- transport
- information and communications
- design and promotion
- built environment.

Previous projects to receive funding include:

- Ampleforth College for a visit to Jodrell Bank Radio Observatory.
- St John's High School for a Practical Rocketry workshop to design a water-propelled rocket.

The closing date for applications is the 1st November 2020 (for projects taking place in the following spring term).

Useful Links:

[Apply Online](#)

http://www.iop.org/about/grants/school/page_38824.html

Tesco Bags of Help COVID-19 Communities Fund Closing Date Announced (UK)

Tesco's Bags of Help Covid-19 Communities Fund will be closing to applications on the 18th September 2020.

The short-term fund is open to registered charities, voluntary and community organisations, schools, health bodies, Parish, Town and community councils, social enterprises, local authorities and social housing organisations across the UK.

Grants of £500 are available to organisations that have experienced:

- Increased demand – a holiday hunger club needs more resources to support children through the summer months or a food bank whose stocks are running low and needs an immediate donation to enable the food bank to restock.
- Disrupted services – a local charity setting up a delivery service to replace its monthly lunch club, or a charity needing to set up a telephone service to support beneficiaries.
- New services – a health focused charity having to set up a new online patient service requires new IT equipment or a mental health charity developing a new service.

The Fund is set up to support organisation need rather than fund specific projects.

Useful Links:

[FAQs](#)

[Guidance Notes](#)

<https://tescobagsofhelp.org.uk/grant-schemes/tesco-cv-fund/>

Music for All Extends Application Deadline to 1st November 2020 (UK)

Grants are available to UK based community groups and schools who would benefit from a “helping hand” to bring music to their community and fulfil their potential in becoming truly sustainable music programmes.

The funding which is being made available by the charity Music for All, can be put towards musical instrument costs, workshops/training, using music to break down barriers, providing a variety of educational opportunities as well as helping to find ways to integrate many diverse and minority groups positively into society. Grants of up to £2,500 are available, but due to increased demand most awards will be for less than this amount.

UK based community music groups and educational organisations are eligible to apply. Applicants are encouraged to look for other sources of funding to add to the amount needed to deliver the project.

Examples of projects funded:

- Belham Primary School: Used a grant from Music for All to purchase instruments and resulted in 137 out of the 180 children learning violin, guitar, ukulele or recorder. This compares to 6 months earlier when only a handful were learning just the recorder.

Funding of up to £500 is also available to individuals who do not have the means to access musical instruments and lessons.

Due to the Coronavirus crisis, the deadline for applications has been extended for this bidding round from the 1st July 2020 to the 1st November 2020.

Useful Links:

[Individual Grant Application Instructions and Eligibility Criteria](#)
[Community Project Funding Instructions and Eligibility Criteria](#)
[Application Form](#)

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

Public Engagement Spark Awards to Re-open in September 2020 (UK)

The Science and Technology Facilities Council's (STFC) Public Engagement Spark Awards will re-open for applications on the 9th September 2020.

Awards of up to £15,000 will be available to schools as well as scientists and engineers, museums, science communicators, and amateur astronomy groups, etc to deliver high-quality public engagement activities that focus on a topic within the Council's remit. This can include:

- astronomy, solar and planetary science,
- particle physics,
- particle astrophysics,
- cosmology,
- nuclear physics
- accelerator science.

Applicants are encouraged to contact the Council's Public Engagement Team to discuss their ideas in the first instance.

<https://stfc.ukri.org/public-engagement/public-engagement-grants/pe-funding-opportunities/stfc-public-engagement-spark-awards/>

Funding for Schools to Purchase Musical Equipment (UK)

Schools, teachers and individuals in full time education in the UK, that wish to purchase musical instruments and equipment can apply for funding of up to £1,500 through the Universal Music UK Sound Foundation's Instrument and/or Equipment Awards.

To date the Foundations (formerly known as the EMI Music Sound Foundation) has made awards to over 7,000 schools, individual students and teachers to improve their access to music resources through the purchase or upgrade of musical instruments and equipment. The funding has to be made for music education that is beyond statutory national curriculum music teaching. The Foundation cannot fund retrospectively and schools are not eligible for financial assistance under this scheme if they have already purchased their instruments or if they do so before their application has been approved. The Foundation also fund courses and training opportunities for music teachers who work within schools.

The closing date for applications is the 9th September 2020.

Useful Links:

[School Application Form](#)
[Individual Application Form 15 and under](#)
[Individual Application Form 16 and over](#)

<https://www.umuksoundfoundation.com/awards/>

Science and Chemistry Equipment Grants for Schools (UK)

Teachers at primary or secondary schools can apply for a grant of up to £1,000 towards the purchase of equipment to support the delivery of Primary Science or Chemistry lessons. Bids are invited for the purchase of items of equipment that cannot be purchased through a school's mainstream teaching budget and which would enrich the learning experience of students.

The Royal Society of Chemistry aims to support schools in presenting Chemistry lessons that enrich the learning experience of students in either primary (science) or secondary (chemistry) studies. The Biological and Medicinal Chemistry Sector (BMCS) of the Society awards Enhanced Equipment grants towards the purchase of equipment that supports delivery of the practical aspect of chemistry education. Applications will be enhanced by a demonstration of the diversity of application of the equipment within and between student cohorts.

A teacher at a primary or secondary school should make the application.

The funding is being made available through the Royal Society of Chemistry's Enhanced Equipment grant scheme and the next deadline for applications is 15th November 2020.

Useful Links:

[Application Form](#)

<https://www.rsc.org/Membership/Networking/InterestGroups/BMCS/education-support-group/enhanced-equipment.asp>

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>

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

B&Q Community Reuse Scheme (UK)

DIY store B&Q operates a community re-use scheme through all its branches across the UK. The scheme donates unsellable products and materials for re-use by local schools, other educational institutions and community groups, for the benefit of the local community and the environment.

All items are donated on the understanding that they will be re-used or disposed of responsibly if they are not used.

The community groups B&Q have worked with for Community Reuse have included:

- Community garden projects
- Registered charities
- Schools and colleges
- Community Repaint
- Youth groups, Scouts and Guides
- Hospices
- Preschool groups and registered child minders

B&Q also works with Community Repaint, a network of schemes that collects any surplus, re-usable paint and redistributes it within their communities to individuals and families on low income, charities and community groups.

Charities, community groups, colleges or schools interested should [get in touch with B&Q](#). B&Q will add the organisation's details to their database of community groups. When a B&Q store has something to donate, they will use this list to get in touch with groups in their area.

<http://www.diy.com/corporate/community/waste-donation/>

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/>

Finnis Scott Foundation (UK)

Established under the Will of Lady Montagu Douglas Scott (Valerie Finnis) in 2006, the Finnis Scott Foundation makes grants for any charitable purpose, but their present policy is to focus grant-making in the areas of horticulture and plant sciences, as well as fine art and art history. The funding is open to charities and charitable organisations, including School Parent Teacher Associations.

Grants of up to £10,000 are available. Exceptionally, larger grants may be considered at the Trustees' discretion. Preference is given to making grants to smaller charities where the grant would have a significant impact. The Foundation funds both capital and revenue projects.

Previous organisations supported include;

- Flower Pod - a horticulturally based Social Enterprise in Southwell, Nottinghamshire.
- Rhyl Primary School PTA
- The Horticultural Therapy Trust
- Hestercombe Gardens Trust

The next closing date for applications is the 28th September for the next trustees meeting of the Finnis Scott Foundation.

For more information about The Finnis Scott Foundation, please email: administrator@finnis-scott-foundation.org.uk or telephone +44 (0)1604 233233

Useful Links:

[Download Application Form](#)

<https://www.finnis-scott-foundation.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/>

Funding for Projects that Work with Disabled Children and their Families (UK)

Through the True Colours Trust UK Small Grants Programme, charities and projects with a charitable purpose can apply for funding that supports disabled children and their families.

Grants of up to £10,000 are usually available for hydrotherapy pools; multi-sensory rooms; mini buses; young carers projects; sibling projects; and bereavement support; specialised play equipment / access to play and leisure; and family support / parent-led peer support.

Other projects supported in the past include:

- Friends of Sherwood Park who received a grant of £5,000 towards the creation of the multi-sensory outdoor environment.
- Roddensvale Parents & Friends Association who received a grant of £5,000 towards the costs of refurbishing its sensory room.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

Useful Links:

[Online Application Form](#)
[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

<http://www.truecolourstrust.org.uk/about-us/application-guidelines/>

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

UK based schools and not for profit organisations can apply for funding to the Nineveh Charitable Trust for a broad range of projects and activities that promote a better understanding of the environment and countryside, whilst facilitating improved access, education and research. Whilst the Trust does not specify a minimum or maximum grant amount that can be applied for, an analysis of previous grants would suggest a maximum of £5,000 per year for up to three years.

Previous projects supported include:

- Busby Primary School which received a grant of £2,000 to build a 'vertical garden' for environment enhancement as well as the children's educational value;
- A grant of £1,400 to Bickleigh-On-Exe Primary School to create an all-weather school and community gardening area with poly-tunnel and shed;
- Castlemilk Day Nursery which received a grant of £5,000 to build a multi-function shelter with provision for special needs teaching; and
- St Joseph's Specialist School & College, which received a grant of £4,000 towards a community garden expansion.

Applications are usually discussed at the Trustees' quarterly meetings and applications can be submitted at any time.

Useful Links:

[Grants Awarded](#)

<https://www.ninevehtrust.org.uk/%C2%A0>

Royal Society of Chemistry – Outreach Fund Small Grants Scheme (UK)

Individuals and organisations such as researchers, museums, schools, community groups, not-for-profit organisations, arts groups and libraries can apply for grants of up to £10,000 to run chemistry-based events and activities for public audiences and in schools.

Applications for schools engagement activities should demonstrate how the proposed activities will:

- enrich student's chemistry education and not solely deliver the curriculum
- provide students with opportunities to explore chemistry through local contexts, AND/OR
- demonstrate career opportunities and develop employability skills, AND/OR
- provide opportunities which would not normally be accessible to the students taking part, e.g. for hard-to-reach student audiences.

Applications for public engagement activities should demonstrate how the proposed activities will:

- increase chemists' visibility as approachable people AND/OR
- increase the public's confidence in discussing chemistry AND/OR
- demonstrate the relevance of chemistry to everyday interests and concerns.

The Outreach Fund is split into two categories: small grants - up to £5,000 and large grants - up to £10,000.

Previously funded projects include "Cool chemistry at the seaside" where the Society awarded a grant of £2,000 to volunteers in Ramsgate who transformed an empty town-centre shop into a makeshift theatre, delivering free chemistry demonstrations to anyone.

The closing date for applications to the small grants and large grants programme is the 14th September 2020.

<https://www.rsc.org/awards-funding/funding/outreach-fund/>

Funding for Chemistry Clubs at Schools and Colleges (UK)

Schools and colleges can apply for grants of up to £1,000 to run chemistry activities. The funds which are made available by the Royal Society of Chemistry, are targeted at activities run at schools and colleges outside the normal science timetable. Activities should be focussed on generating interest in chemistry in all ability levels or which may provide opportunities to stretch and challenge the already able and motivated students.

Applications from existing chemistry clubs looking to expand/ enhance activities would be welcome as would those from schools and colleges interested in starting a new club. An application would need to indicate how the longevity of the proposal was ensured and how best practice and experience from it might be shared within and between other (perhaps feeder) schools. The application must be made by a teacher at a primary or secondary school.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

<http://www.rsc.org/Membership/Networking/InterestGroups/BMCS/education-support-group/chemistry-clubs.asp>

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/>

£8 Million Programme to Boost Pupil and Teacher Wellbeing (England)

The UK Government has put new funding in place to help teachers cope with the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on children's mental health.

Support from the new £8 million Wellbeing for Education Return programme will be available in schools and colleges in England from September to provide them with access to resources and the knowledge they need to improve how they respond to the emotional impact of the pandemic on their students and staff.

This might include the additional pressures some students may be feeling, as well as any emotional response they or their teachers may still be experiencing from bereavement, stress, trauma or anxiety over the past months.

The programme will be delivered to nominated staff in schools and colleges by mental health experts via interactive webinars through to March 2021.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/8m-programme-to-boost-pupil-and-teacher-wellbeing>

Government Announces £1 Billion Coronavirus Catch-Up Premium for Schools (England)

The government has announced £1 billion of funding to support children and young people to catch up. This includes a one-off universal £650 million catch-up premium for the 2020 to 2021 academic year to ensure that schools have the support they need to help all pupils make up for lost teaching time.

The Government has also launched a £350 million National Tutoring Programme to provide additional, targeted support for those children and young people who need the most help.

The £650 million of universal catch-up premium funding will be available for all state-funded mainstream and special schools, and alternative provision.

It will cover:

- primary, secondary and all through local authority-maintained schools, academies and free schools
- local authority-maintained special schools
- special academies and free schools
- special schools not maintained by a local authority
- pupil referral units
- alternative provision (AP) academies and free schools
- local authority-maintained hospital schools and academies
- independent special schools

The £350 million National Tutoring Programme will comprise of at least 3 parts in the 2020 to 2021 academic year, including:

- a [5 to 16 programme](#) that will make high-quality tuition available to 5 to 16-year olds in state-funded primary and secondary schools from the second half of autumn term 2020.
- a 16 to 19 fund for school sixth forms, colleges and all other 16 to 19 providers to provide small group tutoring activity for disadvantaged 16 to 19 students whose studies have been disrupted as a result of coronavirus (COVID-19) - guidance setting out further detail of this element will be issued shortly.
- a programme that will make training and resources available at no-cost to schools where additional targeted support for oral language would be particularly beneficial. Schools should register their interest to participate in the early language programme by the 30th October 2020.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-catch-up-premium>

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 on the website below.

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

Funding for Music Making Projects For Young People in Challenging Circumstances (England)

Schools as well as other not-for-profit organisations can apply for grants to fund developmental music-making projects for children and young people in challenging circumstances as well as for projects that support the development of the workforce, organisations and the wider music making sector. The funding is being made available through Youth Music, England's largest children's music charity, which provides funding for music-making projects.

Youth Making's funding programme is made up of three separate funds. These are:

- Fund A which offers small grants (£2,000 to £30,000) for high quality music-making projects;
- Fund B offers medium-sized grants (30,001 - £150,000 per year for up to two years) for larger programmes of work.
- Music Education Hub Development Fund

In applying for funding schools will have to justify how the activities to be funded do not duplicate Department of Education funding.

The next closing date for applications to Fund A is the 4th December 2020.

The deadline for submitting an Expression of Interest to Fund B is the 2nd October 2020. For applications successful at this stage the deadline for submitting full an application will be the 4th December 2020.

The Education Hub Development Fund is currently closed and expected to re-open for applications in Autumn 2020.

Disabled applicants that need further support to make an application to Youth Music, can apply to the Access Fund. This provides funding to cover any additional access costs that might be required to make an application to one of Youth Music's main grant funds. There are no deadlines for this fund as they would coincide with any open funding rounds.

Useful Links:

[Application Guidance for Fund A and B](#)

<http://network.youthmusic.org.uk/Funding/about-youth-musics-grants-programme>

£10 Million Fund to Improve Rugby League Facilities (England)

Organisations and clubs that are developing Rugby League activity in their community can apply for funding to improve the environments where Rugby League takes place. The funding can be used to invest in facilities and equipment ahead of England hosting the 2021 Rugby League World Cup that create environments that are accessible, welcoming and build a legacy of the 2021 tournament in local communities.

The RLWC2021 Capital Grants Programme will invest in projects that offer opportunities for people from all different backgrounds to be active, across the men's, women's and wheelchair Rugby League games.

Schools can apply but the facilities will need to be open to the wider community.

Two levels of funding are available:

- Small scale awards of up to £15,000 and;
- Large-scale awards in excess of £15,000.

The funding is being made through the CreatedBy RLWC2021 Capital Grants programme to promote Rugby League ahead of England hosting the 2021 Rugby League World Cup.

Applications can be submitted at any time up until 23rd October 2021 and decisions will be made approximately every 12 weeks.

Previous projects supported include:

- Bentley ARLFC from Doncaster awarded £14,068.60 towards cost of improving playing experiences by installing new goalposts, purchase of lawnmower, line marker and fencing, along with some playing equipment for the development of the game.
- Forge Valley School from Sheffield were awarded £2,091.26 to support School Games Organisers across South Yorkshire with equipment to run and develop Tag Rugby League competitions as part of the county wide approach / offer.
- Swindon St George RL awarded £4,293.74 towards rugby posts for their new ground as well as other essential rugby league playing equipment to assist their mini and junior sections get up and running.

Useful Links:

[Prospectus](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[Previously awarded grants](#)

<https://www.rlwc2021.com/facilities>

Funding for the Provision or Upgrading of Sports Facilities (Scotland)

Schools, and other organisations such as local authorities, area sports associations, sports trusts and charities; etc can apply for funding of up to £100,000 (to a maximum of 50% of the project costs) to improve their sports facilities. In areas of high deprivation, the maximum grant can be up to 75% of project costs.

Grants are available to help with the provision or upgrading of sports facilities that are for the public good and which benefit the community. Within schools and education establishments SportScotland want to support projects that increase the range of physical activity and sporting activities available for community use within a school or education site. The fund supports capital projects such as:

- New, upgraded or extended sports facilities
- Inclusive changing facilities
- Facilities that provide or improve access for outdoor sport and adventure activities
- Floodlights that increase capacity at appropriate sports facilities
- Major items of sports equipment

There are two application routes depending on the value of the project:

- Small Grants for applications with a total project value between £20,000 and £250,000 (including VAT).
- Large Grants for applications with a total project value of over £250,000 (including VAT).

The next closing date for applications for the small and large grants programme has been moved to the 1st November 2020.

Useful Links:

[Application Guidelines](#)

[Apply Online](#)

<https://sportscotland.org.uk/funding/sport-facilities-fund/>

Funding to Support the Education of Young People with Physical or Learning Disabilities (Scotland)

The John Watson Trust awards grants for educational purposes to children and young people under the age of 21 who have a physical or learning disability or who are socially disadvantaged.

Whilst the Trust operates primarily within Edinburgh and the Lothians, it may also award grants Scotland-wide to eligible individuals and organisations that include schools, established charitable organisations and other groups supporting disadvantaged young people.

Grants can cover expenses such as:

- Special or additional tuition
- School trips (must be applied for by the school and not individuals)
- Bus passes
- School expenses such as books and equipment
- Laptops where there is a special education need

Schools may also apply for help towards school trips or outings for eligible pupils. In exceptional cases, where personal circumstances make boarding necessary, school boarding fees may qualify for a grant.

Projects previously funded include:

- Castleview Primary School: £1,000 towards the Benmore trip
- Longstone Primary School: £1,000 towards a residential trip
- Women's Aid East and mid Lothian: £1,000 towards their summer programme

The next closing date is the 30th October 2020.

<http://www.wssociety.co.uk/charities/jwt/>

Funding of up to £500 for Community Sports Projects (Perth, Fife, Dundee and Angus)

The Aldi Scottish Sport Fund awards grants of up to £2,500 to eligible sports-focused community groups based in the vicinity of an Aldi supermarket. In 2019 the Fund awarded a total of £50,000 to 115 projects. The Fund operates on a regional basis in Scotland with each region having its own deadline. This call is for organisations in the Lothians & Scottish Borders.

There are three funding packages available per region: 1 x £2500, 2 x £1000, and 1 x £500. Organisations supported will be:

- Local community focused sports focused clubs
- Registered community amateur sports clubs
- A school or educational organisation
- A religious organisation
- A Scout Guide group
- A charitable service fund of the Armed Forces
- A Registered Community Interest Company

Previous projects supported include:

- Glasgow Panthers Wheelchair Sports Club, which promotes Rugby 7's to disabled and able-bodied players of all ages. With the help of the Aldi Scottish Sports Fund, the club was able to pay their hall hire fees for 10 weeks and set out a 5-year plan for the sport in Scotland.
- Special Olympics Grampian Area Ski Group, which provides weekly ski instruction to athletes with learning disabilities. The club used their Aldi Scottish Sports Fund contribution to subsidise travel costs for the yearly regional skiing competition in Birmingham.

The deadline for this funding round is the 28th September 2020.

Useful Links:

[FAQs](#)

<https://www.aldi.co.uk/scottishsportfund>

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 5th November 2020. 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
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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>

Funding Reminders

Grants to Promote Latin and Roman Studies and Activities (UK)

The Society for the Promotion of Roman Studies has announced the next closing date for applications is the 1st November 2020.

The Society makes grants to schools to help promote Latin and Roman studies. Most of the grants are awarded for the purchase of textbooks and other books on Roman topics. The Committee also makes awards to groups and schools and museums organising lectures or study days on Roman themes, and money has recently been made available for archaeology fieldwork bursaries.

Schools that have recently been awarded funding include:

- Hereford Cathedral School that received funding to run weekly Latin masterclasses;
- A grant from the Roman Society enabled Feniton C of E Primary School to buy books and extra resources to help their pupils have fun learning;
- A grant from the Roman Society enabled thirty pupils in Year 9 at Ysgol Brynhyfryd to study Classical Civilisation GCSE;
- The Sir Robert Hitcham CEVAP School Robert which received a grant to help Year 4 pupils study aspects of the Roman invasion and its impact.

Applications from schools planning to start courses in Latin are particularly welcome. Grants usually range from £50 to £600.

<https://www.romansociety.org/Grants-Prizes/Grants-for-Schools>

Funding to Promote Public Engagement and Teaching of MicroBiology (UK)

The Microbiology Society has announced that grants of up to £1000 are available for a variety of educational outreach activities to promote public engagement with microbiology. Funding is available to support relevant science teaching or promotion initiatives, or to support developments likely to lead to an improvement in the teaching of any aspect of microbiology.

Full, Full Concessionary or Postgraduate Student Members of the Microbiology Society who reside in the UK or Republic of Ireland can apply under the Microbiology Society Education and Outreach Grants Programme.

Funding is available for talks, workshops, demonstrations, posters, leaflets, broadcasts, activities at science festivals and audio-visual or computer-based packages. Applications relevant to the teaching of any aspect of microbiology in primary, secondary or tertiary (including postgraduate) education will be considered.

There are two funding rounds each year, the next closing date for applications is the 1st October 2020.

<https://microbiologysociety.org/grants/education-outreach-funds/education-and-outreach-grants.html>

Grants to Enable Disabled People to Play Tennis (UK)

The Dan Maskell Tennis Trust has announced that the next closing date for applications the 7th October 2020.

Individuals can apply for grants of up to £500 for support for sports wheelchairs, tennis rackets, coaching lessons with a Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) licensed coach or course fees for official LTA development/coaching courses. Groups can apply for a maximum of £1,500.

Groups can apply for: Wheelchairs; Court hire; Coaching fees; and equipment packages which will include:

- Rackets
- Balls
- Mini net
- Coaching aids such as cones and throw down marker lines.

In the case of wheelchairs, a deposit will be required; for individuals, the amount of deposit required will depend on the wheelchair type requested, clubs will need to raise a deposit of £200.

Useful Links:

[Application Guidelines](#)

[Application Form](#)

<http://www.danmaskelltennistrust.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant.html>

Field Studies Bursary Fund (England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland & Republic of Ireland)

The Field Studies Council (FSC) Bursary provides support to individuals who are from disadvantaged backgrounds enabling them to take part in FSC curriculum focused courses with their school class. This support, for individuals, is valuable as it can be a deciding factor on whether or not a whole class experiences fieldwork and out of classroom learning.

Bursaries can be awarded to a maximum per school of £1500 for residential courses and £450 for day visits per academic year. Each individual student may only benefit from one bursary.

Bursaries will represent a maximum of 80% of the curriculum course fee. Applications from schools with a group size of more than 30 students of whom at least 50% are eligible for bursary support will be considered on an individual basis.

Children and young people aged 4-19 attending school or college in the state sector who live in the 10% most deprived areas of England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland or the Republic of Ireland and who are attending a curriculum focused FSC course are eligible to apply.

Applications can be made at any time but must be made at least 4 weeks prior to the date of the FSC course.

Examples of Projects Funded include:

- Archbishop Sentamu Academy, Hull: 25 of the group who visited FSC Malham Tarn to study GCSE geography received a bursary to enable them to go.
- Corpus Christi Primary, Glasgow: This school received bursary support for 12 of their group of 45 primary students to attend a course at FSC Kindrogan.

Useful Links:

[Download the Terms and Conditions](#)

[FSC Bursary Application Form](#)

<https://www.field-studies-council.org/about/the-fsc-bursary-fund.aspx>

Grants of up to £10,000 to Encourage People to Play Sport (England)

Formally constituted not for profit organisations and statutory bodies including sports clubs, voluntary organisations, local authorities, schools or governing bodies of sport are eligible to apply for grants of between £300 and £10,000 to cover capital and revenue costs for projects that help more people regardless of age, background or ability, to play more sport or to be more active more often. Projects can be up to three years in duration.

The focus of the Grants Programme is on adults and young people predominantly aged 14 or over. Projects working with mixed age groups may be considered if there is a particular focus on people aged 14 plus which meet one or more of the aims of Sport England's 'Towards an Active Nation' strategy:

- Get inactive people to become more active
- Develop lasting sporting habits
- Engender more positive attitudes among young people
- Develop more diverse volunteers
- Improve progression and inclusion among the most talented

Projects working with mixed age groups may still be considered if there is a focus on people aged 14 and over.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

Recently supported projects include:

- £9,984 to Folkestone Academy for their Padded American Football Team;
- £10,000 to the Swimming Trust for their Young Swimming Teacher Development Scheme
- £1,006 to St. Mary The Virgin, Goldington's PCC for an indoor bowls mat and winding trolley.

Useful Links:

[Application Guidelines](#)

[Apply](#)

<http://www.sportengland.org/funding/small-grants/>

Funding for Community Based Food Initiatives (UK)

Not for profit groups and settings such as local community groups, nurseries, schools, care homes, community health and social care settings, housing associations, and charities can apply for grants of up to £150 to use good food to connect and bring together people of all ages and from different backgrounds.

The funding is being made available through Food for Life Get Together initiative and the aim is to get more people eating healthily, strengthen communities and reduce experience of loneliness and social isolation.

The funding is available in specific areas of the UK. These are:

- Birmingham, Stoke on Trent, Walsall
- Leicester City, Leicestershire, Nottingham City
- Hull, Calderdale, Kirklees, Sheffield
- Rochdale, Salford, Wigan
- Betsi Cadwaladr, Aneurau Bevan, Cardiff and Vale
- Belfast, Fermanagh and Omagh District, Newry, Mourne and Down District
- Glasgow, Inverclyde, Edinburgh

There will be three funding rounds during 2020 and the closing date for round 3 applications is the 13th November 2020. The first round in 2021 will close on 12th February 2021.

Useful Links:

[Application Form and Guidance](#)

<https://www.foodforlife.org.uk/get-togethers/get-involved/small-grants>

Grants Available for Projects Benefitting Children and Young People (London)

The John Lyon's Charity gives grants to benefit children and young people up to the age of 25 who live in nine boroughs in North and West London i.e. Barnet, Brent, Camden, Ealing, Hammersmith & Fulham, Harrow, Kensington & Chelsea, Westminster, City of London. Since 1991, the Charity has distributed over £100 million to a range of organisations that seek to promote the life-chances of children and young people through education.

The Small Grants Fund enables organisations to access smaller amounts of funding outside the main Trustee meetings. Requests to the Small Grants Fund are considered at least six times a year and there are no deadlines.

Since 1991, the Charity has distributed over £100 million to a range of services for young people, including youth clubs, arts projects, counselling initiatives, childcare and parental support schemes, sports programmes and academic bursaries.

Grants of up to £5,000 are available for small one-off projects for one year only.

Organisations eligible to apply are: State schools; Independent schools with charitable status; Local authorities; Exempt charities (i.e. churches); Registered charities including CIOs (charitable incorporated organisations); and national organisations with a track record and reputation of working to benefit children and young people in one of the Charity's nine boroughs.

Previous projects supported include:

- Haverstock School – Camden. £5,000 towards the Haverstock Journalism Project
- London Children's Ballet – Brent, Ealing, Hammersmith & Fulham. £5,000 towards the Ballet for £1 programme
- Primary Shakespeare Company – Multiple boroughs. £3,000 towards the Annie Williams Prize 2016/17
- Stream Skills – Brent. £4,870 towards helping local youth to get back on track

There are no deadlines and applications can be submitted at any time.

Useful Links:

[Previous Projects Supported](#)

<http://jlc.london/schools/what-we-fund-in-schools/small-grants-fund/>

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