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New Funding Opportunities

Ogden Trust - Local School Partnerships (UK)

The Ogden Trust's School Partnerships programme has re-opened for applications. The School Partnerships programme offers funding and support to groups of schools that are committed to enhancing physics teaching and learning. The programme works with primary and secondary schools and includes a range of teacher CPD.

The partnership programme provides funding for schools over a number of years and supports:

- Local Cluster Partnerships - a group of four or more schools within a local area that want to collaborate on projects that enhance the teaching and learning of physics.
- Established Collaborations - a group of four or more schools associated through a multi-academy trust (MAT), MAC, federation, educational trust or similarly related organisation, who want to collaborate on projects that enhance the teaching and learning of physics
- Joining an Existing Partnership

Partnerships can include primary schools, secondary schools, or ideally a mix of both.

Applications are welcome from (but not limited to) partnerships which include schools in the following categories:

- rural and coastal areas
- schools based in areas of social deprivation
- above national average free school meals

In previous years, grants for up to £2,500 per academic year for the first three years and £1,000 in the fourth year have been available for activities to enhance the teaching and learning of physics.

The closing date for applications will be the 1st February 2023.

Useful Links:

[Further Information on Local Cluster Partnerships](#)

[Further Information on Established Collaboration Partnerships](#)

[Further Information on Joining an Existing Partnership](#)

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

Grant applications for British Science Week 2023 will open on 21 September 2022 (UK)

The British Science Association has announced that applications for British Science Week “Kick Start” grants are due to re-open on the 21st September 2022. As part of the British Science Week (BSW), the British Science Association, with funding from UK Research and Innovation (UKRI), is providing grants for schools in challenging circumstances to organise their own science and engineering events.

The aim of the grants scheme is to engage children who might not otherwise choose to participate in science, and to promote cross-curricular learning. All kinds of events and activities are eligible for support.

There are four types of grant:

- Kick Start Youth grant: a grant of £150 for your school to run an activity during British Science Week organised and delivered by students aged 10-19.
- Kick Start grant: a grant of £300 for your school to run an activity during British Science Week.
- Kick Start More grant: a grant of £700 for your school to host a science event or activity which involves your students and the local community. The community can comprise of families/carers, members of local community groups, local businesses and local press.
- Combined Kick Start grant + Youth grant: a grant of £450 for your school to run an activity during British Science Week and an additional activity organised and delivered by students aged 10-19.

To be eligible students must be from a school that fulfils one or more of the following criteria.

- Have a high proportion (over 30%) of pupils eligible for the pupil premium or equivalent;
- Have a high proportion (over 30%) of pupils from ethnic minority backgrounds;
- Be a small school based in a remote and rural location.

The deadline for applications is 5pm on the 7th November 2022.

Useful Links:

[British Science Week 2023 Kick Start Guidelines](#)

[Video of Official Advice and Tips for Applying](#)

[Kick Start Grants 2022 case studies](#)

[Kick Start Grants 2021 case studies](#)

<https://www.britishtscienceweek.org/about-us/grants/kick-start-grant-scheme/>

Science Grants for Schools (England, Scotland & Wales)

From September 2022, state-funded primary schools, nurseries and special schools in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon, Blackpool, Bridgend, Glasgow, Knowsley, Liverpool, Neath Port Talbot, Sandwell and South Ayrshire are able to apply for grants from the Edina Trust to run science projects.

The level of funding available is dependent upon the type of school applying:

- Full primary and Special schools can apply for grants of up to £600 per year for up to three years;
- Infant and Junior schools up to £300 per year for up to three years;
- Maintained Nursery schools and nursery classes within schools can apply for a one-off grant of up to £420.

The Science Grant Scheme runs in each area for three years, before moving on to a new area. The Edina Trust Science Grant Scheme (SGS) is a non-competitive grant scheme. Funding is set aside so that there is enough for every school and maintained nursery in eligible areas to get the full amount. Grants can be used for science weeks, science related school trips, science equipment and science subscriptions; improving school grounds for science and gardening resources.

Examples of projects that received funding are:

- St Bede's Primary School, Sunderland that created a Forest School area in the school grounds. The school used the Edina Trust grant to purchase tools that the children can use, which has allowed them to get outside and learn about nature, as well as develop their self-confidence.
- Kersland School, Renfrewshire had a visit from Glasgow Science Centre's Bodyworks On Tour programme. The programme is all about our amazing bodies and offers an array of exciting workshops, live science shows and interactive exhibits. Everything is hands-on and designed to fit the needs of learners from pre-school through to primary and secondary school pupils.

Useful Links:

[Tips on Applying](#)

<https://www.edinatrust.org.uk/science-grant-scheme>

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;
- 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 2022. The following deadline thereafter will be 31st January 2023.

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

Ministry of Defence Education Support Fund Opens for Applications (UK)

The UK Government has launched a new round of the Ministry of Defence - Education Support Fund. The aim of the Fund is to assist publicly funded schools, academies, free schools and sixth form colleges 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.

In previous funding rounds, grants of between £50,000 and £60,000 were available for 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 2022. Applicants will receive a decision on their application by early January 2023.

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

Teacher Development Fund to Re-open for Applications (UK)

The Paul Hamlyn Foundation has announced that the Teacher Development Fund (TDF) will re-open for applications in September 2022.

Through the TDF, primary schools working in partnership with other primary schools as well as arts / cultural organisations can apply for grants of up to £150,000 to develop the necessary skills, knowledge and confidence to support the delivery of effective arts-based teaching and learning opportunities in the classroom, and to embed learning through the arts in the curriculum.

Lead applicants may therefore be:

- Charities, community organisations, social enterprises and not-for-profits companies active in the arts
- Primary schools and academies operating in the state sector.

Applications should focus on:

- Primary schools
- Supporting children and young people experiencing systemic inequity and disadvantage
- Approaches which involve learning through the arts
- Projects which take an anti-racist and intersectional approach across all areas of work
- Long-term, inquiry-based projects which support teachers' professional development and learning
- Promoting effective and equitable partnerships between schools and arts/cultural organisations and artist practitioners
- The contributions of school leaders and artist practitioners as both professional learners and as supporters of embedding learning through the arts in the curriculum
- Approaches which involve any of the following art forms: crafts; creative writing, including poetry; dance; design; film; music; opera; photography; digital arts and media; theatre and drama; the visual arts; and cross-arts practices.
- Projects that build on emerging approaches to blended CPDL and include one or more elements of online delivery.

The Fund has one deadline per year. Each year the Foundation expect to make around six grants of up to £150,000 to partnerships of arts/cultural organisations and five to ten schools, who will work together for two academic years.

For example, Charles Dickens Primary School in London received £149,430 (over 24 months) to train teachers and leaders in 8 Southwark primary schools to incorporate drama techniques into their classroom practice through a cooperation with Globe practitioners.

Potential applicants are advised to read the fund guidelines and FAQs and to explore the films, blogs and links to further reading.

Potential applicants who would like to register their interest and be added to a contact list to receive updates about the fund reopening, please email ela@phf.org.uk

Useful Links:

[Funding Case Studies](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

<https://www.phf.org.uk/funds/tdf/#how-to-apply>

Grants of up to £3,000 Available for Schools Science Projects (UK)

The Royal Society has announced that its Partnership grant scheme has re-opened for applications. The aim of the fund is to make the teaching of science more interesting within primary and secondary schools.

Through the scheme grants of up to £3,000 are available for STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) projects run at a primary or secondary school or college in partnership with a professional scientist or engineer. Any UK primary or secondary school teacher or practicing scientist/engineer can apply as long as the students involved in the project are between 5 and 18.

A partnership needs to be established before starting the application and the initial application must be started by the school partner as the primary applicant. The second partner should be an individual currently working in a STEM related profession, such as a researcher or analyst.

Additionally, there is a new extension to the scheme called [Tomorrow's climate scientists](#). This extension will fund schools to research specifically into climate change and biodiversity issues. The application process for Tomorrow's climate scientists is the same as for the main scheme. For further information about this extension, please contact the Schools Engagement team via education@royalsociety.org

The application round in 2022 will remain open across the year, with three possible submission deadlines at the end of April, June and November.

Projects previously funded:

- What's the Weather Like? - a Partnership Grants project between Mead Community Primary School and Black and Veatch that has enabled pupils to begin predicting their local weather.
- Shooting stars on camera: Colour composition and contrasts: A project between William Perkin C of E High School and the Open University. Students have been determining the origin and elemental structure of meteors under the guidance of academic professional, Professor Monica Grady.

Useful Links:

[Eligibility and judging criteria](#)

<https://royalsociety.org/grants-schemes-awards/grants/partnership-grants/>

Society for Microbiology – Science Education and Outreach Grants (UK)

The Micro Biology Society has announced that the Education and Outreach grants programme has reopened for applications. Through the programme, members of the Microbiology Society, residing in the UK or Republic of Ireland, including those working in schools, can apply for a grant of up to £1,000 for innovative Outreach Activities that support relevant science teaching or promotion initiatives.

Also funded are developments likely to lead to an improvement in the teaching of any aspect of microbiology.

Activities funded can include:

- Talks, workshops, demonstrations, posters, leaflets, broadcasts, activities at science festivals and audio-visual or computer-based packages;
- Activities that take place as part of a National Science and Engineering Week event at the applicant's place of work;
- Running a school or college-based science week activity (e.g. hands-on or programme of talks);
- Supporting microbiology activities in an out-of-school science club;
- Buying materials and equipment outside of normal department resources to support a microbiology activity (no more than £500 can be used toward large equipment such as microscopes and incubators);
- A class visit to a microbiology laboratory to carry out activities; and
- Organising a visit to or from a working microbiologist.

In 2019, Ruth organised and ran a drop-in Microbial-Art family workshop to celebrate British Science Week, exploring microbes in line with the 'Our Diverse Planet' topic.

The next deadline for applications will be the 2nd October 2022.

Enquiries about this scheme should be made by email to grants@microbiologysociety.org or by phone: +44 (0)20 3034 4882.

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

Funding for Cultural and Educational Links with Japan (UK)

The Great Britain Sasakawa Foundation has announced that the next application deadline for its grants making programme is the 15th September 2022.

The Foundation seeks to promote mutual understanding and cooperation through financial support for activities in the following fields:

- Arts and Culture
- Humanities and Social Issues
- Japanese Language
- Medicine and Health
- Science, Technology and Environment
- Sport
- Youth and Education

The Foundation's grants average £1,500 to £2,000 and do not normally exceed £5,000 for larger-scale projects.

The Foundation's awards are intended to provide "pump-priming" and not core funding of projects, but even small grants have enabled a wide range of projects to reach fruition, such as:

- Visits between the UK and Japan by academics, professionals, creative artists, teachers, young people, journalists and representatives of civic and non-governmental organisations;
- Research and collaborative studies, seminars, workshops, lectures and publications in academic and specialist fields;
- Teaching and development of Japanese language and cultural studies in schools, Further Education colleges and universities;
- Exhibitions, performances and creative productions by artists, musicians, film-makers, writers and theatre groups.

Organisations that have successfully applied to the Foundation include:

- Hesse High School and Sixth Form College which received a grant of £3,000 to visit to Japan to create curriculum on Japan in Key Stage 3 Geography lessons.
- Truro College which received a grant of £2,000 for a football exchange programme with Tokai Daigo High School in Japan.
- The Boston & Hakusan City Exchange Programme received a grant of £3,500 for an exchange programme between school children from Boston and Hakusan City.
- Champion School received a grant of £2,000 to support a school trip to Tokyo for students of Japanese.
- Escomb Primary School received a grant of £3,000 for an exchange visit with Ogawara Minami Elementary School.

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

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>

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 2022.

Useful Links:

[Grant Application Form](#)

<https://www.ironmongers.org/helping-charitable-organisations>

Rowing Foundation Grants Programme (UK)

The Rowing Foundation works to promote the participation in rowing of young people (those under 18 or still in full time education) and the disabled of all ages.

The Foundation gives grants of £500-£3,000 to help organisations and clubs involved in on water elements of the sport of Rowing who are individually affiliated to British Rowing (other than via their governing body) and whose requirements may be too small or who may be otherwise ineligible for an approach to the National Lottery or other similar sources of funds. The Rowing Foundation prefers to encourage participation in rowing by the young or disabled through the provision of equipment, such as boats, sculls, ergos, oars and essential safety equipment.

The Foundation's makes grants of between £500-£3000 up to 50% of the cost, usually to initiate projects when a club, school or other organisation can demonstrate their ability to complete the project. Grants are made to support rowing only.

Applications must be for projects or work that is for public benefit; non-elitist; for the benefit of young people; those in full time education; or those who are disabled.

The next closing date is the 18th October 2022.

Recent grants awarded can be viewed [here](#)

<http://www.therowingfoundation.org.uk/home/>

Grants of up to £50,000 Available for Community Projects (UK)

Aviva has launched the next round of its Community Fund. Aviva has teamed up with the fundraising platform Crowdfunder to offer funding of up to £50,000 to small charities, schools and community interest groups in the UK with innovative ideas that benefit their community. Every three months from January 2020 onwards, £250,000 will be split equally among Aviva's UK employees to donate to the projects that matter to them most.

Aviva wants to support projects that boost the resilience of communities in the face of uncertainty and will be supporting projects in two key areas:

- **Climate Action:** Promoting healthy, thriving communities by preventing, preparing for and protecting against the impacts of climate change.
- **Financial Wellbeing:** Helping people to take control of their wellbeing by giving them the tools to be more financially resilient and independent.

To take part the project must also be raising funds to develop a new approach, product or technology, pilot a new scheme, implement a new initiative, or expand existing services to a new area or beneficiary group. All beneficiaries must be in the UK.

For example, the Supporters of Ferring School Association is a charity established to support our small village primary school in Ferring, West Sussex. Their aim is to create an outdoor learning area where teachers can provide further outdoor learning opportunities through plants and the natural world.

Once applications have been submitted, applicants will need to create a fundraising page on Crowdfunder that Aviva employees can browse and donate funds to. Applicants can also showcase their projects to raise additional public donations.

Useful Links:

[Eligibility Criteria](#)

[Explore Projects](#)

<https://www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk/>

Climate Action Fund Re-opens for Applications (UK)

The National Lottery Community Fund has announced that the £100 million Climate Action Fund has re-opened for applications. Up to £8 million is available to community projects across the UK that are focusing on the link between nature and climate.

Groups can apply for National Lottery funding of up to £1.5 million over two to five years to support place based and UK-wide partnerships that use nature to encourage more community-led climate action and help communities tackle climate change. The National Lottery Community Fund expects most projects to be funded between £300,000 and £500,000.

Development grants of £50,000 to £150,000 over 12 to 18 months are also available for those communities wanting to develop initial ideas.

National Lottery Community Fund is interested in projects that can do at least one of the following:

- show how creating a deeper connection with nature will lead to changing people's behaviours and greater care for the environment
- show how by bringing nature back into the places we live and work, we can help communities to reduce or adapt to the impacts of climate change.

It is anticipated that 12 - 15 projects will be funded.

Applications will be accepted from:

- local partnerships
- UK-wide partnerships which are delivered across at least two UK countries (England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales).

Community partnerships can be led by one of the following types of organisation:

- constituted group or club
- voluntary or community organisation
- registered charity
- charitable incorporated organisation (SCIO/CIO)
- community interest company (CIC)
- not-for-profit company limited by guarantee - applicants must be a registered charity or have a not-for-profit 'asset lock' clause in your articles of association
- school, college, university (providing the project benefits and involves the wider local communities)
- statutory body (including, town, parish and community council)
- community benefit society.

There is no deadline and applications are being accepted on an ongoing basis.

To get more information about this funding, you can attend an online event on:
27 September 2022 – 12-1pm.

To register [email ClimateActionFund@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk](mailto:ClimateActionFund@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk).

Useful Links:

[Projects funded in round 1](#)

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/climate-action-fund>

Funding for Community-Led Tree Planting Projects (UK)

Schools, community groups and non-governmental organisations within the UK can apply for grants of up to £10,000 for community-led tree-planting projects.

Through the UK Community Tree Planting Programme, the International Tree Foundation aims to conserve, restore and protect the UK's native species whilst raising community awareness of the importance of trees and forests to both the environment and human well-being.

There are two tiers of funding available:

- **Small scale:** A maximum of £1,000 is available for projects of up to 1 year in duration. This could be small community woodland, orchards, hedging projects, etc.
- **Larger scale:** Projects to range from 1000 – 10,000 trees, with a maximum price equivalent to £1.50/tree (inclusive of tree protection). Most suitable for community woodland or hedging projects.

Trees must be planted in public / publicly accessible spaces: sites that are readily accessible to the public, including schools, parks, rights of way, and sites managed by community groups.

Applications can be submitted at any time until the 16th December 2022.

<https://internationaltreefoundation.org/uk-community-tree-planting/>

Schools Can Apply for £500 of Free Equipment to Deliver Outdoor Learning (England, Scotland & Wales)

Schools in England, Scotland and Wales can apply for up to £500 worth of free outdoor equipment and up to half a day of professional outdoor training to deliver outdoor learning and play.

The funding is being made available through the charity Learning through Landscapes' Local School Nature Grant Programme and is funded by the players of People's Postcode Lottery.

Funding will also be open to Early Year's settings which have their own building and more than five staff.

There will be four funding rounds throughout the year which will support a total of 900 schools.

The next closing date for applications is the 11th November 2022.

<https://www.ltl.org.uk/news/local-school-nature-grants-to-return-for-biggest-year-yet/>

Funding for Local Projects to Reduce Isolation Amongst the Armed Forces Community (UK)

Grants of up to £10,000 are available for community projects supporting Armed Forces communities. In particular, funding is available to support Armed Forces communities to become less isolated and engage more in their local area, and to support needs that have arisen as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

To be eligible to apply, the applicant organisation must be an established registered charity or Community Interest Company (CIC) with substantial recent experience of supporting Armed Forces communities; an Armed Forces unit or base; a local authority; or a school.

The funding is being made available through the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust's Force for Change programme.

Organisations that apply by midday on the 14th November 2022, will receive a decision in late February 2023.

Previous projects supported include:

- Priory Church in Wales Primary School received a grant of £19,000 to establish an area for adventurous play, supporting health and wellbeing for children from serving families; and allow a safe and secure place for the school community to play.
- Ringshall School received a grant of £10,000 for the 'Recovery and resilience fitness trail' will help children from Armed Forces families to engage with their peers to build resilience, fitness, relationships and improve health following the Covid pandemic. The School will use the grant to buy fitness trail equipment and create a safe, sweeping assault-course circuit on the field for children to use.
- North Ayrshire Council received a grant of £17,250 to use the outdoors to improve health and wellbeing of the Forces community. There will be physical sessions, development of a tree nursery and growing food. These activities are designed to build community cohesion and address isolation.

Useful Links:

[Programme Guidance](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[Previous Grants Awarded](#)

<https://covenantfund.org.uk/programme/armed-forces-covenant-fund-force-for-change-programme/#guidance-and-resources>

Grants to Help Children & Young People Make, Learn & Earn in Music (England)

Grants of up to £30,000 are available to organisations in England for projects that support children and young people facing barriers to make, learn and earn in music.

The funding is made available through the Youth Music Trailblazer fund which supports organisations who want to trial work for the first time, test a new way of working, or disrupt the status quo - or all three.

To be eligible for support applications must meet one of the following themes:

- Early years
- Disabled, d/Deaf and neurodivergent young people
- Youth justice system
- Young people facing barriers
- Young adults
- Organisations and the workforce.

A Trailblazer project could be:

- A new community organisation testing out different ways of supporting nurseries to embed music-making into their day-to-day activities.
- A Music Education Hub that wants to disrupt the status quo of their local music scene by setting up a Youth Board that has budget & power to make decisions about how the hub is run.
- An established youth centre trialling a programme of music activities for the first time.
- Music curriculum activity in a special school, Pupil Referral Unit or Alternative Provision setting.

Organisations less than one year old can apply for a maximum grant of £15,000.

A minimum of 10% match funding is required. The deadline for applications is the 25th November 2022.

Useful Links:

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[Guidance Notes](#)

[Application Questions](#)

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

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 for the public good and that benefit the community. Within schools and education establishments SportScotland wants 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 of up to £100,000 for applications with a total project value between £20,000 and £250,000 (including VAT).
- Large Grants of up to £100,000 for applications with a total project value of over £250,000 (including VAT).

Priority will be given to projects which focus on increasing participation within underrepresented groups in sport such as young people, women and girls, disabled people or those from deprived communities

The next closing date for small grant applications is the 1st April 2023. For large grants there is a two-stage application process. Stage 1 applications need to be submitted by the first of every month and those applicants successful at stage 1 will have until the 1st April 2023 to submit their stage 2 application.

Useful Links:

[Application Guidelines](#)

<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 28th October 2022.

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

Funding of up to £2,500 for Community Sports Projects (Edinburgh and the Lothians)

Grants of up to £2,500 are available to organisations including sports clubs, schools, religious organisations and Scout and Guides groups in Edinburgh and the Lothians to run sporting activities for the benefit of people in the local community.

The funding is being made available through the Aldi Scottish Sport Fund and to be eligible projects must be located where there is currently an Aldi store.

There are three funding packages available per region: 1 x £2500, 2 x £1000, and 5-10 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 closing date for applications is the 25th September 2022.

Useful Links:

[FAQs](#)

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

Grants of up to £25,000 Available to Improve Cycle Facilities within Schools (Scotland)

Primary and secondary schools in Scotland can apply for grants of up to £25,000 to improve their cycling facilities and opportunities for pupils to travel to school by bike or scooter.

These could include bike maintenance equipment and training (SCQF qualifications available), signage and other minor upgrades to cycle access routes, bike recycling and providing bikes where there is a need, usually in areas of deprivation or remote locations with wide catchments. Local authorities may also apply on behalf of schools.

The funding is being made available through Cycling Scotland's Cycling Friendly Schools Fund.

The closing date for applications is on the 27th October 2022.

Useful Links:

[Cycling Friendly funding guidance document](#)

[Download Cycling Friendly School handbook](#)

<https://www.cycling.scot/what-we-do/cycling-friendly/school>

Stronger Communities Fund (Manchester)

Charities, community groups, schools and individuals can apply for grants of up to £4,000 for initiatives that will bring their communities together.

The We Love MCR Stronger Communities Fund is looking to celebrate and invest in Manchester's diverse, multicultural neighbourhoods, and is looking to support projects which have one or more of the following themes:

- helping in the Early Years;
- combating loneliness and social exclusion;
- protecting and improving open spaces;
- offering positive youth activities.

The next deadline for applications is the 5th October 2022.

Useful Links:

[Stronger Communities Fund Guidance](#)

<https://www.welovemcrcharity.org/stronger-communities-fund>

School Holiday Activity Fund Opens for Applications (London)

Grants of up to £4,000 are available to enable registered charities and mainstream state schools to deliver fun and accessible activities for children and young people during the school holidays.

The John Lyon's Charity's School Holiday Activity Fund (SHAF) will pay for the running costs of holiday programmes which provide activities in accordance with current Government Guidelines for young people in the boroughs of:

- Barnet,
- Brent,
- Camden,
- Ealing,
- Hammersmith & Fulham,
- Harrow,
- Kensington & Chelsea,
- Westminster,
- City of London.

The funding can be used for (the list is not exhaustive):

- Holiday drop-in activities
- Arts activities
- Sports projects
- Family activities
- Trips out of London
- Camping trips

Recent projects supported are:

- Friends of Alexandra School received £4,000 for Alexandra Holiday Club;
- Innovation Dance Studios received £2,200 for Back Into Dance; and
- Harrow Carers received £4,000 for Young Carers Service Holiday Respite Activities.

For this funding round application forms may be submitted at any time but no later than the 21st September 2022 for activities taking place during the October half-term.

<https://www.jlc.london/grants/our-grant-funds/school-holiday-activity-fund/>

Funding Reminders

Royal Society of Chemistry – Outreach Fund (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.

Through the fund the Society aims to support projects that:

- Develop science communication skills of chemists - building capacity and opportunities for chemists and chemical scientists to engage with schools and/or public audiences
- Engage with school students - inspiring and raising aspirations of student audiences to nurture a future generation passionate about the chemical sciences
- Engage with public audiences - involving a wide range of people in relevant contemporary issues in the chemical sciences
- Provide under-represented audiences, communities and places with inspiring chemistry engagement opportunities, delivered or coordinated by skilled people

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:

- Kent's Hill Park School received a grant to launch and run a science club.
- "Cool chemistry at the seaside" where the Society awarded a grant 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 and large grants programmes is the 7th November 2022.

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

School Grants to Promote Physics (UK)

The Institute of Physics has announced that UK schools, colleges and 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 next closing date for applications is the 1st November 2022. (for projects taking place in the following spring term).

<https://www.iop.org/about/support-grants/school-grants-scheme>

Taking Teaching Further Programme Re-opens for Applications (England)

The Education and Training Foundation has announced that round five of the Taking Teaching Further programme is now open for applications.

Taking Teaching Further has been expanded beyond the 15 technical routes to include a 'core skills' element, which aims to support the recruitment of business and industry experts to teach English, maths or SEND to Technical subject students.

A part time delivery option for part time teachers is also available.

Colleges and Sixth Forms can draw down up to three Initial Teacher Education places with funding of £18,200 per place. Independent training providers, employer led providers, third sector training providers, local authority providers, and adult and community learning providers can register for the scheme but places will be available on a first come first served basis.

Round five will run until July 2024.

<https://www.et-foundation.co.uk/professional-development/taking-teaching-further/>

Funding for Community Action to Welcome & Support Refugees (Dorset)

Grants of up to £4,000 are available to local charities, community and voluntary organisations, CICs, and social enterprises offering activities and services to welcome and support refugees of any nationality who are arriving, residing or settling in Dorset.

Schools are not eligible but PTA groups can apply if they meet our eligibility guidelines. This could include services and activities such as:

- supplying personal or household items including clothing, bedding, mobile phones;
- community events and social activities;
- befriending support;
- advice and advocacy support;
- mental health services;
- and childcare.

New groups who have been operating less than twelve months can apply for up to £1,500.

The funding is made available by Dorset Council through the Dorset Welcome Fund.

Applications can be made at any time until midday on the 7th October 2022.

<https://www.dorsetcommunityfoundation.org/funds/dorset-welcome-fund/>

Funding to Support Disadvantaged Pupils in State Schools (London)

Grants of between £25,000 and £50,000 are available to groups of state schools (in partnership with local voluntary organisations where appropriate) for projects aimed at supporting their most challenged pupils, strengthening links with home life and coordinating the support of other available professionals. Applications should be submitted by groups of schools (of two or more).

The funding is being made available through the John Lyon's Charity's Schools in Partnership Fund and is available to schools in:

- Barnet
- Brent
- Camden
- Ealing
- Hammersmith & Fulham
- Harrow
- Kensington & Chelsea
- The Cities of London and Westminster.

Previous projects supported include:

- St Anselm's RC Catholic Primary School which received a grant of £38,000 for a play therapy project with four other schools and the Catholic Children's Society (Westminster).
- Kingsbury High School which received a grant of £15,000 for a psychotherapy project with Brent Centre for Young People.

The Schools in Partnership Fund has a two stage application procedure and the Trustee meets in March, June and November to consider applications.

<https://www.jlc.london/grants/our-grant-funds/schools-in-partnership-fund/>

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