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## Funding to Support Education in Disadvantaged Areas (UK / International)

Grants are available to support schools and registered charities that wish to undertake educational work with children and young people in disadvantaged areas.

The British & Foreign Schools Society (BFSS) normally makes grants for educational projects totaling about £600,000 in any one year. The majority (85% of grants) are made to charities and educational bodies (with charitable status). Schools wishing to apply need to have either charitable status or "exempt charity" status.

**Previous projects supported include:**

* Teens and Toddlers, a charity based in Southwark London received a grant of £19,500 towards the cost of two 18-week youth development programmes to help raise the aspirations of at risk young people.
* The Afghan Association Paiwand received a grant of £33,240 for a new Saturday school in the deprived area of Colindale, North London which focus on maths and English in partnership with local authorities and mainstream schools.
* The Sensory Trust received a grant of £3,000 for a project aimed at developing sensory nature tools for schools aimed at students with learning disabilities

The next closing date for applications is the 19th August 2019. For further information on the types of grants awarded by BFSS both in the UK and internationally, please [click here](http://www.bfss.org.uk/current-projects/)

Applications will be considered from educational or training institutions which have UK charitable status or, in the case of schools, colleges, universities and Churches, “exempt charity” status.

The Society also offers a small number of grants for organisations and individuals through its [Subsidiary Trusts.](http://www.bfss.org.uk/grants/subsidiary-trusts-administered-by-the-society/)  Eligibility criteria depend on area of residence and/or particular field of educational activity.

**Useful Links:**

[Grant Giving Criteria](https://www.bfss.org.uk/grants/criteria-for-grant-giving/)

[Application Form](https://www.bfss.org.uk/grants/grant-application-form/)

<http://bfss.org.uk/grants/>

## Funding for Projects that Improve People’s Lives (UK)

The Henry Smith Charity provides grants of between £20,000 and £60,000 per year for up to three years to charitable organisations (charities and not-for-profit organisations, including social enterprises) that help people when other sources of support have failed, are inappropriate, or are simply not available.

The charity has six funding priorities that describe the work they support and how they want to bring about change for the most disadvantaged people in the greatest need. These are:

* **Help at a critical moment -** Helping people to rebuild their lives following a crisis, critical moment, trauma or abuse.
* **Positive choices** - Helping people, whose actions or behaviours have led to negative consequences for themselves and others, to make positive choices.
* **Accommodation / housing support** - Enabling people to work towards or maintain accommodation.
* **Employment and training** - Supporting people to move towards or gain employment.
* **Financial inclusion, rights and entitlements** - Supporting people to overcome their financial problems and ensure that they are able to claim their rights and entitlements.
* **Support networks and family** - Working with people to develop improved support networks and family relationships

Grants can cover running costs, salaries and project costs for organisations that can demonstrate a track record of success and evidence the effectiveness of their work. Eligible organisations include charities and not-for-profit organisations (including social enterprises) in the UK with a turnover of £50,000 - £2 million (in exceptional circumstances up to £5 million).

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

**Useful Links:**

[Application Guidelines](https://www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Improving-Lives-Funding-Guidelines.pdf)

[Application Form](https://www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Improving-lives-Application-form.pdf)

<https://www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/explore-our-grants-and-apply/improving-lives-grants-programme/improving-lives-grants-programme-overview/>

## Funding for Charities to Develop an Effective Web Presence (UK)

The Transform Foundation provides grants for charities and not for profit organisations operating for the public good to develop an effective social media and web presence with the aim of developing future funding streams.

The Foundation has two funding programmes:

* A Facebook Grant programme (which provides £5,000 of funding to spend on Facebook advertising, with potential scale-up funding of up to £10,000)
* A Website Grant Programme (which provides a funding package of up to £18,000 to cover the upfront costs of a new charity-specific website including strategy, design, development and training).

The Transform Foundation specifically target mid-sized organisations with a turnover of £350,000 - £30 million; or those organisations that have the internal resources to follow-up the Transform Foundation grant with internal investments.

There is a two stage application process. Stage 1 is a simple online form to check eligibility criteria and that the applicant has a clear, measurable plan for deploying the funding to generate income or impact. Stage 2 consists of a face to face or online meeting with the Foundation or their partners. Decisions are usually made within 21 days of the stage 2 meeting.

Applications for Stage 1 applications can be made at any time.

**Useful Links:**

[Eligibility Criteria](https://www.transformfoundation.org.uk/eligibility)

[FAQs](https://www.transformfoundation.org.uk/Pages/FAQs/Category/faq)

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

## Equipment Grants for Disabled and Disadvantaged Young People (UK)

Schools and not for profit organisations have the opportunity to apply for funding through the Wooden Spoon Society's Capital Grants programme. Wooden Spoon is the British and Irish Rugby charity which supports projects help mentally, physically disadvantaged children. Each year the charity supports around 70 projects.

Through the programme funding is available for:

* Buildings and extensions
* Equipment & activity aids
* Sensory rooms and gardens
* Playgrounds and sports areas
* Soft playrooms.

Since being founded in 1983, Wooden Spoon has made grants of over £24 million to more than 500 projects in the British Isles.

Projects funded in the past have included:

* Ashmount School in Leicestershire, which received a grant of £13,500 towards a sensory room.
* Enfield Heights Academy in London which received a grant of £23,000 to improve its play areas.
* The Colehill & Wimborne Youth & Community Centre which received a grant of £8,000 towards a wheelchair lift.

Applications can be made at any time and applicants should contact their regional volunteer group. Subject to an application being approved by Wooden Spoon Trustees, the Society require a minimum of one Wooden Spoon membership to be taken out by a representative of the applicant organisation.

For more information on how to apply, please click on the link below.

**Useful Documents:**

[Application Form](https://woodenspoon.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/Wooden-Spoon-Application-Form-Feb-2018.docx)

## <https://www.woodenspoon.org.uk/apply-for-funds>

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

The Society for Microbiology provides grants to support the teaching of microbiology. The scheme is open to Full, Full Concessionary or Postgraduate Student Members; including those working in schools residing in the UK or Republic of Ireland 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. The maximum grant available is £1,000.

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.

The deadline for applications is 1st October 2019.

**Useful Links:**

[Apply Online](https://microbiologysociety.org/login.html?postLoginUrl=https://microbiologysociety.org/grants/education-outreach-funds/education-and-outreach-grants.html)

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

## Funding to Make Community Spaces More Sustainable (UK)

The Co-op Foundation is offering interest free loans for enterprising ideas to improve community spaces. Community organisations that manage community buildings and outdoor spaces such as parks and community centres; etc which are for the use of the whole community can apply for loans to grow their trading activities to generate more sustainable income.

The Co-op Foundation can offer:

* Interest-free loans of up to £50,000 towards viable business ideas that will benefit the whole community – particularly those facing greater challenges.
* No repayments for the first year, while your trading activities are developing.
* If you are based in a more deprived area, or your work mainly benefits more disadvantaged members of the community, we might also be able to offer some grant funding alongside a loan.

Applicants will need to fill out an expression of interest [here](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CoopFdnCommunitySpaces).

Applications can be submitted at any time.

<https://blog.coopfoundation.org.uk/index.php/2018/05/17/community-is-everybodys-business/>

## Grants to Promote the Teaching of Greek (UK)

The Hellenic Society Schools Sub-Committee makes grants to schools to assist projects concerned with the teaching of Greek or Greek civilization. Typically, grants are made for:

* The development of new courses in Greek
* Books & other teaching materials
* Classics days or conferences
* Greek plays by schools
* Summer schools for school pupils

Applications from schools planning to start courses in Greek are especially welcome.

Applications on behalf of individual pupils or teachers are not normally considered, but a grant may be made to an institution for use as bursaries to individuals at the discretion of that institution. Most grants are in the range £100-£500, but larger awards are occasionally made.

The next closing date for applications is the 1st May 2019.

**Useful Links:**

[Application Form](http://www.hellenicsociety.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/SPHS-School-Grants.docx)

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

## Harold Hyam Wingate Foundation (UK)

The Wingate Foundation has announced that the next deadline to apply is the 7th May 2019.

The Foundation supports projects, institutions and activities in three areas:

Jewish Life and Learning - applications are invited from academic institutions specialising in Jewish subjects and from bodies promoting Jewish culture, including museums, libraries and literary publications.

Performing Arts (excluding music) - financial support for charities with a record of artistic excellence that require additional funding, not available from public sources or commercial sponsorship, to broaden their repertoire or develop work of potentially outstanding interest which cannot be funded from the usual sources.

Music - support in those areas of music performance and education which do not readily attract backing from commercial sponsors or other funding bodies, or which are not eligible for public funding.

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

**Previous projects supported include:**

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

The deadline for submitting an application to the July 2019 meeting is 5pm on Friday 12th April 2019.

**Useful Links:**

[Projects Supported in the Past](http://www.wingatefoundation.org.uk/examples_of_past_support.php)

[Application Form](http://www.wingatefoundation.org.uk/application_form.php)

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

## PRS Music Foundation Composers’ Fund Opens for Applications (UK)

The Performing Rights Society (PRS) for Music Foundation, the UK's leading funder of new music across all genres, has announced that a new funding round to its Composers' Fund has opened for applications.

The Composers' Fund recognises the need for composers to have direct access to funding at pivotal stages in their career. It invites composers to make the case for support of any activity that would enable them to make a significant step change in their career.

Grants can be for up to £10,000 and it is anticipated that the Foundations will make 10 - 15 awards a year. The fund is open to composers with a strong track record in their field who are at a point in their career where access to funding could help move forward their career. To be eligible for support, composers must be based in the UK and must be members of PRS for Music or in a position to join. To be eligible for support, composers must be based in the UK and must be members of PRS for Music or in a position to join.

The next deadline for applications is the 28th May 2019.

Read the [Guidance and FAQs](https://prsfoundation.com/funding-support/funding-music-creators/next-steps/the-composers-fund/the-composers-fund-guidance-and-faqs/) before applying

<https://prsfoundation.com/funding-support/funding-music-creators/next-steps/the-composers-fund/>

## One Stop Carriers for Causes (England, Scotland and Wales)

Not for profit organisations, including schools that are located within 2 miles of a One Stop shop can apply for grants of up to £1,000 for projects that benefit their local community. One Stop’s ‘Carriers for Causes’ is funded through the money raised from the 5p bag charge in One Stop stores in England, Wales and Scotland.

The grants are available for a wide range of activities and the funding will cover the direct costs needed to deliver the project. Projects eligible for funding include:

* One off community events such as community fun day expenses, summer youth camp, litter picking, sports events, expenses to pay for terminally ill cancer patients on visits to the seaside.
* Purchasing items to run a project such as specialised medical equipment, football/cricket /netball kit for local junior club, arts and craft materials for a workshop, kitchen equipment for a healthy eating project, marketing materials for an event, fishing kit for youth project.
* Improvements to community buildings such as painting, refurbishing buildings such as hospices, scout or guide huts, school building, community centres.
* Improvements to external spaces such as park clean ups, community gardens, hospital/hospice gardens, disabled access projects, food growing projects, woodland walk.
* Purchasing materials to undertake a place based improvement project such as buying paint, litter pickers, gravel, grass seed, plants, and benches.

Applications can be submitted at any time and are shortlisted on a quarterly basis for panel decision which will take place every three months. Applicants will generally know the outcome of your application within 16 weeks of applying.

**Useful Links:**

[Store Locator](https://maps2.gwkgds.org.uk/onestop/)

[Application Guide](https://drive.google.com/open?id=1DUzHeXZyaAtLNG21FRthkjCt2EV6irCUa0OmNi4oq4g)

[Apply Online](https://www.grantrequest.co.uk/Login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fapplication.aspx%3fSA%3dSNA%26FID%3d35048%26sid%3d26&SA=SNA&FID=35048&sid=26)

<https://www.groundwork.org.uk/Pages/Category/carriers-for-causes-uk>

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

The Morrison’s Foundation awards grants 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 and there is no specific grant amount that can be applied for.

**Useful Links:**

[Application Form](https://www.morrisonsfoundation.com/grant-funding-request/)

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

## Support for the Homeless Charities and Hospices (England and Wales)

CRASH, the construction and property industries' charity assists homelessness charities and hospices in England and Wales with their construction projects. CRASH offers help in a practical way as well as providing cash grants.

CRASH does this by supporting improvements to hospices, hostels, day centres, night shelters, training centres and move-on accommodation, for frontline homelessness agencies who work directly with homeless people.

CRASH seeks to support these organisations by:

* Providing professional expertise such as, architects, quantity surveyors, project managers and specialist engineers
* Providing cash grants
* And /or providing free building materials free of charge from supporting suppliers.

To be eligible for support organisations must be registered charities, have legal hold on the building in question, either freehold or lease for at least 10 years, and the building is currently delivering, or will be used to deliver services to single homeless men and women over the age of 18; or used to deliver in-patient and or day services to people in need of end of life care.

**Please phone CRASH in advance of making your application to discuss your project** and the ways in which CRASH may be able to help.

For further information, click on the link below.

**Useful Links:**

[Previous Projects Supported](http://www.crash.org.uk/projects/)

[Online Application Form](http://www.crash.org.uk/apps/)

<http://www.crash.org.uk/apply-for-help/>

## Funding to Strengthen the Criminal Justice Sector (England and Wales)

The Lloyds Bank Foundation has announced that grants of £30,000 to £300,000 (for projects lasting up to three years) are available to voluntary sector organisations to support work in the criminal justice system. The funding is available for work that is focused on influencing positive change in policy and practice by:

* supporting the specialist voluntary sector to operate, become stronger and to speak up within the current very difficult prisons and probation environment;
* improving the policy and operating environment for smaller charities, particularly by seeking to influence the new probation system;
* influencing work further “upstream” in the criminal justice system to help divert and reduce people entering prison in the first place;
* influencing support for specific demographic groups within the criminal justice system.

To be eligible for funding applicant organisations need to:

* Have an income of under £2 million;
* Are committed to measuring impact and adaptive learning, reflecting on progress and adapting projects in real time as necessary
* Are willing to work with a highly engaged funder and within a cohort of grant holders.

The closing date for submitting Expression of Interest form is the 31st May 2019.

Expressions of interest should be emailed to: [policy@lloydsbankfoundation.org.uk](mailto:policy@lloydsbankfoundation.org.uk)

Organisations that would like to talk their idea through in advance, please arrange a time to speak to Caroline on the email address above.

**Useful Links:**

[Programme Brief](https://www.lloydsbankfoundation.org.uk/Criminal%20Justice%20Funding%20Opportunities.docx)

<https://www.lloydsbankfoundation.org.uk/weinfluence/national-programmes/strengthening-the-criminal-justice-sector>

## Funding for Community Sports Facilities (England)

Sports clubs, local authorities, schools and community organisations can apply for grants of between £1,000 and £150,000 to enhance local sports and recreational facilities.

The funding which is being provided through Sport England's Community Asset Fund can be used to enhance traditional sports facilities as well as outdoor spaces like canal towpaths, woodlands and open spaces; etc that can be used as part of an active lifestyle.

Statutory bodies and education establishments will specifically need to:

* Provide a minimum of pound-for-pound partnership funding;
* Demonstrate the strategic need for their project proportionate to the scale of investment requested;
* Limit requests to a maximum of £150,000 within any 12-month period.

Sport England typically expect their awards to be either:

Small-scale investments typically ranging from £1,000 to £15,000. These will address emergency works due to something like storm or flood damage, or something totally unexpected that is stopping people from being able to stay active right now.

Medium-scale investments typically ranging from between £15,000 to £50,000. These will address more substantial changes. This might be an upgrade to an existing facility or developing a new space in the community.

By exception, Sport England will consider larger investments ranging from £50,000 to £150,000. This will be when organisations can demonstrate a considerable impact or are targeting under-represented groups. They are also unlikely to have received funding from Sport England previously.

This is a rolling programme and applications can be submitted at any time.

**Useful Links:**

[Community Asset Fund Guide](https://www.sportengland.org/media/11425/community-asset-fund-guide-january-2017.pdf)

[Community Asset Fund Developing your Idea](https://www.sportengland.org/media/11430/community-asset-fund-developing-your-idea-january-2017.pdf)

[Apply Online](https://sportenglandcaf.microsoftcrmportals.com/)

<https://www.sportengland.org/funding/community-asset-fund/>

## **Loan Funding Available to Make Community Sports Organisations More Sustainable (England**)

The Sporting Capital Fund is a loan funding opportunity for community sports organisations who want to make a difference in the community through sport, physical activity or in a sport setting and want to grow and become more sustainable by generating more or new income.

Unsecured loans of £50,000 to £150,000, repayable over 3 to 5 years are available to help organisations develop new projects, operations and revenue streams and can be used for projects and activities such as:

* Equipment to support revenue streams
* Recruitment, training and deployment of staff and volunteers
* Equipment to support business functions, including finance, project management and governance
* Other operating costs

If needed, a repayment holiday of up to 24 months may be available, giving projects time to generate sustainable revenue before starting to repay the loan.

Loans will not cover “bricks and mortar” capital i.e. a new roof, but could be an investment, for example, to support a community café as a new revenue stream and pay for café kit and equipment, training deployment of new staff and volunteers, management support to get the café operating and funding towards marketing the new venture.

A wide range of organisations can apply from community sports clubs to social enterprises, charities and profit-with-purpose businesses that deliver sport and physical activity.

Where appropriate, grant funding through the Access Reach Fund, may be available for organisations that need support to get ready to take on repayable investment. This fund offers small grants to charities and social enterprises who are looking to raise investment with an approved social investor – called Access Points. The grant will be used to help them close a deal or secure an investment.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

**Useful Links:**

[FAQs](https://www.sportingcapital.org.uk/sites/default/files/documents/Sporting%20Capital%20FAQs%20v01.11.pdf)

[Eligibility Criteria](https://www.sportingcapital.org.uk/investment/eligibility)

<https://www.sportingcapital.org.uk/investment/what-we-fund>

## Capital Grants for Arts and Cultural Organisations (England)

Arts and cultural organisations have until the 14th May 2019 to apply for capital grants of between £100,000 and £499,999 to improve their buildings and equipment as well as their capacity to engage with digital audiences. The funding is available to properly constituted arts and/or cultural organisations based in England. This includes but is not limited to National Portfolio Organisations, National Portfolio consortium partners, arts organisations, museums, libraries, Music Education Hubs, universities and local authority service departments.

The funding is being made available through the Arts Council England’s Capital Small Grants Programme.

The types of activities that can be funded include:

* Buying assets such as furniture, equipment, musical instruments and vehicles, where these will support the delivery of arts activity.
* Improving existing arts facilities to enhance access to and enjoyment of arts and culture by disabled people and those with special educational needs.
* Building work to improve an existing arts and cultural building, provided all relevant statutory approvals (e.g. full planning permission, listed building consent, outline planning permission with full reserved matters resolved, etc) have been applied for at the time of application.
* Purchasing a freehold interest or a finance lease for their existing premises.
* Installing new technologies and upgrading buildings to deliver increased production and broadcast capacity.
* Buying digital and broadcast equipment such as cables, cameras or screens.
* Purchasing or developing box office, ticketing, sales and customer relationship management systems where the assets will benefit the widest possible range of partner organisations and support shared approaches to building larger audiences for arts and culture.
* Environmental sustainability costs including installing or retrofitting sustainable technologies or upgrading existing building fabric to enhance thermal performance.
* Professional fees associated with capital spending on the project.
* VAT that you cannot recover from HM Revenue and Customs.

Applicants are strongly advised to discuss your project with your Arts Council area office before submitting an expression of interest or making an application. Please contact our Customer Services team at enquiries@artscouncil.org.uk or call them on 0161 934 4317.

<https://www.artscouncil.org.uk/capital-small-grants#section-1>

## Funding for Football Equipment and Facilities (England & Wales)

Grants of up to £10,000 are available to schools, grass roots football clubs, local authorities and professional and semi-professional football clubs and their associated community organisations that are looking to refurbish their existing or develop new football facilities.

The funding is available through the Football Foundation's Premier League & the FA Facilities Fund Small Grants Scheme and can be used to buy capital items such as portable floodlights, storage containers and other equipment; or to refurbish/improve existing facilities. The aims of this scheme are to:

* Support the growth of football clubs and activity
* Prevent a decline in football participation
* Make improvements to facilities to address any health and safety issues.

The grants awarded cannot exceed 50% of the total project cost. The Football Foundation strongly recommend that applicants use the pre-application advice offered on our behalf by The FA and the network of County FAs around England. This will normally involve completing the FA's Football Facilities Enquiry Form (FEF) first, which will help The FA to learn more about a project and determine the best way to support the applicant organisation.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

<http://www.footballfoundation.org.uk/funding-schemes/premier-league-the-fa-facilities-fund-small-grants-scheme/>

## Funding for Projects that Address Rural Poverty (Wales)

Grants of up to £500,000 are available through the National Lottery’s Community Fund’s Rural Programme for projects that will make a positive impact on the lives of people and communities living in poverty in rural Wales.

To be eligible for funding projects will need to be delivered by partnerships of different organisations and focus on helping people who struggle to meet their basic needs or access services, who don’t have reasonable living conditions or might be isolated from others.

Applications can be submitted by:

* Voluntary or community organisations
* Registered charities
* Constituted groups or clubs
* Schools
* Social enterprises
* Community Interest Company’s (with two or more directors)
* Statutory bodies, such as a town, parish or community councils, local authorities.

The funding can cover most of the costs associated with delivering a project such as staff salaries, training, volunteer expenses, management costs, equipment, premises costs, monitoring and evaluation, capital work and overheads.

The closing date for applications is the 1st October 2019.

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/rural-programme>

## Funding of up to £500 Available to Young People to Make a Difference (Scotland)

Young people in Scotland aged 16 – 26 who want to make a difference to their community and environment can apply for grants of up to £500 through the Firstport Pounds for Purpose initiative to help them get their project off the ground.

This could include:

* Tackling inequality – breaking down barriers, whether due to age, disability, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, ethnicity, religion, economic
* Deprivation or any other unjust reason
* Bringing people together – creating events or social spaces that are inclusive and welcoming, reducing isolation and building connections
* Promoting positive mental health – battling stigma and prejudice, and helping people with mental health issues to reach out
* A greener world – reducing negative impact on the environment and creating a more sustainable future
* Caring for others – working to support and look after the more vulnerable members of our society, including children, the elderly, the sick, and individuals affected by financial hardship or homelessness.

Projects can last up to 6 months. To apply young people need to submit an application form and a 2 minute video.

**Applications can be submitted at any time.**

**Useful Links:**

[Apply Online](https://formstack.io/D0515)

[Video Guidance Notes](http://www.firstport.org.uk/images/Pounds%20for%20Purpose/Video%20Pitch%20Guide%20-%20PFP.pdf)

[Case Studies](http://www.firstport.org.uk/programmes/pounds-for-purpose/case-studies)

<http://www.firstport.org.uk/programmes/pounds-for-purpose>

## Grants to Improve Local Communities and Environments (Northern Ireland)

Grants of up to £50,000 are available in Northern Ireland through the Alpha Fund to support projects that enhance local community facilities or encouraging bio-diversity and environmental improvements.

All projects must be located within ten miles of Mullaghglass landfill site. During 2018, funding will be available through two funding streams. The Alpha Main Grants Programme for grants of between £10,000 and £50,000 and the Alpha Small Grants Programme for grants of between £3,000 and £10,000.

The closing date for applications is 12 noon on the 26th July 2019.

**Useful Links:**

[Main Grants Application Form](https://www.groundwork.org.uk/Handlers/Download.ashx?IDMF=f02e617f-4813-4f85-8a0d-559d22a978f1)

[Small Grants Application Form](https://www.groundwork.org.uk/Handlers/Download.ashx?IDMF=ca20179d-3c8e-476f-8870-b60cc037e3f7)

[Main Grants Guidelines](https://www.groundwork.org.uk/Handlers/Download.ashx?IDMF=1d7f77ee-e3f2-49ba-9f83-16e7e1a9a186)

[Small Grants Guidelines](https://www.groundwork.org.uk/Handlers/Download.ashx?IDMF=a8fb36fb-4dda-4342-b309-2ae819c7df31)

<http://www.groundwork.org.uk/Sites/northernireland/pages/the-alpha-programme-ni>

## Grants for Cultural Projects Led by Small Groups (London)

Individual Londoners and not-for-profit organisations with an annual turnover of less than £50,000 can now bid for grants of between £1,000-£5,000 as part of the Mayor of London’s draft Strategy for Culture, Culture for all Londoners. The Culture Seeds programme aims to help groups that usually miss out on grants because they are too small, too informal or from marginalised communities. Aimed at grassroots organisations created and put on by local people in London, the programme will support local arts and culture activities that may include:

* Visual and performing arts (like music, dance and theatre)
* Filmmaking and film screenings
* Heritage projects
* Digital art
* Cultural events/festivals
* Literature, spoken word, reading groups
* Craft and making activities
* Choirs/singing groups
* Creative writing

Projects supported will have local people at their heart, offer shared creative experiences and bring communities together. Priority is given to projects that support people on lower incomes and connect communities that lack access to cultural resources and funding.

In addition to the grant, the programme can offer help with marketing and monitoring; applying for future funding; and recruiting and working with volunteers.

Applicants do not need to be formally constituted groups but should have a bank account with two signatories or nominate an organisation who can accept the funds on their behalf and also provide two referees who can vouch for their work in the local community.

Culture Seeds is a rolling programme that will run until Spring 2020 – apply at any time.

**Useful Links:**

[Guidance notes](https://glagrants.org.uk/home/culture-seeds-grants/)

[Prospectus](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1UrDt2-yIKdrSjI6beVdsU3eu-1qj8AUwSf4u7lo09bg/edit)

<https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/arts-and-culture/current-culture-projects/culture-seeds>

## The School Explorer Fund (London)

The School Explorer Fund is open to all state primary schools in the Charity's State Schools in the nine boroughs of Barnet, Brent, Camden, Ealing, Hammersmith & Fulham, Harrow, Kensington & Chelsea, Westminster and the City of London. Schools can apply to the John Lyon's Charity to assist primary school children access the arts.

Grants of up to £2,000 are available for activities that could include visits to the theatre, a musical experience or to a museum or art gallery. To be eligible the school must provide a clear rationale for the activity, explain how it will add value to the school experience and demonstrate an existing commitment to the Arts.

There is no restriction on which institution schools can visit, but the activity must enhance the current activities of the class or year group and be the kind of experience that the children do not normally have access to.

Applications can be made at any time.

**Useful Links:**

[Application Form](http://jlc.london/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/Application-Form-for-School-Explorer-Fund-2016.docx)

<http://www.johnlyonscharity.org.uk/Access-to-the-Arts-Fund/>

## Funding for Study Support Weekends (London Borough of Newham)

The East End Community Foundation has funding for study support weekends, which is available to all state secondary schools in Newham. Study support weekends must have an academic focus, although other elements, such as outdoor activities, may be incorporated into the programme for the weekend. There must also be a clear link either to essential transferable study skills or directly to a curriculum topic. Grants of up to £4,000 are available to cover costs associated with accommodation, external facilitators, and specialist learning resources.

Schools are expected to identify an appropriate cohort of pupils for the study support programme. For example, this could be year 6 pupils transitioning into year 7 (delivered by the secondary school) or additional support for those year 9 and 10 students who could improve their grades or a focus on specialist workshops in revision techniques for year 11s.

The Study Support Programme is open for applications at any time. Schools may submit an application throughout the year and an outcome will be available 10-12 weeks after your submission.

**Useful Links:**

[Application Guidelines](http://www.eastendcf.org/resources/Grants/EECF_Study_Support_Guidelines_0818.pdf)

[Application Form](https://ukcf.secure.force.com/forms/studysupportweekend)

<http://www.eastendcf.org/index.php?cat=9&sec=56>

## Funding Available to Improve the Yorkshire Landscape (Yorkshire)

Betty’s, the Yorkshire bases baker and confectioner, has launched the Tree’s for Life fund to help communities around Yorkshire to make a difference to their local environment. During their centenary year Betty’s will, be awarding £100,000 to projects that have a lasting impact for the environment and communities close to their Café tea rooms.

The Trees for Life fund will support projects that increase tree cover, improve access to woodland, enhance habitats and provide environmental education. The Two Ridings Foundation will be administering the grants and receive applications are welcome from community groups, schools and voluntary groups who need support for initiatives such as improving wildlife areas, running outdoor education activities, creating tree trails or orchards or regenerating local woodland.

Grants between £500 and £4000 are available for community groups and organisations in Yorkshire, and applications will be taken until the 27th August 2019.

For more information please call: 01904 929 500 or e-mail: [grants@tworidingscf.org.uk](mailto:grants@tworidingscf.org.uk)

**Useful Links:**

[Guidance Notes](https://www.tworidingscf.org.uk/downloads/ms_3328.pdf) (Pdf)

[Apply](https://ukcf.secure.force.com/forms/trcf/BettysTreesForLife)

<https://www.tworidingscf.org.uk/fund/bettys-trees-for-life-fund/>

# Funding Reminders

## University Liaison Grants Scheme (UK)

The Institute of Mathematics offers University Liaison Grants to university student mathematical societies as funding for activities to enhance their programmes for their members and to promote mathematics.

Grants of up to £360 can be used to support:

* Mathematical activities (such as putting on talks of mathematical interest, printing a mathematical newsletter or travelling as a group to IMA Early Career Mathematicians’ conferences or places of mathematical interest)
* Supporting students participate in and attend the Tomorrow’s Mathematicians Today Conference
* Careers activities
* Promotional activities (printing t-shirts, hoodies, pens, etc. including the IMA logo)
* Networking activities, quizzes etc.

**Previous grants have been made to:**

* IMA King’s College, London to reduce the barrier that students felt existed between them and the teaching staff through a number of social events and to educate students with some useful skills not taught in the main course.
* The Students’ Actuarial Society (SAS) at Heriot-Watt organised a number of events that included talks given by industry leaders like Scottish Widows and EY on the impact of Brexit and implementation of Solvency II.

University student mathematical societies are eligible to apply at any time.

**Useful Links:**

[Case Studies](https://ima.org.uk/7887/university-liaison-grant-scheme-2016-2017/)

<https://ima.org.uk/support/grants/university-liaison-grants-scheme/>

## Funding of up to £5,000 Available to Tackle Problems within Families (UK)

Registered charities whose activities support and encourage the family to work as a cohesive unit in tackling problems that face one or more of its members can apply for grants of between £1,000 and £5,000 (but trustees will consider requests for higher amounts) through the Kelly Family Charitable Trust.

The Trust will consider both capital and revenue grants. The Trust is happy to support requests for core funding as well as project-based grants, and actively encourages applications from relatively new organisations to help them become established.

**The three areas of activity that the charity wishes to support are:**

* Interventions that support families and help them in ways that prevent the fracture of the family unit, e.g. practical family support, relationship counselling, mediation.
* Families where sexual abuse, physical abuse, domestic violence, alcohol abuse and drug abuse threaten the integrity of the family unit.
* Prisoners and in particular their families, during and after the period of imprisonment.
* The trust prefers to support charities whose income is below £500,000. However, larger charities with pioneering pilot projects will be considered.

**Projects supported in the past include:**

* "Mosac", a voluntary organisation that supports all non-abusing parents and carers whose children have been sexually abused.
* Westminster Befriend a Family, which recruits, trains and supports volunteers to befriend individual families under stress and visit them regularly in their homes. The charity's volunteers can help families where a parent is disabled or has mental health problems, or a child has special needs.

The next closing date for applications is the 1st September 2019.

**Useful Documents:**

[Application Form](https://kfct.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/application_form_word.doc)

[Application Criteria](https://kfct.org.uk/application-criteria/)

<https://kfct.org.uk/>

## Funding for Projects that Combat Abuse and Violation of Human Rights (UK)

The Trust supports UK-registered charities that work towards combating abuse and violations of human rights and to support the disadvantaged by fostering community action. The Trust is particularly focused on charities supporting unpopular causes reaching the most vulnerable and marginalised in society. This can include:

* Prisoners and penal reform
* Migrants, refugees and asylum seekers
* Human rights, particularly access to justice.

The Trust generally makes one-off grants to charities registered and working in the UK with annual incomes of between £150,000 and £1.5m that do not have substantial investments or surpluses. Grants range in size, with most grants awarded being in the range £10,000 to £20,000. ABCT does not normally fund charities with large national or international links.

The next closing date for applications is the 10th May 2019.

**Useful Links:**

[Online Application](https://abcharitabletrust.formstack.com/forms/eligibilty)

[Funding Guidelines](http://abcharitabletrust.org.uk/funding.htm)

[Frequently Asked Questions](http://abcharitabletrust.org.uk/faqs.htm)

<http://abcharitabletrust.org.uk/application.htm>

## Equipment Grants for Youth Clubs (UK)

Variety, the Childrens Charity, has grants of £250 to £600 available to youth organisations that are affiliated to either Ambition, UK Youth or the or National Association of Boys and Girls Clubs. The grants can be used to buy equipment to provide challenging activities that engage young people aged 8-18 and provide them with alternatives to becoming involved in the anti-social behavior that often stems from boredom and peer pressure.

On occasion, applications for improvement of youth club premises, refurbishment of existing equipment or facilities will also be considered.

Applicants have to raise some of the funds and applications that have young people involved in the fund raising will be looked upon favorably.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

**Useful Links:**

[Application Form](https://www.variety.org.uk/sites/default/files/media/downloads/youth-club-application-form.pdf)

[Application Guidance Notes](https://www.variety.org.uk/sites/default/files/media/downloads/youth-club-application-guidelines-and-faqs.pdf)

<https://www.variety.org.uk/what-we-do/youth-clubs-grants>

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**Useful Links:**

[Application Form](https://www.variety.org.uk/sites/default/files/media/downloads/youth-club-application-form.pdf)

[Application Guidance Notes](https://www.variety.org.uk/sites/default/files/media/downloads/youth-club-application-guidelines-and-faqs.pdf)

<https://www.variety.org.uk/what-we-do/youth-clubs-grants>

## The Japan Society Small Grants Programme (UK)

Educational establishments such as schools and colleges as well as community based organisations that wish to develop projects and events that promote an understanding of Japan and Japanese culture are able to apply for funding through the Japan Society's Small Grants programme.

The awards support projects with an education or youth focus. Most awards are of £1,000 or less and should not, in principle, cover more than 50% of the total budget. Applications may be made at any time and applicants are informed of the decision within 4 weeks of receipt of the application.

The Japan Society Small Grants give priority to projects:

1. Which enhance understanding and awareness of Japan and its culture
2. With an education or youth focus
3. Which include an element of participation
4. Which focus on the local community or take place in the regions

Previous projects supported include Witchford Village College which ran a Japan Day for year 9 students. It involved a variety of activities, such as kendo and taiko drumming performances, Japanese cookery, origami folding and haiku writing. The Japan Society small grant was given to support the workshop leader, lecturer and performer of the event.

**Useful Links:**

[Application Guidelines](https://www.japansociety.org.uk/grants/guidelines/)

[Apply Online](https://www.japansociety.org.uk/grants/apply-online/)

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

## Grants to Cover Running Costs for Small Charities (UK)

The Marsh Christian Trust was founded in 1981 with the sum of £75,000 by its current Chairman, Mr Brian Marsh OBE. His aim was to create a sustainable way to give something back to society by supporting organisations and people who are making a difference.

The Trust supports around 300 charities every year and focuses on providing funding which could help small organisations pay for various running costs, such as volunteer expenses, training days, equipment maintenance and other core outgoings. The Trust aims to build long-standing relationships with successful applicants and, subject to an annual review, continue its support over time.

Applicants must be a registered charity with the Charity Commission for England and Wales or the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator. This does not include Community Interest Companies (CICs). Charities will be working in the areas of:

* Literature, arts and heritage
* Social welfare
* Environmental causes and animal welfare
* Education and training
* Healthcare

Charities must have been established for more than one financial year and able to provide a full set of their most recent Annual Report and Accounts, or the equivalent financial information if their annual income is under £25,000.

Grants are unrestricted and range from £300 to £1,500 with new applications at the lower end of this scale.

Applications are considered on the basis of the organisation’s financial position, performance against charitable aims and objectives and the ratio of voluntary income against fundraising expenses.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

Examples of the support given include:

* Core costs for Compaid, a digital skills centre in Kent that supports people with disabilities and sensory impairments
* Glassdoor, an organisation that offers shelter to the homeless in London.

More information on the Trust and projects supported can be found in the [Annual Review 2017-18](https://www.marshchristiantrust.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/MCT_2018-Review_webversion.pdf)

<https://www.marshchristiantrust.org/grants/>

## Royal College of Pathologists Public Engagement Innovation Grant Scheme (UK)

The Royal College of Pathologists has announced that applications are now being accepted for the Public Engagement Innovation Grant Scheme.

Under this scheme grants of up to £1,000 are available for individuals or organisations who wish to run a project that engages audiences such as secondary school students, undergraduates, health professionals or local communities with pathology. All proposals must include the involvement of pathologists and/or laboratory scientists as a key part of the activity and applicants are advised to contact the public engagement team prior to submitting an application. All projects funded through the scheme must be completed by the 30th June 2020. Information on the type of projects funded in the past can be [found here](https://www.rcpath.org/discover-pathology/events-landing-page/funding-for-public-events/previously-funded-projects.html).

Applicants are encouraged to contact the public engagement team prior to submitting an application. The team will be able to offer practical support in terms of help, advice and resources and will be happy to discuss potential project ideas. They will also be able to put you in touch with pathologists who may be willing to be involved in your project. You can contact the team via email on publicengagement@rcpath.org or by phone on 020 7451 6717.

The closing date for applications is the 3rd June 2019.

**Useful Links:**

[Grant Scheme Information](https://www.rcpath.org/resourceLibrary/rcpath-grant-application-form2019-docx.html)

[Application Guidelines](https://www.rcpath.org/resourceLibrary/rcpath-grant-applicant-guidelines-2019-pdf.html)

[Application Form](https://www.rcpath.org/resourceLibrary/rcpath-grant-application-form2019-docx.html)

<https://www.rcpath.org/discover-pathology/events-landing-page/funding-for-public-events.html>

## Grants for Projects that Promote Inclusion and Diversity within the Chemical Sciences (UK)

The Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC) believes that for chemistry and the chemical sciences to prosper the subject must attract, develop and retain a diverse community of talented people. The Inclusion and Diversity fund has been created to provide financial support of up to £5,000 to members, professionals, network groups, volunteer groups, institutions and organisations to enable them to develop innovative products, activities and research projects which promote inclusion and diversity in the chemical science community.

All applications should clearly show that the proposed project:

* Is centred on increasing diversity and inclusion in the chemical sciences community
* Is relevant to RSC’s inclusion and diversity strategy
* Has a clearly defined target audience
* Has a clearly defined intended impact
* Is deliverable and includes clear evaluation plans
* In addition, applicants should show that the requested funding will make a significant difference to their ability to deliver the project.

Enquiries about the programme, about the application process or informal discussions about projects and ideas for new activities are welcomed.

The closing date for applications is the 16th June 2019.

<http://www.rsc.org/awards-funding/funding/inclusion-diversity-fund/>

## 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](https://www.field-studies-council.org/media/917512/standard-tcs-sheet-v11-13.pdf)

[FSC Bursary Application Form](https://www.field-studies-council.org/media/4845912/bursary-application-form-v7-201819.doc)

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

## Grants of up to £2,000 Available to Reduce Deprivation in Disadvantaged Communities (England, Scotland & Wales)

The Greggs Foundation Local Community Projects Fund distributes around £1.8 million per year to organisations throughout England, Scotland and Wales. The Local Community Projects Fund makes grants of up to £2,000 to not for profit organisations with a turnover of less than £300,000 a year. The Foundation are more likely to make grants to local organisations based near Greggs shops.

The Foundation supports projects that improve resilience within communities. This can include sessional activities/respite support, equipment for sessional activities, trips and residential breaks. New approaches and innovative ideas as well as sustainable approaches to supporting communities are welcomed. All projects must support a community of interest, i.e. people who are:

* Disabled or suffering chronic illness
* Living in poverty
* Voluntary carers
* Homeless people
* Isolated older people
* Other demonstrable significant need

Successful applicants will have demonstrated improvements against at least one of the following Key Performance Targets:

* Beneficiaries have decreased social isolation
* Beneficiaries report improved health and wellbeing
* Beneficiaries report improved resilience/coping mechanisms
* Beneficiaries have improved life skills
* Beneficiaries have improved opportunities

The closing date for applications is the 30th June 2019.

**Projects previously funded include:**

* In 2017 London Wheelchair Rugby Club were awarded £1,500 to buy new equipment.
* West Norfolk Young Carers received a grant in 2016 to take some of their young carers to an Outdoor Adventure Centre to help the carers build confidence and self-belief.

**Useful Links:**

[Apply Online](https://www.greggsfoundation.org.uk/local-community-projects-fund-application)

<https://www.greggsfoundation.org.uk/grants/local-community-projects-fund>

## Funding for Projects that Support Disadvantaged and Disengaged Young People (England & Wales)

The Peter Cruddas Foundation provides funding for projects that benefit disadvantaged and disengaged young people in England and Wales.

Priority is given to programmes designed to help disadvantaged and disengaged young people in the age range of 14 to 30, to pursue pathways to Education, Training and Employment with the ultimate aim of helping them to become financially independent.

There is no minimum or maximum amount and projects can be funded for more than one year. Priority is given to applicants able to demonstrate that they can manage the amount they have applied for and how they intend to continue (if appropriate) after the funding has been spent.

Please note that the Foundation is not accepting applications for Capital Projects.

Eligible applicants will be charities registered with the charity commission in England and Wales benefitting people living in England and Wales.

**Projects previously supported include:**

* The Enterprise Bootcamp programme. This funding helps Bootstrap deliver the programme to young people and connect them with the Bootstrap community. The latest programme culminated in a pitching event at the end of 2016 where 15 young entrepreneurs pitched for funding. Collectively they were awarded more than £23,500 to start their own businesses.
* The Challenge pilot scheme where young people were taken out of their "comfort zones" and challenged to devise viable and workable community projects for their community. The Challenge aims to put teams of diverse 16-year olds through a one-year training and community service scheme starting with a three-week summer camp and then 50 hours of social action to tackle local civic and youth-related issues.

The next closing date for applications is the 1st September 2019.

**Useful Links:**

[Application Guidelines](http://www.petercruddasfoundation.org.uk/documents/PCF_guidelines_16-5-18.doc)

[Application Form](http://www.petercruddasfoundation.org.uk/documents/PCF_ApplicationForm_16-5-18.doc)

<http://www.petercruddasfoundation.org.uk/how_to_apply.htm>

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