

SOCIAL FARMS & GARDENS

# **RESOURCE** ROUNDUP



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The Social Farms & Gardens Resource Roundup is a comprehensive synopsis of all upcoming fundraising grants, resources and training across the UK.

Our aim is to source the best opportunities out there for you, to help you with your fundraising needs and save you time.

It has been carefully sourced and tailored for groups working in the community farm, gardening and green sectors.

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Variety Equipment Grants for Youth Clubs (UK). Grants of £250 to £600 are 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 behaviour that often stems from boredom and peer pressure. Applications can be made at any time. <a href="https://www.variety.org.uk/what-we-do/youth-clubs-grants">https://www.variety.org.uk/what-we-do/youth-clubs-grants</a>

JustGiving's "Friends with Money" publication is free to download and is designed to help charities and social enterprises, of all sizes, budgets, and remits, think more broadly about fundraising on social media. The guide is intended to assist organisations identify new prospects on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn or YouTube, cultivate them, turn them into donors, and acknowledge them in such a way to ensure that they become regular supporters. The guide includes case studies, useful interviews and free resources to inspire and provide examples of best practice.

https://pages.justgiving.com/friends-with-money-thanks.html

The Ibrahim Foundation (UK) believes those on the front lines in the community best understand the particular needs and where grants will bear the greatest fruits. They look for situations where small amounts of funds will make significant impact to community engagement, growth, leadership, overcoming barriers and/or strengthening the human services safety net for low-income families.

Grants range from £500 - £10,000. <a href="http://www.ibrahimfoundation.com/grants.html">http://www.ibrahimfoundation.com/grants.html</a>

**Chapman Charitable Trust (UK)** is a grant-giving charity for arts, health and wellbeing, and nature conservation, focused on organisations which promote physical and mental wellbeing, conserve our natural environment, and increase the accessibility of the arts. The Trustees meet twice a year to distribute the income of the charity. <a href="https://www.chapmancharitabletrust.org.uk/guidelines">https://www.chapmancharitabletrust.org.uk/guidelines</a>

**Wooden Spoon Equipment Grants (UK)** Capital grants funding is available to schools and not for profit organisations for permanent projects which make a positive impact on the lives of children and young people (under 25) that are disadvantaged physically, mentally or socially. <a href="https://woodenspoon.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/">https://woodenspoon.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/</a>

**The Dulverton Trust (UK)** is an independent grant-making charity that supports UK charities and CIOs (charitable incorporated organisations) tackling a range of social issues, protecting the natural world, and preserving heritage crafts. Grants are typically between £25,000 to £35,000. https://www.dulverton.org/apply/

**Woodroffe Benton Foundation (UK)** offers grants of £500 to £2,500 for UK registered charities for projects under various themes including Environmental conservation, preservation, protection and improvement – in particular where this would encourage the provision of access by members of the general public. Applications are considered quarterly; the next round is expected to open on 1st March 2022. https://www.woodroffebenton.org.uk/

**The Nineveh Charitable Trust (UK)** offers grants are available to registered charities, CICs and schools for projects that promote a better understanding of the environment and countryside, whilst facilitating improved access, education and research. <a href="https://www.ninevehtrust.org.uk/">https://www.ninevehtrust.org.uk/</a>

**BBC Children in Need (UK)** supports young people aged 18 years and under, living in the UK, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands. Two grant programmes are available that offer funding for projects in the UK that are supporting children and young people up to the age of 18 who are experiencing disadvantage through any kind of disability, behavioural or psychological difficulties or living in poverty or situations of deprivation. https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/grants/apply/

Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust - Pilot Fund to Support Grassroots Social Movement (UK): The Trust is launching a new £1 million pilot fund to support grassroots social movements whose work is vital to systemic change in society. The fund is aiming to provide grant funding, infrastructure and access to resources and networks to support the sustainability of movement work. https://www.jrct.org.uk/funding-priorities https://www.jrct.org.uk/sustainable-future

**Neighbourly: giving platform supporting small charities and local good causes (UK).** You can sign up to receive grants ranging from £400-£10,000, remote or in-person volunteer support for one-off or ongoing projects, and food and product surplus from leading supermarkets and retailers to support your food bank, community fridge, lunch club or more. <a href="https://hub.neighbourly.com/support-for-charities-and-good-causes">https://hub.neighbourly.com/support-for-charities-and-good-causes</a>

**Nisa Making a Difference Locally (UK)** is a charity launched to help local Nisa stores to add value to their communities. The charity helps the stores achieve this by allowing them to nominate charities or good causes that are local to them to receive a specific donation. https://www.nisalocally.co.uk/community

**Alpkit Foundation (UK)** makes small awards to people, groups, and schools that work to remove the barriers in getting outdoors and experiencing wild places. The Foundation supports grass-roots direct action projects that tackle issues such as diversity & inclusion in the outdoors, participation, education, conservation and protection of our natural environment and health & well-being. The trustees meet every 2 months to consider applications. https://alpkit.com/pages/foundation

**Semble** (formerly known as Project Dirt), the BCorp that gets funding to community groups across the UK, has transferred to the new ActionFunder platform, which allows you to make one short funding pitch and get it seen by multiple funders: <a href="https://www.actionfunder.org/how-it-works/groups/">https://www.actionfunder.org/how-it-works/groups/</a>

**Toy Trust funding to Support Disabled & Disadvantaged Children (UK).** Grants of up to £5,000 are available to registered charities to fund equipment and services to support disabled and disadvantaged children under the age of 13 across the UK. Groups that have carried out some form of effective fundraising by themselves are particularly encouraged to apply. Closing date: mid-June 2022 for the July meeting of Trustees.

https://www.communityfoundation.org.uk/group\_grant/the-1989-willan-charitable-trust/

The Pixel Fund (UK) for supports the mental health and wellbeing of children and young adults by providing grants to charities registered and operating solely in the UK and involved in the mental health and wellbeing of children and young adults. Offering grants of between £500 and £5,000, the average is £2,500. <a href="https://www.pixelfund.org.uk/">https://www.pixelfund.org.uk/</a>

**W F Southall Trust (UK)** offers grants of £1,000 to £5,000 are available to UK registered charities for projects under various themes including environmental action and sustainability. Capital and revenue costs are eligible. The funder tends to favour grassroots initiatives that make good use of volunteers in their local community. <a href="https://southalltrust.org/">https://southalltrust.org/</a>

**Givey** is a platform for online fundraising and donations. Givey is free for charities and NGOs to use, ensuring that all donations benefit worthy causes: <a href="https://www.givey.com">www.givey.com</a>

**Sustain's Good to Grow Day Friday 22nd - Monday 25th April 2022**Registration is open for Sustain's annual Good to Grow Day, which celebrates the new growing season and is a chance for volunteers and community members to help out in their local garden, while supporting and enjoying all of the valuable community spaces around the UK. It's also a great way to get the garden ready for the growing season.

If you're linked to a garden or growing space, you can register the space for free on the Good to Grow website. You'll get access to helpful resources for promoting your garden and for hosting activities and will even be able to track your garden's activity through our useful Harvest-ometer! You'll also be able to mark your garden as open to volunteers on Good to Grow's garden map. This makes it easy for volunteers in your local area to come and help out on Good to Grow Day and throughout the year. <a href="https://www.sustainweb.org/news/feb22-good-to-grow-day-2022/?dg=local-action">https://www.sustainweb.org/news/feb22-good-to-grow-day-2022/?dg=local-action</a>

The Ironmongers' Company Grants (UK) offers funding to Enable Disadvantaged Young People Reach their Potential. 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. Closing date: 31st July 2022. http://www.ironmongers.org/charity\_organisations.htm

The LEGO Foundation (UK) has launched the Build a World of Play Challenge. This new fund will provide approximately £108 million to support Early Childhood development (0-6 years). The Foundation is looking for ideas will be impactful, feasible, community-centred, and sustainable which include plans to make cities safer, greener, more sustainable, more playful, and more accessible places for all children to live, grow, and thrive. Registration deadline: April 7, 2022. https://learningthroughplay.com/build-a-world-of-play/the-challenge/

The Prince of Wales's Charitable Fund Small Grants Programme (UK) is open to registered not-for-profit organisations supporting grassroots projects in diverse and deprived communities across the UK. Grants of up to £5,000 are available (the average award is £1,500) to organisations with an income of up to £1 million to support a wide range of good causes within the PWCF's core funding themes, which include Environment, countryside and Social Inclusion. Applications can be made at any time. <a href="https://www.pwcf.org.uk/how-apply-grant">https://www.pwcf.org.uk/how-apply-grant</a>

**Power to Change Community Business Crowdmatch (UK)** supports new or existing community businesses that are providing services or activities that benefit their local community. Power to Change will match fund up to 50% raised through crowdfunding, to a maximum of £10,000.

Priorities include supporting marginalised communities, less affluent areas, projects led by younger people, climate crisis and digital transformation. Applications can be made at any time. <a href="https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/funds/community-business-crowdmatch">https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/funds/community-business-crowdmatch</a>

The Prince's Countryside Fund (UK) offers grants of up to £10,000 for projects from across the UK which are working to create resilient rural communities. The Trust will award funding from the Barclays 100x100 UK Covid-19 Community Relief Fund to support farming and rural communities to cope with the impact of Covid-19, to expand on new services that have emerged to support the local community during this time and to build future resilience.

Applications are encouraged from community-led organisations with a turnover under £500,000 per year, from communities with a population of up to 3,000 residents. Examples could Include rolling out longer term food and medicine delivery services; social groups to support isolated people; or mental health support. The Fund will close when enough eligible applications have been received. <a href="https://www.princescountrysidefund.org.uk/grant-giving-programme/grant-programme">https://www.princescountrysidefund.org.uk/grant-giving-programme/grant-programme</a>

The Hedley Foundation (UK) offers grants to improve the quality of life for disadvantaged & vulnerable people. The Foundation is inviting applications from small-to-mid-size registered charities helping to improve the quality of life of people in the UK, particularly those who are disadvantaged and vulnerable. The Foundation typically makes around 250 awards of up to £5,000 each year for initiatives that benefit the lives of young people, disabled people, elderly people, the terminally ill and otherwise disadvantaged people and their carers. Applications should be received at least 6 weeks before the next review meeting on 27th April 2022.

http://www.hedleyfoundation.org.uk/apply-now

**The Schroder Charity Trust (UK)** makes grants of up to £5,000 towards core and project costs to charities registered in the UK for work under the following categories: Arts, Culture and Heritage; Education, Training and Employment; Environment and Conservation; Health and Wellbeing; Strengthening Communities. <a href="https://schrodercharitytrust.org/frequently-asked-questions-faqs">https://schrodercharitytrust.org/frequently-asked-questions-faqs</a>

Social Investment Business Foundation Recovery Loan Fund (UK) provides loans £100,000-£1.5M (one-six years with 7.9% fixed interest rate) to charities/social enterprises that have been impacted by the Coronavirus pandemic and need funds to help them to survive, recover and grow. Closing date: 20th May 2022. https://www.sibgroup.org.uk/recovery-loan-fund

**Northwick Trust (UK)** grants for conservation; protecting the natural environment; relief of suffering and hardship; enabling life-enhancing opportunities to the mentally and physically disabled; encouraging youth work concerned with helping the community. Only registered charities can apply. **Email:** petermc1711@btinternet.com Telephone 01933 222986.

**Bruce Wake Charity (UK)** provides funding for leisure activities for disabled people where potential beneficiaries are physically disabled wheelchair users; improved access for wheelchair users is proposed or a sporting/leisure activity involving disabled wheelchair users is to be provided. <a href="https://brucewaketrust.co.uk/grants/">https://brucewaketrust.co.uk/grants/</a>

**Easyfundraising (UK)** Thousands of good causes across the UK are able to update their facilities, buy new equipment, and improve their services, thanks to fundraising website easyfundraising and their low-maintenance approach to fundraising. Through the easyfundraising platform, 6,000 online retailers including Sainsbury's, eBay, Amazon, M&S, Just Eat and Argos will donate to third sector organisations for free. <a href="https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/">https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/</a>

Ford Britain Trust Grants for Community and Education Projects (UK). Registered charities, not-for-profit organisations, and schools/PTAs can apply for grants of between £250 and £3,000 for projects which benefit local communities. The grants programme will support a range of projects focusing on the advancement of education, the environment, children, those with disabilities, youth activities and local communities. Applications will be considered from all UK locations. However, organisations based in Essex (including East London), Bridgend, Southampton, Daventry, Manchester and Liverpool - areas close to Ford locations – will be given priority. Closing date: 31st July 2022. https://www.ford.co.uk/experience-ford/about-ford/ford-britain-trust

Sustain's Food for the Planet Grants (UK). Grants of up to £5,000 are available to support communities to campaign and advocate local action on food and climate change. Applications are open to any local food partnership, local authority or community group in the UK to make food in their area better for people and the planet. Ideas should focus on areas that have a big impact locally, for example encouraging climate-friendly food in public institutions and council settings; growing more sustainable and healthy food; tackling unfair and unhelpful pricing and advertising of the most climate-damaging foods; and divesting from industrial agriculture. Closing date: 15th April 2022. https://www.sustainweb.org/news/feb22-campaign-grants-launched/

The Steel Charitable Trust (UK). Grants are available to registered charities in the UK working in the areas of arts and heritage, education, environment, health, or social and economic disadvantage. Closing date: 20th April 2022. <a href="https://steelcharitabletrust.org.uk/grants/application-process/">https://steelcharitabletrust.org.uk/grants/application-process/</a>

**DPD Fund (UK).** Community groups, educational facilities and start-up companies are particularly encouraged to apply for up to £2000. All applications need to be of a green, ecological or sustainability nature, with the project benefiting the environment. <a href="https://green.dpd.co.uk/">https://green.dpd.co.uk/</a>

Asda Foundation - Empowering Local Communities Grant (UK) supports projects and activities which are important to a community which benefit local people with grants ranging from £500 - £1,500. Closing date: 15th April 2022. <a href="https://www.actiontogether.org.uk/asda-foundation-empowering-local-communities-grant">https://www.actiontogether.org.uk/asda-foundation-empowering-local-communities-grant</a>

Ernest Cook Trust Grants to Support Outdoor Learning for Primary & Secondary School Children (UK). Grants of £500 are available to UK State funded Primary and Secondary Schools to enable them to get their pupils learning outdoors. The grants can be used for travel to outdoor learning centres, forest schools, countryside parks, woodlands, national parks, farm parks, farms (including city farms), coastal areas and beaches; and to purchase of outdoor learning resources that engage This round will close to applications when sufficient grant applications have been approved. <a href="https://ernestcooktrust.org.uk/what-we-do/everything-outdoors/outdoor-essentials-grant/">https://ernestcooktrust.org.uk/what-we-do/everything-outdoors/outdoor-essentials-grant/</a>



**Learning through Landscapes' Local Schools Nature Grant Programme ((England, Scotland & Wales)** is funded by the players of People's Postcode Lottery. 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. Schools can choose from hundreds of different products to deliver outdoor learning and play. 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. **Applications for round one will be accepted between 22nd March 2022 and 29th April 2022.** <a href="https://www.ltl.org.uk/news/local-school-nature-grants-to-return-for-biggest-year-yet/">https://www.ltl.org.uk/news/local-school-nature-grants-to-return-for-biggest-year-yet/</a>

National Lottery Funding to Develop and Improve Community Partnerships (England). Not for profit organisations such as community organisations, charities, schools and social enterprises in England can apply for grants of over £10,000 for up to five years. The aim of the fund is to help local organisations develop a more strategic approach to improving their community by developing and growing new and existing partnerships with other organisations. This can involve area-based partnerships or communities of interest.

The grants can be used to fund project activities, operating costs, organisational development and capital costs. Applications can be submitted at any time.

https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/partnerships-england#section-2

**Defra Landscape Recovery Scheme - Part of the Environmental Land Management Scheme (England).** This scheme will support landowners or managers with radical changes to land-use and habitat restoration in England, such as establishing new nature reserves, restoring floodplains, or creating woodland and wetlands.

Applications are open to farmers and land managers, including any individuals or groups that want to come together to deliver large (500 – 5000 ha) scale projects in England. All land types will be eligible, including land inside or outside protected areas, as well as common land. The land could be under any management control or current use – including farming, foresting, managed as individual holdings, estates or by public bodies. Public bodies will need to apply in collaboration with other land managers – for example, with neighbouring landowners or tenants. Defra will also welcome applications submitted by a facilitator working on behalf of a group of land managers. **Closing date:** 24th May 2022. <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-landscape-recovery-funding-to-protect-native-species-and-improve-rivers">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-landscape-recovery-funding-to-protect-native-species-and-improve-rivers</a>

FCC Community Action Fund (England) offers grants from £2,000 to £100,000 to registered charities, parish and town councils, local authorities and CASC registered sports clubs for projects for the provision, maintenance or improvement of a nature reserve, public park, woodland or another public amenity. Projects must be based within 10 miles of an eligible FCC Environment waste facility, and applicants must be able to contribute 11% of the value of the grant. There are four rounds per year, with deadlines on 2nd March, 8th June, 7th September and 7th December 2022. https://fcccommunitiesfoundation.org.uk/funds/fcc-community-action-fund



Henry Smith Strengthening Communities (England & Wales) grant programme aims to support small, grass roots organisations who are embedded in the community, working within the most deprived areas of the UK. <a href="https://www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/explore-our-grants-and-apply/strengthening-communities-grants/strengthening-communities-overview/">https://www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/explore-our-grants-and-apply/strengthening-communities-grants/strengthening-communities-overview/</a>

Rewilding Britain's Innovative Rewilding Projects Fund (England, Scotland & Wales). Grants of up to £15,000 are available for locally-led land and marine rewilding projects in England, Scotland and Wales. Rewilding Britain's Rewilding Innovation Fund will support between fifteen and twenty innovative projects seeking to create new opportunities for large-scale nature restoration projects.

This current round of funding focuses on community engagement in rewilding. Applicants must be members of the Rewilding Network, which could include community groups, landowners, land managers, farmers and local groups. Applicants who are not members of the Rewilding Network, please apply to become a Rewilding Network member before making a funding application. Closing date: 31st March 2022. <a href="https://www.rewildingbritain.org.uk/support-rewilding/the-rewilding-network/rewilding-innovation-fund">https://www.rewildingbritain.org.uk/support-rewilding/the-rewilding-network/rewilding-innovation-fund</a>

Warburtons Community Grants (England, Scotland, Wales) will support organisations that focus on solving significant social issues, as defined through our Financial Giving Policy. We work with the Charities Aid Foundation to deliver our financial giving programme, to ensure that all organisations we support are charitable and that we accurately record our social impact. Community grants of up to £400. Next deadlines: May and August 2022. <a href="https://www.warburtons.co.uk/our-company/sustainability/within-the-community/giving-donating/financial-giving/">https://www.warburtons.co.uk/our-company/sustainability/within-the-community/giving-donating/financial-giving/</a>

Masonic Foundation Children and Young People, and Later Life grants (England & Wales) Charities in England and Wales can apply for small (up to £5,000) or large grants (up to £60,000) depending on their income to help disadvantaged children and young people to overcome the challenges they face or reduce isolation and loneliness for older people.

Applicants are invited to submit an enquiry and, if successful, will be invited to complete a full application. Applications can be submitted at any time. <a href="https://mcf.org.uk/get-support/grants-to-charities/application-deadlines/">https://mcf.org.uk/get-support/grants-to-charities/application-deadlines/</a>

Barchester's Charitable Foundation (England, Scotland & Wales) offers grants to help older people lead more fulfilling lives. The Foundation's focus is on connecting or re-connecting people with others in their local community, helping combat isolation and loneliness and enabling people to be active and engaged. Funding of between £100 and £5,000 is available for individuals and small community groups to help improve people's mobility, independence and quality of life. Applications are assessed on a case-by-case basis, with funds allocated to those who demonstrate greatest need. <a href="https://www.bhcfoundation.org.uk/">https://www.bhcfoundation.org.uk/</a>

Forestry Commission's Urban Tree Challenge Fund. Grants are available to community and volunteer groups as well as Town Councils and individuals for tree planting projects in urban and peri-urban areas in England. Organisations and community groups can apply for grants between £10,000 and £30,000 for smaller, focused areas of planting; and block grants of over £125,000 with no upper limit are available to support multiple projects that are either geographically dispersed or focused in one area to be submitted under one application. The fund provides 50% of standard costs for planting and establishment. The remaining 50% must be met through match funding. Closing date: 31st May 2022. https://www.gov.uk/guidance/urban-tree-challenge-fund



Local Authority Treescapes Fund (England). The Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs has launched round two of the Local Authority Treescapes fund to increase tree planting and natural regeneration in local communities. £5.4 million is available during this funding round to establish more trees in non-woodland areas such as parks, riparian zones, copses and shelterbelts, as well as green lanes, beside roads and footpaths, and vacant and disused community spaces. Up to one hundred grants of between £50,000 and £300,000 will be awarded to unitary and top tier Local Authorities in England, working together with community groups, volunteers, and non-governmental organisations to target landscapes that have been neglected in the past, ecologically damaged or affected by tree diseases. Closing date: 31st May 2022. <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-authority-treescapes-fund">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-authority-treescapes-fund</a>

#### **North East**

Coalfields Recovery & Resilience Fund (North East, North West, Midlands, Yorkshire) is dedicated to improving the quality of life for the 5.5 million people living in Britain's former mining communities. Many of these communities still require support due to the huge impact the closure of the mines had upon them. The fund is open to projects that deliver in the top 30% most deprived coalfield communities and are delivering support services. <a href="https://www.coalfields-regen.org.uk/england/ccip-funding-support/">https://www.coalfields-regen.org.uk/england/ccip-funding-support/</a>

**People's Health Trust – Active Communities North East** opens on Wednesday 6 April at 1pm covering parts of County Durham and Newcastle Upon Tyne. A funding programme for community groups and not-for-profit organisations, with an income of less than £350,000 a year or an average of £350,000 over two years, seeking investment of between £5,000 and £40,000 for projects lasting up to two years. We're looking for small and local projects, genuinely designed and run by local people. https://www.peopleshealthtrust.org.uk/apply-for-funding

**Crowdfund North of Tyne** gives local people the opportunity to create and fund projects which celebrate and improve our local areas. During the coronavirus crisis we have seen the amazing resilience, innovation and compassion of people within our communities. As we emerge from the crisis, we hope that this programme will become a springboard for a locally led recovery. <a href="https://www.spacehive.com/movement/crowdfund-north-of-tyne/">https://www.spacehive.com/movement/crowdfund-north-of-tyne/</a>

1989 Willan Charitable Trust (North East) offers funding of up to £10,000 to tackle social deprivation. Registered charities exempted or excepted organisations can now apply for funding for core costs and charitable activities that benefit the residents of Tyne & Wear, Northumberland, County Durham and Teesside. Priority will be given to projects that ease social deprivation and/or enrich the fabric of the local community and the quality of life of individuals within that community. The Trustees prefer to prioritise projects for which the funding will represent a significant contribution to the delivery of the project. Closing date: 15th May 2022 for consideration at the June meeting of Trustees. <a href="https://www.communityfoundation.org.uk/group\_grant/the-1989-willan-charitable-trust/">https://www.communityfoundation.org.uk/group\_grant/the-1989-willan-charitable-trust/</a>



**Durham Community Action Virtual Meet the Funder Sessions.** A series of virtual funding information sessions with a range of funders and grant giving organisations for representatives of voluntary and community groups across County Durham. Information will be given on the various funds they have available, how to apply and there will be an opportunity for you to ask questions. https://www.durhamcommunityaction.org.uk/post.html/727/

**Durham Community Action Community Development Workshops** assist voluntary and community groups to manage their organisations effectively. The workshops cover a number of topics from good governance and volunteer management to completing funding bids and becoming a greener

VCSE Networking Event: Volunteering, Wednesday 25 May, 1pm - 3pm via Zoom.

Connected Voice brings together the voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations serving Newcastle and Gateshead with the fourth of our Spring 2022 Networking Events. https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/vcse-networking-event-volunteering-tickets-211987509347

#### MVDA (Middlesborough) Find a Funder Workshop 11th April 2022

Run through a search on Find a Funder to illustrate how it works and how to get the best results. Sign up on MVDA's events page: <a href="https://mvda.info/events">https://mvda.info/events</a>

## **North West**

**Sefton Crowd.** A community led scheme which funds ideas that create more vibrant, resilient and connected communities. The community project funding opportunity is part of Sefton Crowd, a council initiative that aims to give anyone who lives locally with ideas about how to improve their area the opportunity to gain funding via the UK's leading civic crowdfunding platform Spacehive. <a href="https://seftoncvs.org.uk/2022/02/22/community-groups-urged-to-bid-for-new-seftoncrowd-funding/">https://seftoncvs.org.uk/2022/02/22/community-groups-urged-to-bid-for-new-seftoncrowd-funding/</a>

LCR Cares – Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund. The Liverpool City Region Combined Authority with the VS6 Partnership has launched the LCR Cares Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund to support local charities, voluntary and community organisations that are helping vulnerable adults impacted by poor mental health and wellbeing. <a href="https://cfmerseyside.org.uk/funds/lcr-cares-%E2%80%93-mental-health-and-wellbeing-fund">https://cfmerseyside.org.uk/funds/lcr-cares-%E2%80%93-mental-health-and-wellbeing-fund</a>

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**Bolton CVS Funding and Development, Bolton's Fund Round 22.** Small grants up to £5,000 available for projects with an annual of income of under £50,000 in the last financial year that meet any of the following priorities of the Bolton's Fund:

- Children getting the best start in life
- Promoting healthy lifestyles and preventing ill health
- Empowering everyone in Bolton to reach their potential and take control of their lives.
- Fair employment and good work for all.
- Protecting and improving our environment to ensure a healthy standard of living for all.
- Stronger, cohesive, more confident communities, in which people feel safe, welcome and connected.

There is no deadline for this fund – it will close when the funding is all allocated. https://www.boltoncvs.org.uk/boltons-fund-0

Cash For Kids - Greater Manchester, Macclesfield and Warrington (Hits Radio). Cash for Kids is a local charity supporting local children in the Hits Radio Manchester broadcast area. Support is available to local voluntary and community groups and registered charities to run projects that benefit disadvantaged and disabled children who are up to and including the age of 18 years living in the Greater Manchester, Warrington or Macclesfield area. <a href="https://planetradio.co.uk/hits-radio/charity/info/grants-hits/">https://planetradio.co.uk/hits-radio/charity/info/grants-hits/</a>

The Duchy of Lancaster Benevolent Fund offers grants to charitable organisations that are active in Merseyside, Greater Manchester and Lancashire for projects that benefit local communities and residents. <a href="http://manchesterlieutenancy.org/lancaster">http://manchesterlieutenancy.org/lancaster</a>

Oldham Rotary Community Grant. Groups across Oldham can apply for up to £1,000 from Chadderton & Failsworth's Community Cash Award. Closing dates: 30th March, 30th June, 30th September and 30th November 2022. <a href="https://www.actiontogether.org.uk/rotary-community-grant-%C2%A31000">https://www.actiontogether.org.uk/rotary-community-grant-%C2%A31000</a>

**Manchester Airport Community Trust Fund.** Grants of a maximum of £3,000 are awarded to a broad range of projects including, for example, play areas, community fun days, community growing projects, riding for the disabled, that are delivered by not-for-profit organisations. Projects supported must be within a 10-mile radius of the Airport and priority is given to those areas most exposed to aircraft noise. **Closing date: 5pm, 6th June 2022.** 

https://www.manchesterairport.co.uk/community/working-in-our-community/community-trust-fund/

## ENGLAND

## **Yorkshire & Humber**

Coalfields Recovery & Resilience Fund (North East, North West, Midlands, Yorkshire) is dedicated to improving the quality of life for the 5.5 million people living in Britain's former mining communities. Many of these communities still require support due to the huge impact the closure of the mines had upon them. The fund is open to projects that deliver in the top 30% most deprived coalfield communities and are delivering support services that will make a positive difference. https://www.coalfields-regen.org.uk/england/ccip-funding-support/

East Coast Community Fund for Communities Affected by Coronavirus (Yorkshire coast). Charities, community groups, and local councils on the Yorkshire coast can apply for funding from renewable energy company Ørsted's £465,000 East Coast Community Fund. Grants of between £1,000 and £50,000 are available and applications are encouraged to support communities through to recovery. Closing date: 27th July 2022. https://www.grantscape.org.uk/fund/eastcoastcommunityfund/

The Brelms Trust (Yorkshire). Grants available to a wide variety of charities operating in the community. Funding is given exclusively to charities based in Yorkshire and directly benefitting only Yorkshire communities. Priority in our grant giving is given to charities working at the heart of communities to tackle disadvantage and to provide sustainable benefit to the community. Applications are welcomed from a diversity of charitable organisations and can cover staff salaries, volunteer expenses and running costs, as well as direct service provision. <a href="https://www.brelmstrust.org.uk/">https://www.brelmstrust.org.uk/</a>

**Building Powerful Communities Small Capital Grants Programme (Yorkshire)** is about developing third sector capacity, building on local community assets and resources through a programme of activity to support the third sector to become more enterprising and sustainable.

Support is available to new and existing organisations, and entrepreneurs who are based or operating in the areas of Airedale, Castleford, Ferrybridge, Havercroft & Ryhill, Kinsley & Fitzwilliam, South Elmsall & South Kirkby and Hemsworth.

Small Capital Grants are to enable the purchase of equipment to ensure long term relevance of community assets. Funding requests should be in the range of £1,000 - £10,000. The grant will cover 60% of the costs of the equipment, 40% match costs will need to be provided by the organisation (e.g. other charitable grant givers, bank loans). <a href="https://www.nova-wd.org.uk/funding/2019/12/12/clld-small-capital-grants-fund/">https://www.nova-wd.org.uk/funding/2019/12/12/clld-small-capital-grants-fund/</a>

**Two Ridings Community Foundation** manages community benefit funds provided by alternative energy suppliers as part of their developments. One fund run by RWE Renewables is the Knabs Ridge Wind Farm community benefit fund near Harrogate, which supports local projects identified by local people. <a href="https://www.tworidingscf.org.uk/fund/knabs-ridge-wind-farm-community-fund/">https://www.tworidingscf.org.uk/fund/knabs-ridge-wind-farm-community-fund/</a>



The Nunburnholme Trust (Hull) provides small grants of up to £500 to community groups, self-help groups etc. in Hull and its immediate neighbourhood. The priority of the trust is given to education and projects that help the young, elderly or unemployed. Applications are reviewed by the Trust Trustees 3 times a year (Feb, June, Oct). For further information or to request an application form email: nunburnholme\_tr@yahoo.co.uk

The South Yorkshire Community Foundation is seeking applications for its Community Grants Programme from volunteer-led community groups and organisations. The programme awards grants of up to £5,000 to not-for-profit organisations for projects that are for the benefit and wellbeing of the people and communities of South Yorkshire. Closing date: 12 noon on 15th August 2022. https://www.sycf.org.uk/grants-to-organisations/sycf-community-grants-programme/

## Eastern England

Amey Community Fund (Cambridgeshire) offers grants of £10,000 to £100,000 are available to not-for-profit organisations for a variety of projects including "The provision, maintenance or improvement of a public park or other general public amenity", and "The conservation of a specific species or a specific habitat where it naturally occurs". Projects must be within 10 miles of an active landfill site, and applicants must be able to contribute 11% of the value of the grant. <a href="https://wasteservices.amey.co.uk/where-we-work/cambridgeshire/schools-and-the-community/amey-community-fund/">https://wasteservices.amey.co.uk/where-we-work/cambridgeshire/schools-and-the-community/amey-community-fund/</a>

**Fenland District Council Environment Fund**. Grants are available to non-profit groups that wish to make improvements in their community that will have an environmental and educational benefit in the Glassmoor, Whitemill and Ransonmoor areas. <a href="https://www.fenland.gov.uk/grants">https://www.fenland.gov.uk/grants</a>

**East Coast Community Fund for Communities Affected by Coronavirus (Lincolnshire and North Norfolk coast).** Charities, community groups, and local councils on the Lincolnshire and North Norfolk coasts can apply for funding from renewable energy company Ørsted's £465,000 East Coast Community Fund. Grants of between £1,000 and £50,000 are available and applications are encouraged to support communities through to recovery. **Closing date: 27th July 2022.** https://www.grantscape.org.uk/fund/eastcoastcommunityfund/

**Community Action Suffolk Funding & Development Surgeries.** Book onto one of our 1-1 funding & development sessions to discuss your funding idea or talk through any problems you are experiencing or opportunities you may wish to explore.

https://www.communityactionsuffolk.org.uk/organisation-support/traininganddevelopment/1-to-1-surgeries/



**Enovert Community Trust (ECT)** funds community projects in the Colchester area through a scheme called the Landfill Communities Fund. ECT would like organisations who have projects in the Colchester area to apply. Projects should be within a 10 mile radius of Enovert's Bellhouse landfill site at Stanway (postcode is CO3 0NN).

ECT funds projects that help improve, protect, provide and/or maintain public amenities. This can be land or a building, such as playgrounds, sports clubs, leisure facilities, communal gardens and more. <a href="https://www.community360.org.uk/funding-for-community-environmental-projects-in-the-colchester-area/">https://www.community360.org.uk/funding-for-community-environmental-projects-in-the-colchester-area/</a>

**DRIVE (Norfolk and Suffolk)** is a new business mentoring and funding support programme for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). The programme supports businesses to help grow and develop Norfolk and Suffolk's rural economy. DRIVE provides local businesses with access to a capital grant to invest in new business development that leads to job creation. You could receive:

- Up to 12 hours of guidance from a Business Mentor to evaluate your business plans and DRIVE application.
- A grant between £5,000 and £30,000 (up to 40% of total project costs).
- If you are a business with a project idea, go to About DRIVE for more information including who is eligible and how to apply.

https://www.driveforbusiness.co.uk/

Mick George Community Fund (parts of Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, and Norfolk). Grants from £10,000 to £50,000 are available to not-for-profit organisations for capital improvement works to public amenity projects including village greens, nature reserves and country parks. Projects must be within 10 miles of a Mick George Landfill site (https://bit.ly/3vstOLY), and applicants must be able to contribute 11% of the value of the grant. Closing date: 31st August 2022.

https://www.grantscape.org.uk/fund/mick-george-community-fund/

**Bedfordshire CVS** has scheduled a new programme of popular face to face workshops for organisations in the voluntary and community sector in Bedfordshire, covering funding, measuring impact, trustee skills and safeguarding: <a href="https://www.cvsbeds.org.uk/news/2022/01/31/training-workshops-are-back/">https://www.cvsbeds.org.uk/news/2022/01/31/training-workshops-are-back/</a>

**Mental Health training resources in Essex,** A heightened awareness of mental health issues can be essential for keyworkers when trying to understand the root cause of mental ill health. These resources are free and the courses are conducted virtually.

https://www.community360.org.uk/mental-health-training-resources/

Suffolk Men's Shed Development Project Community Action Suffolk is hosting the Suffolk Men's Shed Development Project. Our Development Officers will be working directly with existing and developing new sheds in partnership with UK Men's Shed Association and other voluntary and statutory organisations across Suffolk. Men's sheds are places to make things, share practical skills, and build friendships. Sheds help reduce loneliness and isolation, bring people together and contribute to building thriving communities; but most importantly, they're fun! https://www.communityactionsuffolk.org.uk/mens-sheds/



#### West & East Midlands

Coalfields Recovery & Resilience Fund (North East, North West, Midlands, Yorkshire) is dedicated to improving the quality of life for the 5.5 million people living in Britain's former mining communities. Many of these communities still require support due to the huge impact the closure of the mines had upon them. The fund is open to projects that deliver in the top 30% most deprived coalfield communities and are delivering support services that will make a positive difference. https://www.coalfields-regen.org.uk/england/ccip-funding-support/

**The Graham Griffiths Fund** has grants of up to £3,000 to support projects tackling disadvantage through community initiatives in the West Midlands and Warwickshire. Applications must meet one of the following aims:

- Projects that improve the quality of life for communities.
- Projects that support improvements through a range of environmental initiatives.
- Projects that support general community activity that promotes good health and well being.

https://www.heartofenglandcf.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Graham-Griffiths-Fund.pdf

The Heart of England Foundation has partnered with the West Midlands Combined Authority [WMCA] to deliver the Community Green Grants programme. Time spent in nature is known to be beneficial to physical and mental wellbeing. It is important that opportunities to be in green spaces is increased, especially in areas with limited access. <a href="https://www.heartofenglandcf.co.uk/wmca-community-green-grants/">https://www.heartofenglandcf.co.uk/wmca-community-green-grants/</a>

West Midlands Greener Together. The West Midlands Combined Authority has agreed to implement an online open forum (West Midlands Greener Together) beginning on March 31st from 6-8 pm to discuss and review their "Climate Action Plan." <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/west-midlands-greener-together-quarterly-forum-tickets-288493500827?aff=eemailordconf&utm\_campaign=order\_confirm&utm\_medium=email&ref=eemailordconf&utm\_source=eventbrite&utm\_term=viewevent">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/west-midlands-greener-together-quarterly-forum-tickets-288493500827?aff=eemailordconf&utm\_campaign=order\_confirm&utm\_medium=email&ref=eemailordconf&utm\_source=eventbrite&utm\_term=viewevent</a>

**Foundation Derbyshire** grants aim to improve the quality of community life in Derbyshire & tackle disadvantage by providing grants to community & voluntary sector groups striving to make a difference in their area. <a href="www.foundationderbyshire.org">www.foundationderbyshire.org</a>

Mick George Community Fund (parts of Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Northamptonshire and Rutland). Grants from £10,000 to £50,000 are available to not-for-profit organisations for capital improvement works to public amenity projects including village greens, nature reserves and country parks. Projects must be within 10 miles of a Mick George Landfill site (https://bit.ly/3vstOLY), and applicants must be able to contribute 11% of the value of the grant. Closing date: 31st August 2022. https://www.grantscape.org.uk/fund/mick-george-community-fund/



**Nottingham Community and Voluntary Service (NCVS) Training Courses** It's time to start planning your staff and volunteer training for the year ahead. Courses cover:

- Skills for running an organisation
- Safeguarding
- Skills for leaders of volunteers
- Support for social entrepreneurs

https://www.nottinghamcvs.co.uk/support-for-groups/training-courses

#### South West

**Devon Community Fund Community Grants** are designed to enable small, local, grassroots organisations across Devon to support, encourage and develop thriving communities. Applications of up to £2,000 are available to make big difference to community organisations and the projects, services and support they provide. <a href="https://devoncf.com/grants/community-grants/">https://devoncf.com/grants/community-grants/</a>

**Report: Reflect, Recover, Renew.** Funded by Somerset County Council and Somerset Community Foundation, and delivered by Spark Somerset, Reflect, Recover, Renew investigates the impact of Covid-19 and creates a shared vision for the future of the VCSE sector in Somerset. You can read the Report Summary here: <a href="https://sparksomerset.us11.list-">https://sparksomerset.us11.list-</a>

manage.com/track/click?u=bcc8d1f67695b144b4ffbe122&id=0715de11c1&e=3e9b259ab6

Wessex Community Action Thinking Space Conference - 12th October 2022. This online conference aims to create a space for thinking and creativity for staff, trustees, and volunteers from Wiltshire's Voluntary and Community organisations. Our guest speakers will set out to challenge, present an argument or call to action which will form the basis of a conversation, discussion, or debate, creating an opportunity for us to think differently and have broader conversations that could lead to creative, challenging, and inspiring thinking. Save the date!

**Setting up a Community Interest Company. VOSCUR, Bristol.** Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2022 - 12:30 to 14:00. Becoming a Community Interest Company (CIC) is an exciting step forward for groups or organisations that want to be a business and have social impact. However, you will need to think about some key issues first, to make sure you're doing the right thing for you and your social enterprise. This briefing covers why and how to set up as a CIC, and how to run well once you are set up. For information about all Voscur training courses visit <a href="https://www.vcseacademy.org/">https://www.vcseacademy.org/</a>

**Bristol City Council's Bristol Impact Fund** helps voluntary and community organisations of all sizes do more for their communities. A new Small Grants round programme will open on 8th March 2022. Voscur will provide free support for voluntary and community organisations that are eligible and wish to apply. <a href="https://www.voscur.org/content/bristol-impact-fund-2-%E2%80%93-small-grants">https://www.voscur.org/content/bristol-impact-fund-2-%E2%80%93-small-grants</a>



Voscur Training Course: Setting up a Community Interest Company, Wednesday 23rd March, 2022
- 12:30 to 14:00. Becoming a Community Interest Company (CIC) is an exciting step forward for groups or organisations that want to be a business and have social impact. However, you will need

to think about some key issues first, to make sure you're doing the right thing for you and your social enterprise. This briefing covers why and how to set up as a CIC, and how to run well once you are set up. https://www.vcseacademy.org/

**People's Health Trust – Active Communities South West** is open from Wednesday 9th March for parts of Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole, Cornwall, Dorset, North Somerset, Plymouth, Wiltshire. A funding programme for community groups and not-for-profit organisations, with an income of less than £350,000 a year or an average of £350,000 over two years, seeking investment of between £5,000 and £40,000 for projects lasting up to two years. We're looking for small and local projects, genuinely designed and run by local people.

Nature-Based Two Day Creative Coaching & Mentoring Workshops (North Somerset). The Outdoor College has joined with Kin (www.connectkin.org) to deliver a workshop of peer-to-peer coaching and mentoring techniques to enable you and your organisation to advance the work you do with your communities. Focusing on key skills and how we can creatively bring nature into our work, the course will take place in the beautiful woodlands at Brown Rock Farm in Tickenham near Bristol. https://www.outdoorcollege.co.uk/creative-coaching

#### **Social Enterprise Workshops (Somerset)**

Do you run an established Social Enterprise, or are you an aspiring social entrepreneur with a great idea that will benefit your local community? As Somerset Social Entrepreneurs Programme partners, we're delivering a series of FREE, online, and face to face events to help you start, run, finance, and grow your Social Enterprise.

Reserve your place now on one of our online workshops:

https://www.peopleshealthtrust.org.uk/apply-for-funding

- Write your business plan in an hour, Tuesday 29 March
- Income Generation, Wednesday 4 May
- Social Enterprise Q&A, Tuesday 21 June

Find out more and reserve your place on any of these events: <a href="https://sparksomerset.org.uk/free-workshops-and-networking-events-social-enterprises">https://sparksomerset.org.uk/free-workshops-and-networking-events-social-enterprises</a>



## South East

**Sutton Community Fund** is a grants funding programme, financed by Sutton Council and administered by Community Action Sutton. It supports small and community focused projects that benefit Sutton residents and meet local priorities contained within the Sutton Plan. The Sutton Community Fund awards grants of between £500 and £5,000 to projects that benefit Sutton's residents. <a href="https://www.communityactionsutton.org.uk/our-work/funding/sutton-community-fund/">https://www.communityactionsutton.org.uk/our-work/funding/sutton-community-fund/</a>

**The Sutton Innovation Fund** is a new fund that's available for smaller organisations to bid for innovative projects that will benefit the local community. The Innovation Fund has been designed for small groups to come up with new ideas/innovation to develop their organisation and raise their profile. Applications will need to demonstrate how you meet the one or more of the following priorities: Improving Health and Wellbeing; Community Cohesion; Young People; Reducing Social isolation. **Closing date for video applications: 14th April 2022.** 

https://www.communityactionsutton.org.uk/our-work/funding/innovation-fund/

Medway VCS has launched their Transformation Academy which will offer opportunities to:

- Gain access to new skills and free training
- Work with, and learn from, other like-minded VCSE organisations
- Receive payments for testing local solutions and mentoring other organisations

https://www.mva.org.uk/organisations/vcs-transformation-academy-alliance

Fundraiser Network Meeting – Digital Marketing for Charities, Wednesday 6th April, 9.30am - 12noon, The Track, Bognor Regis Train Station. Come along to hear Marketing specialist, Victoria Hilditch, talk about the basic steps of how to develop a digital marketing strategy. Find out how to use Facebook, Instagram and Twitter to drive brand awareness and fundraising efforts. <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/fundraiser-network-meeting-digital-marketing-for-charities-tickets-269621995647">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/fundraiser-network-meeting-digital-marketing-for-charities-tickets-269621995647</a>

**Sussex Community Foundation General Awards**. To support a wide range of activities that help to address disadvantage and deprivation in communities in Sussex and to build resilience in those communities. West Sussex based voluntary and community groups, with an annual income of less than £2m. Grant: Up to £10,000. **Closing: 5pm, 6th May 2022.** <a href="https://sussexgiving.org.uk/apply-forgrants/how-it-works/">https://sussexgiving.org.uk/apply-forgrants/how-it-works/</a>

Free fundraising training for organisations operating in West Sussex or Brighton & Hove Voluntary Action Arun & Chichester is working with fundraiser Lucy Stone of No Stone Uncovered, to design a series of sessions to improve your fundraising skills. <a href="https://bhcommunityworks.org.uk/free-fundraising-course-2022/">https://bhcommunityworks.org.uk/free-fundraising-course-2022/</a>



### London

The Newcomen Collett Foundation to Support the Education of Children & Young People (Southwark). Supports the education of residents of the London Borough of Southwark who are under the age of 25 through various grant-making programmes. The Foundation's funding priorities are:

- Helping schools and other groups to buy equipment for the benefit of children.
- Supporting extra-curricular activities for children and young people. For example, school trips, after school clubs, holiday clubs, uniformed organisations.
- Helping organisations that provide educational opportunities to schools and colleges in the Borough of Southwark.

A total of £100,000 in funding is available per year, and the charity considers applications four times a year. Closing date: 13th May 2022.

http://www.newcomencollett.org.uk/organisations.html

Barnet Together - Local Insights and Funding Opportunities 6<sup>th</sup> April 10am – 12 noon. This online (via MS Teams) session is for Barnet's Voluntary, Community, Faith and Social Enterprise (VCFSE) sector. Suitable for any VCFSE organisation that is providing support/ services etc for those living or working in the London Borough of Barnet. <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/barnet-bonus-session-local-insights-and-funding-opportunities-6-of-8-tickets-230878432607">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/barnet-bonus-session-local-insights-and-funding-opportunities-6-of-8-tickets-230878432607</a>

Mayor of London's Culture and Community Spaces at Risk. The aim of the Culture and Community Spaces at Risk programme is to protect at-risk spaces valued by local communities. We do it by undertaking active casework, research and engagement to help inform best practice for protecting cultural and social infrastructure. If you need support to complete the application form, please email <a href="mailto:cultureatrisk@london.gov.uk">cultureatrisk@london.gov.uk</a> <a href="https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/arts-and-culture/cultural-infrastructure-toolbox/culture-and-community-spaces-risk">culture/cultural-infrastructure-toolbox/culture-and-community-spaces-risk</a>



City Bridge Trust Fund to Tackle Social Inequalities (London). The Greater London Authority, in partnership with City Bridge Trust, has launched a £1 million fund to help strengthen groups that are led by and for communities impacted by structural inequalities, including Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic communities, Disabled people, LGBT+, Women and Older people. The Civil Society Roots 3 programme will award grants of between £1,000 and £50,000 to support organisations & networks in Bromley, Enfield, Harrow, Havering, Hillingdon, Hounslow, Newham, Redbridge, Sutton and Wandsworth to tackle inequality by developing new partnerships, working on collaborative projects, and investing in research, capacity building, and training. Closing date: Midday, 22nd April 2022. https://www.citybridgetrust.org.uk/civil-society-roots-3-funding/

The Rose Foundation (London) offers funding for Charity Building Projects. Registered charities and exempt bodies in London undertaking building projects of less than £200,000 can apply for grants of between £5,000 and £10,000. The building work can include general refurbishments or a specific scheme; repairs; creating disabled access; or fulfilling of Health and Safety requirements or fire protection. Closing date: 31st March 2022. <a href="http://www.rosefoundation.co.uk/">http://www.rosefoundation.co.uk/</a>

Claim your funded one-year membership of the Charity Tax Group. Special offer for London-based charities of all sizes. Claim your one year, funded membership of the Charity Tax Group, a volunteer-led organisation supporting charitable organisations with tax matters. The Charity Tax Group helps charities navigate the tax maze, with regular newsletters, expert insight webinars and an extensive online information hub.

The Charity Tax Group also provides training through its free, online expert insight events on charity tax issues of the day. These have included Gift Aid, business rates, VAT, payroll giving and employment taxes. <a href="https://www.charitytaxgroup.org.uk/news-post/2022/london-based-charities-claim-funded-one-year-membership/">https://www.charitytaxgroup.org.uk/news-post/2022/london-based-charities-claim-funded-one-year-membership/</a>

**London Catalyst Funding to Tackle Poverty and Improve Health.** Registered London charities that are helping people with long term health conditions, mental ill-health or addictions can apply for grants of up to £10,000 to support their work. To be eligible, charities must be working with an expert health agency/provider and priority will be given to groups with an annual income of less than £500,000.

The next grant scrutiny meeting is on 3rd May 2022 and will consider applications to the Project and Samaritan's grants programmes. Applicants are advised to submit bids at least four weeks prior to the meeting. <a href="https://www.londoncatalyst.org.uk/grants/">https://www.londoncatalyst.org.uk/grants/</a>

The John Lyon's Charity School Holiday Activity Fund for May Half Term (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. Funding 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. Costs could include sessional staffing costs, transport for children with special needs and/or disabilities, digital delivery, equipment, and food during activities. Closing date: 25th April 2022 for activities taking place during the May half-term holidays. <a href="https://www.jlc.london/grants/our-grant-funds/school-holiday-activity-fund/">https://www.jlc.london/grants/our-grant-funds/school-holiday-activity-fund/</a>



**Looking for professional volunteer support?** Through LEAP, the City of London Corporation's employee volunteering programme, we can offer you the skills, enthusiasm and experience of City Corporation staff. LEAP can match volunteers to your needs. We can also share your volunteering opportunities with employees from across the corporation.

Staff from across the City Corporation are provided with up to 14 hours of special paid leave each year, to support and encourage volunteering. LEAP will listen to your requirements and match your organisation with a volunteer that meets your specific needs, providing professional or practical support either in person or virtually. <a href="https://www.citybridgetrust.org.uk/what-we-do/find-volunteers-to-support-your-organisation/">https://www.citybridgetrust.org.uk/what-we-do/find-volunteers-to-support-your-organisation/</a>

**Free 'bite sized' surgery sessions for community organisations in London.** As part of their City Bridge Trust funded London Spotlight programme, Locality are offering free bite sized 'surgery' sessions with their consultancy team. You can get valuable 'take aways' on topics including:

- Funding a tailored funder search and advice on funding bids.
- Local Data a bespoke report for your area from 'Local Insight', a platform combining many data sources.
- Social Impact help to produce a quick 'story of change', top tips and the possibility of a more in-depth social impact report.
- Organisational Health access to our bespoke Lighthouse tool to help prioritise actions for organisational health and resilience.

https://locality.org.uk/spotlight-surgeries/

## SCOTLAND

Wee Grants for Wee Groups (Scotland). The Robertson Trust has announced that small charities and constituted community groups can apply for grants of up to £2,000 through the Wee Grants for Wee Groups scheme. To be eligible, organisations must have an income of less than £25,000 per year and must fit within the Trusts funding strands of:

- Financial wellbeing: tackling the financial and material effects of poverty on people and communities
- Emotional wellbeing and relationships: ensuring people have emotional wellbeing, and confidence and strength in their relationships with others
- Educational and work pathways: equipping people for the future by supporting learning and skills

Applications can be submitted at any time and decisions are usually made within 8 weeks. https://www.therobertsontrust.org.uk/funding/wee-grants/

Learning through Landscapes' Local Schools Nature Grant Programme ((England, Scotland & Wales) is funded by the players of People's Postcode Lottery. 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. Schools can choose from hundreds of different products to deliver outdoor learning and play. 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. Applications for round one will be accepted between 22nd March 2022 and 29th April 2022. <a href="https://www.ltl.org.uk/news/local-school-nature-grants-to-return-for-biggest-year-yet/">https://www.ltl.org.uk/news/local-school-nature-grants-to-return-for-biggest-year-yet/</a>

Vacant & Derelict Land Investment Programme (Scotland). VDLIP is a capital programme scheduled over 2021-26 to help with tackling persistent vacant and derelict land and supporting place-based approaches to delivering regeneration and sustainable inclusive growth.

<a href="https://www.gov.scot/publications/low-carbon-fund-vacant-derelict-land-investment-programme-projects/">https://www.gov.scot/publications/low-carbon-fund-vacant-derelict-land-investment-programme-projects/</a>

**SSE - Resilient Communities Fund North of Scotland**. The fund to supports communities to improve their resilience. It is particularly focused on projects which help vulnerable or isolated people living in the SSE network areas. **Closing date: 29th April 2022**. <a href="https://www.ssen.co.uk/RCF/Scotland/">https://www.ssen.co.uk/RCF/Scotland/</a>

**The Pleasance Trust (Edinburgh)** makes grants to voluntary organisations in the Edinburgh area which are concerned with the welfare of young people, in particular, through the encouragement of participation in outdoor activities. <a href="http://www.pleasancetrust.org.uk/">http://www.pleasancetrust.org.uk/</a>

**SRDP - Crofting Agricultural Grant Scheme** provides grants for crofters to make improvements to their crofts and help to sustain their businesses.

https://www.ruralpayments.org/publicsite/futures/topics/all-schemes/crofting-agricultural-grant-scheme/



Heart of the Community Fund (Glasgow and Edinburgh) helps local communities thrive. Every three months Virgin Money Lounges in Glasgow and Edinburgh give three local community organisations the chance to receive small grants. <a href="https://virginmoneyfoundation.org.uk/grants-programme/heart-community-fund/">https://virginmoneyfoundation.org.uk/grants-programme/heart-community-fund/</a>

**Dumfries & Galloway Council - Area Committee Grants** can provide financial assistance to the third sector (voluntary and community organisations) who can apply to one or more of four Area Committees: Annandale and Eskdale; Nithsdale; Stewartry; Wigtown. <a href="https://www.dumgal.gov.uk/article/17029/Funding-from-Area-Committees">https://www.dumgal.gov.uk/article/17029/Funding-from-Area-Committees</a>

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The Weir Charitable Trust (Scotland) supports services and projects run by Scottish-based community groups and small charities who are struggling to secure funds through mainstream funders or who have unsuccessfully explored all the statutory sources of funding. Grants of up to £25,000 are awarded. Closing date: 31st August 2022. https://weircharitabletrust.com/apply-now

# WALES

The National Lottery Community Fund People and Places (Wales): Medium grants offers funding from £10,001 to £100,000 for projects where people and communities are working together and using their strengths to make positive impacts on the things that matter to them the most. <a href="https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/people-and-places-medium-grants">https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/people-and-places-medium-grants</a>

The National Lottery Heritage Fund Local Places for Nature (Wales) is a capital grant scheme intended to enable communities in Wales to restore and enhance nature. https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/funding/local-places-nature

Henry Smith Strengthening Communities (England & Wales) grant programme aims to support small, grass roots organisations who are embedded in the community, working within the most deprived areas of the UK. <a href="https://www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/explore-our-grants-and-apply/strengthening-communities-grants/strengthening-communities-overview/">https://www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/explore-our-grants-and-apply/strengthening-communities-grants/strengthening-communities-overview/</a>

**Learning through Landscapes' Local Schools Nature Grant Programme ((England, Scotland & Wales)** is funded by the players of People's Postcode Lottery. 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. Schools can choose from hundreds of different products to deliver outdoor learning and play. 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. **Applications for round one will be accepted between 22nd March 2022 and 29th April 2022.** <a href="https://www.ltl.org.uk/news/local-school-nature-grants-to-return-for-biggest-year-yet/">https://www.ltl.org.uk/news/local-school-nature-grants-to-return-for-biggest-year-yet/</a>

Rewilding Britain's Innovative Rewilding Projects Fund (England, Scotland & Wales). Grants of up to £15,000 are available for locally-led land and marine rewilding projects in England, Scotland and Wales. Rewilding Britain's Rewilding Innovation Fund will support between fifteen and twenty innovative projects seeking to create new opportunities for large-scale nature restoration projects.

Applicants must be members of the Rewilding Network, which could include community groups, landowners, land managers, farmers and local groups. Applicants who are not members of the Rewilding Network, please apply to become a Rewilding Network member before making a funding application. Closing date: 31st March 2022. <a href="https://www.rewildingbritain.org.uk/support-rewilding-network/rewilding-innovation-fund">https://www.rewildingbritain.org.uk/support-rewilding-network/rewilding-innovation-fund</a>

**Co-op Foundation Community Spaces (Wales)** interest-free loans of up to £50,000 are available to help organisations that own or manage a community space in Wales for the benefit of local people and the environment to grow their trading activities and become more sustainable. <a href="https://www.coopfoundation.org.uk/strengthening-communities/">https://www.coopfoundation.org.uk/strengthening-communities/</a>

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**Edible Cardiff: Spring Festival, Wednesday 20 April - Friday 20 May.** The Edible Cardiff Spring Festival is back for its second year and will be running across the city of Cardiff this Spring. We will be encouraging and helping community growing groups to hold events and celebrate all things growing! <a href="https://www.ediblecardiff.org/">https://www.ediblecardiff.org/</a>

## **NORTHERN IRELAND**

**Dormant Accounts Fund (Northern Ireland).** £20 million in funding is to be made available from dormant bank and building society accounts to help the Voluntary and Community sector in Northern Ireland to be more resilient and prepared for the future by funding activity that increases capacity and sustainability. The Dormant Accounts Fund will award grants of up to £100,000 for between one and three years to support voluntary and community organisations, social enterprises, and other not-for-profit organisations.

The Fund will also support larger, strategic projects that will enable collaboration across the sector and develop new and creative approaches to sustainability. Funding is being delivered by the National Lottery Community Fund and will increase as further dormant funds are made available each year. Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.

https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/dormant-accounts-ni#section-1

**NIVCA #DigitalFundraising** series resources and webinar recordings on a range of fundraising topics are now available: <a href="https://www.nicva.org/article/digitalfundraising-series-2021-resources-and-webinar-recordings">https://www.nicva.org/article/digitalfundraising-series-2021-resources-and-webinar-recordings</a>

The Climate Challenge Fund (NI) can provide a maximum of £5,000 to each applicant. This forms part of the £477,000 that Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful received from the UK Community Replacement Fund to facilitate a greater local response to the threat of climate change. The overall aim of the project is to (a) educate the wider community about climate change through free Carbon Literacy Programmes training, in order to (b) empower and inspire civic action that can help Northern Ireland tackle the climate emergency. Closing date: 8th April 2022.

https://www.liveherelovehere.org/cgi-bin/generic?instanceID=76

# UK WIDE TRAINING

**CAF How to write a great grant application**: Three videos from CAF to help give you the best shot at securing the funding your charity needs. Understanding how to put together a winning grant or funding application is essential – now more than ever!

- What makes a great grant application?
- How should charities approach writing a grant application?
- What are common grant application mistakes?

https://www.cafonline.org/charities/resilience/survive/how-to-write-a-great-grant-application

The Alzheimer's Society's Dementia Friends initiative raises awareness of the needs of people with dementia and offer support as they go about their lives in our communities. Dementia Friends is a social action movement run by Alzheimer's Society that aims to give people an understanding of dementia, and the small things we can all do that could make a difference to people living with dementia in our communities. Dementia Friends attend an Information Session and then commit to an action that will make the lives of people living with dementia a little better.

dementiafriends@alzheimers.org.uk

**FREE on-line Fundraising courses from Get Grants** Get Grants provides practical support in the form of training, information, and advice that fundraisers with all levels of experience can take away and put into practice. <a href="https://www.getgrants.org.uk/">https://www.getgrants.org.uk/</a>

- **Virtual Fundraisers Networking, Tuesday 22nd March**, 1pm 2pm. Book your free place: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/free-virtual-fundraisers-networking-tickets-252931784777
- Meet the Funder with Groundwork Comic Relief Community Fund, Tuesday 5th April,
   11am 12pm. Book your free place: <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/free-virtual-meet-the-funder-event-groundwork-comic-relief-tickets-265787426347">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/free-virtual-meet-the-funder-event-groundwork-comic-relief-tickets-265787426347</a>

Social prescribing and the Armed Forces community: E-learning module. This training module is designed to enhance social prescribing link worker's (SPLW) support for current serving personnel, military veterans and their families. While many aspects of their health needs are the same as other members of society, there are sometimes significant differences from other patients, particularly conditions related to life in the forces, and the overall impact of military life on the family. This module is primarily aimed at SPLWs but may also be of interest to anyone supporting the armed forces in their local community. https://www.e-lfh.org.uk/programmes/social-prescribing/

University of Chester have also produced a series of videos to provide healthcare staff and practitioners with an insight into the Armed Forces community and to support staff to deliver optimum care to military veterans and their families. The videos consist of six chapters and covers

areas including the common physical and mental health issues impacting veterans and their families, and highlighting the help available. <a href="https://www1.chester.ac.uk/introduction-armed-forces-community">https://www1.chester.ac.uk/introduction-armed-forces-community</a>

#### **NCVO Online Funding Training**

• FUNDING STRATEGY AND DIVERSIFICATION IN THE CURRENT CLIMATE 21st April & 10th June (1 day course)

This online course for NCVO members will help you understand and analyse the current funding situation of your organisation and teach you how to plan for the future.

https://booking.ncvo.org.uk/training/event\_series/online-training-funding-strategy-and-diversification-post-covid-19

• WRITING SUCCESSFUL BIDS 13th May & 27th June (1 day course)

In this online training course for NCVO members, you will learn how to write solid funding applications with confidence and with focus.

https://booking.ncvo.org.uk/training/event\_series/online-training-writing-successful-bids

**Get Grants Fundraising Courses** have been designed to provide attendees with practical knowledge and equip them with the necessary skills and tools to improve fundraising success. https://www.getgrants.org.uk/upcoming/

#### Engaging the Public on Climate Change Training, 7th April 2022 2-4:30pm

Do you want to gain skills and knowledge on Communicating Climate Change? Do you want to reach new audiences?

The training workshop will be led by George Marshall, founder of Climate Outreach, Europe's leading specialist in public engagement on climate change. The workshop will be fast-moving, interactive and fun, with opportunities for questions and discussions in small groups. You will:

- Learn how to design a public engagement strategy
- Hear the research and practical experience on effective communications, especially with a view to reaching new audiences.
- Learn the key messaging around personal behaviour change

https://communicatingclimatechange.eventbrite.co.uk

# Crowdfunding

Social Farms & Gardens have partnered with Crowdfunder to offer a crowdfunding hub and specialist resources for gardens, farms and other community growing spaces who are looking to boost their income through crowdfunding.

Find out more on our **Crowdfunding page** 





