

Potential Grant Funding Sources and Sources of Advice, Information and Guidance for the Voluntary Sector in Staffordshire

Funding and Support for the Voluntary Sector in Staffordshire

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General Comments about Grants In General

Grants are non-repayable funds that enable voluntary and community organisations to provide services or activities. In the UK, there are over 4,000 grant funders and the process is highly competitive.

Grants are ideal for supporting capacity building, for new activities which over time could become self-financing or helping turn organisations into being self-sufficient. They are also widely used for projects.

Some of the Challenges of grants

As grants rarely last longer than three years, they are only intended to help set-up or build capacity, so you must have a strategy to help put the organisation onto an even footing for the longer term.

Many funders have specific priorities for types of activity they want to fund, which means that not all grants are open to everyone, equally they may be geographically focused.

Funding is often over-subscribed, which means that competition for funding is often intense.


The whole funding process often takes between two and six months, depending on the funder and often the size of the grant to submit an application and receive a response.

Funders do not fund day-to-day running costs and it can be hard to secure the true costs of running a project from a grant-giver.

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- Social enterprise;
- Housing Association;
- Council for Voluntary Service or funding adviser;
- Local authority external funding department;
- Health Trust, Police Authority, Drugs Action Team or other public sector agency;
- Community partnership or area regeneration scheme.

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To be eligible you have to meet their particular rules.

These may be based on your location, age, gender, current or past jobs or health condition.

Some funds help based on details of your partner, ex-partner or dependent children.

Do a search for yourself and a separate one for your partner, ex-partner or the person who needs help.

If you are looking for a grant for a child or young person, do a search based on their background and circumstances as well as those of their parents/guardians.

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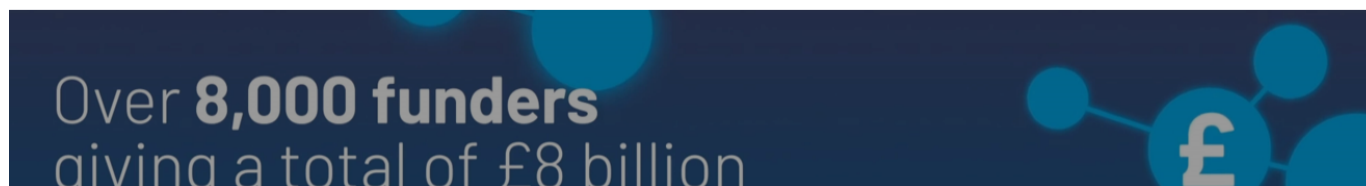
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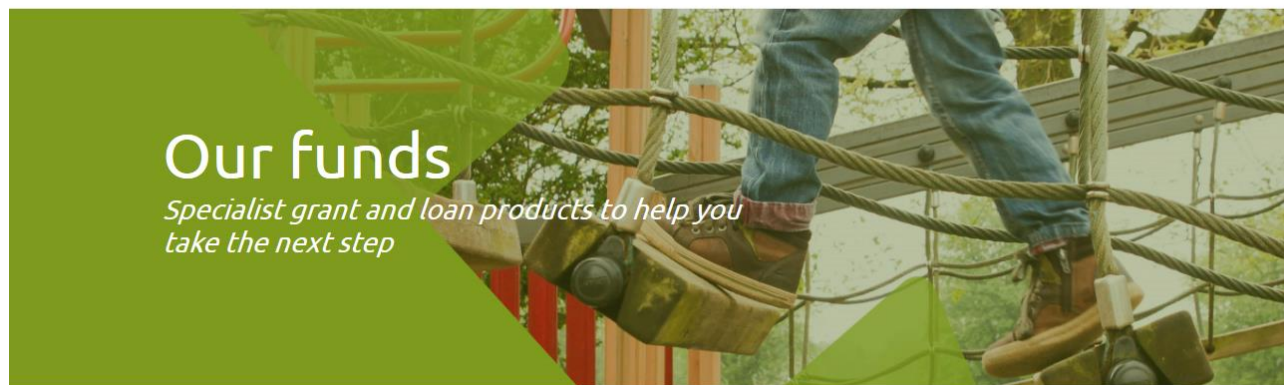
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Voluntary Sector Umbrella Support Organisations

[Support Staffordshire](#)



Website <https://www.supportstaffordshire.org.uk/>

Beneficiaries

Services aim to increase skills and knowledge, harness the drive, enthusiasm and energy of people, to enhance individual and family livelihoods, to build capacity in neighbourhoods and communities and to improve the relationships and resilience of organisations and individuals.

Process

Support Staffordshire acts as the 'nuts and bolts' or the 'glue' that holds Staffordshire's voluntary and community and social enterprises (VCSE) sector together.

Support Staffordshire is a fully inclusive and democratic membership organisation for the entire local VCSE sector. Membership is open to the whole sector according to agreed membership criteria, and membership automatically warrants a vote, which amongst other things means that members elect the Board.

Key Targets

Support Staffordshire supports all VCSE member organisations in three main ways :-

- The Advancement of Volunteering for All
- Support and Development Services to VCSE Organisations including Start-ups
- Facilitating Collaboration, Voice and Representation

Further Information

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Support Staffordshire,
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Riverside,
Stafford,
Staffordshire
ST16 3AQ

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Website <https://staffscvys.org.uk/>

Beneficiaries

SCVYS values, supports and champions the voluntary sector as it strengthens local communities

Process

SCYVS offers membership organisations :-

- Information advice and guidance
- Supporting with policies and procedures
- Support to identify funding opportunities
- Free DBS checks for volunteers
- Promotions in our monthly update and quarterly newsletter
- Opportunities to attend local and countywide events
- Access to training including: First Aid, Safeguarding, Introduction to Youth Work and Food Safety.
- Opportunities for young people including international exchanges
- Volunteering good practice advice
- Advice on safer recruitment
- Business planning & project development
- Tendering & Collaboration

As well as a voice for the Voluntary Sector in Staffordshire.

Key Targets

Our mission is to ensure the development and recognition of a vibrant, sound and diverse voluntary sector, focusing on support for Children, Young People and Families. Supporting new and existing groups and organisations to deliver activities and / or support to Children, Young People and Families.

There are a wide range of voluntary and community organisations that offer services to Children, Young People and Families in Staffordshire, including youth clubs, sports clubs, children's centres, after school clubs, theatre groups, parent and toddler groups, faith groups, disability groups, pre-school activities, uniformed organisations, music groups, family support groups, support groups, counselling services, parent led groups and young carers.

Further Information

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Staffordshire
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Email: office@staffscvys.org.uk

Community Business Support Organisations

Community Led Homes



Website <https://www.communityledhomes.org.uk/what-community-led-housing>

Beneficiaries

Housing that has been built or brought back into use by local people.

Community led housing offers something for everyone :-

- For people on a range of different incomes
- For specific groups of people
- For people who want to rent or buy
- For groups wanting to build new homes or refurbish existing buildings

Process

Community led housing is where :-

- Open and meaningful community participation and consent takes place throughout the process
- The community group or organisation owns, manages or stewards the homes in whichever way they decide to
- The housing development is of true benefit for the local community, a specific group of people (an intentional community), or both. These benefits should also be legally protected in perpetuity

Key Targets

The reasons for setting up a community led housing project vary from group to group.

It could be that a local people want to bring more affordable housing to the area, or a parish council calls for a steering group to form following a housing needs survey, or a bunch of friends want to live together in a more sustainable way or in a way that protects their long-term independence.

Further Information

Telephone : (020) 3096 7795

Email: hello@communityledhomes.org.uk



Website <https://plunkett.co.uk/how-we-help/>

Beneficiaries

Offers practical rather than funding support for rural communities across the UK to set up a community business as well as to support existing community businesses :-

- Providing practical advice, support and training to help communities establish and run successful community businesses with long-term survival rates.

Plunkett defines a community business as being locally rooted, trading for the benefit of the local area, and as being accountable to the community and having broad community impact. To be eligible for Plunkett support applicants will need to be able to demonstrate how the project / business represents the local community and how it has involved local residents in the activities

Process

Contact the Foundation in the first instance.

Key Targets

Include :-

- Supporting communities to save their local shop
- Supporting communities in England to save their pub
- Making Local Woods Work
- Our reducing rural loneliness campaign

Aiming to champion rural causes across the UK.

Further Information

Plunkett Foundation,
The Quadrangle,
Woodstock,
Oxfordshire
OX20 1LH

Telephone : (01993) 810730

Email: info@plunkett.co.uk

Website www.powertochange.org.uk/get-support/

Beneficiaries

Power to Change supports and funds community businesses in England.

Power to Change supports people to start and grow community businesses to revive local assets, protect the services people rely on, and address local needs. Community businesses help make places better, for example by saving local shops, giving more training opportunities for local people or providing affordable housing. They have four characteristics in common.

Process

Online form.

Key Targets

Key criteria include :-

- Locally rooted - by locally rooted, we mean a business started by local people that will benefit the immediate community around it. In a town, that could be a neighbourhood. In the countryside, that could be several villages. This is the area the community business will benefit. A majority of staff, volunteers and other stakeholders should be drawn from this area and reflect its diversity
- Accountable to the local community- the local community must have a genuine say in how the business is run, e.g. through regular consultation, membership or ownership. A majority of the management and trustees should be drawn from the community
- Trading for the benefit of the local community - a community business makes money by trading products and services. It may choose to trade across a broader area than the local community in order to create a sustainable business model. The profit from trading is then reinvested to deliver more activities/services that benefit local people. That benefit has to be for the many, not the few
- That has a broad community impact - community businesses are set up to address local needs and contribute to a broader sense of confidence and pride in a place. They run events, activities or services to meet community needs and to be inclusive and give opportunities for people with different abilities and backgrounds to get involved

Further Information

Power to Change,
The Clarence Centre,
6 St George's Circus,
London
SE1 6FE

Telephone : 020 3857 7270

Email: info@powertochange.org.uk

Website <https://www.asdafoundation.org/foundation-grants>

Beneficiaries

The ASDA Foundation supports small grass roots organisations in a number a way throughout the year. Working with ASDA's Community Champions in store supports a range of organisations and groups on a range of projects.

Process

Contact the Community Champion instore.

Key Targets

- Transforming Communities and Improving Lives Grants - to bring people together in local communities. This could be by offering better facilities, providing easier access to activities for all ages and abilities and encouraging everyone to celebrate what is important to them
- Green Token Giving - customers nominate a charity or a good cause which could be chosen to be part of our quarterly customers vote. Winners of the vote get £500 and runners up get £200
- Match Funding – ASDA encourages all colleagues to fundraise for charities of their choice. From bake sales to marathons, raffles to sponsored head shaves; ASDA colleagues are involved in a range of charitable activities. Colleagues can claim up to £300 per year to match funds they raise for charities and good causes which meet the scheme's eligibility criteria
- Emergency - the ASDA Foundation can provide assistance during times of emergency. This includes emergencies on a personal level or a community wide disaster such as floods

Further Information

ASDA Foundation,
ASDA House,
Great Wilson Street,
Leeds,
West Yorkshire
LS11 5AD

Website www.barondavenportscharity.org/who-can-apply-grants

Beneficiaries

The Charity awards grants in four categories:

- Residential homes for older people, almshouses and hospices (for children and adults)
- Organisations for the benefit of children and young people
- Organisations supporting older people
- Single ladies living alone, single mothers and fatherless children, who meet certain criteria set out by the Charity

The Charity's area of benefit is the City of Birmingham and West Midland counties not extending 60 miles (or 96.56 kilometres) from Birmingham Town Hall.

Process

Online form.

Two funding rounds per year.

Key Targets

- Grants are awarded to :-
 - Not for profit
 - social enterprises
 - voluntary and faith organisations
 - almshouses
 - hospices
 - residential homes for older people
 - children's organisations
 - older people's organisations
- Applications from national charities should be submitted by the local branch where appropriate

Further Information

Mrs Kate Slater - Charity Administrator

Baron Davenport's Charity,

Portman House,

5/7 Temple Row West,

Birmingham

B2 5NY

Telephone: 0121 236 8004

Email: enquiries@barondavenportscharity.org



Website <http://www.bernardsunley.org/grants/what-we-fund>

Beneficiaries

Projects across four broad categories, Community, Education, Health or Social Welfare, with recently funded projects including :-

- Capital projects which include new buildings, extensions, refurbishments and recreational spaces
- New minibuses that provide a vital service to those most in need in their local community
- Churches and other places of worship with a strong, secular community focus
- Charities or CIOs (Charitable Incorporated Organisations) registered in England and Wales

Process

Online form.

We offer three levels of grants. These are large grants of £20,000 and above, medium grants of up to £20,000 and small grants of £5,000 and under. Our large and medium grants are considered and agreed upon at our Trustees' meetings. Our small grants are agreed by Trustees on a monthly basis and form the majority of our grants.

Out of the 414 charities awarded grants in our last financial year, 261 charities were awarded with small grants.

The Trust receives many more applications than we can fund. Applicants generally have a 50:50 chance of being awarded a grant.

Further Information

Bernard Sunley Foundation,
20 Berkeley Square,
London
W1J 6LH

Telephone: 020 7408 2198

Email: office@bernardsunley.org

BIFFA Community Award



Website <https://www.biffa-award.org/>

Beneficiaries

Biffa Award gives grants to community projects near landfill sites, with the aim of building communities and transform lives.

Process

Online form.

There are four broad themes :-

- Rebuilding biodiversity
- Community buildings
- Recreation
- Partnership

Biffa Award is part of the Landfill Communities Fund, giving grants to projects that seek to improve their local communities. We put new roofs on village halls, create bio-diverse habitats and give children a place to play.

The fund covers a variety of different projects - everything from re-roofing a community hall or creating a new play park to creating wetlands for wildlife or new habitats for pollinators. Biffa is passionate about building communities and transforming lives, but the project needs to benefit the local community and be based near a landfill site. Unfortunately there are restrictions on what can be funded. Projects that are outside the distance criteria, are situated on school sites or that do not provide a community benefit cannot be supported.

Further Information

Telephone: 01636 670000

Email: biffa-award@wildlifetrusts.org

Website <https://www.coalfields-regen.org.uk/funding-and-programmes/england-support/>

Beneficiaries

The Coalfield Regeneration Trust is dedicated to improving the quality of life in Britain's former mining communities, leading the way in coalfield regeneration, tackling a number of issues including geographical isolation, and exclusion from services.

Process

Online form.

There are four broad themes :-

- Coalfields community investment programme
- Coalfields Community Investment programme
- The employment and skills service – improving skills and opportunities
- Game on England – sports participation programme

Coalfields Community Investment Programme – offers support and practical help to provide vital finance and capacity building assistance to community based projects.

Coalfields Community Futures – facilitates the development of community action plans in areas of high deprivation and work with local people to identify resources to put the plans into motion.

Employment and Skills Service – delivers coaching, mentoring and MATRIX accredited information, advice and guidance to those furthest from the job market.

Game On – The football focused programme engages primarily with young people from some of our most deprived communities, who may find it difficult to access sporting clubs or social groups.

Community Asset Development and Transfer – the fund works with communities and organisations to support the retention and development of important assets.

Communities that Work – an area based approach targeting some of our most deprived communities, that brings together our programmes and activities to add value, address gaps in provision, broker collaboration and leverage additional resources.

Further Information

Coalfields Regeneration Trust,
1 Waterside Park,
Valley Way,
Wombwell,
Barnsley

South Yorkshire
S73 0BB

Telephone: 01226 270800

Email: crt.England@coalfields-regen.org.uk

Comic Relief Community Fund (England)



Website www.groundwork.org.uk/national-grants/comic-relief-community-grants/

Beneficiaries

Targeted at grassroots community organisations with an income of less than £250,000.

There are two types of grants available to organisations whose work delivers on one of Comic Relief's four strategic themes:

- Children Survive & Thrive: projects that support children under the age of 5 to reach their potential and have the best start in life
- Fighting for Gender Justice: projects that improve equality for women, girls and initiatives that help people affected by domestic violence, abuse or exploitation due to their gender
- A Safe Place to Be: projects that support people who are rebuilding their lives because of homelessness or forced migration
- Mental Health Matters: projects that support good mental health in communities, improve access to support and tackle stigma and discrimination.

Process

Via the Groundworks website.

Funding is available to help develop through a Capacity Building Grant (a maximum of £500) or to deliver projects through a Project Delivery Grant (a maximum of £4,000). This is aimed at delivering long lasting community driven change.

Further Information

The Federation of Groundwork Trusts.

Lockside,
5 Scotland Street,
Birmingham,
West Midlands
B1 2RR

Telephone : 0121 237 5800

Email : comirelief@groundwork.org.uk

Community Bright Ideas Fund

My Community



Website www.mycommunity.org.uk/funding-options/bright-ideas-fund/

Beneficiaries

The Bright Ideas Fund supports new community business ideas through the start-up and planning stages with tailored business support, to the implementation stage with grants of up to £15,000.

The Bright Ideas Fund is funded by Power to Change, the independent trust supporting community businesses in England, and delivered by Locality, the national network for community organisations, in partnership with Co-operatives UK, the Plunkett Foundation and Groundwork UK.

Process

Via the Groundworks website.

Co-op

The Central England Co-Operative

The **co-operative**
Central England Co-operative

Website www.centralengland.coop/community

Beneficiaries

Applicants must be able to clearly identify the benefit to the community.

Grants must be for a specific item or service, supported by at least two quotes where relevant.

Process

The applicant must be a full member of Central England Co-operative for a minimum of six months. Beneficiaries must be communities in which Central England Co-operative trades.

Online application.

The average grant is £2,000. In exceptional circumstances up to £5,000 will be considered

Further Information

Central England Co-Operative,
Central House,
Hermes Road,
Lichfield,
Staffordshire
WS13 6RH

Telephone : 01543 414140

Email : enquiries@centralengland.coop

Co-Op

The Co-Op Local Community Fund



Website www.coop.co.uk/local-causes

Beneficiaries

Projects to :-

- help a local community come together to save, build, fix or improve indoor or outdoor spaces
- support the mental or physical health of a community through wellbeing activities
- help people reach their full potential by developing their skills

Process

When Co-op members shop at one of the Co-Op stores, 1% of what is spent on selected Co-op branded products and services goes to support local causes through the Local Community Fund. Members then choose a local cause that they want their 1% to support.

Nomination application.

Further Information

Co-operative House,
Warwick Technology Park,
Gallows Hill,
Warwick,
Warwickshire
CV34 6DA

Telephone : 0800 023 4708

Email : membershipcontactus@co-operative.coop

Co-op

Midcounties Co-operative Community Fund

The **Midcounties Co-operative**

Website <https://community.midcounties.coop/funding>

Beneficiaries

Projects demonstrating impact that align with the Co-Ops current priorities are prioritised :

- Positive Environmental impacts for example projects that focus on or the promotion and education in the reduction of single use plastics, recycling or energy saving
- Development of young people (aged 16 – 24) developing individuals to be the best they can be through educational, training or community led projects
- Community cohesion projects that promote work towards building better community cohesion and trust, and encouraging respect and understanding in the local area.
- Social inclusion, for example provision of services for members of the community to overcome inequality and disadvantage arising as a result of the circumstances and challenges they find themselves in. For example the provision of foodbank support, bespoke community run support groups or projects that develop life skills.

Process

You must be a member of The Midcounties Co-operative and your group must be working in a community within five miles of a Midcounties store.

Online application.

Maximum grant £2,000

Further Information

Co-operative House,
Warwick Technology Park,
Gallows Hill,
Warwick,
Warwickshire
CV34 6DA

Telephone : 01902 492235

Email communityteam@midcounties.coop

Community Foundation for Staffordshire

European Union Social Fund



Website <https://staffsfoundation.org.uk/grants/esfcommunitygrants/>

Beneficiaries

Designed to develop the capacity of the community and to meet local needs, and as part of this strategy is to help people increase their chances of finding work.

Process

Support will be targeted at the following types of organisations :-

- a voluntary or community group, registered charity, Social Enterprise, not for profit company or company limited by guarantee
- based or working in Staffordshire.
- operating for more than 12 months

Preference will be given to organisations with an income of less than £1m per annum and with less than 10 FTE paid staff. Capital costs should not be more than 10% of the total requested amount.

Grants of up to £20,000 are available.

Key Targets

The fund can only fund organisations working with the following:

- Those aged 16+
- Unemployed, or economically inactive
- Hard to reach
- Legally a resident in the UK, with permission to work in the UK

Further Information

The Community Foundation for Staffordshire,
Communications House,
University Court,
Staffordshire Technology Park,
Stafford,
Staffordshire
ST18 0ES

Telephone : 01785 339540

Email : office@staffsfoundation.org.uk

Community Foundation for Staffordshire

Community Council Rural Development Fund



Website <https://staffsfoundation.org.uk/grants/ruraldevelopmentfund/>

Beneficiaries

The Fund awards small grants of up to £1000 to small rural community groups across Staffordshire, where they have a specific need. Awards will make a visible difference to the project, with groups working towards encouraging and developing rural community life.

Grants should secure maximum community use or benefit.

Process

Priority will be given to groups with an annual income of less than £30,000 and with reserves of less than one year's income.

Grants of between £100 and £1000 are available.

Further Information

The Community Foundation for Staffordshire,
Communications House,
University Court,
Staffordshire Technology Park,
Stafford,
Staffordshire
ST18 0ES

Telephone : 01785 339540

Email : office@staffsfoundation.org.uk

Community Foundation for Staffordshire

Stafford Borough Council Small Grants Fund



Website <https://staffsfoundation.org.uk/grants/staffordboroughcouncilsmallgrantsscheme/>

Beneficiaries

Designed to benefit local residents, whilst bringing about a lasting benefit to local members or to the wider community. Or to help to increase an organisations sustainability or reach.

Process

Online applications process.

Grants of between £200 and £1,000.

Key Targets

The fund will support the following types of organisation :-

- Constituted community groups
- Constituted voluntary groups
- Registered Charities
- Social Enterprises

Further Information

The Community Foundation for Staffordshire,
Communications House,
University Court,
Staffordshire Technology Park,
Stafford,
Staffordshire
ST18 0ES

Telephone : 01785 339540

Email : office@staffsfoundation.org.uk

DM Thomas Foundation for Young People



Website <https://dmthomasfoundation.org/what-we-do/grants/dmtf-central-grants/>

Beneficiaries

Provides funding for organisations who work to improve the lives of children and young people across Europe. Grants focus on providing equipment, training, and support to young people, and are administered through several different routes including donor giveaways and central grants.

Process

Online application.

UK Registered charities may apply for grants from the Foundation's Central grants fund. Deadlines for applications run on a quarterly basis.

There is approximately £200,000 available to distribute each quarter.

Reapplications are welcome, however unsuccessful applicants are asked not to reapply for at least 12 months from the date of their rejection letter.

Key Targets

Applications working in the areas of education or health with one of our four chosen focus groups are selected or considered :-

- Children and young people with disabilities
- Children and young people who are sick in hospital
- Children and young people who are life limited (requiring palliative care)
- Mental health of children and young people

Grant applications for up to £5,000 can be approved by the Director, up to £10,000 can be approved by the Grants Committee, and applications for more than £10,000 are recommended to the Trustees for final approval. The Foundation is a small charity and generally will not make awards of over £30,000 (per year). Funding can be requested for up to 2 years for any particular project.

Further Information

DM Thomas Foundation for Young People,
179 - 199 Holland Park Avenue,
London
W11 4UL

Telephone : 020 7605 7733

Email : grants@dmfyp.org

Edgar E Lawley Foundation

Edgar E Lawley Foundation
Charitable Foundation founded in 1961

Website www.edgarelawleyfoundation.org.uk

Beneficiaries

General charitable purposes with particular reference to medicine, to necessitous elderly persons, and to educational purposes with reference to the arts, commerce and industry.

Whilst the beneficiaries are from across the UK, the Foundation tends to focus on smaller charities in the West Midlands area. The Foundation will not consider applications for grants from and on behalf of private individuals. The Foundation's preference is to award unrestricted grants to smaller charities and not for profit organisations.

Process

On the grant application form and submitted either online or by post.

The next grant round, for 2020/21, will commence on 1st August 2020 and remain open until 31st October 2020. Applications made outside of that period will not be accepted.

Decisions on the 2020/21 grant applications will be made in January 2021.

Typically grants of £1,500 are made.

Further Information

Edgar E Lawley Foundation
P.O. Box 456,
Esher,
KT10 1DP

Telephone : 01372 805 760

Email : edgarelawley@gmail.com

Energy Redress Scheme



Website <https://energyredress.org.uk/apply-funding>

Beneficiaries

The fund's core priority is supporting energy consumers.

Most of the projects funded through the scheme so far are delivering home energy advice and support to households in vulnerable situations. The Energy Redress Scheme is not presently designed to support energy saving improvements or energy generation technology in individual community buildings and facilities.

Process

The minimum grant that can be requested is £20,000 and the maximum grant amount varies depending on the size of the fund available. The scheme can only fund projects lasting up to two years, can fund up to 100 per cent of the project cost and can cover revenue and capital measures.

Charities can only apply and must first register with the scheme so that due diligence can be undertaken as not all organisations that register will be eligible.

Key Targets

The Energy Redress scheme aims to :-

- Support energy consumers in vulnerable situations and
- Deliver benefits to the types of consumers that were negatively impacted by the specific issues that triggered the redress payment

In addition to this core priority, up to 15% of Energy Redress funds can support the development of innovative products and services related to energy. Innovation projects must :-

- Have a realistic prospect of delivering benefits to existing and / or future energy consumers
- Help to reduce the environmental impact of energy use and be efficiently managed and provide good value for money

Further Information

Energy Saving Trust,
30 North Colonnade,
Canary Wharf,
London
E14 5GP

Email: energyredress@est.org.uk

Website <https://www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk/what-we-fund>

Beneficiaries

Esmée Fairbairn Foundation aims to improve the quality of life for people and communities throughout the UK both now and in the future. Funding is targeted at the charitable work of organisations that are building an inclusive, creative and sustainable society.

The Foundation is one of the largest independent grant-makers in the UK, in 2018 making grants of £40.5 million towards a wide range of work within the arts, children and young people, the environment and social change. There is also £45 million allocated to social investments for organisations with the aim of creating social impact.

Process

There is a two-stage application process:

- 1st stage : apply online. Acknowledgement is by email within a week and a decision whether to take it further within a month
- 2nd stage : answer a set of questions from a Grants or Social Investment Manager. A decision is made in 2 - 4 months.

There are no deadlines or restrictions on re-applying – applications can be made at any time.

Key Targets

Funding is made across five main sectors – Arts, Children and Young People, Environment, Food and Social Change. Across all funding the objective is to unlock and enable potential, back the unorthodox and unfashionable, build collective networks and catalyse system change.

Three types of support are offered : grants, social investments and Grants Plus.

Grants support organisations core or project costs, including staff salaries and overheads. The fund does not fund building or equipment costs, or individuals.

There are small grants (£60,000 or less) for one-off projects, or for testing out new ideas and collaborations. General running costs are not supported at this size of grant.

Further Information

Esmée Fairbairn Foundation,
Kings Place,
90 York Way,
London
N1 9AG

Telephone : 020 7812 3700

Email : info@esmeefairbairn.org.uk

Ernst Cook Trust



Website <http://ernestcooktrust.org.uk/grants/>

Beneficiaries

The Ernest Cook Trust is one of the UK's leading outdoor learning charities. Rooted in the conservation and management of the countryside, the Trust actively encourages children and young people to learn from the land through hands-on outdoor learning opportunities on its estates and by offering grants.

Process

Online applications only.

Key Targets

The Trust funds grants addressing key global concerns through educational projects which focus on issues such as (but not exclusive to) :-

- connecting with nature
- climate change
- environmental pollution
- loss of biodiversity
- farming and food production
- renewable energy
- mental and physical wellbeing
- social justice

Grants are not made to individuals, agricultural colleges, pre-school groups, independent schools or local authorities and Grants are not made retrospectively.

Further Information

Ernest Cook Trust,
Fairford Park,
Fairford,
Gloucestershire
GL7 4JH

Telephone : 01285 712492

Email : grants@ernestcooktrust.org.uk

Football Foundation



Website www.footballfoundation.org.uk/looking-for-funding

Beneficiaries

The Football Foundation is the public facing arm of the Premier League, The FA and government's charity that helps communities improve their local football facilities through football grants.

The Football Foundation is committed to improving the experience of playing football for everyone who loves the beautiful game. Transforming lives and strengthening communities is the ultimate goal and to play a part so that clubs can play theirs.

Process

Online applications process.

In 2019, the Football Foundation has delivered :-

- 248 new goalposts provided
- 74 natural grass pitches improved
- 77 artificial grass pitches improved
- £60m funding awarded
- 1m people have used the sites this year
- 13% rise in overall participation
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Key Targets

There is funding to support the delivery of the following projects :-

- 3G Pitch
- Changing rooms
- Major grass pitch works
- Small sided & recreational
- Multiple large works
- Storage containers
- Portable floodlights
- Goalposts
- Fencing
- Clubhouse refurb works
- Pitch improvement revenue grant

- Maintenance equipment

Further Information

The Football Foundation,
10 Eastbourne Terrace,
London
W2 6LG

Telephone : 0345 345 4555

Email : enquiries@footballfoundation.org.uk

Website www.garfieldweston.org/

Beneficiaries

The Foundation aims to be responsive to where need is greatest and therefore supports a wide range of charitable activity in the following categories :-

- Arts
- Education
- Youth
- Health
- Museums & Heritage
- Community
- Environment
- Faith
- Welfare

The Trustees have a preference for charities directly delivering services and activities to those in need, and are especially keen to see applications from charities in the Welfare, Youth and Community sectors and also in regions of economic disadvantage. Almost 2,000 charities across the UK benefit each year from grants made by the Foundation, ranging from small community and volunteer projects to large national organisations.

Process

Online and paper application process.

Key Targets

How much can be applied for depends on a number of factors including :-

- how much needs to be raised
- the scale of the project
- how much the organisation has already raised

Whether applying for revenue / unrestricted core costs, project / specific activities or capital costs, the Foundation tends not to support more than 10% of the total budget. The Trustees expect an organisation to have secured around half the funding required before applying. And the Foundation is unlikely to fund charities where their annual spend, or budget / project is less than £10,000.

Organisations are encouraged to develop a sustainable funding base so that they are not overly reliant on one funder. The fund will consider a grant towards an applicant's costs but are unlikely to fund the total cost of a project or a large proportion of ongoing total expenditure.

Further Information

Garfield Weston Foundation,

Weston Centre,
10 Grosvenor Street,
London
W1K 4QY

Telephone: (020) 7399 6565



Website <https://www.greggsfoundation.org.uk/grants>

Beneficiaries

The Local Community Projects Fund offers a helping hand to community organisations, making grants of up to £2,000 to help organisations based in local communities to deliver activities that they wouldn't otherwise be able to.

Local Community Projects help to build resilience within a local community. Trips and activities, offer people new experiences.

Process

Online application process.

Local Community Projects Funding is offered to organisations supporting people in need. Any not for profit organisation can apply, however, larger organisations with a turnover in excess of £300,000 will be unsuccessful. Organisations are able to apply once per calendar year.

Key Targets

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 should be able to demonstrate improvements against at least one Key Performance Targets to be successful for a grant :-

- 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

Further Information

Greggs Foundation,
Greggs House,
Quorum Business Park,
Newcastle Upon Tyne,
NE12 8BU

Telephone: 0191 212 7626

Email : grants@greggsfoundation.org.uk

Landfill Environmental Tax :-

Biffa Landfill Communities Fund



Website www.biffa.co.uk/sustainability/landfill-communities-fund

Suez Community Trust

– including SITA Enhancing Communities Programme



Website www.suezcommunitiestrust.org.uk/

Veolia Environmental Trust



Website www.veoliatrust.org/

Staffordshire EnviroGrant Scheme



Website <https://www.veolia.co.uk/staffordshire/>

Beneficiaries

The EnviroGrant scheme covers the following types of projects and schemes:

- Those projects which contribute to the protection or improvement of the local environment, through practical action or education, promotion, awareness raising and marketing
- Those projects which improve the quality of life for the local community, by improving or providing new facilities including equipment and running costs

Process

Online application / PDF

Key Targets

The EnviroGrant Scheme has been set up by Veolia in partnership with Staffordshire County Council to help local people improve their environment or community, with grants of up to £1000.

Further Information

Staffordshire Energy Recovery Facility,
Enterprise Drive,
Four Ashes,
Wolverhampton
WV10 7DF

Telephone : 0203 567 6300

Email : community@stokecityfc.com

Lloyds Bank Foundation



Website <https://www.lloydsbankfoundation.org.uk/>

Beneficiaries

Target partnerships with small and local charities helping people overcome complex social issues such as mental health, homelessness and domestic abuse. Through long-term funding, developmental support and influencing policy and practice, this fund helps those charities make life-changing impact.

Works in partnership with the charities funded and others who share our vision.

Process

Partner areas focused on :-

- Addiction and dependency
- Asylum seekers and refugees
- Domestic Abuse
- Care leavers
- Homelessness and vulnerably housed
- Learning Disabilities
- Sexual Abuse and Exploitation
- Offender, prison and community service
- Sexual Health
- Trafficking and Modern Slavery
- Young Parents

Key Targets

Is an independent charitable trust funded by the profits of Lloyds Banking Group.

Further Information

Lloyds Bank Foundation,
Pentagon House,
52 - 54 Southwark Street,
London
SE1 1UN

Telephone : 0370 411 1223

Email : enquiries@lloydsbankfoundation.org.uk

Morrisons Foundation



Website <https://www.morrisonsfoundation.com/grant-funding-request/>

Beneficiaries

The Morrisons Foundation supports charities making a positive difference in local communities across England, Scotland and Wales, awarding grants for charity projects and match fund the money that Morrisons colleagues raise for their chosen charities.

Process

Apply online.

There is also an opportunity for match funding supporting the charities that Morrisons colleagues spend their time fundraising for, which provides a cash boost to their efforts. Match funding is available for Morrisons colleagues twice a year.

Key Targets

The Morrisons Foundation awards grant funding for charity projects which make a positive difference in local communities. In the main grants are available to fully fund projects up to £25,000.

Further Information

Telephone : (0845) 611 4449

Moto in the Community Trust



Website www.moto-way.com/moto-in-the-community/

Beneficiaries

Each Moto location (i.e. Stafford North) has the opportunity to adopt a local community partner. By joining forces with community groups and charities Moto is able to support their partner in realising their objectives.

Local community partners benefit from opportunities to visit their partnered Moto site, exhibit their publicity material and collect for their own registered charity on specific fundraising days. Local community partners can also benefit from the Moto grant scheme.

Process

Email details below.

Partners need to be within 25 miles of a suitable Moto location.

Key Targets

Further Information

Moto in the Community Trust,
Moto Hospitality Ltd.,
Toddington Service Area,
Junction 12 M1 Southbound,
Toddington,
Bedfordshire
LU5 6HR.

Telephone : 01525 878500

Email : motocharity@moto-way.co.uk

National Lottery

Awards for All



Website www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/under10k

Beneficiaries

National Lottery Awards for All offers funding from £300 to £10,000 to support what matters to people and communities. It will fund organisations to deliver projects that:

- bring people together and build strong relationships in and across communities
- improve the places and spaces that matter to communities
- help more people to reach their potential, by supporting them at the earliest possible stage

Process

Online applications process with up to 18 weeks for notification of a decision, with a further two weeks to pay any approved your grant.

Key Targets

Suitable for :-

- voluntary or community organisations
- registered charities
- constituted groups or clubs
- not-for-profit companies or Community Interest Companies
- schools (as long as the project benefits and involves the communities around the school)
- statutory bodies (including Parish and Community councils)

For smaller organisations, the National Lottery will look at the group's income before making an eligibility decision.

Further Information

The National Lottery,
1 Plough Place,
London
EC4A 1DE

Telephone : 0345 4 10 20 30

Email : general.enquiries@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk

National Lottery

Reaching Communities



Website www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/reaching-communities-england

Beneficiaries

Projects that work to make positive changes in their community – whether that's a community living in the same area, or people with similar interests or life experiences, particularly projects that can test new approaches to issues in the community and projects that are committed to equalities and the environment.

Including projects that :-

- bring people together and build strong relationships in and across communities
- improve the places and spaces that matter to communities
- help more people to reach their potential, by supporting them at the earliest possible stage.

As well as projects that are people-led, strengths-based and connected, as the National Lottery believes that people understand what's needed in their communities better than anyone. So there's an importance to demonstrate community involvement in the design, development and delivery of the activities being planning.

Strengths-based projects will support people and communities to build on the knowledge, skills and experience they already have, to make the changes they want. Based on :-

- What's already working in the community ?
- How will the project add to these positive things that are already working ?
- How will the project make the most of any resources that are already helping the community

Understanding the connections and other activities and services in the local community and how the project will compliment these is critical, so that the project will add value to what's already there.

Process

Online applications process.

Key Targets

Suitable for :-

- Voluntary and community organisations
- Registered charities or charitable incorporated organisations (CIO)
- Group of organisations, as long as they're led by a voluntary or community organisation
- Schools
- Statutory bodies (including local authorities, town, parish or community council)
- not for profit companies including companies limited by guarantee and Community Interest Companies with two or more directors (see detailed notes)

For unincorporated groups, it may be possible to fund the project, but the National Lottery would normally expect the groups to use some of the funding to incorporate and, where appropriate, register as a charity.

Further Information

The National Lottery,
1 Plough Place,
London
EC4A 1DE

Telephone : 0121 345 7800

Email : midlandsteam@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk

National Lottery

Partnerships Fund



Website www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/partnerships-england

Beneficiaries

Offering a larger amount of funding (over £10,000) for organisations that work together with a shared set of goals to help their community thrive – whether that's a community living in the same area, or people with similar interests or life experiences.

Organisations that work in partnership, help communities to thrive - by focusing on the bigger picture, rather than just what their organisation can do on their own. So this programme is looking for partnerships where everyone takes responsibility to work toward their shared goals together, while offering their own insights and perspectives. The National Lottery call this 'generous leadership'.

The National Lottery would like to see projects that can test new approaches to issues in the community and projects that are committed to equalities and the environment.

Partnership could be :-

- cross-sector partnerships
- local place-based collaboration
- local and national organisations working together around a particular theme

This funding is targeted at projects that :-

- bring people together and build strong relationships in and across communities
- improve the places and spaces that matter to communities
- help more people to reach their potential, by supporting them at the earliest possible stage

Projects that are people-led, strengths-based and connected, as the National Lottery believes that people understand what's needed in their communities better than anyone. So it's important to demonstrate community involvement in the design, development and delivery of the activities being planning.

Process

Online applications process.

Key Targets

Include :-

- Partnerships (both new partnerships, and one that's already been set up) of any of the following types of organisations, listed below
 - voluntary and community organisations
 - registered charities or charitable incorporated organisations (CIO)
 - group of organisations, as long as they're led by a voluntary or community organisation

- schools
- statutory bodies (including local authorities, town, parish or community council)
- not for profit companies including companies limited by guarantee and Community Interest Companies with two or more directors (see the detailed notes)

For an unincorporated group, the National Lottery might be able to fund the project, but they would normally expect the groups to use part of the funding to incorporate and, where appropriate, register as a charity.

Further Information

The National Lottery,
1 Plough Place,
London
EC4A 1DE

Telephone : 0345 4 10 20 30

Email : general.enquiries@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk

National Lottery

Forces in Mind Fund



Website www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/forces-in-mind

and www.fim-trust.org/apply/

Beneficiaries

Supporting the psychological wellbeing and successful and sustainable transition of veterans and their families into civilian life.

Process

Online applications process, by send an initial application to: applications@fim-trust.org

Forces in Mind will aim to respond to the initial application within three months of receipt.

Key Targets

Forces in Mind Trust concentrates on transition - a term used to describe the process where Service men and women as well as their families and dependents make their individual preparations to leave the Armed Forces and return back to civilian life.

For the majority of those who leave each year this is a successful process but there is a significant number who have to face a difficult transition. For this group, Forces in Mind wants to support help to :-

- Finding a job, training, education and transition services
- Early Service Leavers
- Finding a home
- Reducing the impact on families
- Support for spouses, dependents and partners
- Improving the well-being of the Armed Forces Community
- Ex-Service personnel in the Criminal Justice sector
- Access to information, help and guidance

Further Information

Forces in Mind,
Mountbarrow House,
6 - 20 Elizabeth Street,
London
SW1W 9RB

National Lottery

#iwill Fund



Website www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/iwill-fund#section-1

Beneficiaries

The #iwill Fund is an England wide joint investment that brings together £40 million in funding from the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport and The National Lottery Community Fund to create a central investment pot. It was launched in November 2016, to support the #iwill campaign's goals in England, aiming to make social action part of life for as many 10 to 20 year-olds as possible by the year 2020.

The #iwill Fund distributes its investment through working with other funders. A collaborative group of funders are joining the #iwill Fund by match funding the investment on at least a £1:£1 ratio and developing funding programmes that will enable more young people, particularly from less affluent communities, to take part in high quality social action that builds a habit for life. The four investment drivers that underpin our investment are :-

- Creating high quality opportunities that connect young people authentically to causes they can address
- Engaging the younger age group to build a habit, with a focus on primary age
- A continued focus on reaching young people from less socio-economically affluent communities
- Prioritise sustainable solutions that can be scaled cost effectively by embedding social action opportunities where young people already are and connecting young people to solving key challenges across society.

Process

Contact The National Lottery via email or Twitter first and foremost.

Further Information

The National Lottery,
1 Plough Place,
London
EC4A 1DE

Telephone : 0345 4 10 20 30

Email : jason.flynn@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk

National Lottery –

Arts Impact Fund



Website <https://www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding/arts-impact-fund>

Beneficiaries

Repayable loan finance for social investment in arts organisations.

Targeted to invest for artistic, social and financial return in the arts sector. The Arts Impact Fund will work with arts organisations who can demonstrate they are sustainable, have great artistic ambition and have a positive impact on society.

Process

Online applications process.

Repayable loan finance between £150,000 and £600,000 is available to arts organisations. Funding needs can vary – for example, an applicant may want to buy or refurbish a building, purchase equipment, pay salaries or buy-in additional services to help the organisation generate more income – perhaps for a tour or exhibition.

Key Targets

Regulated charitable arts organisations based in England, working in a specified area of social need.

Further Information

Arts Council of England,
49 Lever Street,
Manchester
M1 1FN

Telephone : 0161 934 4317

National Lottery –

Developing your Creative Practice Fund



Website <https://www.artscouncil.org.uk/DYCP>

Beneficiaries

Developing your Creative Practice is a new development fund designed to support independent creative practitioners to ensure excellence is thriving in the arts and culture sector. This fund will create more pathways for individuals from a range of creative practices and backgrounds.

Process

Online applications process.

Investing £3.6 million per year in creative practitioners, allowing them to do ambitious research and development and make a step-change in their practice. There are four rounds of funding per year, open to individuals working with our supported disciplines.

Key Targets

Individual artists and/or creative practitioners. You can find full eligibility criteria in the guidance for applicants. Organisations cannot apply.

Further Information

Arts Council of England,
49 Lever Street,
Manchester
M1 1FN

Telephone : 0161 934 4317

National Lottery –

Arts Council National Lottery Project Grants



Website <https://www.artscouncil.org.uk/projectgrants>

Beneficiaries

The new open access programme for arts, museums and libraries projects. The fund will support thousands of individual artists, community and cultural organisations.

Process

Online applications process.

Supporting individuals, organisations, museums and libraries with grants of £1,000 - £100,000.

If you're applying for £15,000 or under, you will receive a decision in 6 weeks. If you're applying for over £15,000 a decision will take 12 weeks.

Key Targets

Anyone in the Arts.

Further Information

Arts Council of England,
49 Lever Street,
Manchester
M1 1FN

Telephone : 0161 934 4317

National Lottery –

Heritage Lottery Fund



Website www.heritagefund.org.uk/funding

Beneficiaries

Include a broad range of projects that connect people and communities to the national, regional and local heritage of the UK, where heritage can be anything from the past that you value and want to pass on to future generations.

The project could include:

- Nature - works to improve habitats or conserve species, as well as helping people to connect to nature in their daily lives
- designed landscapes - improving and conserving historic landscapes such as public parks, historic gardens and botanical gardens
- landscapes and the countryside - large-scale rural projects that help improve landscapes for people and nature, by for example, restoring habitats and celebrating the cultural traditions of the land
- oral history - recordings of people's stories, memories and songs, as a way of communicating and revealing the past
- cultural traditions - exploring the history of different cultures through storytelling, or things that you do as part of your community. This could be anything from dance and theatre, to food or clothing It could also include the heritage of languages and dialects
- community archaeology - involving the active participation of volunteers in archaeological activities, everything from investigating, photographing, surveying to finds processing. Can occasionally include excavation. Sometimes called public archaeology
- historic buildings, monuments and the historic environment - from houses and mills, to caves and gardens. Areas that are connected to history and heritage
- museums, libraries and archives - making the collections that museums, libraries and archives hold more accessible through new displays, improving public buildings and galleries, or engaging people with interpreting new and existing collections
- acquiring new objects - help towards the cost of acquiring one-off objects or collections as part of a collections development policy
- commemorations and celebrations - telling the stories and histories of people, communities, places or events related to specific times and dates
- industrial, maritime and transport - this might be places and objects linked to our industrial, maritime and transport history

Process

Online applications process.

Schemes could include :-

- a grant of £3,000 to £10,000 for a project lasting up to one year
- a grant of £10,000 to £250,000 for a project lasting up to five years
- a grant of £250,000 to £5 million for a project in development for up to two years and delivered in up to five years
- a grant of £5million and over, for a project in development for up to two years and delivered in up to five years

Key Targets

Mandatory outcome - a wider range of people will be involved in heritage

Other outcomes include :-

- Heritage will be in better condition
- Heritage will be identified and better explained
- People will have developed skills
- People will have learned about heritage, leading to change in ideas and actions
- People will have greater wellbeing
- The funded organisation will be more resilient
- The local area will be a better place to live, work or visit
- The local economy will be boosted

Further Information

The Heritage Lottery,
Grosvenor House,
14 Bennetts Hill,
Birmingham
B2 5RS

Telephone : 0121 260 5932

Email : midlandsandeast@heritagefund.org.uk

National Lottery

Sport England

Small Grants



Website www.sportengland.org/funding/small-grants/

Beneficiaries

Supporting a wide range of projects that get communities more active, with grants of £300 to £10,000.

Sport England's priority is to fund activities which reach people and families who have not had the opportunities to be active that others have. This might be for several reasons, including low income or where they live, but also levels of confidence.

Fundable projects could include activities that are relevant, engaging and help people get regularly active – including those who do very little or no exercise at present.

Other projects considered could contribute to the broader aims of Sport England's strategy, involving their key target audience.

Process

Online applications process.

You don't have to be a sports organisation to apply. Sport England is more interested in the knowledge of and track record in the community that will benefit from the project. But sports club or group can still apply for funding, and applications that can show they will involve people who face barriers to being, and staying, active will be prioritised.

Further Information

Sport England,
21 Bloomsbury Street,
London,
WC1B 3HF

Telephone : 0345 8508 508

Email : funding@sportengland.org

National Lottery

Sport England

Community Assets Fund



Website www.sportengland.org/funding/community-asset-fund/

Beneficiaries

The Community Asset Fund is a programme dedicated to enhancing the spaces in the local community that give people the opportunity to be active.

The fund aims to help local organisations to create good customer experiences and financially sustainable facilities that benefit their community for years to come – which may mean providing help to get things up and running too.

Whilst the fund will continue to invest in projects that help people get into sport and increase the number who are regularly taking part, it is also looking to invest in projects that look beyond this to how sport and physical activity can – and does – change lives and becomes a force for social good.

Process

Online applications process.

Typical awards are :-

- 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 £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, we 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 us previously.

Key Targets

Every project is different as every community is different. So the project does not have to be a traditional space – or a traditional sport. For instance, there are thousands of outdoor spaces up and down the country – like canal towpaths, woodlands and open spaces – all with potential to be used and enjoyed as part of an active lifestyle.

Organisations applying might be :-

- Looking to take over an underused sports facility or one under threat of closure. Support might be needed to bring a building back into use or need improvements to a recreational space

- Wanting to expand or improve the sporting experience offered to customers
- Looking to improve a changing room or installing new toilets, heating system or social space
- Responding to an emergency or unexpected event that is stopping people from being active - fixing a roof that's been damaged or repairing an area after flood damage
- Making improvements to a building or open space that's clearly needed in the local community

Further Information

Sport England,
21 Bloomsbury Street,
London,
WC1B 3HF

Telephone : 0345 8508 508

Email : funding@sportengland.org

National Lottery

Sport England

Strategic Facilities Fund



Website www.sportengland.org/funding/strategic-facilities//

Beneficiaries

Ensuring that there is a supply of the right facilities in the right areas to getting more people doing sport and physical activity across the nation.

The Strategic Facilities Fund is designed to support the sector to invest strategically to deliver the outcomes essential to local communities. This means starting with local insight and really understanding what the local community needs and wants. It means thinking about a whole area to make sure existing and future facilities will work together – not just looking at an individual building or the needs of an individual sport.

Process

Online applications process.

The Strategic Facilities Fund will direct capital investment into a number of key local area projects. These will be identified through a strategic vision and the impact on local outcomes and KPIs clearly identified. Projects that can provide an integrated offer of services and facilities will be prioritised.

Some of the biggest increases in activity have been where sport can be located alongside other services, such as schools, libraries or doctors surgeries. This can provide a focal hub for the community, so this funding will further support multi-sport facilities, where families can be active in the same place, ensure year-round use and offer the best return on investment.

Sport England want to make sure that public money invested in facilities will serve local communities for many years to come, so we will rigorously test the business plan for any new facility. These plans must have clear local outcomes and demonstrate not only a robust return on investment (against outcomes as well as financial) but also cost-effective operating solutions.

Key Targets

Building the right facilities in the right places makes taking part in sport and physical activity an option for more people and leads to a better experience for those who are already taking part. This fund places the customer at the heart of all the decisions about facilities, both where investment is made and where advice is offered.

Tackling inactivity is a major priority within Sport England's strategy and this fund aims to support projects that can encourage people to lead an active and healthy lifestyle, to :-

- To encourage the market to be clear about the purpose of their investment, encouraging development of sustainable environments capable of supporting service delivery which delivers against their local outcomes
- To encourage the market to work collaboratively (cross-sector and boundaries) using insight to determine local outcomes, target audience and to understand the behaviour change needed to achieve the outcomes
- To attract capital investment into local facilities, providing new opportunities to encourage people to live healthier and more active lifestyles.

Further Information

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Peoples Postcode Trust



Website <https://www.postcodetrust.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/>

Beneficiaries

Funding is targeted at promoting human rights, combatting discrimination and preventing poverty.

Process

There are two funding rounds a year during which applicants can apply for project based funding. Those successful at stage 1 progress to stage 2, if successful at stage 2 the organisation will receive the total funds that they requested in their application.

Organisations should not submit more than 1 application per round.

Further Information

28 Charlotte Square,
Edinburgh,
Scotland
EH2 4ET

Telephone: 0131 322 9377

Email : info@postcodetrust.org.uk

Places to Ride – British Cycling



Website <https://www.britishcycling.org.uk/placestoride>

Beneficiaries

The funding is available to any organisation that is developing cycling activity in their community and can be used for anything from equipment packages to activate your local space, through to a brand new cycling facility.

Process

The programme is open until January 2021. For organisations looking to put in an application, it is recommended that you contact the Cycling Delivery Manager to discuss the project in advance of submission to help to refine the plans and provide feedback on lessons learnt from other projects.

Key Targets

There are three funds :-

1. Equipment packages - for equipment packages to activate your local space
2. Small-scale grants (£1k-50k) - for equipment, cycle storage, small-scale facilities or venue improvements
3. Large scale grants (£50k-500k) - typically for new facilities or significant improvements to existing venues

The fund aims to :-

- Inspire people to ride - encouraging more people from a range of backgrounds to engage with cycling in all its forms, regardless of gender, age, ability or ethnicity. The fund will provide more opportunities for people to enjoy riding in an accessible and inclusive environment, focusing particularly on provision that responds to the needs of women and girls and people with a disability
- Connect the community - investing in opportunities that connect local communities and address barriers to engaging with cycling. The fund recognises that riding a bike enables societal benefits such as community cohesion, reduced social isolation and the promotion of health and well-being
- Build a lasting legacy - ensuring the delivery of a lasting legacy of active environments that provide high quality and affordable opportunities to engage with cycling now, and well into the future

Further Information

Amy Gardner,
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Manchester,
Lancashire
M11 4DQ
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Plastic Bag Levy

Bags of Help – TESCO



Website <https://tescobagsofhelp.org.uk/>

Beneficiaries

The money raised from the sale of the reusable Bag for Life is used to fund local projects across Britain.

Projects range from improving community buildings and outdoor spaces, to new equipment, training coaches and volunteers, and hosting community events.

Process

Each time a customer shops they will be offered a blue token at the checkout and be able to vote for the project they want the money to go to.

Every three months we hand out grants of up to £2,000, £1,000 and £500 in 575 regions across Britain.

Further Information

Tesco Customer Services,
Freepost SCO2298,
Dundee,
Scotland
DD1 9NF

Telephone : (0800) 505555

Email : customer.service@tesco.co.uk

Plastic Bag Levy

Carriers for Causes – One Stop



Website www.onestop.co.uk/community/local/

Beneficiaries

Carriers for causes is a local grants scheme available to any community, charity or not for profit group within two miles of a One Stop store.

Grants of up to £1000 are allocated on a quarterly basis following the application process. One Stop has partnered with the charity Groundwork to deliver this scheme.

Process

Via the Groundworks website.

Key Targets

The types of projects funded will be very broad and will cover the direct costs needed to deliver the project, this could be buying litter pickers and bags for a community cleanup days, plants, spades and forks to plant up a new community garden, the cost of a minibus for a day trip for a community group or the materials needed to paint a room at the local hospice.

Further Information

The Federation of Groundwork Trusts.
Lockside,
5 Scotland Street,
Birmingham,
West Midlands
B1 2RR

Telephone : 0121 236 8565

Email : info@groundwork.org.uk

Rural Community Energy Fund

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

Beneficiaries

A funding scheme to support rural communities across England wanting to set up renewable energy projects in their area.

The Rural Community Energy Fund (RCEF) is a £10 million programme which supports rural communities in England to develop renewable energy projects, which provide economic and social benefits to the community.

Process

Is being run by 5 regional Local Energy Hubs. Contact the undersigned to register an interest for the scheme, or for further information. Local Energy Hubs are split by Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) regions with the local one being Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent.

Key Targets

Provides support to rural communities in two stages :-

- Stage 1: grants of up to £40,000 for a feasibility study for a renewable energy project
- Stage 2: grants of up to £100,000 for business development and planning of feasible schemes

Further Information

Email: michael.gallagher@nottinghamcity.gov.uk

Beneficiaries

The programme supports skills, knowledge and innovation projects through three areas:

- Explorer - to help people learn about the world around them
- Transformer - to guide people through work-focused support and training
- Changemaker - to support community projects and fund innovations that help society

Aiming to expand existing successful work in employment, education and enterprise by creating new initiatives that together will inspire people to have the confidence to make the most of the future.

Process

Paper application process through the retail banking outlets.

Website <https://www.stwater.co.uk/about-us/severn-trent-community-fund/>

Beneficiaries

Customers, and the communities we live and work in, are at the heart of everything that Severn Trent does. This fund will target projects, charities and community groups in the Severn Trent region - helping to make a real and tangible difference in communities.

Process

Online form.

The fund is overseen by the Community Fund Panel, who review applications on a quarterly basis.

There are three sizes of grant :-

- £2,000 to £10,000
- £10,001 to £75,000
- £75,001 to £250,000

Only registered charities, a business registered with Companies House, a Local Authority or Parish Council can apply for more than £10,000. Match funding is a requirement for applications of £10,001 or over. Applications for lower amounts don't need to have match funding

Key Targets

Will include :-

- People : Projects that help people to lead a healthier life and gain new skills
- Places : Projects that help to create better places to live in and use
- Environment : Projects that will help look after our natural environment, give people greater access to that environment or help look after water

Being a water company, naturally Severn Trent would like to see applications for projects that have a connection to the water cycle - including creating sustainable drainage, installing grey water recycling or creating water efficient green spaces.

Further Information

Severn Trent Water,
Community Fund Administrator

Telephone: 07866 158208

Email: communityfund@severntrent.co.uk

Website <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Your-council-and-democracy/People-Helping-People-Fund/phpguidance.aspx>

Beneficiaries

The People Helping People Fund helps community groups to help tackle issues locally in ways that suit the community, in relation to Children and Families and Adults, in relation to social care.

Process

To apply for funding, the group must first have already spoken with their relevant County Councillor for the area that funding is sought for. Without doing so, the application cannot proceed.

Online application.

Details from the project lead include an outline of the nature of the project, how it meets the funding criteria, and information about the applying organisation or group.

Key Targets

To be considered for funding the project will need to meet some simple criteria.

- Funding must support new activity (groups themselves do not have to be new, but this Fund is all about filling gaps by supporting new activity and projects). Funding may possibly support the purchase of new equipment, or even improvements to buildings - but will need to demonstrate how the funding unlocks new provision
- Funding bids must be matched locally, in cash or in kind (for example in volunteer hours or use of a local room/facility). If the match is in kind, the group must indicate details about the monetary value of the match
- This new activity must relate to children and families or health and care. The County Council delivers lots of services in these two areas, and this fund is designed to support community projects which help do it - by supporting people early on.

Successful projects are about keeping people independent, healthy and supported within the places they live. Projects that focus on these things prevent the need for local people to rely on County Council services, and this will mean money saved will be able to support the vulnerable people who need our help the most.

Further Information

Email: peoplehelpingpeoplefund@staffordshire.gov.uk

Stoke City Football Club Community Fund



Website www.stokecityfc.com/community/community-fund/

Beneficiaries

Grants of up to £1,000 will be issued quarterly and in order to be eligible for such funding organisations must demonstrate a genuine community focused projects and complete the short application process. The fund is looking to support projects that are original and innovative, with a considerable emphasis on funding projects which provide long term benefits to the local community.

The money can be used for anything from equipment to event costs, help towards rent or fixtures, sport or computer equipment. The Club will be happy to provide clarification about what it can be used for if needed.

Process

Online application / PDF

Key Targets

Local groups, projects, community groups, self-help organisations, youth groups and charities.

Further Information

Stoke City Football Club,
Stoke City Community Fund,
bet365 Stadium,
Stanley Matthews Way,
Stoke on Trent,
Staffordshire
ST4 4EG

Telephone : 01782 592252

Email : community@stokecityfc.com

Website <http://tudortrust.org.uk/what-we-do/>

Beneficiaries

Tudor makes grants, and provides other types of support, to voluntary and community groups working in any part of the UK. Particularly helping smaller, community-led organisations that work directly with people who are at the margins of society: organisations that support positive changes in people's lives and in their communities.

Responding flexibly to ideas and energy, and to fund effective organisations working to high standards.

Process

Using a two-stage application process gives time to work creatively with applicants who reach the second stage. Through careful listening and constructive dialogue gives everyone the opportunity to think about the options and develop a proposal that focuses on the real needs of the organisation and the people being supported.

Key Targets

Display positive organisational characteristics

- Encourage and develop positive social connections and relationships
- Are embedded in their community and can identify and channel the potential within that community
- Have vision, energy and commitment and are reflective and open to change
- Want to make a step change in the way they work, but need support to do this
- Listen to and are responsive to their users and give users a voice
- Offer longer-term engagement and support
- Make good use of the resources they have

Address marginalisation

- Engage with a marginalised community or engage with a particularly marginalised group of people or 'community of interest'
- Provide direct support to individuals who are in real need
- Are rooted in overlooked and neglected areas where funding is hard to come by
- Affect the lives of marginalised people and communities in a positive way

Make a difference

- Generate a ripple effect – a wider impact beyond the immediate beneficiaries of the work
- Display new thinking or demonstrate best practice: offer an exemplar others can learn from
- Are interested in reflecting on their work and are generous in sharing their findings with others

Further Information

Tudor Trust
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London
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Local Funding Schemes which are closed to new applications

Staffordshire Police and Crime Commissioner's Proceeds of Crime Fund

Status: Currently closed – pending new funding round

Staffordshire Police and Crime Commissioner's People Power Fund

Status: Currently closed – pending new funding round