Funding Bulletin

November 2026

This bulletin highlights newly launched funding opportunities and those with upcoming deadlines, helping local community, voluntary, and faith organisations act quickly to secure support. Information is sourced from Grantfinder and directly from funders to ensure timely and relevant updates.

Need Help With Your Application? Support is available to help you craft a strong funding bid. Contact details for your local support team are listed at the end of this bulletin. Reach out to explore how we can assist you in submitting a successful application.

If you secure funding after spotting an opportunity in this bulletin, we'd love to hear about it!

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LOCAL

J T Blair's Charity	
Aims/priorities:	J T Blair's Charity was established in 1921 and became a registered charity in 1964 with the purpose of being "for the benefit of poor persons (and particularly of the aged poor) in Manchester and Salford in such a way as the trustees consider most advantageous to the recipients". The fund aims to support projects and activities that improve the lives of older people in local communities.
Who can apply?	Registered charities and voluntary organisations assisting older people who live within the 32 wards of Manchester or the 20 wards of Salford can apply.
Grant amount:	£ 2,000
Application process:	Guidance notes and an application form are available from the James Thomas Blair Charity website.
Deadline:	13th November 2026
Contact:	Email: jtblairs@gmail.com Phone: 01204 414 317
Website:	https://www.jtblairscharity.org.uk/Grantsavailable/

Salford – Live Well Cancer Micro Fund	
Aims/priorities:	The Live Well Cancer Micro Fund is delivered by Salford CVS and supported by NHS Greater Manchester and the GM Cancer Alliance. This fund aims to improve cancer-related outcomes for people in Salford by supporting projects and activities that raise awareness of the signs and symptoms of cancer, encourage people to seek help early, and support people affected by cancer within their communities. Priority will be given to projects that raise awareness of the following cancers: • Upper GI Cancer. • Cervical Cancer. • Lung Cancer. • Bowel Cancer.

Who can apply?	Voluntary, community, or social enterprise group with an annual income of less than £100,000.
Grant amount:	Grants of **up to £500** are available to adapt or expand existing activities. Grants of **up to £1,000** are available to develop and run new activities
Application process:	Guidance notes and an application form are available from the Salford CVS website.
Deadline:	20 November 2026 (noon).
Contact:	Email: grants@salfordcvs.co.uk
Website:	https://www.salfordcvs.co.uk/live-well-cancer-micro-fund

Salford - Hate Crime Awareness Week Grants	
Aims/priorities:	The Hate Crime Awareness Week Grants are funded by Salford City Council and Greater Manchester Police. Salford CVS is distributing the funding. The aim of the fund is to increase people's understanding of hate crime, how and why hate crime incidents should be reported through Hate Crime Reporting Centres/Ambassadors, and to promote the services available for victims of hate crime.
Who can apply?	Be a full member of Salford CVS at the time of the application.
Grant amount:	Two levels of funding are available: • Grants of up to £500 for activities during Hate Crime Awareness Week (1 to 7 February 2027). • Grants of up to £750 are available for multiple activities taking place over the month of February 2027.
Application process:	Application and supporting documents should be submitted via email or post.
Deadline:	27 November 2026 (noon).
Contact:	Email: grants@salfordcvs.co.uk
Website:	https://www.salfordcvs.co.uk/hate-crime-awareness-fund-2026-27

ARTS

Arts Council England - Music Growth Fund	
Aims/priorities:	The Music Growth Fund (MGF) is an investment programme designed to support growth in new music. The MGF is provided as part of the UK Government's Music Growth Package launched in 2026. Music is a major cultural and economic asset, enriching lives, strengthening communities, and contributing £8 billion to the UK economy while supporting 220,000 jobs in 2024. Recognising music as a priority growth sector, the Music Growth Package aims to drive innovation, boost local economies, improve workforce skills and resilience, attract investment, promote fairer working conditions, and support a more diverse industry. The programme focuses on new music: original work recently created or performed by living, UK-based artists and music creators. The funding is intended to strengthen the UK's music sector by supporting sustainable and inclusive growth, developing emerging talent, enhancing grassroots music infrastructure, creating new opportunities for artists, creators and businesses, and expanding audiences and markets in the UK and internationally.
Who can apply?	The Music Growth Fund is open to UK-based music industry organisations and businesses, including micro, small and medium-sized companies, sole traders, charities, CICs, not-for-profit organisations, and eligible consortia. Applications must be submitted by an authorised representative using the organisation's applicant profile.
Grant amount:	Two Strands £1,000 to £40,000 and £40,001 to £100,000
Application process:	Guidance notes and application details can be found on the Arts Council England website.
Deadline:	**Music Growth Fund: £1,000 to £40,000 strand** • Round Three: 16 October 2026 to 26 November 2026 • Round Four: 27 November 2026 to 7 January 2027 **Music Growth Fund: £40,001 to £100,000 strand**

	• Round Two: 23 November 2026 to 15 January 2027
Contact:	enquiries@artscouncil.org.uk
Website:	https://www.artscouncil.org.uk/music-growth-package/music-growth-fund-general-guidance

Discover Creative Careers Grant	DISCOVER creative careers
Aims/priorities:	The Discover Creative Careers programme is delivered by the Creative Careers Collective, comprising Futures For All, Creative UK and Creative Access, and funded by the UK Government. The programme is committed to ensuring that there are creative career opportunities for young people across the UK. The programme aims to widen access to creative careers for underserved young people aged 11–24 by addressing local barriers, developing skills and confidence, and increasing awareness of career opportunities within the creative industries. It supports innovative, locally led projects that connect young people with creative professionals, employers and practical experiences, supporting their progression towards further training, paid placements and employment.
Who can apply?	The fund is open to UK-based creative industry organisations, including Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), charities and Community Interest Companies (CICs).
Grant amount:	£ 4,000
Application process:	Guidance and the application portal can be accessed from the Discover Creative Careers website.
Deadline:	30 November 2026.
Contact:	Via the website
Website:	https://discovercreative.careers/industry#funding

Music for All - Community Project Funding	30 YEARS OF Music for ALL 1996-2026
Aims/priorities:	The Community Grants programme is administered Music for All, which is the charity of the UK musical instrument industry. The

	mission of the charity 'is to make more musicians and to enable and inspire more people to discover the mental and physical benefits that playing a musical instrument can bring'. Music for All is a partner of the Power of Music fund which promotes music as a social prescription for people living with dementia and their carers. Small grants are awarded to local organisations using music making to support people living with dementia and their carers. Priority is given to applications from underrepresented communities, including from the Global Majority. The grants programme aims to give a helping hand to projects and initiatives across the UK that are seeking to bring music to their communities. The funding is for groups that need assistance to fulfil their potential in developing truly sustainable music programmes.
Who can apply?	Applicants should be registered in the UK (for example, with the UK Charities Commission or Companies House). This includes, but is not limited to: schools or any form of educational establishment, community projects, charities, organisations, companies and individuals.
Grant amount:	In the current round, support will be available in the following distinct areas: • Up to 5 electro acoustic guitars or 5 electro classical guitars. • Up to 12 acoustic guitars • Up to 30 ukeleles. • Up to 30 Pbuzz instruments. • A software programme - up to 3 Arturia Analog Lab V controllers.
Application process:	An online application form is available to complete on the website
Deadline:	30 November 2026 (12 noon).
Contact:	help@musicforall.org.uk
Website:	https://www.musicforall.org.uk/

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

Toy Trust	
Aims/priorities:	Founded by the British Toy and Hobby Association (BTHA), the Toy Trust exists to raise money predominantly from the toy industry, its suppliers and friends; and distribute the money raised to young disadvantaged and disabled children's charities within the UK and abroad. The Trust aims to: • Co-ordinate and organise various fundraising activities for its members. • Make donations to charities for children. • Provide emergency aid in any crisis involving children. The funding is intended for UK based children's charities who are working for the benefit of disadvantaged children under the age of 13 years and their families. Currently, applications from small UK-based charities are accepted.
Who can apply?	Registered charities in support of disadvantaged children aged below 13 years and that are based in the UK or Ireland are eligible to apply. Applications will also be considered from organisations around the world that have a UK based office. To be eligible, organisations must: • Be supported by a registered charity number. • Have an annual income below £500,000 and unrestricted net assets of less than £200,000. • Have supporting up to date financial accounts. • Have been running for a minimum of one full year. • Have accounts that show a ratio of administration and overhead costs (including wages and salaries) to income of less than 30% Currently, applications are welcome from small UK-based children's charities.
Grant amount:	£ 4,000

Application process:	The online application form and application guidance can be found on the Toy Trust website.
Deadline:	15th November 2026
Contact:	**+44 (0)20 7701 7271**
Website:	https://www.toytrust.co.uk/

Youth Music - Trailblazer Fund	
Aims/priorities:	Youth Music is the UK's largest children's music charity, set up in 1999 to promote and support music-making opportunities for children with the least access. It is supported by National Lottery funding through the Arts Council for England. Youth Music's vision is that 'life-changing' music making is available to all children and young people. Youth Music provides several grants programmes, including the Trailblazer Fund. The funding aims to support young people who want to change their lives through music but cannot because of who they are, where they are from or what they are going through. The grants are for organisations who want to trial work or test a new way of working, sustain a grassroots programme or disrupt the status quo (or all three).
Who can apply?	Constituted UK based organisations may apply.
Grant amount:	Two levels of grants are available: • Grants of £2,000 to £15,000 are available to organisations of less than one year old. • Grants of £2,000 to £30,000 are available to organisations of more than one year old. Projects should last between 6 and 24 months.
Application process:	Guidance notes and the online application portal can be accessed from the Youth Music website.
Deadline:	20 November 2026 (17:00)
Contact:	grants@youthmusic.org.uk
Website:	https://www.youthmusic.org.uk/funding/i-need-funding/trailblazer-fund

Youth Music - Recharge Fund: Racial Equity	
Aims/priorities:	Youth Music is the UK's largest children's music charity, set up in 1999 to promote and support music-making opportunities for children with the least access. It is supported by National Lottery funding through the Arts Council for England. Youth Music's vision is that 'life-changing' music making is available to all children and young people. Youth Music provides several grants programmes, including the Recharge Fund. The funding is intended to support creative organisations led by communities that experience racial injustice through long-term core funding. It aims to address structural inequalities and historic underfunding experienced by Black and Global Majority creatives and organisations.
Who can apply?	Applications will be accepted from organisations that are led by and for communities that experience racial injustice and work creatively with children and young people in England. Applicants must be based in England, legally constituted, have been delivering activity for at least one year by December 2026 and have an organisational turnover of £500,000 or less in their most recent financial year.
Grant amount:	£ 120,000
Application process:	Guidance notes and the online application portal can be accessed from the Youth Music website.
Deadline:	4 December 2026 (17:00).
Contact:	grants@youthmusic.org.uk
Website:	Youth Music - Recharge Fund: Racial Equity

ENVIRONMENT

Paddle Trust	
Aims/priorities:	The Paddle Trust, founded as the Canoe Foundation in 1986 and rebranded in 2025, is a UK wide foundation which raises money for and directly funds projects across England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. It relies on donations to support their projects. The funding is intended for projects across the UK that will: • Increase or enhance existing public access points to water for all forms of paddlesport. • Create launching and landing sites, to and alongside water, for all sectors of the community and all abilities, that are designed to be durable and use sustainable materials when applicable. • Protect and enhance natural blue spaces such as rivers or coastline. • Are “ready to go”. Planning permission must have been researched and granted or agreed in principle, and quotes for the work obtained.
Who can apply?	Applications will be accepted from: • Clubs, community groups, Parish Councils, Local Authorities or anyone in the UK with an active interest in improving access to water for recreational users and protecting the environment. • Organisations or partnerships with local paddlesport groups who will continue to support the use of the improvements on an ongoing basis.
Grant amount:	between £500 and £10,000
Application process:	The guidance notes can be found on the Paddle Trust website.
Deadline:	7 December 2026
Contact:	Via the website

Website:	The Paddle Trust

International Tree Foundation - UK Community Tree Planting Programme	
Aims/priorities:	The International Tree Foundation, a registered charity, has promoted and funded sustainable community forestry projects in the UK and worldwide for more than 90 years and has been responsible for the establishment of hundreds of millions of trees. The UK Community Tree Planting Programme supports projects run by community groups and voluntary organisations that engage communities in planting and caring for native species of trees. The Programme supports community projects that will: • Conserve, restore and protect indigenous trees and woodlands, forests, habitats and associated biodiversity. • Support community engagement in tree planting to promote reforestation and to increase awareness of the importance of trees and forests to environmental and human well-being. • Encourage social cohesion and inclusion.
Who can apply?	Community-based organisations, such as a school, community group, social enterprise, non-governmental organisation, or parish council, can apply.
Grant amount:	Grants are available for community woodlands/hedging projects that range from 100 – 10,000 trees planted per year, with a maximum price equivalent to £2.15 per tree (inclusive of tree protection and mulch). In addition, these projects also receive two maintenance grants equivalent to £0.10 per tree, disbursed in the first and second summers after planting.
Application process:	Guidance notes and an online application portal are available from the International Tree Foundation's website.
Deadline:	11 December 2026.
Contact:	Via the website
Website:	International Tree Foundation

FAITH

John James Charitable Trust	
Aims/priorities:	The John James Charitable Trust was founded over 20 years ago by a Christian businessman from Leeds. The overall aims of the Trust are as follows: • Promote education in the Christian faith amongst children and young people. • Support people in training for Christian ministry. The Trust now supports those seeking to undertake theological training courses by making grants to a number of selected Christian training organisations through bursary schemes, rather than by making grants to individual student applicants. This change has been made because the Trustees believe that organisations are better placed to allocate funds to students most in need of support. The Trust will still consider applications from those in church-based, Minister in training roles.
Who can apply?	Applications are accepted from individuals and registered charities who are Christian and involved, or intending to be involved, in ministry which advances the Christian faith. To be eligible, applicants must be based in the UK or supported by a UK-based mission agency.
Grant amount:	The average grant is £2,000.
Application process:	The guidance and online application form can be found on the website.
Deadline:	Applications can be submitted during the months of April and November only.
Contact:	Via the website
Website:	https://johnjamestrust.org/apply/

GENERAL

Money Guiders Grant Fund 2026/27	

Aims/priorities:	The Fund is provided and administered by The Money and Pensions Service (MaPS).
	The fund has been established to encourage collaboration, improvement and innovation across the Money Guiders network while helping people access high-quality money guidance services.
	Organisations may apply to one of the following Lots:
	• **Lot 1: Help Customers Get to Where They Need to Go**
	  ○ Improve referrals, pathways, customer journeys and signposting arrangements.
	  ○ Strengthen collaboration between organisations supporting people with money-related issues.
	  ○ Help organisations work together more effectively so customers can access the right support at the right time.
	  ○ Support local and regional activities that improve connections between services and create more seamless customer experiences.
	• **Lot 2: Raise Awareness and Share Success**
	  ○ Increase awareness of Money Guiders and the value of money guidance.
	  ○ Showcase impact and effective practice across the sector.
	  ○ Share learning, experiences and successful approaches between organisations.
	  ○ Support activities such as case studies, promotional campaigns, celebration events and the use of Money Guiders messaging toolkits to raise the profile of money guidance services.
	This fund is open exclusively to engaged Money Guiders Partner organisations, defined as organisations with a current E&C Form and evidence of active participation in Money Guiders activities during the current financial year.

Who can apply?	To be eligible, applicants must meet all of the following requirements: • Be a current Money Guiders Partner with a valid Expectations and Commitments (E&C) Form in place with MaPS. • Be legally registered and operating within the United Kingdom. • Demonstrate sound financial standing, including holding an active UK bank account in the organisation's legal name and not being subject to insolvency proceedings. • Have the capability and capacity to deliver the proposed project and spend all awarded funding by 31 March 2027. • Confirm that the proposed activity is not already funded through another funding source. • Comply with the Data Protection Act 2018 and UK GDPR. • Hold appropriate insurance cover, including public liability and/or professional indemnity insurance and safeguarding policies where relevant. Consortium applications are permitted, provided a single lead organisation is identified and accepts responsibility for the grant agreement, project delivery, financial management, reporting and governance arrangements
Grant amount:	Between £5,000 and £25,000 are available for projects to be delivered between January and 31 March 2027.
Application process:	The information pack and all other relevant documents needed to apply are available by email request: GESgrantsadmin@maps.org.uk. Applications must be submitted via the MaPS eSourcing portal (Atamis).
Deadline:	10 November 2026 (17:00)
Contact:	https://maps.org.uk/en#
Website:	https://find-government-grants.service.gov.uk/grants/money-guiders-grant-fund-202627-1#eligibility

Greater Manchester – Routes Home Fund	
Aims/priorities:	
Who can apply?	Charities, community interest companies (CICs), and constituted community groups can apply.

Grant amount:	£ 12,500
Application process:	Greater Manchester Mayor's Charity provides the Routes Home Fund in partnership with The Charity Service and the Booth Centre. This fund aims to support projects and activities for people experiencing homelessness and accessing homelessness services across the following priorities: • Safe Accommodation. • No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF). • Growing a community of people accessing services – reducing social isolation and empowering people who attend.
Deadline:	13 November 2026 (16:00).
Contact:	**Email** enquiries@charityservice.org.uk **Phone** 0330 1330 780
Website:	https://charityservice.org.uk/routes-home-fund-funding-shaped-by-people-with-first-hand-experience-of-the-impact-of-homelessness/

DPS Social Commitment Programme – Activate	
Aims/priorities:	The DPS Social Commitment Activate Programme is provided by Computershare Investor Services PLC and delivered by the School for Social Entrepreneurs (SSE). This programme aims to help organisations to build a resilient business model through a tailored learning programme and grant funding. Groups working to address homelessness will gain access to specialist and peer-to-peer learning opportunities, connections with further income opportunities, and funding to support their learning and the development of their organisation.
Who can apply?	Charities and social enterprises can apply. To apply, groups must: • Be based in and have a majority of beneficiaries in England or Wales. • Be working to either help people access or sustain a home (some or all of which should be in the private rented sector), or to reduce homelessness and rough sleeping. • Be 'early-stage' but have some activity in place, with a plan to grow (likely over £100,000 annual income).

	Organisations led by and for Black and racially minoritised communities, deaf and disabled people, women, LGBTQ+ communities, and those in economically disadvantaged areas are particularly welcome.
Grant amount:	£ 7,000
Application process:	Groups must register via the online expression of interest form on the SSE website to receive further guidance notes and an online application form.
Deadline:	16 November 2026 (noon).
Contact:	Phone: 020 7089 9120 **Email:** office@sse.org.uk
Website:	https://www.the-sse.org/programme/the-dps-social-commitment-programme-activate/#faq

Rosa - Voices from the Frontline	
Aims/priorities:	Rosa, a registered charity, was launched in June 2008, following more than a decade of research and development in response to a need for greater recognition and financial support for women's organisations and projects supporting women in the UK. Rosa's Voices from the Frontline Grants Programme is designed to support women's organisations promote their fight for gender equality in the UK and make long lasting change. It resources advocacy, campaigning and activists with lived experience of injustice and inequality – giving voice especially to women facing intersecting disadvantages including race, class, sexuality, disability, poverty or migration status. Now in its ninth year, the funding is for women's and girls' organisations to deliver activism and campaigning to raise awareness of the issues women and girls face. The campaigns could be targeted at local communities, the general public, local or national government, media, service providers or businesses. Rosa will fund organisations which: • Have identified the issue they want to campaign on. • Have an understanding of their intended audience. • Are ready to start, or have started, their campaign.

	• Need resources to support their campaigning and influencing work. Rosa is committed to funding organisations across the UK as well as to funding a mixture of national and local campaigns.

Who can apply?	Women's sector voluntary and community organisations in the UK are eligible to apply.
	To be eligible, applicants must:
	• Meet Rosa's definition of a women's and girls' organisation as those which are run by, for and with women and girls.
	  ○ Their organisation will be governed and led by women.
	  ○ They will have a Board of Trustees (or similar) where the Chair is a woman, and the majority of members are women.
	  ○ The majority of their organisation's employee leadership team will be women.
	  ○ Their organisation will have the principal objective of working with women and/or girls and the majority of their organisation's beneficiaries are, and will always be, women and/or girls.
	• Be a not-for-profit organisation.
	• Have a written governing document, eg, a constitution or set of rules.
	• Have a governing body with at least three unrelated members.
	• Have a UK-based bank or building society account in the organisation's name with at least two unrelated signatories.
	• Have been active for at least one year and can produce annual accounts for a whole year.
	• Have an appropriate safeguarding policy in place.
	• Not have received a Voices from the Frontline grant in round 8 (awarded in March 2026).
	Priority will be given to organisations that are:
	• Operating in the top 20% of the most disadvantaged areas in the UK based on the Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD).
	• Based in Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland.
	• Led by and for Black and minoritised women and girls.
	• Led by and for disabled women and girls.
	• Led by and for LGBTQ+ women and girls.

Grant amount:	£ 10,000

Application process:	The application process is: • Step one - submit the brief online registration form on Rosa's website. • Step two - submit the application form • Step three - send a three-minute video by We Transfer, outlining how the funding will be used. Rosa is hosting two 'How to Apply' webinars to help applicants develop their applications. Registration is required: • 20 October (10:00 to 11:00). Register here. • 05 November (14:00 to 15:00). Register here.
Deadline:	16 November 2026 (16:00)
Contact:	Email: info@rosauk.org
Website:	https://rosauk.org/our-programmes/voices-from-the-frontline/

UnLtd - Awards for Social Entrepreneurs	
Aims/priorities:	This programme is provided by UnLtd, a registered charity that promotes social entrepreneurship in the UK. The funding is intended to support social entrepreneurs develop their social ventures and create positive social impact. UnLtd is committed to allocating 50% of its Awards to Black, Asian and minority ethnic social entrepreneurs and/or disabled social entrepreneurs across its programmes.
Who can apply?	Applicants must first complete the online eligibility checker. Eligible applicants will then receive access to the application portal, guidance and resources to help prepare their application
Grant amount:	The following levels of funding are available: • **Starting Up** - funding of up to £8,000 for social entrepreneurs with an idea for a social venture that has not yet started trading, or whose venture has been trading for less than one year. • **Scaling Up** - funding of up to £18,000 for social entrepreneurs whose social venture has been trading for between one and four years.

	Alongside funding, Award recipients will be supported through one of the following programmes, depending on their age and the focus of their social venture: • **Funding Futures Programme** - for social entrepreneurs aged 16 to 30 with ideas or ventures that address financial exclusion, either directly or indirectly. • **Millennium Awards Trust** - for social entrepreneurs aged 16 and over working in any sector.
Application process:	The guidance notes and application form can be found on the website.
Deadline:	30 November 2026.
Contact:	Via the website
Website:	UnLtd - Awards for Social Entrepreneurs

The Fore	
Aims/priorities:	The Fore is the only open-access funder in the UK offering development funding and strategic support to early-stage charities and social enterprises. The Fore provides unrestricted grants to small charities and social enterprises based in the UK. The funding is intended to have a transformational impact on the organisations being supported by unlocking significant development in areas such as sustainability, growth, capability, efficiency, or other major steps forward. There is a particular interest in supporting grassroots organisations working with underserved communities. The Fore views its grants as investments in the organisations it supports, rather than funding specific projects only. The Fore funds work across the following charitable sectors: • Arts and culture • Disability • Economic development and employability

	• Environment • Health and wellbeing • Housing and homelessness • Human rights, law and justice • Poverty and disadvantage • Sport • Women and girls • Youth and education.
Who can apply?	Applications are accepted from the following types of organisation with an annual revenue of less than £500,000 in the previous completed financial year: • Registered charities (including those constituted as charitable trusts, charitable unincorporated associations, charitable incorporated organisations and charitable companies limited by guarantee). • Community Interest Companies (CICs) limited by guarantee. • Community Benefit Societies that are either Charitable CBSs or non-charitable CBSs with an asset lock. • Social enterprises.
Grant amount:	£45,000 over one to three years are available.

Application process:	Once open for registration, the application process is as follows:
	• The first step is to register an interest on the Applying for Funding page which takes about two to three minutes.
	• Registered applicants will receive confirmation that they have been allocated a place on the funding round. Details of how to apply will be included.
	• If there are more applicants registered than places available, places will be allocated at random.
	• There follows a three-stage application
	  ○ Stage 1 - confirmed applicants have around three weeks to complete their application.
	  ○ Stage 2 - online meeting for long listed applicants who are invited via email for a meeting with one of the Fore's Strategic Applicant Consultants.

	○ Stage 3 - shortlisted applications go to the funding panels. • Announcement of successful applicants is typically within 12 weeks of the application deadline. • Unsuccessful applicants are offered feedback and can apply for future rounds.
Deadline:	Spring 2027 opens 25 November (12 noon) and closes 2 December 2026 (12 noon).
Contact:	info@thefore.org
Website:	https://thefore.org/apply-for-funding/

Nuffield Foundation – Essential Employment Skills Fund	
Aims/priorities:	The Nuffield Foundation has created this fund which builds on its previous work on education-to-employment transitions to address high rates of youth unemployment and economic inactivity that exist in the UK. The primary aim of the programme is to improve the evidence on effective support for young people aged 16-24 facing significant barriers to work to develop essential employment skills and ultimately access good jobs. The funding is to initiate or develop partnerships between stakeholders, which may include employers, educators, third sector providers, and local and regional government, to sustain support for young people. In addition, there is also interest in funding projects that aim to improve mechanisms for sharing learning or to advance approaches to measuring essential employment skills. The fund is for programmes that support young people aged 16-24 or a narrower age group within that range, such as 16-19 year olds, living in the UK. There needs to be a clear focus on young people facing significant barriers to work which may include focusing on young

	people with one or more of the following risk factors for being NEET: • Low or no academic qualifications • Persistent school absence or exclusion • SEND, especially having an Education, Health and Care Plan • Mental health difficulties • Experience of the care system • Young parenthood • Being a young carer • Belonging to a Gypsy, Roma or Traveller community • Living in geographic areas with higher rates of youth unemployment.
Who can apply?	Partnerships that are already established between frontline delivery organisations and independent evaluators may apply. It is hoped that the fund will encourage new collaborations between employers, educators, charities, researchers and local government.
Grant amount:	Up to £500,000
Application process:	There is a two stage application process: • Outline applications are accepted from 8 September 2026 to 10 December 2026. • Those who are shortlisted will be invited to submit full applications in spring 2027. Full details are available on the Nuffield Foundation website.
Deadline:	10 December 2026
Contact:	eesf@nuffieldfoundation.org
Website:	Nuffield Foundation - Essential Employment Skills Fund

HEALTH & WELLBEING

Will Charitable Trust	
Aims/priorities:	The Will Charitable Trust was established in 1990 by private philanthropy as a charity making grants to other charities in specific fields of activity. The funding is intended for UK registered or exempt charities whose activities fall within the following three categories: • Care of and services for blind people, and the prevention and/or cure of blindness. • Long-term care of people with learning disabilities either: in a residential care or supported living environment in a way that provides a family environment and wide choice of activities and lifestyle; or: by providing long-term day/employment activities. • Care of and services for people suffering from cancer and their families. Consideration may be given to charities whose projects are specifically aimed at the cancer care element of their work.
Who can apply?	Applications will be considered from UK registered or exempt charities with a turnover of at least £50,000 and whose activities fall within the following three categories, mainly within the UK: • Care of and services for blind people, and the prevention and cure of blindness. • Long-term care of people with learning disabilities either in a residential care or supported living environment in a way that provides a family environment and wide choice of activities and lifestyle or by providing long-term day/employment activities. • Care of and services for people suffering from cancer, and their families.

Grant amount:	£ 20,000+
Application process:	Via email but see the website for details
Deadline:	20 November 2026
Contact:	grantsoffice@willcharitabletrust.org.uk
Website:	https://www.willcharitabletrust.org.uk/

James Tudor Foundation - Mental Health Grant	
Aims/priorities:	The James Tudor Foundation was established in 2004 and funded by endowment, following the transfer of membership rights from BCWA Healthcare to the HSA Group (now Simplyhealth). The Foundation now offers a revised grants programme after a review in April 2025: • Mental Health: available from the merging of the previous Health Education and Relief of Sickness programmes (the subject of this report) • Physical Health: replaces the Medical Research programme. • Hospice Care: now only available in South West England and South Wales. International grants are now only made at the discretion of the trustees and the programme is no longer open to applications. The Foundation aims to support UK charities with a focus on mental health. Projects are funded to help children and young people recover from Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), plus support parents affected by ACEs, mental illness or addiction. Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) are traumatic events in childhood that negatively affects mental health, and includes: • Sexual abuse. • Physical abuse or neglect.

	• Emotional abuse or neglect. • Living in a household where there is domestic violence. • Living with a parent with substance abuse. • Living with a parent who has a mental illness. • Losing a parent through death, abandonment, or divorce. • Having a parent in prison.
Who can apply?	UK-registered healthcare charities may apply for the Mental Health programme. The charity must have an annual income below £20 million and at least five-years' audited or independently-examined accounts.
Grant amount:	£ 25,000
Application process:	Expressions of Interest next open: • 2 November to 11 December (17:00) for consideration at the June 2027 board meeting. There is a two-stage application process for applications: • The first step is to submit an Expression of Interest. To access the Expression of Interest online form, groups **must** complete the relevant Eligibility Checker. • Successful applicants will be invited to submit a full application. Applications are only accepted via the website.
Deadline:	11 December (17:00)
Contact:	grants@jamestudor.org.uk or on 0117 959 6496.
Website:	James Tudor Foundation - Apply for Funding

James Tudor Foundation **- Physical Health Grant**	
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	• Physical Health: replaces the Medical Research programme. • Mental Health: available from the merging of the previous Health Education and Relief of Sickness programmes. • Hospice Care: now only available in South West England and South Wales. International grants are now only made at the discretion of the trustees and the programme is no longer open to applications. The Foundation aims to support UK charities working in physical health, with a focus on therapeutic interventions, health information and direct healthcare. The fund's priorities are: • Support charities that address unmet needs, demonstrate sector expertise, and have a clear, well-defined strategy. • Charities providing condition-specific information. • Organisations whose services are delivered by qualified specialist professionals. Physical health charities in the UK are supported who work in the following areas: • Therapeutic interventions for people living with acute, chronic, or degenerative physical conditions; people living with physical disabilities; and those recovering from life-changing injuries. The charities must provide evidence-based, NICE recommended therapies (e.g. physiotherapy, hydrotherapy, multidisciplinary rehabilitation programmes). Charities that provide services free of charge or at highly subsidised prices are prioritised. • Specialist, single-condition charities that are national and provide information about a specific condition via nurse-led helplines and via digital and print materials. Charities that are members of the Patient Information Forum (PIF) and/or have PIF Tick certification are prioritised. Additionally, groups operating helplines are given preference if they are members of the Helplines Partnership or hold the Helplines Standard certification. • Organisations whose sole focus is to provide direct healthcare services to marginalised communities. If funds allow, applications from homelessness charities with established mobile healthcare clinics will be considered. • Air ambulance service (specified areas only).

Who can apply?	UK-registered healthcare charities may apply for the Mental Health programme. The charity must have an annual income below £20 million and at least five-years' audited or independently-examined accounts.
Grant amount:	£ 25,000
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HERITAGE

Funding to Support Black and Mixed Black Heritage Researchers Across the UK	
Aims/priorities:	Do it Now Now (DiNN) is collaborating with Wellcome to bring this round of the Innovate Now Programme. This fund aims to strengthen Black-led leadership in the UK research ecosystem by helping organisations to grow sustainably, strengthen governance and leadership, boost operational readiness, improve financial resilience, and build long-term impact.
Who can apply?	The following can apply: • Registered charities. • Community interest companies (CICs). • Social enterprises. • Limited companies. • Sole traders/unincorporated or unregistered groups with appropriate governance. Groups must: • Be based and operating in the UK. • Have a track record of supporting Black heritage or Mixed Black heritage researchers, students, or communities involved in research careers. • Have leadership comprising over 50% of Black and Mixed Black heritage. • Have at least 75% of directors, trustees, or equivalent governing body members with lived experience of the social issues faced by the group's service users. • Have an annual income of up to £150,000.
Grant amount:	Unincorporated initiatives, sole traders, constituted groups, and registered initiatives earning under £10,000 annual income are eligible to receive a grant of £13,000 over two years.

	Registered initiatives with an annual income between £10,000 and £30,000 are eligible to receive a grant of £21,000 over three years. Registered initiatives with an annual income between £30,000 and £150,000 are eligible to receive a grant of £48,000 over three years.
Application process:	Guidance notes and an online Expression of Interest form are available from the website.
Deadline:	Round Two: 7 September to 27 November.
Contact:	team@doitnownow.com
Website:	https://www.doitnownow.com/innovate-now-with-wellcome

Historic England – Neighbourhood Heritage Grants	Historic England
Aims/priorities:	The Neighbourhood Heritage Grant Programme is provided and administered by Historic England. This fund aims to support communities to use heritage to shape the future of local places. Funding is for projects that use historic buildings, places, sites, and stories to help communities build confidence, strengthen local identity, create new relationships, and influence decisions about the places where they live.
Who can apply?	Organisations based in England can apply, including constituted community groups, charities, community interest companies, and local authorities. Groups must be able to provide evidence of their governance arrangements. The proposed project must be in an IMD 1–3 area in England.
Grant amount:	£ 15,000
Application process:	Guidance notes and an application form are available from the website
Deadline:	27 November 2026 (23:59)
Contact:	customers@HistoricEngland.org.uk

Website:	https://historicengland.org.uk/campaigns/help-write-history/neighbourhood-heritage-grants/

SPORT & RECREATION

The Primary Club	
Aims/priorities:	The Primary Club is the cricketers' charity for the blind and partially sighted. Most of the Club's income comes from members' donations and is used to support a wide variety of projects. The funding is intended to support projects that are either innovative (in the sense of enabling support to be provided in new ways, or to a wider community) and/or collaborative (for example enabling schools and other organisations to deliver support together which they could not achieve alone).
Who can apply?	Clubs and organisations in the UK can apply.
Grant amount:	at the discretion of the Trustees.
Application process:	The guidance notes and application form can be found on The Primary Club website.
Deadline:	30 November.
Contact:	honsec@primaryclub.org
Website:	https://www.primaryclub.org/funding/

Angus Irvine Playing Fields Fund	
Aims/priorities:	The Angus Irvine Playing Fields Fund was formerly known as the Playing Fields Legacy Fund, which was established in 2012 by the late Angus Irvine as a response to what he felt was a failure of the 2012 London Olympics to provide its promised legacy for grass-roots sport. In 2018 the charity's trustees decided to join forces with Access Sport and form the new Angus Irvine Playing Fields Fund (AIPFF), through which Access Sport will act as custodian of Angus's legacy. Access Sport is a UK charity that aims to meet the urgent need to improve children and young people's health and wellbeing,

	working solely with young people in deprived communities and with a strong emphasis on young disabled people. The funding is intended to improve the lives of children and young people, enabling them to access the transformative benefits of inclusive community sport. Activities must focus on including young people (age 5 years to 18 years old) who otherwise be excluded from sport such as: • Disadvantaged young people. • Women and girls. • Young people from minority ethnic communities. • Young offenders and those at risk of offending.
Who can apply?	Applications are accepted from local community groups and sports clubs, with priority given to sports clubs: • Based in Greater Manchester, Oxfordshire, Greater London or the West Midlands supported by Access Sport's Changing Places programme. • Based in or serving a borough or ward within the top 20% Indices of Multiple Deprivation.
Grant amount:	Between £2,500 to £5,000
Application process:	Full details and an online application form are available on the Access Sport website.
Deadline:	18 December 2026 **(13:00)**.
Contact:	AIPFF@AccessSport.org.uk
Website:	Angus Irvine Playing Fields Fund

Cash4Clubs	
Aims/priorities:	Set up in 2008, Cash4Clubs is a grant programme funded by Flutter UK & Ireland, part of Flutter Entertainment, the global sports betting, gaming and entertainment provider. For this reason, groups must have adult members (18+) in order to be eligible for funding.

	Cash4Clubs is working with Sported, the UK's largest network of community sports groups, to get the funds to the clubs who need it most. Since Cash4Clubs aims to get vital funds to clubs that need it most, priority will be given to applications from groups working in areas of high deprivation and engaging adults from specific under-represented groups. That means those who: • Are supporting adults living in an area of high deprivation. (Using Government Indices of Multiple Deprivation and the Pobal HP Deprivation Index). • Increase access to sport for one or more under-represented groups, including women, people from racially diverse communities, people with disabilities and people from the LGBTQ+ community. • Encourage adults who would not usually engage in sport to take part. Examples include activities that support physical and mental wellbeing or tackle issues such as loneliness and rural isolation. • Address broader social issues for the local community, for example tackling crime and anti-social behaviour or supporting community cohesion.
Who can apply?	Applications are accepted from not-for-profit organisations, including charities, community groups and traditional sports clubs.
Grant amount:	£ 2,000
Application process:	The guidelines, frequently asked questions, and information on the application process are available on the Cash4Clubs website.
Deadline:	1 January 2027.
Contact:	info@sported.org.uk
Website:	Cash4Clubs

UEFA EURO 2028 Innovation Programme	
Aims/priorities:	UEFA EURO 2028 will be held in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland between 9 June and 9 July 2028, with matches taking place across eight host cities and nine stadiums. The tournament aims to deliver lasting social benefits across the host nations by using football as a means of supporting community engagement and participation. The UEFA EURO 2028 Innovation Programme, a joint initiative between UEFA and UK & Ireland 2028 Limited, will identify and support projects and solutions that contribute to these wider social impact objectives. The programme's overarching challenge is as follows: **How can we leverage innovation to engage, empower and better understand communities, through football and UEFA EURO 2028, to deliver a lasting impact?** This overarching challenge breaks down into two focused innovation challenges: **Innovation sub-challenge 1: Unlocking the lasting value of the UEFA EURO 2028 volunteer experience** This sub-challenge seeks solutions that enhance the UEFA EURO 2028 volunteer experience by helping participants recognise, evidence and make use of the transferable skills they develop through volunteering. Proposals should support volunteers throughout their journey, from application to post-tournament engagement, while creating pathways for continued involvement in football and community activities and delivering value to people from a wide range of backgrounds. **Innovation sub-challenge 2: Connecting communities to UEFA EURO 2028 through digital engagement and physical experiences** This sub-challenge seeks solutions that enable new and diverse audiences to engage with UEFA EURO 2028 through inclusive, accessible and rewarding tournament-related experiences. Proposals may combine digital and physical approaches and should complement existing tournament platforms, fan festivals and community activities, with a particular focus on people who would not normally engage with football. Solutions should foster a sense of belonging, connect people with local communities and social impact initiatives, and provide

	personalised experiences that reflect the diversity of audiences across the UK and Ireland. The programme encourages innovators to design, test and validate solutions that enhance the tournament experience while delivering sustainable and lasting benefits for volunteers, communities and tournament stakeholders.
Who can apply?	The programme is open to, but not limited to, start-ups, academia, non-profits or charities, research centres and cross-industry technology providers.
Grant amount:	Up to £200,000
Application process:	Guidance notes and application details can be found on the website.
Deadline:	15 November 2026.
Contact:	
Website:	UEFA EURO 2028 Innovation Programme - Supporting Information

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