

Welcome to your Funding Guide

We have detailed 96 funding organisations suitable whose criteria meet most of the type of services which IIB members deliver.

According to our members, delivery partners and many major national support agencies the funding landscape is the most challenging they have ever known. Some funders have suspended their funds to review their services; others have changed their criteria which in general does not meet most of our services. Most local authorities no longer have funds to offer their local community; this causes greater competition for funds from Trusts and Foundations and National Lottery Community Fund (NCLF) funds.

Our response is to provide this funding guide to enable people to identify funds quickly, additionally on request (and where possible) we have supported several of our members through our delivery partners to secure funds. Please feel free to discuss with us if you believe we can help.

We have reviewed the guidance at the end of this guide, although much of this is unchanged, it is relevant and will help you increase your chance of success.

Using This Guide

This guide has been prepared to provide a source of information regarding funding for Irish in Britain members. There is a section at the back of this guide titled "improving your chances", **please take the time to read this section**, this will help in preparing a well-researched, and well-prepared application. Used in conjunction with this guide it will:

- Save you time researching potential funders
- Help you understand what makes a good application
- Improve your chances of success.

The opening table gives a quick easy view of funds available, what activities are eligible, governance status required, and how much can be applied for. The following sections give more detailed information of each funder, their requirements, and a link to their website; simply click on the link and this will give you the pertinent information they provide. Generally speaking, the headings can be interpreted in their broadest sense e.g. if it states elderly, health or welfare, this could range from sports or a tea dance through to care for people living with dementia, likewise a community building would encompass any building which services are offered from and could range from advice to a social centre. The information provided is up to date in November 2025, because things change, we recommend however that you check all information on the relevant website. Not all funders have a website, in some instances to secure information we have read the annual report in their accounts, these are available on the Charity Commission website. <https://www.gov.uk/find-charity-information>

Some funders open 2-3 time per year, and close for applications in between those times, we have included these in this guide. We have also included funders that are closed but are longstanding funders who believe will open again.

Some funders only fund registered charities i.e., those registered with the Charity Commission; some will fund Community Interest Companies (CICs) and Companies Limited by Guarantee, others will fund structures that have a constitution, committee, and bank account (these are technically called unincorporated associations). Some are unclear and simply state "charitable organisations", in this case it is best to ring them up and check. If we state Registered Charities only in the heading then that is the only status they will accept, if it says not-for-profit, unincorporated etc, this means that all types of organisations can apply, including registered charities, limited companies. **We have used their descriptions where possible, also eligibility (e.g., is charitable status required), however it is not always totally clear, funding amounts change, so is important to check their website or with them regarding all their criteria before commencing an application.**

There is a wide selection of funders, from those who provide small amounts, through to larger national organisations, some of which have no financial limit on the value of their award. It has been difficult to assess the success rate for different funders; Tudor Trust state they fund approximately one in ten applications, Esmée Fairbairn state around an 8% success rate, others have stated one in five, funding from Awards for all (up to £20,000) is believed to be over a 60% success rate.

Are you funding ready - basic requirements:

Before applying to any funder, you will need to have the following in place;

A constitution - the activities you are applying for should be reflected in your aims and objectives. The constitution should also contain a dissolution clause, this should state that if your organisation closes, the remaining assets will be transferred to a likeminded charitable (or non-profit) organisation. All assets should also be locked on a permanent basis, i.e. they can be transferred to another charitable organisation, but cannot be transferred to a non-charitable (for profit) organisation.

At least three committee members

A bank account in the same name as the one detailed on your constitution

Two bank signatories who are not connected people, i.e., do not live at the same address, are not in a relationship, are not related

Accounts for past years trading, the higher the funding amount the more these will need to be produced by an accountant or independent auditor

We have used several sources to research this information, listed below are some sources you can use.

Further Sources of Information

<https://www.charityexcellence.co.uk/> - free

<https://www.myfundingcentral.co.uk/> - free

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-funding-community-project>

<https://www.grantsonline.org.uk/> - free monthly newsletter, subscription based weekly bulletin

www.dsc.org.uk – subscription based – see paragraph below

The Directory of Grant Making Trusts lists over 2000 of the largest grant making charities in the UK with grants ranging from under £1,000 to over £670m. Access to this directory is available either by purchasing one of their publications through the website, or by a paid-for subscription to trustfunding.org.uk

There are other sources of information, these are CVS (Community Voluntary Services). They also have a different title of Voluntary Action with the name of the town city at the end e.g. Voluntary Action London, they usually have local funding information. The national body for these organisations is NAVCA, the National Association for Voluntary and Community Action, they can be contacted at: <https://www.ncvo.org.uk/>

Additionally, as well as managing their own local funds, and small funds on behalf of other funders, Community Foundations often have detailed funding information available in your area. E.G. South Yorkshire Community Foundation provide a weekly bulletin and a detailed website for funding research. The link below will take you to the Community Foundations website, then click on “our network” for your local foundation. <https://www.ukcommunityfoundations.org/>

One further opportunity are Clinical Commissioning Groups – CCG, they are the buying arm of the NHS. We have detailed them separately here because they are individual, independent bodies and vary widely across the country as to what they will fund. They may call it commissioning, it is often aligned with “social prescribing”, some fund walking groups, or activities to keep people active,

smoking cessation, social activities to reduce isolation and loneliness etc. Please research your local CCG or local NHS practices to find out about potential opportunities.

Irish in Britain

Should you require further support please contact us. we have knowledgeable staff, resources on our website, and we work with specialist delivery partners. We offer training and in depth support on a range of issues and we work in partnership with the authors of this guide and can secure advice/support for our members.

Contact: communitydevelopment@irishinbritain.org phone 020 3409 1286

Dave Oldroyd (author of this guide) director of 'Supporting Locally' can be contacted directly at: supportinglocally@btinternet.com Tel: 01909 515903 Mob: 07966 448203

Funder	Welfare	Young People	Sport	Elders	Heritage	Culture & Arts	Housing & Comm Building	Capital	Advice & Advocacy	Core or Project Funds?	Capacity Building	Value Up To	Note:
29 th May 1961 Charitable Trust	✓	✓		✓		✓		✓		✓		£10,000	
AB Charitable Trust	✓											£20,000	Migrants and Refugees, justice, human rights
Access to Justice Foundation									✓	✓		£150,000 Estimate	Access to Legal and advice services
Allen Lane Foundation	✓									✓		£15,000	Average grant is £5,000 - £6,000
Arts Council – Project Grants						✓		✓		Project	✓	Up to £30,000 or over £30,000	Different routes for up to £15,000 and £100,000
Arts Council – Creative Practice						✓		✓		Project	✓	£100,000	
Awards for All (Big Lottery)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Project	✓	£10,000	
Andor Charitable Trust	✓			✓		✓				Project		£10,000	
Barrow Cadbury Trust	✓			✓			✓		✓	Both		£75,000	Birmingham and West Midlands unless of national significance Research Funding only
Basil Samuel Charitable Trust	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	Both		£10,000	
Beaverbrook Foundation									✓				See main text, no amounts or funding areas stated Capital and Revenue

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Bernard Sunley Foundation	✓			✓				✓				Below £20,000 Over £20,000	
BBC Children In Need	✓	✓	✓			✓			✓	Both		£25,000 Per year x 3 years	Small grants up to 10k Large Grants up to 100k
Liz Terry Bramall Foundation	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Both		£500,000	Christian faith and CoE focus
Percy Bilton Foundation								✓				£15,000	Capital only
The Brelms Trust	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	Both		£15,000 over 3yrs	Yorkshire only
Charles Hayward Foundation				✓	✓					Project		£7,000 £25,000	Small grants Large Grants
Childhood Trust	✓	✓											
CHK Charity (West Mids & National)	✓			✓	✓	✓			✓			£20,000	
City Bridge Trust (London)	✓	✓		✓			✓	✓	✓	Either but not both	✓	No limit stated	
Clothworkers Foundation	✓	✓		✓			✓	✓		Project		No limit stated	Main and small grants programmes
Comic Relief	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	Both	✓		Currently Closed

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Common Ground								✓				£10,000	
Community Foundations	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	£20,000	
Culture Ireland					✓	✓						Not stated	3 programmes Different deadlines
Didymus Trust						✓				✓		£10,000	
Drapers Trust	✓	✓		✓					?? Maybe	✓		£25,000	Debt, food poverty
Dulverton Trust	✓	✓			✓			✓		Both		£25,000 to £35,000	
Emigrant Support Programme	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Unstated	Opens January 2023
Esmee Fairbairn Foundation	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	£1.25m	We have seen grants from £60,000 to £1.25m
The Fore	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	£30,000	1 - 3 years, Interested in development of organisation
Foyle Foundation	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Both		£10,000 for Small Grants	Potentially over £10k for larger projects
Francis Winham Foundation				✓								Average grant £23,000	
Garfield Weston Foundation	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Over £100,000	Smaller fund under £100,000, larger fund over £100,000

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Albert Gubay Foundation	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	£5,000 to £2.25m	
Goldsmiths Foundation	✓	✓		✓						✓			
Heart Research Foundation										✓		£10,000	
Heathrow Community Foundation												£15,000	Surrounding areas
Hedley Foundation		✓		✓								Up to £5,000	
Henry Smith Foundation	✓	✓								Both	✓	£20,000 to £60,000	Rebuilding lives after displacement or prison
Heritage Lottery Fund - Sharing Heritage					✓	✓					✓	£3,000 to £10,000	
HLF Our Heritage					✓			✓			✓	£10,000 to £100,000	
Heritage Resilience & Recovery					✓						✓	£3,000 to £250,000	
Innox Foundation	✓	✓										Unstated	
Inman Charity	✓											£10 x 3 years	
The Ireland Fund Great Britain	✓			✓	✓	✓			✓	Project		Up to £10,000	Applications by invite only this coming year

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Irish Youth Foundation	✓	✓				✓			✓	Project		£10,000	
Landfill Communities Fund					✓		✓	✓		Project		£100,000	Different operators set funding limits, many are around £40,000
Michael and Betty Little Trust	✓	✓		✓						✓		£10,000	
Lloyds Bank Foundation	✓	✓					✓			✓		£25,000 per year for 3 years	See range of support detailed later
Laing Family Trusts	✓	✓		✓				✓		✓		Up to £25,000	Larger grants at their discretion
Leathersellers' Foundation	✓			✓				✓		✓			
LGBT Consortium													Rights, visibility, sustainability, faith, wellbeing
Masonic Charitable Foundation	✓	✓		✓								Up to £60,000	
Robert McAlpine Foundation	✓	✓		✓						Both		Unstated	Two sides of A4 application process
Mercers Charitable Foundation	✓	✓		✓						✓		Unstated	
Steve Morgan Foundation	✓	✓		✓			✓	✓	✓	✓		Unstated	Up to 25% of turnover

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Morrison's Foundation	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓				£25,000	No revenue funding Must be a new project
The Newby Trust	✓									Both		£24,000	Education, Health, Welfare
NLCF Racism discrimination Health inequalities	✓							✓		Both		£250,000 To £5m Up to 5 years	
Paul Hamlyn Foundation -		✓				✓				Both	✓	£60,000	
Peoples Postcode Trust	✓			✓					✓	✓		£20,000	Amount dependent on Charity status
Power to Change	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	£300,000	Community businesses only
Prudence Trust	✓	✓										£30,000 - £500,000	
Rayne Foundation	✓	✓		✓		✓						£100,000	
Reaching Communities (Big Lottery)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	£500,000	Up to 5 years
Rosa UK												£50,000	Women and girls empowerment
Rose Foundation								✓				£10,000	
Joseph Rowntree Charitable Foundation	✓	✓		✓								£50,000	

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Schroder Charity Trust		✓										£5,000	
Sheldon Trust	✓	✓										Unstated	
Sport England - Community Asset Fund			✓				✓	✓		✓	✓	£150,000	
Sport England - Small Grants			✓									£10,000	
Steel Charitable Trust	✓				✓	✓				✓		£10,000 - £25,000	
B Sunley Foundation	✓			✓				✓				Discretionary	
Swire Charitable Trust		✓										£25,000	
Thomas Wall Trust	✓									✓		£5,000 x 3 years	Support NEETS activities
Thompson Family Charitable Trust	✓	✓		✓		✓			✓	✓		£100,000 Based on existing awards	Check before submitting. Written applications only
Three guineas Trust	✓	✓										£15,000	
Trusthouse Charitable Foundation	✓									✓		£100,000	£100,00 over 3 years, family support
Trust for London									✓			£150,000	
Tudor Trust	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	Both	✓	No Limit	
William A. Cadbury Trust	✓			✓		✓			✓	Both		£20,000	Will occasionally fund £50,000

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Weavers benevolent fund	✓	✓										Unstated	People caught up in the criminal justice system
Wolfson Foundation				✓				✓				£100,000	Match Funding required Capital only
YAPP Charitable Trust	✓											£3,000 x 3 years	Turnover under £25,000

Where * appears, this means funding amounts are not stated, we have usually estimated these through the amount of funds available divided by the number of organisations funded, it is advisable to contact the funder before applying.

It's not always possible to determine what governance funders require) (charity, Ltd Company etc, if it is not stated we have used the term not for profit.

Funds open and close on a regular basis, we have therefore included funding programmes currently closed for applications which we believe will reopen within twelve months.

Funders change priorities and criteria, always check details on the funders website and contact where possible before applying.

Funder Details and Criteria

The 29th May 1961 Charitable Trust

Who Can Apply: Not for profits

Range of Grant: Average Grant is around £10,000, potentially multi year

Type of Grant: Capital or core costs

What is Funded:

Prefer to fund the midlands area, particularly Coventry and the Warwickshire area.

- Welfare
- Leisure/recreation
- Youth
- Arts and Museums
- Offenders
- Social Welfare

enquiries@29may1961charity.org.uk, or by phone on 02070 249 034

AB Charitable Trust

Who Can Apply: Unstated

Range of Grant: generally, in the region of £1,000 to £20,000

Type of Grant: Projects: Costs associated with eligible projects

What is Funded:

- Migrants and refugees
- Justice system and penal reform
- Human rights, particularly access to justice

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

Access to Justice Foundation

Who Can Apply: Constituted groups

Range of Grant: Unstated but estimated up to £150,000

Type of Grant: Projects: Costs associated with eligible projects

What is Funded

They provide a mix of funding programmes funding advice and family organisations based across England and Wales, this to support their work to sustain and improve access to early social welfare and family legal advice, specialist casework and where court or tribunal proceedings are needed, to provide the support needed to help people navigate the process effectively.

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

Allen Lane Foundation

Who Can Apply: small, registered charities, voluntary groups, and charitable organisations.

Range of Grant; Up to £15,000, generally, in the region of £5/6,000

Type of Grant: Costs associated with eligible projects

What is Funded:

- Asylum seekers and refugees
- Gypsies and Travellers
- Offenders and ex-offenders
- Older people
- People experiencing mental health problems
- People experiencing violence or abuse
- Young people

[The Allen Lane Foundation | Our funding 1](#)

Arts Council England

Funds individuals, community groups, registered charities and most other types of organisations (including informal groups who have a constitution).

They offer a variety of funds for both constituted Arts groups and individual artists, grants range from a few thousand to over £1m.

There is a such a variety of options we have merely provided a link to their opening page, they have a contact us section and are always willing to discuss ideas/proposals etc..

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

Awards for All (National Lottery Community Fund)

This is one of the most accessible and flexile funds available, numerous IIB members have secured this funding.

Who Can Apply: Constituted groups

Range of Grant; Up to £20,000, up to a two year period

Type of Grant: Costs associated with eligible projects, capital and revenue

Lower turnover organisations are prioritised over larger turnover organisations

What is Funded

Voluntary, community organisations and Schools, etc across the UK can now apply for grants of up to £20,000 from the National Lottery Community Fund – Awards for All programme. Projects can last from a few days up to two years.

The funding boost is intended to support organisations in delivering new or existing community led activities. Eligible projects must achieve at least one of the following objectives:

Bring people together to build strong relationships within and across communities
Improve places and spaces that matter to communities
Help individuals reach their potential by providing early support
Assist individuals, communities, and organisations facing difficulties due to the cost-of-living crisis

Organisations eligible to apply include most not for profit structures, whether incorporated or not, established, or new.

The funding can be used for a variety of purposes, including:

- Organisational running costs
- Equipment
- One-off events
- Staff costs
- Training costs
- Transport
- Utilities
- Volunteer expenses
- Small land or refurbishment projects

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/national-lottery-awards-for-all-england>

They have a friendly helpline, where they will be able to answer questions you may have: 0345 4 10 20 30.

Andor Charitable Trust

The trusts' objectives are to maintain, support or contribute to charitable organisations in the United Kingdom including those engaged in medical and ancillary services, education, helping the aged and disabled, relieving poverty, developing the arts.

Who Can Apply: "Charitable Organisations"

Range of Grant: generally, in the region of £1,000 to £10,000

Type of Grant: Projects: Costs associated with eligible projects

What is Funded:

- Criminal Justice
- Migration
- Poverty and Exclusion
- Social Justice

The scheme aims to fund a wide range of projects, including those focusing on:

- Medical and ancillary services (including medical research)
- Education
- Helping the disabled
- Helping the aged
- Providing sheltered accommodation
- Relieving poverty
- Developing the arts

The Trust has no website or application form, further details from the [Charity Commission website](#). Application is c/o Mr Robin Marks, Blick Rothenberg, 16 Great Queen Street, Covent Garden, London, WC2B 5AH. He can also be contacted via robin@blickrothenberg.com and 0207 544 8865

Barrow Cadbury Trust

Who Can Apply: Charities: Voluntary Organisations

Range of Grant; Cannot find figures (we have seen references of up to £200,0000)

Type of Grant: Projects: Start-up Costs: Recurring Costs: Running Expenditure

What is Funded:

The Trust has four programmes

- Criminal justice
- Migration
- Economic justice
- Social finance

They are mainly concerned with research, rather than delivering project outcomes

All new work funded under this programme must be designed to influence policy at the **national** level (England- or UK-wide), focus of delivery is in **Birmingham or the Black Country towns**. We will not consider work based elsewhere unless influencing national policy is a substantial part of the project.

We aim to bridge the divide between local communities and policymakers. Our strap line is the eighteenth century Quaker imperative to 'speak truth to power' and to this end we aim to bring the voices of marginalised and disadvantaged people to be heard in the 'corridors of power'. The Trust works with think tanks, campaigning organisations and the media to increase informed public dialogue about some of the difficult issues of our age. We provide opportunities for grant holders to influence policy makers and also for them to come together and share learning. The Trust also funds research which is designed to influence public policy and practice in order to bring about structural change.

In all our programmes we aim to fund a coherent body of complementary work, rather than a collection of individual projects working on different issues. So before approaching the Trust, potential applicants should [review recent examples of activities we are currently funding](#) or have funded to identify how their work fits with what we are already supporting.

<https://barrowcadbury.org.uk/what-we-do/programmes/>

Basil Samuel Charitable Trust

Who Can Apply: Registered Charities

Range of Grant; Generally, in the region of £1,000 to £10,000

Type of Grant: Projects: Start-up Costs: Recurring Costs: Running Expenditure

What is Funded:

The objects of the charity are such charitable purposes as the trustees think fit whether in England and Wales or elsewhere. The capital and income of the Trust is held for general charitable purposes. The trustees make a number of grants to:

- Medical
- Socially supportive
- Educational
- Cultural charities
- Donations to other charities.

The Trust does not have a website. Further information on the [Charity Commission website](#).

Address:

SMITH & WILLIAMSON
25 MOORGATE
LONDON
EC2R 6AY

Phone: 02071314376 **Email:** No information available **Website:** No information available

BBC Children in Need

Who Can Apply: Registered Charities, Not for Profits, Churches, Schools

Range of Grant; They make few grants over £120,000 (3 years)

Type of Grant: Projects and associated costs

What is Funded: They fund activities for children and young people of 18 years and under experiencing disadvantage, the following criteria applies:

- Working with children and young people aged 18 years and under
- Working in the heart of their communities, particularly in times of crisis
- Putting children and young people at the centre of everything they do, from design to delivery
- Addressing challenges faced by children and young people, building their skills and resilience
- Empowering children and young people, and extending their choices in life
- Keen to keep learning about and developing their work with children and young people
- Committed to making a difference in children and young people's lives

There are three programmes;

Project Grants Funding Stream – supports the aims and delivery of a specific piece of work

Core Grants Funding Stream – can be spent on an organisations central running costs

Emergency Essentials – provide items that meet children's most basic needs

- Applications for grants of £15,000 or less per year will receive a quicker decision, and so will be able to start sooner if successful
- Project Grants stream supports projects for up to three years
- Will only consider applications for over £15,000 per year from organisations who have registered with the appropriate regulatory body. These include the Charity Commission for England and Wales, Charity Commission for Northern Ireland and the Scottish Charity Register. If you are a Company limited by Guarantee, you must have registered with Companies House
- They do not make grants of over £120,000 (or £40,000 per year), and most grants made are for much less than this. Each year they receive far a higher number of funding requests than they are able to support. Applications for larger amounts are always more difficult to fund.

"We believe that every child and young person deserves the opportunity to thrive and be the best they can be. Through our grant making and wider work, we aim to create lasting, positive change across the UK for the children and young people who need us most".

<https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/grants/>

The Percy Bilton Charity

Who Can Apply: Registered Charities only

Range of Grant; Usually no more than £5,000, they will accept an application when there is a funding gap of £15,000 or less

Type of Grant: Capital only

- Disadvantaged/underprivileged young people (persons under 25)
- Supported housing schemes and educational and training projects to encourage disadvantaged young people who may be homeless and/or unemployed away from crime, substance/alcohol misuse and homelessness.
- Facilities for recreational activities and outdoor pursuits specifically for young people who are educationally or socially underprivileged or disadvantaged
- People with disabilities (physical or learning disabilities or mental health problems)
- Residential, respite care, occupational and recreational establishments for children, young people and adults with physical or learning disabilities or enduring mental health problems
- Older people (aged over 60)
- Day centres, nursing and residential homes, sheltered accommodation and respite care for the frail or sufferers from dementia or age related disorders

Further Information

Assistance is given to organisations and individuals in need throughout the U.K.

Charities assisting disadvantaged youth, people with disabilities, people with mental health problems and older people may apply for grants towards furnishings and equipment (excluding office items), building or refurbishment projects.

Social Workers, Community Psychiatric Nurses and Occupational Therapists within Local Authorities or NHS Trusts may apply on behalf of individuals in financial need who have a disability or severe mental health problem, or who are over 65 on low income, for basic household items including white goods, single beds, flooring and clothing vouchers.

<https://www.percy-bilton-charity.org/>

Liz and Terry Bramall Foundation

Who Can Apply: Registered Charities, organisations, individuals

Range of Grant: £1,000 - £500,000

Type of Grant: Projects, start-up costs, recurring costs, running expenditure, core costs

What is Funded:

Below are the main activities they will fund – check the website for further activities they support

- Education/training
- The advancement of health or saving of lives
- Disability
- The prevention or relief of poverty
- Accommodation/housing
- Religious activities
- Arts/culture/heritage/science
- Environment/conservation/heritage
- Economic/community development/employment
- Research projects
- Buildings/facilities/open space

All the UK is covered, but emphasis on Yorkshire. It is believed some of the funds are pre-allocated, this limits the chance of success.

<https://www.bramallfoundation.org/>

The Brelms Trust

Who Can Apply: Small and medium-sized registered charities with a current annual income of less than £500,000, and usually with unrestricted reserves of 6 months or less. **Must be based in or benefit the people of Yorkshire.**

Range of Grant: £1,000 - £6,000 per year for up to 3 years

Type of Grant: Salaries, volunteer expenses, running costs, associated costs, and projects.

What is Funded:

- Arts, education and sport
- Carers
- Conservation
- Debt and benefits advice
- Domestic abuse and sexual violence
- Excluded young people
- Homelessness
- Older people facing isolation
- Physical and learning disabilities
- Physical and mental health
- Prevention of re-offending
- Refugees, asylum-seekers and ethnic minorities
- Rural isolation
- Substance misuse
- Support in bereavement
- Support for disadvantaged communities

Deadlines are 4 times per year, decisions are made as soon as possible.

[Apply to The Brelms Trust](#)

Charles Hayward Foundation

Who Can Apply: Registered Charities only. These are then divided into those whose income is over £350,000 and those whose income is less than £350,000.

Range of Grant: Depends on which funding priority you apply under.

- Social and Criminal Justice (main grant) - £15k-£25k per year for up to 3 years
- Social and Criminal Justice (small grant) – up to £7k
- Heritage and Conservation - £20k-£50k
- Overseas – up to £15k
- Older People – up to £7k

Type of Grant: Revenue costs and project funding

What is Funded: As above

Large grants are decided quarterly and small grants are decided every 2-3 months.

[Apply to Charles Hayward Foundation](#)

Childhood Trust

Who Can Apply: Registered Charity/CIO

Range of Grant: £7,000 to £50,000

Type of Grant: Revenue

What is Funded:

Addressing Child Poverty – London only

<https://www.childhoodtrust.org.uk/apply-for-funding/>

Children In Need

Who Can Apply: Not-for-profit organisations that work with disadvantaged children and young people aged 18 years and under

Range of Grant; £1,000 to £40,000 – per year – up to three year programme

Type of Grant: Revenue

What is Funded:

- Preventing Mental Health Issues
- Alleviating the impact of poverty and deprivation
- Reducing social inequity for marginalised children and young people
- Addressing the impact of family related challenges

They are also committed to support:

- Youth work, including youth and activity-based clubs and detached youth work
- Family support and play for early years children

<https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/grants/apply/>

City Bridge Trust – Bridging Divides

“The precise detail of our funding programmes and what we will fund is still in development with work to take place during 2025 and beyond.” Keep checking the site for opening of funding applications.

The paragraph below is their previous information as a guide

Who Can Apply: Registered Charities benefitting Greater London

Range of Grant; No limit stated but a grant cannot amount to more than 50% of an organisation's turnover/income in any one year. £10k limit on small grants and £100k limit on capital projects.

Type of Grant: Running costs including salaries, project costs, capital costs.

What is Funded:

These are their new priorities:

- **Climate and environmental justice** seeks to empower those people hardest hit by climate change, environmental hazards and pollution, to organise and champion a fair, inclusive transition as London works towards its net-zero goals.
- **Access to justice** is about working with London's communities to ensure everyone can access their rights and find solutions to problems — on a range of issues, including housing, social security, employment, immigration and criminal justice.
- **Racial justice** is about working to create a society where inequalities based on 'race' are not only addressed but transformed. An underfunded area in London, we will focus on collective action to address disparities in areas such as employment, housing, education, mental health, immigration and the criminal justice system.
- **Economic justice** refers to the fair and equitable distribution of resources, opportunities and economic benefits in society, ensuring that all Londoners can thrive. This could include approaches to tackling poverty, reducing income gaps and wealth inequalities.

Closed until Autumn 2025

<https://staging.citybridgetrust.org.uk/assets/documents/Standing-with-Londoners.pdf>

Clothworkers' Foundation

Who Can Apply: Charities that are registered with the Charity Commission, Companies Limited by Guarantee without, CIC capital share and charities exempt from HMRC Tax.

Range of Grant; Main Grants Programme – over £15,000 no grant limit stated, average grant £25,000, Small Grants Programme – Under £15,000 grant

Type of Grant: Capital costs only

What is Funded: Projects addressing issues in these areas;

- Homelessness
- Alcohol and substance misuse
- Disadvantaged young people
- People with disabilities
- Domestic and sexual violence
- Disadvantaged minority communities
- Older people
- Prisoners and ex-offenders
- Visual impairment

Applications can be made for a grant under the main grants programme which is for charitable based organisations with an income of less than £15m - average grant £25,000, or the small grants programme which is for charitable based organisations with an income of less than £250,000 - There are one off grants for the purchase of specific and pre-determined capital item (s) for a particular project. This includes:

- Fixtures and fittings
- Equipment
- I.T.
- Furnishings
- Vehicles

There is an online application form with several large word counts, you will need lots of information to hand.

[Homepage | The Clothworkers' Foundation \(clothworkersfoundation.org.uk\)](http://clothworkersfoundation.org.uk)

Comic Relief

Who Can Apply: Registered Charities, not for profit groups

Range of Grant; £ Information not available

Type of Grant: Capital or revenue. One off or spread over up to three years.

What is funded:

Funding priorities change with applications opening and closing, there are currently no open funds available. Please keep checking the website to establish which priorities are currently open for applications, they add and delete funding opportunities throughout the year. We have listed below previous programmes we expect to reopen.

[Community Justice Fund | Comic Relief](#)

[Funding Opportunity - Gender Justice | Comic Relief](#)

[Re-rooted Fund: Safety and Security for Refugees and Asylum Seekers | Comic Relief](#)

[Over £1.3 million awarded to 20 charities to transform their digital services through Tech for Good | Comic Relief](#)

[£9.1MILLION AWARDED TO 20 SPECIALIST PROJECTS to tackle homelessness, abuse & mental health | Comic Relief](#)

[£1.1million awarded to 10 specialist projects led by and for Black and minority women | Comic Relief](#)

[Youth Homelessness in the UK | Comic Relief](#)

<https://www.comicrelief.com/funding>

Common Ground

Who can apply: Not for profit groups

Range of Grant: up to £10,000 (£50,000 by exception)

Type of Grant: Capital

What is funded: Adaptations of buildings, furniture, computers

The deadline to apply is 21 November 2025.

Money must be spent by 31 March 2026.

“Voluntary, community, and social enterprise (VCSE) organisations in England can now apply for a new £1.7 million government fund designed to help strengthen local communities and build long-term resilience.

Organisations can apply for grants of up to £10,000 to improve their buildings, facilities, or equipment. In special cases, larger grants may be available.

The fund is designed to:

Support and reward projects that bring people from different backgrounds together and build strong community connections.

Invest in buildings, spaces, and equipment that make these activities possible.

Create a network of organisations to share knowledge, ideas, and good practice — and to work more closely with government.

Funding can be used for a range of purposes, including:

New building projects, renovations, or expansions of spaces that help connect people.

Essential equipment, such as laptops, furniture, or other items that support community activities.

Organisations that receive funding will also become part of a national network of community groups.

This network will provide opportunities to collaborate, exchange ideas, and learn from others, helping to build stronger, more resilient communities over the long term.”

[Common Ground Award: prospectus](#)

Community Foundations

Who can apply: Registered Charities, not for profit groups

Range of Grant: Mainly up to £10,000 but regular exceptions

Type of Grant: Revenue and capital

What is funded: Most types of activity, dependent upon the funder

There are 47 Community Foundations, they are registered charities which cover the whole of the UK. They manage small grants programmes for some national funders, but these are only available on a local basis. e.g. Comic relief are a national body, they allocate a certain amount to a Community

Foundation to distribute locally. Community Foundations also solicit funds from local businesses and philanthropist's, they agree between them what the funding criteria is. Although they generally support smaller organisations, we are aware of larger organisations who have secured funds. These change throughout the year, it is well worth keeping informed of your local community foundation and the grants they have available.

<https://www.ukcommunityfoundations.org/>

Culture Ireland

We cannot establish how much they fund and other pertinent details.

The most recent deadline for receipt of grant applications was 1st December 2023.

Their preferred means of contact is info@cultureireland.gov.ie

Culture Ireland operates a range of funding programmes to support and promote the presentation of Irish arts internationally. The current initiatives include a regular grant round, the See Here scheme, Delegate Scheme and a Showcase programme. They offer support to Irish professional artists, arts organisations and international presenters to present work by Irish artists at significant international venues and festivals.

Please check the website for more information.

Basic Eligibility Requirements:

1. Application must be in respect of an Irish professional artist/s or arts organisation
2. Application must be in respect of an art form defined under the Arts Act 2003
3. Only international events are supported (i.e., outside the island of Ireland)
4. The event must be accessible to an open public audience and fees must be payable to the artist/s or arts organisation
5. Funding support is limited to travel and travel related costs
6. Grants are only payable to the person/organisation named on the initial application

<https://www.cultureireland.ie/funding/>

Didymus

Who Can Apply: Unstated

Range of Grant: Up to £10,000 per year for three years

Type of Grant: Capital projects and revenue, including core funding and revenue costs.

What is Funded:

Social inclusion through the arts and education

“We support a small number of new UK registered charities each year, providing 3 year grants for running or project costs to enable direct delivery of arts projects in Yorkshire and Greater London. As a small grant maker, we operate an invite only application process. If you would like to make the Trustees aware of your work, and feel it would be a good fit with our priorities and eligibility criteria, you can submit an expression of interest via the website.”

<https://didymus-charity.org.uk/>

Drapers Fund

Who can apply: Registered Charities, mainly Greater London

Range of Grant: Up to £25,000

Type of Grant: Capital and revenue but costs will not be covered for named posts

What is funded:

Improve the quality of life and aspirations of people and communities, particularly those who are socially excluded or disadvantaged.

Projects in education and social welfare, young people, food justice, prisoners, homelessness, disability, honouring heritage, projects related to the textile industry, textile conservation, military heritage and the history of London.

Application Deadlines: 24 January 2026, 1 April 2026, 23 May 2026

<https://thedrapers.co.uk/drapers-charitable-fund/>

Dulverton Trust

Who can apply: Registered Charities, CIO's but those working across Greater London are excluded and they will not support applications for projects concerned with disabilities.

Range of Grant: £25,000 to £35,000

Type of Grant: Capital and revenue but costs will not be covered for named posts

What is funded:

We look to support charities and CIOs working within our funding categories and prioritise those that are medium-sized (with income between £200,000 and £3 million). "Projects need a national footprint".

General Welfare

"We support a wide range of charities that benefit disadvantaged people and communities, with particular interest in:

Strengthening and supporting family relationships

Work with offenders, especially young offenders, with a focus on desistance

Helping young homeless people to move forward

Maintaining active living and independence for older people (note: this does not include help with medical and mental health)

The welfare of those who care for others

Developing tolerance and understanding between faiths and communities and the promotion of social cohesion."

Youth Opportunities

"This is our largest category and supports work that engages people primarily on the basis that they are from lower-income backgrounds (the charities we fund tend to work with children in receipt of Free School Meals or Pupil Premium funding, or live in geographies that sit in the 20% most deprived on the IMD scale). We fund initiatives that support young people to develop the life skills (e.g. employability skills, skills to succeed at school, improving social and emotional skills) to enable them to thrive."

Conservation

"We support charities working to support the health and resilience of the UK's wildlife habitat. This work focuses on:

protecting, planting and sympathetically managing trees and native woodlands

protecting coastal and marine environments

Please note that we rarely consider applications for projects concerned with a single species."

Heritage

“We support the development of craftsmanship in the traditional techniques of repair and restoration and have a strong interest in:

heritage skills training, particularly where it may benefit a disadvantaged group
cathedrals (Trustees generally make one award to a cathedral per year)

Please note that annual grants are awarded to the National Churches Trust to disburse to churches on our behalf, and as such, we are not able to support applications from individual churches.”

Rolling programme of applications with decisions being reached in February, June and October.

[Apply to Dulverton Trust](#)

Emigrant Support Programme

This programme opens in January 2026 and closes in February 2026, a funding presentation is usually made in London and one in the north. It is advisable to attend this, to learn the criteria, and importantly to discuss a potential application with the ESP team.

Who can apply: Registered Charities, most types of Non-Profits

Range of Grant: Unknown, we do know of grants over £100,000

Type of Grant: Revenue and capital

What is funded:

- Advice
- Advocacy
- Welfare
- Culture/arts
- Sport
- Elders
- Heritage
- Housing
- Community Buildings
- Capital

The Emigrant Support Programme funds projects that will:

- Celebrate, maintain and strengthen the links between Ireland and the community in Britain
- Address the diverse and evolving needs of Irish emigrants in Britain, especially the elderly, disadvantaged and vulnerable
- Facilitate access to statutory and voluntary services in Britain for vulnerable Irish emigrants
- Foster a more vibrant sense of community and of Irish identity based on sporting, cultural and community networking
- Further the outcomes of the Global Irish Economic Forum
- Research and define the emerging needs of Irish communities abroad
- Support development of new ways to communicate and connect with the increasingly diverse Global Irish, including business networks, non- traditional diasporas and alumni groups
- Improve awareness and understanding of the emigrant and diaspora experience
- Support business networks to connect Irish people to each other at home and abroad.
Applications are particularly welcome from organisations that have not applied before and/or new projects in geographic areas not previously assisted.

[Support For Irish Diaspora | Ireland.ie](#)

Esmee Fairbairn Foundation

Who can apply: Registered Charities, most types of Non-Profits

Range of Grant: £30,000 minimum, there is no upper limit

Type of Grant: Revenue and overheads

What is funded:

We fund organisations that we believe will make the greatest long-term impact and change systems for the future - work that has the potential for wider influence or spread; takes a collaborative approach; and centres lived experience, justice and equity.

We focus our support on a small number of longer-term grants for organisations and work that fit our strategy. We make around 200 grants a year across our 13 funding priorities and demand for our funding is very high. In 2024, 6% of expressions of interest received through our website went on to be awarded a grant.

Before looking at what is funded, here is a synopsis of what they don't fund.

"Services that are provided in similar ways in many locations such as refuges, hostels, night shelters and standard services for homeless people, sports associations, playgroups, play schemes, out of school clubs, supplementary schools, playgroups, youth clubs and general capacity building/professional development"

Ask yourself honestly, can you demonstrate the different approach you take. Ring them and discuss.

Here are their preferences, only apply if they match your activities:

Our Natural World:

- Preserved and improved species health and habitats
- Sustainable and ethical food
- Clean and healthy freshwater

A Fairer Future

- Arts and Creativity – making change
- Children and young people's rights
- Racial Justice
- Gender Justice
- Migrant Justice

Creative Confident Communities

- Communities working together for change
- Community driven enterprise and regeneration
- Culture and creativity building thriving communities

The 2024 success rate was 6%

[Apply to Esmee Fairbairn Foundation](#)

The Fore

Who can apply: Registered charity, CIC, CIO or community benefit society

Range of Grant: £30,000 over 3 years, between 1 – 3 years

Type of Grant: Un restricted

What is funded

Unrestricted grants for charities with a turnover less than £0.5m working with marginalised groups – with particular focus on those that are community led. They are interested in the development and training of the organisation, acceptance of training support maybe part of the package.

<https://www.thefore.org/>

Francis Winham Foundation

Range of Grant: Average grant was around £23,000

There is no website, a few details are available on the Charity Commission website.

Grants are available for organisations undertaking welfare projects for elderly people in England and Wales. Grant amount: Grants of between £5,000 and £40,000 are available Application process: In writing to the charity.

Write to the charity
18 Gilston Road
London
SW10 9SR

Garfield Weston Foundation

Who can apply: Registered Charities: Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIOs); Educational Establishments (including schools and universities); Churches; Housing Associations; Museums and Galleries

Range of Grant: 2 strands: up to £100,000, and over £100,000 - limit not stated.

Type of Grant: Core costs (including salaries, capital) and project costs

What is funded:

Whilst they will consider most things, funded activity usually falls into the following categories;

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

For regular grants - under £100,000 - there is a one stage application process, and applicants will know the outcome of their request within four months of applying. They accept applications at any time and applicants are advised as soon as possible if the application is unsuccessful, this saves waiting for a decision as decisions are made as they pass through each stage of the process.

They offer multi year grants, they are more likely to offer these after you have had single years funding, we suggest you only apply for a multiyear grant after previous funding from them.

Major Grants – over £100,000, they request an initial letter in the post to outline your project, with information on the objectives, overall cost, current shortfall and timeframes.

[Apply to Garfield Weston](#)

Greggs Foundation

Who Can Apply: Not for profits,

Range of Grant: Up to £20,000 per year.

Type of Grant: Revenue

What is Funded

Greggs in the community,

- Addressing direct needs in the local community
- Tackling Food poverty
- Providing food and support for individuals

£20,000

Greggs Northeast Core Funding

- People with disabilities
- Homeless people
- Voluntary carers
- Older and isolated people

£20,000 per year for three years

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

Albert Gubay Foundation

Who Can Apply: Not for profits

Range of Grant: Small Grants £5,000, Large Grants £2.5m

Type of Grant: Revenue

What is Funded:

Amateur sport.

- Care leavers.
- Residential care for elderly people.
- Ex-offenders and their families.
- Homelessness.
- Medical research where the charity is a member of the Association of Medical Research
- People recovering from drug and substance misuse.
- People with intellectual disability.
- People with terminal illnesses / life limiting conditions and their carers.
- Worship and associated community outreach.
- Victims of domestic abuse.
- Victims of modern slavery

<https://www.albertgubayfoundation.org/story/>

Heart Research UK - Healthy Heart Grants

Who can apply: Registered Charities, Not for Profit

Range of Grant: Up to £10,000

Type of Grant: Project costs, including salaries

What is funded:

The Healthy Heart Grant is for original, innovative heart health projects only, and not for general healthy lifestyle projects. Projects must focus on, and actively promote, heart health or reduce the risk of heart disease for the duration of the project.

Healthy Hearts Grants

Funding is made available on a rolling timetable in different regions, this for charities and community organisations for new, original and innovative projects that actively promote a healthy heart and help to prevent, or reduce the risk of heart disease in your community.

[Apply for Healthy Heart Grants](#)

Heathrow Community Foundation

Who can apply: Constituted Organisations

Range of Grant: Up to £15,000 per year for 2 years

Type of Grant: Project costs

What is funded:

“Heathrow Community Trust’s vision is to enable local projects which create healthy, happy communities. Our Board of Trustees and volunteer Grant Review Panel members live and work locally. They are supported by the CEO and a team at Groundwork South, who draw on their local knowledge and experience to enable community groups to submit strong applications which detail the value of your work. To inform our funding priorities, we carry out an annual survey of community groups across the local area.”

Community activities, youth, environmental.

[about the fund | Heathrow Community Trust](#)

Hedley Foundation

Who can apply: “Charities”

Range of Grant: Up to £5,000, sometimes larger

Type of Grant: See website for exclusions

What is funded:

- Youth
- Disability
- Elderly and terminally ill
- Miscellaneous – “across the spectrum of social need”

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

The Henry Smith Foundation

It has a small number of targeted programmes running at present but will be launching more grant programmes in their priority areas in 2026.

Who can apply: Registered Charities: Charitable Incorporated Organisations, Not for Profit

Range of Grant: Up to £60,00 per year for 4 years – this may change soon

Type of Grant: Projects and core costs (including salaries) cost of delivering services, they do not fund capital or new activities. They may fund activities new to an organisation if they can demonstrate it has worked elsewhere, also development of existing activities.

What is funded:

- Getting started – Supporting families to give their young children a strong start.
- Building independence – Helping young people move into adulthood with confidence, skills and hope.
- Safer futures – Supporting people to rebuild their lives after abuse, displacement or prison.

We help our partners transform more lives with flexible funding and access to our network of exceptional like-minded peers.

<https://henrysmith.foundation/grants/>

Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF)

Who can apply: Not for profits, Registered Charities

Range of Grant: £10,000 – £10m

Type of Grant: Core costs, equipment or project funding

What is funded

The three most appropriate funds are highlighted below, please see their website for further detail – link at bottom of section.

Your heritage 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.
- **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** involves the active participation of volunteers in archaeological activities, everything from investigating, photographing, surveying, excavation and finds processing. 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** – places and objects linked to our industrial, maritime and transport history.

What you can spend the money on

The money you get for your project can be used for:

- **Activities:** to engage the wider community in your heritage. They might include guided heritage walks, sharing oral histories or workshops. Your activities should link to the heritage focus of your project and be tailored to the needs of the people you want to work with, including any reasonable adjustments that need to be made.
- **Repairs and conservation.**
- **Digital outputs:** this could be digital images, sound files or data, a website with heritage material, an app, or a film made using digital technology.
- **New staff posts:** this could include part of a current employee's role, if they were dedicating a specific amount of time to the project.
- **Paid training placements:** this could also include training for existing staff, to support the aims of the project.
- **Professional fees:** includes anyone related to your project in a professional capacity, from architects and heritage professionals to teaching staff.

<https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/funding>

Innox Foundation

Who Can Apply: Not for profits,

Range of Grant: Unstated

Type of Grant: Revenue

What is Funded:

Work to improve young people's mental health and wellbeing, recognise the importance of loneliness to young people's mental health

<https://www.innoxuk.com/#home>

Inman Charity

Who Can Apply: Registered charity for three years

Range of Grant: Up to £10,000 per year for three years

Type of Grant: Capital projects and revenue, including core funding and revenue costs.

What is Funded:

- Medical research
- Care of the elderly
- General welfare
- Hospices
- The Deaf and Blind
- Care of the physically & mentally disabled
- The Armed Forces

<https://www.inmancharity.org/>

Ireland Funds Great Britain

Who Can Apply: Not for profits

Range of Grant: Up to £10,000

Type of Grant: Revenue,

What is Funded:

1) Relief of Poverty and Hardship

The avoidance of hardship by supporting vulnerable members of society, whether or not of Irish descent, and servicing basic/critical needs

2) Belonging and Integration

Support initiatives that foster a sense of connection, acceptance and identity within communities, particularly for individuals or groups who are isolated, marginalised, or underserved. Break down barriers to full participation in society by promoting equitable access to services, opportunities, and networks, enabling individuals from diverse backgrounds to thrive socially, economically, and culturally.

The deadline for completed applications is Friday 28th November 2025.

Please contact us at grantsinfo@irelandfunds.org if you have any queries not addressed in the information provided.

<https://www.irelandfunds.org/chapters/worldwide/great-britain/grants/>

Irish Youth Foundation

Who can apply: Registered Charities or not for profits

Range of Grant: Small grants up to £3,000, Standard grants of over £3,000 up to £10,000

Type of Grant: Core costs, equipment or project funding, consultancy support and training

What is funded:

The Irish Youth Foundation invites applications for grants each year from organisations working with young Irish people in England, Scotland and Wales and Northern Ireland with the exception of large and national charities.

Each Spring we make our application forms available.

There are separate application forms for Great Britain and Northern Ireland to reflect the local needs of applicant organisations - please ensure you submit the relevant form.

All submissions are then independently reviewed.

The funding period for all grants is one year.

Unsolicited applications at other times during the year are not accepted.

- Training/counselling
- Mental & physical health and wellbeing
- Rehabilitation for substance/alcohol abuse
- Advice/advocacy
- Youth work
- Family support
- Homelessness

- Educational, cultural & social activities
- Cross-community initiatives
- Travellers support
- Disability services & support

[Apply to Irish Youth Foundation](#)

Laing Family Trusts

Who can apply: Registered Charities or churches with exempt status

Range of Grant: Grants from £500 to £25,000 have been noted – they make larger discretionary grants. “We advise applicants to set out the total project cost and allow the Trustees to find their own level within this; they will rarely fund a project in full”.

Type of Grant: Mainly capital, management costs

There are four individual trusts with varying criteria, these can all be accessed from the hyperlink provided.

What is Funded:

To support organisations offering practical services to those who are disadvantaged and vulnerable, with a particular emphasis on Christian organisations seeking to express their faith through practical action to help:

- The homeless
- The elderly
- Ex-offenders
- Former Servicemen and women
- Young People
- Environmental
- The Christian faith across the world

There are four family trusts which are coordinated, although there are overlapping areas of interest, an application to one is considered an application to all.

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

Landfill Communities Fund – England and Northern Ireland only

Who can apply: Registered Charities or not for profits

Range of Grant: Grants from £2,000 to £100,000

Type of Grant: Capital projects

What is Funded:

There are different operators in this scheme, each sets its own funding limit, the highest figure we have seen referenced is £100,000, many are around £20,000 - £40,000

The Landfill Communities Fund is a tax credit scheme enabling operators of landfill sites in England and Northern Ireland to contribute money to organisations by way of grants. Under the LCF, Landfill Operators based in England and Northern Ireland are able to pay a proportion of their Landfill Tax

liability to not-for-profit organisations which deliver projects for the benefit of communities and the environment in the vicinity of a landfill site.

They will fund activities for provision or improvement of:

- Village Halls and Community Centres
- Public Play Areas
- Publicly available Multi use games areas, skate parks and BMX tracks
- Sport and recreation grounds including pavilions and clubhouses with full public access
- Churches – community spaces only
- Nature Reserves
- Public gardens, parks, country parks and woodlands with at least dawn to dusk access
- Museums

There are a number of landfill operators such as Veolia, Viridor, Biffa etc, there are also other distributors of the fund such as WREN and local Wildlife Trusts. Projects usually have to be within ten miles of a landfill site. There is a postcode checker on their website to assess if you are eligible.

[More info on Landfill Communities Fund](#)

Michael and Betty Little Trust

Who Can Apply: Registered Charity/CIO

Range of Grant: Up to £10,000

Type of Grant: Revenue, including core funding and revenue costs.

What is Funded:

Welfare, young people, health, most common causes

Have particular interest in supporting community organisations within the counties of Hampshire, West Sussex and Surrey

<https://www.mbltrust.org/guidelines>

The Mount Fund

Who Can Apply: Registered Charity/CIO

Range of Grant: £15,000 to £25,000

Type of Grant: Revenue, including core funding and revenue costs.

What is Funded:

“Registered charities whose beneficiaries are exclusively in Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire, Essex, Kent, Surrey and/or London, the Fund has the following priority areas”:

- Therapeutic Interventions in Mental Health
- Homelessness
- Community Youth Services
- Refugee and Asylum Seekers

<https://www.mrssmithandmounttrust.org/large-grants/>

Leathersellers' Company Charitable Foundation

Who can apply: Registered Charities or not for profits

Range of Grant: Grants from £3,000 to £100,000

Type of Grant: Capital projects

What is Funded:

The charity supports projects that focus on enhancing care, providing better opportunities and improving quality of life, and are particularly interested in projects that focus on:

Small Grants – up to £5,000

- to provide assistance to vulnerable people in their community
- in geographical areas of deprivation (within the UK) – we recognise all relative measures of deprivation as tracked by the Indices of Deprivation or similar tools. We ask you who your work helps and why this is needed for that group or in that area so you can explain the need that exists there.
- with an annual income of under £200,000 (secured for the coming year)

Main Grants – focus is working to prevent the occurrence of and/or reduce the likelihood of long-term negative consequences of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs).

- An unrestricted grant (core costs) of between £20,000 – £25,000 per year for a period of up to four years.
- May fund a capital grant

are operating in the UK in an area of deprivation

– have an organisational annual income over £200,000 and under £2,000,000 (for the coming or current year)

– are working to prevent the occurrence of and/or support recovery from ACEs by providing services to children and young people and/or adult survivors in recovery

– use a trauma-informed approach and evidence-based interventions

– can demonstrate the effectiveness of their approach through evaluation or external research

– are either lived-experience led or can show significant input from those with lived experience

Applications are currently closed, these are expected to reopen soon.

<https://leathersellers.co.uk/foundation/>

LGBT Consortium

Who Can Apply: Not for profits,

Range of Grant: Unstated

Type of Grant: Revenue

What is Funded

“Our goal is to help groups become stronger and more sustainable, so they can provide essential services and advocate for the rights of individuals in the community.

We offer information and guidance on various topics, including managing your organisation, finances, fundraising, and creating policy documents.”

Rights, visibility, sustainability, faith, wellbeing

<https://www.consortium.lgbt/>

Lloyds Bank Foundation - Invest

Who can apply: Registered Charities

Range of Grant: £30,000 - £150,000 between 2- 4 years (dependent upon project)

Type of Grant: Core running costs and projects

What is Funded:

There are six different programmes, they open and close programmes on a rotational basis

- Local Collaborations
- Racial Equality
- Deaf and Disabled
- Specialist Charities
- Organisational Development Support
- National Influencing Programme

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

Masonic Foundation

Who can apply: Registered Charities

Range of Grant: £5,000 - £60,000

Type of Grant: Core running costs, including salaries, equipment, buildings

What is Funded: Elderly and Youth

Small grants £1,000 - £5,000 for up to three years are for organisations with a turnover from £25,000 - £500,000

Large grants no amount stated last year was £10,000 - £60,000 for up to three years are for organisations with a turnover of £500,000 - £10m

Their funding programmes are:

- Early years 0 -5
- Children affected by domestic abuse
- Special educational needs and disabilities
- People with dementia and their carers

<https://mcf.org.uk/get-support/grants-to-charities/older-life/>

Robert McAlpine Foundation

Who can apply: Not stated

Range of Grant: Unstated, last year between £5,000 - £10,000, contact them for details

Type of Grant: Core running costs, including salaries, equipment, buildings

What is Funded: Gives grants to support small charities situated throughout the UK, application is in writing only, application process is two sides of A4 maximum.

Areas of interest are:

- Children
- Social
- Elderly
- Youth
- Medical Research

[More info on Robert McAlpine Foundation](#)

Mercers Charitable Foundation

Who Can Apply: Registered Charity/CIO

Range of Grant: Up to £300,000

Type of Grant: Revenue

What is Funded:

- Church and Communities
- Older People and Housing
- Young People and Education
- Insights and learning
- Sheltered housing and almshouses

They fund organisations in London, Norfolk, Lincolnshire, Northumberland, Tees Valley, Northumberland, County Durham and Tyne & Wear.

<https://www.mercers.co.uk/philanthropy>

Steve Morgan Foundation

Who Can Apply: Not for profits, Merseyside, North Shropshire and Chesire

Range of Grant: between £250k – £500k over three years for eligible organisations.

Type of Grant: Revenue & Capital

What is Funded:

- Access to provision, expanding access to provision for those most in need of support with health, housing, homelessness, youth opportunities and facilities.
- Increasing careers support and employment opportunities for young people and adults.
- Education - Improving education outcomes for all young people - setting solid foundations to build a successful future.

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

Morrison's Foundation

Who can apply: Registered charities only

Range of Grant: Up to £10,000

Type of Grant: Do not fund "salaries or ongoing running costs", you can pay sessional staff

What is Funded:

- Tackling poverty and social deprivation
- Enhancing community spaces, facilities and services;
- Improving health and wellbeing.

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

National Lottery Community Fund - The Health Inequities: Structural Racism and Discrimination Partnership programme

Who can apply: Not for profit organisation

Range of Grant: £250,000 - £5m, over 5 years

Type of Grant: Core running costs, including salaries, equipment, buildings

What is Funded:

NLCF as announced a new funding programme addressing health inequities caused by structural racism and discrimination.

This refers to the ways that systems and practices affect people based on their race. This can include:

- rules and processes
- the way services are usually organised
- everyday behaviours and decisions

The programme will support up to ten partner organisations in England with grants ranging from £250,000 to £5 million over five years. The programme focuses on organisations led by and working with racialised communities, including:

- Black communities
- Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities
- Jewish communities
- Middle Eastern and East Asian communities
- South Asian communities

Partners will:

Work with people in your communities to reduce inequities caused by structural racism and discrimination

Work with us and other partners to share learning, test new ideas, and shape future funding

Funding is available for both new and existing work, including the costs of project delivery and collaboration with partners. Potential applicants can learn more about this funding and the application process at the upcoming webinars.

The fund is now open for applications with a closing date of the Applications open on the 15th October 2025, and close at midday on 26 November 2025.

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/funding-programmes/health-inequities-structural-racism-and-discrimination-partnership>

Newby Trust

Who can apply: “charities”

Range of Grant: £5,000 - £10,000 per year, – highest noted was £24,000 over 3 years

Type of Grant: Delivery project costs – staff, associated costs

What is Funded:

The Trust regrets that it is only able respond to introductory emails, they will decide if the Trust wishes to take the enquiry to the next stage.

- Education
- Environment
- Health
- Social Welfare

<https://newby-trust.org.uk/>

Paul Hamlyn Foundation

Who can apply: Not for profits

Range of Grant: Grants £30,000 to £400,000 up to 4 years (based on last years research)

Type of Grant: Core running costs, including salaries, project activities

What is Funded:

Their mission is to help people overcome disadvantage and lack of opportunity, so that they can realise their potential and enjoy fulfilling and creative lives, they have a particular interest in supporting young people and a strong belief in the importance of the arts.

They offer the following funding as well as support based programmes;

Nurturing Ideas and people

We want to support imaginative people to nurture exciting ideas

Social change often comes about because of the application of good ideas by passionate people. Our founder was an innovator: in his business life and philanthropy, he backed people with good ideas. We want to do this, too.

Arts Access and Participation

We want to widen access and deepen participation in the arts

We believe in the power of the arts as a force for change, and one that enriches people's lives and communities. We want to ensure that a wider and more diverse group of people have access to quality artistic practice, both as audiences and participants

Migration and Integration

We want to improve support for young people who migrate, and strengthen integration so that communities can live well together

Migration is a global phenomenon, generating opportunities for social, economic and cultural enrichment. It also creates challenges for those who have moved or been displaced, and those experiencing changes in their communities. We have long experience of grant-making, research and collaborations around migration, mainly focused on helping young people for whom migration has brought vulnerability and hardship.

Investing in Young People

We want to support the development and growth of organisations investing in young people and positive change

Much of our grant-making aims to benefit young people, but it is the groups and organisations who work directly with them who often make the most difference, especially for young people who face complex transitions to adulthood. We want to support organisations at different stages of development to improve, consolidate and spread practices that empower young people to shape their lives and lead change.

Playing our part

We want to play our role in pioneering philanthropy, both as an independent grant-maker and as a partner to others seeking to achieve social justice.

With over 10,000 charitable trusts and foundations in the UK distributing almost £3bn of grants, there is a duty for us all to ensure that we target our resources in the most effective way. Unlike statutory funders, foundations can take risks, offer support over longer periods and back causes that feel risky to others. With this freedom comes a responsibility to ensure we are working together to create the best possible environment for the organisations and individuals we want to support.

[Our work in the UK - Paul Hamlyn Foundation \(phf.org.uk\)](http://phf.org.uk)

Power to Change

Who can apply: Not for profits

Range of Grant: Various depending on the programmes, finance and grants in one package

Type of Grant: Core running costs, including salaries, project costs, capacity building

What is Funded:

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 must:

- Be locally rooted
- Be accountable to the local community
- Be trading for the benefit of the local community
- Have a broad community impact

They have a range of grants/finance strands ranging from community shares, energy resilience through to trading projects. They have various avenues for funding/finance depending on what stage of development the community business is at.

<https://www.powertochange.org.uk/our-work/our-programmes/>

Prudence Trust

Who Can Apply: Registered Charities and CIC's

Range of Grant: £30,000 - £300,000

Type of Grant: Programme costs, Salaries, Equipment, Core Costs

What is Funded

Help more young people access personalised mental health support when they need it, especially for those with depression and anxiety. Projects which use creativity, nature and the arts to support wellbeing and positive mental health. Support extra-curricular activities which make a meaningful impact to the well-being and self-esteem of pupils, both in and out of school

<https://theprudencetrust.org/>

Rayne Foundation

Who can apply: Not for profits

Range of Grant: No more than 10% of the applicant organisations income

Type of Grant: Core running costs, including salaries, project activities

What is Funded:

- Young people's mental Health
- Refugees and asylum seekers
- People in later life and their carers
- Community Centres

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

Reaching Communities (Big Lottery Fund)

The largest funder of community projects in Britain, they support more organisations and offer larger funds than others. They are also very flexible in terms of project delivery, both before applying and

post award. Because of the opportunity this presents I have dedicated significant space to this funder, this would be my “go to” funder for most mainstream projects.

Who can apply: Not for profits, England only.

Range of Grant: £20,001 - £1m (may exceed this) upwards for up to 5 years.

Type of Grant: Core running costs, including salaries, project costs, capital purchases, small scale refurbishment, organisational development

Average Size Grant: We have worked with many who have secured up to £500,000, over £500,000 is assessed by a national rather than local panel, longer assessment time frame, more competitive funding process.

What is Funded:

“We fund projects that work to make positive changes in their community. By community, we mean people living in the same area, or people with similar interests or life experiences.

You can apply for funding to deliver new or existing activity. Or to support your organisation to change and adapt to new and future challenges. We also like to fund projects that test new approaches to help with community issues.” **This is an opportunity ou to develop a business plan, review and revise your services whilst writing the bid.**

Your project must achieve one of our missions. Which are to support communities to:

- **come together**, by:
 - Providing inclusive places, spaces and activities (either physical or virtual). Especially for communities where people are least able to come together.
- **help children and young people thrive**, by:
 - Developing positive social and emotional skills.
 - Providing safe spaces and relationships they can trust.
 - Involving them, and their families, in the decisions that affect their lives
 - Helping prevent issues before they happen.
- **be healthier**, by:
 - Supporting people most affected by health inequalities.
 - Supporting people who've experienced health inequalities to influence the health system.
 - Helping prevent issues before they happen.
- **be environmentally sustainable**, by:
 - Empowering people to engage with climate issues and adapt to the impacts of a changing climate. Or,
 - Taking part in activities to make a positive environmental impact. Like reducing carbon emissions or creating space for wildlife. Or,
 - Helping communities to have access to nature. By increasing the amount and quality of natural space for wildlife. Meaning that people can experience nature around them, and that more varieties of wildlife can thrive.

Our priorities are to fund projects that:

- support places, people or communities experiencing poverty, disadvantage or discrimination
and
- support people and communities to shape the decisions that affect their lives.

We want to be flexible and respond to your community's needs. So we'll offer funding:

- for the long or short term
- for a specific activity, or for broader costs to help your organisation or community
- for one organisation or to bring organisations together
- to support people, communities and organisations most affected by the cost-of-living crisis
- to help organisations address the impact of the cost-of-living crisis on how they work, now and in the future.

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/reaching-communities-england>

Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust

Who Can Apply: All forms of not for profit organisations

Range of Grant: "Actual grants range from a few thousand pounds to £100,000+ and may be single payments or spread over a number of years."

Type of Grant: Capital projects and revenue, including core funding and revenue costs.

What is Funded:

- Peace and Security - we support approaches to defence and security which prioritise peace, non-violence and human rights
- Power and Accountability - we support those working for a world in which power is more equally shared and powerful institutions are accountable to wider society
- Rights and Justice - we support those who uphold equality and human rights in support of racial and religious minorities
- Sustainable Future - We fund imaginative and inclusive approaches to tackling the climate crisis and building a just and equitable economy in order to protect the planet for future generations
- Northern Ireland - we support those whose work to promote peace, equality, inclusion and human rights contributes to the ongoing transformation of the Northern Ireland conflict

Support transformative change – Funding groups that are doing long-term relational work to challenge systems of inequality

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

Rosa UK

Who Can Apply: Not for profits

Range of Grant: Up to £50,000

Type of Grant: Revenue

What is Funded

Campaigning and influencing work that enables women and girls to use their voice to achieve change. Empower and strengthen organisations which address violence against women and girls by investing in organisational development work. Organisational development funding for Black and minoritised-led women's and girls' organisations across the UK.

<https://rosauk.org/our-programmes/>

Rose Foundation

Who Can Apply: Not for profits
Range of Grant: Up to £10,000
Type of Grant: Capital

What is Funded: Registered charities and exempt bodies in London planning building refurbishment projects of less than £200,000 can apply for grants of between £5,000 and £10,000. The building work can include general refurbishments or a specific scheme; repairs; creating disabled access; or fulfilling of Health and Safety requirements or fire protection.

Apply any time after July 1st each year, and before March 31st of the following year. E.G. from 1st July 2025 until 31st March 2026, applications for 2027 are welcomed.

[THE ROSE FOUNDATION](#)

The Schroder Charity Trust

Who can apply: UK-registered charities with an annual income between £150,000 and £1m million.
Range of Grant: £5,000
Type of Grant: Core or project costs
What is Funded:

Enabling children and young adults from disadvantaged backgrounds to thrive and achieve their potential in education and employment

Strengthening communities through services and opportunities which enhance the wellbeing and life outcomes of vulnerable and disadvantaged people
This funding round will close on the 30th November 2025, with decisions expected within four months.

<https://schrodercharitytrust.org/>

Shears Foundation

Who Can Apply: Not for Profits
Range of Grant: Up to £5,750 unless previously agreed
Type of Grant: Project and core costs
What is Funded:

- The development of culture and the arts.
- The development and provision of educational opportunities for adults and / or children.
- Protection, preservation or enhancement of the natural environment.
- Creating stronger / better / more sustainable communities.
- Promoting health and medicine, with an emphasis on research or education.

Only certain cities in Yorkshire and the North East

<https://shearsfoundation.org/>

The Sheldon Trust

Who Can Apply: Registered Charities

Range of Grant: Unstated

Type of Grant: Running costs

What is Funded: Community projects; special needs groups; youth development; and holidays for the disadvantaged

[The Sheldon Trust - Get Grants](#)

Sport England

Who can apply: Not for profits

Range of Grant: They do not state maximum amount on all programmes, contact them for exact details

Type of Grant: Including salaries, project costs, you will have to prove these are additional to normal salaries/costs – project related only

What is Funded:

They want to fund eligible organisations that get more people engaged in sport

Small Grants

This fund makes awards, using National Lottery and government funding, of between £300 and £15,000.

We want to support projects that bring communities together and provide sport and physical activities for people who may be less physically active.

We also particularly want to support projects focusing on environmental sustainability.

We believe that communities that work together and share resources provide a stronger and more sustainable impact.

Therefore, we want applications from projects that demonstrate how they connect with their communities, make best use of the existing skills and assets in an area, and will provide the biggest possible impact to those who need it most.

We also want projects to show how they've sought to reduce their impact on the environment through the goods and services they use to deliver the activity.

The Movement Fund

We offer up to £15,000 for physical activity projects in the community. The focus is on people who face barriers to activity and projects designed to help them join in.

This is the only open project I can currently find, it will be worthwhile to keep checking their website for further activities.

[Our funds | Sport England](#)

Steel Charitable Trust

Who can apply: Not for profits

Range of Grant: £10,000 - £25,000

Type of Grant: Unknown

What is Funded:

From 2025, The Steel Charitable Trust will be supporting Luton through a new funding stream, the **NEW Luton Matters Fund**. Please note, the fund will have a minimum one-year grant size of £10k.

United Kingdom Under 26 Fund

From 2026, applications to this fund will be by invitation only.

- Arts and Heritage
- Education
- Environment
- Health
- Social or Economic Disadvantage
- Preventative health as well as treatments for people over state retirement age

[Steel Charitable Trust –](#)

Bernard Sunley Foundation

Who can apply: Charities

Range of Grant: Up to £25,000 – then above this figure

Type of Grant: Capital only

What is Funded

- Community
- Education
- Health
- Social Welfare

<https://bernardsunley.org/>

Swire Charitable Trust

Who can apply: Registered Charities

Range of Grant: Grants beyond £25,000 noted, no more than 10% of last reported income. Multi year grants available to previously funded organisations.

Type of Grant: Unknown

What is Funded:

Improving life chances – young people

We are interested in frontline charities that deliver practical support, providing people who fall through the gaps with opportunities to break the cycle of disadvantage.

Supporting the UK's biodiversity

We support activities that improve the health and resilience of the UK's ecosystems and native species, working to restore habitats on land and in freshwater and marine environments.

Regeneration through restoration

We are keen to fund heritage restoration, regeneration, or conservation projects that have the potential to deliver significant social and economic benefits. We favour grassroots organisations that strongly engage with their local communities.

[Our work - The Swire Charitable Trust](#)

Three Guineas Trust

Who Can Apply: Unstated

Range of Grant: Up to £15,000

Type of Grant: Projects: Costs associated with eligible projects

What is Funded:

Work to support the autonomy, liberty and civil rights of autistic, neurodiverse and disabled people. providing better access to free legal advice and representation for disabled people on benefits, debt, housing, homelessness, community care, personal liberty, and equal access to goods and services.

- Holiday activity schemes for autistic children and young people – 2025 round
- Access to justice for Disabled people – 2025 round
- Trans people's civil rights and personal safety

<http://www.threeguineastrust.org.uk/about-us/>

Trusthouse Charitable Foundation

Who can apply: Charity's, NFP Ltd by Guarantee

Range of Grant: Small grant between £2000 and £100,000

Type of Grant: General costs including core costs, salaries, projects costs, overheads, one-off capital costs for new buildings, repairs and improvements, purchase of equipment.

Small Revenue Grants

Grants of over £2,000 and up to £10,000 a year for up to 3 years

Major Grants

Single year grants between £10,000 and £100,000 for core costs, salaries, running and project costs or multi-year grants for a maximum of 3 years, not to exceed £100,000 in total over this period, for core costs, salaries, running or project costs

Organisations should have a focus on Family Support

- Family support
- Early intervention
- Families coping with addiction
- Prisoners' families

The above three bullet points are for major grants only

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

Trust for London

Who can apply: Not for profits

Range of Grant: £40,000 - £80,000 up to five years, don't normally fund over £300,000 in total

Type of Grant: Including salaries, core costs, project costs, small capital items

What is funded: Projects which promote economic justice and social justice including the following:

- Decent work
- Tackling the housing crisis
- Improving social security
- Ending the poverty premium

- Ending migrant destitution
- Racial justice
- Disability justice

[Apply to Trust for London](#)

The Thompson Family Charitable Trust

Who can apply: Registered Charities and “charitable activities”

Range of Grant: “£1,000 to six-figure amounts”

Type of Grant: Unknown

What is Funded: “The object of the Charity is the making of grants and donations to charitable bodies or for charitable Purposes, they fund the following:

- Animal welfare.
- Arts.
- Children and young people.
- Disability.
- Food poverty/food banks.
- Health.
- Hospices, and
- Sport.

Please note that the Trust does not have a website. Further information is, however available on the Charity Commission website, read their accounts/annual report for further information.

There is no website, apply in writing to:

Katie Woodward, Hillsdown Court, 15 Totteridge Common London N20 8LR.

Tudor Trust

Who can apply: They make grants to groups operating under a range of legal structures including registered charities, unincorporated associations, community interest companies and Community benefit society’s.

Range of Grant: There is no maximum or minimum grant, though in practice it is unusual for them to make a grant of less than £10,000

Type of Grant: Core costs, including salaries, overheads and day-to-day running costs, unrestricted funds, project grants, capital grants for buildings or equipment, organisational development.

What is funded: They are not prescriptive in what activities they fund; they are interested in your organisation as a whole.

Their headline statement for their funding is: Centring Racial Justice and systems Change

“Our definition of racial justice is a world that moves beyond racism and racial inequities to one where inclusive communities thrive in all our systems and structures.”

They do not accept unsolicited bids, they research organisations and develop relationships with them.

[Who we are - Tudor Trust](#)

Thomas Wall Trust

Who can apply: Not for profits

Range of Grant: £5,000 x 3 years

Type of Grant: project costs

What is funded:

Target those experiencing multiple deprivation, other groups facing hurdles to employment, especially: women, people with mental, physical or learning disabilities and refugees. Support NEET people into employment. Also support individual applications.

<https://www.thomaswalltrust.org.uk/grants-for-registered-charities-2-2/>

The Wolfson Foundation

Who Can Apply: Registered Charities

Range of Grant: Up to £100,000 (capital only), match funding required

Type of Grant: Project and core costs

What is Funded:

Heritage and charities working with older people (capital only). Some opportunities for bursaries and educational establishments.

- Charities working with disability funding
- Charities working in mental health funding
- Charities working with older people funding
- Historic buildings & landscapes funding
- Hospices & palliative care organisations funding
- Places of worship funding
- Libraries & archives

<https://www.wolfson.org.uk/funding>

YAPP Charitable Trust

Who Can Apply: Registered Charities with a turnover less than £40,000 per year

Range of Grant: £3,000 per year for 3 years

Type of Grant: Project and core costs

What is Funded:

- Elderly people
- Children and young people aged 5 - 25
- People with physical impairments, learning difficulties or mental health challenges
- Social welfare – people trying to overcome life-limiting problems of a social, rather than medical, origin (such as addiction, relationship difficulties, abuse, offending)

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

Cost of Living Crisis and Small Funders

This is an up to date list of for the ongoing cost of living crisis funding opportunities (Nov 2025), they are all regular funders and may have other funds available. Amounts available may differ from those stated below.

FUNDER & LINK	MAX FUND VALUE	WHO CAN APPLY	INFO	Link for more info and eligibility
Asda Foundation – Cost of Living Grant	£2,000	Local Not for Profit Groups in UK	Groups can apply for a Cost of Living Grant in addition to one other grant or Green Token Giving	https://www.asdafoundation.org/foundation-grants
Aviva Community Fund – Cost of Living Boost (with Crowdfunding)	£50,000	Registered Charities, CIC, social enterprise & registered community benefit societies	Grants available through match funding to assist local not for profit organisations working to help local people in financial need	https://www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk/costoflivingboost https://www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk/start-crowdfunding/
British Gas Energy Trust Individual and Families Fund	£1,500	Any organisation can apply on behalf of the customer	Grants available to individuals and families write off their energy debts who have energy debt/ have not received a grant in the last 2 years/savings of less than £1,000 and have received help from a money advice agency. Not a requirement to be British Gas customer but should have checked with own provider first who may have funds to support them	https://britishgasenergytrust.org.uk/grants-available/

British Gas Energy Support Fund	£1,500	Organisations can apply on behalf of individual	Applicants must be British Gas customer and not received a grant in last 12 months/have debts of £250 to £1,500 on an active energy account/be in or facing fuel poverty/have received help from a money advice agency	https://britishgasenergytrust.org.uk/grants-available/
Clubs in Crisis Fund	£2,000	Registered Charities, CIC and social enterprises, other not for profit organisations	Grants to support grass roots sports clubs and organisations in UK working in sport for development sector that have been adversely affected by the Covid pandemic	https://www.madebysport.com/clubsincrisis/
Groundwork – One Stop – Community Partnership	£1,000	Community Org, Reg Charities, CICs, Health Bodies, Schools, LAs, Housing Orgs	Partnership Prog supporting not for profit orgs working to tackle food poverty or supporting elderly	https://www.groundwork.org.uk/one-stop-community-partnership/

Improving Your Chances of Success!

Funding is a bit like decorating, you won't get a good result without the preparation.

Generally speaking, your chances of being funded are dependent upon the need you are meeting, if you are applying for a geographical community the more deprived it is, the better placed it is to attract funding. This is not always the case for most Irish community organisations, they are a “community of interest”, e.g., a common interest group based in more than one area (maybe national, regional or scattered across the town). Deprivation may be related to access to services, social and cultural isolation etc rather than geographical.

How do you know there is a need? This is the most common question in a funding application. Statistics are hard to come by for the Irish community, it's important to collect and record local need. It's not difficult, talk to those you support, e.g., if you have 50 people attending a regular event ask 5 of them to sit around the table with you, (tea and biscuits to hand). Ask them their most common problems, do this at least a couple of times a year, with different consultees. This would give you a 10% “sample rate”, this is the accepted minimum. These can be scaled up according to the size of the organisation. Some of the most common criteria for funders applications are detailed below, as are details of how you could be meeting these. For multiple activities you might consider a questionnaire or more structured consultation, case studies are also an excellent way of illustrating the need.

Common needs you might be meeting

- Reduced Isolation – they attend your tea dance
- Improved Confidence and self-esteem – they can do things they couldn't before, leave the house, use a digital device etc
- A more independent lifestyle – you have helped them manage their appointments, access agencies and they can do this themselves now
- Improved physical and or mental wellbeing – they join in the dancing, they have fun – two in one go
- Improved financial circumstances – help with a welfare claim, managing their finances etc
- Cost of living crisis – emergency food/fuel support

It is rare that funders want detailed national statistics, they will have far more than you will ever have. The only national statistic they usually require is how deprived your community is in the national rankings, (i.e., in the most 10/15/20% most deprived communities). Use a few others if you want to show it's a national problem, overwhelmingly they want local information.

Here is how to find your IMD (Indices of Multiple Deprivation) Deprivation Ranking.

http://dclgapps.communities.gov.uk/imd/iod_index.html . You will see a 2019 map and a 2015 map. On the top right hand corner, switch off the 2015 map so that you are left only with the 2019 map on screen. On the vertical bar, choose the 'select location' icon and type your postcode into the box. Your ranking will be shown in the second paragraph that starts "in 2019 this LSOA (Lower Super Output Area – related to your postcode) is ranked ----". This is the IMD ranking. If you want further information click on the horizontal bar at the top for nine other domains, e.g. Income Deprivation, Employment Deprivation etc.

When asked by funders “tell us about the need in your area”, you can use figures from the appropriate domains (above) which prove your point. Convincing local data (as discussed above) however should be at least around 80% of your response. The most valuable narrative around need is what local people have told you, your own consultation, case studies, local councillors and Local Authority issues. Try to be specific, how many people you have spoken to, over what period of time, summarise the main needs e.g., 60% of our services users found services hard to access, then list further results.

Demonstrating Impact

This is key to securing funding, can you provide the detail like below.

During the last financial year, we have supported 466 individuals, who created 4088 attendances/engagements with our services. Consultation with our beneficiaries shows that:

- 90% reported improved confidence and self esteem
- 84% reported better home/family life through our wrap around care and family support
- 80% felt better supported through engaging with our services
- 46% felt less isolated through lockdown telephone calls, wellbeing visits and online support
- 86% reported improved mental health through our mental health and wellbeing activities
- 96% reported feeling happier
- 52% reported improved health and wellbeing
- 86% reported feeling safer
- 9 young people achieved a functional skills qualification with us (this figure is normally much higher; however, the awarding body froze qualifications due to lockdown)

This requires regular recording and monitoring, yes it takes work. It is however essential, firstly to provide accurate reports to your funder, secondly convince funders why you deserve funding.

So, how do you plan for the best chance of success? **Yes, you should plan!**

Some considerations...

Many funders will offer you a telephone discussion, they won't write your bid for you, but if you have points you want to clarify e.g., you might have two or three activities in mind, they will help you decide which one is the best fit with their priorities. You often find out much more valuable information, it's worth finding a reason to ring them.

Are you writing the application when you have an hour or two to spare here or there, every so often, or are you prepared to commit the time it takes to research and find the best match for your funding requirements and submit a well prepared bid.

Your organisation and its activities may be amazing, does it show in the funding application, do you have the time, skills and experience to make a compelling case for funding?

Is this part of a well thought funding strategy which is part of a business plan? This won't be necessary for smaller grants, but when asking for three year funding programme funders like to know you are sustainable.

Here are some key points:

- Allow time to find funds in advance of your needs
- Know your subject, who else provides similar services, can you work collaboratively, why is it needed, what evidence do you have
- Prepare a realistic budget, you will need to justify it if a funder is interested
- Research carefully, look for a funder who matches your requirements most closely
- Read their case studies, they will have chosen the ones which exemplify what they want to fund
- Don't ask for the maximum amount unless you can justify it, the average grant size they state means there are organisations who have been offered less, why should they offer you more.
- Ensure accounts, returns to Companies House & the Charity Commission are up to date
- Ensure what you are requesting is reflected in your annual report
- When it's complete, ask someone else to read it, the application should make sense to someone who doesn't understand funding

- Do not use abbreviations, no matter how obvious you think they are
- Do not put “refer to section x”, never make a funder search for information
- When completing a question with a large word count, use line breaks and subtitles
- Be specific, avoid statements such as “a significant number of people were involved” that could be from two or three, to hundreds. “We expect to start this service shortly”, how soon is shortly?
- Use the language of change in your descriptions, e.g., improving life skills, increasing self-esteem, reducing distress.
- If you need guidance or advice, give them a ring, particularly if you are unsure regarding your eligibility, they will help clarify what they require and what the questions mean.

Having a strategic/business plan will help you identify your future programmes, what activities do you want to provide, how much funding do you require, when do you require it. This will help you in your identification of appropriate funders. Some funders will ask for a business plan at stage 2 of an application; you need to be able to respond in a timely fashion.

Always remember funders believe they are not just giving you funding, they are investing in the long term future of your organisation. Look at it from their perspective and think what you would like to see if you were in their position.

Here are some of the things they will consider:

- What is your financial position, they will look at your accounts
- Are your statutory returns up to date, if your Companies House or Charities Commission is overdue some funders will not fund you
- Do you have a detailed annual report, are the activities you are proposing reflected in this report
- Is the funding you are requesting detailed in the future activities in your annual report, they will look at this
- Is your website up to date, they will look at it and make a judgement of you, an out of date website will create a bad impression
- Are you a registered charity or a not for profit limited company, many funders will require this status
- Do you have quality assured systems
- Is this application part of a business plan or strategy?
- Is the bid well researched, can you accurately say why the activities are needed, facts and figures, local examples
- Is the requested amount realistic, many funders limit what they will fund relating to your turnover it is not uncommon for them to restrict funds to between 10% to 50% of your turnover
- Do you work with partners and have links with local agencies, this is important to the vast majority of funders
- What will happen when the funding has finished, funders do not want to invest money in an activity that will disappear when the money has been spent
- Are you an open and accessible organisation, e.g. Awards for all will not fund any organisation if, to become a member someone has to be seconded by another member
- Is it good value, they know the cost of staff, equipment etc, you must be able to justify your budget
- Are you applying for the maximum amount they offer, bear in mind the excellent value other organisations will offer

Have you ever noticed how some funders questions are repetitive, they call it “triangulation”, to ensure they get the most important information more than once. We have exercised the same policy with the important information we want to get across.

Funding Competitions

Some funders offer funding through a competition between organisations seeking funds, this involves asking the community to vote for your activity. The larger organisations who have more staff will be able to dedicate staff time and marketing expertise, if they have large networks and numerous partners they will utilise these. It is also worth considering who the competitors are and if they have obvious public appeal. If you decide to enter one of these competitions you must be prepared to dedicate your staff time to garnering votes, you must decide what the odds are on winning and how much this distracts you from your day to day activity.

Below is a statement from the Henry Smith Charitable Foundation, one of the largest funders in Britain. These are real life examples of things to avoid.

“Why we turn down applications

Each year we receive over 1,500 applications to our larger grant programmes.

Around one in five (20%) applications are successful and go on to receive a grant.

Listed below are the main reasons applications were unsuccessful in 2016 (still applies). Please note this list is not exhaustive and some applications will have been turned down for multiple reasons. To increase your organisation’s chances of success you need to make sure that you cover all the following areas:

Can you provide evidence of the difference your service is making?

We turned down 658 applications (55%) because they didn’t provide evidence that their service is making a difference to the lives of the people they are supporting. Many applications provided only unsubstantiated or anecdotal information about the outcomes of their work, some provided no outcomes information at all, and others only case studies without any data to back up their claims about impact.

We are looking for work that is tried and tested. Your application should demonstrate that your organisation has experience delivering the work you are asking us to fund, and provide outcomes from that work. Alternatively, if your organisation hasn’t delivered the work before, it must have been delivered effectively elsewhere and you need to provide outcomes evidence to demonstrate that, as well as telling us how your organisation has the ability and capacity which makes it best placed to deliver the work.

We need to see that the work you have done before has been effective in making a difference to the people you help. Your application should ideally be able to provide a range of hard and soft outcomes including some quantified data, to evidence the difference your work is making.

We need to see that organisations value learning about their impact and sharing that data. Your application should show us how you monitor and evaluate to collect and collate outcomes information. Monitoring and evaluation tools might include: Warwick Edinburgh Mental Health Wellbeing, MESH (for Home-Starts), Outcomes Star or SDQ. Please note this list is an example and we are happy for you to tell us which tools you use and why.

Have you clearly described the work you are asking us to fund?

We turned down 278 applications (20%) because it was not clear what services we were being asked to support.

In the application we ask you to describe the work you are asking us to fund. We are looking to understand:

The type of service(s) provided (e.g. information, advice, training, and advocacy)

Who delivers the service(s) (e.g. youth worker, advocate, counsellor or volunteer)

The average length of time you work with individuals (e.g. 6 weeks, 6 months, a year) and the duration of each session (e.g. 2 hours)

The frequency of contact (e.g. daily, weekly, monthly)

Where the service is delivered (e.g. care home, refuge, community centre)
How the services are provided (e.g. group based, one to one)

Do all of your organisation's activities fit our priority areas?

We turned down 292 applications (24%) either because the activities they were delivering did not fit with our priority areas or because they were requesting a running costs grant but were delivering some ineligible activities.

Please ensure you carefully read the full guidelines for the grant programme you plan to apply to before spending time completing an application, so that you understand what we can and cannot support. You are welcome to call us for advice if you have any queries.

If you are applying for a running costs grant you need to ensure all the activities your organisation delivers fit within our guidelines. For example, if your organisation's activities include research, campaigning or lobbying then we will only be able to consider applications towards a specific project, not your whole organisation's running costs.

Can you demonstrate financial need?

We turned down 179 applications (15%) because they did not demonstrate financial need.

We do not support organisations with reserves (net current assets plus investments) covering more than 12 months' expenditure."

Funding and Finance for Larger Organisations

It is difficult to define what a larger organisation is, numerous funders seem to refer to over a £1m turnover as being a larger organisation, some organisations below this figure may fit this criteria in other funders views. Being a larger organisation brings benefits in economies of scale, you may have accredited systems, well developed networks with Local Authorities and agencies. If you are delivering regular services then it is likely to bring in regular income, this however is unlikely to cover all your core costs, how do you fill this gap?

Due to the current funding situation many funders will only offer funding if you have less than six months reserves, this can be alleviated if you have funds designated for special projects, restricted funding etc. They also will only fund the same organisation for so many years, they expect larger organisations to develop their own independent income streams. This could be through tendering for contracts, or setting up a social enterprise. This means setting up an activity where services are paid for and a surplus is made, the surplus is then used to part or wholly fund the charity. It is possible to secure funding for the start up for a social enterprise, and even running costs. If a Charity is "trading for primary purpose", i.e. a young people's project sets up a cafe and then offers training places in the cafe, this allows you to exceed the amount a charity can earn.

Funders are increasingly asking how you are going to generate income to keep the activity going, there is no easy or quick solution. Just to keep submitting funding bids year after year is a risky business model. Finding the right enterprise, planning and developing it, funding and financing it can take many years before it makes a significant contribution to the organisation. It may be a blend of funding and finance for the first few years, some funders such as: The Esmee Fairbairn, Tudor Trust and The Henry Smith Charitable Foundation and others all offer loans as well as funding. Alternatively, it may be that your organisation is not suited to generate income, prepare a case to demonstrate this to potential funders. There are also CDFI's – Community Development Finance Institution, they operate to service the finance needs of the Third Sector. They usually offer unsecured finance, this means no trustees/directors are personally responsible. Organisations need to be incorporated to access this finance/grant, the whole of the liability is allocated against the incorporation. It is not uncommon for part of the amount financed to be offered as a loan and part grant. Some examples of CDFI's are;

The Key Fund - <https://thekeyfund.co.uk>

Charity Bank - <https://charitybank.org>

Big Issue Invest - <https://bigissueinvest.com/>

Responsible finance is the name for the Community Development Finance Association. They aim to provide access to people and businesses that are often excluded, they aim to “build hope, create opportunity and change lives, this is a good source of information as is .

<http://responsiblefinance.org.uk> <https://www.goodfinance.org.uk/>

Corporate/personal donations and internet campaigns

Do you have a donate button on your website, how effective is this? Can you be more proactive in securing donations through publicising your activities with a well-planned strategy publicising your activities.

There are several different avenues to promote your organisation and generate funding. Many of us will have donated to internet appeals, these are usually to a cause close to our hearts. There is an undoubted opportunity to present your cause through a personal approach, a circular/letter, the internet etc. People support causes outside national boundaries, sometimes on the other side of the world. It isn't about the geography, it's very often about something you care deeply about. There are sufficient examples to know that people will support Irish activity programmes designed to help others.

Further Information

Good luck with your funding applications, it shouldn't be about luck though, use the principles discussed here or contact us.

If you require further information, would like to discuss the best way to progress applications, demonstrating impact, is there any support available etc, please contact any of the following:

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