

Funding Bulletin

August 2026

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

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search engine to help you find funds which may be suitable for your project ideas, we recommend [My Funding Central](#) which is a free service for organisations with an income of less than £30,000. For organisations with a higher income, annual subscription starts from only £50.

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LOCAL

Equilibrium Foundation Community Support Scheme	
Aims/priorities:	The Equilibrium Foundation was established in 2010 to support good causes in the North West of England. The funding is intended to support not-for-profit organisations working to make a positive difference to local communities. There is particular interest in projects that support: • Financial wellbeing and education • Mental health and community wellbeing • Youth development and employability • Reducing social isolation, particularly among older people. • Disadvantaged families and individuals.
Who can apply?	Applications will be accepted from registered charities, Community Interest Companies (CICs), constituted community groups with a formal governing document.
Grant amount:	£ 1,000
Application process:	Online application
Deadline:	1 September 2026.
Contact:	Tel: 0808 156 1176 Email: charity@equilibrium.co.uk
Website:	https://equilibrium.co.uk/charity/community-support-scheme/

Salford – Healthy Lifestyles: Equipment and Training Fund	
Aims/priorities:	The Equipment and Training Fund is provided by Salford City Council in partnership with NHS Greater Manchester Integrated Care and administered by Salford CVS. This fund aims to support VCSE organisations to pay for equipment, training, and making spaces accessible to support pregnant women, children with SEND, and families with children under five.

	Funding will enable groups to expand their knowledge and support families to lead healthier lifestyles. Proposed activities should support one of the following priorities: • Physical activity. • Oral health. • Healthy eating/nutrition. • Pre-natal/Pregnancy. • SEND support. • Accessibility support. • Mental health and wellbeing. Funding can be used to cover: Equipment/materials to promote healthy lifestyles to families: • Outdoor equipment. • Cooking equipment/healthy refreshments. • Books and resources about healthy lifestyles. Training on healthy lifestyles for under 5s to upskill staff: • Hygiene courses. • Nutrition courses. • Training for staff to provide outdoor activities, such as forest school courses. Accessibility enhancements/equipment/materials, for example: • Adaptations for wheelchairs, such as ramps. • Creation of a sensory room/space Equipment/materials to promote healthy lifestyles to pregnant women: • Yoga mats for pregnancy yoga. • Wellbeing resources for pregnant women.
Who can apply?	full member of Salford CVS at the time of the application.
Grant amount:	£ 2,000
Application process:	Download an application form from the website
Deadline:	On going
Contact:	Email: grants@salfordcvs.co.uk
Website:	https://www.salfordcvs.co.uk/healthy-lifestyles-equipment-and-training-fund

Maureen Garvey Fund	
Aims/priorities:	The Maureen Garvey Fund aims to support people to progress toward their ambitions, long-term aspirations, and life goals. It is designed to help people develop their capabilities and realise their potential, which in turn could help improve their quality of life. This may include enhancing knowledge, acquiring new skills, engaging in creative activities, and improving overall health and wellbeing. For some people, achieving these goals can be more challenging due to financial, practical, or personal barriers. The Fund seeks to address and help remove these barriers, enabling people to grow and develop. The fund is about supporting people to take meaningful steps toward their goals. As these will vary from person to person, the grant is intentionally flexible and may support a wide range of requests.
Who can apply?	The fund is open to people aged 21+ living in Broughton & Kersal.
Grant amount:	£500
Application process:	Download an application form from the website
Deadline:	Applications will be assessed in early October. There is currently no deadline to apply
Contact:	Email: grants@salfordcvs.co.uk
Website:	https://www.salfordcvs.co.uk/maureen-garvey-fund

ARTS

Youth Music - Trailblazer Fund		
Aims/priorities:	Youth Music is the UK's largest children's music charity, set up in 1999 to promote and support music-making opportunities for children with the least access. It is supported by National Lottery funding through the Arts Council for England. Youth Music's vision is that 'life-changing' music making is available to all children and young people. Youth Music provides several grants programmes, including the Trailblazer Fund. The funding aims to support young people who want to change their lives through music but cannot because of who they are, where they are from or what they are going through. The grants are for organisations who want to trial work or test a new way of working, sustain a grassroots programme or disrupt the status quo (or all three).	
Who can apply?	Constituted UK based organisations may apply.	
Grant amount:	Two levels of grants are available: • Grants of £2,000 to £15,000 are available to organisations of less than one year old. • Grants of £2,000 to £30,000 are available to organisations of more than one year old.	
Application process:	Download the application form from the website	
Deadline:	28th August 2026	
Contact:	Tel: 020 7902 1060 email: grants@youthmusic.org.uk	
Website:	https://www.youthmusic.org.uk/funding/i-need-funding/trailblazer-fund	

Leche Trust – Performing Arts Grants and Heritage conservation grants		
Aims/priorities:	The Leche Trust is a grant-making charity founded and endowed by the late Angus Acworth CBE in 1950. It was constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) in 2024. Two different grants are offered:	

	• Leche Trust - Heritage conservation grants (the subject of this report). • Leche Trust - Performing Arts (a separate report). The funding supports the conservation of historic objects, collections and features of buildings which are pre-Victorian in date (pre-1830s). Items must be in public or charitable ownership and accessible to the public. These might include individual paintings, sculpture and monuments, wall paintings and non-structural architectural fittings such as decorative plaster work and panelling. They will also consider applications relating to archaeological finds, items within archives and libraries and other decorative art objects. Preference is given to smaller projects, or specific elements of projects, where the Trust's contribution can have a greater impact.
Who can apply?	UK registered charities or public authorities can apply.
Grant amount:	£ 5,000
Application process:	Online application
Deadline:	31 August 2026
Contact:	Tel: 07354 423316 email: info@lechetrust.org.uk
Website:	https://www.lechetrust.org/

Wise Music Foundation 	
Aims/priorities:	The Wise Music Foundation (formerly known as The Music Sales Charitable Trust) was established in 1990. It supports a range of charitable causes and is not restricted to music-related initiatives. The funding is intended to support groups who work with people experiencing hardship, distress and illness in the UK. There is emphasis of initiatives that support children, the homeless and people living in poverty. However, a range of other worthy causes activities are also supported (e.g. education, cultural activities and arts & heritage, overseas famine relief, food banks).
Who can apply?	Charitable groups, voluntary and community organisations, and other not-for-profit groups in the UK may apply.
Grant amount:	£ 5,000
Application process:	Applications must be submitted online at the Foundation website.

Deadline:	31 August 2026
Contact:	Tel: 02076127400 Email: foundation@wisemusic.com
Website:	https://wisemusicfoundation.com/

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

Schroder Charity Trust	Schroder CHARITY TRUST
Aims/priorities:	The Schroder Charity Trust is an independent grant-making Family Trust that has been supporting the UK charity sector for over 70 years. The trust is wholly independent of Schroders Plc, the investment management company that is also associated with the Schroder family. Following a strategic review of the Trust's grant-making programme, applications will be considered for work under the following two objectives: • Enabling children and young adults from disadvantaged backgrounds to thrive and achieve their potential in education and employment. ○ Priorities: ▪ Enhancing early years school readiness for children in vulnerable families ▪ Developing reading and literacy skills ▪ Enhancing financial literacy ▪ Helping young people pursue vocational careers and apprenticeships ▪ Enhancing employment outcomes for young offenders (aged 18-25) ▪ Providing tutoring to develop attainment at primary and secondary school. • Strengthening communities through services and opportunities which enhance the wellbeing and life outcomes of vulnerable and disadvantaged people. ○ Priorities: ▪ Providing services and advice to help people out of financial hardship and material poverty ▪ Enhancing life outcomes for children in the care system ▪ Reducing social isolation and maximising independence for older people

	▪ Building confidence, resilience, life skills and wellbeing through youthwork ▪ Supporting the homeless and those at risk of homelessness into sustainable housing. ▪ Providing support to young carers.
Who can apply?	Registered charities in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland with an income of between £150,000 and £1 million may apply.
Grant amount:	£ 5,000
Application process:	Online application form
Deadline:	28 August 2026 (17:00).
Contact:	Email: info@schrodercharitytrust.org
Website:	https://schrodercharitytrust.org/

Metal For Good Grants 	
Aims/priorities:	Funding is available for: • Helping groups to expand or provide new services, with an emphasis on quality and effectiveness. • Projects that use music, or related activities as a tool for social change. The project should focus on one or more of the following themes: • Helping young people (aged between 0 and 24) to thrive – This can include: ○ Projects that provide extra-curricular music opportunities within mainstream education using music to address social exclusion and raise attainment. ○ Projects in alternative provision that use music to help build confidence, raise aspiration, and develop new skills. ○ Projects based in the community that work with children and young people to address social exclusion. • Addressing inequalities – This can include: ○ Projects that provide opportunities for underrepresented groups to gain music skills or break into the music industry, such as mentoring

	programmes, community showcase events, or specialist training for groups with defined characteristics. ○ Projects that use music to give underrepresented groups a voice or bring communities together. ● Improving wellbeing – This can include: ○ Projects that use music to improve physical and mental wellbeing. ○ Peer support groups. ○ Singing groups. ○ Dance and exercise groups.
Who can apply?	Community groups, charities, and not-for-profit organisations with an annual turnover of less than £500,000 can apply.
Grant amount:	£ 3,000
Application process:	Online application form are available from the website.
Deadline:	Open from 24 August to 7 September.
Contact:	Email: hello@metalforgood.org
Website:	https://metalforgood.org/grants/

Youth Endowment Fund - VAWG Prevention Programme - Objective 2		
Aims/priorities:	The Youth Endowment Fund (YEF) is an independent charitable trust run by Impetus, in partnership with the Early Intervention Foundation (EIF) and Social Investment Business (SIB). It aims to prevent children and young people becoming involved in violence by finding out what works and building a movement to put this knowledge into practice. It was created in 2019, with funding of £200 million over ten years from the Home Office as part of its long-term plan to tackle serious violence, after EIF and SIB won a competitive tender to run the Fund. The Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) Prevention Programme is split into two schemes under two specific objectives: ● Objective 1: Promoting Healthy and Respectful Relationships in Secondary Schools. (<i>Covered separately</i>)	

	Objective 2: Responding to Inappropriate and Problematic Attitudes and Behaviours on Gender Norms and Relationships in Educational Settings. (<i>Covered here</i>) This funding round forms part of a wider YEF programme of funding, evaluation and research over the next three years on what works to prevent and respond to violence against women and girls (VAWG). The funding is intended for organisations delivering targeted interventions that identify and respond to inappropriate and problematic attitudes and behaviours around gender norms and relationships among children and young people aged 10–18. This round (Objective 2) is focused on secondary prevention: early, targeted support for children and young people who are beginning to show emerging concerns, before behaviours escalate to the point where statutory services such as children's social care, policing or youth justice are required. Projects should be delivered primarily through educational settings, but some activities can take place in community or partner settings where there is a strong link with a school or college. Programmes delivered mainly in community settings with only limited links to education are unlikely to be eligible.
Who can apply?	Applicants must be a registered charity, company, statutory body or Community Interest Company (CIC) and delivering interventions in England.
Grant amount:	Discretionary
Application process:	online application form are available on the website
Deadline:	2 September 2026 (9am).
Contact:	Email: grants@youthendowmentfund.org.uk
Website:	https://youthendowmentfund.org.uk/grants/violence-against-women-and-girls-prevention-programme/

DIGITAL

Access Foundation – Digital Divide Grants		
Aims/priorities:	The Access Foundation, created in 2021, exist to provide the long-term sustainable philanthropic legacy of the The Access Group. The Foundation's grants support charities or not-for-profit organisations operating in the same countries as the offices of Access Group companies: the UK, Ireland, Romania, Vietnam, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, USA, Australia and New Zealand. The funding is intended to mitigate the digital divide by making computing facilities, support and learning available to disadvantaged and vulnerable people. It aims to support people and communities as well as the natural environment within the UK.	
Who can apply?	Applications may only be made by 'bona fide' charities and not-for-profit organisations.	
Grant amount:	between £20,000 and £50,000	
Application process:	application form can be found on the Access Foundation website.	
Deadline:	no deadlines	
Contact:	Email: office@theaccessgroupfoundation.com	
Website:	https://theaccessgroupfoundation.com/apply/	

ENVIRONMENT

Fisheries Improvement Programme		
Aims/priorities:	The Angling Trust, with the support of the Environment Agency, provides the Fisheries Improvement Programme. Established in 2015, the Fisheries Improvement Programme is a means for the Environment Agency to reinvest fishing licence income back into projects that will provide positive outcomes for anglers. Money for projects to improve habitat and facilities for anglers will be made available through the programme, which comes directly from fishing licence sales. The fund can also help fisheries become more resilient to the impact of climate change.	
Who can apply?	Project proposals are invited from angling clubs, fisheries, NGOs (such as Rivers Trusts and the Wild Trout Trust), local authorities or other community organisations involved in angling.	
Grant amount:	Discretionary	
Application process:	Via the online form which is available at the website.	
Deadline:	28 August 2026.	
Contact:	Email: andy.petch@anglingtrust.net	
Website:	https://anglingtrust.net/funding/fisheries-improvement-programme/	

Peak District National Park - Connect Fund Grant		
Aims/priorities:	The Peak District National Park Foundation, an independent charity, works to create a National Park which is thriving for nature and people and is protected for future generations. The Foundation 'want to see more land managed for nature, more rare habitats protected and more people able to enjoy the Peak District National Park'.	

	The funding is designed to remove barriers for disadvantaged and marginalised communities to access, understand and enjoy the park.
Who can apply?	Applications will be accepted from a range of different types of organisation, including: • Schools* • Registered charities • Charitable incorporated organisations (CIOs) • Community interest companies (CICs) • Community groups, societies and associations • Companies limited by guarantee (as long as they have an asset lock, or are also a registered charity)
Grant amount:	£ 500
Application process:	The application form can be found on the Peak District National Park Foundation website.
Deadline:	16 th October 2026
Contact:	Email: hello@peakdistrictfoundation.org.uk
Website:	https://www.peakdistrictfoundation.org.uk/connect-fund/

Green Community Grants Programme 	
Aims/priorities:	The Green Community Grants scheme is a funding programme established in 2025 by the Wildlife Trusts with funding from the People's Postcode Lottery and Postcode Green Trust. The Postcode Green Trust operates its own society lottery and receives all of its funding from the players of People's Postcode Lottery. The funding is for organisations whose main aims and objectives fit with one of the following Fund's themes: • Contributing to nature recovery and responding to the climate emergency. • Improving nature-rich spaces and access to them. The grants can be used for a wider range of sustainable activities, including recycling, litter picking, beach cleans or sustainable transport.
Who can apply?	Not-for-profit groups based in England, Scotland and Wales can apply.

Grant amount:	£ 25,000
Application process:	Once the application window is open, groups will be able to download the application from the website
Deadline:	Between 30 September 2026 to 21 October 2026.
Contact:	Email: greencommunitygrants@wildlifetrusts.org
Website:	https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/green-community-grants-programme

FAITH

National Lottery Heritage Fund: Strategic Initiatives – Heritage in Need: Places of Worship	
Aims/priorities:	The National Lottery Heritage Fund uses money from the National Lottery to support a wide range of projects involving the local, regional, and national heritage of the United Kingdom. As part of its Heritage 2033 strategy, the National Lottery Heritage Fund has launched three strategic initiatives offering targeted funding to address long-standing heritage issues across the UK. These initiatives are: • National Lottery Heritage Fund: Strategic Initiatives – Heritage Places – for projects that improve or transform nine identified heritage locations through collaborative projects with local partners and organisations. • National Lottery Heritage Fund: Strategic Initiatives – Landscape Connections – for around 20 long-term projects to boost nature recovery and connect more people to Protected Landscapes and other world-class landscapes. • National Lottery Heritage Fund: Strategic Initiatives – Towns and Cities – will support cities and towns, in partnership with others, to deliver urban nature recovery through thriving historic parks and green spaces. • The Heritage in Need: Places of Worship initiative – will support places of worship across the UK to address heritage challenges and promote sustainability (covered in this scheme). This fund aims to address the following challenges facing places of worship: • The repair needs of listed buildings, particularly those in more rural areas. • Workforce and volunteer capability to manage heritage. • Supporting heritage in places of worship that are currently inaccessible, at risk, or under-used, to maximise their full potential.

	The fund will support strategic projects at a regional or national level that will: • Proactively tackle long-standing heritage issues at a large scale. • Enable a coordinated cross-territory approach that will strengthen delivery. • Address gaps where proposals are not coming through in the National Lottery Heritage Grants Programme. • Accelerate new ideas and interventions where a deliberate approach is needed.
Who can apply?	Not-for-profit organisations and partnerships led by not-for-profit organisations from across the UK can apply.
Grant amount:	Up to £10m
Application process:	For applications of over £250,000, there is a multi-staged application process: • Groups must first submit an online Expression of Interest. • Successful groups will then be invited to submit a full application.
Deadline:	06/08/2026
Contact:	Tel: 020 7591 6000 email: enquire@heritagefund.org.uk
Website:	https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/funding/strategic-initiatives

The St Lazarus Charitable Trust 	
Aims/priorities:	This scheme is administered and provided by The St Lazarus Charitable Trust. The St Lazarus Charitable Trust offers funding to charitable organisations based in England and Wales for projects that benefit those who are sick, disabled or poor throughout the world.
Who can apply?	Charitable organisations based in England and Wales are eligible to apply.
Grant amount:	Discretionary
Application process:	An application form is available to download from the website.
Deadline:	30 September 2026
Contact:	Email: ewsecretary@gmail.com

Website:	https://www.stlazaruscharitabletrust.org.uk/
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GENERAL

Henry Smith Foundation – Equity in Justice Fund	
Aims/priorities:	The newly launched Equity in Justice Fund is provided and administered by the Henry Smith Foundation as part of its 'Safer futures' programme which supports people to rebuild their lives after abuse, displacement or prison. The Equity in Justice Fund has been created in response to evidence which "shows that young men from racially minoritised communities are over-represented at many points in the justice system. This is not by chance. It's the result of ongoing systemic bias combined with a lack of specialist services that understand their needs. And the racism they have experienced, both personally and structurally. We recognise that Muslim men are also disproportionately represented in the prison system and will fund organisations working with young men from this community." It is anticipated that there will be further rounds of this fund which will open in January 2027, June 2027 and January 2028. The funding is intended to support organisations working with racially minoritised young men aged 18 to 25 who are in contact with the criminal justice system. The key aim of the fund is to increase these men's access to specialist services designed to meet their specific needs. The Fund will provide multi-year grants to organisations with a focus on direct service delivery providing specialist, culturally appropriate support, centring lived experience.
Who can apply?	VCSE organisations
Grant amount:	It is anticipated that 13 grants of £200,000 each, will be made over three to five years.
Application process:	Submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) followed by a full application
Deadline:	05/08/2026
Contact:	Tel: 020 7264 4970 Email: saferfutures@henrysmith.foundation
Website:	https://henrysmith.foundation/grants/equity-in-justice/

King Charles III Charitable Fund – Small Grants	
Aims/priorities:	King Charles III Charitable Fund (KCCF) is the working name of The Prince of Wales's Charitable Foundation. Founded in 1979 to support the then Prince of Wales's charitable work, it aims to transform lives and build sustainable communities by funding a wide range of good causes within its core funding themes. Over the past 40 years, the fund has invested more than £100 million in charitable causes in the UK and overseas. The scheme provides small grants to support independent UK registered non-for-profit organisations for grassroots, community-based projects that fall within its core funding themes: • Heritage and conservation. • Education. • Health and wellbeing. • Social inclusion. • Environment. • Countryside. This round is for projects working across the Fund's Education and Heritage Conservation funding themes.
Who can apply?	Applications are accepted from UK registered not-for-profit organisations, including: • Charities. • Charitable incorporated organisations. • Community interest companies. • Companies limited by guarantee. • Excepted charities. • Unincorporated organisations who can demonstrate a clear social purpose. Eligible organisations should have: • An annual income of between £25,000 and £500,000. • Completed at least two years of activity. • Less than six months of unrestricted free reserves.

Grant amount:	£ 9,000
Application process:	Complete the eligibility quiz and receive a unique application link
Deadline:	19/08/2026
Contact:	Tel: 020 4551 9330 Email: contact@kccf.org.uk
Website:	https://www.kccf.org.uk/small-grants/

Public Engagement Spark Awards 2026A	
Aims/priorities:	Public Engagement Spark Awards are provided by the Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC). The Public Engagement Spark Awards support projects that engage the public with science, technology and research within the remit of the Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC). Applicants are expected to address at least four programme objectives, which include delivering public engagement activities linked to STFC-funded research, reaching new audiences, working with STFC's target Wonder audience and co-producing activities or resources with participants. The programme also supports projects that highlight the achievements and value of STFC-funded science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) research in the UK, contribute to the aims of the STFC Public Engagement Strategy and involve collaboration with STFC public engagement, communications or national facilities teams. Funding is available for a range of public engagement activities. While the programme encourages applications that explore new approaches to engagement and audience development, projects using established engagement methods are also eligible.
Who can apply?	Applicants must work for an organisation based in the UK that produces annual financial reports and accounts certified by an accountant.
Grant amount:	Grants of between £5,000 and £20,000 are available for projects lasting between 12 and 36 months.
Application process:	Online application form
Deadline:	25 August 2026

Contact:	Email: stfcpublicengagement@stfc.ac.uk
Website:	https://find-government-grants.service.gov.uk/grants/public-engagement-spark-awards-2026a-grant-1

Henry Smith Foundation - Welcome for Newcomers Fund		
Aims/priorities:	The Henry Smith Charity changed its name to the Henry Smith Foundation in June 2025 and published its new strategy, Elevate Your Impact (2025-2030), which 'reaffirms its commitment to the people and organisations driving change across the UK'. The funding is for organisations and partnerships whose charitable purpose is to support newcomers to the UK. They should have ongoing, long-term access to safe physical spaces and have a proven track record of providing comprehensive help through three core elements of 'Welcome' work: • Specialist support enabling high-quality support, either directly or through specialist providers, for activities such as IAA-regulated immigration advice, help with rights and entitlements, destitution and housing matters, healthcare and therapeutic trauma support, English language education and employment. • Enabling belonging through regular social contact and relationship building within newcomer communities and between newcomers and other residents. • Influencing work to help improve local conditions for Welcome, by improving collaboration between services, amplifying newcomer voices and influencing local systems.	
Who can apply?	Applications will be accepted from charitable organisations registered in and working in the UK including: • Registered charities and Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIOs) • Community Interest Companies (CICs) that are not-for-profit with an asset lock • Other not for profit charitable organisations delivering work aligned with the Foundation's objects	
Grant amount:	£ 200,000	

Application process:	Eligible organisations will be able to submit an expression of interest. Those who are successful will be invited to submit a full application by 16 October 2026 (17:00). This will be followed by a phone conversation with a member of the Foundation's grants team from mid-October to early November.
Deadline:	26 August 2026 (17:00).
Contact:	Tel: 020 7264 4970 Email: saferfutures@henrysmith.foundation
Website:	https://henrysmith.foundation/grants/welcome-for-newcomers/

Democratic Engagement Fund	
Aims/priorities:	The new £2.5 million Democratic Engagement Fund is provided and administered by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG). The Fund aims to support people to engage with democracy, including making sure young people are ready to vote for the first time. This Fund will directly support the Government's commitment to extend the vote to 16 and 17-year-olds – funding grassroots projects helping make democracy more accessible. The funding is for civil society organisations (CSOs) in England to deliver politically neutral, place-based activities that help people understand, engage with, and participate in democracy. The Fund focuses on communities least likely to engage with democracy: • Young people (aged 5-25) • Ethnic minority groups • People who are homeless • Regular movers • Disabled people • People from low socio economic backgrounds.
Who can apply?	Civil society organisations with experience of, or demonstrable capacity to deliver, community based, politically neutral projects in England may apply.
Grant amount:	£ 50,000
Application process:	Online application
Deadline:	31 August 2026.

Contact:	Tel: 030 3444 0000 Email: democraticengagement@communities.gov.uk
Website:	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/democratic-engagement-fund-prospectus/democratic-engagement-fund-prospectus#eligibility-criteria

HEALTH & WELLBEING

GSK Community Health Programme	
Aims/priorities:	The GSK Community Health programme is funded by GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) as part of the company's commitment to promote community health and wellbeing and organised and managed in partnership with The King's Fund, a leading independent health charity working to improve health and social care. The funding is aimed at very small charities working in their communities to address health inequalities and who find it hard to access unrestricted funding and support for their leaders. This is particularly true for organisations led by and supporting the most disadvantaged communities – such as those supporting ethnic minority communities, people with disabilities, people from the LGBTQ+ community and others. The Programme will support aspirational leaders who want to develop their organisations to tackle health inequalities. It is designed to run alongside the GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) IMPACT Awards and support the next generation of award winners. Up to 10 places are available on an online leadership programme. The programme will be delivered by The King's Fund, and provide participants with the opportunity to develop their capability and confidence to lead both operationally and strategically.
Who can apply?	Charities must: • Be a registered charity by the application deadline of 10 August 2026. • Have existed for a minimum of one year by 10 August 2026. • Have a total annual income of between £20,000 and £150,000 as shown in their most recent accounts.
Grant amount:	£ 10,000
Application process:	Download the application form from the website
Deadline:	10/08/2026
Contact:	Email: gskenquiries@kingsfund.org.uk
Website:	https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/insight-and-analysis/projects/gsk/community-health-programme

Heart Research UK - Healthy Heart Grants		
Aims/priorities:	Healthy Heart Grants are provided and administered by Heart Research UK, a registered charity, who works to prevent, treat and cure heart diseases through research, education and community support. Running since 2001, the Healthy Heart Grants programme supports community groups and projects across the UK that promote heart health and healthier lifestyles, helping communities reduce the risk of heart disease. The funding rotates around the UK at different times of the year. The funding is for new projects being delivered in small local communities that work with adults and that actively promote heart health or reduce the risk of heart disease through primary or secondary prevention	
Who can apply?	Registered charities and community interest companies (CICs) in the UK with an annual income of less than £1 million are eligible to apply.	
Grant amount:	£ 15,000	
Application process:	Online application form	
Deadline:	12/08/2026	
Contact:	Tel: 0113 234 7474 Email: healthyheartgrants@heartresearch.org.uk	
Website:	https://heartresearch.org.uk/what-we-do/community-health/healthy-hearts-grants/	

CRH Charitable Trust		
Aims/priorities:	The CRH Charitable Trust is a charity established by Statutory Instrument which distributes income from investments derived from the sale of the former Cheadle Royal Psychiatric Hospital.	

	The Trust provides a small number of grants each year to support children, young people and adults in north west England who are experiencing a range of mental illnesses and mental disabilities.
Who can apply?	Registered charities working in North West England may apply.
Grant amount:	No specific maximum or minimum grant
Application process:	Online application form
Deadline:	31 August.
Contact:	Tel: 01204 414317 Email: grants@thecrhcharitabletrust.org
Website:	https://www.thecrhcharitabletrust.org/

SPORT & RECREATION

Children's Alliance	
Aims/priorities:	The Children's Alliance is a charity and outreach initiative of Water Babies (the largest baby swim school In the UK). The funding is intended for not-for-profit organisations across the UK to give children and young people under the age of 18 access to water for learning, developing and playing. The objective of the programme is to give essential life skills and build children's confidence and resilience, both physically and emotionally through water-based activities. To be eligible, projects must support children under the age of 18 years to have access to water in the form of swimming lessons, transport to lessons, swimwear and water play equipment. Priority will be given to grassroots initiatives delivering water based projects for disadvantaged children. The Children's Alliance are committed to supporting: • Free swimming lessons and swim nappies for children who need them. • Online learning to teach valuable life skills for parents and children. • Water splash areas to encourage play as well as water confidence and safety. Examples of previously supported projects include: • Swimwear for five inner city schools in Birmingham for Muslim children. • Ongoing hydrotherapy sessions for severely disabled children. • Surf therapy to support 50 children in North Yorkshire with their mental health. • Over 400 swimming sessions for disabled children. • Swimming lessons for children with AS or ADHD, aged between seven to eleven. • Water-based messy play session for babies and toddlers.
Who can apply?	Applications will be considered from not-for-profit organisations

Grant amount:	up to £15,000
Application process:	An application form is available to download from the website
Deadline:	30 th September 2026
Contact:	Email: info@childrensalliance.org.uk
Website:	https://childrensalliance.org.uk/our-work/community/

England and Wales Cricket Board - County Grants Fund 	
Aims/priorities:	The County Grants Fund is provided and administered by the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB). The ECB was established in 1997 as the single national governing body for all cricket in England and Wales. The funding is intended to support projects and activities that may include: • Creating welcoming environments. • Enhanced facilities and playing opportunities for women's and girls' cricket and/or disability cricket - open to affiliated cricket clubs actively engaged in competitive female-only cricket and/or disability cricket. • Enhanced changing facilities.
Who can apply?	Cricket clubs in England and Wales that are affiliated to the ECB via their County Cricket Board (CCB) may apply. Clubs must be actively engaged with women's cricket, girls' cricket and/or disability cricket.
Grant amount:	Grants of between £1,000 and £15,000 are available. For larger scale Enhanced Changing Facilities (projects over £30,000), grants up to £50,000 will be available. These projects will be required to meet Sport England Accessible and Inclusive Sports Facilities Design Guidance
Application process:	the online application portal can be accessed from the England and Wales Cricket Board website.
Deadline:	30 th September 2026
Contact:	Email: grantmanagement@ecb.co.uk

Website:	https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/club-support/club-funding/county-grant-fund
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Barclays Community Sport Fund 2025 to 2027 	
Aims/priorities:	The Barclays Community Sport Fund, delivered in partnership with Sported, aims to reduce inequalities in sport – with a focus on football, tennis, and cricket. The three year funding programme, running from April 2025 to December 2027, will provide £1.4 million each year.
	Objectives of Fund The funding supports community groups and grassroots sports organisations who are working within the most deprived and/or rural areas of the UK and are making sport more accessible to women and girls, as well as engaging people from other under-represented groups including people with disabilities, from racially diverse communities and from the LGBTQ+ community. Two funding streams are available: • Access Grants to support the delivery of football, tennis or cricket activities for women and girls. • Female Coaches for Girls Grant to cover the cost of a Level 1 or equivalent qualification for the sport.
Who can apply?	Applications will be accepted from charities, not-for-profit organisations including community groups, youth groups and traditional sports clubs.
Grant amount:	The programme offers: • Access Grants of £1,000 to help sustain and increase access to football, tennis, and cricket for women and girls (as well as engage people from other underrepresented groups, such as people with disabilities, those from racially diverse communities and those from the LGBTQ+ community). Only one £1,000 grant will be awarded per organisation. The grant can be split across football, tennis or cricket activities.

	• Female Coaches for Girls Grants to support football, tennis, and cricket coaching courses to help increase the number of female coaches delivering sport to girls. Two coaching grants per club to cover the cost of, or a contribution towards, a Level 1 or equivalent introductory qualification and any additional safeguarding and first aid requirements for the chosen sport. This is to upskill up to two female coaches at the club or group. ◦ Level 1 coaching grants: Football - £160 grant; Tennis - £200 grant; Cricket - £200 grant. The Fund also offers: • Exclusive match tickets, mascot places, and promotional opportunities. • Access to advice and support and signposting to training and resource.
Application process:	The online application form can be found on the Sported website.
Deadline:	4 November 2026 (17:00).
Contact:	Tel: 0203 848 4670 Email: barclays@sported.org.uk
Website:	https://sported.org.uk/barclays-community-sport-fund/

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The logo for Bolton CVS features the word 'bolton' in a lowercase, rounded, multi-colored font (pink, orange, yellow, green, blue), with 'CVS' in a smaller, bold, multi-colored font below it.	Bolton CVS (Community and Voluntary Services) The Hub, Bold Street, Bolton, BL1 1LS Tel: 01204 546 010 Email: funding@boltoncvs.org.uk Website: www.boltoncvs.org.uk
The logo for Manchester Community Central features a stylized graphic of five vertical bars in green, blue, yellow, orange, and red, followed by the text 'Manchester Community Central' in a bold, sans-serif font. Below this is the tagline 'Voluntary, community and social enterprise sector' in a smaller font.	Manchester Community Central St Thomas Centre, Ardwick Green North, Manchester, M12 6FZ Tel: 0333 321 3021 Email: info@mcrcommunitycentral.org Website: www.manchestercommunitycentral.org
The logo for Salford CVS features a stylized graphic of a person with arms raised in a white circle, set against a purple background. To the right of the graphic is the text 'Salford CVS' in a bold, sans-serif font, with the tagline 'Making a difference in Salford' in a smaller font below it.	Salford CVS The Old Town Hall, 5 Irwell Place, Salford, M30 0FN Tel: 0161 787 7795 Email: AnneMarie.Marshall@salfordcvs.co.uk Website: www.salfordcvs.co.uk