

Funding for Schools

Many state schools have started to look for funding from non-traditional sources to support their activities within schools. One possible source of funding is charitable trust and foundations.

Do charitable Trusts and Foundations Fund State Schools?

The short answer is yes, but there are things to consider:

- Some Trust and Foundation say they support schools but only give grants to private schools – check their websites to see who they have funded in the past. You can also look at their accounts on the Charity Commission website which might also tell you.
<http://apps.charitycommission.gov.uk/ShowCharity/RegisterOfCharities/AdvancedSearch.aspx>
- While some funders will fund schools, often they will not fund activities that will only take place within the school day. They might fund activities that take place before or after school. [Awards for All](#) and [Children in Need](#) are examples of funders who generally will not fund activities that take place during the school day, unless there is a very good reason for it.
- With these funds, like Awards for All, it is useful to think about how your project can help the community as well as the school. Is there a way you can include community access to the environment, assets or project out of school time that will also achieve your aims?
- If it is a capital project, again some funders will not fund it if it is going to be used solely by the school.
- If the project will be of benefit to the wider community, as well as the school, this will help any funding request.
- Some funders might not fund schools directly, but will fund PTAs/Friends of groups.

Sources of Information

The website <https://www.grants4schools.info/> has useful database which can you search, it costs, £99+VAT for a year's subscription (as of January 2020).

DSC produce a book called **Raising Funds for Your School – A comprehensive guide**, it costs £19.95. <https://www.dsc.org.uk/publication/raising-funds-school/>

These resources contains information on funds available for a wide range of areas including specific learning needs, science projects and grants for trips.

Salford CVS Support

Factsheet

Salford CVS is funded by NHS Salford CCG to deliver the Healthy Schools programme with primary schools throughout the city. The programme consists of a grants programme combined with practical support for schools in planning projects, applying for funding and evaluating project impact. We also support and encourage links between schools and VCSE organisations to develop bids and secure funding.

On our website, you can find out about funding, see some great past projects and get information and useful links for schools.

We also share funding news through the headteachers newsletter sent out by Salford City Council.

If you're a School or VCSE organisation that would like to be connected, please get in touch with Anna Horton, Healthy Schools Development Worker, at anna.horton@salfordcvs.co.uk or call 0161 787 7795 x 263 (Mon-Wed).

For more information visit - <https://www.salfordcvs.co.uk/support-schools>

Spotlight on funders:

General

[Tesco Bags of Help Grants Programme Opens for 2020 Applications \(England, Wales and Scotland\)](#)

Sports Projects

[Grants of up to £10,000 to Encourage People to Play Sport \(England\)](#)

Arts Projects

<https://granadafoundation.org/how-to-apply/>

<http://www.ragdollfoundation.org.uk/portfolio/grants-awarded>

Outdoors and Nurture

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

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

Special Needs School

<https://www.wolfson.org.uk/funding/funding-for-places/funding-for-special-schools-and-colleges/>

Minibus

http://involve.community/wp-content/uploads/sites/108/2017/01/Funding_for_Minibuses_June_2016.pdf