



# School and Community Groups Fundraising Toolkit

## Schools, voluntary and community groups

### National Heritage Lottery Fund

[National Lottery Heritage Grants £10,000 to £250,000 | The National Lottery Heritage Fund](#)

We fund projects that connect people and communities to the national, regional and local heritage of the UK.

#### Overview

National Lottery Heritage Grants is our funding programme for all types of heritage projects in the UK.

Use this guidance to apply for grants from £10,000 to £250,000.

Is this the right programme for you?

- Is your organisation looking to care for and sustain heritage in the UK?
- Will your heritage project run for no more than five years?
- Do you require a grant of between £10,000 and £250,000?
- Are you a not-for-profit organisation, a private owner of a heritage asset or a partnership?
- Does your project take into account our four investment principles?

If you answered yes to these questions, then National Lottery Heritage Grants could be for you.

#### Our investment principles

Four investment principles guide all our grant decision making under our 10-year strategy, Heritage 2033:

- saving heritage
- protecting the environment

- inclusion, access and participation
- organisational sustainability

You must take all four principles into account in your application. The strength of focus, and emphasis on each principle, is for you to decide and demonstrate.

The investment principles, and our strategic initiatives, will help us achieve our ambitions for heritage to be valued, cared for and sustained for everyone's future.

<https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/funding/national-lottery-heritage-grants-10k-250k>

### **Big Lottery – Awards for All**

They are here for you as communities recover, rebuild, and grow following the COVID-19 pandemic. You can apply for funding to deliver a new or existing activity or to support your organisation to change and adapt to new and future challenges.

In order to support communities to thrive, they aim to:

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

**Value note** – Up to £10000

**How to apply** see <https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/national-lottery-awards-for-all-england>

**Who is the grant suitable for?** - School running projects outside of their mandatory requirements in tandem with their communities and charitable/voluntary community group all working to support and promote heritage in community lead situations.

### **Bowland Charitable Trust**

Supporting individual charities and other organisations, primarily by the provision of grants and gifting educational equipment. The majority of support provided is to outdoor and character building activities by young people based in the North West of England and educational, religious and cultural activities and institutions.

#### **Value Notes**

Funding is available at the discretion of the Trustees. Grants tend to be in the range of between £1,000 and £20,000 with larger grants made as the exception. Most grants are made as one-off payments. On occasion loans will be provided based on considered responses to applications.

**Match Funding Restrictions**

Match funding is not a stipulated requirement of this scheme.

**Who Can Apply**

Charitable organisations working in the Northwest of England can apply.

**Location**

Northwest of England

**How To Apply**

This Trust does not maintain a website. Applications must be made in writing. For further information on how to obtain this grant locally, please contact the following: **Carol Fahy**, The Bowland Charitable Trust, Bowland House, Phillips Road, Blackburn, Lancashire, BB1 5NA, Tel: 01254 688051, Email: [carole.fahy@cannco.co.uk](mailto:carole.fahy@cannco.co.uk)

**Who is the grant suitable for?** - School and charitable/voluntary community group in the North West of England.

**Zochonis Charitable Trust**

Grants are available to registered charities in Cheshire East, Cheshire West, Chester, Lancashire, Manchester City and Trafford for a range of charitable purpose, including overseas, but with special emphasis on education and the welfare of children.

**Value Notes** Maximum value: Discretionary

**Who Can Apply**

Local registered charities operating in Cheshire East, Cheshire West and Chester, Lancashire, Manchester City and Trafford may apply.

**Eligible Expenditure**

Although the Trust places a particular emphasis on funding education and the welfare of children, it also provides grants to local charities in the following areas (only relevant one chosen):

- Education.
- Health.
- Children & Youth.
- Community.
- Family.
- Elderly.

- Culture & Heritage.
- Rural.

### How To Apply

The application process is ongoing and interested groups may apply at any time. The Trust does not engage in conversation with any applicant. Applications are to be made in writing on the registered charity's letterhead paper giving a brief reason of why the "donation" is needed and the nature of the charity's work. The application letter should also be accompanied by a list of the charity's trustees and a copy of its latest report and audited accounts. The envelope should be addressed to the attention of Miss Marie Gallagher. The Trust will only contact successful applicants.

### Addresses and contacts

For further information on how to obtain this grant locally, please contact the following:

1. **Miss Marie Gallagher**, Secretary to the Trustees, Zochonis Charitable Trust, Manchester Business Park, 3500 Aviator Way, Manchester M22 5TG, Tel: 0161 435 1005, Email: [enquiries@zochonischaritabletrust.com](mailto:enquiries@zochonischaritabletrust.com)

**Who is the grant suitable for?** - School and charitable/voluntary community group in Cheshire East, Cheshire West and Chester, Lancashire, Manchester City and Trafford.

### The Nineveh Charitable Trust

#### Objectives of Fund

The Trust provides funding that supports a wide range of UK-based projects and activities of benefit to the general public, with an emphasis on promoting better understanding of the environment and countryside, while facilitating improved access, education and research.

#### Value Notes

The Trust sets an informal limit of £500,000 per year for distributing as grant aid. Suggested amount to apply for – up to £5000. Grants are awarded at the discretion of the Trustees. The Trust can match funds promised by other grant-giving agencies.

#### Who Can Apply

UK registered charities and community interest companies can apply.

#### Eligible Expenditure

Funding is available for UK-based projects that benefit the general public. Education, access and preservation of the countryside are common themes, but the Trust welcomes creative new approaches. All proposals should meet the Trust's current charitable aims, which are:

- The health, welfare and education of the general public.
- The study and appreciation of agriculture, silviculture, ecology and land management.
- The study and appreciation of land and estate management that encourages conservation of the countryside.
- Grants can be used for one-off payments and to match funds promised by other grant-giving agencies.

Applicants should be able to indicate the following:

- How much funding they require.
- What the money is going to be used for (eg provide a breakdown).
- Methodologies (eg of a field study; how the data will be measured).
- Successful outcome indicators (eg they should specify up to three measures that will demonstrate the success of the project).
- What the benefit will be, not only to the organisation but to the wider world.
- How their target will support the Trust's aims.
- Location

#### **How To Apply**

Applications can be made at any time and will be considered four times a year. Applications must be submitted by post in the form of a proposal letter no longer than two double-sided pages, justifying the request in relation to the Trust's objectives. A contact form is also available to download from the Trust's website. <https://www.ninevehtrust.org.uk/> This should be completed and four copies of it should be returned along with three copies of the proposal letter.

**Who is the grant suitable for?** - School and charitable/voluntary community group.

#### **Asda Foundation - Empowering Local Communities Grant**

Grants are available to community groups in the UK to support a broad range of activities which can contribute towards transforming their community and improving the lives of people in their community. Support to help with the cost of living rise and for refugees is available.

#### **Background**

The Empowering Local Communities Grant programme is provided and administered by Asda Foundation, Asda's charity.

The Asda superstores each have a Community Champion whose role is to support groups and projects within the community, as well as manage Asda Foundation grant applications. This grant programme will be managed by the local Community Champions.

#### **Objectives of Fund**

The purpose of the programme is to support projects and activities which are important to a community which benefit local people. The programme is designed to support projects under four themes:

- Essentials.
- Transform/Improve.
- Connect Together.
- Festive Celebrations.

### **Value Notes**

Grants of between £400 and £1,600 are available.

Groups may apply for one Empowering Local Communities grant per year.

Festive celebration events are available for up to £400 (and food is capped at £12.50 per person, and decorations and entertainment costs are capped at £100).

Basic sports kit and equipment are available for up to £400.

### **Who Can Apply**

Applications are accepted from local not for profit community groups and organisations based in the UK.

The following criteria apply:

Group must have a presence in and benefit the local community.

End beneficiaries must be community groups of people.

There is no minimum timescale for how long the group has been in existence.

The group has a bank account in its group name and can provide proof.

The group has suitable governance to be able to manage funds from Asda Foundation e.g. financial reporting, committee meetings.

There is no annual income limit for applicant organisations.

### **Location**

United Kingdom

### **Restrictions – see website**

### **Eligible Expenditure**

Eligible costs and projects under each theme supported by the programme include the following (but not limited to):

**Essentials:** for the basic essentials to address an immediate need and/or situation e.g. foodbank items; hygiene items; blankets for warm bank; bedding, food and refreshments for homeless shelter; essential items for refugee welcome packs.

**Transform/Improve:** funding to transform and/or improve a space/activity e.g. table, chairs, long term fixtures/fittings; redecorating items: paint, curtains etc; items for the group activity: sewing machine, wood for Men's Shed; computers (but must be for service users, not office /admin use); training, upskilling one-off costs; items needed for a community clear up.

**Connect Together:** funding for bringing people together and encouraging community connections e.g. food for a 'get-together'; decorations and entertainment; one-off workshop costs; basic sports kit and equipment; board games, food/refreshment for community social clubs.

Festive Celebrations: funding for a festive event e.g. food for a 'get together'; decorations and entertainment.

### **How To Apply**

Applications open: 25th March to 24th May 2024\*

Funding for activities & events up to the end of November 2024

Application forms can be obtained from Asda Community Champions, who are based in local Asda stores. Applicants can use the store locator link on the Foundation website to get in touch with their local store and speak to their Community Champion about their project proposal. Application forms may be completed by hand (preferred) or digitally.

All applications must be made via the applicant's local Asda Community Champion; applications made directly by organisations will not be accepted by the Foundation.

Applications should be submitted at least six weeks before activities are due to begin to give enough processing time and should include the following:

- Bank statement/paying in slip to verify the payee name for the cheque by looking at the account name, which should be clearly visible.
- Group documents e.g. constitution, club rules, etc.
- If not a registered charity, provide confirmation that the group is a not for profit organisation.
- Digital signature declaration (if not providing a wet signature).
- Ringfencing confirmation (if group name and payee name are different).

Groups should contact their local Asda Community Champion for further information.

### **Useful links**

#### **ASDA Foundation - Grants**

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

#### **Addresses and contacts**

**For further information on how to obtain this grant locally, please contact the following:**

**Enquiries**

**ASDA Foundation**

**Asda House**

**Southbank  
Great Wilson Street  
Leeds  
LS11 5AD**

### **Bernard Sunley Foundation**

One-off capital grants are available to registered charities in England and Wales, as well as those with 'accepted' and 'exempt' status, for projects in the areas of community, education, health and social welfare. The aim of the foundation is to help raise the quality of life in England and Wales, particularly for the young, disadvantaged and older people.

#### **Value Notes**

Although applicants may specify how much funding they need, the Trustees decide the level of grant to award based on the information contained within the application. The minimum grant available is £1,000. The majority (roughly 80%) of grants awarded are under £5,000. Grants exceeding £25,000 are exceptional and are typically awarded to major capital projects. Grants are usually paid as single payments in a one-year period but, if considered particularly beneficial to the project, they may be extended over three years.

#### **Match Funding Restrictions**

Grants are rarely more than 20% of the total budget. The foundation will very rarely fund the full costs (or even 50%) of a project or shortfall as it expects to be one of many contributors to a project.

#### **Who Can Apply:**

- Charities registered with the Charity Commission in England and Wales can apply.
- Applications will also be considered from organisations that have 'accepted' status, such as churches, schools, scout and guide groups, or 'exempt' status, such as housing associations, friendly societies including social housing providers, Co-operative Societies, Community Benefit Societies and Registered Societies.
- Applications are considered from all areas of England and Wales, particularly where rural and isolated communities are concerned.

#### **See website for restrictions**

Following an application, organisations should not reapply for at least 12 months (from the date of the original application).

#### **Eligible Expenditure**



The funding is for one-off capital projects (not running costs) such as new buildings, major refurbishments, transport and equipment. Rented premises are expected to have a lease of at least 10 years. Applications for transport should be for new, not used, vehicles. Applications for equipment should be for single, high cost (£5,000 and over), durable items.

In cases where grants are made, the projects are expected to be self-financing thereafter.

**The Trustees consider applications** for two main themes under this category with the aim of creating cohesive and positive communities.

#### **Community**

**Firstly**, the Trustees are strong believers that every community needs a focus on which to build the cohesion of that community. They are therefore advocates of the 'village hall', particularly in isolated rural areas where facilities are often very limited. Support is available for church halls, churches or other buildings providing there is strong evidence that a high proportion of secular activities (ie no connection at all with religion or spirituality) accessible to the whole community take place. Conservation and heritage projects for halls/churches are not generally supported.

**Secondly**, the Trustees aim to provide practical activities that help young people attain their full potential and take their place within society as responsible citizens. To this end, they support Youth Activity Centres, uniformed youth groups and youth clubs. They also help those who are young ex-offenders, 'at risk' or in danger of exclusion.

The types of application that will be considered are as follows:

New build, refurbishment and improvements of village halls, scout huts, youth clubs, community centres and similar. This often includes access for the disabled, modernising kitchens, new storage space and updating toilets in line with Health and Safety regulations and the Disability Discrimination Act.

#### **Education**

The Trustees focus on assisting those with special educational and learning needs. Support is available for educational nature and farm visitor centres but not for projects in mainstream schools or universities.

#### **How To Apply**

There are no formal application deadlines. Applications are accepted throughout the year and are reviewed in order of receipt. Projects with budgets of £50,000 upwards should apply at least six months before their project start date. An online application form is available to complete at the Bernard Sunley Foundation website. <https://bernardsunley.org/index.html>

**For further information on how to obtain this fund, please contact the following:**

Enquiries  
Bernard Sunley Foundation

Green Park House  
15 Stratton Street  
London  
W1J 8LQ  
Tel: 020 3036 0090  
Email: [office@bernardsunley.org](mailto:office@bernardsunley.org)

**Cheshire Community Foundation  
Small Grants**

**Work you can apply for:**

**No Poverty;\_**

- helps people improve their financial skills and resilience, if they're in a vulnerable financial position
- builds awareness of how to access financial support to which you may be entitled, or responsible sources of finance to turn to
- helps people build skills for work, or to gain experience which will help them move closer to a job
- helps create equal access to services which can help people save money.

**Zero Hunger:-**

- Builds awareness of and access to sources of affordable, healthy food across Cheshire and Warrington for those who are financially vulnerable
- Helps people access emergency food support when they need it
- Helps to build cooking and growing skills where people feel this will help them to eat well with the resources they have.

**Reduced Inequalities:-**

- empowers and promotes inclusion and equity for everyone in Cheshire and Warrington.

**Good Health and Wellbeing:-**

- helps people experiencing or supporting those are living in addiction
- helps people living with long-term health conditions to cope with the challenges their condition creates for accessing services, finding support or taking part in activities to improve a sense of wellbeing
- helps unpaid carers of any age
- supports people experiencing mental health challenges

**Quality Education:-**

- helps to remove barriers which may be facing children and young people when it comes to being ready for school, accessing their education and being in a fit state to learn
- helps young people grow their sense of aspiration for the future

- helps to grow skills for employment and entrepreneurship in Cheshire and Warrington.

#### **Climate Action**

- helps grassroots community organisations use nature to support better wellbeing.

#### **Panel dates and deadlines 2024:**

- Apply by: May 31st 2024, for decision date: July 10th 2024
- Apply by: August 31st 2024, for decision date: October 9th 2024
- Apply by: October 31st 2024, for panel date: December 11th 2024

If your project is in Warrington and you're applying for a small grant after 1st March 2024, you'll need to apply under our exciting new Warrington Fund, which will launch that month. We will share the right link for you here nearer the time. Before 1st March, you can apply below as normal.

### [Small Grants - Cheshire Community Foundation](#)

#### **Robert Clutterbuck Charitable Trust**

Grants are available to registered charities in England and Wales with a preference for projects in Cheshire and Hertfordshire.

#### **Background**

The Robert Clutterbuck Charitable Trust is a small registered charity established by deed dated 2 April 1992.

It is a registered charity, number 1010559, and supports charities in England and Wales with a preference for those in Cheshire and Hertfordshire.

The Trust awards grants to registered charities to support projects rather than running costs.

#### **Objectives of Fund**

The Trust awards grants to registered charities to support projects rather than running costs.

#### **Value Notes**

Grants generally range from £1,000 to £3,000.

#### **Who Can Apply**

Registered charities with an annual turnover of up to £1 million may apply.

However, charities that do have an annual income over £1 million and are primarily concerned with the welfare of ex-service personnel or have previously received a grant from the Trust may be considered.

#### **Location**

UK (but preference for Cheshire and Hertfordshire)

### **Restrictions**

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Individuals.
- Running costs.
- Charities with an annual turnover exceeding £1 million (unless the organisations are mainly concerned with the welfare of ex-service personnel or have previously received a grant from the Trust).

The Trustees will not normally consider appeals from charities within two years of a previous grant being approved.

### **Eligible Expenditure**

The funding is intended to support the purchase of specific items to assist:

- Personnel within the armed forces and ex-servicemen and women.
- Sport and recreational facilities for young people. Priority will be given to projects in Cheshire and Hertfordshire.
- The welfare, protection and preservation of domestic animal life. Priority will be given to projects in Cheshire and Hertfordshire.
- Natural history and wildlife.
- Other charities associated with the counties of Cheshire and Hertfordshire.
- Charities that are particularly associated with the founder, Major Robert Clubberbuck.

The Trust prefers to make grants for specific items and projects rather than for running costs.

Examples of previously funded charities include:

- Association of Wheelchair Children
- Bollington Community Association
- British Forces Foundation
- Chester Scout Council
- Hospice of St Francis
- Lennox Children's Cancer
- Mercy Ships
- Police Community Clubs
- Wings for Warriors

### **How To Apply**

The deadline for applications is 30 June 2024 for consideration at the September Trustees meeting.

There are no application forms. Charities wishing to apply should write to the Trust's secretary and provide details of what they propose to do with any funding granted and of their current financial position.

The Trustees will not normally consider appeals from charities within two years of a previous grant being approved.

#### **Useful links**

Robert Clutterbuck Charitable Trust

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

#### **Addresses and contacts**

For further information on how to obtain this grant locally, please contact the following:

#### **Mr GA Wolfe**

The Robert Clutterbuck Charitable Trust

28 Brookfields

Calver

Hope Valley

Derbyshire

S32 3XB

Tel: 01433 631308

E-Mail: [secretary@clutterbucktrust.org.uk](mailto:secretary@clutterbucktrust.org.uk)

First deadline 30.06.24

Second deadline 31.12.24

#### **Schoder Charitable Trust**

##### **Background**

The Schroder Charity Trust is an independent grant-making Family Trust that has been supporting the UK charity sector for over 70 years.

##### **Objectives of Fund**

The Trust aim to support charities in the UK who are working in the areas of education and young people, communities, environment and conservation, health, arts, culture and heritage.

##### **Value Notes**

The Trust generally makes grants of up to £5,000. Grants are for a one-year period rather than over multiple years.

Last year, the average grant was £4,075.

Please note more than 1,000 applications are received each year and of those approximately 100 charities receive grants (only one out of every 10 applications will receive a grant).

**Who Can Apply**

Registered charities in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland are eligible to apply.

**Location**

United Kingdom

**Restrictions** – See website

**Eligible Expenditure**

The funding aims to support work under the following categories:

- Arts, culture and heritage.
- Education, training and employment.
- Environment and conservation.
- Health and wellbeing.
- Strengthening communities.

The Trustees are particularly interested in applications which can demonstrate the following:

- Building strong communities and an understanding on how to engage with intended beneficiaries.
- Replicable and sustainable work, rather than one off events.
- Value for money.
- Maximising the use of volunteers.
- Support of older people.
- Support for marginalised/vulnerable younger people.
- The use of helplines and information support services.
- Sustainability of funding i.e. the charity will not be solely reliant on a grant from the Schroder Charity Trust for their work.
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Grants can be used to cover both core costs and project costs, but not large capital appeals.

**How To Apply**

Applications can be made at any time. Decisions can take up to nine months.

Applications should be submitted via the online form on the Schroder Charity Trust website.

Applicants should be aware that if they have not heard from the Trust within 12 months of submitting an application they should assume they have been unsuccessful.

**Useful links**

Schroder Charity Trust

<https://schrodercharitytrust.org/>

**Addresses and contacts**

For further information on how to obtain this grant locally, please contact the following:

**Enquiries**

Schroder Charity Trust

81 Rivington Street

London

EC2A 3AY

E-Mail: [info@schrodercharitytrust.org](mailto:info@schrodercharitytrust.org)

**Ford Britain Trust**

Grants are available to not-for-profit organisations and schools for projects that benefit local communities in Great Britain with preference given to Essex, including East London, Southampton, Daventry, Manchester, Liverpool, and Bridgend (South Wales).

**Objectives of Fund**

The Ford Britain Trust was created for the advancement of education and other charitable purposes beneficial to the community.

The funding is intended to support projects which benefit the local community and environment, children and young people, mainstream schools and education, special needs education and people with disabilities.

Projects can take place anywhere in Great Britain; however, locations near Ford Motor Company Limited / FCE Bank plc UK operations are given a higher weighting:

- Dagenham, Warley and Dunton in Essex.
- Southampton.
- Daventry.
- Manchester and Halewood.
- Bridgend, South Wales

**Value Notes**

The following levels of funding are available:

- Small Grants of between £1 and £250.
- Large Grants of between £251 and £3,000.

### **Who Can Apply**

The following organisations are eligible to apply:

- Registered charities.
- Schools and PTAs (Non-fee paying, state sector schools only).
- Non-profit organisations, including small clubs and societies.

Applications will be considered for projects being undertaken/expenditure being made in all UK postcodes; however, locations near Ford Motor Company Limited / FCE Bank plc UK operations are given a higher weighting:

- Essex (including East London)
- Bridgend (South Wales)
- Southampton
- Daventry
- **Manchester**
- Liverpool

### **Restrictions**

Funding is not available for the following:

- Individuals.
- Community Interest Companies (CICs).
- Local Authorities, Councils, Government and Government Departments.
- Independent/private; fee paying schools.
- Core funding; general running costs.
- Major building works.
- Sponsorship or advertising.
- Research.
- Overseas projects.
- Travel.
- Religious projects.
- Political projects.
- Purchase of second-hand vehicles.
- Third party fundraising initiatives (exceptions may be made for fundraising initiatives by Ford Motor Company Limited employees/retirees).

### **Eligible Expenditure**



The funding is intended to support the following activities:

- Work that has clear benefits to the local community/environment.
- Work with young people/children.
- Education/schools (mainstream).
- Special education needs.
- People with disabilities.

The grants can be used for the following purposes:

- Contributions to capital projects (eg, refurbishments).
- Capital expenditure items (eg furniture/equipment/computers).
- Contributions towards the purchase of new Ford vehicles (maximum grant £3,000).

#### **How To Apply**

The next deadlines are as follows:

- Large grants - 31 July 2024 for consideration at a September 2024 Trustee meeting.
- Small grants - Applications will reopen on 1 April 2024 and close on 30 June 2024 for review in July 2024.

Application forms should be downloaded from the Trust's website and returned by email. <http://www.ford.co.uk/fbtrust>

#### **Postcode Neighbourhood Trust - North of England**

##### **Background**

Postcode Neighbourhood Trust is a charity registered in Scotland and is funded entirely by players of draws operated by its external lottery manager (ELM), People's Postcode Lottery.

##### **Objectives of Fund**

The funding aims to support smaller charities and good causes in the north of England to make a difference to their community for the benefit of people and planet.

##### **Value Notes**

In 2024, grants range from £500 to £25,000.

The amount of grant depends on the type of not-for-profit legal structure:

- Applicants that are not formally registered as a charity with the Charity Commission can apply for between £500 and £2,500 in funding. These grants are intended for constituted organisations with no charity number, excepted and exempted charities and companies limited by guarantee with an asset lock
- Applicants that are registered with the Charity Commission and can provide a charity number can apply for between £500 and £25,000 in funding. These grants are intended for community interest companies with an asset lock (schedule 1 and 2 only), community benefit societies, and charities registered with the Charity Commission.

### **Who Can Apply**

Local charities and other not-for-profit organisations based and working in the north of England can apply.

To be eligible, applicants must have:

- An income of less than £1 million in the most recent financial year.
- A governing document in the name of their organisation with charitable objectives.
- A UK bank account in the name of their organisation with two unrelated signatories.
- Signed accounts with income and expenditure for the most recent financial year or a 12 month financial forecast with income and expenditure for new organisations.

If the round is oversubscribed, priority may be given to charities and good causes which meet some or all of the following criteria:

- Organisations with an annual income of £250,000 and below.
- Communities that rank as being within the top 15% on the English Indices of Deprivation
- Groups that are led by and provide services for people from the following minority/marginalised groups:
  - o Communities experiencing racial inequity.
  - o People with disabilities.
  - o LGBT+ people.

The following organisations can apply for grants of between £500 and £2,500:

- Constituted voluntary organisations with no charity number
- Excepted and exempted charities
- Companies limited by guarantee with an asset lock
- Parochial Church Councils.

The following types of organisations can apply for grants of between £500 and £25,000:

- Community Interest Companies with an asset lock
- Community Benefit Societies

- Charities registered with the Charity Commission or OSCR.

### **Restrictions**

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Local, regional or government institutions and organisations with core statutory responsibilities (eg. NHS Foundation Trusts, parish councils, town councils and public bodies).
- Political parties or party-political activities.
- Individuals.
- Organisations less than 1 year old for unrestricted funding (please see criteria for project based funding).
- Schools, Academies, Nurseries and Preschools.
- Parent Teacher Associations, Friends of Parent Teacher Associations.
- Universities/Colleges.
- Organisations with solely religious objects in their governing document.
- Organisations outside of Great Britain.
- Organisations with an annual income in excess of £1 million.
- Organisations that have received funding through People's Postcode Trust within the last 12 months (this is counted from the date payment was received into the organisation's account).
- Previous grant holders who have not submitted the end of grant review form.
- Schedule 3 Community Interest Companies.
- Organisations that have previously breached their Funding Agreement with People's Postcode Trust.
- Organisations with core support from players of People's Postcode Lottery through other Trusts.
- Activities taking place outside of Great Britain or foreign travel.
- Medical research, end of life care, clinical treatment, medical staff in a clinical setting where the diagnosis, and/or prescribing of clinical advice or medication is taking place and medical equipment.
- The promotion or practice of religion.
- Animal welfare. (Note: applications will be considered where animals are a part of the project which focuses on the human element such as therapy animals).
- Distribution of grants/funds to individuals or other organisations. This would include but not be limited to bursaries, per diems, and honorarium payments.
- Funding being allocated to the organisation's reserves.
- Eligible Expenditure
- The funding is for projects in the North of England that have a clear alignment with one of the Trust's 2024 themes:
- Enabling participation in physical activity

- Enabling participation in the arts
- Preventing or reducing the impact of poverty
- Supporting marginalised groups and tackling inequality
- Improving biodiversity and responding to the climate emergency
- Improving green spaces and increasing access to the outdoors
- Providing support to improve mental health with a focus on organisations that are actively supporting specific mental health issues rather than general mental wellbeing activities.

The funding offered is unrestricted and therefore flexible. It can be used however it is most needed. The funding should be spent within 18 months.

### **How To Apply**

There will be three funding rounds in 2024 with applications windows opening at 9am on:

- 24 June and closing at 12 noon on 1 July 2024.
- 24 September and closing at 12 noon on 1 October 2024.

Application forms will be available on the Trust's website when funding rounds are open.

The 2024 funding guide and 2024 application questions are currently available on the Trust's website.

### **Contact the Postcode Neighbourhood Trust for further information.**

#### **Useful links**

Postcode Neighbourhood Trust

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

Addresses and contacts

For further information on how to obtain this grant locally, please contact the following:

Enquiries

Postcode Neighbourhood Trust

28 Charlotte Square

Edinburgh

EH2 4ET

Tel: 0131 322 9390

E-Mail: [info@postcodeneighbourhoodtrust.org.uk](mailto:info@postcodeneighbourhoodtrust.org.uk)

## **Aviva Community Fund (with Crowdfunding)**

### **Background**

The Aviva Community Fund is provided by Aviva plc, a British multinational insurance company headquartered in London. It is the largest general insurer and a leading life and pensions provider. Please note this is a match-funding initiative delivered in partnership with Crowdfunder and thus not a traditional grant scheme (funds awarded are conditional upon applicants first securing crowdfunding via Crowdfunder's platform).

### **Objectives of Fund**

The Aviva Community Fund has been running for the last five years. It has joined with Crowdfunder to support projects that are looking to raise up to £50,000. One of Aviva's objectives is to build stronger, more resilient communities across the UK. To that end, it is providing this match funding opportunity to help small charities and communities causes to test innovative ideas and explore new sustainable strategies without fear of risk in the areas of Climate Action and Financial Wellbeing.

### **Value Notes**

In 2024, the total funding pot is £1.8 million.

The maximum grant available is £50,000.

Aviva will match each donation up to £250. For example, if someone gives £5, Aviva will double it to £10. If they give £250, Aviva will match it, so the cause gets £500. Organisations can receive up to £50,000 in match funding.

Who Can Apply

Applications will be accepted from one of the following types of organisations:

- Charity
- Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
- Community Interest Company (CIC)
- Company Limited by Guarantee (CLG)
- Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC)
- Constituted community group.

To be eligible, organisations must:

- Be based in the UK
- Have been operating for at least 12 months at the time of submission
- Have an annual income of no more than £2 million (can be averaged over the last three years)
- Have a UK bank account in their own name
- Have a safeguarding policy if it supports children or vulnerable people

- Be a living wage employee (if the organisation employs people)
- Have an active board of trustees or directors or management body.

Projects can only be submitted by UK residents who are aged 18 years or older and who use a UK IP address and not a disposable email address.

### **Restrictions**

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Projects that benefit a single individual.
  - Projects whose outcome is only accessible to people of a particular faith or belief.
  - Projects that are raising funds to provide people with cash grants or vouchers for goods and services.

A list of restrictions can be found in the eligibility criteria document on the Aviva Community Fund website.

### **Eligible Expenditure**

The funding is intended for projects that address the following two themes:

- Financial Wellbeing: Helping people take control of their wellbeing by giving them the tools to be more financially independent and ready for anything.
- Climate Action: Promoting healthy, thriving communities by preventing, preparing for and protecting against the impacts of climate change.

To be eligible, projects should be UK based, for the benefit of UK communities and aim to do one of the following:

- Develop a new approach, product or technology.
- Implement a new initiative or pilot a new scheme.
- Expand existing services to a new area or beneficiary group.
- Adapt services to meet today's needs without compromising those of future generations.

### **How To Apply**

Applications are open all year. There are no deadlines.

The first step is for applicants to set up a crowdfunding campaign on Crowdfunder. Campaigns typically run for 28 days but take a few weeks to create so groups should allow about six weeks in total.

**Full details and the online application can be found on the Aviva Community Fund crowdfunding page.**

Useful links

Aviva Community Fund

<https://www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk/>

Aviva Community Fund - Start Crowdfunding

[https://www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk/start-crowdfunding?utm\\_source=Newsletter&utm\\_medium=SEO&utm\\_campaign=ACF](https://www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk/start-crowdfunding?utm_source=Newsletter&utm_medium=SEO&utm_campaign=ACF)

Addresses and contacts

For further information on how to obtain this grant locally, please contact the following:

Aviva Community Fund Team

Aviva

PO Box 4

Surrey Street

Norwich

NR1 3NG

Tel: 01603 622200

E-Mail: [communityfund@aviva.com](mailto:communityfund@aviva.com)

## **The Chestnut Fund**

### **Background**

The Chestnut Fund, an independent charity, offers grants to encourage and enable community groups to carry out conservation activities. The grant scheme is administered by The Conservation Volunteers (TCV).

Two categories of funding are available:

- Start Up Grants - These are for groups who have no money when they are first set up and are available to groups in their first year of existence.
- Support Grants - These are for groups who have no money for tools, equipment and training. Preference will be given to resources selected from The Conservation Volunteers sources. This grant is available to all groups, regardless of how long they have been constituted.

The scheme aims to enhance sustained environmental improvement and empower communities and individuals, whilst ensuring inclusiveness.

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The scheme aims to enhance sustained environmental improvement and empower communities and individuals, whilst ensuring inclusiveness.

### **Value Notes**

The grants fall into two categories:

- Start-up grants of up to £200.
- Support grants of up to £500.

A group may have start-up and support grants in the first year. Subsequent support grants may be allowed after three years provided that there is evidence of continued growth or a new area of work and there is a specific positive support statement from the local TCV office.

### **Match Funding Restrictions**

These are grants of last resort so local sources or sponsors should have contributed first. Group members are expected to make some contribution to start-up costs. If other bodies have paid for major items then applications, other than fees and insurance, should normally have evidence of the members' contribution.

### **Who Can Apply**

Small groups that carry out practical conservation work in their local community can apply.



Groups which are national, span regions or are directly linked to other organisations (such as those where authority to associate is vested in the Community Network) will only be considered in exceptional cases.

Applicants must:

- Be part of the TCV Community Network.
- Have minimal unrestricted funds of less than £3,000 and untied income under £2,000 per year.
- Not be part of, or directly sponsored by, another organisation.
- Have a proper bank account, in the group's name and at least three independent people involved.

Start up grants are available to groups within their first year of existence, or when first becoming established as an independent group. If a group, or organiser(s), has previously been associated to TCV, but has lapsed for several years, the local member of TCV staff must confirm that it is a substantially new and different group.

### **Location**

England, Scotland and Northern Ireland

### **Restrictions**

Funding is not available for the following:

- Retrospective costs.
- Statutory authorities.
- Promotional clothing or uniforms. Safety and protective clothing may be considered when it is not for individual issue.
- Office equipment (printers, computers, and photocopiers), unless special evidence of exceptional need is provided. Any application must show that items requested would directly increase conservation volunteering and that it is the most cost effective answer overall.

Support grants are not for administrative, running costs or consumable items or materials. The grants will not usually fund publications, power tools or training for a whole group.

### **Eligible Expenditure**

Two different grants are available:

- **Start-up grants** are provided to support groups which have little money when they are first set up to enable them to begin practical work. The grant can be used towards administrative expenses and/or BTCV association fees and insurance premiums for the initial association. Administrative expenses include postage, photocopying, stationery, printing, publicity, posters, newsletters, hire of meeting rooms and telephone bills.
- **Support grants** are provided to enable groups to begin or extend practical work. The grant is for tools, equipment (but not project materials, plants or consumables), or training (especially when aimed at a leader or trainer who will be the expert or will train within the group, rather than training all the volunteers in one skill).

Preference will be given to tools and equipment requests selected from and supplied by TCV Retail. If alternative supply is requested the comparative pricing from TCV Retail should be shown.

### **How To Apply**

Applications may be made at any time and will be considered every six weeks.

Groups are asked to discuss their grant application with their local TCV office who must endorse the application. Forms may be issued directly from the Community Network in Doncaster or the local TCV office, or they are available to download from the TCV website.

### **Useful links**

The Chestnut Fund

<https://www.tcv.org.uk/communities/join-community-network/the-chestnut-fund>

The Conservation Volunteers (TCV)

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

### **Addresses and contacts**

For further information on how to obtain this grant locally, please contact the following:

### **Community Network Coordinator**

The Conservation Volunteers (TCV)

Sedum House

Mallard Way

Doncaster

DN4 8DB

Tel: 07483 045705

E-Mail: [chestnut-fund@tcv.org.uk](mailto:chestnut-fund@tcv.org.uk)

### **Arnold Clark Community Fund**

Grants are available for UK registered charities and other not-for-profit organisations for projects, including those whose work directly supports those most affected by the cost-of-living crisis, which are embedded in the communities in which Arnold Clark operates in England, Scotland or Wales.

### **Fund Information**

Maximum value: £ 2,500

Application deadline: 31/12/2024

### **Background**

Arnold Clark, the UK's largest independently owned, family-run car retailer, created the Arnold Clark Community Fund in 2021 to support communities in which it operates.

#### Objectives of Fund

In 2024, the Arnold Clark Community Fund offers the following support:

- Cost of Living Support – funding to any registered UK charity or community group whose work directly supports those most affected by the cost-of-living crisis, such as foodbanks, accommodation, poverty relief and where people/communities in the UK are the primary and immediate focus of investment.
- **Our Communities Support** – funding to projects embedded in the communities in which Arnold Clark operates and is available to organisations who provide services widely accessible to those within Arnold Clark local communities, addressing the needs of those living within them.
- **Gear Up for Sport–150** sports kits given away each month to support youth sports teams across the UK. Any youth team with up to 30 members aged 4 to 15 years can apply.

#### Value Notes

Funding is at the discretion of Arnold Clark Community Fund. The maximum grant is £2,500.

All payments will be made by BACS only to a bank account in the organisation's name.

#### Who Can Apply

Applications will be accepted from:

- UK registered charities
- Local community groups
- Social enterprises
- Community interest companies
- Groups of organisations that are community or voluntary led
- Charitable incorporated organisations

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Have people and communities in the UK as their primary focus of investment
- Be incorporated in the UK.
- Have a bank account in the organisation's name.

Registered charity applicants must provide their charity number, current bank statement and proof of address.

Applicants from unregistered charities and community groups will be required to provide a bank statement, letter of constitution and a letter from their local councillor/MSP/MP.

The Cost of Living Support particularly welcomes applications from smaller voluntary and community organisations who are working with those most affected and vulnerable to the increased cost of living.

Our Communities Support particularly welcome applications from smaller voluntary and community organisations who are working within our local communities.

Priority will be given to charities and local community groups within a 50-mile radius of Arnold Clark branches.

Location

England, Scotland, Wales

Eligible Expenditure

The funding must be used for charitable or community purposes.

Projects applying for 'Our Communities Support' must address one of the following categories:

- Animal welfare (benefiting humans)
- Arts and culture
- Community development
- Disability
- Education
- Recreation
- Relief support
- Mental health support

Projects must have people/communities in the UK as the primary and immediate focus of investment.

Applications are also only eligible if they are made by an organisation that is based/operates solely in the UK and is located within 50 miles of an Arnold Clark branch.

### **How To Apply**

Applications are now open until the end of December 2024. Applications are reviewed when they are received. Arnold Clark will contact successful applicants on a weekly basis.

Applicants who are unsuccessful one month will be automatically entered into the draw for the following month. Only one application will be accepted per organisation.

The criteria, faqs, terms and conditions, and application forms are available on the Arnold Clark website.

Contact Arnold Clark Community Team for further information.

Useful links

Arnold Clark Community Fund

<https://www.arnoldclark.com/community-fund>

Addresses and contacts

For further information on how to obtain this grant locally, please contact the following:

Arnold Clark Community Team

Arnold Clark

E-Mail: [community.fund@arnoldclark.com](mailto:community.fund@arnoldclark.com)

### **Localised funding pots for community activities**

#### **Manchester Airport Community Fund**

Funding is intended to support community, social or environmental projects with a charitable focus within the Trust's Area of Benefit which covers an approximate 10-mile radius of the Airport, concentrating on the areas most exposed to aircraft noise, including:

- Stockport.
- South Manchester.
- Trafford.
- Parts of Cheshire East and Cheshire West.

#### **Objectives of Fund**

The Trust makes grant awards to support eligible charitable projects that have a community, social or environmental focus, based within an area of benefit local to the Airport.

#### **Value Notes**

Grants of up to £3,000 are available.

**Match Funding Restrictions**

The Trustees prefer to offer part funding to complement the applicant's own fundraising or grant raising.

**Who Can Apply**

Community groups, voluntary groups, self-help groups, community charities or local branches of national charities are eligible to apply.

To be eligible, a group must:

- Have a constitution.
- Be able to demonstrate clear banking or financial records, or if a new group, be able to offer an outline of proposed accounts.
- Carry out positive work in the community.
- Be of charitable nature.
- Have 'not for profit' status.
- Be community, socially or environmentally focused.
- Be based within the area of benefit.
- All applications must be from within the area of benefit local to Manchester Airport which covers an approximate 10-mile radius of the Airport, concentrating on the areas most exposed to aircraft noise. A map of the eligible areas is available in the Community Trust Fund brochure.

Check website for **restrictions** (core activities of statutory services are included).

**Eligible Expenditure**

Funding is available for projects that:

- Improve, enhance, protect and conserve the natural and built environment; or offer heritage conservation.
- Promote or advance social welfare.
- Provide better appreciation of the natural and urban environment.
- Create a safe habitat for flora and fauna.
- Demonstrate lasting benefit to the community.
- Benefit all members of the community regardless of race, gender or religion.
- For projects involving buildings, the group either needs to own the building or have a long lease, with at least 5 years left on the lease.

The grant can cover costs related to anything that is tangible and long lasting (eg, equipment such as white goods, play equipment, furniture).

**Location**

Projects must be based within the area of benefit which covers an approximate 10-mile radius of Manchester Airport.

**How To Apply**

Applications are typically considered four times a year. The deadlines for 2024 are:

- 1st June 2024
- 7th Sept 2024
- 13th Dec 2024
- 14th March 2025

Applications must be submitted online.

The application form, guidelines and frequently asked questions are available on the Trust's website.  
<https://www.manchesterairport.co.uk/community/working-in-our-community/community-trust-fund/>

**For further information on how to obtain this fund, please contact the following:**

Community Relations Officer  
Manchester Airport Community Trust Fund  
Manchester Airport  
Community Relations Department  
4th Floor, Olympic House  
Manchester  
M90 1QX  
Tel: 0161 489 5281  
Email: [trust.fund@manairport.co.uk](mailto:trust.fund@manairport.co.uk)  
Email: [robert.pattison@manairport.co.uk](mailto:robert.pattison@manairport.co.uk)

### **Groundwork - One Stop Community Partnership Programme**

Grants are available through a partnership programme to support not-for-profit organisations with local community projects that address social welfare and environmental issues.

#### **Background**

The One Stop Community Partnership programme is administered by Groundwork working in partnership with One Stop Stores Ltd.

The programme provides partnership as well as financial assistance. Alongside an initial grant, a long-term tailored programme of support is created for successful applicants by the One Stop Community Team and One Stop Store Team. Grant recipients then work in partnership with the One Stop Store Team at their local shop to deliver this programme.

#### **Objectives of Fund**

The programme is designed to create a partnership of support to community groups, operating within two miles of a One Stop store, who are working to: Tackle food poverty.

- Support the vulnerable.
- Support the elderly.
- Support low income families.
- Running youth sports teams.
- Reducing/recycling waste
- Improving the environment

#### **Value Notes**

Grants of up to £1,000 are available to successful applicants to begin a partnership with their local One Stop store.

#### **Who Can Apply**

The following organisations may apply:

- Voluntary and community organisations.
- Registered charities.
- Schools.
- Health bodies.
- Parish/Town councils.
- Social enterprises.
- Community Interest Companies (running for a minimum of two years).



- Community councils.
- Local authorities.
- Housing organisations.

Applications from organisations such as women's refuges, food banks, hospices, homeless charities, charities supporting the elderly or children are typically welcome. However, this list is not exhaustive and other organisational types will be funded.

### **Location**

Great Britain

### **Restrictions**

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Businesses and 'for profit' organisations.
- CICs limited by shares.

### **Eligible Expenditure**

The tailored support from the store teams will help community causes to increase or improve their service by assisting in areas such as but not limited to; volunteering support, fundraising and awareness-raising.

### **How To Apply**

Applications are considered on a quarterly basis, and can be submitted during the following application rounds:

- 1 March 2024 to 26 April 2024.
- 3 June 2024 to 26 July 2024.
- 2 September 2024 to 25 October 2024.
- 2 December 2024 to 24 January 2025.

It is expected that decisions will be communicated within three weeks of the deadlines.

Before starting an application, applicants should first use the Store Locator, available on the Groundwork website, to check the distance to the local One Stop store and whether funding is currently available there. Please note that not all stores offer this programme.

Guidance notes are available on the Groundwork website. An online application form is available, but organisations must first register with Flexi Grant for an account. Instructions are provided in the guidance notes.

Contact Groundwork for further information.

Useful links

Groundwork - One Stop Community Partnership

<https://www.groundwork.org.uk/one-stop-community-partnership/>

One Stop Community Partnership Programme

<https://www.onestop.co.uk/community-partnership-page/>

Addresses and contacts

For further information on how to obtain this grant locally, please contact the following:

Enquiries

Groundwork

Suite B2

The Walker Building

58 Oxford Street

Birmingham

B5 5NR

Tel: 0121 236 8565

E-Mail: [onestop@groundwork.org.uk](mailto:onestop@groundwork.org.uk)

**Town and Parish Council Community Grants**

Useful grants for small to medium local projects.

Town	Amounts	Application deadlines	Weblink
Crewe	Up to £2500	Sunday 16th June 2024 (midnight) Sunday 8th September 2024 (midnight) Sunday 22nd December 2024 (midnight)  Sunday 9th February 2025 (midnight)	<a href="#">Community Grant Scheme - Crewe Town Council</a>
Nantwich	Small up to £1000 Medium up to £5000 Capital grants, details can be found in the <a href="#">Ntc Community Grant Policy</a>	Variable. See website	<a href="#">Nantwich Community Grants (nantwichtowncouncil.gov.uk)</a>
Congleton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><a href="#">2022-2023</a></li><li><a href="#">2021-2022</a></li></ul>	See website for more details	<a href="#">Grants - Congleton Town Council (congleton-tc.gov.uk)</a>
Knutsford	Donations - Funding of up to £200.	Application deadlines: 31st August 2024	<a href="#">Community Grants   Knutsford Town Council</a>

		31 <sup>st</sup> December 2024	
	Small Grants - Funding of up to £1,500.	Application deadlines: 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2024 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2024	
	Large Grants - Funding awards of over £1,500.	Application deadlines: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 31st August 2024</li> <li>• 31st August 2025</li> </ul>	
<b>Macclesfield</b>	Micro grants up to £100 Small grants are up to £250 Large grants up to £2,000.	9am on Friday 19th April – Decision meeting held on Monday 20th May 2024	<a href="http://macclesfield-tc.gov.uk">Community Grants - Macclesfield Town Council (macclesfield-tc.gov.uk)</a>
<b>Wilmslow</b>	Up to £2000	Check with council via website	<a href="#">Grants   Wilmslow Town Council</a>
<b>Alsager</b>	Small up to £1000 Large up to £5000	30 <sup>th</sup> September for October decision 30 <sup>th</sup> December for January decision	<a href="#">Community Grants – Alsager Town Council</a>
<b>Poynton</b>	For more information see - <a href="#">Community Grants - Poynton Town Council</a>		
<b>Middlewich</b>	For more information see - <a href="#">Community Grant Scheme – Disley Parish Council</a>		
<b>Sandbach</b>	For more information see - <a href="#">Community Grants – Sandbach Town Council</a>		
<b>Middlewich</b>	For more information see - <a href="#">Middlewich-Town-Council-Grant-Policy-2020.pdf</a>		

**Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council** <https://www.stockport.gov.uk/about-the-stockport-local-fund#>

The One Stockport Local Fund is grant programme to support great ideas that make a difference in our communities. It's investing in local activities and projects that help people to join together and make our neighbourhoods even better places to live in and to grow up and older in.

If you're passionate about your neighbourhood you'll know what you most love about your local community and you'll have great ideas on how to make it even better. We want you to suggest new ideas that we could invest in and you could grow.

If you and some friends or neighbours have an idea, then we want to hear from you. We can help you bring your great ideas to life. Maybe you've never done anything like this before, but we can help connect you with other people in your community who can support you and work with you to develop your idea.

Anyone can apply for the fund. You can be an individual or a group/organisation. A group or organisation may include:

- a charity
- a community group
- a not-for-profit organisation

If you're not one of the above or you're unsure you can [contact us for more information](#).

If you're a community group or service you can also promote your presence and activities on [Stockport Local](#) where you can find local support, activities and volunteering opportunities in Stockport.

### Schools only grants

#### BlueSpark Foundation (Schools only)

<https://bluesparkfoundation.org.uk>

#### Grant Policy

Funding provided by BlueSpark for any particular project must be crucial to that project rather than marginally incremental to its funding. In most cases grants, are made on a relatively small scale. **Many grants are under £2,000 and none exceed £5,000.** Projects funded by BlueSpark must be in England. Most projects which we support are initiated or undertaken by schools, colleges or community groups. However, individuals may also apply for a grant and BlueSpark may undertake or initiate projects in its own right. We provide funds for physical assets such as sports equipment, for services such as music or dance tuition, and simply for the provision of experiences such as theatre visits. In selecting projects to receive a grant we aim to maintain a balance of different types of project from across the whole of England and from a wide range of schools, community organisations, sports clubs, drama groups and music and dance organisations. There are no preconditions for the making of a grant regarding the number of children or young people who may benefit from a particular project. A project may be particularly deserving of a grant on the basis of the number of children or young people that it will benefit. Equally, a grant may be appropriate for the benefit of a single child or young person especially if the impact of the project concerned is likely to be particularly significant for that individual.

Categories of project supported in six broad categories namely :

- Academic
- Drama
- Sport
- Outdoor activities
- Music,
- Dance and Singing
- Educational excursions

#### How to apply

Online application here <https://bluesparkfoundation.org.uk/how-to-apply/>

Learning through Landscapes – Local School Nature Grants

**Background**

The Local School Nature Grants Scheme project is funded by six charitable trusts which receive their funding from People's Postcode Lottery. The trusts are: People's Postcode Trust, Postcode Neighbourhood Trust, Postcode Places Trust, Postcode Society Trust, Postcode Local Trust or Postcode Community Trust.

**Objectives of Fund**

The aim of this fund is to promote outdoor learning among young children by providing schools and early years providers with outdoor resources and training. Successful applicants will include children in their decision making, whilst incorporating local communities.

**Value Notes**

Grants provide an assortment of nature equipment up to the value of £500 and a two hour training session.

**Who Can Apply**

The following are eligible to apply:

- Nurseries and other early years providers.
- Pre-schools.
- Primary schools.
- Secondary schools.

Applicants must be employed by the school. Applications on behalf of the school from PTA's, Governors, 'Friends of' groups will not be accepted.

**Eligible Expenditure**

Successful applicants will receive an assortment of nature equipment up to the value of £500 along with a two-hour training session.

Eligible equipment include:

- Bird boxes.
- Bee hotels.
- Gardening equipment.
- Pollinator kits.
- Wildlife watching kits.
- Outdoor wear for adults and children.
- Seed packs.
- Gardening equipment.

- Pollinator kits.
- Solar light kits.
- Wildlife watching kits.
- Fireboxes.

#### **How To Apply**

Guidance and the application form are available on the Learning through Landscape website. [Learning through Landscapes - Nature Grants](#)

#### **Contacts**

For further information on how to obtain this fund, please contact the following:

Enquiries  
Learning Through Landscapes  
Ground Floor  
Clarendon House  
Monarch Way  
Winchester  
SO22 5PW  
Tel: 01962 392932  
Email: [enquiries@ltl.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@ltl.org.uk)

#### **Alpkit Foundation**

##### **Background**

The Alpkit Foundation, a not-for-profit independent charity, was set up by the British outdoor retailer Alpkit in July 2015. The charity receives its funding from Alpkit which donates 1% of all its turnover each year. This has enabled the charity to award more than £450,000 in grants and support over 1,500 projects.

The Foundation makes small awards to local groups and schools that work to remove the barriers in getting outdoors and experiencing wild places.

##### **Objectives of Fund**

The funding is for grassroots direct action projects that tackle issues such as diversity and inclusion in the outdoors, participation, education, conservation and protection of the natural environment and health and well-being.

##### **Value Notes**

Grants of between £50 and £500 are available.

### Who Can Apply

Applications will be considered from community groups, schools and organisations based and working within the UK.

### Restrictions

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Holidays
- Charity challenges
- Commercially led travel expeditions that are not focused on the Great Outdoors (eg, rebuilding schools, overseas medicine).
- Scout Jamborees.
- Retrospective applications.

### Eligible Expenditure

The funding is intended for:

- Diversity and inclusion projects that engage individual and groups from a diverse range of backgrounds.
- Environmental projects that seek to support, conserve, or generate understanding of our environment and wild places
- Health projects enabling people to gain physical and mental wellbeing from the Great Outdoors.
- Education projects such as First Aid, D of E, Forest Schools and Mountain Leader.
- Participation projects that get more people experiencing the Great Outdoors.

There is particular interest in projects that:

- Encourage responsible outdoor activity.
- Have long lasting benefits.
- Introduce new people to get outdoors.
- Demonstrate value for money.
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### How To Apply

Applications can be submitted at any time and will be considered every two months.

It is recommended that groups apply at least three months before the start of their project so that the trustees have time to consider the application at their next meeting.

The online application form can be found on the Alpkite Foundation website [Alpkite Foundation](#)

## **Tesco Strong Start**

Grants are available to non-profit making, constituted groups and organisations for local good causes that focus on supporting children and families in the UK.

### **Background**

The Tesco Stronger Starts programme (formerly Community Grants) supports local good causes across the UK. Since it launched in 2016, the programme has supported more than 40,000 community groups with more than £90 million in grants. The scheme aims to make a positive difference to Tesco communities. The grants programme is administered by the charity Groundwork who is working with greenspace scotland to support successful projects in Scotland.

### **Objectives of Fund**

The focus of Tesco Stronger Starts is getting schools who lack funds and resources to apply for extra financial help they might need to provide healthy food and activities that boost young people's mental and physical wellbeing.

Tesco's funding has supported thousands of local community projects across the UK, helping to fight holiday hunger, tackle mental health, support young people, host community events and much more. Originally launched in 2016 as Bags of Help, the scheme has supported over 40,000 community groups with more than £100 million in grants.

### **Value Notes**

Three projects in 575 local communities are voted on by customers in Tesco stores throughout the UK, with projects changing every three months.

Three levels of grants are awarded with projects receiving:

- First place (the most votes in its area) - a grant of up to £1,500.
- Second place - a grant of up to £1,000.
- Third place - a grant of up to £500.

### **Match Funding Restrictions**

Match funding is not required as the scheme can fund 100% of the total project costs. However, for applicants that have secured additional funding, there is no limit to what this amount can be and any funding awarded by Tesco Community Grants programme can form part of their wider project costs.

### **Who Can Apply**

Although the current focus is on schools and organisations working with schools, not-for-profit organisations in the UK can apply if they are constituted and have a governing document.

This includes:

- Voluntary and community organisations.
- Registered charities.



- Community Interest Companies limited by guarantee and running for a minimum of two years.
- Friends of groups.
- Social enterprises.
- Industrial Provident Society.
- Schools.
- Health bodies such as NHS Hospital Trusts and Foundation Trusts.
- Parish, Town, or Community Councils.
- Local Authorities.
- Hospices.
- Day care centres.
- Housing associations.

As part of the updated grant administration process, applicants are now being asked for ID verification checks if their organisation is NOT a registered charity or a registered company, OR if they are NOT a public sector organisation.

Proof of name and proof of address is now required from the main contact of the application. The second contact in the application MUST be a bank account signatory for the organisation account, or for the organisation that is being used if using an Accountable Body.

#### **Location**

England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland

#### **Restrictions**

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Organisations that make a profit.
- Individuals.
- Community Interest Companies with shares.
- Community Interest Companies with guarantee that are less than two years old.
- Work that has already taken place.
- Political donations.
- Fundraising activities or challenges (eg costs for a sky dive etc.)
- Running costs and organisation overheads.
- Conferences or seminars.
- Activities which collect funds for redistribution to other charities or individuals.
- Overseas appeals.

- Expeditions or overseas travel.
- Promotion of a religious or political cause.
- Marketing promotions.
- Research projects.
- Purchase of land.

### **Eligible Expenditure**

Funding to support local good causes with priority given to projects supporting families and children and those supporting food security.

Examples of eligible applications could be:

- A school providing pupils with food for breakfast clubs or snacks throughout the day.
- A school wanting to buy equipment for outdoor or indoor activities.
- A school wanting to develop a food growing area.
- A school supporting an after school club.
- A voluntary organisation working with families to run a food bank.
- An organisation addressing holiday hunger.
- A healthy eating project that supports families to cook healthy meals on a budget.
- A Brownie or Scout group needing funding for new play equipment or activities.

The funding is for projects that are ready to be delivered, but it will not cover retrospective costs (already committed or spent) such as design fees, planning permissions costs or community consultation.

**The current focus of the programme is projects working in schools to provide healthy food and snacks to pupils and equipment for indoor and outdoor activities.**

### **How To Apply**

There are no deadlines. This is a rolling programme and applications can be made at any time. Groups can also reapply at any time.

The application process is as follows. Groups should:

- Read the guidance notes and frequently asked question document before starting the application process.
- Find their local store. This can be done by entering their project's postcode into the store locator on the Tesco website. This information is required for the application form.
- Complete the eligibility checker.

Eligible organisations can apply online for a grant, applications are assessed and shortlisted. Every three months successful shortlisted applications are put into a customer vote in Tesco stores across the UK.

The project that receives the most votes in its area will be awarded a grant of up to £1,500 second place receiving up to £1,000 and third place up to £500. Customers are given a blue token when they buy their shopping that they can use to make their choice using the voting units in most stores. Contact Groundwork Tesco Programme Team for further information.

**Groups in Scotland can make their application on either the Tesco Community Fund website or on the greenspace Scotland website where they will also find the Community Enabler contact for their local area.** A list of the contacts and the local areas are on the greenspace Scotland website.

**Useful links:**

Tesco Stronger Starts <https://tescocommunitygrants.org.uk/>

**Addresses and contacts**

For further information on how to obtain this grant locally, please contact the following:

**Tesco Stronger Starts Team**

Groundwork  
The Walker Building  
52 Oxford Street  
Birmingham  
B5 5NR

E-Mail: [tescostrongerstarts@groundwork.org.uk](mailto:tescostrongerstarts@groundwork.org.uk)

**British Science Week - Kick-Start Fund for Schools**

**Now closed for 2024. Will reopen**

Grants are available to help state-funded, non-selective schools or colleges in challenging circumstances to organise their own events as part of British Science Week (BSW).

**Background**

British Science Week (BSW) is an annual programme of science, technology, engineering, and maths events and activities that takes place across the UK in March each year.

BSW is coordinated by the British Science Association (BSA) and funded by UK Research and Innovation (UKRI).

**Objectives of Fund**

The funding is intended for schools in challenging circumstances to take part in British Science Week, widening access to events and activities and herefore helping the learning and development of children through science and engineering-based activities.

**Value Notes**

The following grants are available:

- Kick Start Grant - A grant of £300 for a school to run an activity during British Science Week.
- Kick Start Youth Grant - A grant of £150 for students aged 10-19 at a school to organise and deliver an activity during British Science Week.
- Kick Start More Grant - A grant of £700 for a school to host a science event or activity that involves their students and the local community. The community can include families/carers, members of local community groups, local businesses and the local press.
- Combined Kick Start Grant and Youth Grant - A grant of £450 for a school to run an activity during British Science Week and an additional activity organised and delivered by students aged 10-19. Schools can now apply for both a Kick Start Grant and a Kick Start Youth Grant at the same time.

**Who Can Apply**

State-funded, non-selective schools or colleges in the UK can apply.

To be eligible, schools must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Over 30% of pupils eligible for pupil premium or equivalent.
- Over 30% of pupils who are from minority ethnic backgrounds.
- Be a small school based in a remote and rural location.

**Restrictions**

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Non-state funded schools.
- Non-school organisations.
- Large competition prizes.
- Salary costs.
- Costs that are already covered by other funding.

More than half of the grant cannot be spent on refreshments.

**Eligible Expenditure**

The funding is for activities or events that are celebrating British Science Week. Applications are encouraged for activities or events which align with BSW priorities, including those that:

- Involve children supported by pupil premium, from ethnic minority groups, with special educational needs or from any other underrepresented audiences.
- Involve children who would not normally choose to participate in science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) activities.
- Are embedded in their local community and involve the wider community as a core audience.
- Challenge stereotypes about science, and link it to the children's everyday life beyond school.
- Are cross-curricular and involve teachers, professionals or organisations from outside STEM.
- Raise awareness of the diverse range of careers that studying STEM subjects can lead to.
- Have an impact on STEM activities throughout the year, such as staff CPD or launching a new STEM initiative in their school.
- Encourage children to take initiative and lead the activities.

There are no restrictions on the activities or events that can be run using the funding, but they could include:

- Activities from BSA's home-based activity packs, activity packs and case studies.
- Online presentations from invited speakers or volunteers on science and/or engineering topics.
- Student-led interactive displays, online demonstrations or investigations for parents or other schools.

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- Zoom family days where family projects and initiatives are showcased.
- Mini festivals or science fairs within class.
- Activities of engagement with local organisations and wider community (eg, writing letters to a care home).
- Student-led building projects such as a school garden, community lab or pond.

The grants can be used to cover costs such as:

- CREST Award entry fees.
- Consumables.
- Equipment (only a third of the grant money can be spent on large non-consumable equipment such as microscopes or computers, and journal subscriptions).
- Field trips.
- Speakers.
- Presenters.
- Outreach shows.

**How To Apply**  
**Useful links**

British Science Week - Grants  
<https://www.britishscienceweek.org/about-us/grants/>  
British Science Week - Kick Start Grants  
<https://www.britishscienceweek.org/grants/kick-start-grant-scheme/>

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Other useful references to funding sources for schools.



National Education  
Nature Park and  
Climate Action Awards

Finding funding

[https://www.educationnaturepark.org.uk/finding-funding?utm\\_source=enews-20231017&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=bau](https://www.educationnaturepark.org.uk/finding-funding?utm_source=enews-20231017&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=bau)

NB NatureSave Trust referred to in the above document no longer funds schools

[https://www.cvsce.org.uk/funding\\_opportunities](https://www.cvsce.org.uk/funding_opportunities)