



## NEW FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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**NB. I have categorised opportunities as best I can to reduce time hunting for grants but it's worth looking under other headings if you have time, since many funds can be difficult to categorise. Deadlines are shown in bold type where specified. Please read the eligibility, criteria, exclusions, etc. as per the linked websites very carefully before applying.**

## 1. ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Surrey County Council - Your Fund Surrey

This Fund, previously referred to as the Community Projects Fund, was launched on Monday 16 November. Ideas can now be plotted on an interactive online map, with people able to comment, make further suggestions or simply give project ideas a thumbs up. Projects that meet the criteria and prove that they will deliver a positive benefit for local people will be taken through an application process with the first funding to be administered in Spring 2021. You can find full details including FAQs, fund criteria and the interactive map at [www.surreycc.gov.uk/yourfund](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/yourfund).

You are invited to think BIG and start sharing your thoughts and projects with other members of your community. Don't forget to speak to your local councillors, both Woking BC and Surrey CC. You will find links to locate them here <https://moderngov.woking.gov.uk/mgMemberIndex.aspx?bcr=1>

Please feel free to contact [Funding@woking.gov.uk](mailto:Funding@woking.gov.uk) if you wish to talk over a project idea in Woking, need any support with your project or help drafting a bid.

We will share further information as it becomes available.



## 2. ARTS, CULTURE & HERITAGE

### National Lottery Heritage Fund - Digital Skills for Heritage

Funding is available to support not-for-profit organisations that can help support digital development in the heritage sector across England. Funding is available in three tranches:

- £550,000 to [answer the sector's top digital questions](#)
- £250,000 for [digital innovation and enterprise](#)
- £600,000 to [build collaborative communities](#)

The closing date is 15th January 2021.

For details see: <https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/funding#outcome-3>

### UK Research and Innovation - Digital Innovation and Engagement for Museums fund

Grants of up to £50,000 are available to museums and galleries across the UK for creative digital engagement to help museums and galleries in starting, scaling up or evaluating innovations made in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. 'Mindsets for Museums of the Future', a programme run in conjunction with the funding offer, will also provide support to plan for a post-pandemic world through a series of workshops and networking opportunities. **The closing date for applications is 21<sup>st</sup> December 2020.**

For details see: <https://www.museumsassociation.org/funding/digital-innovation-and-engagement-fund/>

## 3. BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION & TRAINING

### The Resolution Foundation - Workertech Partnership

Seed funding and support is available for innovative ideas that use new technologies to create better work opportunities for low paid and insecure workers. Applications are invited from charities, companies, CICs and cooperatives across the UK, with plans to build worker-focused platforms, apps and online tools - from accessing training, to amplifying workers' voices and assessing whether work sites are covid-secure. **Organisations can register their interest at any time, with investment decisions made quarterly.**

For details see: <https://ufi.co.uk/latest/resolution-foundation-launch-workertech/>

### Department for Education - Condition Improvement Fund (CIF)

Academies, multi-academy trusts, sixth-form colleges and voluntary aided schools can now apply for capital funding for projects of up to £4 million which help keep school and college buildings safe and in



good working order. This includes funding projects to address health and safety issues, building compliance and poor building condition; as well as upgrading facilities such as sports halls or science labs, fire protection systems, gas safety, electrical safety or emergency asbestos removal and projects to ensure weather tight buildings and continuous heating and water supply. A small proportion of expansion projects will also be supported. These are for academies, sixth-form colleges and VA schools rated good or outstanding by Ofsted that can demonstrate a need to expand. Multi Academy Trusts (MATs) with 5 or more academies and more than 3,000 pupils cannot apply for CIF. **The deadline for new applicants to register is 12 noon on the 10th December 2020. The deadline for applications is 12 noon on the 14<sup>th</sup> January 2021.**

For details see: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/condition-improvement-fund#loans>

### **The British Council – Connecting Classrooms Through Global Learning Programme**

State-funded schools are invited to apply for grants of up to £35,000 to support a wide range of global learning activities. The programme enables UK schools to work with partner schools overseas focusing on global themes. Applications can be on a one-to-one basis or as part of a cluster of schools. A cluster must have a minimum of two UK schools and two schools from a [participating country outside the UK](#). Whilst reciprocal visits are currently suspended due to the Coronavirus crisis grant funding is available to help schools collaborate virtually with your overseas partner school. Schools can still apply for funding for travel at a later date.

Fee paying schools can opt to [join a cluster group](#) with state-funded schools and still benefit from many elements of the programme. However, any fee-paying schools that want to organise a visit overseas would need to self-fund their trip.

**The closing date for applications is 2nd December 2020.**

For details see: <https://connecting-classrooms.britishcouncil.org/funding>

### **Royal Society of Chemistry - Chemistry Clubs at Schools and Colleges**

Schools and colleges can apply for grants of up to £1,000 to run chemistry activities outside the normal science timetable. Activities should be focussed on generating interest in chemistry in all ability levels or which may provide opportunities to stretch and challenge the already able and motivated students. Applications from existing chemistry clubs looking to expand/ enhance activities would be welcome as would those from schools and colleges interested in starting a new club. The application must be made by a teacher at a primary or secondary school. **The deadline for applications is 15th February 2021.**

For details see: <http://www.rsc.org/Membership/Networking/InterestGroups/BMCS/education-support-group/chemistry-clubs.asp>



### **Ogden Trust - Physics Education Grants programme**

Grants of up to £5,000 are available to schools, colleges, charities and other not-for-profit organisations who wish to carry out projects or activities that support the teaching and learning of physics. Grants will be awarded for projects that are based around physics and developed with current evidence in mind – part-funding may be considered for general science projects where there is a clear physics component. All applicants must be based in the UK and working predominantly in England. To apply for funding for a physics education project, you must register on grant management system, Flexi-Grant. Once registered, select the Physics Education Grants from the available grants page. For more information on how to register, please see the Flexi-Grant User Guide. **The closing date for applications is 7th December 2020.**

For details see: <https://www.ogdentrust.com/grants-funding/physics-education-grants>

## **4. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE**

### **UK Youth Fund – Covid Relief**

Small youth organisations who have not had access to the crisis funding they require to survive the COVID-19 pandemic can apply for grants of up to £50,000. The grants are available to organisations that have lost funding, face the threat of closure, or had to reduce delivery or services supporting young people, and will directly support young people. Awarded organisations can use the funds to cover staff salaries, project running costs, organisational development and goods and equipment which supports delivery. UK Youth is particularly keen to hear from organisations that support young people who are most affected by systemic oppression and discrimination. This includes Black, Asian and other groups who experience racism, Deaf/disabled people and those who identify as sitting at the intersections of several minoritized identities, those who identify as LGBT+, as well as those who have not had financial support growing up. **The deadline for applications is midday on 25th November 2020.**

For details see: [https://funding.ukyouth.org/?\\_ga=2.119891400.1764765063.1605602897-1968786054.1605170022](https://funding.ukyouth.org/?_ga=2.119891400.1764765063.1605602897-1968786054.1605170022)

### **Woodward Charitable Trust – Small and Large Grants**

The small grants programme (under £3,000) is open to applications. Large grants (over £3,000) are usually given to charities known by the Trustees. Priority is given to projects that make good use of volunteers, encourage past and current users to participate, ensure that funds awarded are being well used and fall within the following areas:

- **Children and young people** who are isolated, at risk of exclusion or involved in anti-social behaviour. This covers gang violence and knife crime, education and mentoring as well as projects that work to raise self-esteem and employment opportunities and encourage an active involvement in and contribution towards the local community;



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- **Disadvantaged families**, this covers parenting support and guidance, mental health, food poverty, refuges and domestic violence projects and would also include projects that benefit travellers, ethnic minorities and refugee families;
- **Prisoners and ex-offenders** and specifically projects that maintain and develop contact with prisoner's families and help with the rehabilitation and resettlement of prisoners and/or ex-offenders after their release.

**The deadline for applications is noon on 28 January 2021.**

For details see: [http://woodwardcharitabletrust.org.uk/general\\_applications/](http://woodwardcharitabletrust.org.uk/general_applications/)

## 5. COMMUNITY

### **The National Lottery Community Fund - Infrastructure Programme**

The programme is designed to support established and newly emerging Infrastructure organisations that support other local and regional voluntary and community sector organisations, networks, groups and/or communities. The overall aim of the programme is to help Infrastructure organisations become stronger, more resilient and responsive to the changing environment by providing a package of funding of up to £50,000 combined with on-site coaching and expertise provided by a Design Lab over 12 months. The Design Lab will be a dedicated team which will provide expert advice and practical support. This funding is to help free up staff and leadership time to engage with the Design Lab process. It could be used for bringing in temporary cover or extending existing posts. The funding can be used to cover:

- staff costs
- transport
- utilities/running costs
- volunteer expenses.

**The closing date for applications is 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020.**

For details see: <https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/new-infrastructure-programme#section-3>

## 6. DIVERSITY & EQUALITY

### **The Good Things Foundation - Funding to Support the Delivery of the Next Census**

The Foundation is looking for organisations which can deliver digital support to people wishing to complete the next census which will be available online between March and May 2021. Working with the Office for National Statistics, the Foundation will build a network of Census Support Centres in England and Wales to provide support targeted on areas of greatest need, where residents face a



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combination of digital exclusion and other barriers that may make it harder to participate. There are a range of contract sizes depending on the number of advisors and hours worked each week. For any questions regarding the Census Support Service or the application process please contact the Census Support Team: [census.support@goodthingsfoundation.org](mailto:census.support@goodthingsfoundation.org) /0114 349 1666. **Organisations are encouraged to apply as soon as possible.**

For details see: <https://www.goodthingsfoundation.org/projects/census-support-service>

### **Polden-Puckham Charitable Foundation - Projects that Promote Social Justice, Nonviolence and Environmental Sustainability**

Grants of between £5,000 and £20,000 per year are available to registered charities in the UK for projects that contribute to the development of a just society based on a commitment to non violence and environmental sustainability. Grants can be for up to three years. The Foundation's priority is to address systemic threats by seeking to change policy and attitudes at a national or European level. Priority will be given to small, pioneering organisations with an income of between 10,000 and £500,000. **The closing date for applications is midnight on the 5th February 2021.**

For details see: [http://www.polden-puckham.org.uk/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=2&Itemid=35](http://www.polden-puckham.org.uk/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=2&Itemid=35)

## 7. ENVIRONMENT

### **Finnis Scott Foundation - Grants**

Grants of up to £10,000 are available open to charities and charitable organisations, including School Parent Teacher Associations for projects focused in the areas of horticulture and plant sciences, as well as art history and the enhancement, conservation and preservation of art. Exceptionally, larger grants may be considered at the Trustees' discretion but preference is given to making grants to smaller charities where the grant would have a significant impact. The Foundation funds both capital and revenue projects. **The closing date for applications is 4pm on 18th December 2020.**

For details see: <https://www.finnis-scott-foundation.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/>

### **Esmée Fairbairn Foundation – Grants**

In response to the Covid-19 pandemic and the effects of climate change, the Foundation is launching a new strategy focused on three interdependent aims:

- Improving the natural world;
- Tackling injustice to deliver a fairer future;



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- Creative, confident communities.

Grants of over £30,000, and social investments of between £100,000 and £2 million, are available to charities or initiatives with ideas working towards these aims. The focus is to tackle structural inequality, racism and the causes and impacts of climate change. Funding can be used to cover core or project costs, including staff salaries and overheads. Collaborative approaches are encouraged. **Expressions of interest can be submitted at any time.**

For details see: <https://esmefairbairn.org.uk/>

### **DPD – Eco Fund**

Grants of up to £2,000 are available to anyone. Schools and educational facilities across the UK working on green projects with their students, and start-up companies working on developing environmentally friendly products, are particularly encouraged to apply. Typical funding per project is approximately £2,000. **Applications are reviewed monthly and there are no application deadlines.**

For details see: <https://green.dpd.co.uk/>

### **HDH Wills 1965 Charitable Trust - Grants for the Conservation of Wildlife and the Environment**

Monthly grants of between £250 and £500 (sometimes up to £5,000) are made to support the conservation of wildlife and the environment to general, environmental and wildlife charities, so long as they are registered with the Charity Commission of England and Wales or they are exempt or excepted charities (within the meaning of the Charities Act 2011). The Trust also make grants to charities which focus on the conservation of wildlife and the environment which are typically in the £1,000 to £2,000 range. Supported charities will be small in size or be applying for support for a modest project, such that the grant will have a meaningful impact. Grants may be made towards revenue, capital or project expenditure and email, postal or online applications are accepted. **There is no deadline for application.**

For details see: <https://hdhwills.org/grants/>

## **8. HOUSING & HOMELESS**

### **Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government - Homelessness Winter Transformation Fund**

Homelessness, faith, community and voluntary sector organisations can now apply for funding of between £10,000 and £100,000 to provide single room and COVID-19 secure accommodation for people



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experiencing homelessness this winter. Grants are available to support traditional, dormitory-style night shelter provision and will seek to produce a legacy for the future of winter homelessness support. The Fund is open to organisations in England directly working with people experiencing homelessness, and where more than 50 per cent of beneficiaries are people experiencing homelessness. Applicants must have an annual turnover of up to £5 million. **The closing date for applications is 2nd December 2020 at 1pm.**

For details see: <https://www.homeless.org.uk/connect/blogs/2020/oct/20/homelessness-winter-transformation-fund-launches>

## 9. HEALTH & HOSPICES

### The Health Foundation - Healthier Lives programme

This is a new funding programme for local partnerships to use economic development strategies to improve health and reduce health inequalities. It will support three to four partnerships across the UK with funding of between £300,000 and £500,000 for up to three years. Partnerships will be led by a local authority or combined authority (lead partner) and should also include:

- public health bodies and leaders (where this responsibility sits outside of the local authority)
- an academic partner (most likely a university, but this does not have to be the case)
- a specialist partner that can provide additional topic or community engagement expertise (this could be a national representative body, a voluntary and community sector organisation or a business).

Funding can be used to cover costs such as staffing costs, expenses and small payments for public and user engagement, partnership meeting costs, workshops, learning events and team development.

**On Tuesday 24 November the Health Foundation will be sharing a pre-recorded webinar which will introduce the programme, detail what the Foundation is looking for in applications, provide advice on how to apply and answer pre-submitted questions.** The deadline for questions for the webinar has now passed. **Expressions of interest must be submitted by 12pm on the 15th January 2021.**

For details see: <https://www.health.org.uk/funding-and-partnerships/programmes/economies-for-healthier-lives>

## 10. OLDER PEOPLE

### The Allen Lane Foundation - Older People Fund

Funding of up to £15,000 is available, with the average grant size approx.. £5,000-£6,000, to reduce loneliness and isolation, improve physical and mental wellbeing, help maintain independence and a quality of life for older people. The Foundation recognises the growing impact of dementia within the older population and on families, especially those who care for people with dementia, and is keen to



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support projects that seek to develop community initiatives that offer sustainable, long term support for older people in communities. Registered charities, and other organisations which are not charities but which seek funding for a charitable project, such as constituted voluntary groups or Community Interest Companies, are eligible to apply with a focus on smaller organisations. Organisations working across a local area such as a village, estate or town, to be eligible will need to have an income of less than around £100,000. Organisations that work across the whole of the UK will need to have an income of less than around £250,000. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

For details see: <http://allenlane.org.uk/older-people/>

### 11.SPORTS AND LEISURE

#### **Dan Maskell Tennis Trust – Grants to enable disabled people to play tennis**

Individuals can apply for grants of up to £500 for support for sports wheelchairs, tennis rackets, coaching lessons with a Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) licensed coach or course fees for official LTA development/coaching courses. Groups can apply for a maximum of £1,500 for: Wheelchairs; Court hire; Coaching fees; and equipment packages which will include:

- Rackets
- Balls
- Mini net
- Coaching aids such as cones and throw down marker lines.

In the case of wheelchairs, a deposit will be required; for individuals, the amount of deposit required will depend on the wheelchair type requested, clubs will need to raise a deposit of £200. **The deadline for applications is 31st December 2020.**

For details see: <http://www.danmaskelltennistrust.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant.html>

#### **The Canoe Foundation - Grants to Support Canoeing and Inland Waterway Conservation**

The main purpose of the Canoe Foundation is to “support all to enjoy and benefit from the experience of paddling on our water in a sustainable manner”. It does this through grant making that facilitates improvements to suitable landing and launching points and by promoting the conservation of inland waterways for the benefit of all sectors of the community.

The current priority is to:

- Increase and protect public access points to water for recreational users.
- Create sustainable launching and landing sites, to and alongside water, for all sectors of the community and abilities.
- Protect and enhance the natural environment.

Online funding applications are expected to be in the range from £500 to £10,000 and encouraged to be deliverable for summer 2021. Exceptional projects over £10,000 will be considered. Funding applications are welcome from clubs, community groups, Parish Councils, Local Authorities or anyone in



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the UK with an active interest in improving access to water for recreational users and protecting the environment. **The closing date for applications is 28th February 2021.**

For details see: <https://www.canoefoundation.org.uk/online-funding-applications/>

## 12.GENERAL

### **HM Government - Knowledge Transfer Partnership Scheme (KTP)**

A KTP enables an academic or research organisation as a partner to a business (including social enterprises and other not for profit organisations) to recruit a suitable graduate (an Associate) to work at the company for the duration of the KTP. The business is thus able to access new skills and the latest academic thinking to deliver a specific, strategic innovation project. KTPs can last between 12 and 36 months, depending on the project and the needs of the business. The 3-way partnership will consist of:

- A UK-based business of any size or a not-for-profit organisation
- An academic or research organisation i.e. university, college or research and technology organisation in the UK
- A suitably-qualified graduate with the capability to lead a strategic business project

The KTP can be part-funded by a grant from Innovate UK with the business partner contributing to the salary of the Associate plus the cost of a supervisor who will oversee the scheme. Contributions will depend on the scale and length of the project and the size of the company i.e.

- Small and medium-sized enterprises contribute around £35,000 per year, about one-third of the project costs
- Large businesses contribute around £55,000 per year, or half of the project costs.

Applications may be submitted either via a KTP Adviser who will check the feasibility of the idea and find the right partner or, where there is already a partnership with an academic or research organisation, via that organisation's KTP office. **The deadline for applications is 27th January 2021.**

For details see: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/knowledge-transfer-partnerships-what-they-are-and-how-to-apply#how-to-apply>

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