

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 and short deadlines are highlighted in yellow. Please read the eligibility, criteria, exclusions, etc. as per the linked websites very carefully before applying.

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS

HM Government announcement on its Plan for Jobs package.

In the recent Spending Review the UK Government announced a £500 million expansion of its Plan for Jobs package. For details of what is on offer see the link below. **Please note, if you would like to employ a young person under the Kickstart Scheme, which is being extended to March 2022, it closes to applications from employers and gateways on 17 December 2021.**

For details see: [£500 million Plan for Jobs Expansion - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/500-million-plan-for-jobs-expansion)

2. ARTS, CULTURE & HERITAGE

The Heritage Crafts Association - Training Bursary for Black and Ethnically Diverse Makers

Grants of up to £4,000 are available for under-represented Black and ethnically diverse groups across the UK to support the development of heritage craft skills. The Fund seeks to support those who may be

starting out on their journey in craft or at the point where they want to turn a hobby into a career, or where they are already a maker who is looking to further develop their heritage craft skills. Costs eligible for support include training with a craftsperson, specialist training courses, living costs while training with a craftsperson, specialist tools or materials, and books and study materials. **The deadline for applications is 5pm on 13th December 2021.**

For details see: <https://heritagecrafts.org.uk/bursary2021/>

Arts Council England - Developing your Creative Practice Programme

The Council is looking to award grants of £2,000 - £10,000 to exciting, ambitious proposals that allow applicants to take that important next step in the way they make their work. Applicants are encouraged to consider their long-term needs and proposals can cover creative research and development or building skills through international exchange. Examples might include:

- Creative media and the wider creative industries e.g. film or audio, design or gaming
- Technology, including digital technology e.g. virtual reality or live-streaming
- Other non-arts organisations or settings e.g. residential-care providers, or a science organisation
- Other non-arts cultural forms or sectors e.g. health and wellbeing, social inclusion, heritage or sport

This fund is only open to individuals over the age of 18 years who:

- Are living and working in England
- Have three years' creative practice experience outside a formal education context
- Are working in Arts Council England's supported disciplines i.e. they will be dancers, choreographers, writers, translators, producers, publishers, editors, musicians, conductors, composers, actors, directors, designers, artists, craft makers, and curators.

Organisations can not apply. Funded project activities can last up to one year. **The closing date for applications is 12 pm on 7th December 2021.**

For details see: <https://www.artscouncil.org.uk/DYCP>

Finnis Scott Foundation - Grants

UK charities and charitable organisations, including school Parent Teacher Associations, are eligible to apply for grants of up to £10,000 to support projects in the areas of horticulture, plant sciences, fine art and the enhancement, conservation and study of art. The Foundation will award funding to cover capital or revenue expenditure, with preference given to smaller organisations where the grant will have a significant impact. It also makes grants to individuals using bursaries, traineeships or apprenticeships, but only through a sponsoring educational establishment or registered charity. **The closing date for applications is 4pm on 10th December 2021.**

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



Arts Council England – Volunteering Futures Fund

The Council will award grants of £100,001 and over to organisations to support high quality volunteering opportunities for young people and those that experience loneliness and barriers to getting involved in volunteering across the arts, heritage, museums, libraries, sport, youth and other community settings in England. Applications are encouraged from consortia led by arts or cultural organisations, partnerships or networks. **Expressions of interest can be submitted between 22nd November 2021 and 7th December 2021.**

For details see: <https://www.artscouncil.org.uk/arts-council-national-lottery-project-grants/project-grants-time-limited-priorities#section-2>

The Victoria Wood Foundation – Grants

The Foundation seeks to support all aspects of the arts across the UK and arts organisations and groups are invited to apply for funding. The Foundation meets twice a year, in July and December to consider applications which should be received at least two weeks before the following meeting. The value available in the form of grants is not specified.

For details see: <https://victoriawoodfoundation.org.uk/what-do-we-support/>

Ragdoll Foundation - Small Grants Programme

The Foundation is dedicated to supporting the creation, appreciation and awareness of imaginative and innovative work that reflects the world from a child's point of view. Through the Small grants programme the foundation provides grants of up to £1,500 to small one-off projects, pilots, or research and development to inform a new project or programme of work. The primary purpose is to make grants for charitable purposes that: Demonstrate how the concerns of children can be heard; Evidence the power of arts and creativity and their transformative power for children and young people; Promote children's development through their imaginative thinking; Encourage innovative thinking and influence good practice elsewhere; Ensure effective evaluation of projects to promote sharing and learning. The Ragdoll Foundation accepts applications from not-for-profit organisations based in the UK. We will only fund work that is legally charitable. Organisations that are not registered charities will need to provide a copy of their constitution showing charitable or social purpose. **The closing date for applications is 7th January 2022.**

For details see: <http://www.ragdollfoundation.org.uk/portfolio/grant-giving>



3. BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION & TRAINING

Department for Education - Condition Improvement Fund

Academies, multi-academy trusts, sixth-form colleges, and voluntary aided schools across England can 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 conditions. A small proportion of expansion projects will also be supported. Applicants with strong governance and good financial management are particularly favoured. Academies and sixth-form colleges can take out a loan, for all or part of the project costs in their application, to demonstrate their commitment to the scheme. **The deadline for applications is 12pm on 15th December 2021.**

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

Power to Change - Powering Up Programme

Tailored support worth up to £20,000 will be awarded to up to twenty-five community businesses looking to learn how digital skills could help them develop and grow. The programme offers community business leaders access to professional expertise and financing to explore and implement new solutions to their digital problems. On offer is a mix of technical, professional & personal development, including health and wellbeing support. Priority will be given to applications from areas of England facing high levels of deprivation, and organisations supporting or led by disabled people and Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic communities. **The closing date for applications is 13th December 2021.**

For details see: <https://www.powertochange.org.uk/our-work/our-programmes/powering-up/>

UK-German Connection - School Partnership Bursaries

Schools are invited to apply for Partnership Bursaries to help them maintain existing links with schools in Germany. Bursaries of £1,000 can be awarded for a range of joint activities between existing partner schools that support direct contact between young people from both countries. They designed to support a range of activities between existing partner schools over the course of a year and are aimed at keeping school partnerships alive. They can be used for more than one activity in a year and to support multiple target groups. **Further grants are available** for thematic projects, planning visits and first-time visits for schools and youth groups. Bursaries can cover pupil or teacher travel, accommodation and subsistence, materials for joint projects, virtual activities, and hosting partners etc. They can also partially be used towards safeguarding costs / police checks, supply cover, insurance, and hardware. **The deadline for applications is 31st January 2022.**

For details see: <https://ukgermanconnection.org/pp/funding/school-partnership-bursaries/>



Thomas Wall Trust - Grants to Increase Employment Opportunities for Disadvantaged Adults

Grants of up to £5,000 are available to registered charities to support projects that equip people (18 or older), from disadvantaged groups, with critical life skills necessary for employment. Priority will be given to projects that target people experiencing multiple deprivation or other groups facing major hurdles to employment, especially; women, people with physical, mental, or learning disabilities, refugees and asylum seekers. The funding is being made available through the Thomas Wall Trust. and to be eligible the applicants must:

- Be a UK charity that has been registered with the Charity Commission for at least 3 years
- Be a project or running costs for a charity that equips people (aged 18 and over) with the skills ready for employment
- Have an annual turnover of less than £500,000

The deadline for stage 1 applications is 10th January 2022. Applicants successful at this stage will be invited to submit a stage 2 application.

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

British and Foreign Schools Society (BFSS) - Funding to Support Education in Disadvantaged Areas UK & Abroad

Grants are available to support schools and registered charities that wish to undertake educational work with children and young people under the age of 25 in disadvantaged areas within the UK and international projects working with marginalised communities.

- For UK projects, grants of between 30,000 and £100,000 are available, with a maximum of £30,000 per year for multi year projects are available to UK registered charities with an annual income of between £5,000 and £2.5 million, and at least three years of continuous accounts. The focus is on projects to improve the educational outcomes and life chances of Young Carers and Children Looked After. The funding is available to UK based and state-funded schools, academies, colleges and other educational establishments regardless of their income or size, providing they can demonstrate a network effect beyond one individual school.
- For international projects the focus will be on improving the quality, sustainability, and access to education for young people within international marginalised and deprived communities. Grants of between £5,000 and £60,000 are available with a maximum of £30,000 per year to small to medium sized organizations with an annual income of between £5,000 and £2.5 million. Organisations must have UK charitable status. The society does not fund non-UK based organisations, Community Interest Companies (CICs) or individuals. Grants of between £50,000 and £60,000 are available for projects lasting up to 3 years (maximum £30,000 per year).



The Society also offers a small number of specific grants for organisations and individuals through its Subsidiary Trusts. **There is a two stage application process and the next closing date for stage 1 applications is 25th January 2022.**

For details see: <https://bfss.org.uk/grant-giving/>

Daiwa Foundation - Small Grants

Grants of £2,000 - £7,000 are available to promote and support interaction between the UK and Japan. Funding can cover all fields of activity, including educational and other projects and events. New initiatives are especially encouraged. **The next closing date for applications is 31st March 2022.**

For details see: <http://www.dajf.org.uk/grants-awards-prizes/daiwa-foundation-small-grants>

4. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

The Department for Education - Family Hubs Transformation Fund

Applications are invited for up to £1 million from Local Authorities in England to open Family Hubs in their area. The funding is available to Local Authorities that do not currently have a Family Hubs. Family Hubs are a way of joining up locally and bringing existing family help services together to improve access to services, connections between families, professionals, services, and providers. The Family Hubs Transformation Fund will provide funding to at least 12 LAs that do not currently have family hubs and will provide up to £833,000 for programme expenditure and up to £167,000 for capital expenditure per local area. **The closing date for applications is 11.59pm on 17th December 2021.**

For details see: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/family-hubs-transformation-fund>

Woodward Charitable Trust – Small and Large Grants

Charities, social enterprises, and community interest companies can apply for funding of up to £3,000 for 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 and projects to help those who have been in the care system. This also 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;
- **Disadvantaged families**, this covers parenting support and guidance, mental health, food poverty, refuges and domestic violence projects;



- **Prisoners and ex-offenders** and specifically projects that maintain and develop contact with prisoners’ families and help with the rehabilitation and resettlement of prisoners and/or ex-offenders after their release.

Two types of grant are awarded:

- Small grants (under £3,000, but usually £1,000 or less;)
- Large grants (over £3,000) – these are usually given to charities known by the Trustees

The Trust only makes grants for core costs rather than specific projects as they recognise that smaller charities can find these hard to fund. **The deadline for receipt of applications is noon on 17th December 2021.**

For details see: http://woodwardcharitabletrust.org.uk/general_applications/

Toy Trust - Grants

Grants of up to £5,000 are available to small registered charities to fund equipment and services to support disabled and disadvantaged children under the age of 13 across the UK. The Fund:

- helps disadvantaged children and their families to alleviate suffering;
- supports children through awful experiences;
- encourages achievement through adversity;
- purchases vital equipment;
- provides care;
- bolsters existing initiatives;
- initiates brand new projects;
- and satisfies basic needs.

Groups that have carried out some form of effective fundraising by themselves are particularly encouraged to apply. **The deadline to apply is 5th February 2022.**

For details see: <https://www.toytrust.co.uk/apply/>

5. COMMUNITY

Allchurches Trust - Emergency Grants Programme to Support Afghan Evacuees

Grants are available to churches and Christian charities which are supporting Afghan evacuees resettling in the UK from Afghanistan. The Programme will help Christian organisations to cover associated costs which could include costs such as personal items, accommodation and furniture, language support, volunteer expenses, rental costs of church halls/buildings, and help with integrating and settling such as befriending groups and drop-in sessions. Organisations are eligible to apply for funding even if they have had another grant from the Trust within the last two years. **The deadline for applications is 15th December 2021.**



For details see: <https://www.allchurches.co.uk/what-we-fund/afghan-evacuees-emergency-grants-programme/>

The Screwfix Foundation – Grants

Charities and not for profit organisations are invited to apply for projects that will fix, repair, maintain and improve the properties and community facilities of those in need by reason of financial hardship, sickness, disability, distress or other disadvantage throughout the UK. Grants of up to £5,000 are available for all kinds of projects, from repairing buildings and improving facilities in deprived areas, to decorating the homes of people living with sickness and disabilities. **The closing date for applications is 10th February 2022.**

For details see: <https://www.screwfix.com/help/screwfixfoundation/>

The National Lottery Community Fund - Social Enterprise Support Fund

The fund will award grants of between £10,000 and £100,000 to help organisations impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic to rebuild and grow their income from trading, and help them to continue to support people facing increased social and economic challenges as a result of the crisis. The fund particularly welcomes applications from groups led by people from Black, Asian and minority ethnic communities, disabled people, LGBTQIA+ communities, and leaders with lived experience. **The fund will open to applications from 1pm on the 25th November 2021 and will close on 21st December 2021.**

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

The Asda Foundation - The Investing in Spaces and Places Fund

Small grassroots organisations can apply for funding of between £5,000 and £25,000 to help with building repairs, building improvement/development, and/or outdoor improvement/development for properties which the community organisations either own or lease. Costs could include materials, tradespeople, and equipment purchases/rental. Funding will be awarded on a regional basis, with 50% match funding required. Groups should contact their local Asda store's Community Champion to discuss their project. **Nominations will be made by each local Champion by 9th January 2022.**

For details see: <https://www.asdafoundation.org/how-to-apply>

B&Q Foundation – Grants

Grants of up to £5,000 are available to registered charities for projects that support people experiencing bad housing or homelessness, as well as community projects looking to improve their spaces. This could



be a community hall or care centre, hostel or hospice. The Foundation provides funding to support people in need including those suffering financial hardship, sickness, disability, or other disadvantage or distress. Funding can be used for projects including creating community gardens, redecorating properties, and converting rooms at hostels to additional bedrooms. Applicants are required to submit expressions of interest and funding will be awarded before the end of the year.

For details see: <https://www.diy.com/corporate/bandq-foundation/>

The National Archives - Scoping Grants

Organisations eligible to apply for Scoping Grants need to be a public body, registered charity, or other not-for-profit organisation with an archive collection. A Scoping Grant funds a report that incorporates expert advice on a range of areas relating to collections management and the development of your collection of archives. The report will provide: an overview of the current status of the collection; analysis of its overall condition, significance, existing and potential use, levels of access, and existing documentation; a conclusion with recommendations about next steps and development goals for the service. The programme provides up to £3,000 of consultancy including expenses, which will fund a collection assessment and report. **The closing date for applications is 29th November 2021.**

For details see: <https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/archives-sector/finding-funding/archives-revealed/scoping-grants/>

The National Archives - Cataloguing Grants Programme

The programme provides grants of up to £45,000 for archives in England to create catalogues of archival collections. These grants are designed to: support the transformation of archive services; help archives to improve access to collections; help archives to increase public engagement with history and the UK's documentary heritage. **The closing date for applications is 13th December 2021.**

For details see: <https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/archives-sector/finding-funding/archives-revealed/cataloguing-grants/>

6. DIVERSITY & EQUALITY

The Sutton Trust – US Programme Grants

High achieving state school students are offered the opportunity to explore studying in the United States to experience what it's like being an international student in the US through these grants. The programme includes two virtual residentials in the UK, before all students spend a week in the US staying on campus at a leading US university and visiting a variety of other American universities to help



them decide if being an international student is right for them. It is open to students from low- or middle-income families who are currently in Year 12 in England and Wales, S5 in Scotland or Year 13 in Northern Ireland, and will covers all costs including travel, residential events, accommodation and food. **The deadline for applications is 11:59pm on 16th January 2022.**

For details see: <https://us.suttontrust.com/>

7. ENVIRONMENT

Environment Agency - The Natural Environment Investment Readiness Fund

Grants of between £10,000 and £100,000 are available to support the development of environmental projects in England. The Fund is open to help businesses, not-for-profit organisations, environmental groups and local authorities to develop nature projects to a point where they can attract private investment and bring their eco-friendly business ideas to market. These could include projects that tackle climate change, create and restore natural habitats, or improve water quality. The competitive grant scheme will help organisations get specialist advice, engage investors and build capacity to develop their project. **The deadline for applications is midday on 3rd February 2022.**

For details see: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/apply-for-a-grant-from-the-natural-environment-investment-readiness-fund/how-to-apply-for-a-natural-environment-investment-readiness-fund-grant>

Ernest Cook Trust - Outdoor Learning Officer Grant Scheme

The Trust believes that inspirational educators and mentors are key to engaging people with the environment. The scheme provides funding to charities and not for profit organisations that want to employ learning officers/outdoor educators. The Trust will provide up to £15,000 per year (estimated as 50% of a full-time salary including on costs) for up to three years. Priority will be given to applications from urban and rural deprived areas and applications that include disadvantaged members of society. **The closing date for applications is the 22nd November 2021.**

For details see: <http://ernestcooktrust.org.uk/outdoor-learning-officer/>

DPD – Eco Fund Grants

Delivery company DPD is offering grants of up to £2,000 to anyone for Eco projects. 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. Previous projects supported include:



- Hinckley Academy, which received £1,000 to purchase seven recycling bins for the school canteen area. The bins in the canteen area allowed pupils to segregate waste, reducing the amount of waste going to landfill.
- Pitmaston Primary School has received £1,700 funding to redevelop its forest school facility and plant hedgerows creating an environment for wildlife to thrive.

Applications are reviewed monthly and there are no application deadlines.

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

Co-op Foundation - Carbon Innovation Fund

On 22nd November 2021 the Foundation will launch a fund to support food and farming projects that are tackling the climate crisis by reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The Fund will award grants of between £75,000 and £100,000 to around ten projects per year for three years. Eligible organisations will include UK charities, social enterprises, co-operatives and local, regional and national governments worldwide. Projects could include:

- Farming and food production practices
- Initiatives around regenerative agriculture/agro-ecology
- Community supported agriculture initiatives
- Supporting diversity, resilience and learning amongst key players in the food & farming sector
- Behaviour change (among consumers or producers)

The deadline for first stage applications is 12pm on 10th December 2021.

For details see: <https://www.coopfoundation.org.uk/blog/carbon-innovation-launch/>

The Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs - Countryside Stewardship Facilitation Fund

This Fund will open to applications in December 2021 to encourage collaboration and knowledge-sharing amongst the farming community in England. To apply, farmers, foresters and other land managers must submit plans showing how they will work together and share knowledge to protect and enhance their local environment. This year's fund will prioritise projects focused on the improvement of air quality through slurry removal, tree planting, the reduction of ammonia emissions, and managing beaver activity that will offer support and advice for landowners when beavers move onto their land.

The fund will close to applications on 19th January 2022.

For details see: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-round-of-government-fund-for-collaborative-farming-communities>

8. HEALTH & HOSPICES

Cure Parkinson's Trust – Grants

Commercial organisations, appropriately qualified scientists or clinicians based in an accredited university or hospital in any country worldwide can now apply for funding for preclinical and clinical research. Projects should have the potential to advance knowledge that might lead to a cure for Parkinson’s disease. The Trust has a particular interest in projects that show the potential to delay, slow, stop reverse or prevent the progression of the disease. There are no specific limits to the amount of funding available but previous awards have been between £50,000 and £250,000 with a duration of 1-3 years, **The next deadline for applications is 3rd December 2021.**

For details see: <https://www.cureparkinsons.org.uk/applyfunding>

Bernard Sunley Foundation - Health Grants

The Foundation aims to raise the quality of life in England and Wales, particularly for the young, disadvantaged and older people. Through this strand the Foundation supports building and refurbishment projects, specialist new transport and the creation of outdoor or recreational spaces for care homes, hospices, day centres and other facilities that provide relief and sanctuary for patients, their families and those with special needs. The emphasis is on helping charities that are providing an excellent standard of care and support within their communities. Funding is only offered to registered charities in England and Wales (not Scotland or N.I.), unless the organisation has ‘accepted’ status, i.e. churches, schools and scout and guide groups, or ‘exempt’ status, e.g. housing associations, friendly societies including social housing providers and industrial & provident societies. Three levels of grants are offered:

- Large grants of £20,000 and above.
- Medium grants of up to £20,000.
- Small grants of £5,000 and under.

Large and medium grants are considered and agreed upon at Trustees’ meetings. Small grants are agreed by Trustees on a monthly basis and form the majority of grants awarded. Funding is only available for capital items. Revenue costs are not funded. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

For details see: <http://www.bernardsunley.org/categories/health>

9. HOUSING & HOMELESS

National Grid and Affordable Warmth Solutions – Warm Homes Fund

The fund incentivises the installation of affordable heating solutions in fuel poor households with the aim of reducing bills, increasing comfort in non-gas fuel poor households, and improving health outcomes. This round is accepting bids from local authorities and registered social landlords working with other local partners across England, Wales and Scotland for low carbon first time central heating solutions, or energy efficiency and health related solutions. **Bids must be submitted by midday on 21st January 2022.**

For details see: <https://www.affordablewarmthsolutions.org.uk/warm-homes-fund/>

Help the Homeless - Grants

Grants of up to £5,000 are available to small and medium-sized charitable organisations, (with a turnover of less than £1 million), whose aim is to help homeless people return to the community and enabling them to resume a normal life. Typically, such organisations may operate small or medium-sized residential or training facilities to assist homeless people. The grants are available for capital costs. **The closing date for the next round of funding is 15th December 2021.**

For details see: <http://www.help-the-homeless.org.uk/applying-for-funding/>

Lloyds Banking Group and Homes England - The Housing Growth Partnership Fund

UK small and medium enterprise and regional housebuilders building between five and five hundred units per year are eligible to apply for support to enable investment into larger housebuilding projects. There is up to £10 million per investment available for projects with a development value of up to £75 million. The fund will offer support for the delivery of a wider range of housing projects, including Build to Rent, Regeneration and Retirement Living. It will seek to prioritise projects with a greater sustainability focus, as well as those using modern methods of construction and other evolutionary construction methods.

For details see: <https://www.housinggrowth.com/>

Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government - Waking Watch Relief Fund

The fund is targeted at high-rise buildings with unsafe cladding and is designed to protect lease holders from the high cost of Waking Watches by providing funding for fire alarms. Responsibility for applying to the fund will rest with the Responsible Person (RP). Under the Fire Safety Order, the RP is the entity

responsible for ensuring the safety of residents in their building from fire and assess the risk and identify suitable mitigating measures where they are needed. To be eligible a building must:

- be in the private sector
- be over 17.70 metres in height
- have an unsafe cladding system
- have a waking watch in place where these costs have been passed on to leaseholders

Social sector buildings where the Registered Provider can evidence that waking watch costs have been passed to leaseholders and the costs of installing an alarm will fall on leaseholders will also be eligible.

The closing date for applications is 10th December 2021.

For details see: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/waking-watch-relief-fund>

10. OLDER PEOPLE

Family Action – Welfare Grants Programme

Family Action are open for applications for people over the age of 60 who live anywhere in the UK for grants for essential personal and household needs to assist families and individuals with low incomes, particularly those living on benefits. In addition funding is available for disability aids that will benefit the applicant in the home. Grants are normally £200-300 and may be up to £500 under the Disability/Sickness category. All applications must be made, on-line, by a suitable referring agency, such as statutory agencies or charities that provide health or social care; housing associations; probation services and GP’s. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

For details see: <https://www.family-action.org.uk/what-we-do/grants/welfare-grants/>

Friends of the Elderly - Grants for Older People Programme

Through this Programme grants of up to £400 are available to older people who are of/over state pension age and have savings of less than £4,000. Funding is currently being provided through four schemes:

- Home Essentials to help with the cost of replacing everyday items, small home repairs and mobility adaptations;
- Digital Connection to help older people get online;
- Financial Support to help with unexpected bills; and
- Essential Living Costs including clothing, food, medicines and books.

Applications must be made via a third-party Referral Agent such as charities, local authority and social services representatives who knows the older person in a professional or community capacity, for example - local authority representatives, social services representative, charities, housing associations, community organisations, Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG) providers (e.g. Citizen’s Advice, Age

UK), health and social care teams/keyworkers, health centres, cultural and religious centres (e.g. Churches, Mosques, Temples etc).

For details see: <https://www.fote.org.uk/our-charity-work/grants-2/>

Bernard Sunley Foundation - Social Welfare Grants

Through the Social Welfare funding strand, the Foundation supports veterans, the elderly, ex-offenders and those in prison and schemes that enable people with mental and physical disabilities to live fuller lives in the community. Funding is only offered to registered charities in England and Wales (not Scotland or N.I.), unless the organisation has 'accepted' status, i.e. churches, schools and scout and guide groups, or 'exempt' status, e.g. housing associations, friendly societies including social housing providers and industrial & provident societies. It offers three levels of grants:

- Large grants of £20,000 and above.
- Medium grants of up to £20,000.
- Small grants of £5,000 and under.

Large and medium grants are considered and agreed upon at Trustees' meetings. Small grants are agreed by Trustees on a monthly basis and form the majority of grants awarded.

Funding is only available for capital items. Revenue costs are not funded. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

For details see: <http://www.bernardsunley.org/categories/social-welfare>

11. SPORTS AND LEISURE

Football Foundation - Power Up Your Grass Pitch Campaign

The Premier League, The FA and the Government's Football Foundation have launched their campaign to transform the state of grass football pitches in England. The aim is to improve over 7,000 grass pitches by 2024 and 20,000 by 2030, to ensure the 12 million grassroots football players across the country have great places to play. To support the campaign, the Foundation has developed an app which is now being rolled out across the country. 'PitchPower' is an online tool that gives community football clubs and organisations the ability to carry out their own grass pitch inspections. Once inspections have been completed, clubs and facilities are then eligible to apply for funding to support pitch improvements identified through the app.

For details see: <https://footballfoundation.org.uk/news/football-foundation-to-power-up-grass-pitches-across-england>



John Merricks Sailing Trust – Grants

Funding is available to individuals, charities and sailing organisations in the UK to help disadvantaged young people under the age of 25 to achieve their potential through the sport of sailing. The is seeking to award organisations with funding for legacy projects that will last for at least ten years. Preference will be given to dinghy or windsurfing initiatives, however, all proposals that fit the objectives of the charity will be considered. **Individuals and organisations who wish to apply should register their interest by the 30th November 2021. Formal applications must be received by the 31st March 2022.**

For details see: <https://www.jmst.org.uk/applications>

Ron Pickering Memorial Fund - Funding for Young Athletes

Talented able bodied and disabled British track and field athletes between 15 and 23 years old that are in financial need can now apply for funding from the Ron Pickering Memorial Fund. The fund exclusively supports young and deserving applicants in the sport of Athletics. Each grant is designed to make a difference, helping the recipients make the difficult transition from junior to senior level through support for equipment, specialist coaching or travel and importantly help build the athletes' confidence and self-esteem through recognition. No minimum or maximum funding amounts are specified. **The closing date for applications is 30th November 2021.**

For details see: <http://rpmf.org.uk/apply-grant/>

Sport England Return to Play – Small Grants/ Active Together Grants

Small grants of between £300 and £10,000 are available to help clubs and organisations providing sport and physical activity, respond to the immediate challenges of returning to play in a coronavirus-safe way, as well as providing new activities to get people active again as restrictions are lifted.

Active Together is a crowdfunding initiative that can match fund, up to £10,000, successful Crowdfunder campaigns and provide expert advice and guidance to support you. This will help local clubs and organisations to run their own crowdfunding campaigns, fundraising for things such as a loss of income due to the crisis, or any other Covid-19 related needs.

No deadline for applications.

For details see: [Our funds | Sport England](#)

Volleyball England Foundation - Grants

The Foundation wishes to give financial support to help develop, educate and promote the health of individuals and groups through the sport of volleyball. Its aim is to help ensure the opportunity to play volleyball is available for all and not limited by income. Grants up to £1,000 are available to registered volleyball clubs. **No deadline for applications.**

For details see: <https://www.volleyballenglandfoundation.org/information>

12.GENERAL

If you wish to apply to the National Lottery you are strongly recommended to contact the Funding Officer at Volunteer Woking for advice first.

The National Lottery - Platinum Jubilee Fund

The Fund will provide grants of £300 to £10,000 for up to one year to small local voluntary or community organisations and groups for 70 projects across the UK to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. They are looking for projects that go beyond simply celebrating which will create change for communities with a greater legacy for our places and spaces, and that support new opportunities, activities and build better relationships with one another, across generations and with the natural world. Funded projects will need to be up and running by Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Central Weekend on 5 June 2022. Final decisions on which projects to fund will be made in Spring 2022 with projects to start in Spring 2022 onwards. The intention is to work with all funded projects to publicly share and uplift work by Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Central Weekend on 4 and 5 June 2022. The three areas of focus are:

- Across Generations - Strengthening relationships between generations and creating a legacy for future generations.
- Community Renewal - Supporting new opportunities for people to develop skills and experiences in their local community, as well as opportunities to bring people together in new ways, and in new or different places and spaces.
- Our Shared Natural World - Growing our care and action locally for the natural world.

The deadline for applications is 15 December 2021 at 5pm or once they receive 700 applications – whichever comes first.

For details see: [The Platinum Jubilee Fund | The National Lottery Community Fund \(tnlcommunityfund.org.uk\)](https://tnlcommunityfund.org.uk)



The National Lottery – Reaching Communities Fund

The Fund offers voluntary or community organisations grants of over £10,000 for projects that last up to five years for projects that work with their community – whether that’s a community living in the same area, or people with similar interests or life experiences. **There is no deadline for applications.**

For details see: [Reaching Communities England | The National Lottery Community Fund \(tnlcommunityfund.org.uk\)](https://tnlcommunityfund.org.uk)

The National Lottery – Partnerships Fund

The Fund offers voluntary or community organisations grants over £10,000 for projects that last up to five years to organisations that work together with a shared set of goals to help their community thrive – whether that’s a community living in the same area, or people with similar interests or life experiences. **There is no deadline for applications.**

For details see: [Partnerships | The National Lottery Community Fund \(tnlcommunityfund.org.uk\)](https://tnlcommunityfund.org.uk)

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