

## 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

### New Website

Please note that Volunteer Woking has a new website which can be viewed at [Funding – Volunteer Woking](#). Please let us know if you have any suggestions on how it could be improved or let us know if you like the new website. You can either do this by emailing any of our team members or by completing the webform under the “Contact Us” section on the website.

### Request for Feedback

At a time when local authorities are experiencing significant financial pressures and looking for ways to save money it is important that every service we provide is able to justify it's value. Please let us know if you have found our services helpful and particularly if you have secured funding for your charity as a result of any of our tips and/or advice. It would be helpful if you could let us have a very brief description of how much funding you secured for what, and how we helped. This should enable us to continue to offer this service to the residents of Woking. Suggestions for improvement of our services are also welcome. Thank you.



## 2. ARTS, CULTURE & HERITAGE

### Youth Music Network - The Recharge Fund

In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Youth Music Network will award grants of up to £30,000 per year for up to three years to charities, voluntary groups, CIOs, CICs and co-operatives which support children and young people to make, learn or earn in music. Around 40 grants will be made to improve the capacity and capability of organisations and help them grow, adapt and be more sustainable, and to improve the wellbeing of staff, freelancers, volunteers, and young people. Funding can be used to cover core, project and capital costs, as well as equipment. **The deadline for applications is 5pm on 15th January 2022.**

For details see: <https://youthmusic.org.uk/recharge-fund>

### Arts Council England - Culture Recovery Fund

The aim of the fund is to help cultural organisations at imminent risk of closure return to financial viability. Round two will provide funding between £25,000 and £3 million to not-for-profit arts and cultural organisations in England which haven't received funding and face collapse within twelve weeks of their application date. Up to £1 million is available to commercial organisations. **Organisations must submit a permission to apply request by 12pm on 11th January 2022. Those eligible will then be invited to apply in full by 12pm on 28th January 2022.**

For details see: <https://www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding/culture-recovery-fund-emergency-resource-support-round-two#section-1>

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

### UFI VocTech Trust - VocTech Seed Fund

Grants of between £15,000 and £50,000 will be made available for early-stage digital vocational learning projects that use technology to improve vocational education. The Trust will provide funding for projects lasting between three to twelve months which show how digital technologies can be used in innovative ways to improve skills for work. This could include design, development and prototyping, refining learning design, small scale testing with users, planning a route to market, strategies for scaling, project management, and evidencing impact & what works. **Applications will be open between the 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022 and the 9<sup>th</sup> February 2022** to all organisations across the UK, including charities,

trade bodies, learning providers, employers, private companies, community interest companies and other not for profit organisations.

For details see: <https://ufi.co.uk/grant-funding/voctech-seed/>

## **Innovate UK - Automotive Transformation Fund**

UK registered businesses will be able to apply for capital investment and R&D projects that help industrialise the electrified automotive supply chain at scale in the UK. The Fund aims to establish a competitive and sustainable UK supply chain by providing support for projects involving the latest technology in batteries, electric motors and drives, power electronics, fuel cells, and recycling. This round of funding will be open to single applicants and collaborations, with no restrictions on the number of applications a business can lead or collaborate on. (Previous applicants can submit a maximum of two applications). **The fund will be open to expressions of interest from 9.30am on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021 until 11:00am on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022.**

For details see: <https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/automotive-transformation-fund-expression-of-interest-round-17/>

## **Wolfson Foundation - Secondary Education Programme**

Secondary schools and sixth form colleges can apply for a grant of up to £100,000 to improve the teaching of science, computer science, design & technology, art, languages, music and performing arts at GCSE and A-Level. Grants are generally awarded towards new builds, refurbishment and technical equipment. The school or college should meet all of the following criteria:

- be state-funded
- have at least two years of exam results available
- have been inspected by Ofsted / Estyn / HMIE / ETI and have an overall outcome of 'Good' or above
- be able to demonstrate an achieved level of excellence OR significant progress towards excellence through, for example, inspection reports and progress made by students
- if a predominantly denominational or faith based school, it should have a non-discriminatory entry policy in respect of religious allegiance or at least 10% of pupils must be of other denominations, faiths or none.

There is a two-stage application process. **The closing date for stage 1 applications is 5th January 2022.** Schools and Colleges successful at this stage will have until the 15th February 2022 to submit their stage-two application.

For details see: <https://www.wolfson.org.uk/funding/funding-for-places/funding-for-secondary-schools-sixth-form-colleges/>



## 4. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

### **The Weavers' Company – Funding to Support Disadvantaged Young People and Offenders**

Small registered charities can apply for grants of up to £15,000 for projects working with:

- Supporting offenders and ex-offenders, particularly those under 30 years of age; or
- Helping disadvantaged young people

To be eligible for funding, local organisations such as those working in a village, estate or small town should normally have an income of less than £100,000. Those working across the UK or in larger areas should normally have an income of not more than £250,000. Grants are usually given for one year. Applicants must show that they have investigated other sources of funding and made plans for the future, which should include replacement funding if appropriate. For further advice and information about the Company's Charitable Grants or to receive an application form by e-mail, please contact Anne Howe, Charities Officer Tel: 020 7606 1155 / e-mail: [charity@weavers.org.uk](mailto:charity@weavers.org.uk). To apply for a grant, complete the application form online, then print the form and mail it to The Weavers' Company together with your supporting documents. **The deadline for applications is 17th March 2022.**

For details see: <https://weavers.org.uk/charity/charitable-grants/>

### **The British Film Institute – Culture Recovery Fund: Emergency Resource Support**

The Institute is inviting applications from independent cinemas in England which are at imminent risk of failure due to the ongoing impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. The Fund will help cover essential operating costs and debt repayments as well as a re-inflation of net free cash reserves up to eight weeks for cinemas that are within twelve weeks of ceasing to trade, and have exhausted all other options for increasing their resilience. **This round is open to new applications and is by permission only. Permission to apply forms must be submitted by midday on 11th January 2022. Those eligible will then be invited to apply in full by 21st January 2022.**

For details see: <https://www.bfi.org.uk/get-funding-support/culture-recovery-fund-independent-cinemas>

### **The Youth Futures Foundation – Connected Futures Fund**

Registered charities, not-for-profit and public sector organisations can apply for funding to support young people aged 14 to 24 across England to secure good jobs through pioneering local partnerships. The will award funding for six to eight partnerships to explore solutions to removing barriers in the way that employment support is currently provided. Young people should be actively involved in shaping and pursuing these ideas which should help change how decisions are made, how services are organised and

how organisations work together so that that young people facing discrimination and disadvantage get more holistic, connected and consistent support. **The deadline for applications is midnight on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Please note there will be a workshop for prospective applicants on Wednesday 8 December at 10.00. To register please click [here](#).**

For details see: <https://youthfuturesfoundation.org/our-work/invest/connected-futures/>

## 5. COMMUNITY

### The Alec Dickson Trust – Grants

The Trust provides support for young people who aim to enhance the lives of others, particularly those most marginalised and disadvantaged by society, through volunteering or community service. The Trust is calling for applications of up to £500 from UK-based volunteering or community service projects, organised and run by people under 30 years old. The Trust particularly like to fund innovative projects that are long-lasting and sustainable, which try to do things a bit differently, such as using social media creatively or using existing resources in new ways. Applications must align with Public Health England guidance on how to volunteer safely during the pandemic. **The deadline for applications is 9pm on 13th December 2021.**

For details see: <http://www.alecdicksontrust.org.uk/apply/>

### Power to Change - Community Businesses Crowdfunder

Community Business Crowdfunder will support new or existing community businesses by match funding each £1 raised by community businesses through the Crowdfunder website to a maximum of £10,000. This could include launching new business ideas to help their local area; to help meet increased demand; save a community space; or help bridge a funding gap. Through this fund Power to Change are particularly keen to support new and existing projects in more deprived areas of the country, and to work with communities experiencing racial inequity across England. **Applications can be made at any time.**

For details see: <https://www.powertochange.org.uk/get-support/programmes/community-business-crowdfunder/>



## 6. HEALTH & HOSPICES

### Department of Health and Social Care - Suicide Prevention Grant

The Fund is open to applications from voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations and groups, including micro-organisations and groups, that support suicide prevention to help set up new projects, or expand, or sustain current services. The application can be backdated to cover activities from April 2021 but please read the instructions carefully. The fund will focus on high-risk groups who have struggled most during the pandemic as defined in the latest progress report of the National Suicide Prevention Strategy. It highlights those who were already at a higher risk of suicide, as well as those that identified as of particular concern in the context of the pandemic, which include:

- middle-aged men
- children and young people
- people in contact with mental health services
- people who self-harm
- people who are economically vulnerable
- NHS and social care staff
- people in contact with the criminal justice system
- people who were disproportionately impacted by the pandemic
- ethnic minorities

The strategic objectives of the fund are:

- service provision: to support suicide prevention VCSE organisations, and groups to meet the increased need or demand for services, as a result of the pandemic, and enhance service provision, with a particular focus on high-risk groups to meet the increased need or demand for suicide prevention services because of the pandemic
- to support service provision particularly to people considered to be at a higher risk of suicide, through the work of the diverse range of suicide prevention VCSE organisations and enhancing service provision to high-risk groups

**The fund will close on the 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022.**

For details see: [Suicide Prevention Fund 2021 to 2022 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/suicide-prevention-fund-2021-to-2022)

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