

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

Other sources of relevant information for the voluntary sector

Since this will be the last Funding Woking newsletter I would like to take this opportunity to direct you to other potential sources of help:

- **Surrey County Council** has a webpage listing potential sources of funding for charities and non-profits in Surrey at [Community Funding - Surrey County Council \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/community-funding)
- **Lloyds Foundation** provides support for charities and voluntary organisations not only with funding but in the form of newsletters with links to free and low cost training and other sources of funding. You can sign up for alerts for their funds and for regular newsletters on this page – see the bottom of the page for the newsletters. [Funding from Lloyds Bank Foundation](#)
- All charities, voluntary and community groups can access resources free, and in some cases for a charge, from various on-line sources. One of these that provides only free services is **Charity Excellence**. When you register you are required to give some details of your organisation which enables the site to direct you to suitable funding opportunities and resources. Other websites usually offer a mixture of both free and chargeable services, both

of which can be extremely useful, but I recommend that you take care to establish whether charges will be incurred before signing up to anything.

2. BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION & TRAINING

Virgin Start Up - Grants

Loans of up to £25,000 are available to young people (aged 18 - 30) in England who want to start or expand their business. Applicants will initially have to register on the Virgin Start Up website and will then be contacted by one of the schemes partners to discuss the applicant's plans and support required. Smaller loans of up to £1,000 are also available to test a business idea. The loan size will be agreed in the process of planning the business but Virgin StartUp expect the average loan size to be around £10,000. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

For details see: <http://www.virginstartup.org/start-up-loans>

European Commission - Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs

This is a cross-border exchange programme programme which is open to new entrepreneurs who are firmly planning to set up their own business, or have already started one within the last three years; and experienced entrepreneurs who own or manage a Small or Medium-Sized Enterprise in one of the Participating Countries who would be willing to host a new entrepreneur. It gives new or aspiring entrepreneurs the chance to learn from experienced entrepreneurs running small businesses in other Participating Countries. The exchange of experience takes place during a stay with the experienced entrepreneur, which helps the new entrepreneur acquire the skills needed to run a small firm. The host benefits from fresh perspectives on his/her business and gets the opportunities to cooperate with foreign partners or learn about new markets. The stay is partially funded by the European Union in the form of a contribution to travel and subsistence costs during the visit. The grant is paid by the local contact point chosen by the new entrepreneur (registered in the online application). Financial support is calculated monthly and reflects the overall living costs of the country of stay. **Applications can be submitted at any time but, before applying you must complete the registration process.**

For details see: <http://www.erasmus-entrepreneurs.eu/index.php>

3. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Variety Charity - Wheel Chair Grants

Variety believes that all children should have an equal opportunity to reach their potential, regardless of their circumstances. The wheelchair programme helps disabled children and young people up to and including the age of 18 years reach their full potential by providing mobility and independence.

Organisations whose work includes or is aimed at helping disabled children and young people i.e. schools, youth clubs, hospitals and sports clubs are eligible to apply. Funding is available for Manual Wheelchairs, Powered Wheelchairs and Sports Wheelchairs, the fund aims to pay the full cost of the wheelchair and in 2016 it provided 70 wheelchairs across the UK. Funding is available for the full cost of the wheelchair, there must be written agreement in support of the item required from an appropriately qualified professional (i.e. Occupational Therapist or Physiotherapist); For requests exceeding £5,000 an assurance must be given by the medical professional involved that the recommended item is the only model suitable because of the child's particular requirements. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

For details see: <https://www.variety.org.uk/what-we-do/wheelchairs>

Children Today Charitable Trust - Grants

The Trust can provide specialized items such as electric wheelchairs, walking aids, trikes, educational toys, adapted car seats, lifting aids and posturepedic sleep equipment to help disabled children and young people up to the age of 25 become as independent as possible and to reach their potential through the provision of specialized aids that also include multi-sensory equipment and other information technology. Each piece of equipment is gifted to the child. Ongoing support can be provided and children may make further applications for funding as their needs change or they outgrow equipment. Applications must be made by the individual, their parent or legal guardian for specialised pieces of equipment for individual children (not groups or schools) which can be selected from the list of suppliers on the website. Applicants should initially contact the office to discuss their needs and request an application form. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

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

BBC Children in Need - Emergency Essentials Programme

The Programme provides struggling families with items that meet children's most basic needs such as a bed to sleep in or a cooker to give them a hot meal. Emergency Essentials grants are additional to the BBC Children in Need general grants programmes. The maximum grant is around £300 with normally only one item per application. Applications must be completed by an organisation (statutory or voluntary agency which could include the child's school) that is supporting the family or young person and is capable of assessing their needs. The referrer should also be able to administer and supervise the grant on Buttle UK's behalf. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

For details see : <https://www.familyfundserves.co.uk/emergency-essentials/>

Variety Charity - Equipment Grants

Variety's equipment grants are available to individuals and organisations to help improve the care and ease the burden of looking after a child who is seriously ill or disabled. The funding is intended to supply specialist equipment which will be of clear direct benefit to a child or children with a disability/disabilities and/or with special needs. Examples of items that can be funded include medical equipment such as monitors; feeding tubes; hoists; sensory play or mobility equipment for a nursery or playgroup. Typically, a grant can be anywhere between £100 and £5,000. Individual children; non-profit making groups and organisations working with children up to 18 years old, including statutory bodies (schools and hospitals), hospices and small registered charities are eligible to apply. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

For details see: <https://www.variety.org.uk/what-we-do/equipment-grants>

The True Colours Trust - UK Small Grants Programme

The Trust aims to make a difference to the lives of disabled children and young people or children and young people with life-limiting and/or life-threatening illnesses and to their families. It offers grants of up to £10,000 to local organisations and projects that support disabled children and their families. The Trustees are particularly keen to award grants for Hydrotherapy pools; Multi sensory rooms; Mini buses; Young carers projects; Sibling projects; and Bereavement support. Applications are accepted from registered charities or organisations with charitable status. Schools and PTAs that have registered charity status are also eligible to apply. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

For details see: <https://www.truecolourstrust.org.uk/uk-small-grants>

Prince's Trust - The Enterprise Programme

The Programme supports young people aged 18 to 30, who are unemployed or working less than 16 hours a week, to explore and test their business idea and launch their business or move into education, training or employment. They provide support and personal mentoring helping people to learn the skills and knowledge required to start up a business including business planning, marketing, sales, raising capital, budgeting and tax. Funding is available through loans of up to £7,500 or small start-up grants. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

For details see : <https://www.princes-trust.org.uk/how-we-can-help/support-starting-business>

Royal National Childrens Foundation - Grants

The Foundation helps vulnerable children in the UK whose circumstances are seriously prejudicial to their normal development. The Foundation provides Assisted Boarding school places for vulnerable

children between the age of 7 and 16 years old who fulfill these criteria: Children have one or no active parents; children whose normal development is compromised or threatened by adverse home or school conditions; children live in poor families where the cost of boarding cannot be met; children that live in the UK. The RNCF also contributes towards the cost of counselling, essential school equipment and uniform when needed. Every year they offer many needy children an outward bound holiday in the UK. RNCF does not award grants that cover 100% of fees therefore additional funding will need to be secured. This may be from other charities, the chosen school itself, Local Authorities or from family resources if that is possible. The application process takes 6 - 8 weeks and involves an informal home visit. Referrals to the charity can be made from individuals and organisations including:

- Parents, grandparents, other family members, or family friends.
- Local Authorities, including Commissioning Team Leaders, Social Workers and Support Workers. Schools - either state or independent.
- Family Practitioners, or other professional workers.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

For details see: <https://www.royalspringboard.org.uk/about-us>

Peter Harrison Foundation - Special Needs and Care for Children and Young People Programme

The Foundation seeks to support projects that work with or benefit disabled, chronically or terminally ill children and provide support for their parents and carers; that help to engage children or young people at risk of crime, truancy or addiction; and projects organised for young people at risk of homelessness or that provide new opportunities for homeless young people. This programme is exclusively for the South East of England and applications are only accepted from charities meeting the needs of children and young people in the following counties: Berkshire; Buckinghamshire; Hampshire; Isle of Wight; Kent; Oxfordshire; Surrey; East Sussex; and West Sussex. Two levels of funding are available to UK based not-for-profit organisations:

- Major grants: between £5,000 and £30,000
- Small grants: up to £5,000

The closing date for applications is 1st April 2024.

For details see: <http://www.peterharrisonfoundation.org/special-needs-and-care-children-and-young-people>

Beatrice Laing Trust - Grants

The Trust funds projects concerned with the relief of poverty or distress, particularly those relating to children, and the advancement of the evangelical Christian faith, both at home and abroad. It offers grants to UK registered charities working throughout the UK which are generally awarded on a one-off basis for capital purposes such as the purchase or construction of new premises, building extension,

redevelopment or refurbishment, or the purchase of equipment and vehicles. This may include special schools seeking to develop and expand their facilities in order to enable them to meet the needs of people with increasingly complex disabilities. Grants typically range between £2,000 and £10,000, although the Trust has the capacity to make a few larger grants each year. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

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

4. COMMUNITY

Wakeham Trust - Grants

The Trust supports organisations and registered charities as well as small community and voluntary groups within the UK that want to improve their communities. It is particularly interested in supporting projects that are small scale and would find it hard to get funding from big trusts; or are currently unfashionable or unpopular amongst mainstream funders, but are making a real contribution. The Trust is particularly looking to support projects where funding of between £125 and £2,500 can make a real difference. The Trust cannot make grants directly to organisations that are not registered charities for tax reasons. However, the Trust can usually get round this by making a grant to a registered charity in the applicants area, which then will pass the money directly on to their project. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

For details see: <https://thewakehamtrust.org/>

Aviva - Community Fund

Small charities, schools and community interest groups with innovative ideas that benefit their community can apply for funding of up to £50,000 for projects that build more connected, more resilient communities; and give people the tools to become more financially independent. Eligible causes will be able to submit their projects to the Aviva Community Fund through Crowdfunder. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

For details see: <https://www.aviva.co.uk/services/more-from-aviva/aviva-community-fund/>

5. DIVERSITY & EQUALITY

Independence at Home - Grants

Independence at Home is a national charity that helps improve independence, comfort, safety, dignity and quality of life for people with long-term illness and disability. Individuals can apply for help towards the cost of adaptations, equipment or other things that are not available from public funds. The type of

adaptations and equipment funded in the past include the cost of home adaptations for disability, house repairs and other building work, as well as other special equipment for disability such as stair lifts, special beds, riser-recliner chairs etc. as well as help towards the cost of heating their homes across the winter months. Grants vary between £250 and £500 depending on the equipment or adaptation required. To be eligible to apply an individual will need to be referred to Independence at Home by a social worker; occupational therapist; specialist nurses; disability and health advice workers; or key workers from other major charities. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

Website: <http://www.independenceathome.org.uk/>

Boshier Hinton Foundation - Grants

The Foundation aims to improve quality of life for people with disabilities or learning difficulties, and their families, in any part of the country, by making donations to charitable institutions providing facilities and advocacy for children and adults with special educational or other needs: or by making donations to other registered Charities: or by making donations to local community charities or other agencies in any part of the country whose objects are no wider than the charity's own, or to any charity for particular purposes which fall within the Foundation's objects. Registered Charitable Trusts, community charities and institutions providing services, facilities or advocacy for children or adults with special educational or other needs in the UK are eligible to apply. Typical grants may be up to £5,000. In exceptional cases more substantial amounts may be awarded. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

Website: <http://www.boshierhintonfoundation.org.uk/index.php>

6. SPORTS AND LEISURE

Boost Charitable Trust - Grants

The Trust aims to give opportunities to those who wish to fulfil their sporting ambitions, at any level. In particular, it wants to fund projects that promote access to sport for socially or economically disadvantaged individuals, people with disabilities. Charities or non-profit making organisations with a focus on sport can apply for grants of up to £750. Applications can be submitted at any time.

Website: <https://www.boostct.org/get-involved>

7. WELFARE

Charles Wolfson Charitable Trust - Grants

The Trust makes grants to registered charities, or to hospitals and schools and similar charitable institutions in the areas of Medicine; Education and Welfare for capital and fixed term projects. No amounts specified but the Trust makes grants in excess of £6 million every year. The Trust does not have a website. Applications should be directed to:

Mrs Joanne Cowan
Charles Wolfson Charitable Trust
8/10 Hallam Street
London
W1W 6NS

Applications can be submitted at any time.

The Gosling Foundation - Grants

The Foundation aims to fund projects in social welfare, especially those focused on children and young adults. Grants between £100 to £5,000 are normally made to UK Charitable Organisations but can be made to individuals in exceptional circumstances under the following headings. General Charitable Purposes ; the Relief of Poverty ; the Advancement of Education; and the Advancement of Religion.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

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

8. GENERAL

The Kirby Laing Foundation - Grants

Registered charities can apply for funding from a Small Grants programme. The larger grants programme is by invitation only. A significant percentage of the grants awarded are for one-off capital purposes; most other grants are directed at specific projects meeting a clearly defined need, which cannot be met from statutory sources. The Foundation is particularly interested in:

- Promotion of the Evangelical Christian faith:
- Education particularly science and engineering and youth development:
- Medical research particularly concerning dementia and stroke:
- social/medical welfare projects:
- Preservation of cultural/environmental heritage and improving access to the arts for young people:

Application is by letter after completing an eligibility quiz on the website and completing

an application cover sheet, which is available on completion of the quiz. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

For details see: <https://www.laingfamilytrusts.org.uk/about-us/kirby-laing-foundation/>

Morrisons Foundation – Grants

UK registered charities registered in the UK can apply for community projects that improve people's lives. Applicants must demonstrate how the project will deliver public benefit, who in the community will specifically benefit and how it will bring about positive change. Applicants must also have financial information dating back to 2012 and have raised some of the funding elsewhere. There is no set minimum or maximum grant value but grants already given out range from £750 to £25,000.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

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

Ashworth Charitable Trust - Grants

The Trust was created primarily to support humanitarian causes operating locally, nationally and internationally, as opposed to animal or utilitarian projects. For the most part, the Trust looks to fund projects and not core funding. Grants do not usually exceed three thousand pounds. Usually smaller charities are prioritised where this level of grant is comparatively significant. The applicant must have charitable status in the United Kingdom, namely that it must have a charity registration number and that that such status should be capable of verification with any one or all of the following bodies: The Charity Commission in England & Wales; The Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator; or The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

For details see: <http://www.ashworthtrust.org/>

Tesco - Stronger Starts Programme

The programme supports thousands of schools and local community projects across the UK, helping to fight holiday hunger, tackle mental health, support young people, host community events and much more. Grants will be awarded to schools, voluntary or community organisations (including registered charities/companies), health bodies (e.g. Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs), NHS Hospital Trust, Foundation Trust), Parish/Town Councils, local authorities and social housing providers. Every three months, three local good causes are selected to be in the blue token customer vote in Tesco stores throughout the UK. Organisations can apply for grants of £500, £1,000 or £1,500. Three projects from each local area will be shortlisted to go to the public vote by Tesco customers every three months, with grants awarded depending on the number of votes their project receives. Examples of what can be funded include (the list is not exhaustive):

- Breakfast clubs
- Holiday clubs
- Food banks
- Meals on Wheels
- Equipment or non-statutory services for nurseries or schools e.g. forest schools, library books
- Equipment for Brownie, Guide or Scout Groups e.g. camping equipment, badges
- Play areas
- Counselling and support services for young people
- Services or equipment to support children and young people's health
- Equipment/kit for youth sports teams

Applications can be submitted at any time.

Website: <https://tescocommunitygrants.org.uk/>

Forbes Charitable Foundation - Grants

The Foundation's objective is to provide benefits for adults with learning disabilities. Grants of up to £25,000 per year (for up to three years) are available to not-for-profit organisations working with adults with learning disabilities towards the following types of expenditure

- New buildings.
- Refurbishment of buildings.
- Plant, machinery or other equipment.
- Vehicles for the transport of learning disabled adults.
- Furniture and fittings.
- IT equipment.

Trustees will generally favour applications for grants for items of a capital nature but grants for specific revenue projects will be welcomed especially where these are related to the development of new or innovative services.

The following services are eligible for support:-

- Residential Care
- Supported Living
- Day Services
- Social Enterprises
- Employment Initiatives
- Skills Training
- Support for Informal Carers
- Transition Services for young adults

Applications can be submitted at any time

For details see: <http://www.theforbescharitablefoundation.org/grants.html>

The Steel Charitable Trust - Grants

The trustees make grants where they believe that their contribution will make a real difference, grants are made to registered charities in the UK within the areas of; arts and culture; environment; health; education; disadvantaged. 30% of the grants will be made to organisations in the Luton and Bedfordshire area. Grants are generally made as single payments between £10,000 and £25,000 and projects can be based in schools. **The closing date for applications is 11th April 2024.**

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

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