

## **Funding opportunities February 2026**

### **Randal Charitable Foundation – Funding for Life Saving or Life Changing Projects**

- Overview: Grants are available for UK-based charities, voluntary groups, and other not-for-profit organisations to support projects and activities that significantly improve the lives of those in need in the UK and around the world. Applications with secured match funding are preferred.
- Maximum value: £30,000 or 50% of total projects costs, whichever is lesser
- Current Focus Areas:
  - Healthcare and nutrition for the most vulnerable
  - Clean water and sanitation, including community-level improvements
- Eligibility:
  - UK-registered organisations
  - Operating for at least three years
  - With annual turnover between £50,000 and £500,000
- Link: [www.randalfoundation.org.uk](http://www.randalfoundation.org.uk)

### **Grants for organisations that are working to improve health and wellbeing**

- Overview: The Health Lottery foundation has opened nominations from employees or volunteers of smaller charities and community interest companies (CICs) for grants to support work to improve health and wellbeing. Ten organisations will be selected at random.
- Value: 10 grants of £1,000 each.
- Nominations: Open from Monday 2 February to Friday 27 February
- Link: [Community Choice Grants](#)

### **Screwfix Foundation**

- Overview: Grants of up to £5,000 available for projects that improve, repair, maintain or construct buildings used specifically by people in need. Open to registered charities and not-for-profit organisations, including CICs and Community Benefit Societies.
- Deadline: 10 May 2026
- Eligible activities:
  - Improvements to physical buildings used by people in need.
  - Eligible works include:
    - Energy-efficient lighting/heating.
    - Installation of kitchens/bathrooms.
    - Creation of sensory rooms.
    - Painting and decorating.
    - Building safety/security improvements.
- Link: [www.screwfix.com](http://www.screwfix.com)

### **NFU Mutual Charitable Trust funding for rural communities**

- Overview: Grants are available to large charitable groups and organisations for projects that further the objectives of the NFU Mutual Charitable Trust, particularly those that educate young people in rural areas and the relief of poverty in rural areas.
- Maximum value: £50,000
- Deadline: 24 April 2026
- Fund Objectives
  - Advance public education through research and information on agriculture.
  - Educate young people in rural areas.
  - Relieve poverty in rural communities.
  - Promote social welfare in rural areas through collaboration with local authorities and organisations.
  - Support research into agricultural activities.
  - Advance public education on insurance.
- Priorities:
  - Projects supporting young people in rural areas.
  - Initiatives addressing rural poverty.
  - Support for the next generation of farmers.
  - Larger initiatives with significant rural community impact.
- Link: [www.nfumutual.co.uk](http://www.nfumutual.co.uk)

### **Ofgem Energy Redress Scheme**

- Overview: Applications are now open for the fifteenth round of the Ofgem Energy Redress Scheme, with £20 million available to support energy-related projects across England, Scotland, and Wales. Registered charities, community energy groups, including co-operatives, community benefit societies and community interest companies, are able to apply for grants through the Main and Small Funds, supporting projects that help households most at risk from cold homes and high energy bills. The scheme also prioritises projects that develop innovative energy-related products or services and empower people to reduce their carbon emissions through the Innovation and Carbon Emissions Reduction Funds.
- Deadline: 2 March 2026
- Funding Streams:
  - The Main Fund, containing £12.5 million – aimed at projects seeking grants between £50,000 and £2 million that will support households in vulnerable situations.
  - The Impact Fund, containing £500,000 – aimed at projects monitoring the impact to households, of energy advice and other interventions. Applicants can apply for grants between £20,000 and £500,000.
  - The Small Project Fund, containing £1 million – aimed at projects seeking grants between £20,000 and £49,999 that will support households in vulnerable situations.
  - The Innovation Fund, containing £3 million – aimed at projects that will develop innovative products or services to benefit households. Applicants can apply for grants between £20,000 and £1 million.

- The Carbon Emissions Reduction Fund, containing £2 million – aimed at projects that will reduce UK carbon emissions and empower households to reduce their carbon footprint. Applicants can apply for grants between £20,000 and £1 million.
- The Just Transition Fund, containing £1 million – aimed at projects that will develop community renewable energy, which will benefit energy consumers in vulnerable situations. Applicants can apply for grants between £20,000 and £250,000.
- Link: [www.energyredress.org.uk](http://www.energyredress.org.uk)

#### WCIT Charity – Funding for innovative IT projects

- Overview: Grants available for not-for-profit organisations delivering IT projects linked to education, inclusion, tech for charities, and public understanding of technology.
- Maximum standard grant: £15,000; larger grants may be considered in exceptional cases.
- Deadline: 20 May 2026
- Eligible Expenditure/What Is Likely to Be Funded:
  - New IT services, solutions, training, apps, analytics, AI, robotics, accessibility tools/hardware.
  - Projects where WCIT is a material/sole funder.
  - Projects with a clearly innovative, scalable, and sustainable IT component.
  - Organisations that can benefit from pro-bono support.
- Link: [www.wcitcharity.org.uk](http://www.wcitcharity.org.uk)

#### B&Q Foundation – Home Improvement Grants

- Overview: The funding is intended for charities working to improve the lives of people in need by supporting projects that make homes safe, welcoming, and comfortable. Grants are for essential home improvements and home starter kits—helping individuals and families facing homelessness, domestic abuse, disabilities, illness, or financial hardship to feel more settled and supported in their living spaces. Managed by Neighbourly.
- Maximum Grant: £10,000
- Deadline: 20 February 2026
- Application Windows (2026)
  - 2 Feb – 20 Feb 2026
  - 20 Apr – 15 May 2026
  - 20 Jul – 14 Aug 2026
  - 19 Oct – 13 Nov 2026
- How to Apply
  - Create a Neighbourly profile
  - Complete the B&Q Foundation application on the Neighbourly platform
- Link: [www.bqfoundation.org.uk](http://www.bqfoundation.org.uk)

### B&Q Foundation – Home Starter Kit Grants

- Overview: One-off grants are available for registered charities providing home starter kits for people moving into a new home after hardship. Grants are funded by the B&Q Foundation and administered through Neighbourly.
- Maximum value: £10,000, maximum per kit is £500
- Deadline: 20 February 2026
- Purpose of the Fund: The funding aims to support vulnerable people who are:
  - Facing homelessness
  - Experiencing domestic abuse
  - Living with disabilities or illness
  - Experiencing financial hardship
  - The goal is to help individuals and families create safe, comfortable, and welcoming homes.
- Eligible Expenditure:
  - Small electricals (e.g., microwaves, TVs)
  - White goods
  - Furniture, bedding, flooring, paint
  - Home décor items
  - Kitchen utensils, cleaning items, DIY tools
  - Curtains, blinds, lighting
  - Safety items (e.g., smoke alarms)
  - Home retailer gift cards
  - Basic home repair materials
  - Gardening tools
  - Laundry essentials
- Application Windows:
  - 2 Feb – 20 Feb 2026
  - 20 Apr – 15 May 2026
  - 20 Jul – 14 Aug 2026
  - 19 Oct – 13 Nov 2026
- Link: [B&Q Foundation 2026 - Home Starter Kits](#)

### Armed Forces Day Events Grant

- Overview: Grants are available to help organisations (including local authorities) and individuals in the UK to host an Armed Forces Day event which can take place within two weeks of the Armed Forces Day event, celebrating and showing support for serving personnel, veterans, reserves, and their families.
- Maximum grant: £10,000
- Match funding required: 50% of total event cost
- Deadline: 30 April 2026
- Activities must:
  - Occur within two weeks of Armed Forces Day (27 June 2026)
  - Include “Armed Forces” in the event title
  - Be relevant to today’s armed forces
  - Be free to members of the Armed Forces family
  - Not focus on fundraising or recruitment
- Eligible costs:

- Road closures
  - Decorations (flags, banners)
  - Advertising (press, radio)
  - Security, marshalling, first aid
  - Insurance
  - PA and communications systems
- **Link:** [www.armedforcesday.org.uk](http://www.armedforcesday.org.uk)

**Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust – supporting people experiencing or at risk of homelessness**

- Overview: Grants for UK-registered charities working with communities facing significant challenges. Funding focuses on specific priority themes that change annually on a three-year rotation. The first two rounds of 2026 are focused on people experiencing or at risk of homelessness. Focus will be given to projects that provide life skills, including food education, healthy living, and budgeting. Priority will be given to people leaving the armed forces, leaving prison, or care.
- Deadline: 28 February 2026
- Maximum value this round: £1,000 (rises to £5,000 in the April round)
- Link: [www.austin-hope-pilkington.org.uk](http://www.austin-hope-pilkington.org.uk)

**Hospital Saturday Fund**

- Overview: Funding for registered charities, hospices and medical organisations which need support for medical projects, care, research or support of medical training. Large grant applications should be towards specific projects, research or equipment rather than running costs
- Deadlines for 2026: The Grant Making Committee meets quarterly. The deadlines for each meeting are as follows:
  - Standard Grants: 13 Apr, 14 Jul, 8 Oct
  - Large Grants: 16 Mar, 16 Jun, 10 Sep, 2 Dec
- Funding Details:
  - Standard Grants: £2,000
  - Large Grants: Up to £10,000
- Eligibility
  - Registered charities with medical/health objectives
  - Hospices or medical organisations
- Eligible Expenditure
  - Medical projects, capital projects, research, hospice/respite care, training, and running costs.
  - Large grants are for specific projects or equipment (not running costs).
  - NHS hospitals: Applications accepted for projects only, with supporting documentation.
- Link: [www.hospitalsaturdayfund.org](http://www.hospitalsaturdayfund.org)

### Henry Smith Foundation – Holiday Grants for Children

- Overview Grants for schools, youth groups, charities, and non-profits to provide one-off recreational trips or holidays for disadvantaged or disabled children aged 13 or younger living in areas of high deprivation.
- Grant Amount: £500 – £3,000
- Application Deadline: Next round closes 19 March 2026 (for trips between 12 Jan – 30 Apr 2026).
- Key Objectives
  - Enable children facing financial hardship, systemic inequity, or disability to experience new, fun activities (e.g., camping, seaside trips, adventure activities).
  - Trips must take place within the UK, Isle of Man, or Channel Islands.
- Eligibility
  - UK-based schools, youth groups, and non-profits with income below £2 million.
  - Priority for projects benefiting children in the bottom 20% of deprived areas (per National Indices of Deprivation).
  - Flexibility for groups of children with disabilities.
- Restrictions: Not for:
  - High-cost destinations (e.g., Alton Towers, Legoland).
  - Trips already taken or happening in less than six weeks.
  - Trips with educational/curriculum aims or religious promotion.
- Link: [www.henrysmith.foundation](http://www.henrysmith.foundation)

### Cash for Kids – Children’s Mental Health Grants

- Overview: Support projects that improve mental wellbeing of children and young people (0–18 years old).
- Grant Details
  - Typical awards: £1,000–£3,000
  - Larger or smaller amounts may be considered
  - Funds must be spent within 6 months
- Eligible Applicants
  - Registered charities (income below £1m)
  - Schools
  - Youth groups and sports groups
  - Voluntary and community organisations
- Eligible Activities/Costs: Covers a wide range of mental-health-related support, including:
  - Therapy sessions (counselling, art/music/play therapy – max 6 months)
  - Bereavement support
  - Sensory equipment
  - Mindfulness resources
  - Volunteer training
  - Well-being packs
- Link: [www.cashforkids.org.uk](http://www.cashforkids.org.uk)

[www.calisenimpactcharitabletrust.com](http://www.calisenimpactcharitabletrust.com)

Deadline: Tuesday 31 March. Grants of up to £10,000 available for registered charities only who focus on projects and activities helping the UK achieve its climate targets, move towards zero emissions and to create a more sustainable energy system. If you fit with one of their other 4 focus areas, you can apply for a project that drives immediate carbon reduction – including but not limited to solar panel installations, heat pump systems, and retrofit schemes – with demonstrable environmental and cost-saving benefits.

[www.thefore.org](http://www.thefore.org)

Deadline: to register for the Summer 2026 round 12pm Wednesday 25 March to 12pm Wednesday 1 April. Must be a registered charity or CIC. Grants of up to £45,000 available, spread over 1 to 3 years which are unrestricted and can be used for any purpose. You must demonstrate that the grant will strengthen your organisation internally and help it take the next step forwards in its growth or sustainability (i.e. not supporting on-going operations). It might help you grow, increase your internal capacity, serve new beneficiary groups, become more sustainable or more efficient.

[www.schrodercharitytrust.org](http://www.schrodercharitytrust.org)

Deadline: apply between Sunday 1 March and Thursday 30 April. Grants of up to £5,000 available for registered charities only, with an income between £150,000 and £1,000,000. Current priorities: 1) Enabling children and young adults from disadvantaged backgrounds to thrive and achieve their potential in education and employment 2) Strengthening communities through services and opportunities which enhance the wellbeing and life outcomes of vulnerable and disadvantaged people.

[www.unltd.org.uk](http://www.unltd.org.uk)

Deadline: next round opens Tuesday 6 January, for assessment April – June. Support for social entrepreneurs who want to start, or recently started, a social venture. Up to £8,000 for those organisations who aren't yet incorporated or have been incorporated for less than a year. Up to £18,000 for those incorporated between 1 and 4 years.

[www.arnoldclark.com/community-fund](http://www.arnoldclark.com/community-fund)

Deadline: temporarily paused, usually rolling (apply once every 6 months). Grants of up to £750 available for youth groups and clubs where people/communities are the primary and immediate focus of the investment. Youth groups and clubs like Brownies, Scouts, Guides, Sea Cadets, Cubs, amateur sports teams, dance groups and gymnastics can apply. Funds can be used for community trips, club costs, materials, venue hire and transport.

[www.artscouncil.org.uk](http://www.artscouncil.org.uk)

Grants between £1,000 and £100,000 for projects lasting up to 3 years. For creative and cultural projects that directly create and deliver creative and cultural activity with a long-term positive impact. Includes music, dance, visual arts, festivals. See their website for current 'time-limited priorities'.

[www.ahfund.org.uk](http://www.ahfund.org.uk)

Grants up to £15,000 to support early-stage feasibility work on historic building projects. This is Stage 1, Expression of Interest. You will then be invited to Stage 2 (full application) to access Project Development Grants of up to £20,000. This stage has set deadlines and can cover some of the costs of developing and co-ordinating your project and taking it towards the start of work on site.

[www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk](http://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk)

Expression of Interest form submitted, then you'll be invited to apply. From £1,000 to £40,000 available per year for up to 3 years for projects that focus on addressing issues of disadvantage affecting children and young people. UPDATE: this will be closing to new applications from Tuesday 15 April until the end of September.

[www.bluesparkfoundation.org.uk](http://www.bluesparkfoundation.org.uk)

Funding for specific projects (not running costs) which aim to improve the education and development of children and young people by means of educational, cultural, sporting or other activities. Grants are generally under £2,000 (and not over £5,000). The requested grant should be the majority of the cost of the project.

[www.biffa-award.org](http://www.biffa-award.org)

Offers grants to community projects near landfill sites, aiming to enhance community facilities and biodiversity. Grants between £10,000 and £75,000. Projects must be located within 15 miles of a significant Biffa operation or active landfill site, and within 10 miles of any licensed landfill site (see website for eligibility checker). A third-party contribution of 10% of the grant amount is required.

[www.clothworkersfoundation.org.uk](http://www.clothworkersfoundation.org.uk)

Open Grants Programme for registered charities and CICs only, where 50% of your service users fall within their 10 programme areas (e.g. Communities Experiencing Racial Inequalities, LGBT+ Communities or Economic Disadvantage). Funding available for capital costs only – you don't specify the amount (smaller projects are those with a balance of less than £15,000, larger projects are considered £100,000+ and they will generally fund 10% of the remaining balance). Decisions on grants over £15,000 take 6 months.

[www.garfieldweston.org](http://www.garfieldweston.org)

Registered charities only, that make a positive difference. Sectors covered include: welfare, youth, community, environment, education, health, arts, heritage and faith. 2 levels of funding available, which can be used for capital, revenue or project costs: 1) Regular Grants up to £100,000 2) Major Grants of £100,000 and above (for organisations with an income over £1 million).

[www.henrysmith.foundation](http://www.henrysmith.foundation)

backs organisations and their leaders with bold ideas dedicated to making social change across the UK. Recently launched 2025 – 2030 strategy. Funding priorities are: 1) Getting started – supporting families to give their young children a strong start (the Together we begin programme) 2) Building independence – helping young people (14 – 25 year olds) move into adulthood with confidence, skills and hope (the Shout! programme) 3) Safer futures – supporting people to rebuild their lives after abuse, displacement or prison (initially the Domestic abuse fund). Webinars available in July to find out more.

[www.matthewgoodfoundation.org](http://www.matthewgoodfoundation.org)

For organisations who are “small and growing” and have an annual income under £50,000. If you make a big impact on communities, people or the environment you can apply to be shortlisted. Your application will then be voted on by employees and will receive the following: first place – £5,000, second place – £3,500, third place – £2,500, fourth and fifth place – £2,000.

[www.morrisonfoundation.com](http://www.morrisonfoundation.com)

For grants of up to £10,000 for registered charities only. For projects that improve people’s lives under at least one of their funding objectives: 1) Tackling poverty and social deprivation; 2) Enhancing community spaces, facilities and services; 3) Improving health and wellbeing.

[www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk](http://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk)

Grants up to £20,000 for up to 2 years. For groups that build strong relationships in communities, improve places and spaces, help people reach their potential or support people facing increased challenges due to the cost-of-living crisis.

[www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk](http://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk)

Grants from £20,001 for up to 5 years. For projects that:

- support places, people or communities experiencing poverty, disadvantage or discrimination, and
- support people and communities to shape the decisions that affect their lives.

Projects must achieve one or more of the following missions of supporting communities to:

- Come together, through inclusive places, spaces and activities (either physical or virtual). Especially for communities where people are least able to come together.
- Help children and young people thrive, by developing positive social and emotional skills.
- Be healthier, by addressing health inequalities. And helping prevent poor health.
- Be environmentally sustainable. By engaging with climate issues and having a positive environmental impact. And improving access to quality natural spaces.

[www.heritagefund.org.uk](http://www.heritagefund.org.uk)

For grants between £10,000 and £250,000. For organisations looking to care for and sustain heritage where your new project (it can’t have already started) is about saving heritage, protecting the environment, inclusion, access and participation, and organisational sustainability. NB 20% of the payment will be made after your project has finished (in

arrears). The Heritage Fund recently announced they have simplified their application process.

[www.sportengland.org](http://www.sportengland.org)

Between £300 and £15,000 available for projects that tackle inequalities and help get more people active (promote physical activity), for people that face barriers. For example, active travel, walking, cycling, dance, fitness and sports activities. Funding is awarded as either a contribution to a crowdfunding campaign or as a grant (Sport England will assess this). This fund replaces their Small Grants scheme and Active Together fund.