

April Funding Opportunities

OPENS 13 APRIL - EN:Able Communities – Community Foundation Fund

- Summary: The Community Foundation Fund supports community-led projects that make a real difference to people's lives. The fund has a total pot of £250k to give to charities and groups in grants of up to £5,000 to buy items and equipment. Projects with greater need and larger impact may be eligible for higher levels of funding.
- Expected opening date: 13 April 2026
- Deadline: 1 June 2026
- Value notes:
 - Total fund value: £250,000
 - Typical grant size: Up to £5,000
 - Larger grants: A small number of awards up to £25,000 for projects with greater need and impact
- Focus:
 - The fund supports community-led capital projects that strengthen local resilience and improve wellbeing.
 - Key focus areas include reducing poverty and promoting healthy living.
- Link: [Community Foundation Fund | Efficiency North](#)

Grocers' Charity Grant

- Summary: One-off grants are available to small UK registered charities (turnover less than £500k) for work in the specific areas of relief of hardship; children and young people; disability and inclusion; the elderly; health; military; environment and conservation; the arts; and heritage. Health/medical charities with income up to £15 million can also apply.
- Deadline: 1 September 2026
- Maximum award: Typically, up to £5,000 (larger awards only for exceptional projects)
- Total annual fund: Approximately £1 million
- Application deadline: 1 September 2026
- Priority Funding Themes:
 - Relief of hardship – e.g. homelessness prevention, domestic abuse support, work in areas of high deprivation
 - Children & young people (0–25) – wellbeing, peer support, skills and empowerment
 - Older people – reducing loneliness, improving daily living and social inclusion
 - Disability & inclusion – tackling barriers, frontline support
 - Health – ethical medical research, equipment, mental health and wellbeing support
 - Military – support for serving and ex-service personnel and families
 - Arts – access, skills development, inclusion of marginalised groups
 - Heritage – conservation of historic buildings (excluding places of worship) and objects
 - Environment & conservation – habitat protection, biodiversity, climate change and pollution initiatives
- Link: [The Grocers' Charity](#)

Armed Forces Families Fund: Early Years Programme 2026-27

- Summary: Grants for projects lasting up to two years which help enhance early childhood education and childcare settings of young children (birth to 5 years) from Armed Forces families.
- Maximum value: £80,000
- Deadline: 15 July 2026
- Who Can Apply:
 - Early years education and childcare providers (can be registered charity, CIC, company limited by guarantee) with at least 5 service children on roll, registered and inspected by the appropriate UK regulator.
 - Local authorities providing training or shared resources for early years settings supporting Armed Forces children.
- Three application routes:
 - Settings with under 40% service children.
 - Settings with 40%+ service children.
 - Local authority--led applications.
- Eligible Activities: Projects must create sustainable change and support at least one of the following outcomes:
 - Increase childcare capacity for service children.
 - Improve indoor/outdoor learning environments.
 - Develop staff skills and knowledge through targeted training.
 - Strengthen local partnerships and shared resources.
 - Improve family engagement and support.
- Link: [Armed Forces Families Fund: Early Years Programme 2026-27](#)

Aberdeen Charitable Trust – Ideas Fund

- Summary: Grants are available to registered not-for-profit organisations across the UK to test new ideas focused on improving financial capability, employability or nature-focused solutions. The Ideas Fund (the current round) supports pilot initiatives that aim to create sustainable solutions to persistent challenges.
- Deadline: 7 May 2026
- Grant details:
 - Grant range: £20,000 – £80,000
 - Average grant: £50,000
 - Project length: Typically, 12–18 months
- Purpose of the Fund
 - Supports pilot projects and new ideas that test innovative solutions to long--standing social challenges.
 - Focuses on creating sustainable, long-term impact rather than established service delivery.
- Priority Themes:
 - Improving financial capability
 - Creating pathways to good jobs / employability
 - Championing the role of nature in healthy communities and economies
- Link: [Aberdeen Charitable Trust - Ideas Fund](#)

Wooden Spoon Charity

- Summary: Grants are available for not-for-profit organisations that are working in the UK to support the lives of children and young people with a cognitive age under 25 years who are disadvantaged physically, mentally, or socially.
- Value: Discretionary – no minimum or maximum stated, though capital projects under £5,000 are unlikely to be supported.
- What the fund supports
 - Primarily capital projects with a long-term lifespan (minimum 5 years, preferably 10).
 - Priority areas include:
 - Health and wellbeing (e.g. sensory rooms, specialist equipment).
 - Playgrounds and outdoor activity spaces.
 - Education and disability sports projects with a clear sporting element, preferably rugby.
- Link: [Wooden Spoon Charity](#)

Funding for organisations working with young people aged up to 25 years

- Summary: Grants from Joanies Fund to support local organisations with charitable aims working with young people aged 0–25 in England and Wales, particularly projects linked to employment, training, accreditation, education, and community integration. Innovation, entrepreneurship, and youth co--design are strongly encouraged.
- Application window: Expected to open 13 April, deadline: 31 July 2026
- Grant size: Typically, £2,000–£3,000 per project (discretionary).
- Eligibility: Open to small, local organisations with charitable purposes, including:
 - community groups
 - CICs/social enterprises
 - faith--based organisations (where benefits are non--religious)
 - certain national charities with strong local presence,
 - schools for non--statutory activities.
 - Priority is given to small local organisations.
- Link: [Joanies Fund](#)

Help the Homeless Grant Scheme

- Summary: Grants for capital projects, including building work or refurbishment, are available to small and medium-sized charities registered in the UK working to assist homeless people to rebuild their lives and return to the community.
- Deadline: 20 June 2026
- Maximum value: £5,000
- Eligible applicants: UK registered charities with annual turnover under £500,000, working wholly or mainly with homeless people.
- Link: [Applying for Funding — Help the Homeless](#)

Funding for Projects Supporting Young People Facing Homelessness

- Summary: Grants are available to not-for-profit organisations supporting young people aged 16-25 who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness.
- Opens: 27 April 2026
- Deadline: 22 May 2026
- Maximum value: £40,000 per project
- Focus:
 - Focuses on improving access to safe, secure and affordable housing, alongside support to:
 - sustain tenancies, and
 - Priority for organisations delivering frontline services, with strong local connections and a clear understanding of young people's needs
- What can be funded: Projects that help young people through:
 - provision of homes,
 - skills development, and
 - employment opportunities
- Link: [LandAid – Young Futures Fund](#)

Benefact Trust – Community Impact Grants

- Summary: Discretionary grants are available for churches, cathedrals, denominational bodies, Christian charities, schools, and theological institutions across the UK to deliver projects and activities that have a positive impact on communities.
- Deadline: Applications can be submitted at any time
- Purpose and objectives: The fund supports Christian organisations to deliver projects that make a positive, transformative community impact, aligned to four objectives:
 - Growing congregations and Christian communities
 - Addressing social challenges facing communities
 - Enabling wider community use of church buildings
 - Empowering Christian education
- Funding requirements:
 - Organisations are expected to have secured at least 30% match funding before applying
 - Funding can support new projects or expansion of existing work
 - Both capital and revenue costs may be supported (where eligible)
- Eligible activity (by programme area):
 - Growing congregations & communities: outreach, faith development, youth engagement, training, church planting, new chapels (e.g. for hospices)
 - Social challenges: food poverty, debt, mental health, children/families, young people/NEET, older people, homelessness, refugees/asylum seekers, offenders, addiction, disability, modern slavery, inclusion
 - Community use of church buildings: redevelopment or improvements that increase community use, including disabled access and supporting a sustainable transition
 - Schools & educational institutions: new or refurbished worship/spiritual spaces (e.g. chapels, prayer gardens)
- Link: [Benefact Trust – Community Impact Grants](#)

Home Office – Community Engagement Fund 2026–27

- Summary: Grants are available for grassroots and community groups to engage communities and raise awareness of and address any misinformation about the Windrush Compensation and Windrush Schemes, with a focus on continuing to support Windrush generation communities, from both Caribbean and non-Caribbean backgrounds within the UK. Focuses on addressing misinformation, increasing take-up, and improving trust and engagement with the Home Office, particularly among both Caribbean and non-Caribbean Windrush-affected communities.
- Deadline: 12 May 2026
- Maximum value: £10,000
- Key Objectives (2026–27):
 - Raise awareness and counter misinformation about Windrush schemes, including at least one in-person event.
 - Build insight into:
 - Why eligible individuals are not applying.
 - How to encourage applications, especially from under-represented communities.
 - Increase applications to both schemes.
 - Strengthen trust and relationships through community-led engagement.
- Link: [Home Office – Community Engagement Fund 2026–27](#)

Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust

- Summary: Funding for projects supporting 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: 30 April 2026
- Maximum value: £5,000
- Eligibility: Organisations registered with the Charity Commission or exempt from registration, can apply.
- Link: [Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust](#)

OPENS 20 APRIL - Health Lottery Foundation Arts & Activity Fund, for Adult Health & Wellbeing

- Summary: Supports projects that improve the health and wellbeing of adults aged 25 and over through non-clinical, creative, active and therapeutic approaches, with particular interest in projects that use music, art, or physical activity to improve wellbeing, build confidence, and strengthen social connections.
- Maximum value: £25,000
- Eligible organisations must:
 - Work with adults (beneficiaries must be over 25)
 - Be a registered charity, CIC or other not-for-profit organisation
 - Have an annual income £300K - £5M
- Eligible projects:
 - Music (group sessions, music therapy, songwriting, singing groups, drumming, etc.).
 - Art (visual arts, craft, creative workshops, expressive arts therapy).

- Sport & physical activity (noncompetitive sessions, movement, gentle exercise, community fitness).
- Link: [Arts & Activity Fund](#)

Triangle Trust 1949 Fund is delighted to announce that its first funding round for 2026 is now open with a continued focus on working with young women and girls.

Application Criteria

Our first funding round will be open to projects supporting young women and girls aged 11-18. The September funding round will support projects working with young women aged 17-30.

In this funding round, we are particularly interested in funding projects working with young women and girls who are:

- care-experienced
- involved with gangs and/or County lines
- excluded from education
- at risk of exclusion from education
- caught up in the Criminal Justice System
- vulnerable to being caught up in the Criminal Justice System

We want to fund projects informed by people with lived experience who are working towards reducing reoffending behaviours or reducing first convictions.

Our Application Process

This year, we are doing things differently. Applicants will complete a short expression of interest form. If successful, the applicant will be invited to submit a full application. Please read our eligibility criteria carefully.

More information about the criteria and how to apply can be found in the *Funding* section on our website: www.triangletrust.org.uk

UK Youth Fund Offering Unrestricted Multi Year Grants

UK Youth has opened applications to its UK Youth Fund in partnership with the Pears Foundation, offering multi-year unrestricted grants to youth organisations operating in areas of high deprivation across the UK.

The £10 million fund is intended to strengthen the financial resilience and organisational capacity of small youth and outdoor learning organisations. A total of £10 million is available nationally. Grants are provided over three years and are set at approximately 10% of an applicant's current annual turnover per year. For example, an organisation with a turnover of £250,000 may apply for up to £25,000 a year.

Applications are open to charitable and not-for-profit youth organisations that have been operating for at least two years and have an annual turnover of £500,000 or less. At least 70% of beneficiaries must be aged between eight and 25.

Funding is unrestricted and may be used for core costs, staffing, delivery or organisational development linked to frontline youth work. Eligibility is based on the communities served. Activity must support young people living in local authority areas ranked within the top

three deciles of the Index of Multiple Deprivation. A full list of eligible local authority areas is available from the UK Youth website.

There is a two-stage application process.

The deadline to submit an Expression of Interest is 6 May 2026

[The UK Youth Fund - UK Youth](#)

One Community Foundation : [Local Charity Grants Available | One Community Kirklees](#)