

Funding for Communities Across Britain to Improve Nature

- **Summary:** Grants are available to registered charities and not-for-profit groups for projects that improve nature for local communities. Run by The Wildlife Trusts, funded by the People's Postcode Lottery via the Postcode Green Trust.
- **Deadline:** 22 April 2026.
- **Maximum value:** £25,000
- **Focus:**
 - Nature recovery and responding to the climate emergency
 - Improving nature-rich spaces and access to them
 - Wider sustainable activities such as recycling, litter picking, beach cleans and sustainable transport are also eligible.
- **Priorities:** As the fund is oversubscribed, priority is given to organisations:
 - With income of £250,000 or below
 - Working in communities within the top 15% of the Index of Multiple Deprivation
 - Supporting marginalised groups (including disabled people, communities experiencing racial inequity, and LGBT+ people)
 - Focused on habitat or species restoration or protection.
- **Application windows for 2026:**
 - 25 March – 22 April 2026
 - 24 June – 15 July 2026
 - 30 September – 1 October 2026
- **Link:** [Green Community Grants Programme](#)

Comic Relief – A Place to Belong: Every Step of the Way

- **Fund overview:** Comic Relief, in partnership with Omaze, has launched a new programme focused on youth homelessness and racial justice in housing. The fund supports work that meets immediate needs of young people while also tackling structural causes of housing inequality.
- **Deadline:** 30 April 2026
- **Who and what the fund supports**
 - Grants are available to UK-based not-for-profit organisations working with 16–25-year-olds who are at risk of or experiencing homelessness, or organisations challenging structural racism in housing and homelessness.
 - The programme combines service delivery with systemic change activity to address both short- and long-term issues.
- **Funding available:**
 - **Service Delivery Pathway**
 - Up to **£200,000** over **3–5 years**
 - Total programme value £2.8 million
 - For organisations delivering frontline support in specified areas of England.
 - **Systemic Change Pathway**
 - Up to **£450,000** over **3–7 years**
 - Total programme value £1 million
 - For organisations influencing policy and challenging structural racism across the UK.
- **Link:** [Comic Relief – A Place to Belong: Every Step of the Way](#)

Veterans' Foundation – Salary Grants

- **Summary:**
 - Supports charities and not-for-profit organisations delivering direct services to:
 - Serving Armed Forces personnel

- Veterans
 - Operationally qualified seafarers
 - Their immediate families
- Target beneficiaries include individuals facing issues such as unemployment, homelessness, physical or mental ill-health, disability, financial hardship, or bereavement
- **Deadline:** 30 June 2026
- **Funding available**
 - Up to £25,000 per year, for up to three years (maximum potential value £75,000)
 - Funding is exclusively for salary costs of staff delivering services to beneficiaries
- **Priority considerations**
 - Applicants demonstrating direct involvement in service delivery
 - Organisations with low to medium income
 - Encouragement given to applications supporting under-represented groups, including ethnic minorities, LGBT+ communities, women, and people with additional support needs
- **Link:** [Veterans' Foundation](#)

Veterans' Foundation – Standard Grants

- **Summary:** Supporting charities and not-for-profit organisations providing direct help to serving Armed Forces personnel, veterans, operationally qualified seafarers, and their immediate families who are in need, including issues such as unemployment, homelessness, mental or physical ill-health, disability, financial hardship and bereavement.
- **Deadline:** 30 June 2026
- **Grant value and duration:**
 - Grant size: £5,001 to £30,000
 - Duration: One year or multi-year grants of up to three years
- **Priorities:**
 - Organisations delivering direct services to beneficiaries
 - Small to medium income organisations
 - Applications from under-represented groups (including people with additional support needs, ethnic minorities, LGBT+ communities, and women's groups)
- **Link:** [Veterans' Foundation](#)

Linder Foundation – Young People Fund

- **Summary:** Grants to UK-based charities supporting vulnerable young people aged 12 to 24 who have experienced adverse childhood experiences or childhood trauma. The fund aims to improve outcomes through early intervention and rehabilitation, particularly projects that prevent re-offending or divert young people from involvement in the youth or criminal justice system.
- **Value and term:** No minimum or maximum grant amount is specified, though the average award is around £15,000. Grants must cover no more than 50% of the total project cost, meaning match funding is required. No specific project duration is stated.
- **Fund priorities**
 - Support young people in the community, in prison or young offenders' institutions, or on release
 - Support looked-after children and children in care
 - Demonstrate potential to be replicated or scaled up
- **Link:** [Linder Foundation – Young People \(GrantFinder\)](#)

Stuart Halbert Foundation

- **Summary:** Discretionary Grants are available to UK registered charities and other charitable organisations for projects that support disadvantaged people, animal welfare, the Armed forces or local communities. No deadline.
- **Value Notes:** Funding is at the discretion of the Trustees. The level of funding varies each year depending on the donations received by the Foundation. However, requests for over £10,000 are considered.
- **Match Funding:** Match funding is encouraged. The Foundation is willing to work in partnership with other organisations to fund initiatives beyond the financial scope of a single organisation.
- **Link:** [Stuart Halbert Foundation](#)

Biffa Award – Partnership Grants Scheme

- **Summary:** Large grants are available for not-for-profit organisations that are looking to improve a built or natural environment of regional or national significance and located within 25 miles of a significant Biffa Group Limited operation or active Biffa Landfill site. Funded through Landfill Tax Credits and managed by the Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts.
- **EOI deadline:** 29 May 2026
- **Funding Available**
 - £250,000–£1,000,000 per project.
 - Projects must complete within one year.
 - Funding for projects starting Feb/May 2027 and completing by Feb/May 2028.
 - Up to 100% of project costs can be applied for, but only 90% paid by Biffa Award; 10% third-party contribution required.
- **Eligible Project Themes (must choose one)**
 - Built Environment: Restoration or improvement of cultural, heritage or visitor facilities; must be open to the public for at least 104 days per year.
 - Natural Environment: Projects protecting or restoring habitats and species, supporting Environmental Improvement Plans, Environment Act 2021 targets, or Local Nature Recovery Strategies.
 - Projects cannot span both themes.
- **Location Requirements:** Project must be:
 - Within 25 miles of a significant Biffa operation or landfill site, and
 - Within 10 miles of any licensed landfill site (not necessarily Biffa-owned)
- **Who Can Apply**
 - Charitable or not-for-profit organisations in England or Northern Ireland.
 - Must be enrolled as an ENTRUST Environmental Body (includes a £100 fee).
 - Long-term site control required (ownership or minimum 25-year lease).
 - All necessary planning permissions must be in place.
- **Key Preferences**
 - Projects where Biffa Award is the majority funder.
 - Strong partnership working.
 - Clear public engagement, sustainability, and long-term impact.
 - Demonstrable regional or national significance.
- **Link:** [Biffa Award – Partnerships Grants](#)

D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust

- **Summary:** Funding to support charitable work in performing arts, creative health, and heritage crafts and skills, with a strong emphasis on increasing access for communities facing barriers to opportunity.
- **Deadlines:**

- 8 May 2026: First-stage applications for large charities.
- 1 June 2026: Applications for small charities and second-stage submissions for invited large charities.
- **Funding available:** Grants typically range from £500 to £8,000. Unrestricted funding is available for charities with annual income under £250,000.
- **Key funding themes:**
 - *Performing Arts:* Community music-making, engagement for underserved communities (especially young people), and early-stage career development.
 - *Creative Health:* Non-clinical, arts-based health interventions, including creative referrals, short breaks for young carers, and animal- or horticulture-assisted therapies.
 - *Heritage Crafts:* Protection of rare or endangered craft skills and projects linking heritage skills to training and employment, particularly for young people.
- **Link:** [D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust](#)

Funding to Empower Young People through Language and Storytelling (Yorkshire and the Humber)

- **Summary:** Supports projects that use storytelling and language to empower historically marginalised young people aged 12–18 to express their voice, build skills and shape their futures. Funded by Audible and administered by thinkBeyond.
- **Deadline:** 17 May 2026
- **Maximum value:** £15,000
- **Eligible applicants:** Grassroots and local organisations with an annual turnover of £250,000 or less, including charities, CICs, community groups and similar bodies, with a demonstrable local presence and community knowledge.
- **Eligible projects:** Must have storytelling at their core (e.g. reading, writing, podcasts, poetry, theatre). Projects solely focused on music, art or dance are not eligible unless storytelling is a significant element.
- **Key outcomes sought:** Improved confidence, imagination, literacy, communication skills and broader aspirations for young people from underrepresented communities.
- **Link:** [Audible - Future Stories Fund](#)

BFBS Big Salute

- **Summary:** A small number of grants are available once a year for registered charities supporting members of the armed forces community, including regulars, reservists, veterans, and their families. Funded by British Forces Broadcasting Service (BFBS)
- **Application deadline:** 31 July 2026
- **Maximum value:** £10,000
- **What the funding supports:**
 - Projects that deliver a clear, tangible and measurable benefit to the armed forces community
 - Projects must not start before January 2027 and should demonstrate impact within one year of receiving the grant
- **Link:** [BFBS Big Salute](#)