

Funding opportunities for September

Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust - Reveal and Respond Programme Grants

- **Summary:** Grants are available to UK registered charities, Community Interest Companies (CICs) and local authorities working in partnership to improve access to tailored mental health and wellbeing support for underrepresented groups within the armed forces community, including female personnel, neurodivergent personnel, LGBTQ+ personnel, ethnic minority and non-UK personnel, service children with SEND and their families, carers, bereaved families and early service leavers.
- **Deadline:** 28/10/2026 (12 noon).
- **Maximum value:** £300,000.
- **Other information:**
 - Grants range from £20,000 to £40,000 for two-year Test and Develop projects, and £150,000 to £300,000 for Scale and Strengthen projects lasting two to three years.
 - Funding can support staff, volunteers, travel, equipment, project delivery, accessibility measures, evaluation, partnership working and reasonable overheads.
 - Projects must improve access to support and increase understanding of barriers experienced by underrepresented armed forces communities.

Link: [Reveal and Respond programme - Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust](#)

Funding to improve disability access to community spaces and experiences

- **Summary:** Grants are available to individuals, families, community groups, charities, disability organisations and sports clubs across the UK for projects that improve accessibility, inclusion and independence for wheelchair users and disabled people.
- **Deadline:** 30/09/2026
- **Maximum value:** £5,000
- **Other information:** Funding can support disability sports clubs, accessible community events, mobility equipment, accessible days out and experiences, personal challenges, and local community projects that improve accessibility and inclusion. Projects should help people get active, connect with others, try something new, or make everyday life easier.
- **Link:** [Sunrise Medical Community Fund](#)

Henry Smith Foundation – Maternity Equity Fund

- **Summary:** Flexible grants for charitable organisations delivering preventative, community-based maternity support during pregnancy and birth. The fund aims to reduce maternity inequities, improve access and outcomes, and strengthen trusted, trauma-informed and culturally safe support for communities experiencing the greatest inequalities.
- **Deadline:** 14/10/2026
- **Maximum value:** £185,000 over three years.
- **Eligibility:**
 - Open to registered charities, CIOs, not-for-profit CICs with an asset lock, and other charitable not-for-profit organisations with annual income between £20,000 and £1.5 million.

- Partnership applications are welcome.
- Postnatal-only services, bereavement and baby loss services, statutory healthcare provision, lobbying, research-only projects and activities outside the UK are not eligible.
- **Eligible expenditure:** Funding can support delivery costs, staffing, supervision, training, wellbeing support and community engagement. £2,500 to £5,000 per year allocated to staff wellbeing.
- **Link:** [Maternity Equity FAQs - Henry Smith](#)

Morrisons Foundation Opens Connecting Communities Grants for Capital Projects

- **Summary:** Grants are available to registered charities for capital projects that improve community infrastructure and shared spaces, benefit local people, and provide place-based services.
- **Deadline:** None – apply anytime, decision within eight weeks
- **Maximum value:** £20,000
- **Other information:**
 - Supports capital expenditure such as building improvements, outdoor spaces, accessibility works, equipment, security measures, heating and insulation, community gardens and play facilities. Grants are available for projects lasting up to nine months. Match funding is not required.
 - Priority is given to projects in more deprived communities, near Morrisons stores, benefiting larger numbers of people, creating lasting legacy and led by smaller charities.
- **Link:** [The Morrisons Foundation](#)

The Happiness Fund – opens 7 September

- **Summary:** Grants are available for grassroots, not-for-profit community projects that improve mental health, wellbeing, inclusion and skills development. Eligible applicants are community-based organisations that are non-profit, non-political and focused on long-term sustainability.
- **Application dates:** Opens 7 September, closes 2 October 2026.
- **Maximum value:** £5,000.
- **Other information:**
 - Funding supports neighbourhood-based projects with sustainable community impact.
 - A total of £20,000 is available across two funding rounds, with two £5,000 grants awarded per round.
- **Link:** [The Happiness Fund](#)

Henry Smith Foundation - Holiday Grants for Children

- **Summary:** Grants for schools, youth groups, charities, and not-for-profit organisations to provide one-off recreational trips or holidays for disadvantaged or disabled children aged 13 and under. Priority is given to fun, enriching experiences that children would not otherwise have the opportunity to access.
- **Deadline:** 19 November 2026, for trips between 1 October and 31 December
- **Maximum value:** £3,000
- **Other information:**
 - Grants of £500 to £3,000 are available per trip.
 - Supports day trips and residential trips of up to seven days within the UK, Isle of Man or Channel Islands.
 - Applicants must be UK schools or non-profit organisations with income below £2 million.
 - Priority is given to projects benefiting disadvantaged and disabled children in the most deprived areas.
 - Match funding may be required.
 - Applications are considered on a first come, first served basis and must be submitted at least six weeks before the trip.
 - Funding is not available for overseas trips, high-cost theme parks, curriculum-based trips, family trips, organisations with income over £2 million, or trips that have already taken place.

Link: [The Henry Smith Foundation](#)

Groundwork - One Stop Community Partnership Programme

- **Summary:** Grants are available to not-for-profit organisations for community projects that address social welfare and environmental issues. The programme supports organisations working within two miles of a participating One Stop store and includes both funding and longer-term partnership support from local One Stop teams.
- **Application dates:** Opens 1 September 2026, closes 30 September 2026
- **Maximum value:** £1,000
- **Other information:**
 - Eligible applicants include voluntary and community organisations, registered charities, schools, health bodies, parish and town councils, social enterprises, community interest companies (minimum two years trading), community councils, local authorities and housing organisations.
 - Projects should tackle food poverty, support vulnerable people, older people or low-income families, run youth sports activities, reduce waste or improve the environment.
 - Funding can support equipment and project activity but not general running costs, staff costs, food purchases, fundraising, political activity, capital projects on school grounds, events, conferences or activity already undertaken.

Link: [One Stop Community Partnership - Groundwork](#)

Places of Worship Renewal Fund

- **Summary:** Grants of £10,000 to £1 million are available for urgent repairs and essential improvements to listed places of worship in England to keep buildings safe, open and in public use. Eligible applicants are active listed places of worship of any faith or denomination that hold worship services at least six times per year.
- **Deadline:** 2 October 2026 for Expressions of Interest.
- **Maximum value:** £1,000,000
 - Small grants of £10,000 to £50,000.
 - Medium grants of £50,001 to £350,000.
 - Large grants of £350,001 to £1 million.
- **Eligible expenditure:**
 - Urgent fabric repairs (roofs, masonry, timber, drainage)
 - Essential improvements (electrical upgrades, heating, toilets, step free access)
 - Professional fees and surveys related to eligible capital works
 - Limited additional works that support future long-term sustainability (such as loft hatches, improved rainwater goods)
 - Proportionate interventions that support sustainable community use.
- **Other information:**
 - Projects must be based in England, involve Grade I, Grade II* or Grade II listed places of worship, and be completed by 31 March 2030.
 - Match funding of around 20% is normally expected, although up to 100% funding may be considered where there is clear need.
 - Funding prioritises areas of greatest deprivation and projects delivering significant community benefit.

Link: [Places of Worship Renewal Fund | Historic England](#)

Army Benevolent Fund – Grants to Organisations

- **Summary:** Grants are available to registered charities, community interest companies and other eligible not-for-profit organisations that support serving soldiers, veterans and their immediate families. Funding supports projects and activities benefiting the Army community in the areas of independent living, elderly care, education and employability, mental fitness, families and housing.
- **Deadline:** 06/10/2026.
- **Maximum value:** Discretionary - no maximum value stated. Grants to new partners are likely to be below £20,000.
- **Other information:**
 - Grants are usually awarded for one year, with multi-year awards considered in exceptional cases.
 - Applicants must demonstrate how remaining project costs will be met, as full cost recovery is not funded.
- **Link:** [Grants to charities and organisations - Army Benevolent Fund](#)

Veterans' Foundation – Standard Grants

- **Summary:** Grants are available for charities and not-for-profit organisations that provide support to those in need among serving Armed Forces personnel, veterans, operationally qualified seafarers and their immediate families. Focus on people experiencing: unemployment, homelessness, mental/physical ill-health, disability, financial hardship, bereavement, or welfare issues.
- **Deadline:** None – applications accepted on a rolling basis
- **Value:** £5,001 to £30,000
- **Priorities:**
 - Organisations providing direct support
 - Those with low–medium income
 - Under-represented groups (e.g., people with additional needs, ethnic minorities, LGBT+, women)
- **Link:** [Apply for a grant | Veterans' Foundation](#)

Veterans' Foundation - Salary Grants

- **Summary:** Grants for salary costs for registered charities and not-for-profit organisations supporting serving Armed Forces personnel, veterans, operationally qualified seafarers and their immediate families in need. Funding is for organisations delivering direct support services and is exclusively for salary costs.
- **Deadline:** None – applications accepted on a rolling basis.
- **Maximum value:** £75,000 (£25,000 per year for up to three years).
- **Other information:**
- **Priorities:**
 - Organisations providing direct support
 - Those with low–medium income
 - Under-represented groups (e.g., people with additional needs, ethnic minorities, LGBT+, women)
- **Link:** [Veterans Foundation - Salary Grants](#)

Veterans' Foundation - Small Grants

- **Summary:** Grants for small, grassroots charities and not-for-profit organisations providing direct support to serving Armed Forces personnel, veterans, operationally qualified seafarers and their immediate families who are experiencing need or disadvantage.
- **Deadline:** None – applications accepted on a rolling basis.
- **Maximum value:** £5,000.
- **Other information:**
 - Eligible applicants must have an annual income below £100,000.
 - Funding supports practical community-based services and activities benefiting the Armed Forces community, including project delivery costs, materials, venue hire and sessional worker costs.
- **Priorities:**
 - Organisations providing direct support
 - Those with low–medium income
 - Under-represented groups (e.g., people with additional needs, ethnic minorities, LGBT+, women)

- **Link:** [Apply for a grant | Veterans' Foundation](#)

Shoosmiths Foundation

- **Summary:** Grants are available to registered charities for projects that widen access to legal careers for underrepresented groups.
- **Deadline:** 30/09/2026
- **Maximum value:** £50,000.
- **Other information:**
 - Eligible projects must demonstrate measurable improvements in access to the legal profession and focus on areas with lower social mobility prospects.
 - Priorities include improving access to higher education and legal careers, strengthening support systems and reducing systemic barriers.

Link: [Shoosmiths foundation](#)

Funding for projects which focus on unpaid carers

- **Summary:** Funding from the Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust for registered or exempt charities for projects that provide therapeutic support for unpaid carers, including healthy eating and outdoor activities. Projects must focus exclusively on unpaid carers, without extending services to other groups.
- **Deadline:** 30 September 2026
- **Value notes:**
 - Charities with an annual income of £100,000 to £1 million can apply for a £1,000 grant.
 - Charities with an annual income of £1 million or more can apply for a £5,000 grant.

Link: [Home - The Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust](#)

Community Radio Fund

- **Summary:** Grants are available to support the core operating costs and equipment needs of Ofcom-licensed community radio stations in the UK that are currently broadcasting. Eligible applicants include analogue community radio stations and Community Digital Sound Programme (C-DSP) stations, subject to specific stream criteria.
- **Deadline:** 14 October 2026.
- **Maximum value:** Up to £100,000 through the Sustainability Stream; up to £2,000 through the Equipment Stream.
- **Other information:**
 - Funding is provided through two streams:
 - Equipment grants can fund studio and transmission equipment, accessibility improvements and related technical equipment.
 - Sustainability grants can support roles or projects linked to station management, fundraising, administration, financial management, community outreach and volunteer support.
 - Multi-year Sustainability grants of up to three years may be considered.
- **Link:** [Community Radio Fund](#)

Common Ground Award

- **Summary:** Capital grants for voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) organisations based and operating in England to support facilities, spaces and equipment that bring people from different backgrounds together, strengthen community cohesion and build resilience. Individual organisations and eligible consortiums may apply.
- **Deadline:** 12 October 2026
- **Maximum value:** Up to £250,000 for consortium applications. Individual organisations can apply for £20,000 to £50,000, with up to £100,000 considered in exceptional cases.
- **Other information:**
 - Funding supports new builds, refurbishment, expansion of facilities and essential equipment.
 - Applicants must have charitable, benevolent or philanthropic purposes and annual turnover/income below £5 million.
 - Eligible themes include promoting social mixing, reducing prejudice and discrimination, and resolving community tensions.
 - Local authorities, public sector bodies, profit-distributing organisations, individuals and regulated education providers are ineligible.
- **Link:** [GOV.UK - Common Ground Award](#)

Funding for digital inclusion, accessibility and participation projects

- **Summary:** Grants are available from the Worshipful Company of Information Technologists (WCIT) Charity to registered charities for innovative technology projects that improve digital inclusion, accessibility and participation, education, technology use within charities, or public understanding of technology.
- **Deadline:** 3 November 2026
- **Maximum value:** £15,000
- **Other information:**
 - Applicants must be UK registered charities established for at least one year with annual income and unrestricted reserves below £1 million.
 - Projects must use technology as a core element, benefit at least 25 people in the UK, demonstrate innovation and measurable outcomes, and deliver social impact.
 - WCIT funding must represent at least 25% of the overall project budget.
 - Eligible costs include reasonable project expenses and project-related staff costs. Pilot projects are eligible.
 - Closes 3 November, or earlier if the cap of 50 applications is reached.
- **Link:** [Application guidance WCIT Charity](#)

The Linnean Society – Our Local Nature Grants

- **Summary:** Grants for youth-led projects that improve access to local natural spaces and increase understanding of local biodiversity. Open to individuals and organisations linked to schools or community-based organisations working directly with young people aged 16 and under.
- **Deadline:** 25 October 2026
- **Maximum value:** £1,000.
- **Other information:**
 - Projects should be developed with, and ideally led by, young people and delivered between January and July 2027.
 - Funding can support materials, room hire, publicity, speakers, trainers, freelancers, project-specific staff costs, audio-visual hire, volunteer expenses, transport and other activity costs.
- **Link:** [Our Local Nature Grant Scheme | The Linnean Society](#)

Alec Dickson Trust – funding to support volunteering projects by young people

- **Summary:** Grants are available to support volunteering projects organised and run by young people (aged 30 years and younger) with a focus on enhancing the lives of marginalised or disadvantaged individuals/communities.
- **Deadline:** 4 October 2026
- **Maximum value:** £500
- **Other information:** the Trust is looking for projects that:
 - Encourage youth volunteering, especially with large numbers of volunteers or long-term impact.
 - Have positive impact on disadvantaged communities/individuals.
 - Are innovative (e.g., creative use of social media or repurposing resources).
- **Link:** [Alec Dickson Trust – Alec Dickson Trust Website](#)

Matthew Good Foundation – unrestricted grants for small VCSE organisations

- **Summary:** Provides unrestricted grants to small and growing charities, voluntary groups, community organisations and social enterprises making a positive impact on people, communities or the environment.
- **Next application window:** 16 September – 15 December – for decisions in February/March.
- **Funding Available:**
 - £60,000 distributed annually across 20 organisations.
 - Every quarter, £15,000 is shared between five shortlisted organisations.
 - Awards are determined by employee voting and range from:
 - 1st: £5,000
 - 2nd: £3,500
 - 3rd: £2,500
 - 4th: £2,000
 - 5th: £2,000
- **What the Foundation Looks For**

- Innovative ideas.
- Projects that create lasting impact.
- Work focused on people, the environment, or both.
- Strong leadership, whether through lived experience, expertise or commitment.
- **Eligibility Organisations must:**
 - Be a UK-based charity, community group, voluntary group or social enterprise.
 - Have an annual income below £50,000.
 - Hold a bank account in the organisation's name.
- **Link:** [Grants for Good - Grants for small charities up to £5,000](#)

UnLtd - Awards for Social Entrepreneurs

- **Summary:** Funding and specialist support for UK social entrepreneurs aged 16+ to start, develop or grow a social venture that addresses a social issue. Open to founders of social businesses with ventures less than four years old and annual turnover below £250,000.
- **Next application window:** Opens 1 October 2026, closes 30 November 2026
- **Maximum value:** £18,000
- **Other information:**
 - Two funding levels are available: up to £8,000 for start-up ventures and up to £18,000 for scaling existing ventures.
 - Start-up funding covers essential start-up costs (excluding wages);
 - Scaling funding can support wages and living costs.
 - Priority is given to ventures tackling inequality and supporting marginalised communities.
 - Funding rounds capped at 650 applications.
 - Ineligible applicants include ventures over four years old, organisations with turnover above £250,000, political or religious campaigning activities, and projects focused mainly outside the UK.

Link: [UnLtd - Awards for Social Entrepreneurs](#)

The LGBT+ Fund: Get Active Fund

- **Summary:** Funding for UK-based LGBT+ led non-profit organisations and groups delivering sports or physical activity projects. The fund aims to increase access to physical activity for LGBT+ communities and prioritises grassroots organisations supporting people facing additional barriers to participation.
- **Deadline:** 4 November 2026 (12:00).
- **Maximum value:** £50,000.
- **Other information:**
 - Grants of £5,000 to £25,000 for one-year projects or £10,000 to £50,000 for two-year projects.
 - Funding can support project delivery costs, equipment, accessibility measures, volunteer expenses, training, coaching qualifications and core costs.
 - No match funding requirement stated.

- Priority is given to underserved and intersectional LGBT+ communities, organisations in historically underfunded areas and those serving rural or remote locations.
- **Link:** [The LGBT+ Fund: Get Active Fund](#)

Worshipful Company of Information Technologists Charity

- **Summary:** Grants are available to registered charities for technology-based projects that improve digital inclusion, accessibility and participation, particularly for people facing barriers to technology. Projects must support one or more priority areas: education, inclusion, tech for charities, or public understanding of technology.
- **Deadline:** 3 November 2026
- **Maximum value:** £15,000
- **Other information:**
 - Applicants must be UK registered charities established for at least one year with annual income and unrestricted reserves below £1 million.
 - Funding can cover most reasonable project costs, including project-related staff costs.
 - The WCIT grant must represent at least 25% of the total project budget and projects should benefit at least 25 people in the UK, demonstrate innovation, value for money, measurable outcomes, and potential for wider adoption.
 - Closes on 3 November, or earlier if 50 applications are received.
- **Link:** [WCIT Charity](#)

Cash4Clubs

- **Summary:** Unrestricted grants for not-for-profit organisations, charities, community groups and sports clubs in the UK and Ireland that use sport to deliver wider social outcomes and increase participation among adults from under-represented groups. Priority is given to organisations working in areas of high deprivation.
- **Deadline:** 1 January 2027
- **Maximum value:** £2,000
- **Other information:** Funding is unrestricted and can support costs such as venue hire, utilities, coaching, volunteer expenses, equipment, kit, marketing, training, qualifications, insurance and affiliations. Funding should be spent within six months. Applicants must have appropriate governance arrangements and use sport for wider social purposes. Only organisations supporting adults (18+) are eligible. Projects involving under-18s, junior activities, elite sport, talent development, trips abroad and individuals are not eligible. Applications are expected to open from 1 October 2026.
- **Link:** [Cash4Clubs](#)

The LGBT+ Fund: Get Active Fund

- **Summary:** Funding for UK-based LGBT+ led non-profit organisations and groups delivering sports and physical activity projects. The programme supports community-based activity, increases participation in physical activity among LGBT+ communities and prioritises underserved and intersectional groups facing additional barriers to participation.
- **Deadline:** 4 November 2026 (12 noon).

- **Maximum value:** £50,000.
- **Other information:** Grants of £5,000 to £25,000 for one-year projects and £10,000 to £50,000 for two-year projects. Funding can support project delivery costs, venue hire, equipment, volunteer expenses, accessibility measures, training, coaching qualifications, salaries and core costs where linked to delivery. Applicants must be UK-based, LGBT+ led, have been operating for at least six months and have delivered sports or physical activity projects within the last three years. Local authorities, schools, NHS bodies, individuals and organisations based outside the UK are not eligible. No match funding requirement is stated. Applications are submitted online. Priority is given to underserved LGBT+ communities, underfunded regions and rural or remote areas.
- **Link:** [The LGBT+ Fund: Get Active Fund](#)

True Colours Trust - UK Small Grants

- **Summary:** Small grants programme supporting UK registered charities and Community Interest Companies with annual income below £350,000 that improve the lives of disabled children and young people aged 0-25, children and young people with life-limiting conditions, and their families in the UK.
- **Deadline:** Not stated.
- **Maximum value:** £10,000
- **Other information:** Funding can support projects, family support, sibling support, bereavement support, respite provision, hydrotherapy pool improvements, multi-sensory rooms, minibuses and specialised play equipment. No match funding requirement is stated. Applications are accepted at any time, and decisions are typically made within 12 weeks. Organisations must be UK-based and deliver projects in the UK. Local authorities, schools, residential schemes, condition-specific organisations, individuals, recently funded organisations, organisations without a full year of accounts and projects outside the UK are not eligible. The fund is particularly interested in organisations working in areas of high deprivation.
- **Link:** [The True Colours Trust | UK small grants](#)

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 - Applicants must have charitable, benevolent or philanthropic purposes and annual turnover/income below £5 million.

- Eligible themes include promoting social mixing, reducing prejudice and discrimination, and resolving community tensions.
- Local authorities, public sector bodies, profit-distributing organisations, individuals and regulated education providers are ineligible.

Link: [GOV.UK - Common Ground Award](#)

Gardens Trust Community Grants

- **Summary:** Grants are available to volunteer groups across the UK to support projects and activities that improve, enhance and sustain historic designed landscapes. Preference is given to smaller charities.
- **Deadline:** 16 October 2026
- **Maximum value:** £10,000
- **Other information:**
 - Funding can support both capital and revenue expenditure.
 - Priority is given to seed-funding or pump-priming activity that creates sustainable outcomes, including restoration plans, Friends group set-up costs, research projects and volunteer training schemes.
 - Projects should align with the Gardens Trust's priorities of conservation, knowledge sharing and inclusive participation.
 - Preference is given to projects completed within 18 months.
- **Link:** [The Gardens Trust Community Grant - The Gardens Trust](#)