October 2026 funding Opportunities

- Darkwood's Coffee Grants up to £500: Local Community Grants – DW Foundation
- One Community Foundation: Local Charity Grants Available | One Community Kirklees
- IDOX Funding Portal: Home | Kirklees 4 Community
- TSL funding : View Current Funding Opportunities - Third Sector Leaders Kirklees

Music for All - Community Project Funding

- Summary: Grants and instrument awards for community groups, schools, charities, organisations, companies and individuals in deprived or marginalised areas of the UK seeking to deliver sustainable music projects that increase participation in music within local communities.
- Deadline: 30 November 2026
- Maximum value: Discretionary. Grants of up to £1,500 are available in the current round for groups working with early years children aged 0-4.
- Other information:
    - Funding supports music-making projects and may provide instruments, equipment and software, including guitars, ukuleles, Pbuzz instruments and Arturia controllers.
    - Priority is given to applicants with the greatest need and those serving underrepresented communities.
    - Match funding is encouraged as applications are unlikely to be funded in full.
- Link**: Music for All | Music Charity in the UK | Music Funding & Grants**

Funding for Smaller UK Charities Providing Health and Care Services

- Summary: Unrestricted grants from The Sir Jules Thorn Charitable Trust for registered charities providing health and care services that offer practical and emotional support to people with physical or mental ill health, disabilities, serious illness, palliative and end-of-life care needs, and their families and carers.
- Deadline: Not stated.
- Maximum value: £5,000
- Other information:
    - Grants may support core costs or specific projects but cannot fund research.
    - Eligible charities must have been registered for at least three years, have annual income between £100,000 and £2 million.
    - Priority is given to independent health-focused charities.
- Link**: Ann Rylands Small Donations -Sir Jules Thorn Trust**

Windrush Day Grant Scheme 2027

- Summary: Grants are available for community-led projects across England that celebrate the legacy and contribution of the Windrush generation and their descendants, while bringing together people of different ages, backgrounds and communities. Eligible applicants include charities, CICs, CIOs, social enterprises, community benefit societies, and local authorities as part of consortium bids.

- Deadline: 29 October 2026
- Maximum value: £25,000
- Other information:
    - Grants of £5,000 to £25,000 are available from a £500,000 programme.
    - Projects must support one or more of the themes Raise Awareness, Foster Pride, or Encourage & Inspire, and deliver community cohesion, lasting impact, and increased recognition of the Windrush generation.
    - Match funding is not required but is encouraged and may include in-kind support.
    - Projects must take place in England, with main activities delivered between 8 June and 31 July 2027.
    - Staff costs should not exceed 25% of the grant requested.
- Link: **Near Neighbours - Windrush Day Grant Scheme 2027**

Barchester Healthcare Foundation

- Summary: Grants for individuals, small community groups and small local charities to improve quality of life, reduce loneliness and increase community participation among older people and adults with physical disabilities, learning disabilities or mental health conditions.
- Deadline: 31 October 2026
- Maximum value: £2,600
- Other information:
    - Funding supports activity projects, equipment and materials, member transport, day trips, outings and UK group holidays.
    - Priority is given to projects that help people become active, meet others and reduce isolation.
    - Funding is not available for core costs, salaries, venue hire, building projects, minibuses, staff or volunteer training, retrospective costs or most foodbank provision.
    - Organisations with income above £200,000 are unlikely to be funded.

Link: **Apply for a grant | Barchester Charitable Foundation**

UnLtd - Awards for Social Entrepreneurs

- Summary: Funding and specialist support for UK social entrepreneurs aged 16+ who are founders or leaders of social ventures creating long-term social impact. Supports both new ventures and those trading for up to four years.
- Deadline: 30 November 2026
- Maximum value: £18,000
- Other information:
    - Starting Up Awards provide up to £8,000 for ventures not yet trading or trading for less than one year. Scaling Up Awards provide up to £18,000 for ventures trading between one and four years and with at least £18,000 earned in the previous 12 months.
    - Funding can support start-up and running costs, and for Scaling Up Awards may include salary or living costs.
    - Ventures must mainly benefit people or places in the UK, have turnover below £250,000, and demonstrate potential for financial sustainability.

    - Applications are capped at 650 submissions per round and require completion of an online eligibility checker before accessing the application portal.
- Link: **UnLtd - Awards for Social Entrepreneurs**

UnLtd - Community Climate Action Awards

- Summary: Grants for early-stage social entrepreneurs in the UK developing community-based solutions to climate change. Supports ventures focused on transport, home energy, sustainable food, and reducing waste and consumption. Eligible applicants must be aged 16+, lead a social venture with a clear social purpose, and meet programme eligibility criteria.
- Deadline: July 2028
- Maximum value: £8,000
- Other information:
    - Funding can support costs associated with developing and running the social venture.
    - Ventures must mainly benefit UK communities, have turnover below £250,000, be incorporated for less than four years, and have potential for financial sustainability.
    - Successful applicants also receive coaching, business support, peer learning and networking opportunities.
- Link**: UnLtd - Community Climate Action Awards**

Ford Britain Trust

- Summary: Grants are available to registered charities, non-profit organisations, clubs, societies, state-sector schools and PTAs for projects that benefit local communities in Great Britain. Priority is given to projects focused on education, the environment, children and young people, people with disabilities and special educational needs, and wider community benefit.
- Deadline: 31 October 2026
- Maximum value: £3,000
- Other information:
    - Funding supports capital projects, equipment, furniture, computers and contributions towards the purchase of new Ford vehicles.
    - Projects can take place anywhere, but preference is given to those near Ford operations in Essex (including East London), Southampton, Daventry, Manchester, Liverpool and Bridgend.
    - Small grants range from £1 to £250 and large grants from £251 to £3,000.
    - No match funding is generally required, although vehicle purchases must demonstrate that at least two-thirds of the cost has been secured from other sources.
- Link**: The Ford Britain Trust | Ford UK**

Funding for women's and girls' organisations – apply now

Rosa's Voices from the Frontline Fund is now open for applications, offering grants of up to £10,000 to support campaigning and influencing work by women's and girls' organisations.

Launched in 2015, Rosa's Voices from the Frontline fund is unique; dedicated to campaigning and influencing by women and girls in the UK. You can find out more about the application process, 'How to Apply' webinars, and grant criteria here.

The deadline for applications is 4pm on 16 November 2026**.**

Taylor Wimpey - Charity and Local Support

- Summary: Grant funding, sponsorship, volunteering and practical support for charities and community organisations across the UK. Supports projects linked to aspiration, education and wellbeing, homelessness, and local community initiatives connected to Taylor Wimpey developments.
- Deadline: Not stated.
- Maximum value: No maximum value stated.
- Other information:
    - Priority is given to projects promoting aspiration, education and wellbeing; tackling homelessness and economic disadvantage; and supporting local community projects linked to Taylor Wimpey developments.
    - Taylor Wimpey generally favours smaller national charities and regional or local organisations where employees can be actively involved. Applications may be submitted at any time through an online application form.
- Link: **Charity and local support · Taylor Wimpey**

National Garden Scheme - Community Gardens Grants

- Summary: Grants of £1,500 to £5,000 for fully established community groups, registered charities and Community Interest Companies (CICs) to create or develop a community garden, allotment or similar horticultural project that benefits the local community.
- Deadline: 30 October 2026 (midday)
- Maximum value: £5,000
- Other information:
    - Funding supports plants, containers, beds, hard landscaping, greenhouses, polytunnels, sheds, seating, hand tools, some garden power tools and refreshments.
    - Projects should promote community participation, gardening skills, sustainable gardening practices and biodiversity.

Link: **Community Garden Grants - National Garden Scheme**

Cash4Clubs

- Summary: Unrestricted grants for community and voluntary sports organisations that use sport to deliver wider social outcomes and increase participation among under-represented adult groups. Eligible applicants include charities, community groups and sports clubs with appropriate governance arrangements.

- Deadline: 1 January 2027
- Maximum value: £2,000
- Other information:
    - Grants are unrestricted and may support venue hire, utilities, coaching, volunteer expenses, equipment, kit, marketing, training, qualifications, insurance and affiliations.
    - Priority is given to organisations operating in areas of high deprivation and supporting under-represented groups, including women, racially diverse communities, disabled people and LGBTQ+ people.
    - Funding must be spent within six months.
    - Applicants must work with adults aged 18+ and demonstrate wider social impact through sport.
    - Projects for under-18s, junior clubs, elite sport, talent development, overseas trips and individuals are not eligible.
- Link: **Cash4Clubs**

Energy Resilience Funding for Not-for-Profits in England

- Summary: A blended grant and loan fund for charities and social enterprises in England to improve energy resilience through energy-saving measures, renewable energy technology, and the purchase of energy-efficient or environmentally friendly vehicles and equipment. Eligible applicants must be incorporated voluntary, community or social enterprise organisations meeting specified financial and operational criteria.
- Deadline: Not stated
- Maximum value: £250,000
- Other information:
    - Funding available from £25,000 to £250,000, comprising 40% grant and 60% loan.
    - Eligible expenditure includes energy efficiency improvements to buildings and land, renewable energy technologies, electric and low-emission vehicles, equipment, installation costs, project management, training, contingency and limited revenue losses.
    - Applicants must be based in England, have operated for at least two years, have a minimum annual turnover of £100,000, fewer than 250 employees, and be unable to access mainstream bank lending.
- Link: **Energy Resilience Fund for Charities & Social Enterprises**

CIPS Foundation Opens Grants for Ethical Supply Chains

- Summary: A small grants programme for UK-registered charities supporting projects that improve supply chains, develop new or better supply chain practices, eradicate poor practices, promote ethical and sustainable procurement, and improve access to information and support across supply chains in the UK and internationally.
- Deadline: 20 November 2026
- Maximum value: £80,000
- Other information:
    - Typical grants range from £25,000 to £80,000.

    - Funding is available for projects addressing environmental impact, ethical and sustainable supply chains, human rights, modern slavery, fair working practices, anti-corruption, social outcomes and climate action.
    - Projects may be delivered anywhere in the world, with particular interest in low and lower-middle income countries, including India and the Caribbean.
    - Grants are awarded for one year with potential extension, and projects must be completed by the end of January 2028.
- **Link: Cips Foundation | CIPS**

Take the Lead: Data Champions Community Grants

- Summary: Grants are available for UK community leaders based within established community organisations to deliver standalone projects, events or activities that explore how data can support health and wellbeing. Priority is given to organisations working with underserved groups, including people from low socio-economic and minority ethnic backgrounds, young people, older people, rural communities and those experiencing digital exclusion.
- Deadline: 2 November 2026 (12 noon)
- Maximum value: £3,000
- Other information:
    - Up to 20 grants available.
    - Activities must take place between 8 February and 20 June 2027.
    - Funding can support materials, venue hire, audio-visual equipment hire, publicity, volunteer and participant expenses, speakers, trainers, freelancers, accessibility costs and project-specific staff costs.
    - Projects must be community-led, free to attend, locally embedded and focused on data's role in health and wellbeing.
    - Applicants must attend a compulsory welcome event in Bristol on 23 February 2027.
- **Link: Take the Lead: Data Champions Community Grants**

- **Help the Homeless Grant Scheme**
- Summary: Grants for small and medium-sized UK registered charities working wholly or mainly with homeless people, supporting practical projects that help individuals rebuild their lives and return to mainstream society.
- Deadline: 20 December 2026 at 5pm. Applications are considered quarterly, with annual deadlines of 20 March, 20 June, 20 September and 20 December.
- Maximum value: £5,000.
- Other information:
    - Funding is for capital projects, including building works, refurbishment, equipment and facilities that help homeless people move towards independent lives through measures such as training or residential provision.
    - Applicants must be registered UK charities with annual turnover below £500,000.
- **Link: Applying for Funding — Help the Homeless**

Social Investment Gateway Programme

- Summary: A free 12-month programme for England-based charities, social enterprises and community organisations seeking to strengthen trading and become ready for social investment, usually within the next three years.
- Deadline: 6 November 2026
- Maximum value: Up to £24,000 through a repayable grant. Alternatively, applicants can choose a Match Trading Grant of up to £18,000.
- Other information:
    - Supports development of trading income, business models, systems, finances and leadership through tailored learning, diagnostic support, peer coaching, investment surgeries and engagement with social investors.
    - Round 2, for which applications are now open, runs from 1 March 2027 to 1 February 2028, with face-to-face provision in London and Manchester at the start, middle and end.
    - The Match Trading Grant is drawn down as trading increases, over 12 months in five instalments.
    - Ten repayable grants are available across both rounds.
    - Applicants should be planning to seek social investment; have a trading model they intend to grow over the next year and need support to become investment-ready.
    - Organisations below £100,000 annual income with a strong trading model are encouraged to contact the funder.
- Link: Social Investment Gateway Programme

Forte Charitable Foundation – Small Grants

- Summary: Grants for small and medium-sized UK not-for-profit and voluntary organisations addressing local issues in areas of extreme urban deprivation or deprived rural areas. Funding prioritises frontline organisations providing community support directly to people in need.
- Deadline: None.
- Maximum value: £10,000.
- Other information:
    - Single-year grants of £2,000 to £10,000 are available for core costs, salaries, running costs and project costs.
    - Applicants must have annual income of no more than £250,000, be embedded locally, provide recent annual accounts, secure 50% of total project costs and begin spending within one to two months of receiving the grant.
    - Organisations must be based within eligible deprivation areas: the bottom 15% most deprived urban areas or bottom 50% most deprived rural areas.
    - CICs, statutory bodies including local authorities and state schools, capital projects, new organisations without annual accounts, one-off events, environmental projects and various other activities are excluded.
    - Decisions are usually notified within eight weeks.
- Link: Forte Charitable Foundation - Small Grants

LGBT+ Fund - Youth Joy Fund

- Summary: Grants for England-based non-profit LGBT+ organisations and youth groups supporting LGBT+ young people aged 11 to 25. Funding supports activities that foster joy, belonging, self-acceptance, community connection and improved wellbeing.
- Deadline: 18 November 2026 at noon.
- Maximum value: £25,000. Grants range from £5,000 to £25,000, with £300,000 available overall.
- Other information:
    - Eligible costs include core and running costs, staff salaries, rent, utilities, management, administration, training, venue hire, refreshments, volunteer expenses, participant transport and small project purchases.
    - Activities can be in person or online, including in education settings.
    - Applicants must have delivered youth work for at least two years and have existing LGBT+ youth provision, appropriate governance, safeguarding arrangements, DBS checks, recent accounts, a project budget and an organisational or fiscal host bank account.
    - Priority is given to traditionally underfunded areas, areas lacking provision and work supporting intersectional LGBT+ communities.
    - Decisions are expected by the end of March 2027.
- Link: LGBT+ Fund - Youth Joy Fund