

Funding Opportunities for the West Midlands

- *Tight deadline grants are still included in case of 'ready to go' projects.*
- *Region-specific grants located first. England and UK-wide located later.*
- *None of the funds listed are specifically endorsed by Natural England.*
- *Funds newly added this month are marked in blue*
- *Please tell me about any funding successes following my newsletter suggestions!*

Chartered Institute of Horticulture: Bursaries and grants

Directory of grants and bursaries available from organisations for horticultural projects

UK Community Foundations: Please check these for locally based Community Foundations who can offer various grants and support:

- [Worcestershire Community Foundation](#)
- [Herefordshire Community Foundation](#)
- [Heart of England Community Foundation \(Coventry, Warwickshire, Solihull, Birmingham & The Black Country\)](#)

WMCA £2.5k available to community groups across the West Midlands to support nature

Do you have an idea for a step towards a greener, fairer, healthier environment in the West Midlands? Will it bring people together to enjoy nature and improve our natural environment? The Nature Call to Action Campaign Fund will provide £2,500 to 14 community based organisations across the West Midlands to deliver projects during March 2026. Whether you'd like to hold a nature themed community festival or install a pond, we'd love to hear from you.

Deadline to apply: 19th January 2026 at midnight. Grant notification: 26th January 2026

Creative Communities 2025–2026 (Creative Black Country)

- **What it offers:** Creative commissions of up to **£1,000** for community-led initiatives—like learning a new craft, starting a choir, creating a garden gallery, or “go and see” cultural visits to shows, museums, or galleries.
- **Who is eligible:** Community groups, particularly those:
 - Engaging in creative activities for the **first time**
 - Located in **priority areas** across the Black Country:
 - **Dudley:** Brierley Hill, Kingswinford, Halesowen, Stourbridge & Sedgley
 - **Sandwell:** Rowley Regis, Tipton, Oldbury & Wednesbury
 - **Walsall:** Willenhall, Bloxwich, Darlaston & Brownhills
 - **Wolverhampton:** Bushbury, Heath Town, Blakenhall, Ettingshall & Spring Vale
- **Deadline:** All projects and activities must be **completed by 28 February 2026**
- **Support available:**
 - One-to-one guidance from Creative Advisers

- Connections with local organisations, creatives, and voluntary sector councils
- Help promoting the project, accessing funding, and making work accessible (e.g., BSL provision, captioning)
- Environmental advice (e.g., use of recycled materials)
- Funding support for “Go & See” visits: covering travel and/or tickets
- **Contacts by area:**
 - **Dudley** – laura@creativeblackcountry.co.uk
 - **Wolverhampton** – nelson@creativeblackcountry.co.uk
 - **Walsall** - richard@creativeblackcountry.co.uk
 - **Sandwell** – info@creativeblackcountry.co.uk

Heart of England Community Foundation - The Birmingham Sports Fund (Birmingham)

The Heart of England Community Foundation is a local independent grant making organisation which aims to improve the quality of life of disadvantaged people living in the West Midlands, by awarding grants for specific activities to community-based voluntary groups on behalf of a wide range of donors. Through the Birmingham Sports Fund, the Foundation provides grants of up to £1,000 for projects that encourage more people in Birmingham to be active and engage in sport. In particular, the fund aims to support projects that encourage sports participation from disadvantaged communities, Black, Asian and minority ethnic communities, women and girls, and disabled people. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

Heart of England CF - Tipton Education Fund (Tipton, Birmingham)

To support schools and community projects in Tipton. William Perry, known as “The Tipton Slasher”, was a legendary heavyweight boxer who became Champion of England twice. Themes: Overcome barriers to learning, Raising aspirations of children and young people, Supporting family learning and encouraging healthy living, Encouraging and supporting children to read, Providing enrichment opportunities for children, young people and families. Small grants of up to £3,000 pa for projects to be delivered within a 12-month period. Large grants of up to £10,000 pa for collaborative projects to be delivered within a 24 month period. Open to most non profits. **No deadline.**

The Saintbury Trust (West Midlands, with focus on Birmingham and Worcester)

Arts, heritage, the environment and helping those with disabilities. £1,000 - £5,000. Larger grants tend to be awarded to charities of which the trustees have special knowledge or in the work of which they have a particular interest. **Ongoing**

Birmingham and Black Country Communities Fund (Birmingham & the Black Country)

The Birmingham and Black Country Communities Fund has now reopened! The fund has grants up to £3,000 and aims to support people in Birmingham and the Black Country. Applications must meet one of the following aims:

- Promote health and wellbeing
- Tackling disadvantage
- Support local solutions to meet local needs
- Promote community cohesion
- Develop sustainable and supporting communities

The Barrow Cadbury Trust Grants Programme (Birmingham and the Black Country)

Committed to supporting vulnerable and marginalised people in society. The Trust promotes social justice through grant making, research, influencing public opinion and policy and supporting local communities. Their work is divided into three programme areas: Criminal Justice - building evidence of effective interventions, primarily for young adults and women, at all stages of the criminal justice process; Migration - promoting an immigration system that is fair to both migrants and established residents; Economic Justice - supporting effective approaches to reducing economic and social injustice and assisting in building resilient communities. There is a particular focus on projects located in Birmingham and the Black Country. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

Coventry, Solihull & Warwickshire (CSW) Communities Fund

The **Coventry, Solihull & Warwickshire Communities Fund** grants are awarded from the earnings of the Foundation's own endowment fund. There are grants of up to £3,000 available to support people in Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire. Applications must meet one of the following aims:

- Promote health & wellbeing
- Tackling disadvantage
- Support local solutions to meet local needs
- Promote community cohesion
- Develop sustainable & supporting communities

Natural Networks Programme (Malvern Hills, Wychavon or Wyre Forest)

Offering grants and advice to projects which aim to create/restore wildlife-rich habitats. It is a partnership between Worcestershire County Council and Worcestershire Wildlife Trust, offering free professional Biodiversity surveys carried out by the Trust who will assess your project site and make recommendations on how to create or enhance your land to maximise habitats for wildlife. Grants of £1,000 - £15,000 are available (up to 70% of the total project will be available to help you carry out recommendations in the survey).

- Private sector organisations will be expected to match fund at least 50% of the project
- Public or voluntary sector organisations will be expected to match fund at least 30% of the project

Applicants need to email naturalnetworks@worcestershire.gov.uk to request a link to the registration application portal.

Herefordshire Community Foundation - CPRE (Herefordshire)

The Herefordshire Community Foundation exists to benefit disadvantaged communities by making grants to support relevant charitable or voluntary organisations, which make a difference to their local communities. Through the CPRE programme, the foundation provides funding to organisations working to preserve and support the tranquility of Herefordshire's countryside. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

Herefordshire Community Foundation - Iron Fund (Herefordshire)

The Herefordshire Community Foundation exists to benefit disadvantaged communities by making grants to support relevant charitable or voluntary organisations, which make a difference to their local communities. Through the Iron Fund the foundation provides grants to relieve the needs of people in Herefordshire, favouring projects that encourage community cohesion, or address issues of isolation and disadvantage. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

Herefordshire Community Foundation - Hergest Fund (Kington area)

The Herefordshire Community Foundation exists to benefit disadvantaged communities by making grants to support relevant charitable or voluntary organisations, which make a difference to their local communities. Through the Hergest Fund the foundation provides funding support to welfare, educational and environmental activities. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

Herefordshire Community Foundation - Glencora (Herefordshire)

The Herefordshire Community Foundation exists to benefit disadvantaged communities by making grants to support relevant charitable or voluntary organisations, which make a difference to their local communities. Through the Glencora programme the foundation provides support to organisations that aim to increase environmental awareness or who are active in environmental support and those working with the older generation. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

Crowdfund Shropshire (Shropshire)

Crowdfund Shropshire, the new civic fundraising platform where community groups can get their projects funded by public and grant funding, is opening in the next month. Projects can bid for up to £10,000 from the Shared Prosperity Community Fund and up to £20,000 from the Green Spaces and Active Travel Fund. Currently 5 projects crowdfunding at the moment. They include Rural Art Hub, Walking in Wem, Multicultural Children's Day, Little Stars in the Community and Get Crafty With Words. [Check out their projects here](#) for inspiration and donate or spread the word to help them reach their goals

Staffordshire Community Foundation - The J&O Lloyd Community Grants Fund (East Staffordshire)

The Staffordshire Community Foundation exists to benefit disadvantaged communities by making grants to support relevant charitable or voluntary organisations, which make a difference to their local communities. Through the J&O Lloyd Community Grants Fund the foundation provides grants of up to £10,000 to organisations who provide benefit to a community within the East Staffordshire borough. Preference will be given to applications working in one of the following fields; Heritage; Arts & Leisure; Built & Natural Environment; Social & Community Isolation. **Applications submitted between 1st October and 31st March will be considered at a panel meeting in April.**

Staffordshire Community Foundation - Stafford Borough Council Small Grants (Stafford)

The Staffordshire Community Foundation exists to benefit disadvantaged communities by making grants to support relevant charitable or voluntary organisations, which make a difference to their local communities. Through the Stafford Borough Council Small Grants programme the foundation provides grants of up to £1,000 to organisations who provide facilities or services for people in the geographical area covered by Stafford Borough Council. All projects must meet one of the following criteria; Benefit local residents; Bring about a lasting benefit to the organisations members or the wider community; Help to increase the organisations sustainability or reach. **The closing date for applications is 16th January 2026.**

National Forest Company - Small Grants Fund (Leicestershire, Derbyshire, Staffordshire)

Through the National Forest Small Grants Scheme funding is available to support projects that contribute to the aims and objectives of the National Forest. Those who operate within the Forest area can apply for grants to support a range of projects and activities. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

The Edward and Dorothy Cadbury Trust (West Midlands)

Funding is available for charitable organisations in the West Midlands working in the areas of social welfare, music, nature, education and training combined with the Quaker values of simplicity, equality, justice, peace and care of the environment. Grants are available of between £1,000 and £5,000.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

npower Business Solutions Foundation (West Midlands)

Aims to support not-for-profit organisations and educational institutions located within a 50-mile radius of their Solihull (B91 3ES) and Leeds offices in creating sustainable communities. The foundation offers grants of up to £100,000 for projects focused on decarbonisation, responsible business growth, social innovation, and local skills/employment promotion. Projects that help to improve the environment, forge stronger community bonds, encourage responsible business and improve places and spaces. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

Forestry Commission - Tree Health Pilot Scheme (focus on West Mids)

The Scheme is testing ways to slow the spread of pests and diseases affecting trees in certain regions of England. Eligible trees include larch, spruce, sweet chestnut, oak, and ash affected by various diseases. The grants cover activities such as woodland management and tree maintenance. To be able to participate, the woodland needs to be located in North West England, the West Midlands or the South East and London. individuals or groups. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

Severn Trent Community Fund (East Midlands, West Midlands, South West)

Voluntary or community organisations in the Severn Trent Water region are eligible to apply to the £10 million Severn Trent Community Fund for funding to increase community wellbeing. This includes support for projects that help people to lead a healthier life and gain new skills; help to create better places to live in and use; and Projects that will help look after the natural environment, give people greater access to that environment or help look after water.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

UK/England Wide:

Calisen Impact Charitable Trust (UK)

The Calisen Impact Charitable Trust funds projects that have positive environmental, social or wellbeing outcomes. The aim is to drive economic and social development within communities by funding initiatives which focus on sustainable energy solutions, and promote inclusive, safe, and diverse educational and work environments. Examples of Projects Funded include funding 20 schools to apply for the Eco-Schools Green Flag Award. The trust has an interest in supporting communities in the North West where Calisen operates, but funding is available for registered charities across the UK.

The closing date for applications is 31st December 2025.

Veolia Environmental Trust Grants (UK)

Awarding grants as part of the Landfill Communities Fund. Constituted, not-for-profit groups within the vicinity of a qualifying Veolia site, can apply for grants for projects that support the natural, social and built environment. The type of activities include Community buildings and rooms: such as community centres, village halls, community spaces within religious buildings, Scout/Guide buildings; Outdoor Spaces: e.g. public parks, nature reserves, community gardens, footpaths, or cycle-paths; Play and recreation: e.g. play areas, skate-parks, sports facilities. The maximum grant is £75,000 for projects with a total cost of under £250,000. **The closing date for applications is 8th January 2026.**

Veterans Foundation Grant (UK)

Armed Forces charities and other not-for-profit organisations can apply for grants of up to £40,000 for projects and activities supporting serving armed forces personnel, veterans, operationally qualified seafarers and their immediate families. **The closing date for applications is 12th January 2026.**

The Big Give - Green Match Fund (UK)

Match funding campaign that runs for one week in April to support projects which address climate emergency. To be eligible, charities must be working on environmental issues as part of their core mission. This may include: biodiversity & conservation; climate change; agriculture & food; sustainable communities; energy; transport; trade & finance; consumption & waste; toxics & pollution. Public donations made to charities during campaign will be matched up to a specific amount. **Closing date for applications 16th January 2026.**

Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust - Apart Not Alone: Support for Serving Families Programme (UK)

The Apart Not Alone: Support for Serving Families Programme offers grants ranging from £5,000 to £50,000 for projects aimed at easing the impact of separation on Armed Forces families. Eligible applicants include registered charities, Community Interest Companies, and Armed Forces units or bases. Projects should address isolation, improve mental health, enhance support access, and aid in reintegration post-deployment. **The closing date for applications is 21st January 2026.**

Public Health Grassroots Awards (England)

The Public Health Grassroots Awards are an NIHR Research Support Service (RSS) initiative designed to build research capacity within local public health practice. The scheme supports public health professionals working in local authorities, VCSE organisations and other non-NHS services to develop research skills through short placements, training opportunities, or involvement in an existing research project. Awards are typically around £5,000 and support 3–6 months of activity. The fund aims to widen access to research opportunities, strengthen evidence-informed practice, and help embed a research culture within local public health teams. A webinar to support applications will take place from 11am–12 noon on Thursday 13 November 2025. **Closing date: 5pm on Tuesday 27 January 2026.**

Woodland Trust - Free Trees (UK)

Free tree packs to give away to schools, community and youth groups, available for planting on one publicly accessible site. First come first serve basis. All applicants need to do is find a suitable site and supply the volunteer planters and tree protection. Tree packs for schools and communities offer the perfect opportunity to bring people together to plant trees - encouraging local wildlife, protecting our landscape against tree disease and creating beautiful wooded areas that people can enjoy for years to come. **Applications expected to close in January 2026**

FCC Communities Foundation (England)

FCC Communities Foundation is a not-for-profit business that helps benefit the lives of people who live close to landfill sites by awarding grants for community, biodiversity and heritage projects. The FCC Community Action Fund is designed to deliver amenity projects within 10 miles of a FCC Environment landfill site in FCC Communities operating area. The following types of amenity can be funded: Village Halls, community centres, public play areas. multi sport games areas, sport and recreation grounds, churches, nature reserves, public gardens and woodlands, Museums. Funding is available of between £2,000 and £100,000 for projects with a maximum total project cost of £500,000. **The closing date for applications is 11th February 2026.**

The Idlewild Trust (UK)

Grant making organisation that supports registered charities concerned with the encouragement of the performing and fine arts and crafts, the advancement of education within the arts and the preservation for the benefit of the public of lands, buildings and other objects of beauty or historic interest in the United Kingdom. The Trust awards around £140,000 each year in grants and considers making grants of up to £5,000. In 2020 Idlewild Trust awarded 33 grants totalling £128,055, an average of nearly £3,880. **The closing date for applications is 13th February 2026.**

Stanley Smith Grants to Promote Horticulture and Public Gardens (UK)

Organisations involved in horticulture, gardening, or botany can apply for grants of up to £5,000 from the Stanley Smith (UK) Horticultural Trust. The Trust supports projects that promote horticulture, conserve the environment through biodiversity, develop public gardens, and advance horticultural education. Eligible projects include the restoration of historic gardens, creation of new public garden spaces, horticultural research, publications, and plant study expeditions. The grants aim to enhance public access to gardens, promote horticultural knowledge, and conserve plant diversity. Grants are normally awarded twice a year, in April and September (following **application deadlines of 15th February 2026 and 15th August 2026**).

Enovert Community Trust (UK)

Enovert Community Trust (formerly Cory Environmental Trust in Britain) is an Environmental body which supports community and environmental projects. The Trust awards grants under the terms of the Landfill Communities Fund (LCF), providing funding to a broad range of projects that have a positive impact on local communities. The Trust is committed to supporting community and environmental projects across the UK. These include improving community halls, the creation of new play areas and skate parks, and restoring green spaces. Fundraising by applicants is looked upon favourably by the Trustees. Applicants will need to secure a 10% third party contribution which will be payable to Enovert Limited prior to the project commencing. **The closing date for applications is 27th February 2026.**

The Matthew Good Foundation - Grants for Good (UK)

The Matthew Good Foundation's Grants for Good aims to support small charities, not-for-profit groups and social entrepreneurs who are passionate about making a difference to people, their community or the environment. The Fund will share £15,000 between five shortlisted projects every three months, which will be voted for by John Good Group employees. The project that receives the most votes will receive a grant of £5,000, second place £3,500, third place £2,500 with fourth and fifth place both receiving £2,000. As well as established projects and charities, the Foundation wants to hear from people with innovative ideas that need some funding to get their projects up and running. **The closing date for applications is 15th March 2026.**

Crowdfunder - Energy Efficiency Sharematch (England)

The Energy Efficiency Sharematch Fund aims to help community organisations in England to reduce their energy usage and carbon footprint. It can be used to install on-site energy generation measures like solar panels and heat pumps, improve building energy efficiency through insulation and LED lighting, and upgrade operational equipment to more energy-efficient alternatives. **The closing date for applications is 31st March 2026.**

Sasha Foundation (UK & International)

Grants of up to £10,000, or 50% of a project's budget, to established charitable organisations supporting young people with mental health or drug issues, particularly for young women. **Closing date for applications is 1st April 2026.**

NIHR National Institute For Health and Care Research (NIHR). Public Health Research. Greenspace and Natural Environments (UK)

The Public Health Research (PHR) Programme is looking to fund research which evaluates the health impacts of the interventions which change access to green and blue space. This is a 2-stage funding opportunity. To apply for the first stage you should submit an outline application. If invited to the second stage, you will then need to complete a full application. **Closing date 21 April 2026 at 1:00 pm**

England Woodland Creation Offer (England)

To support woodland creation and tree planting across England. Landowners, land managers and public bodies can apply to the England Woodland Creation Offer for support to create new woodland, including through natural colonisation, on areas as small as 1 hectare. The grant will cover standard capital costs for tree planting (up to a per hectare cap), as well as rewarding farmers and landowners for providing public and/or wider environmental benefits. **Closing date 31st May 2026.**

Swire Charitable Trust (UK)

The Swire Charitable Trust makes grants to charities supporting some of the UK's most vulnerable people to overcome barriers and realise their potential, and to charities who are protecting the environment and heritage. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation - Community Grants (England and Wales)

The Bernard Sunley Foundation aims to raise the quality of life, particularly for young, disadvantaged and older people. Under the Community Funding strand the Foundation gives grants towards the building or refurbishment of scout huts, village halls, community centres, youth clubs, boxing clubs, outdoor activity centres, farm and outdoor learning centres, sports centres and pavilions, playing fields and playgrounds. The Foundation also fund the purchase of new minibuses that assist those most in need in their local communities. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

Wakeham Trust (UK)

The Wakeham Trust is a grant making organisation that support organisations and registered charities as well as small community and voluntary groups within the UK that want to improve their communities. The Trust is particularly interested in supporting projects that are small scale and would find it hard to get funding from big trusts; or are currently unfashionable or unpopular amongst mainstream funders, but are making a real contribution. The Trust is particularly looking to support projects where funding of between £125 and £2,500 can make a real difference. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

Historic England – People: Funding for Activities that Help People Understand & Champion the Historic Environment (England)

Historic England offers grants to support charities, community and voluntary groups, and other organisations to deliver activities that help people understand and champion the historic environment. This funding focuses on projects that involve people in heritage, particularly marginalised or under-represented groups, through engagement, skills, training, education and heritage project-based posts. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

Social Investment Business - Community Builders Fund (England, Scotland & Wales)

The Community Builders Fund, delivered by Social Investment Business, offers loans ranging from £100,000 to £1.5 million to support the growth and long-term resilience of organisations working to improve people's lives or the environment they live in. Loans are repayable over six years at a fixed rate of 7.9% per annum. There is the potential for up to 12 months of interest-only payments, with no early repayment charges. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

Funds with no application deadline, carried over from previous month.

The Tree Council - National Highways 3 Million Trees Project (England)

The Tree Council is helping National Highways plant 3 million trees by 2030 by gifting up to 600,000 trees to communities across England annually. The initiative aims to benefit both nature and communities through low carbon tree planting. A selection of tree species, with orders of between 2,500 to 50,000 whips available to a wide range of applicants, including charities, farms, education institutions and more. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

Arnold Clark - Community Fund (UK)

The Arnold Clark Community Fund provides financial support to UK charities and community groups near their branches to build stronger communities. Current funding opportunities include sports kits for youth teams, cost-of-living support, and community projects. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

England's Community Forests: Trees for Climate grants (England)

Trees for Climate is a multi-million pound woodland creation programme. Trees for Climate is delivered by the 13 Community Forests across England, who have extensive experience in supporting landowners to establish and manage woodlands. Trees for Climate grant funding can cover the costs of woodland creation, fencing, paths and other infrastructure, and ongoing maintenance for up to 15 years. Design, planning and planting support from professional woodland advisors is also available. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

The National Lottery Community Fund – Partnerships Grant (England)

The National Lottery Community Fund distributes money raised by the National Lottery to support local communities. The Partnerships funding programme provides grants of over £20,001 for projects to increase collaborative working between organisations and can support many different types of partnership, including cross-sector partnerships, local place-based collaboration, local and national organisations working together around a theme. Projects must meet one of the following funding priorities: bring people together and build strong relationships in and across communities; improve the places and spaces that matter to communities; enable more people to fulfil their potential by working to address issues at the earliest possible stage. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

Bernard Sunley Foundation - Education Grants (England and Wales)

The Bernard Sunley Foundation aims to raise the quality of life in England and Wales, particularly for the young, disadvantaged and older people. Through the Education funding strand, the Foundation supports improvements and new facilities at special needs schools and the purchase of new, adapted minibuses that benefit children with special needs and disabilities. The Foundation also awards grants to educational nature centres and to new education and learning centres at museums, galleries and other arts organisations. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

Historic England - Places: Funding for Activities that Repair, Conserve & Care for Heritage (England)

Historic England offers funding to support projects that repair, conserve, and care for historic places, including listed buildings, monuments and landscapes. This funding programme helps heritage sites become more resilient, accessible, and inclusive, especially those most at risk. Grants are primarily awarded for urgent repairs or other work required to address risk by preventing loss or damage to important architectural, archaeological or landscape features. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

Edina Trust - Science Grant Scheme (England, Scotland and Wales)

The Edina Trust provides grants to support science education in primary schools across specific areas in the UK. Their funding focuses on enhancing practical science experiences, offering support for resources, workshops, field trips, and gardening projects to promote scientific curiosity among young children. Eligible schools can apply to receive grants for a variety of science-related projects, particularly aimed at enriching hands-on learning. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

National Garden Scheme - Professional Development Grants (UK)

The National Garden Scheme Professional Development Grants aim to enhance the quality of care provided to hospice patients, their caregivers, and families. The grants focus on supporting hospice staff to improve patient outcomes through professional development opportunities. Eligible areas in the UK include hospices that are members of Hospice UK located in the UK, Channel Islands, or Isle of Man. Applications must be received at Hospice UK at least one month before the start of the course or module. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

Trusthouse Charitable Foundation - Small Grant (UK)

The Trusthouse Charitable Foundation is a grant making foundation that give grants to small and medium sized local organisations in the UK with a demonstrable track record of success working to address local issues in communities of extreme urban deprivation and deprived rural districts. Through the small grants programme the foundation provides funding of between £2,000 and £10,000 to charitable organisations with an income of less than £250,000 for projects that focus on Community Support. Examples of the kind of projects that can be funded include: Community Services; Community Centres; Alternative Education; Training, mentoring, employment and volunteering opportunities; Youth; Counselling; Family Support Services; Substance Misuse. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

Ernest Cook Trust - Outdoor Essentials Grant (UK)

The Ernest Cook Trust is an educational charity who aim to help the nation better understand the environment. Through the Outdoor Essentials Grant is a £500 award to UK State funded Primary and Secondary Schools to enable them to get their pupils learning outdoors. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

Jephcott Charitable Trust Grant (UK)

The Jephcott Charitable Trust makes grants for charitable purposes in four main areas of funding: population control, the environment, education and health. Preference will be given to charities or projects which are having difficulty getting started, or raising funds from other sources. This often means that the Trust is funding capital projects, e.g for equipment or materials, rather than running costs. Grants are made to charities in all parts of the world. The Jephcott Charitable Trust does not support projects involving animal welfare or heritage sites or buildings. Projects which require long-term funding not normally considered. Applications are considered at trustee meetings in April and October. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

Biffa Award Main Grants Scheme (England, Wales and Northern Ireland)

Biffa look to award grants to projects that provide or improve biodiversity, nature recovery, community spaces, cultural facilities, and places for outdoor recreation. The type of activities could be to improve community buildings; site-based projects to protect and enhance a species or habitat; improving an open space such as a park, play area or woodland that needs transforming to benefit local people of all ages. Between £10,000 and £75,000 is available for projects of less than £200,000. Ten percent of the award needs to be third party sourced. **Applications can be submitted at any time**

Marsh Trust Grant (UK)

The Trust provides grants to registered charities working in the fields of social welfare, literature arts and heritage, environmental and animal welfare, education and training. Grants range from £300 to £2,000. Must be UK-based registered charities experienced in their field of work in any of the above mentioned areas, charities which have been established for more than one financial year and who can provide a full set of their most recent reports and accounts, or if their annual income is under £25,000. The Trust wishes to engage in long term support, funding on an annual basis and grants are made towards core funding and not for special projects or sponsorship proposals. **Applications may be submitted at any time.**

Bernard Sunley Foundation - Education Grants (England and Wales)

Aiming to raise quality of life particularly for the young, disadvantaged and older people. The Foundation supports improvements and new facilities at special needs schools and the purchase of new, adapted minibuses that benefit children with special needs and disabilities. Only supports registered charities in England and Wales (not Scotland or N.I.), unless the organisation has 'accepted' status, i.e. churches, schools and scout and guide groups, or 'exempt' status, e.g. housing associations, friendly societies including social housing providers and industrial & provident societies. The Foundation also awards grants to educational nature centres and to new education and learning centres at museums, galleries and other arts organisations. Past grants have funded playground equipment, minibuses, outdoor learning centres, multi use games areas etc. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

Younity – Powering Communities Fund (UK)

Through the Powering Communities Fund, Younity provides grants of up to £3,750 to support community energy groups and organisations to start or improve their community energy projects. Applications which focus on creating social impact are particularly welcomed, such as creating a resource for the local community, running an event for young people, or starting a community garden. The funding can be used to cover the costs of equipment, local events or workshops, staff, volunteer training, and developing a local service or venue. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

Angling Improvement Fund (England)

The Angling Trust is the organisation that represents all game, coarse and sea anglers and angling in England and Wales. The Angling Trust, supported by the Environment Agency has launched the Angling Improvement Fund which re-invests part of the proceeds of coarse, trout and eel fishing licence sales in England in projects that directly benefit anglers. The types of projects supported include: Fish protection and predation management; Spring Maintenance and fishery improvements; Health and Wellbeing benefits for older people. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

Sanctuary Group - Community Investment Fund (England & Wales)

The Community Investment Fund offers up to £1,000 for projects which aim to make a difference to the lives of the residents and their communities. Applications for funding will fall in to the following categories: Employment, Education, Skills and Training; Health and Wellbeing; Community safety and infrastructure; Environment; Financial inclusion. Projects will have a community focus and be open to, and inclusive of all; and benefit a significant number of Sanctuary residents. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

The Prospector - Idea Fund (UK)

The 'I've got an Idea Fund' by The Prospector supports individuals or small groups with innovative technological ideas that aim to deliver social or environmental benefits. Grants range from £250 to £3,000 and are for making and testing ideas. Only DIY projects are funded. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

The Garfield Weston Foundation – 3 funding strands (UK)

- 1) Capital projects, 2) Operating & Core Costs, 3) Projects & Specific Activity.

We fund small local organisations and large national institutions. Our grants range from £1,000 to several million pounds, depending on each charity's size and scope of work. Our grants can be for your organisation's running costs, for a specific activity or for capital projects. We are flexible and fund what charities need the most. These include welfare, youth, community, environment, education, health, arts, heritage and faith. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

The Dischma Charitable Trust (England & Wales)

Provides grants to organisations in England and Wales that require funding for projects that fall into the following categories: Education/training; The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives; Disability; The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty; Overseas Aid/famine Relief; Arts/culture/heritage/science; Animals; Environment/conservation/heritage.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

Aviva Community Fund (UK)

Small charities, schools and community interest groups with innovative ideas that benefit their community can apply for funding of up to £50,000 for projects that build more connected, more resilient communities; and give people the tools to become more financially independent. The funding is being made available through the newly re-launched Aviva Community Fund. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

Rhododendron Trust (UK)

Grants of £1,000 to £2,000 to registered charities supporting the disadvantaged in the developing world and the UK and to those supporting the arts and wildlife. Smaller Charities are prioritised. In the UK, support is given to charities working with those disadvantaged by disability or mental illness; prisoners and ex-offenders; drug addiction; homelessness; carers; the elderly; disadvantaged children. Arts and Nature funding is mainly through the National Churches Trust and Fauna and Flora International, however proposals for small theatre and music projects, for the protection of cultural and natural heritage or environmental sustainability are accepted. **Applications can be submitted at any time**

The Albert Gubay Charitable Foundation - (England)

Aims to strengthen communities in need by making grants to support registered charities which make a difference within their local areas. Its General Fund supports projects aligning with a range of core priorities - from supporting ex-offenders, victims of domestic abuse/modern slavery, homelessness, care leavers, and the elderly, to intellectual disability support, medical research, disability inclusive sports, terminal illness care, and worship/community outreach. Grants are awarded during Trustees' quarterly meetings. **Applications can be submitted at any time**

The Health Lottery Foundation – opening to applications later in 2025.

Sign up to the mailing list if you would like to be kept informed about funding opportunities. If you are a voluntary organisation and you are working to improve the health and wellbeing of people in your community you should be able to apply. The type of projects that improve health and wellbeing outcomes are more varied than we can imagine. 5 areas we are still interested in supporting; Chronic disease, Disability inequity, Healthcare IT, Health disparity, Preventative care.

The Dulverton Trust - Conservation Grant (UK)

The Dulverton Trust is an independent grant-making charity that supports UK charities and Charitable incorporated Organisations tackling a range of social issues, protecting the natural world, and preserving heritage crafts. Projects through Youth Opportunities strand too. Conservation funding strand- supports a small number of charities working to support the general conservation and preservation of wildlife habitats; protect, plant, and sympathetically manage trees and native woodlands. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

National Community Lottery Fund: Reaching Communities Fund

The Reaching Communities programme has new priorities (since 1 April) which will help the funder to deliver its missions and create fairer, stronger, more resilient futures for communities - 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. [Read more](#)

Alkit Foundation Funding Opportunity (England)

Our trustees review applications every two months, offering small grants (£50-£500) to individuals, community groups, schools, and organisations. We fund projects that encourage outdoor activity, support environmental initiatives, promote wellbeing, and enhance outdoor education. Apply at least 3 months before your project starts. Multiple applications are welcome, provided they meet our funding criteria. We support:

- Outdoor participation & education (e.g., First Aid, Mountain Leader Training)
- Conservation & environmental projects
- Diversity, inclusion, and wellbeing initiatives

We do not fund holidays, charity challenges, or retrospective applications. **Apply at any time.**

Sport England - Movement Fund (England)

The Movement Fund by Sport England provides crowdfunding pledges, grants, and support for projects that aim to increase physical activity. Eligible projects can receive up to £15,000 to provide physical activity opportunities for the people and communities who need it the most. The grants can be used to cover a wide range of costs and items that will help deliver positive change, particularly for those facing barriers to activity. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

HS2 Community and Environment Fund (England)

The HS2 Community and Environment Fund (CEF) has been established to offset the disruption caused to local communities throughout the construction phase of HS2. The aim of the CEF is to award grants of up to £75,000 to projects that will benefit communities along the route. Supported projects could include, for example: Pedestrian, equestrian or cycle access; landscape and nature conservation / enhancement; enhancement / replacement of sports and recreational facilities; refurbishment / re-use of historic buildings and monuments. Capital and revenue costs can be funded.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

National Lottery Heritage Grants

Guidance and application forms to apply for a **National Lottery Heritage Grant** under their new **10-year strategy, Heritage 2033** have now launched on their website. Organisations can apply at any time for grants £10,000 - £250,000. To get feedback and advice before starting an application, applicants can submit a **Project Enquiry**. Organisations can also apply for grants £250,000 - £10million, but must first submit an **Expression of Interest** and, if successful, will be invited to apply. 4 **investment principles** guide all grant decision making and must take all principles into account:

- saving heritage
- protecting the environment
- inclusion, access and participation
- organisational sustainability

National Lottery Grant Schemes - The National Lottery has two regular community grant schemes which are ongoing (no firm deadline).

- **Awards for All:** Offers grants between £300 and £20,000 for up to 2 years.
- **Reaching Communities:** Offer grants from £20,001 for up to 5 years.

Both programmes fund projects or organisations that will do at least one of these things:

- bring people together to build strong relationships in and across communities.
- improve the places and spaces that matter to communities.
- help more people to reach their potential, by supporting them at the earliest possible stage.