

Funding Update

Latest grant opportunities



July 2025



Devon County Council: Locality Budgets 2025/26

Each County Councillor in Devon has a Locality Budget allocation of £8k that they can use in this financial year to benefit the communities that they represent.

No deadline

More Information: [Locality budgets - Democracy in Devon](#)



Funding Available for Innovative Community Projects

Aviva has partnered with Crowdfunder to support small charities and community groups with innovative ideas that benefit their communities and are looking to raise up to £50,000.

The Aviva Community Fund will match each donation given, up to the value of £250, to support projects that enhance community resilience, with a focus on two main areas:

- Climate Action and
- Financial Wellbeing.

Once applications have been submitted, applicants will create a fundraising page on Crowdfunder, which Aviva employees and the public can donate to.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

More Information: [Aviva Community Fund](#)



The MSE Charity

gives grants of up to £10,000 for projects that improve people's ability to become more financially capable in their present and future circumstances.

The charity will consider various types of projects including money management workshops, training staff to provide financial capability training and providing access to financial inclusion activities. Debt advice can only be included if it is less than 50% of your project activities.

The next deadline for Stage 1 proposals: 10 July 2025.

If you are invited to proceed to Stage 2, the deadline for applications is 17 September 2025.

More Information: [Home](#)



Grants for Welfare and Art Projects

Grants are available to not for profit organisations and schools in the counties of Cornwall, Devon, Somerset and Dorset in the South West of England for education, art and social science projects which help to improve the quality of local life. Grants can cover the core running costs or project costs of small established organisations who have a proven record of making a significant difference. For example, Dartington Hall trust received a grant to support a bursary scheme that enables young musicians to take part in their Summer School. The funding is being made through the Elmgrant Trust and the next closing date is the 27th September 2025.

More Information: [The Elmgrant Trust](#)



Grants to Increase Employment Opportunities for Disadvantaged Adults

Grants from The Thomas Wall Trust, of up to £5,000 are available to registered charities to support projects that equip people (18 or older in order) from disadvantaged groups with the communication skills necessary to gain employment.

Priority will be given to projects that target people experiencing multiple deprivation or other groups facing major hurdles to employment, especially women, people with physical, mental, or learning disabilities, refugees and asylum seekers.

Deadline for stage 1 applications: 22nd September 2025.

Applicants successful at this stage will be invited to submit a stage 2 application.

More Information: [Grants for Registered Charities | Thomas Wall Trust](#)



New Environment Fund

The National Lottery Community Fund (NLCF) opens its new National Lottery Awards for All England – Environment fund from 25 June

Grants of up to £20,000 are available for organisations to tackle environmental challenges at the local level and will support community-led projects that help people engage with, care for, and protect nature.

Funding can be used for a wide range of activities, including creating community gardens, rewilding green spaces, tree planting, outdoor learning, repair and reuse sessions, food-growing initiatives, and energy-saving projects such as solar panel installation.

Applications are open on a rolling basis until 17 December 2025, with at least 16 weeks' notice required before a project start date.

More Information: [National Lottery Awards for All England – Environment | The National Lottery Community Fund](#)



Grants to Help Get People Back on their Bikes this Summer

Grants of up to £3,500, available through the Big Bike Revival Programme, funded by the Department for Transport, to deliver cycling events aimed at encouraging people to start or return to cycling this summer. These events should particularly engage individuals who face social, economic, or health deprivation, come from diverse backgrounds, or are dealing with complex personal challenges. The funding can be used flexibly to support a wide range of event-related costs, including staffing, promotion, equipment, consumables, and volunteer transport.

Closing date: 14th July 2025.

More Information: [How to deliver our grant funded programme The Big Bike Revival | Cycling UK](#)



Rowing Foundation Grants Programme

Grants of between £500 and £4,000 (up to 50% of the overall cost of the project) from the Rowing Foundation to support junior & student rowers and adaptive rowing for all ages.

The Rowing Foundation focuses on providing equipment such as boats, sculls, ergos, oars, and safety gear to encourage the participation of young people and the disabled in rowing.

The funding is being made available through two funding programmes:

Equipment grants

Refurbishment grants

To be eligible for funding, the projects or work must be non-elitist, for public benefit, and aim to benefit young people, those in education, or people with disabilities.

Deadline: 29th September 2025.

Applications for refurbishment grants can be made at any time.

More Information: [The Rowing Foundation](#)



Peter Harrison Foundation

The aim of the scheme is to support sports projects which provide opportunities for people who are disabled or otherwise disadvantaged to fulfil their potential and to develop other personal and life skills. The Trust will consider applications for capital, revenue or project funding

Grants are made under the following programmes:

Opportunities through Sport and physical activity

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Next Deadline: 1st October.

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**ARTS COUNCIL
ENGLAND**

£85million Creative Foundations Fund

will provide capital grants for not-for-profit creative and cultural organisations to improve and restore existing cultural buildings and equipment.

The aim of the fund is to revitalise existing cultural assets in order to improve the economic sustainability of the creative and cultural sector. Applications can be made for grants of between £100,000 and £10million for building work to existing cultural buildings or expanded cultural facilities within an existing site and for moveable furniture, equipment and vehicles.

Applicants will need to provide match funding towards the project

Note that statutory and public bodies that run or maintain cultural services can apply but museums and libraries are not eligible.

Projects may start from 1 April 2026 and end by 31 March 2029.

Expressions of Interest can be submitted between 30 June and 31 July 2025

More Information: [Creative Foundations Fund: Guidance for applicants | Arts Council England](#)



Funding for Projects to Improve Local Communities

Grants are available for small charitable organisations that are working to improve the quality of life for disadvantaged people. The United Way UK Give Local Grants, with support from Costco, aim to support community-based initiatives focused on education, income stability, and health. Thirty grants of £1,500 will be awarded to organisations with an annual income of less than £300,000. Funding can be used for core costs, new programme development, or expansion of existing projects.

The fund is administered by United Way UK, a charity that connects organisations providing grants with local communities.

The closing date for applications is the 15th July 2025.

More Information: [Costco & United Way UK - Give Local 2025 - 2026 Grant Application](#)



£400,000 Foodbank Fund to Support Disadvantaged Communities

In response to the cost-of-living crisis, the Asda Foundation has launched the Foodbank Fundamentals Fund, allocating a total of £400,000 in funding to support not-for-profit organisations that provide food and essential supplies to the UK's most disadvantaged communities.

Open to groups with an annual income under £250,000—such as food banks, community pantries, social supermarkets, soup kitchens, and breakfast clubs—the fund offers £750 grants to help sustain and enhance these services. Funding can be used for food (including baby items), basic hygiene products, white goods, storage, fittings, and fuel for deliveries to isolated individuals.

Applications will be open 15th to 29th July 2025, but may close early if demand is high.

More Information: [Foodbank Fundamentals Fund | Asda Foundation](#)



Grants of up to £25,000 Available to Prevent People Entering the Criminal Justice System

UK registered charities working in the areas of Social and Criminal Justice can apply for grants of up to £25,000 to prevent people entering the criminal justice system and to support those already in it to rebuild their lives. The funding is being made available through the Charles Hayward Foundation's Main Grants Programme. The Foundation will fund early intervention programmes for young children and their families, tailored preventative work with young people at risk, holistic support services that reduce re-offending and aid resettlement, and schemes offering viable alternatives to custody. Additionally, the Foundation looks to alleviate the consequences of domestic abuse. Charities with an annual income of between £350,000 and £4 million are eligible to apply.

The next application deadline is the 19th September 2025.

More Information: [Social & Criminal Justice - Charles Hayward Foundation](#)



New £5 Million Scheme to Diversify Sports Leadership and Tackle Inequalities in Sport

Sport England has launched a new £5 million programme to support and develop a more diverse network of leaders who are working to tackle inequalities in sport and physical activity. Funded by the National Lottery, the Leading the Movement programme aims to address the need for better representation and support among leaders from under-represented backgrounds. It offers a range of development opportunities, including coaching, mentoring, peer learning, and place-based leadership courses, to help participants better understand and overcome the challenges they face. Participants will also have access to practical resources such as webinars, case studies, and newsletters. The programme is aimed at individuals of all levels, whether paid or volunteer, in formal or informal roles, who are helping people to be active in places with limited opportunities. The programme will run until March 2029.

Those interested are encouraged to register for updates.

More Information: [New £5m scheme to help leaders tackle inequalities | Sport England](#)



Funding for Charities Supporting Vulnerable People

Funding is available for registered charities working with the most vulnerable people. One-off grants of up to £5,000, or grants of up to £3,000 a year for 3 years are available both in the UK and internationally to support organisations that promote access to justice (particularly for people trying to get support to meet their basic personal needs), equality of opportunity, or a sustainable environment. The funding, which is made available through the Matrix Causes Fund, can be used for core activities that support vulnerable persons such as prisoners, asylum seekers, people with mental health difficulties, people (particularly children) with disabilities, or women in refuges. Applications from organisations not registered as a charity but established for charitable purposes may also be considered.

The next deadline for applications is the midday on the 30 September 2025.

More Information: [Matrix Causes Fund - Matrix Chambers](#)



Funding for Activities to Improve the Lives of the Elderly

Small grants are available to fund projects to improve the lives of the elderly across the UK. Home Instead Charities awards grants of up to £1,500 to small, local registered charities and up to £500 to grassroots organisations for well-being events, activities or pastimes that prevent social isolation and loneliness amongst adults over 55.

Eligible projects may include regular events such as a cinema club, knitting group, or lunch club; one-off activities like a day trip or Christmas lunch; or other initiatives such as yoga classes or guest speaker sessions. The Fund accepts applications four times a year.

Applications received in July will be processed and awarded in August 2025

More Information: [Apply For A Grant | Home Instead Charities](#)



Funding to Improve Homes & Community Spaces

Grants of up to £10,000 are available to UK registered charities for projects that improve homes and community spaces for those most in need, such as those experiencing homelessness, financial hardship, poor health, disability, or other disadvantage or distress.

The funding is made available by the B&Q Foundation to decorate, renovate, or create indoor and outdoor spaces where people can feel at home and have a sense of belonging. Projects could include creating community gardens, redecorating properties, upgrading key fixtures and fittings, and creating new buildings or rooms.

The deadline for applications is 1st August 2025.

More Information: [Apply For a Grant | B&Q Foundation](#)



Grants of up to £75,000 for Charities Supporting d/Deaf & Disabled People

Small and local charities and CICs in England and Wales led by and working with d/deaf and disabled people experiencing poverty can apply for a three-year unrestricted grant of up to £75,000. The aim of the funding is to enable organisations to help deaf and disabled people gain greater choice and control in their lives, access their rights, and overcome barriers. To be eligible, applicants must be community-led, offer advice or advocacy on social security, deliver services tailored to the needs of the people they support, and have an annual income between £25,000 and £500,000.

The funding is available through the Lloyds Bank Foundation's Deaf and Disabled People's Organisations Fund which closes to applications at 5pm on the 4th September 2025.

More Information: [Deaf and Disabled People's Organisations Fund](#)

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