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Funding Guide

Sport England Movement Fund



The Aim

Crowdfunder and Sport England have teamed up to make match funding available to help get more people active, reduce the number of inactive people and tackle inequalities. Their focus is to support projects that match the goal of getting more people active, reducing the number of inactive people and tackling inequalities.

Who can apply

The Movement Fund supports a variety of formally constituted not-for-profit organisation types, including Sports Clubs, Charities, Local Authorities, Schools, Community Benefit Societies and Not-for-profit companies.

What it covers

The Movement Fund supports projects that promote physical activity, including active travel, walking, cycling, dance, fitness, and sporting activities. It supports purchasing new or improved equipment that's required for the delivery of your activity. It also covers refurbishing or upgrading facilities to improve or create spaces that can provide opportunities to get more people active.

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/funds/movement-fund>

Sport England: Small Grants Programme



The Aim

To support projects that bring communities together and provide sport and physical activities for people who may be less physically active. Projects in this category which have a focus on environmental sustainability are being welcomed.

Who can apply

Community amateur sports clubs, voluntary and community not-for-profit organisations, registered charities, not-for-profit companies, community interest companies (CIC) or other social enterprises, schools using their facilities for the community, local authority bodies (including town, parish, and community councils).

What it covers

Sustainable activities which could involve the purchase of equipment to extend capacity for sports, PE and physical activity; coaching, volunteer training, service alterations, minor facility alterations, flood relief works.

<https://www.sportengland.org/funding-and-campaigns/our-funding/historic-funds/small-grants-programme>

Suez Communities Trust - England



The Aim

To support community and environmental improvement projects through the Landfill Communities Fund. Programmes are designed to improve a broad range of publicly accessible amenities which benefit a wide cross section of the community.

Who can apply

Voluntary organisations, community groups/associations, sports clubs (note exclusion criteria includes membership criteria), local and national charities, parish community councils / town councils, local authorities, social enterprises and community interest companies operating on a non-profit-distributing basis. (These are defined by Social UK as 'businesses that trade to tackle social problems, improve communities, people's life chances, or the environment.)

What it covers

Grants are available for projects delivering capital improvements to public amenities, such as: village hall improvements, nature reserves and conservation, village greens, community centres, public playgrounds, cycle paths, sports fields and facilities, country parks, historic buildings, structures or sites (improvements to religious sites must be grade I, or to improve historic building structures or sites must be grade I, II, OR II* or have a significant heritage designation).

<https://grantscape.org.uk/fund/suez-communities-fund/suez-communities-fund-england/>

Suez Communities Trust - Scotland



The Aim

To support community and environmental improvement projects through the Scottish Landfill Communities Fund. Programmes are designed to improve a broad range of publicly accessible amenities which benefit a wide cross section of the community.

Who can apply

Voluntary organisations, community groups/associations, sports clubs (note exclusion criteria includes membership criteria), local and national charities, parish community councils / town councils, local authorities, social enterprises and community interest companies operating on a non-profit-distributing basis. (These are defined by Social UK as 'businesses that trade to tackle social problems, improve communities, people's life chances, or the environment.)

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<https://grantscape-scotland.scot/our-funds/suez-communities-fund-scotland-details/>

National Lottery Awards for All England



The Aim

To support communities and organisations facing more demands and challenges because of the cost-of-living crisis, as well as improving the places that matter to communities to bring people together and build relationships with communities.

Who can apply

A voluntary and community organisation; constituted group or club; registered charity; charitable incorporated organisation (CIO); not-for-profit company; community interest company (CIC); school (as long as your project benefits and involves the communities around the school); statutory body (including local authorities, town, parish and community council); community benefit society.

What it covers

Your organisation's running costs, equipment, one-off events, staff costs, training costs, transport, utilities, volunteer expenses, and small land or refurbishment projects.

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/national-lottery-awards-for-all-england>

Football Foundation



The Aim

To improve the quality of grassroots facilities and provide sporting opportunities for all. Grants are designed to help people get more from the game they love.

Who can apply

Not-for-profit football clubs or voluntary groups, local authorities, county FAs, professional club community organisations, educational establishments providing facilities for the community, registered charities, not-for-profit companies, community interest companies (CIC) or other social enterprises, and companies limited by guarantee.

What it covers

The improvement of existing grass pitches and off-pitch facilities across the country, such as changing rooms, goal posts, fencing, storage, clubhouse refurbishment works and maintenance equipment.

<https://footballfoundation.org.uk/looking-for-funding>

Tesco Stronger Starts



The Aim

To support projects that will make a positive difference within communities.

Who can apply

Grants will be awarded to schools, voluntary or community organisations (including registered charities/companies), health bodies (e.g. Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs), NHS Hospital Trust, Foundation Trust), Parish/Town Councils, local authorities and social housing providers.

What it covers

All good local causes such as: School Breakfast clubs, Holiday clubs, Play areas, Food banks, Counselling and support services for children, Equipment or non-statutory services for nurseries or schools e.g. forest schools, library books, Equipment for Brownie, Guide or Scout Groups e.g. camping equipment, badges, Services or equipment to support children and young people's health, Equipment/kit for youth sports teams.

<https://tescostrongerstarts.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/>

Screwfix Foundation



The Aim

To support projects that improve, fix and repair buildings, homes and facilities specifically used by people in need throughout the UK.

Who can apply

Registered charity, Not-for-profit companies at companies house or if registered on the FCA mutuals register.

What it covers

Causes which work to change people's lives including: improved energy efficient lighting & heating, installation of new kitchen, bathroom etc, installation of a sensory room, general painting & decorating, or improving safety and security of a building. Examples of projects which have already benefited from the fund include the building of sensory gardens, decorating outdoor learning spaces and the conversion of indoor spaces to enhance accessibility and inclusivity.

<https://www.screwfix.com/landingpage/screwfix-foundation>

UK Community Foundations



The Aim

Community foundations administer different grant schemes from various funders. Each foundation looks after the schemes directly related to their geographical area. Funds are set up by a range of individuals, businesses, philanthropists and national and regional trusts. They work to bring together people and organisations that want to improve their communities.

Who can apply

Community groups, individuals, voluntary organisations, registered charity groups, local community centres or community groups/organisations that aren't registered as charities.

What it covers

Support for some of society's most disadvantaged people. All revenue streams are different but focus on issues such as enhancing leisure and social activities through funding the likes of equipment costs and building improvements.

<https://www.ukcommunityfoundations.org/>

Biffa Award: Recreation



Building communities. Transforming lives.

The Aim

Aimed at not-for-profit groups and organisations, close to landfill sites, that need funding to improve the quality of life in their community or to conserve wildlife.

Who can apply

Not-for-profit organisations within 5 miles of a significant Biffa operation or within 10 miles of an active Biffa landfill site. The project site must also be situated 10 miles of any licensed landfill site. The site must be owned by the applicant or there must be a signed lease of more than 10 years in place.

What it covers

Projects which will benefit people in their free time, but also includes renovations of clubhouses which have a wider community use outside of sporting activities, for example a space that is used by the community in much in the same way as a village hall.

<https://www.biffa-award.org/recreation/>

FCC Community Action Fund: England



The Aim

To provide grants of between £2,000 and £100,000 to not-for-profit organisations to carry out amenity projects that are sited within 10 miles of an eligible FCC Environment Waste Facility.

Who can apply

Registered charity which operates a community facility, a church or parochial church council, a parish or town council or a management committee or user association acting on behalf of a parish or town council, a local authority and a CACS registered sports club.

What it covers

The provision, maintenance or improvement of village halls and community centres; public play areas; MUGAs, skate and BMX tracks; sport and recreation grounds with public access; churches; nature reserves; public gardens and parks; museums.

<https://fcccommunitiesfoundation.org.uk/funds/fcc-community-action-fund>

FCC Scottish Action Fund



The Aim

To provide grants of between £2,000 and £40,000 to not-for-profit organisations to carry out projects that meet the aims of the Scottish Landfill Communities Fund.

Who can apply

Registered charities which operate community facilities; a church or parochial church council; parish or town council; a local authority; a registered sports club. Projects must be within 10 miles of an eligible FCC Environment waste facility.

What it covers

Funding towards the Objects of the SLFC including: the reclamation, remediation, restoration or other operation on land to facilitate economic, social or environmental use; community based recycling, re-use and waste prevention projects; to provide, maintain or improve a public park or other public amenity; The conservation or promotion of biological diversity through the provision, conservation, restoration or enhancement of a natural habitat or the maintenance or recovery of a species in its natural habitat.

<https://fcccommunitiesfoundation.org.uk/funds/fcc-scottish-action-fund>

Entrust: Landfill Communities Fund



The Aim

To distribute the Landfill Communities Fund via various funding organisations. The funds support various initiatives such as environmental conservation, improvements to community infrastructure, and recreational projects, all aimed at improving the quality of life and environment in areas adjacent to landfill sites.

Who can apply

Projects eligible for LCF funding must be within 10 miles of a registered landfill site in England or Northern Ireland and align with specific objectives defined in the regulations.

What it covers

The reclamation, remediation or restoration of land which cannot currently be used; the prevention of potential for pollution or the remediation of the effects of the pollution; the provision, maintenance or improvement of a public park or another public amenity; the conservation or promotion of biodiversity; and the restoration of a place of religious worship or of historic or architectural interest.

<https://www.entrust.org.uk/landfill-community-fund>

Veolia Environmental Trust: Community Grant



The Aim

To fund improvements towards projects that make improvements to community facilities and the natural environment.

Who can apply

Not-for-profit organisations, local authorities and Environmental Bodies (EBs).

What it covers

Grants of between £10,000 and £75,000 are available to create or improve buildings or outside spaces for the benefit of the community. Includes improvement works to a building or outdoor space which has public access: e.g. community centre or space, public park, play area, skate park, MUGA, sports ground, woodland, nature reserve, community garden, public right of way, inland waterway.

<https://www.veoliatrust.org/funding/>

Aviva Community Fund



The Aim

The Aviva Community Fund helps local causes build stronger communities across the UK, helping create a better future for tomorrow.

Who can apply

Your organisation must be either: Registered UK Charity* on the Charity Commission or OSCR; Registered community benefit organisation on the FCA Mutuals Public Register; Registered social enterprise or charitable company on Companies House; Community Amateur Sports Club; or Constituted Community Group.

What it covers

Funding levels range from up to £1,000 up to £25,000 and must fall into the following four categories: Health, disability and wellbeing; Supporting the younger generation; Supporting the older generation; or Community Support.

<https://www.aviva.co.uk/services/more-from-aviva/aviva-community-fund/>

Valencia Communities Fund



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The Aim

To provide funding for community, heritage and biodiversity projects around the UK.

Who can apply

An organisation or group which is properly constituted and is not-for-profit can apply.

What it covers

Projects for the protection of the environment, such as the provision, maintenance or improvement of public amenities and parks, which are open and accessible to the public; the enhancement, protection and/or promotion of biological diversity of a species or habitat; the maintenance, repair or restoration of a building of historic or architectural interest, that is open and accessible to the public.

<https://www.valenciacommunitiesfund.co.uk/apply-funding>

The Hargreaves Foundation



The Aim

To support those under the age of 18 and living with a mental health problem, physical disability or growing up in poverty through the mediums of sport and education.

Who can apply

Registered charities, schools and further education colleges and NHS Trusts.

What it covers

Projects which: enable individuals to experience the mental and physical benefits of sports; ensure participatory sport is accessible; provide sporting or educational activities that foster life skills; aim to improve academic engagement and attainment; encourage the development of skills and personal attributes to aid future.

<https://www.thehargreavesfoundation.org/>

Morrisons Foundation



The Aim

To support registered charities that make a positive difference in local communities across England, Scotland and Wales. They award grants for charity projects and match fund the money that Morrisons colleagues raise for their chosen charities.

Who can apply

Charities registered with the Charity Commission or Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator.

What it covers

Grants up to £10,000 are available to fully fund projects which support people living in communities in England, Scotland, and Wales. This includes capital and equipment costs. Previous projects have included gardening activities for people with mental health problems and cycling projects for young people.

<https://www.morrisonsfoundation.com/>

The Johnson Foundation



The Aim

The Foundation supports UK registered charities working specifically within the Liverpool City Region in the areas of Welfare, Youth, Community, Arts, Education and Health.

Who can apply

Registered Charities working in the Liverpool city region, charitable incorporated organisations, educational establishments, churches, housing associations, museums, and galleries.

What it covers

The grants are available for capital or activity expenditure relating to projects which improve welfare, youth, community, arts, education and health. Infrastructure which could support these aims include the likes of outdoor classrooms and cycle parking products.

<https://thejohnsonfoundation.co.uk/funding/>

Blue Spark Foundation



The Aim

To improve the education and development of children and young people by the means of education, cultural, sporting and other activities.

Who can apply

Schools, community groups, clubs, societies or other not for profit organisations. However, individuals may also apply for a grant.

What it covers

Physical assets (such as sports equipment, or lighting for stage productions), services or facilities (such as music or drama tuition).

<https://bluesparkfoundation.org.uk/>

BBC Children in Need



The Aim

Create lasting, positive change across the UK for the children and young people who need them most.

Who can apply

Charities, voluntary organisations, schools and churches that are supporting children and young people up to the age of 18 who are experiencing disadvantage.

What it covers

The programmes can support a wide variety of projects from holiday schemes, playground equipment, sports activities and even minibuses with revenue, capital and salary costs all considered.

<https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/grants/>

Cycling Friendly: Scotland



The Aim

To encourage pupils to cycle to school, funding is available to cover the cost of cycle parking equipment such as cycle shelters, compounds, racks and stands.

Who can apply

All schools in Scotland. Local authorities may also apply on behalf of schools.

What it covers

Funding of up to £25,000 to purchase equipment and cycle parking facilities.

<https://cycling.scot/>

Zero Waste Scotland



The Aim

To accelerate progress towards Scotland's waste and recycling targets and net zero commitments.

Who can apply

Local Authorities are encouraged to apply for the fund to take forward projects that will have environmental benefits.

What it covers

An individual or groups of local authorities; local authority led partnerships involving other organisations e.g., third sector/private sector (where capital assets are retained by the local authority). Local authority awards have been made for a diverse range of projects including service changes to increase kerbside and communal recycling provision and new treatment infrastructure to sort and recycle plastic films.

<https://www.zerowastescotland.org.uk/resources/recycling-improvement-fund>

Asda Foundation



The Aim

To transform communities and improve lives throughout the UK. Various grants are available including Foodbank Fundamentals Grant, Investing in Spaces and Places Grant, Empowering Local Communities Grant, Under 18 Better Starts Grant, Cost of Living Grant, Colleague Match Funding for Local Causes and Local Community Emergency Donations.

Who can apply

Applications are accepted from grassroots, community-led organisations in the UK, including registered charities, CICs, companies, unincorporated club or association, small community groups or government entity/public body. To be eligible, applicants must: Be not-for-profit.

What it covers

Grants can be used for renovations, repairs or transforming spaces. Previous projects have included upgrading a community kitchen and café, roof repairs, refurbishing a whole community building to improve accessibility, and creating an outdoor nature and sensory trail.

<https://asdafoundation.org/>