



Funding opportunities for local communities and charitable organisations

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Community Gardens / National Garden Scheme

Delivered by the National Garden Scheme, the Community Gardens Award provides grants of £1,000 and £5,000 for the creation of a garden or a similar project (such as an allotment) with horticultural focus for the benefit of the local community. The project should aim to bring a community together by creating a space people can share, by the acquisition and sharing of gardening knowledge and skills and by inspiring a love of gardening.

The funding can be used for a number of things, including but not limited to:

- Plants and containers / Materials for flower or vegetable beds and other hard landscaping / Greenhouses, polytunnels and sheds
- Seating / Hand tools and certain garden power tools (eg strimmers) / Materials for providing refreshment.

Applicants must be a **fully set up community group, registered charity or Community Interest Company (CIC)** with a functioning non-personal bank account.

Applications will be accepted UNTIL 28 October 2024.

Website: [Community Garden Grants - National Garden Scheme \(ngs.org.uk\)](https://www.ngs.org.uk)

‘Our Local Nature’ Grant Programme / Linnean Society

Linnean Society is offering grants for community organisations linked with young people to deliver projects and activities that engage young people with local nature and natural spaces and improve their understanding of local biodiversity.

Community groups and other organisations working directly with children and young people aged 16 and under can apply for funding for a variety of activities, such as:

- Running a school festival about nature. / Painting community murals showcasing biodiversity in the area.
- Building or restoring a community garden. / Creating a nature walk. /Hiring a speaker to come and talk about local foraging.

The maximum award amount is £1,000. However, groups are encouraged to apply for significantly lower amounts.

Grants can be used for materials, room hire, publicity, speakers, trainers, freelancers, project-specific staff costs, audio-visual hire, reasonable volunteer expenses, transport, or other costs of activities/events.

Proposed projects should commence in January 2025 and be finished by the end of June 2025.

The deadline for applications is 25 October 2024 (midnight).

Website: [Our Local Nature Grant Scheme | The Linnean Society](#)

Environmental conservation & creative community participation & Local challenges / Imperial Community Impact Fund

Imperial Polythene is offering grants of up to £1,000 for **charities, charitable incorporated organisations (CIOs), and community interest companies (CICs)** across the UK to deliver projects and activities that benefit local communities across the themes of environment, sustainability, creativity, and local problem-solving.

Through the Imperial Community Impact Fund, a total of £10,000 is available annually for projects that drive meaningful change through environmental conservation, creative community participation, and solving pressing local challenges.

To apply, groups must have an annual income of between £25,000 and £500,000 in their latest set of accounts.

There are typically two funding rounds per year.

The next deadline for applications is 26 September 2024.

WEBSITE: [Learn More About The Imperial Community Impact Fund \(imperialpolythene.com\)](#)

Cash4Clubs (sports) / Flutter Entertainment

Cash4Clubs is a grant programme funded by Flutter UK & Ireland, part of Flutter Entertainment, the global sports betting, gaming and entertainment provider. For this reason, groups must be delivering activities to adults (18+) with priority given to applications focused on 18 to 25 year olds.

Not-for-profit organisations, including charities, community groups and traditional sports clubs from across the UK and Ireland can apply for unrestricted grants of £2,000. The funding should be spent within a six-month period.

Applicants must demonstrate that they are using sport for a wider social purpose with a goal to increase participation of adults from underrepresented groups.

Priority will be given to applications that:

- Increase participation in sport and/or physical activity for one or more underrepresented groups, including women and girls over 18, people with disabilities, those from racially diverse communities, from the LGBTQ+ community or from lower socio-economic groups.
- Encourage people who would not usually engage in sport to take part, such as providing activities that support physical and mental wellbeing or tackle issues such as loneliness.
- Address broader social issues for the local community, eg, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour, homelessness, or connecting communities.

Priority will be given to groups based in areas of high deprivation (Indices of Multiple Deprivation 1-3).

Unrestricted grants of £2,000 can be used for anything that will support the organisation to continue and/or grow their activities in their local community.

Please note the programme may close early if oversubscribed as was the case in 2023.

Applications will be accepted from 12 September to 12 November 2024.

WEBSITE: [Home - Cash4Clubs \(cash-4-clubs.com\)](https://www.cash-4-clubs.com)

Children Experiencing Disadvantage – funding to Take a Holiday Before the New Year / Henry Smith Charity

The Henry Smith Charity's Holiday Grants programme supports recreational trips or holidays for groups of children aged 13 or younger who experience disadvantage or who have disabilities. There is particular interest in contributing to trips that would not take place without the Charity's funding.

Applications are currently being accepted for holidays taken between 1 September and 31 December 2024.

Schools, youth groups, **not for profit organisations and charities** in the UK can apply for a one-off grant of between £500 and £2,750 to support a day trip or a longer residential of up to a week for groups of children aged 13 years or younger. The trip could be to a countryside or city location but must be outside of the children's immediate locality. Day trips should not involve a disproportionate amount of time spent travelling. Consideration will be given to trips which are more local but these should have an emphasis on providing a new experience for the children and broadening their horizons.

Priority will be given to projects level that will benefit disadvantaged and disabled children in the most deprived areas in the UK.

Grants are made on a first come, first served basis until the available funding for that round has been fully allocated. All applications should be received at least six weeks before the date of the trip to allow for administrative processing and decision making.

The deadline for applications is 19 November 2024.

Website: [Holiday Grants for Children - The Henry Smith Charity](#)

Help Creating a ‘Tolerant Society of Service’ / Charles Plater Trust

The Trust offers small grants of up to £5,000 to deliver projects deliver tangible outcomes to tackle poverty, exclusion, economic inequality and environmental concerns for marginalised people and communities. **Charities** with an annual income below £100,000 can apply.

The Trust also offers a large grants programme which is expected to open for applications in January 2025.

The deadline for small grant applications is 10 October 2024 (17:00).

WEBSITE: [The Charles Plater Trust](#)

Grassroots Local Services / Groundwork

Groundwork, in partnership with Postcode Lottery Trust, Postcode Places Trust, and Postcode Society Trust, is offering grants of between £500 to £2,000 for **constituted charities, community interest companies (CICs), and voluntary and community groups** with an annual income of less than £60,000 across England that are working to make a positive different in their local communities. The Grassroots Grants Programme will support the work of groups that provide vital services in their local communities, such as:

- Access to food or other basic essentials. / Improvements to local greenspace. / Cultural, support, or wellbeing activities.
- Volunteering opportunities to improve the local environment or support other people.

Priority will be given to:

- Groups with an annual income of £50,000 or under. / Groups working in communities that rank as being within the top 15% on the English Indices of Deprivation.
- Groups that work to support communities classed as marginalised or vulnerable.

The funding programme is unrestricted and can be used flexibly for costs such as paying staff or volunteer expenses, costs for equipment or materials, core, ongoing running costs, training of staff and volunteers, or consultant time to help develop the organisation or key policies.

The deadline for applications is 30 September 2024 (23:59).

WEBSITE: [Grassroots Grants - Groundwork](#)

Winter Tree Planting / Branching Out Fund (Tree Council)

The Tree Council is offering grants of between £250 and £2,500 for schools, **constituted community groups and charities, community interest companies, Tree Warden networks**, and other organisations across the UK to deliver tree-planting projects during the 2024/25 Winter planting season (between the end of November 2024 and early February 2025).

Through the Branching Out Fund, groups can purchase:

- Bare root, UK-sourced and grown, native trees of an appropriate size (priority will be given to younger trees that will establish better).
- UK-sourced and grown, bare-root whips (saplings) and cell-grown (root trainer) stock for hedging projects (between 40-120cm height).
- Hedgerow trees. / Orchards, such as fruit trees on semi-vigorous, vigorous, and very vigorous rootstocks.
- Cardboard/bioplastic tree/hedge guards. / Non-plastic ties. / Stakes (coppiced material such as chestnut or hazel is preferred, although machined softwood will also be considered). / Mulch. / Non-peat-based soil improvers if needed.

The following may also be considered:

- Non-native tree varieties if appropriate to the setting. / Non-native varieties and species that are chosen with climate change adaptation and resilience in mind. / Fruit trees on dwarfing rootstock if the setting is appropriate. / Trees in containers/raised beds if the reason is adequately explained and supported by a robust and comprehensive irrigation and aftercare plan. / More robust and costly guards if the setting justifies it.
- Other project resources to support tree establishment such as irrigation equipment like watering cans/irrigation aids, and PPE.

Priority will be given to applicants that have strong community engagement embedded from the beginning of the planting project.

The deadline for applications is 1 December 2024 (midnight).

Website: [Grant funding to support tree, hedgerow and orchard establishment \(treecouncil.org.uk\)](https://treecouncil.org.uk)

Groups Fighting Climate Change / Stobart

A new Stobart Sustainability Fund to **support not-for-profit organisations, community groups**, schools and colleges involved in sustainability initiatives.

Funding will be provided to projects which tackle climate change, reduce carbon emissions, or protect and enhance the environment.

Organisations are invited to set out their level of funding requirement in their application.

Applications are made online.

Website: [The Stobart Sustainability Fund | Stobart \(eddiestobart.com\)](https://eddiestobart.com)

IT4Good Grants / WCIT Charity

The WCIT Charity is offering grants of up to £15,000 for educational establishments and **not-for-profit organisations** across the UK to support IT projects and activities. The IT4Good Grants Programme will support activities within the themes of education, inclusion, IT for charities, and understanding of IT, such as the development and delivery of new services, solutions, training, apps, analytics, AI, robotics, or accessibility features/hardware.

Projects that are more likely to be funded include:

- Projects where WCIT is a material or sole funder. / Projects where WCIT is the sole funder of the IT component of a larger project. / Organisations that could benefit from pro-bono support.

Proposals should demonstrate an innovative use of IT, be scalable for wider replication, and be sustainable over time. Grants of over £15,000 may be considered in exceptional circumstances.

The next deadline for applications is 31 October 2024.

Website: [Home - WCIT Charity](#)

Electrical Safety Fund

Electrical Safety First is offering grants for fire and rescue services, community safety groups, trading standards authorities, and other not-for-profit organisations across the UK to deliver projects that address risks associated with electrical products and promote public awareness of electrical safety and changes in behaviour. The Electrical Safety Fund will support activities to move or repair unsafe electrical products from the home or to educate the public on best practices around electrical safety and reduce electrical hazards. Eligible activities include: Product testing and replacement events. / Data collection projects. / Raising awareness activities. / Home safety activities/visits. / Educational events/workshops.

Grants of up to £5,000 per organisation are available.

The deadline for applications is 1 October 2024.

WEBSITE: [Electrical Safety Fund](#) | [Electrical Safety First](#)

Fight for Sight's Social Change Fund

Fight for Sight, the operating name of the British Eye Research Foundation, is offering grants of up to £30,000 for projects that support and empower blind and vision impaired children and young people with the tools to live independent and fulfilling lives. The proposed work needs to build social, digital and self-advocacy skills, so that vision impaired children and young people feel connected with each other, with their sighted peers, and with the wider communities around them. There is particular interest in applications from organisations who are collaborating in order to share best practice, deliver at scale or meet previously unmet need.

Applications will be considered from UK registered charities / Registered Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIO) / Charitable companies, limited by guarantee / Community Interest Companies (CIC), limited by guarantee / Exempt charities (eg, educational establishments)

Applicants must directly support blind and vision impaired people or people at risk of losing sight.

The funder is keen to hear from organisations of all sizes that are based in the community, people-powered, and are working to achieve local change.

The deadline for applications is 14 October 2024 (23:59).

Website: [The Social Change Fund from Fight for Sight](#)

Archives Revealed Cataloguing Grants / National Archive

Public sector bodies, **registered charities and other not-for-profit organisations** in the UK can apply for funding to create catalogues of important archival collections that are made accessible to the public for research and enjoyment. This year, grants of up to £50,000 are available to fund projects lasting up to two years. At least 20% or £10,000 of the total budget must be allocated to engagement activities with the collection. The grants can fund the additional staff costs required to deliver the project. This can include employing new project staff, or backfilling for existing staff allocated to the project.

The funding can support organisations with owned or deposited collections, providing they can provide a commitment from the depositor that the collection will not be withdrawn from public access or sold within 10 years of the project end date. Partnership and consortium bids are welcomed.

Two applications rounds are planned for 2024/25.

Round 1 closes on 25 October 2024.

Website: [Archives Revealed - Portals \(nationalarchives.gov.uk\)](#)

Protective Security for Mosques Funding Scheme Accepting Applications / Government

Mosques and associated faith community centres from across the UK can apply for funding to cover the provision and installation of security measures to keep their place of worship safe. They can also apply for some security guarding services, where they feel security guards will improve the safety of their site and those worshipping there. To be eligible, applicants must be **registered charities, charities** or places of worship exempt from registration, or eligible **Community Interest Companies (CICs)**. Applicants should apply if they:

- Have experienced hate crime at their place of worship, or
- Feel their place of worship is vulnerable to hate crime; for example, if hate crime has happened at other places of worship or sites in their community, or if people attending their place of worship have experienced hate crime in the local area.

There are no deadlines for applications.

Website: [| \(homeoffice.gov.uk\)](https://www.homeoffice.gov.uk)

Funding for Projects Addressing Domestic Abuse in UK Armed Forces Communities

The Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust has launched the 'Hidden from Fear' programme as part of its three-year Covenant Fund Funding Framework. This programme fits under the theme of ensuring Armed Forces communities are not disadvantaged. **Registered charities, Community Interest Companies (CICs)** and Armed Forces bases/units can apply for grants of between £75,000 and £150,000 to support projects starting early in 2025 and delivered over a period of up to two years. The funding is for innovative and exemplary projects tailored to address domestic abuse within the specific context of the serving Armed Forces community through either preventative measures or the provision of effective routes to support for victim-survivors.

The deadline for applications is 16 October 2024 (12 noon).

Website: [Free From Fear Programme 2024/25 : Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust](#)

Creative People and Places Fund / Arts Council England

The Fund is intended to help **get local people** involved in the arts across parts of England where arts involvement is considerably below the national average. The 2026 - 2029 funding round will support programmes of cultural activity and engagement in 142 locations across England. Lead applicants must have an initial conversation with an Arts Council England Relationship Manager before applying. Initial conversations can be arranged from 5 August 2024 by contacting Arts Council England via email.

Applications close on 16 January 2025 (noon).

Website: [National Portfolio Creative People and Places funding 2026-29 | Arts Council England](#)