

Monthly Funding Information December 2021

This document includes information about current grants and funding opportunities primarily for Voluntary & Community Sector Groups and Organisations, Charities and Social Enterprises. Where the Grant title includes an asterisk (*), Local Authorities and other partner organisations may also be eligible to apply for the funding.

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Lloyds Bank Foundation	Open

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Lawrence Atwell's Charity	4 th March 2022
Hargreaves Foundation	Open
BBC Children In Need – Emergency Essentials	Open
True Colours Trust – UK Small Grants	Open

Funding for projects which support broader community outcomes	
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Arts Council – Volunteering Futures	7 th Dec 2021
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Leicestershire County Council - SHIRE Environment Grant	25 th Feb 2022
Armed Forces Day – Event Funding *	1 st March 2022
Arts Council – National Lottery Projects Grant	Open
Henry Smith Charity - Improving Lives Grant	Open
Charity Link - Small Grant Scheme	Open
Locality – Neighbourhood Planning Grant Fund	Open
HM Govt. Hong Kong British Nationals Overseas BN(O) Welcome Programme *	Open
Severn Trent Community Fund *	Open
Garfield Weston Foundation	Open
Near Neighbours - Small Grants	Open
Lush – Charity Pot	Open
Morrisons Foundation	Open
Forestry Commission – England Woodland Creation Offer *	Open
The National Lottery Community Fund – Awards For All *	Open
The National Lottery Community Fund – Reaching Communities*	Open
Biffa Award	Open
Foyle Foundation – Small Grant Scheme	Open

Funding for projects which support Adults

Grant:	<u>Help the Homeless</u>
Summary:	The fund is to support organisations which help individuals in their return to mainstream society, rather than simply offering shelter or other forms of sustenance. The grant covers capital costs only.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	Applicants must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be a registered charity • Have annual turnover under £1 million
Min/Max Funding Available:	Max £5,000
Deadline for Applications:	15 th December 2021

Grant:	<u>Veterans' Foundation</u>
Summary:	All registered charities and other organisations that support the armed forces community (veterans, those serving and immediate dependants), including seafaring veterans who have served on operations, can apply for funding for up to 3 years of costs.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	The grant will support projects that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce homelessness • Increase employment • Provide welfare and medical support • Increase confidence and social integration • Reduce dependence on drugs and alcohol • Support other charitable activities that may be needed
Min/Max Funding Available:	Max £30,000
Deadline for Applications:	28 th February 2022

Grant:	<u>Barchester's Charitable Foundation</u>
Summary:	The Barchester's Charitable Foundation will fund individuals and small community groups and charities in England, Scotland and Wales who work to help to tackle isolation, loneliness and enable people to be active and engaged.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	Grants are available for projects supporting the following groups of people: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People aged over 65+. • People aged 18+ with a physical or learning disability. • People ages 19+ with mental health problems. Funding is available for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activity projects • Equipment and materials for use by members. • Member transport. • Day trips, outings and group holidays in the UK
Min/Max Funding Available:	Groups can apply for a grant from £100 - £5,000 to fund:
Deadline for Applications:	No deadline advertised

Grant:	<u>Lloyds Bank Foundation</u>
Summary:	Unrestricted funding with tailored support offered over 2 years for small and local charities that work in the following service areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • addiction and dependency • asylum seeker and refugees • care leavers • domestic abuse • homelessness • learning disabilities • mental health • offending • prison or community service • sexual abuse and exploitation • trafficking and modern slavery and young parents
Key Eligibility Criteria:	Applying organisations must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have an annual income of between £25,000 and £1 million • Have a proven track record • Generally, be working with people aged 17 or over
Min/Max Funding Available:	Max £50,000
Deadline for Applications:	Open

Funding for projects which support Children and Young People

Grant:	<u>Youth Futures Foundation - Connected Futures Fund</u>
Summary:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase 1 of the scheme (June 2022 to December 2023) will support between six and eight partnerships which are exploring problems with employment support for young people and mobilising stakeholders around a shared ambition for change. • Phase 2 of the scheme (January 2024 onwards) will award grants of up to £1.5 million to deliver on the ambitions in two to four of the partnerships supported during Phase 1.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<p>Applications will be accepted from partnerships of at least three organisations, representing at least two of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community-based partner (e.g. charity, social enterprise, social purpose, non-profit). • Local partner with statutory responsibility for young people aged 16 to 25 (e.g. borough, district or town council, school or further education provider). • Collective employer body (e.g. Local Enterprise Partnership, Chamber of Commerce, SME networks) or a large not-for-profit employer.
Min/Max Funding Available:	Max £125,000
Deadline for Applications:	17 th January 2022

Grant:	<u>Lawrence Atwell's Charity</u>
Summary:	The grant supports registered charities and non-profit organisations to help young people free themselves from poverty and disadvantage by supporting them to move into employment or become employment ready.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<p>Applying organisations must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have an annual turnover not exceeding £1 million. • Be able to provide at least one set of audited or independently examined annual accounts. • Not be seeking a grant that represents more than 20% of the current annual running costs of the organisation.
Min/Max Funding Available:	Max £10,000 per year (but awards for up to 3 years are available)
Deadline for Applications:	4 th March 2022

Grant:	<u>Hargreaves Foundation</u>
Summary:	<p>The grant scheme can fund clearly defined projects, initiatives or the purchase of specific items that support young people in one or more of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enables individuals to experience the mental and physical health benefits of participatory sport • Ensures participatory sport is accessible (accessibility includes affordability) • Provides sporting or educational activities that foster life skills • Aims to improve academic engagement and attainment • Encourages the development of skills and personal attributes to aid future employability
Key Eligibility Criteria:	Beneficiaries must be under the age of 18, and living with a mental health problem, physical disability or growing up in poverty
Min/Max Funding Available:	Not disclosed
Deadline for Applications:	Open

Grant:	<u>BBC Children In Need – Emergency Essentials</u>
Summary:	<p>Supports individual children and young people living with severe poverty, a lack of the basic facilities and additional pressures such as domestic violence, disability, or poor health in the family.</p> <p>The scheme generally provides critical items such as cookers; fridges; freezers; children’s beds and clothes.</p> <p>Additional items also now include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting access to education resources through grants for digital devices. This includes laptops and tablets. • Grants for toys and games.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	Applications must be completed by a registered referrer who is part of an organisation that is supporting the family or young person and capable of assessing their needs.
Min/Max Funding Available:	No value stated – it provides the required items
Deadline for Applications:	Open

Grant:	<u>True Colours Trust – UK Small Grants</u>
Summary:	<p>Grants for charitable organisations to deliver activities which support disabled children and children (aged 0-25 years) with life-limiting conditions and their families.</p> <p>Eligible organisations must have annual income of less than £350,000.</p>
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<p>Funding available for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities for disabled children, children with life-limiting conditions and their families. • Activities which support siblings of disabled children or siblings of children with life-limiting conditions. • Bereavement support for children and young people. • Family support / parent-led peer support for parents of disabled children. • Respite which supports the whole family. • Support for disabled children and children with life-limiting conditions who are shielding or unable to return to school due to Covid-19. • Equipment and Materials
Min/Max Funding Available:	Maximum £10,000
Deadline for Applications:	Open to applications all year round.

Funding for projects which support broader community outcomes

Grant:	<u>Arts Council – Volunteering Futures</u>
Summary:	<p>The grant is for community and cultural organisations with the aim to encourage cross sector collaboration and working closely with other community partners to help overcome barriers to participation.</p> <p>Funding is intended to create more and better volunteering opportunities for people:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • who experience loneliness; • who experience barriers to volunteering; • in areas where there are fewer volunteering opportunities.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<p>Projects should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve access to volunteering. • Seek to create or build on partnerships between arts and cultural organisations, heritage, sport and physical activity, youth and other community sectors. • Create significant numbers of volunteer opportunities in projects focused on creativity and culture • Explore, expand or scale innovation in volunteering practice that may have emerged during the pandemic. • Start no earlier than 1 April 2022 and finish no later than March 2024
Min/Max Funding Available:	Min Grant £100,001 (no max grant disclosed)
Deadline for Applications:	7 th December 2021

Grant:	<u>Peoples Health Trust – Active Communities</u>
Summary:	<p>The grant scheme is for community groups and not-for-profit organisations to create or shape local projects that will help their community or neighbourhood. Projects should be designed and run by local people.</p>
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<p>Applying organisations must have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An income of less than £350,000 per year or an average of £350,000 over two years • Less than six months’ annual running costs in savings • Been constituted for at least three months
Min/Max Funding Available:	Minimum Grant £5,000 Max grant £40,000
Deadline for Applications:	8 th December 2021 (for stage1 applications)

Grant:	<u>Petplan Charitable Trust - Welfare Grants</u>
Summary:	<p>Grants are for registered charities and scientific institutions to support advances in veterinary science and the work of organisations across the UK committed to the health and wellbeing of species supported by the Trust (i.e., dogs, cats, horses, and rabbits). Assisted therapy charities will also be considered as long as they can provide detail of the current and future welfare needs of the animals.</p> <p>Grants to human charities will be considered when it can be clearly demonstrated that the grant will enhance/give support to the animals' best interests.</p>
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<p>Applying organisations must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include labelled photographs of where the animals are housed • Name and contact number of a veterinary surgeon as a reference • Be able to demonstrate a reasonable record of rehoming
Min/Max Funding Available:	Between £5,000 and £25,000
Deadline for Applications:	10 th December 2021

Grant:	<u>Co-op Carbon Innovation Fund</u> *
Summary:	<p>Funding is available to organisations operating in and supporting the UK's food and farming sector for projects and activities designed to reduce the emission of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere.</p> <p>The fund is seeking to support projects and activities which include those with a focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farming and food production practices. • Initiatives around regenerative agriculture/agroecology. • Community supported agriculture initiatives. • Supporting diversity, resilience and learning amongst key players in the food and farming sector. • Behaviour change (amongst consumers or producers).
Key Eligibility Criteria:	Applications are welcomed from organisations working in partnership, including projects joining up with statutory organisations and involving voluntary, public, and private sectors. One organisation must act as the lead applicant and legal recipient of the grant.
Min/Max Funding Available:	Between £75,000 and £100,000
Deadline for Applications:	10 th December 2021

Grant:	<u>Power to Change – Powering Up Programme</u>
Summary:	<p>The initial phase of the programme is focused on community businesses looking to learn how digital skills could help their business develop and grow.</p> <p>The support package includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support providers to help with specific needs of the business for 12 months • Professional development and wellbeing support for 12 months • An unrestricted grant of £8,000 to enable the business to engage in the support programme <p>Priority will be given to community businesses in the most deprived areas of England, as well as organisations that are led or predominantly working in communities with a high percentage of minoritised ethnicity.</p>
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<p>Applying community businesses should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be incorporated. This could be as a company with Companies House, a society with the Financial Conduct Authority, or a Charitable Incorporated Organisation with the Charity Commission. • Have been trading for at least 12 months • Be seeking support to improve how their business uses digital to develop and grow
Min/Max Funding Available:	Total support package Value £20,000
Deadline for Applications:	13 th December 2021

Grant:	<u>National Lottery Community Fund – Platinum Jubilee Fund</u>
Summary:	<p>Funding for local projects which promote community development, local connections and commemorate the Jubilee.</p> <p>Priority will be given to groups which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have not received a grant from National Lottery Community Fund before. • Are smaller or medium-sized organisations with an annual turnover of less than £100,000 or can demonstrate that they have significant reach into communities to engage a large number of people. • Work in communities where there is a history of fewer funding opportunities. • Work in areas where communities face more challenging economic circumstances.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<p>Funded projects must be up and running into time for Her Majesty the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Central Weekend on 5th June 2022.</p> <p>Projects should go beyond simply celebrating, and must meet at least two of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connects people across generations through doing activities together. • Makes use of significant local sites or spaces, e.g. parks, heritage buildings, community spaces. • Considers future generations and how the Jubilee can leave a legacy for them in the community. • Creates new opportunities for the people that live locally to contribute and/or to build skills and experience. • Starts something new (a set of activities, a group, a community space, a service, a network) that marks the jubilee as a turning point in the community. • Is designed and led by young people who want to be more active in shaping the future of their communities. • Starts collective action in relation to the natural world, giving more people the opportunity to care for the planet at a local level.
Min/Max Funding Available:	Between £30,000 and £50,000
Deadline for Applications:	15 th December 2021

Grant:	<u>All Churches Trust – Afghan Evacuees Emergency Grants Programme</u>
Summary:	<p>Grants are available for Christian churches and charities to help address the ongoing Afghan evacuee crisis and cover costs associated with resettlement.</p> <p>Funding can be used to cover a range of costs including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal items, such as clothing, mobile phones, food or baby items. • Home items such as furniture. • Language support, such as English classes and translation services. • Integrating and settling, such as drop-in sessions, welcome parties, UK life courses, or befriending programmes. • Expenses for volunteers/facilities, such as rental costs, training, or DBS checks.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	Applying organisations must have the reach and the capacity to support the resettlement of Afghan evacuees who have been granted, or are eligible to apply for, indefinite leave to remain by the UK Government.
Min/Max Funding Available:	Not disclosed
Deadline for Applications:	15 th December 2021

Grant:	<u>Social Enterprise Support Fund</u>
Summary:	The grant scheme is open to Social Enterprises and other not-for-profit organisations that run activities which support communities affected by COVID-19. The grant can be used to help organisations overcome any acute financial difficulties they are facing as a result of the pandemic.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<p>Priority will be given to social enterprises which are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with the most marginalised communities in England. • Led by and/or working with disabled people and/or those from Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) and/or LGBTQIA+ communities. • Led by people with direct experience of the issues they are trying to support. <p>Applying organisations must have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Been incorporated for at least a year • Had an annual income of between £20,000 and £1.8 million before COVID-19
Min/Max Funding Available:	Between £10,000 and £100,000
Deadline for Applications:	21 st December 2021

Grant:	<u>Melton Borough Council – Community Grants 2022/23</u>
Summary:	<p>The grant scheme provides funding to deliver projects and services within the Melton Borough which demonstrate community benefit.</p> <p>Projects should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote excellent service which will positively impact the community • Promote improvement of physical health • Promote improvement of Mental Wellbeing • Enable children, young people and older people to make a positive contribution to their communities • Promote access of local people to green spaces
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<p>Applying organisations must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Melton based or carry out activities which benefit the Melton Borough. • Inclusive with the exception of where they provide services or activities which cater for under-represented groups or those with protected characteristics • Making a clear contribution to Melton Borough Council's Corporate People Priorities
Min/Max Funding Available:	Not disclosed
Deadline for Applications:	31 st December 2021

Grant:	<u>Arnold Clark - Community Fund</u>
Summary:	<p>The fund aims to help UK charities and local community groups continue their important work in the following categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food banks • Toy banks • Poverty relief • Housing and accommodation
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<p>Grants are awarded weekly</p> <p>Applying organisations must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have people and communities in the UK as their primary focus of investment • Be incorporated in the UK
Min/Max Funding Available:	Max £1,000
Deadline for Applications:	31 st December 2021

Grant:	<u>Ocado – Foundation for Good *</u>
Summary:	<p>The scheme offers grants to charities, charitable companies, and local authorities to support skills and education development and promote sustainability in communities.</p> <p>Proposals should align with the UN Sustainable Development Goals adopted by this programme. These are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good health and wellbeing. • Quality education. • Decent work and economic growth. • Reduced inequalities. • Responsible consumption and production. • Climate action.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants must first create a BizGive account to apply • The grant cannot be used for salaries
Min/Max Funding Available:	Max £1,000
Deadline for Applications:	31 st December 2021

Grant:	<u>East Midlands Airport - Community Fund</u>
Summary:	<p>The grant scheme is open to community- based projects which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide help to community groups which are supporting vulnerable people during the COVID-19 outbreak • Bring the community closer together through facilities for sport, recreation and other leisure time activities • Support young people to prepare for the world of work and make work an inspiring choice • Offer environmental improvement and/or heritage conservation • Improve awareness of environmental issues through environmental education • Encourage and/or protect wildlife.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	Projects must be located within the area of benefit. A map is provided in the <u>East Midlands Community Fund Brochure</u>
Min/Max Funding Available:	Max £2,000
Deadline for Applications:	4 th January 2022 / 21 st March 2022

Grant:	<u>Hinckley & Bosworth - Parish and Community initiative Scheme</u>
Summary:	The grant scheme is open to constituted community groups and parish and town councils within the borough of Hinckley and Bosworth to help fund community projects.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	Applicants need to register their interest. A wide range of projects are eligible including improvements to parks and other public open spaces, improvements to community buildings and community notice boards
Min/Max Funding Available:	Max £12,000
Deadline for Applications:	7 th January 2022 (for registering interest)

Grant:	<u>Garfield Weston – Charity Awards</u>
Summary:	<p>The Awards celebrate and support brilliant, ambitious, front-line charities working in the fields of community, welfare and youth.</p> <p>The aim is to help charities to plan for sustainability, development and growth through a 10-month-long programme.</p> <p>The 20 winning charities will receive support which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to the Pilotlight 360 programme – a 10-month package of leadership coaching worth an estimated £16,000. • Unrestricted grants of £6,500 to support the work with Pilotlight. • Collaborative opportunities and events through Pilotlight's network of UK charities.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<p>Applying organisations must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have an income of less than £5 million per year • Have at least one paid full-time member of staff in a leadership position • Provide direct services to beneficiaries, the majority of whom are in the Midlands, North of England or Wales. • Have delivered a service in the fields of welfare, youth or community for at least two years.
Min/Max Funding Available:	Max grant of £6,500
Deadline for Applications:	7 th January 2022 (for registering interest)

Grant:	<u>ASDA Foundation – Investing in Spaces and Places Grant</u>
Summary:	<p>The grant can support small grassroots organisations to improve local community buildings and outdoor spaces.</p> <p>Projects should be discussed with the ASDA Community Champion who is based at the local store. The Community Champion will submit the initial nomination for the grant.</p>
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<p>Applying organisations must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Own or lease the building or open space (leases should have at least 10 years remaining) • Have a presence in the local community around Asda stores and its work must benefit that local community • Have an existing relationship with its local Asda store • Have an annual income of under £250,000
Min/Max Funding Available:	Between £5,000 and £25,000
Deadline for Applications:	9 th January 2022 (decisions in June 2022)

Grant:	<u>John Lewis Partnership – The Circular Future Fund</u>
Summary:	<p>The grant is open to a range of organisations that are working on ideas and innovations that can accelerate the transition towards a more circular economy. This aim is to design out waste and get the most value from every stage of a product's life. Projects could be rethinking waste with new products or materials, finding creative ways to shift consumer mindsets or developing new business models and services.</p>
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<p>Projects should have a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus in the areas of food, textiles or household products, technology or services • Viable and truly circular solution • Measurable impact (now or in the future) • Clear legacy
Min/Max Funding Available:	Between £150,000 and £300,000
Deadline for Applications:	9 th January 2022

Grant:	<u>Rosa – Rise Fund</u>
Summary:	Funding for small, specialist organisations led by and for Black and minoritised women and girls so that they are in a stronger position to survive, thrive and grow into the future. The funding will support organisational development work relating to areas such as strategy, governance, leadership, alliances and partnerships, funding, demonstrating impact and systems and processes.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	Applying organisations must have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Been active for at least three years • An average annual income less than £100,000 • Black and minoritised women and/or girls as the majority of their beneficiaries both now and in the future. • At least 75% of their senior management team and trustees/governing body as Black and minoritised women and/or girls.
Min/Max Funding Available:	Max grant £40,000
Deadline for Applications:	10 th January 2022

Grant:	<u>National Lottery Heritage Fund - Culture Recovery Fund for Heritage*</u>
Summary:	Culture Recovery Fund for Heritage: Emergency Resource Support has re-opened. The central aims of this strand are to enable cultural organisations to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reopen/restart their operations, where appropriate; or • Operate on a sustainable, cost-efficient basis, so that they are able to reopen at a later date if, for example, reopening under social distancing is not permissible or does not represent a value for money approach.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	Applications will be accepted from heritage organisations and businesses in England who have not been able to access any funding through the previous two rounds of the Culture Recovery Fund. Organisations must also be able to demonstrate that they are culturally significant and normally generate at least 50% of their annual income from their heritage activities
Min/Max Funding Available:	Between £10,000 and £1 million
Deadline for Applications:	11th January 2022

Grant:	<u>Arts Council – Culture Recovery Fund</u> *
Summary:	<p>The grant provides emergency funding for culturally significant organisations in England which were financially sustainable before coronavirus (COVID-19) but are now at imminent risk of failure, having exhausted all other options for increasing their resilience.</p> <p>The grants can support a range of measures, including staff salaries and fixed/operational costs, projects that are essential to continued operations, COVID-related debt, one-off costs arising from organisational development, and one-off building/capital expenditure.</p>
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applying organisations must be able to demonstrate, via cashflow forecast, they are at risk of ceasing to trade viably within 12 weeks of the point of application • Previous recipients of the Culture Recovery Fund may apply. • Supported artforms or disciplines are music, theatre, dance, combined arts, visual arts, museums, or literature. Comedy venues are eligible for this fund.
Min/Max Funding Available:	Between £25,000 and £3 million
Deadline for Applications:	11 th January 2022 (deadline for Permission to Apply form)

Grant:	<u>Leicestershire County Council – SHIRE Community Grant</u>
Summary:	<p>A range of grants available for community-based projects and activities that will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve the lives, health and wellbeing of vulnerable or disadvantaged people and communities in Leicestershire • Provide community-based early intervention and prevention solutions which help to reduce demand on Council and other public services • Complement existing services already being delivered
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<p>Applying organisations must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be a VCSE organisation, or Town/Parish Council • Provide services for vulnerable/disadvantaged people who are residents of Leicestershire (not Leicester City) • Have an income of under £10 million
Min/Max Funding Available:	<p>The grant minimum/maximum levels are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small Grants – maximum £3,000 • Large Grants – minimum £3,001, maximum £10,000 • Capital Grants – minimum £1,000, maximum £10,000 • Match Funding Grants – minimum £3,000, maximum £10,000 • Partnership Grant – minimum £5,000, maximum £25,000
Deadline for Applications:	Round 3 closes 26 th January 2022 at 5.00pm

Grant:	<u>HM Govt. - Natural Environment Investment Readiness Fund *</u>
Summary:	The grant scheme supports nature projects in England which tackle climate change, create and restore habitats, or improve water quality. The fund will help organisations obtain specialist advice, engage investors and build capacity to develop their project to the stage when it is ready to receive and repay investment.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	Projects must protect or enhance the domestic natural environment in line with one or more of the Government's 25-year environment plan goals in the context of the following natural capital asset types: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urban or areas of transition from rural to urban land uses (peri-urban). • Enclosed farmland. • Mountain, moor and heathland. • Freshwaters and wetlands. • Woodland. • Coastal margins. • Marine. • Semi-natural grassland
Min/Max Funding Available:	Between £10,000 and £100,000
Deadline for Applications:	3 rd February 2022

Grant:	<u>Mercia Park - Community Fund</u>
Summary:	The grant scheme supports projects which: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help strengthen local communities (particularly their quality of life and life chances) within a 5-mile radius of the Mercia Park Development at Junction 11 M42. • Improve the natural environment within a 5-mile radius of the Mercia Park Development at Junction 11 M42.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	Priority will be given to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organisations who can clearly demonstrate that they are addressing a need in the local community and offering localised support. • Smaller charitable organisations that have limited access to larger funds.
Min/Max Funding Available:	Max £5,000
Deadline for Applications:	4 th February 2022

Grant:	<u>The D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust – Small Grant Scheme</u>
Summary:	<p>The scheme is for registered charities operating in the UK in the fields of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arts • Health • Medical welfare • Environmental protection or improvement <p>Grants can be for specific projects or be put towards core costs.</p>
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charities that have been unsuccessful in their application need to wait 2 years before re-applying • The majority of grants are one-off grants for one year • The scheme will not make more than one grant to a charity in any one financial year, or for more than three consecutive years.
Min/Max Funding Available:	Between £500 and £6,000
Deadline for Applications:	9 th February 2022

Grant:	<u>Screwfix Foundation</u>
Summary:	The grant is available for charities and not for profit organisations for projects that will fix, repair, maintain and improve the properties and community facilities of those in need by reason of financial hardship, sickness, disability, distress or other disadvantage throughout the UK.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	Successful and unsuccessful applicants can only re-apply every 12 months
Min/Max Funding Available:	Max £5,000
Deadline for Applications:	10 th Feb 2022

Grant:	<u>Leicestershire County Council - SHIRE Environment Grant</u>
Summary:	<p>Supports new and innovative projects that will meet one or more of the grant scheme outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To reduce the amount of household waste produced in Leicestershire • To reduce the amount of greenhouse gas emissions within communities • To improve biodiversity and support the creation, protection, enhancement and management of sustainable green spaces • To raise awareness and understanding on the above outcomes as well as providing necessary training and skills to manage and support projects.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The main beneficiaries must be residents of Leicestershire, excluding Leicester City and Rutland • All relevant permissions and consents necessary to enable the project to go ahead must have been obtained from the relevant authorities before a grant can be offered. • There are other specific criteria for community building and biodiversity related initiatives
Min/Max Funding Available:	Max £3,000
Deadline for Applications:	25 th February 2022

Grant:	<u>Armed Forces Day – Event Funding *</u>
Summary:	The grant scheme is available to local councils, organisations, schools, ex-service organisations and individuals for Armed Forces Day events. Events must be held on or around Armed Forces Day (June 25th, 2022).
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants must first register the event on the Armed Forces Day website • The grant awards match funding up to half of the total cost of the event. • There is a specific list of items that the grant can and can't be used for
Min/Max Funding Available:	Max £10,000
Deadline for Applications:	1 st March 2022

Grant:	<u>Arts Council – National Lottery Projects Grant</u>
Summary:	<p>Funding to support arts, museums and libraries projects and promote engagement with the arts across England is available for individual artists, community and cultural organisations. The funding is for projects that are focused on one or more of the following disciplines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music, Theatre, Dance, Visual arts, Literature • Combined arts - including festivals and carnivals • Museum practice (accredited or unaccredited) • Libraries
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The grant can support projects lasting up to a maximum of three years. • Applicants must be at least 18 years old
Min/Max Funding Available:	Between £1,000 and £100,000
Deadline for Applications:	Open

Grant:	<u>Henry Smith Charity - Improving Lives Grant</u>
Summary:	<p>Charities and not-for-profit organisations, including social enterprises can apply for up to 3 years of funding to support work in the following priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help at a critical moment – Helping to rebuild lives following crisis, trauma, or abuse • Positive Choices- Helping people whose actions have led to negative consequences • Accommodation/Housing Support • Employment and Training • Financial inclusion, rights, and entitlements • Support networks and family <p>Grants are for revenue costs and direct service delivery. The scheme will not fund capital costs.</p>
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<p>Applying organisations must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be working in one of the 7 priority areas. • Have an annual income of between £50K and £3M • Have been operating for at least 18 months • Be seeking support for work that is proven and effective, not new work
Min/Max Funding Available:	Between £20,000 and £60,000 per year
Deadline for Applications:	Open (decisions take 6 months)

Grant:	<u>Charity Link - Small Grant Scheme</u>
Summary:	<p>The scheme is for charitable organisations supporting one or more of the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relief of poverty, hardship and distress • Relief of physical or mental illness • Advance the education of people in need • Support people aged 60+ <p>Grants can be for specific projects or contribute towards core costs.</p>
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications should be submitted at least 3 months ahead of any planned delivery start date • Only one grant can be awarded to any one organisation within a financial year
Min/Max Funding Available:	Max £500
Deadline for Applications:	Open

Grant:	<u>Locality – Neighbourhood Planning Grant Fund</u>
Summary:	<p>There are three types of grant funding to support the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Basic Grant - for all groups undertaking a neighbourhood plan 2. Additional Grant – for groups facing more complex issues 3. Affordable Housing for Sale Grant – for groups wishing to bring forward affordable housing for sale
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants must be undertaking a neighbourhood plan • There are specific criteria for the Additional and Affordable Housing Grants
Min/Max Funding Available:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic Grant max £10,000 • Additional Grant max £8,000 • Affordable Housing for Sale Grant max £10,000
Deadline for Applications:	Open

Grant:	<u>HM Govt. – Hong Kong British Nationals Overseas BN(O) Welcome Programme *</u>
Summary:	Local authorities in England can apply where they are providing support for BN(O) status holders and their families to help them to successfully settle in their new communities. There is a particular focus on those who need help with English language or are destitute or at risk of destitution.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding is available for support provided to BN(O) status holders and their dependents who are on the BN(O) route. It does not cover those who have entered the UK through other immigration routes. • It is expected that local authorities making claims for this funding will build upon existing ESOL infrastructure in place within their local area - through collaborating and working with community groups and ESOL providers already established within their local area. • Funds will be allocated on a quarterly retrospective basis
Min/Max Funding Available:	Max £800 per adult for access to English language classes Max £2,720 per household for destitution support
Deadline for Applications:	No deadline disclosed

Grant:	<u>Severn Trent Community Fund *</u>
Summary:	Supports projects based on community wellbeing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People: Projects that help people to lead a healthier life and gain new skills • Places: Projects that help to create better places to live in and use • Environment: Projects that will help look after the natural environment, give people greater access to that environment or help look after water
Key Eligibility Criteria:	The project must be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • located in the Severn Trent region • benefiting Severn Trent customers • a new project, not existing work
Min/Max Funding Available:	There are 3 grant sizes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £2,000 to £10,000 • £10,001 to £75,000 • £75,001 to £200,000
Deadline for Applications:	Open (but quarterly panels in March, June, September and December)

Grant:	<u>Garfield Weston Foundation</u>
Summary:	For community organisations to support a wide range of projects in the areas of welfare, youth, community, arts, faith, environment, education, health, and museums and heritage. Grants can be used towards capital, revenue (core costs) and specific project costs
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is recommended that applicants have around half of their funding identified before applying • A grant is unlikely to be for more than around 10% of the total costs of the budget. • Organisations applying for £100,000 or more are expected to have an annual income in excess of £1 million.
Min/Max Funding Available:	Regular Grant - Max £100,000 Major Grant - over £100,000
Deadline for Applications:	Open

Grant:	<u>Near Neighbours - Small Grants</u>
Summary:	The grant scheme can provide funding for local groups and organisations who are working to bring people together encouraging social action and interaction.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	Applying organisations must be working: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To develop relationships across two or more faiths and or ethnicities in order to improve their communities. • With people who live very locally (same street or estate) • In an area supported by one of the eleven Hubs (Leicester is our closest Hub)
Min/Max Funding Available:	Between £250 and £3,000
Deadline for Applications:	Open – deadline not disclosed

Grant:	<u>Lush – Charity Pot</u>
Summary:	The scheme supports small organisations working in Animal Rights, Environmental Protection and Human Rights that have campaigns to achieve long-term change.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	Applying organisations should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have an income under £250,000 • Be entirely run by volunteers
Min/Max Funding Available:	Between £100 and £10,000
Deadline for Applications:	Open – but decisions take 3 months

Grant:	<u>Morrisons Foundation</u>
Summary:	Grants are available to registered charities for new projects which directly improve the lives of local people or communities, especially those that are vulnerable or disadvantaged
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applying Charities should have been registered for a minimum of 1 year • Funding can cover 100% of the eligible costs
Min/Max Funding Available:	Max £25,000
Deadline for Applications:	Open

Grant:	<u>Forestry Commission – England Woodland Creation Offer *</u>
Summary:	<p>The scheme supports landowners, managers and public bodies to establish new woodland, including through natural colonisation, on areas as small as 1 hectare. Payments can cover a range of costs including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planting the new woodland • Maintenance payments for 10 years to help establish the young trees • Contribution towards installing infrastructure to facilitate management or recreational activity
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<p>The planting site needs to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be under full management of the applying organisation • Not already be classed as woodland • Not subject to any existing legal requirement or obligation to create woodland
Min/Max Funding Available:	Not disclosed
Deadline for Applications:	Open

Grant:	<u>The National Lottery Community Fund – Awards For All *</u>
Summary:	<p>The main aims of the fund are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p>Grants can also be accessed by organisations helping people and communities most adversely impacted by COVID-19. This will support organisations to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to deliver activity - whether your community needs crisis response, recovery or business as usual activity. • Change and adapt, becoming more resilient to respond to new and future challenges.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grants can fund a wide range of activities and costs • Projects should clearly show how the community has been involved
Min/Max Funding Available:	Between £300 and £10,000
Deadline for Applications:	Open

Grant:	<u>The National Lottery Community Fund – Reaching Communities</u> *
Summary:	<p>The main aims of the fund are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p>Grants can also be accessed by organisations helping people and communities most adversely impacted by COVID-19, to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to deliver activity - whether your community needs crisis response, recovery or business as usual activity. • Change and adapt, becoming more resilient to respond to new and future challenges.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grants can fund a wide range of activities and costs • Projects should clearly show how the community has been involved • Grants are for up to 5 years
Min/Max Funding Available:	Minimum Grant £10,001
Deadline for Applications:	Open

Grant:	<u>Biffa Award</u>
Summary:	<p>Supports projects based on one of three themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rebuilding Biodiversity – for example habitat improvement works, tree planting, and scrub removal • Community Buildings – for example extensions, renovations, replacement floor and roofs • Recreation - for example play areas, outdoor gyms and nature trails
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The criteria vary for the different types of project. • One of the key criteria is the proximity of the project site to a Biffa operation or an active landfill site. There is a post code checker to confirm the eligibility of the project location • The organisation and project must both be eligible for enrolment and registration with the Landfill Communities Fund scheme regulator, ENTRUST • Maximum project cost is £200,000 (including VAT)
Min/Max Funding Available:	Between £10,000 and £75,000
Deadline for Applications:	Open

Grant:	<u>Foyle Foundation – Small Grant Scheme</u>
Summary:	To support registered charities which are currently delivering services to the young, vulnerable, elderly, disadvantaged or the general community either directly or through online support if possible.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	Applying organisations must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have an annual turnover under £150,000 • Show how any grant will make a significant difference to their current work. • Apply for core costs or essential equipment only
Min/Max Funding Available:	Between £1,000 and £10,000
Deadline for Applications:	Open

Support available for Voluntary, Community & Social Enterprise Sector organisations in Leicestershire

Voluntary Action LeicesterShire	
<p>Leicestershire County Council has a contract with <u>Voluntary Action LeicesterShire</u> (VAL) to provide support to voluntary and community sector organisations in Leicestershire, including help with identifying and securing funding. If you are a VCS organisation who is seeking to apply for funding, or bid for contracts, please contact VAL’s Sector Support Team for assistance, advice, and guidance. VAL can provide assistance with searching for funding opportunities, checking the relevance of the fund to your funding aspirations, and a read and review of your bid. You can also <u>sign up for further e-bulletins from VAL</u>, including news, events, funding opportunities and updates from the Government and Charity Commission. There are currently two newsletters which you can select to receive by ticking the appropriate box. At present funding and commissioning items are included in the voluntary sector support newsletter.</p> <p>Contact Details: Website: <u>www.valonline.org.uk/contact</u> Tel: 0116 2575050 Email: <u>helpline@valonline.org.uk</u></p>	

CASE – Support for Social Enterprises in Leicestershire	
<p>Co-operative and Social Enterprise Development Agency (CASE) is a social enterprise and co-operative which provides advice, guidance, and support to existing and emerging co-operatives, social enterprises and community enterprises in Leicester and Leicestershire. CASE supports co-operatives and social enterprises to develop and grow, through the promotion of co-operative ways of working.</p> <p>Leicestershire County Council has a contract with CASE to provide support to people currently running (or thinking of setting up) social enterprises in Leicestershire.</p> <p>Contact Details: Website: http://case.coop/ Tel: 0116 222 5010 Email: enquiries@case.coop</p>	

Leicestershire & Rutland Community Foundation	
<p>The Leicestershire & Rutland Community Foundation is a charity which helps local individuals and companies to give money, in a tax efficient way, directly to local needs. It does this by helping set up new local family and company charitable funds and then supports those donors to give grants to local charitable groups of their choice through the Making Local Life Better Fund (previously the Donor Matching Scheme).</p> <p>The Community Foundation also administers local and national grant schemes on behalf of those organisations. These vary throughout the year, please check the website for the funds currently available.</p> <p>Contact Details: Website: https://www.llrcommunityfoundation.org.uk/ Tel: 0116 262 4916 Email: grants@llrcommunityfoundation.org.uk</p>	

Commissioning Opportunities			
<p>VCSE organisations are encouraged to explore opportunities to receive income through delivering contracts for services commissioned by the public sector. You can register to receive details of commissioning opportunities through the following websites: Source Leicestershire: http://www.sourceleicestershire.co.uk/ Due North: https://procontract.due-north.com/Login Contract Finder: https://www.gov.uk/contracts-finder</p>			

Easy Fundraising	
<p>This is a leading fundraising platform that gives organisations access to an unlimited fundraising source, that helps you to raise FREE cashback donations through online shopping. Register your group/organisation as a good cause with easyfundraising to receive free cashback donations when anyone connected to that organisation shops online with 4,200 retailers including Argos, Amazon, Just eat and Booking.com. It doesn't cost the shopper a penny more so it's an easy way for your community to support your organisation just by shopping online as they usually would.</p> <p>Website: https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/leicestershirerutlandsport</p>	

Leicestershire Communities Website	
<p>The Leicestershire Communities website contains a range of useful information to help local people to actively participate in their communities, including information for people involved in community groups, charities and social enterprises. This section of the website provides a range of support, information and resources related to Grants and Funding, including Monthly Funding Bulletins, information from a range of funders, along with details of support provided to voluntary and community sector groups, charities and social enterprises, by other relevant organisations.</p> <p>Website: www.leicestershirecommunities.org.uk/grants</p>	