

Monthly Funding Information

November 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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Learning Through Landscapes - Local School Nature Grants	12 th Nov 2021
HM Govt. - Condition Improvement Fund	16 th Dec 2021
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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Armed Forces Day – Event Funding *	1 st March 2022
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>Armed Forces Covenant Fund – Force or Change Programme</u> *
Summary:	<p>Projects should address one of two main themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Empowering Armed Forces communities to become more engaged in their local area. • Providing opportunities for isolated members of the Armed Forces community to take part in activities that improve general wellbeing.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants must be either a registered charity; CIC; an armed forces base or unit; a school or local authority • Projects must start within one month of the grant award and be completed within 12 months
Min/Max Funding Available:	Max £10,000
Deadline for Applications:	19 th November 2021

Grant:	<u>The Allen Lane Foundation</u>
Summary:	<p>The grant scheme funds charities, voluntary group and charitable organisations that work with the following groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asylum seekers and refugees • Gypsies and Travellers • Migrant communities • Offenders and ex-offenders • Older people • People experiencing mental health problems • People experiencing violence or abuse <p>The grant will support running and core costs.</p>
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applying organisations that work across a local area such as a village, estate or town will need to have an income of less than around £100,000. • Applying organisations that work across the whole of the UK need to have an income of less than around £250,000. • The scheme focuses on work with adults
Min/Max Funding Available:	Max grant £15,000
Deadline for Applications:	1 st December 2021

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>British Science Week – Community Grant Scheme</u>
Summary:	<p>Community groups can apply for funding to run their own science activities during British Science Week 2022, working directly with people who are traditionally hard-to-reach and currently not engaged in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) activity. Groups that are traditionally under-represented in science include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People from ethnic minorities. • People with low socio-economic status (SES), including people disadvantaged in terms of education and income. • People with a physical or mental condition or impairment. • People living in a remote and rural location, defined as settlements of less than 10,000 people. • Girls and women.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Events must engage with at least one of the target groups listed above • British Science Week is from 11th to 20th March 2022 • Applications are also welcomed from special educational needs, additional support needs, hospital and supplementary schools, as well as English as a Second Language groups. • Primary and Secondary Schools should apply via the <u>Kick Start Grants</u>
Min/Max Funding Available:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £500 - to run one or more events in British Science Week • £1,000 - to run one or more events during British Science Week, as well as follow-up activities that will lead to continued engagement after British Science Week.
Deadline for Applications:	8 th November 2021

Grant:	<u>Learning Through Landscapes - Local School Nature Grants</u>
Summary:	The aim of this fund is to promote outdoor learning among young children by providing nurseries, schools and other early learning providers with resources and training. Successful applicants will receive an assortment of nature equipment and a two-hour training session for staff.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority will be given to applicants that include children in the decision-making process • Projects that incorporate and benefit the local community, such as through volunteer opportunities or visual improvements to the local environment, are encouraged. • Applicants must be employed by the school. Applications on behalf of the school from PTA's, Governors, 'Friends of' groups will not be accepted.
Min/Max Funding Available:	£500
Deadline for Applications:	12 th November 2021

Grant:	<u>HM Govt. - Condition Improvement Fund</u>
Summary:	Capital funding is available for academies, sixth-form colleges and voluntary aided (VA) schools in England to transform facilities and improve school buildings. The focus of the fund is to keep school and college buildings safe and in good working order.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<p>The Maximum project cost is £4 million. Applying educational facilities need to be rated Good or Outstanding by Ofsted and by 1st September 2021 either a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stand-alone academy • School in a multi-academy trust (MAT) with fewer than five schools or fewer than 3,000 pupils as counted in the Spring 2021 census or 2020/21 Individualised Learner Record (ILR) • Voluntary Aided (VA) school in a VA body or VA group with fewer than five schools or fewer than 3,000 pupils as counted in the Spring 2021 census or 2020/21 ILR • Sixth-form college • School with a signed academy order as of 1 September 2021 that the department expects will convert by 1 April 2022.
Min/Max Funding Available:	Discretionary
Deadline for Applications:	16 th December 2021

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>National Lottery Heritage Fund –Trees Call to Action Fund *</u>
Summary:	<p>The aim of the grant is to support the multiple objectives of the England Tress Action Plan. Priority will be given to proposals which support multiple objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expanding and connecting our trees and woodlands • Trees and woodlands as part of the green economy • Protecting and improving our trees and woodlands • Connecting people with trees and woodlands
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The fund will be targeted at regions, activities and costs which cannot be supported through other Defra grants • The fund will be open to applications from partnerships led by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - environmental charities - environmental not-for-profit organisations - local authorities - Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and National Park Authorities • Projects should support the <u>Government’s England Trees Action Plan</u> • Projects should be delivered by March 2025
Min/Max Funding Available:	Between £250,000 and £500,000
Deadline for Applications:	Expressions of interest to be submitted by 16 th November 2021

Grant:	<u>The National Lottery Community Fund – Together For Our Planet</u>
Summary:	The grant will support local communities to take action on climate change. The project should reflect what matters to your community and can be small in scale. It could be for projects relating to food; energy; transport, waste or the natural environment.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All projects must be focused on developing a community-led climate action project. The project will also need to meet at least two of these criteria: • It supports the development of longer-term climate action within communities (that is, taking place after the <u>COP26 event in November</u>). • It encourages communities to plan for the climate emergency - to consider what climate action could mean to them and why it matters. • It celebrates the importance of community-led climate action and encourages more people to get involved. • It builds resilience in communities that are hardest hit by climate change. • It provides jobs, skills or training opportunities for communities which support climate action.
Min/Max Funding Available:	Between £1,000 and £10,000
Deadline for Applications:	18 th November 2021

Grant:	<u>Social Investment Business - Recovery Loan Fund</u>
Summary:	The scheme is available for UK based charities and social enterprises which are working to improve people's lives, or the environment they live in. Loan term is from 1 to 6 years with a fixed interest rate of 7% per year.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	Applying organisations must have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Been actively operating for at least 2 years • A minimum turnover of £400,000, or £200,000 if the organisation is BAME led, in their last financial year • Aims for the benefit of society/environment
Min/Max Funding Available:	Loans of between £50,000 and £1.5 million are available
Deadline for Applications:	21 st November 2021

Grant:	<u>Harborough District Council – Community Grant</u>
Summary:	<p>The aim of the grant scheme is to enable a healthy, inclusive, and engaged community. The grant focus is on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved spaces and places that are important to the community. For example, improvements to parks and community spaces and facilities. • Projects that support young people aged 11+ around mental health issues related to anxiety and self-image and projects that help combat childhood inactivity or provide a diversionary activity.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This year the grant will not be funding benches, noticeboards, bins, repairs and maintenance • Applications should be match funded by at least 25% of total project cost • Funding can go towards expanding existing projects or new projects.
Min/Max Funding Available:	Max grant £2,500
Deadline for Applications:	26 th November 2021

Grant:	<u>Groundwork / Comic Relief - Community Fund</u>
Summary:	<p>The grant scheme supports capacity building and project delivery for organisations whose work fits with one of Comic Relief's four strategic themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children Survive and Thrive – ensuring every child has the best start in life. • Fighting for Gender Justice – tackling gender-based violence, inequality and exploitation. • A Safe Place to Be – supporting those who have been displaced to access secure housing and feel settled in their new homes. • Mental Health Matters – helping people experiencing poor mental health to access appropriate support and live free from stigma and discrimination.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<p>Applying organisations must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have annual turnover under £250,000 • Include a request for £1,000 to support capacity building as part of their application • Complete their project within one year of receiving the grant
Min/Max Funding Available:	Max £10,000
Deadline for Applications:	Round 1 is open and closes 29 th November 2021 Round 2 opens March 2022 and closes June 2022

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. <p>The scheme also provides:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer support (however, due to COVID-19 restrictions, only applications for digital volunteering will be accepted). • Certain in-kind goods on request.
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>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>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>There are grant minimum/maximums 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: Opens 1 st December 2021, deadline 26 th Jan 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>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 Feb 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>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 be put 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: £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. 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 • 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>	

Voluntary Action LeicesterShire VCSE Funding Fair	
<p>Voluntary Action LeicesterShire are holding an on-line Funding Fair for voluntary, community and social enterprise sector groups based in Leicestershire on Tuesday 23 November from 10am-2.30pm.</p> <p>There are 7 confirmed funders who will give presentations and offer 1:1 appointments:</p> <p>Charity Bank Leicestershire & Rutland Community Foundation Lloyds Bank Foundation Severn Trent Community Fund SHIRE Community Grants The National Lottery Community Fund: Awards for All and Reaching Communities The National Lottery Heritage Fund</p> <p>Please go to the VAL website for further information and to book.</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>	

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.

Contact Details:

Website: <https://www.llrcommunityfoundation.org.uk/>

Tel: 0116 262 4916

Email: grants@llrcommunityfoundation.org.uk

Commissioning Opportunities



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>

Easy Fundraising



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.

Website: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/leicestershirerutlandspport>

Leicestershire Communities Website



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.

Website: www.leicestershirecommunities.org.uk/grants