

Volunteers are the life blood of any charity particularly if your organisation is small and local. Finding funds to cover costs can be sometimes tricky. However, here are some tips to help you when you apply for funding:



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Don't forget to add Volunteers expenses into your project budget

- Volunteer travel
- Volunteer supervision
- Volunteer coordinator
- Volunteer training
- Volunteer food
- Volunteer supplies and equipment
- Volunteer social / thank you events
- Volunteer recruitment / admin time
- Overhead costs
- Promotion of opportunities / leaflets
- DBS checks

An easy formula for calculating a **volunteer's economic value** is to take the number of volunteers x average number of hours x average hourly equivalent . Some funders give guidance of £50 a day for unskilled work, £150 a day for skilled work and £350 a day for a professional..

For more information, check out this website:

www.ncvo.org.uk/institute-for-volunteering-research



Last month we asked you to complete a **short survey** (it only takes 3 mins!) to help us put together the most relevant information in future editions of Funding Focus. If you have not yet completed the survey, please do so [here](#).

THANK YOU!

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February and March



8th February

Fundraising Network Meeting

**'Involving Volunteers to help you
fundraise'**

9.30-12.30

Bersted Green Learning Centre

Book your place [here](#)



FUNDRAISING

15th February

**Are you General Data Protection
Regulation (GDPR) ready?**

**Come along and find out the
important changes that your
organisation will need to put in
place**

9.30-12.30

Bersted Green Learning Centre

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'How to write a successful funding bid

Case for Support'

9.30-12.30

Bersted Green Learning Centre

Book your place [here](#)

21st March

'What is a

Community Interest Company'?

11.30-12.30am

Bognor Regis Town Hall

Book your place by email:

admin@vaac.org.uk or

Phone: 01243 840305

**Volunteer
Now!**



**We can help you advertise your Volunteering Opportunities
and promote them to potential volunteers.**

Contact us on 01243 864220

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NEWS FROM LOCAL FUNDERS

West Sussex County Council is proposing to change its approach to grant funding to voluntary and community groups from 2018/19. They hope to streamline their current three grant pots, moving to one, which will reduce confusion about the funds that are available. They propose to move to an online crowdfunding model where they will pledge support to projects from a single funding pot, alongside others who may wish to contribute to the projects.

They will introduce the proposed new approach at **drop-in sessions which will run from 6pm - 6.45pm** before the next round of County Local Committee (CLC) and Joint Area Committee (JAC) meeting. You are invited to come along to find out more about how crowdfunding works.

The dates and venues of those drop in sessions are:

08/02/18	Adur	Lancing Parish Hall
19/02/18	North Horsham	County Hall North (Parkside), Horsham
20/02/18	Central and South Mid Sussex	Haywards Heath Library
20/02/18	South Chichester	County Hall, Chichester
27/02/18	Joint Western Arun	The Regis School, Bognor Regis
27/02/18	Worthing	Elm Grove Primary School, Worthing
28/02/18	Crawley	Crawley Library
01/03/18	North Mid Sussex	East Grinstead Library
06/03/18	North Chichester	Wisborough Green Village Hall
06/03/18	Joint Eastern Arun	The White Swan Hotel, A27 Chichester Road, Arundel
07/03/18	Chanctonbury	The Steyning Centre, Steyning

Do not worry if you cannot attend the session. WSCC will be running more detailed training and promotional activities from April 2018 to help people to understand and engage with the new approach. Please keep an eye on the [funding pages](#) on WSCC website for further information.

West Sussex County Council Community Initiative Fund

The Community Initiative Fund (CIF) provides assistance to local community projects. Bids should show evidence of supporting one or more of The Five Ways to Wellbeing—Connect, Be active, Take notice, Keep learning, Give.

*Applications should ideally be received **six weeks before** the committee meeting.*

You should:

- ◇ target the project directly at benefiting the community of the [County Local Committee area](#)
- ◇ demonstrate that the project is value for money and be able to provide measurable outputs.

Meeting Dates:

Joint Eastern Arun Area Committee Tuesday 6th March 2018

Joint Western Arun Area Committee Wednesday 28 February 2018

North Chichester CLC Tuesday 6th March 2018

South Chichester CLC Tuesday 20 February 2018

Chichester District Council Grants

<http://www.chichester.gov.uk/grants>

Fast Track Grant

You can apply for less than £1000 at any time under the 'Fast Track' small grant process.

Over £1000 grants

For grants exceeding £1000, the panel will consider applications on a quarterly basis. **The next closing date for bids is 9th February 2018** for a Panel meeting on 21st March 2018.

Greggs Foundation's Local Community Projects Fund Opens for 2018

Deadline: 9th March 2018

The Greggs Foundation's Community Projects Fund is inviting applications for grants of up to £2,000 to not-for-profit organisations across Great Britain. Funding will support projects or equipment for those in need at the heart of local communities.

Southern Co-operative

Charitable or not-for-profit groups who benefit local communities can apply for funds from £50 to £1,000.

If you would like to apply for funding, please collect an application form at your local The Southern Co-operative store or funeral home – or download it from [here](#) You must complete this and return it to your local store or funeral home. The decision on your application will be made by the Area Business Manager and you will be contacted if your application is successful. Please allow up to **12 weeks** for a decision and payment to be made.

South Downs National Park Authority-Sustainable Communities Fund

Any partnership or other not for profit organisations which include social enterprise, community interest companies, voluntary organisations and 'for profit' organisations (these projects cannot be for financial gain to the business) can apply for funding if they believe their project is bringing **social, environmental, economic or cultural benefits to a community within the National Park.**

Grants are available for up to 50% of the project cost from £250 to a maximum of £10,000. Please note that the criteria of the fund are regularly reviewed and may change without notice.

Application forms are not available for download as they encourage an initial conversation about your project-**please contact the External Funding Co-ordinator on 01730 819219 or grants@southdowns.gov.uk**

For further information please go to <https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/care-for/supporting-communities-business/sustainable-communities-fund/>

Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner - Community Safety Fund

<https://www.sussex-pcc.gov.uk/get-involved/apply-for-funding/>

The Police & Crime Commissioner currently has two types of funding. The Victims' Services Fund has been set up to financially assist the delivery of projects which support victims of crime, while the Community Safety Fund assists community groups that help reduce or prevent crime in Sussex.

Maximum Value: £5,000

Projects should focus on activity, rather than equipment/capital expenditure, and must meet the following requirements:

- Have a positive and lasting impact in the local community.
- Have strong evidence to show a need for the project.
- Help to prevent crime and reduce re-offending.
- Demonstrate clear measures to demonstrate impact and/or outcomes of the work

Application Deadline: 9 February 2018. There are 3 rounds per year.

Sussex Community Foundation

There are three main rounds of grant-giving each year. The **deadline for applications** (unless specified otherwise) for the next three is 5:00pm (1700 hours) as follows

Friday 4th May 2018 (Summer 2018-19)

Friday 14th September 2018 (Autumn 2018-19)

Friday 11th January 2019 (Spring 2018-19)

The grants programme is made up of a range of funds which to address disadvantage and deprivation and build resilience in Sussex communities. SCF are particularly keen to support grassroots community groups and small-to-medium sized voluntary organisations. In most cases, you do not need to specify which of our funds you want to apply for. SCF will match your application to the donor we think is most likely to fund you.

Please look at the [website](#) for further information

Warburtons Trust—Community Grants

<https://www.warburtons.co.uk/corporate/responsibility/community/grant>

Deadlines: 16th February, 15th May, 15 August 2018

Small grants are available for local projects, activities and organisations that have charitable aims and that will be of real direct benefit to families in line with the following social themes:

Challenges:

- Health—help families lead healthier lifestyles
- Financial stability—help families manage their finances
- Worklessness—help families recognise the economic and social benefits of employment

Opportunities

- Health Education—help educate families about healthy lifestyles (no project grants)
- Aspiration—help raise career aspirations to improve prospects for them and their families
- Employability and skills—help raise employment prospects for family members seeking employment.

Community grants can be used for something specific that will benefit the cause the organisation supports, such as buying equipment or supporting a community day

Maximum Value: £250

The Rampion Fund

Deadline: 4th May 2018

The Fund supports organisations working for the benefit of the people of Sussex, from Littlehampton Harbour in the west, to Beachy Head in the east and up to the A272 near Twineham in the north close to the wind farm's onshore substation.

Projects that benefit the broad community, in particular those with links to environment and ecology, climate change and energy, and improved community facilities, will be considered and priority will be given to projects which benefit disadvantaged people and communities.

For further information on Criteria and geographical area of benefit, please click [here](#)

NEWS FROM NATIONAL FUNDERS

Rowing Foundation Grants

<http://www.therowingfoundation.org.uk/>

Deadline: for Capital Grants 14th February, 11th June, 5th November 2018

Funding is available for sports, clubs and organisations in the UK to encourage participation in rowing for young people (those under 18 or still in full time education) and the disabled of all ages.

The Foundation prioritises participation in rowing by the young or disabled through the provision of equipment, such as boats, sculls, ergos, oars and essential safety equipment.

Grants between £500 and £3,000 are available, for up to 50% of the overall cost of the project, to initiate projects. Coaching, revenue or any commitments requiring long-term support are rarely approved, as are contributions towards general funds.

D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust

Deadline: 14th February 2018

Grants are available for UK registered charities working in the UK in the areas of the arts, health and medical welfare and improvement or protection of the environment.

Maximum Value: £5,000

The Arts

Promotion of access, education and excellence in the arts for young people to increase their opportunities to become involved outside school and to build future audiences with special emphasis on choral singing for children and young people to encourage recruitment into choirs

Access to the arts for the elderly and people who have least access to them

Performance development opportunities in the performing arts for those in the early stages of their careers, encouraging involvement in the community through performances and workshops for the benefit of those with special needs and those who would otherwise have no opportunity to hear or participate in a live performance.

Support for charities seeking to engage with young people on the fringes of society through music and drama projects to improve their employability and diminish the risk of social exclusion

Medical Welfare

Provision of music and art therapy to improve quality of life, and in palliative care and in hospices, especially hospices operating in low income and/or remote parts of the UK.

Support for charities concerned with alleviating the suffering of adults and children with medical conditions who have difficulty finding support through traditional sources

The welfare of those who care for others through the provision of breaks for carers without regular support – and with emphasis on projects and schemes that allow young carers to enjoy being children

Support for charities seeking to engage with young people on the fringes of society to improve their employability and diminish the risk of social exclusion

The Environment

Conservation of the countryside and its woodlands, with emphasis on the encouragement of voluntary work and active involvement in hands-on activities, particularly activities that bring about positive changes in the lives of young people

Protection of species within the UK and their habitats under threat or in decline

Heritage conservation within the UK based on value to, and use by the local community – the Trust favours projects that seek to create a new use for fine buildings of architectural and historic merit to encourage the widest possible cross-section of use. (The Trust does not normally support major restorations but may support a specific element if identified as appropriate to the aims of the Trust.)

Rural crafts and skills in heritage conservation, with emphasis on increasingly rare skills that would otherwise be lost

Social and therapeutic horticulture: projects that use gardening or other environmental activities to bring about positive changes in the lives of those who are living with disabilities or ill health

For more information please see [here](#)

Charles Hayward Foundation

The main grant programme currently make grants in the following categories for charities with an income of more than £350,000

- Social & Criminal Justice
- Heritage & Conservation

For the Overseas category, UK registered charities with an income of between £150,000 and £5,000,000 can apply.

Generally, when funding projects, they value projects that develop, expand and replicate a tried and tested approach but are also interested in supporting creative solutions to problems which seem to be entrenched and elude resolution. They value projects that are preventative and provide early intervention. They favour projects that respond to a well researched and clear need, provide intervention based on evidence of what works, are able to demonstrate value for money and have a clear understanding of short-term effects and long-term impact of the intervention they propose.

Stage 1: A Grant Committee meets on a quarterly basis. The Committee's role is to put applications forward to stage 2.

Stage 2: Applications recommended by the Grant Committee are considered at one of the Trustees' meetings which take place on a quarterly basis and are usually held in: **February, April, July and November.**

Stanley Smith (UK) Horticultural Trust

<http://www.grantsforhorticulturists.org.uk/smith.html>

Deadline: 15th February 2018

Funding is available for projects to further the advancement of horticulture in the UK and abroad. The trust gives grants totalling around £100,000 to between 40-50 organisations per year. The average grant is £2,300.

The objectives of the trust are:

- To promote horticulture
- To promote the conservation of the physical and natural environment by promoting biological diversity.
- To promote the creation, development, preservation and maintenance of gardens (preference will normally, but not exclusively, be given to gardens accessible to the public).
- The advancement of horticultural education
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Typical eligible projects are as follows:

- Gardeners' training schemes run by appropriate organisations
- Restoring gardens of historic interest
- Developing new gardens for public access and enjoyment
- Exhibitions, book publications, research and educational programmes relating to horticulture
- Expeditions to collect and protect plants of scientific and horticultural value
- Study-visits by horticulturists or botanists with strong horticultural links

Building a Stronger Britain Together

Deadline 16 February 2018 (5pm)

The Building a Stronger Britain Together programme in England and Wales "supports civil society and community organisations who work to create more resilient communities, stand up to extremism in all its forms and offer vulnerable individuals a positive alternative, regardless of race, faith, sexuality, age and gender. The programme allows organisations that share these aims to bid for in-kind support and grant funding for specific programmes that deliver goals set out in the Counter Extremism Strategy."

What support is available?

In-kind support (such as social media training, technical assistance to help a group improve their website, or capacity building work to help a group protect more vulnerable individuals)

Grants: targeted funding for specific projects with demonstrable outcomes which provide a positive alternative to extremist voices

You can apply for both in-kind support and grant funding.

Who can apply?

Registered UK charities, Charitable Incorporated Organisations, companies limited by guarantee, not for profit registered Community Interest Companies, constituted community and voluntary sector organisations are eligible to apply. Organisations must have been established for at least 12 months.

Grants of £1,000 to £14,999 are available to groups with an annual income of up to £200,000.

Grants of £15,000 to £50,000 are available to groups of any annual income. However, groups with an annual income of less than £250,000 will be prioritised.

Interested?

Please read the guidance notes [here](#)

[Gilchrist Educational Trust - Grants to Organisations](#)

<http://www.gilchristgrants.org.uk/>

Max. Value: £ 2,500

Deadline: 28 Feb 2018

Grants are available to support organisations in the UK that are undertaking projects which fill up educational gaps or make a particular aspect of education or learning more widely available. The funds should be used for a particular educational project, or for a specific purpose such as furniture or equipment.

[BBC Children in Need—Small Grants Fund](#)

Deadlines: 1st March, 13 May, 2 September and 2 December 2018

Maximum Value: £10,000

You can apply if you are supporting children and young people 18 years and under who are experiencing disadvantage through:

- Illness, distress, abuse or neglect
- Any kind of disability
- Behavioural or psychological difficulties
- Living in poverty or situations of deprivation

For further information click [here](#)

[Chapman Charitable Trust](#)

They focus on new grants for organisations which:

- Promote physical and mental wellbeing.
- Conserve our natural environment and promote the sustainable use of resources.
- Increase the accessibility of the arts, especially for young people.

They prefer to support charities which address the root causes of problems and they welcome applications for research projects.

They mainly support national charities but also support local charities if their beneficiaries or activities are located in North Wales, London or South East England (specifically, Hertfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Kent, East Sussex, West Sussex, Surrey and Hampshire).

Most of their grants are made for **£1,000 or £2,000**.

The trustees meet twice a year, in March and September. Applications received before the beginning of those months will be considered at the relevant meeting.

Please write to them at:

62 Wilson St, London, EC2A 2BU.

It is helpful to them if your application begins with a short paragraph giving a succinct summary of your project.

For further information please go to <https://www.chapmancharitabletrust.org.uk/apply/>

National Churches Trust

Community Grants

The Community Grants programme offers grants usually of between £5,000 and £25,000 towards the cost of projects introducing facilities (kitchens and accessible toilets) to enable increased community use of places of worship.

Are you eligible?

- Is yours a Christian place of worship (but not a cathedral) in the UK, open for regular public worship?
- Do you own the building or have the right to carry out the work?
- Was your place of worship built as a place of worship originally, and are the works proposed due to take place within or attached to it?
- Is the building open to the public for a minimum of 40 days a year beyond worship?
- Is your total project cost estimated at over £25,000 (including VAT and fees)?
- Have you already raised 50% of the total project cost?
- Is the project being led by a qualified professional, with conservation accreditation if it is a listed building?
- Have you got all necessary permissions approved and in place?

The next deadline is 5th March 2018 for a decision in July 2018.

Weston Anniversary Fund—Garfield Weston Foundation—Capital Fund

Deadline: 30th June 2018

Registered charities, places of worship and state schools in the UK can apply for the Garfield

The Garfield Weston Foundation has reached its sixtieth year of grant giving in the UK and has chosen to celebrate with a new one-off fund that offers grants of between £30,000 and £150,000 to registered charities, CIOs, places of worship and state schools.

The Fund is exclusively aimed at supporting **capital costs**. **Groups in need of revenue funding should apply to the Foundation's main grants programme.**

Funding is available for:

- New community facilities.
- Improvement of community facilities.
- Items that require a sizeable investment eg purchase of minibus.
- Improvements to outdoor spaces and facilities for sport and exercise or community use.
- New buildings or extensions to an existing building for community use eg new kitchen, meeting room or storage facility.
- Improvements to, or renovation or refurbishment of, an existing building such as installing a toilet and servery in a rural church for community use.
- New fixed playground equipment, climbing walls or multiuse games area in a public playing field.
- Purchase of large or expensive items if it is crucial to supporting local people eg minibus for elderly day care, equipment for a training room, community café fit out.
- Purchase of land or property with a minimum of a 25 year lease with a clear community benefit.

Total project costs must be at least £30,000. For more information see [here](#)

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[Architectural Heritage Fund](http://ahfund.org.uk/priorities/)

<http://ahfund.org.uk/priorities/>

Priorities are:

- Heritage Need
- Social Impact
- Why Now? Theory of Change model
- Financial Need

They offer two types of project seed-funding: PROJECT VIABILITY GRANTS (up to £7,500) to be decided **monthly** and PROJECT DEVELOPMENT GRANTS (up to £30,000) to be decided **quarterly**.

For further information and deadlines please click [here](#)

[Tesco Bags of Help Programme](#)

No Deadline – Rolling Programme

Community groups across the UK are invited to apply for Tesco Bags of Help funding. The application criteria now allows for more communities to bag some cash for their project. As well as continuing to fund the development of and activity in outdoor spaces such as allotments and community gardens, grants will now be available to fund the purchase of items such as sports kits, camping equipment, spades, litter pickers or specialised medical equipment. Funding is also available for improvements to community buildings, for example scout or guide hut, church or village hall or sports changing rooms. To ensure that the programme is really local the number of projects funded every two months has been increased and there are new funding amounts-with £4,000, £2,000 and £1,000 up for grabs.

For further information please go to <http://www.groundwork.org.uk/tesco>

You can contact your local Community Enabler with any questions on an-ke.thurm@groundwork.org.uk or telephone 01273 022320.

[Tudor Trust](https://tudortrust.org.uk/)

No Deadline - Rolling Programme

The Trust is particularly interested in supporting work that develops and promotes the social connections and relationships which make such an important contribution to the well-being and quality of life of individuals, and which strengthens communities.

They will fund core costs of running an organisation, including salaries, overheads and day-to-day running costs. They can also provide project grants, capital grants for buildings or equipment and grants to help strengthen your organisation. There is no maximum or minimum grant, though in practice it is unusual for us to make a grant of less than £10,000.

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

Transform Foundation-Website grants

Funding of up to £18,000 is available to cover the strategy, design, build, content strategy, training, QA and launch of a new mobile optimised website, with sophisticated marketing, fundraising, appeals, social media, e-commerce and website management tools. The grant covers 100% of the website design and build costs with their current grant partner. Your organisation will need to cover ongoing costs for a minimum of a 12 month commitment.

Stage 1-A simple online form to check you fit the eligibility criteria and that you have clear, measurable plan for deploying the funding to generate income or impact. They expect this to take no more than 15 minutes for organisations to complete. This will be assessed by their Chief Executive.

Stage 2-A detailed online meeting with a technology consultant from their grant partner to assess the impact a new site could create and to review the technical fit. You will be provided with full documentation re-capping all details of the programme for your review.

Agreeing the contract-If you are successful they will send you the paperwork to review. There is no obligation to accept the grant if you are successful in the application. Your charity must make the ultimate decision on whether or not this is right for them.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. For further information please go to <https://www.transformfoundation.org.uk/website-grants>

Government Announces £1.7 Million Fund for Public Service Mutuals in England

The government is committed to supporting the development, growth and sustainability of mutuals throughout England.

With public services under pressure, the government is looking for new ways of delivering services that meet and exceed people's expectations and provide value for money to the taxpayer. Evidence demonstrates that the mutual model can be a viable alternative to delivering public services, compared to in-house or traditional outsourcing.

The government is awarding funding to support organisations in England considering becoming a Public Service Mutual. Organisations that wish to become or grow as mutuals can now apply for a share of up to £1.7 million in funding.

A total of £1.2 million will be available to create new mutuals, or strengthen existing ones, by providing access to advice across areas including legal, financial, marketing, human resources and business planning.

A further £500,000 will be used to pilot support programmes such as partnership working to help mutuals collaborate with voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations and others to broaden the service they offer.

A mentoring scheme will also allow newly-formed mutuals to benefit from one-to-one experienced advice and support, as well as a peer support network which will bring aspiring mutuals together to share their experiences, challenges and successes.

Organisations in England that wish to become or grow as Public Service Mutuals can now apply. The organisation must currently, or intend to, fulfil the government's definition of a Public Service Mutual, which is an organisation that:

- has left the public sector (also known as 'spinning out');

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- continues to deliver public services and aims to have a positive social impact;
- has a significant degree of staff influence or control in the way it is run.

Tracey Crouch, Minister for Sport and Civil Society, said:

"Mutuals are run under the influence of employees to support the delivery of public services and we want to help them thrive.

"This £1.7 million funding will deliver training, support programmes and mentoring to expand the high quality services mutuals provide to communities across the country."

The scheme is now open for applications on a rolling basis.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

Developing Corporate Relationships

March 8th, 2018

Venue: The Bridge Community Centre, Lucraft Road, Moulsecoomb, Brighton BN2 4PN

Time: 9.30 – 4.30 (registration from 09.15)

Cost to members £15

This training day is part of the Small Local Charities and Community Groups Training Programme.

The course will look at the different ways in which companies may get involved with charities; whether that be through financial donations, gifts in kind, sponsorship or through employee volunteering. Read more on the Course Content on the FSI website [here](#)

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