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Welcome to the November edition of Funding Focus.

This month we have a focus on funding for **Community projects as well as round up of local and national funds.**

Thank you to our core funders



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Calling all fundraisers...

whether you are a volunteer or a paid member of staff if you would like to boost your confidence and skills in fundraising and network with others in a similar role

Fundraiser Network Meetings

Meeting on the 2nd Thursday of each month

then sign up to join our network. We will be holding monthly network meetings which will be a mixture of training, information sharing and networking. In between meetings you can get help from our team to do funding searches, develop your fundraising strategy, proof your bids or compile your budgets. To sign up to be part of this network contact our office email: admin@vaac.org.uk or

phone us on **01243 840305**.

The next meeting is on **Thursday 9th November (9.30-12.30)-Treating Donors Fairly.**

New rules for charity fundraising came into effect on 1st November 2016 and the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) comes into force on 25th May 2018. Find out what you need to know to get your house in order.



Dates for your Diary
Treating Donors Fairly

Thursday 9th November (9.30-12.30) at Bersted Green Learning Centre, Hazel Road, Bognor Regis, PO22 9DY

To book your place go to our Eventbrite page [Book here](#)



If you are looking for volunteers to support your fundraising endeavours (or in fact any volunteer opportunities) don't forget our Volunteer Now! service. We can help you advertise your opportunities and promote them to potential volunteers. Contact us on **01243 864220**.

Volunteer Now!


Giving you the tools to run a successful organisation

Voluntary Action Arun and Chichester offers one to one support sessions for organisations based in Arun and Chichester Districts. Support can be anything from start-up advice, help with policies and procedures, recruiting or retaining volunteers or where to get funding and commenting on funding bids. If you would like our help and support, we ask that you complete a simple referral form and



we meet weekly to allocate the referrals to our team. The referral form can be found on our website www.vaac.org.uk or can be emailed or posted to you on request by calling our office on **01243 840305**. We look forward to hearing from you.

Chichester District Council Grants

The Council has recently reviewed the grants programme and set three new priorities for funding. Applications must be from organisations delivering projects or services meeting one of these priorities. There are also new Principles, these are used in assessing bids and have also been revised. Please see the Priorities & Principles of Funding document for further information. If you are interested in applying to this scheme, please check the Priorities and Eligibility guidance as projects which might have been funded under the previous programme may no longer be eligible.

For more information please visit their website:

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

All applicants are asked to contact a Funding Adviser to discuss their project; contact details are on the website. They will talk you through the process and highlight key points to be aware of. Applications must meet one of the following areas

- **Economy**
Helping viable start-up businesses and existing independent businesses to implement projects that create jobs, help business to grow, and benefit the local economy. MAXIMUM £2,500
- **Improving Living Places and Spaces**
Improvements to publicly owned space or built assets that enhance the wellbeing of local residents, or the habitats of the District's wildlife.
- **Targeted Projects**
Projects where the primary benefit is to those in greatest need. Priority would be given to projects benefiting "Think Family Neighbourhoods": Chichester East, Chichester South, Tangmere and Selsey North.

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 closing dates for bids and the Panel meeting when they will be considered are:

Closing date for applications by 5pm

Panel Date

Friday 24 November 2017

Wednesday 31 January 2018

Friday 9 February 2018

Wednesday 21 March 2018

West Sussex County Council Community Initiative Funding

The Community Initiative Fund provides small grants to assist local community projects in:

- reaching new people
- developing services and supporting the local economy
- encouraging community growth and self-reliance

Preference is given to groups or organisations that:

- have secured additional funding sources
- are able to demonstrate strong community support and leadership in their project

Who can apply

- National organisations are entitled to apply if their application is solely for the benefit of the local population and its customers
- Although we prefer applicants with a formal management committee, individual committees might consider applications from newly founded organisations

You must:

- 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. (Applicants must keep records of the numbers of people participating in the project, where apt, and receipts of expenditure.)

We do not accept applications from:

- individuals - this includes applications submitted by organisations where specific individuals are the sole beneficiaries of funding
- privately run, profit-generating companies
- registered social landlords
- previous grant holders that have failed to complete the evaluation process
- existing grant holders that have still to complete the monitoring process following their current award

The types of application ineligible for funding are:

- staff salaries, rent or any other type of ongoing cost
- annual or ongoing events (although one-off funding may be granted for a start-up event)
- general appeals and fundraising
- overseas travel
- purchase or consumption of alcohol
- projects or activities that promote religion or religious activities
- those that subsidise a parish or town council's annual precept, or to replace any initiative which that council would be required to consider within its constitution
- projects which directly support or promote any political party
- campaigns whose primary purpose is to obtain changes in the law or related government policies, or campaigns whose primary purpose is to persuade people to adopt a particular view on a question of law or public policy (although this does not affect the organisation's right to raise such issues through other sources of funding)

West Sussex County Council Community Initiative Funding-continued

How to Apply

For more information and to access the application forms visit the [West Sussex County Council Website](#)

The amount you can apply for

The amount of funding available to each committee varies, depending on its local population size.

There is no upper limit on how much funding you can request but committees will very rarely issue an award above £2,500. A higher-limit application would need to show considerable additional funding and strong community support for the initiative.

Your application must clearly state how much money you are applying for and for what purpose. If you are applying for multiple items, such as equipment, then you must provide a detailed breakdown of item costs along with quotes. We will not progress your application until you have provided this information.

Application deadlines

Applications are considered at most of the regular County Local Committee meetings, though some have adopted a different schedule. It is your responsibility to make sure your application is submitted within the committee's schedule of meetings.

All applications must be received at least one month before the committee meeting where a decision will be made. It is the sole responsibility of applicants to ensure they meet this deadline and no applications will be processed after the cut-off date.

If your application is received after the submission deadline it will be held over until the next relevant meeting date. You will be notified within two working days if this happens to your application.

County Local Committees in Arun and Chichester

There are now only 4 County Local Committees in Arun and Chichester, the links will take you to the website for each committee where you can find details about the Committee Members and dates of meetings. It is advisable to contact some of the committee members in advance of submitting an application to seek their support of your project or initiative.

[Chichester North](#)

[Chichester South](#)

[Joint Eastern Arun Area](#)

[Joint Western Arun Area](#)

Other committees outside of the Arun and Chichester area can be found by following [this link](#)

West Sussex County Council-Members' Big Society Fund

The Members' Big Society Fund supports investment in the community with grants of between £5,001 and £20,000 to achieve the ambitions of the Future West Sussex Plan.

To apply to this fund please [contact your local Member](#) to discuss your proposal.

If your Member supports your application, they will complete a written statement which will need to be submitted with the completed form (found on their website).

Send your completed application to: Community.Initiatives@westsussex.gov.uk

Or **Small Grants Fund, West Sussex County Council, Room 237, East Wing, County Hall, West Street, Chichester, PO19 1RQ.**

For support with your bid or project email: communities@westsussex.gov.uk.

The fund supports investment in projects that:

- are community-led
- tackle a locally identified and evidenced need
- provide additional capacity
- expand the geographical reach of an existing project
- increase local involvement

This year the priority for funding will be to:

- help people to be independent
- reduce social isolation
- strengthen local communities so they can support each other
- support the [Five Ways to Wellbeing \(PDF, 52KB\)](#)

The deadline for receipt of applications for 2017/18 is 12 noon on Friday 15th December 2017 for a decision in February 2018 and payment in March 2018.

For further information please go to <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/leisure-recreation-and-community/grants-and-funding/funding-for-voluntary-and-community-organisations/>

West Sussex County Council-Small Grants Fund

Grants of up to £1,000 are available for small groups or organisations in order for you to help the residents of West Sussex.

The total amount available for 2017/18 is £80,000 and the process; criteria and application form have changed slightly since last year.

Send your completed application to: Community.Initiatives@westsussex.gov.uk or **Small Grants Fund, West Sussex County Council, Room 237, East Wing, County Hall, West Street, Chichester, PO19 1RQ.**

For support with your bid or project email: communities@westsussex.gov.uk.

This year, the focus for investment is:

- supporting the Five Ways to Wellbeing
- local people helping one another
- helping people to access community based support

Grants can be awarded for capital or revenue costs.

The mid-month application deadline dates left in 2017/18 are: **12 noon on 15.11.17, 15.12.17 and 15.1.18.**

The fund will close to new applications after 12 noon on 15.1.18 and may reopen in 2018 subject to budget availability.

For further information please go to <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/leisure-recreation-and-community/grants-and-funding/funding-for-voluntary-and-community-organisations/>

Ferry Farm Community Grant Fund

Ferry Farm is a community solar farm between Selsey and Sidlesham that is giving out grants to the local community.

Applications are currently invited from community groups in the parishes of Sidlesham and Selsey for grants of between £250 and £2,000 from the Ferry Farm Community Grant Fund.

Deadline for the submission of applications are 5pm on 30th November 2017.

For further information please go to <http://www.selseyinfo.co.uk/ferryfarmgrantbids.html>

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. The National Park Authority is not obliged to consider applications under criteria which were in place when an enquiry or expression of interest was made.

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/>

Heritage Lottery Fund

The West Sussex coast has an interesting a varied heritage including Victorian seaside resorts, interesting social history and a wide range of natural heritage assets. We are very keen to help more not-for-profit organisations apply for projects which focus on Arun, Adur and Worthing's rich and diverse heritage.

HLF's South East England Development Team is working to make connections within local networks to offer support and advice to potential applicants. There are many funding opportunities for grants starting at £3,000. To find out more about these, visit the [How to Apply](#) section of our website.

Joseph Minden is the Heritage Lottery Fund's Development Officer with responsibility for helping applicants in the Coastal West Sussex Area. He works closely with community groups and not-for-profit organisations, attends local funding fairs and hosts information and advice sessions in the area and at our London office.

For further information or to discuss a project idea in the area, contact:

Joseph on **020 7591 6157** or joseph.minden@hlf.org.uk

Sussex Community Foundation

Deadline 5pm, Friday 12th January 2018. (Round 3 2017-18)

Their grants programme is made up of a range of funds which help to address disadvantage and deprivation and build resilience in Sussex communities.

They are particularly keen to support grassroots community groups and small-to-medium sized voluntary organisations. The types of work they support include:

- Youth club activities
- Lunch clubs for older people
- Health and well-being initiatives
- Community transport
- Community gardens
- Projects addressing homelessness
- Community advice and support
- Food banks
- Projects addressing drug and alcohol misuse

Your grant can cover costs such as:

- Equipment and materials
- Staffing
- Training and skills development
- Rent or hire
- Marketing
- Organisational development, e.g. help with business planning or fundraising strategies
- Volunteer expenses

Most of their grants are awarded to not-for-profit organisations, working for the benefit of the people of Sussex, whose annual income does not exceed £1 million.

Your organisation does not have to be a charity but it does need to have:

- its own bank account
- a constitution or set of governing rules
- accounts or records of expenditure
- relevant policies (such as child protection, vulnerable adults, health and safety etc.)

Sussex Community Foundation-continued

They are able to accept applications from social enterprises, CICs and companies limited by guarantee carrying out charitable activities. However, these organisations must have:

- demonstrable public benefit and clear protection against private benefit
- a minimum of three directors-the majority of whom are not paid either as directors or for delivering the activities of the organisation
- a majority of non-executive directors approving the salaries and benefit of any paid directors, which should be reasonable and proportionate to the work they do and the financial position of the organisation
- an asset lock body (in the case of CICs) with objectives which are charitable and similar to the CIC

Please read the general [guidance notes](#) before applying. Please note that generally you may only make one grant application per round and only be in receipt of one grant at a time. Please contact the Grants Team if you would like to discuss applying for an additional grant.

In most cases, you do not need to specify which of their funds you want to apply for. Make an application on their [general application form online](#) and they will put your application to the funder they think is most likely to fund you.

A sample application form is available [here](#) so you can see the information they need. If you are unable to apply online, please call their Grants Team on **01273 409440** or [email their Grants Team](#) for a copy of the application form.

Access their online application form by [following this link](#) and follow the on-screen instructions. You can save and return to your application as many times as you like before you submit it. If you wish to save your application in draft please use the 'Submit as Draft' button right at the end of the form. You can then return to your work via the unique link to the form which you will already have been sent.

Their online form allows you to submit your supporting documents as electronic attachments at the same time as the application form. Once you have submitted the form, you will receive an acknowledgement of your application, together with a copy for your records.

By completing their online form you will be agreeing to the Terms and Conditions detailed within. The form will also ask you to provide details for the bank account into which, should your application be successful, you would like the grant to be paid.

Some of the funds open this round have criteria outside the General Awards and/or a special application form or a different deadline. Some are listed on the next page and a full list of funds is available to download from their website.

Sussex Community Foundation-continued

East Brighton Trust Fund supports charities, community and voluntary groups undertaking projects or events that benefit people who live in East Brighton. Grants go up to £500. This fund has its own [guidance](#) and [online application form](#). If you are unable to apply online, please call the Grants Team on 01273 409440 or [email the Grants Team](#) for a copy of the application form. **Deadline: Friday 12th January 2018.**

Little Cheyne Court Wind Farm Fund supports Sussex charities and community groups who operate within ten miles of the wind farm which lies seven miles west of Lydd on Romney Marsh. Grants of between £500 and £5,000 support environmental, educational, community and charitable activities. This fund has its own [guidance](#) and [application form](#). **Deadline: Friday 16th February 2018.**

Westdene Fund gives grants of up to £800 to individual young people (aged 16-25 years) in Sussex with outstanding musical talent. This fund has its own [guidance](#) and [application form](#). **Deadline: Friday 12th January.**

All applications received must be accompanied by copies of the required supporting documents (including signed copies of your constitution and accounts) by the relevant deadline. Here is a checklist of the documents you will need to provide:

- a signed copy of your latest annual accounts
- a signed copy of your constitution or set of rules (if you are a CIC, please also supply your CIC 34 report)
- if applying for a grant to purchase equipment, please send copies of written estimates or catalogue pages
- a photocopy of one bank statement from the last three months
- the names and addresses of all management committee members, with cheque signatories identified

Depending on the nature of the project or activity, they will need you to send them the following, where relevant:

- child protection or vulnerable adult protection policy (if you are working with these groups)
- health and safety policy
- equal opportunities statement

If you have made a recent application for a grant, you may not need to re-send your supporting documents. Please call to check or make a note of this on your application. They will contact you to confirm they have received your application and if they need any further information. For further information please go to <http://sussexgiving.org.uk/apply-for-grants/how-it-works/>

FOCUS ON FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Tesco Bags of Help programme

Community groups across the UK are being 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. Groups looking to hold seasonal events and activities such as Christmas lights can also apply for funding through the programme. These are just some examples of projects that are now eligible as the green light will be given to many other schemes that meet the programme's aims and objectives to fund projects which will benefit the local community. 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 anke.thurm@groundwork.org.uk or telephone **01273 022320**.

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.

For further information please go to <http://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/our-grants>

The Asda Foundation

Significant Local Community Projects

They are committed to developing stronger, better connected, sustainable communities across the UK.

This programme allows colleagues to nominate initiatives which will make a real long term difference, benefitting the wider community with their vision to 'Transform Communities, improving lives locally.'

Top-up Funding Grants

In our rapidly changing society they are motivated to do all that they can do to support and develop stronger communities. Supporting local, smaller applications is really important as they are identifying locally relevant causes which really make a difference.

Asda colleagues are extremely passionate about fundraising for their local charities and good causes. They realise that there are times when extra financial support may be needed.

Contact your local store or home office Community Champion to see if they could potentially fundraise for your local charity or good cause. If this is something they are able to support, you will be able to apply to the Asda Foundation for a top-up donation.

The Foundation team will review each application and apply the relevant guidelines to the application. They don't however match fund what has been raised locally.

Chosen by you...given by us

The Asda Foundation supports Asda's Community Life programme Chosen by you...given by us by providing the funding for the local charities and good causes nominated by Asda customers and colleagues.

This year will see a £1 million investment from the Asda Foundation, which will support over 10,000 local charities and good causes within the Asda Mile of your store or depot.

This has a real engagement locally therefore who better to choose the local cause they should support than their customers and colleagues.

If you would like to nominate a charity or good cause please either complete the nomination form in your local Asda store which can be found on the Community Life Board or visit your local store locator page using the link found on their website.

For further information please go to <https://www.asdafoundation.org/applying-for-funding>

The Alec Dickson Trust

They support young people in the UK who want to use volunteering or community service to do brilliant things in their communities.

They think that young people are amazing and have the potential to make the world a better place through volunteering. So they provide grants of up to £500 to individuals or groups of young people aged 30 or under, to help put their ideas into action and run projects that benefit the lives of others-particularly the most marginalised and disadvantaged.

The Trust's board of trustees review applications and decide which to fund on a quarterly basis. When they assess projects, they are looking for:

Volunteering

They support projects that support and encourage youth volunteering. They particularly like to fund projects that involve lots of volunteers, and/or encourage these young people to stay engaged as volunteers in the long term.

Need

They support young people who run projects that benefit disadvantaged communities and individuals. They are looking for projects that identify a specific need, and propose to carry out activities that will clearly help to address this need. Often it's about young volunteers helping to give others the opportunity to engage in activities, have a voice, and meet people that they otherwise would not have been able to.

Innovation

Ultimately they are looking for youth volunteering projects that help to improve communities, but if the project is new and exciting then even better! They particularly like to fund volunteer initiatives that are innovative and try to do things a bit differently, such as using social media creatively or using existing resources in new ways.

For further information please go to <http://www.alecdicksontrust.org.uk/apply/>

JustGiving-CrowdFunding

Crowdfunding is a way to raise money to make good things happen, whether that's making a difference to yourself, a friend, a pet, a family member, a club or community. At the end of your campaign, they will send the funds raised to a nominated bank account of your choice.

For further information please go to <https://help.justgiving.com/hc/en-us/categories/201602465-Crowdfunding>

Persimmon Community Champions

Persimmon Community Champions is here to fund good causes across the UK. Their charity match programme gives donations of up to £1000 to local UK groups and charities, which have already raised vital funds themselves. Each of their 29 businesses and the PLC head office are giving away up to £2000 each every month.

It's really simple to apply for a donation. All you need to do is complete the online form, telling them why your group or charity deserves a donation.

For further information please go to <https://www.persimmonhomes.com/community-champions>

Big Lottery Fund-Awards for All

Awards for All offers funding from £300 to £10,000 to support what matters to people and communities.

You can apply if your organisation is a:

- voluntary or community organisation
- registered charity
- constituted group or club
- not-for-profit company or community interest company
- social enterprise
- school
- statutory body (including town, parish and community council)

Awards for All have three funding priorities and you must be able to tell them in your application how your project or activity will:

- Bring people together and build strong relationships in and across communities.
- Improve the places and spaces that matter to communities.
- Enable more people to fulfil their potential by working to address issues at the earliest possible stage.

It's important to them that you involve your community in the design, development and delivery of the activities you're planning. They feel that your project or activity will be more successful as a result.

They are also keen to support smaller organisations and will consider your income when making a decision.

For further information please go to <https://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/global-content/programmes/england/awards-for-all-england>

Big Lottery Fund-Reaching Communities England

Reaching Communities provides funding between £10,000-£500,000 for voluntary or community groups. Their funding will enable you to use your local knowledge, strengths and resources. The most important thing is that you tell them about your ideas to make positive changes in your community. They particularly want to hear about projects that support:

- Lasting and sustainable changes to places and spaces.
- Communities to develop happier and stronger relationships with each other.
- Taking action to focus on the root causes of social problems to tackle them at the earliest possible stage.

If you are a voluntary or community group such as a charity, co-operative, social enterprise or community interest company, a not for profit company limited by guarantee or a statutory organisation such as a local authority or school then you can apply for this funding. When setting up your management committee please make sure it has at least three unrelated members. Partnerships are also welcome to apply as long as they are led by a voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE) organisation. However, they are unable to fund individuals or sole traders, profit making groups or those not established in the UK.

For further information please go to <https://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/global-content/programmes/england/reaching-communities-england>

The Morrisons Foundation-Product Donation

Each Morrisons Supermarket has a Community Champion in place to support local and smaller charity requests, which helps Morrisons to be closer to the communities it serves. Give your local store a call and ask to speak to the Community Champion-they will be happy to help with your request. For further information please go to <https://www.morrisonsfoundation.com/index.html>

One Stop Carriers for Causes

Carriers for Causes grants are available for good causes within two miles of a One Stop shop. Grants, of up to £2000 will be available to support projects that 'benefit local communities-helping to improve lives and local places'. The types of projects funded will be very broad and will cover the direct costs needed to deliver the project, this could be buying litter pickers and bags for a community clean up days, plants, spades and forks to plant up a new community garden, the cost of a minibus for a day trip for a community group or the materials needed to paint a room at the local hospice. One Stop's 'Carriers for Causes' is funded through the money raised from the 5p bag charge in One Stop stores in England, Wales and Scotland. It is managed by Groundwork.

One Stop Carriers for Causes-continued

What types of projects are eligible?

- One off community events such as community fun day expenses, summer youth camp, litter picking, sports events, expenses to pay for terminally ill cancer patients on visits to the seaside.
- Purchasing items to run a project such as specialised medical equipment, football/cricket/netball kit for local junior club, arts and craft materials for a workshop, kitchen equipment for a healthy eating project, marketing materials for an event, fishing kit for youth project.
- Improvements to community buildings such as painting, refurbishing buildings such as hospices, scout or guide huts, school building, community centres.
- Improvements to external spaces such as park clean ups, community gardens, hospital/hospice gardens, disabled access projects, food growing projects, woodland walk.
- Purchasing materials to undertake a place based improvement project such as buying paint, litter pickers, gravel, grass seed, plants, and benches.

This list is not exhaustive, and consideration is given to any projects that meet the programme's aims and objectives.

Applications will be accepted from a wide range of organisations including:

- Voluntary/community organisations
- Registered charities
- Schools
- Health bodies
- Hospices
- Sports clubs
- Community day centres
- Parish/Town councils
- Social enterprises
- Community Interest Companies
- Local authorities
- Social Housing providers
- Other not-for-profit organisations might also be eligible

Carriers for Causes is a rolling programme, meaning that you can apply for funding all year round. Applications are shortlisted on a quarterly basis for panel decision which will take place every three months. For further information please go to

<https://www.groundwork.org.uk/Pages/Category/Carriers-for-Causes-uk>

Clarion Housing Group-Community Grants Programme

Clarion Housing Group (formed following the merger in 2016 of Affinity Sutton Group Limited and Circle Housing Group) is the largest housing group in the country and one of its biggest housebuilders. Through its Community Grants Programme-managed by Groundwork-it awards grants of between £1,000 and £5,000 to charities, community organisations and voluntary groups for projects which primarily benefit its residents.

Essential Criteria

- You must be a member of a community, voluntary or charity group.
- You are a charity or constituted group with a governing document in the name of your group/organisation.
- Your group/organisation's annual income last year was less than £500,000.
- Your group/organisation's management committee consists of at least 3 unrelated members.
- You are requesting a grant of between £1,000 and £5,000.
- Your project will primarily support Circle or Affinity Sutton residents (i.e. at least 60% of the project beneficiaries will be Clarion residents).
- Your group/organisation has the relevant insurance and policies in place.
- Your project has received written permission from the Landowner if relevant (e.g. for open spaces projects).
- Your project will be completed within 12 months.
- Your group/organisation has not received a grant from this programme during the previous funding round.
- Your group/organisation has met the terms and conditions of any previous grant(s) awarded through this programme.

All projects funded through the programme must engage Clarion Housing Group's residents in positive activities. All applicants should consider equality and diversity when thinking about how their project will engage the wider community. **They are open for applications until 20th November (12 noon).**

The local contact is Jane Haskins, Clarion Neighbourhood Investment Officer
jane.haskins@clarionhg.com

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

My Community-Bright Ideas Fund

The Community Business Bright Ideas Fund aims to give your community group the support and tools to start setting up your community business. It will also give your group the early stage finance that you need to carry out consultation with local people and feasibility studies to develop a community business idea the community wants and needs.

My Community-Bright Ideas Fund-continued

The Bright Ideas Fund offers:

- Online induction and ongoing support, either online, by phone or where possible through visits.
- Community Business development plans, to help successful groups shape and develop strategies and plans for their community business.
- Mentoring and visits, to inspire applicants and give them the opportunity to learn from peers.
- Regional networking and events, to learn from social finance experts, successful community business leaders, funders and technical specialists.

Round 3 closes for applications on the 1st December. For further information please go to <https://mycommunity.org.uk/funding-options/bright-ideas-fund/>

Warburtons Trust-Community Grants

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 England, Scotland and Wales. Community grants of up to and including £250 are available. 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. Funding is available for projects that focus on supporting families that need the most help and are in line with the following social themes:

Challenges

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

Opportunities

- Health education-help educate families about healthy lifestyles.
- 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.

The deadline for application is 15th November. For further information please go to <https://www.warburtons.co.uk/corporate/responsibility/best-for-the-community/financial-giving>

Source: <https://www.fundingcentral.org.uk/>

Southern Co-operative

In 2016, The Southern Co-operative launched a refreshed new community programme; 'Love your Neighbourhood', which builds upon their history of supporting local groups and replaces their community support scheme that's been running for 10 years.

This should increase the positive impact and difference they make to communities, reinforcing all three of their sustainability priorities to **SHARE, PROTECT** and **SUPPORT**.

The new programme includes:

- In-kind donations
- Cash donations (£50-£1000)
- Local fundraising partnerships
- Local volunteering

Each store and funeral branch across southern England is able to choose its own fundraising partner. Income from the plastic carrier bag 5p levy (excluding VAT) will also be donated back to local communities through this scheme.

For further information please go to <http://www.thesouthernco-operative.co.uk/makingadifference/love-your-neighbourhood/>

Create-Community Fund

The Community Fund is open to all projects that seek to benefit their local community. Grants will be available to encourage, support and develop small projects that assist people within their local community who are suffering hardship or distress; or who are aged or sick.

To be eligible, applicants should:

- Be seeking a grant to initiate or develop a one-off activity/project, or purchase equipment.
- Explain how the project falls within the relevant fund criteria.
- Demonstrate that the project has a viable plan, consisting of the identification of a problem or a need and what steps will be taken to address it.
- Where appropriate, have made suitable and realistic arrangement to ensure the project continues beyond the grant-funded period.

For further information please go to <http://www.create-charity.org.uk/index.htm>

Spacehive

Spacehive is a crowdfunding platform designed for projects that enhance our shared civic life, be that sprucing up a local park, holding a community event, or repurposing a disused building. They aim to revolutionise the way communities grow, making it easy for locals to choose the changes they feel their community needs, and back their idea up by collecting funds not only from neighbours but also from local business, councils, and grant bodies.

Their verification system and grant app makes Spacehive projects appealing to big backers, so make sure to check your Dashboard for pots you might be eligible for-they will match you up with them automatically, no laborious grant forms are needed! You can use Spacehive either as a Project Creator, a local backer, a business backer, or as a grant body/council backer. For further information please go to <https://www.spacehive.com/>

Young UnLtd-Spaces 4 Change

Spaces for Change (S4C) is a UK wide programme that will find, fund, support and connect young people aged 16-24 to start and run social ventures that unlock the potential of unused or under-utilised spaces for the benefit of the local community, especially other young people. From 2016-2019 100 awards will be available for young leaders consisting of up to £5,000 project funding, a dedicated award manager providing tailored support, cohort support, and peer to peer networking opportunities for sharing knowledge and learning.

Young people aged 18-24 will also have the opportunity to crowd fund alongside their award with support from Spacehive. This will enable the young person to demonstrate tangible support from the local community for their idea, learn valuable skills, as well as increasing the chances of sustainability of the social venture.

Eligibility

- be between the age of 16-24
- beneficiaries must be UK based
- have an idea for a social venture that will unlock the potential benefits of unused or under-utilised spaces for the local community, especially other young people
- apply as an individual or an informal group of up to four people (with groups only the lead will complete the application form, the lead will also be responsible for the award)
- fulfil a clear demand and need, with clear outputs and goals

The deadline for Expressions of Interest (EOI) is 13th November.

For further information please go to <http://youngunltd.org.uk/looking-for-support/spaces-4-change/>

NEWS FROM THE BIG LOTTERY FUND

Place Based Social Action

Place Based Social Action (PBSA) is a joint £4.5m programme between the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) and Big Lottery Fund using National Lottery funding. PBSA aims to create positive change by enabling people, communities, local non-statutory organisations and the statutory sector to work collaboratively to create a shared vision for the future of their place, and address local priorities through social action.

The programme will support Big Lottery Fund's commitment to supporting communities to flourish by delivering the change they want to see locally. It will support DCMS' commitment to enable and build demand for social action to become routine in communities, and in public service design and delivery.

Social action is about people coming together to help improve their lives and solve the problems that are important in their communities. It involves people giving their time and other resources for the common good. This can be in a range of forms, from volunteering and community owned services to simple neighbourly acts.

The call for Expressions of Interest (EOI) is open to existing partnerships across England, who have identified or are already working together to address a social challenge or local priority in their area. They will only accept one EOI from each lower or single tier Local Authority area and it must be endorsed by the Chief Executive Officer of your Local Authority. If they receive more than one EOI from a local authority area, they may decide that no EOI from this area will be considered.

Only 20 EOIs will be selected to take part in phase 1. In phase 1, partnerships will receive support and up to £5,000. Ten of these partnerships will be selected to apply for phase 2, with a grant of up to £240,000 on offer. And only 5 of these partnerships will be selected to apply for phase 3, with a further grant of up to £255,000 on offer.

- Phase 1-for up to 20 areas, support and development, up to £5,000 towards expenses
- Phase 2-For up to 10 areas, support and development, up to £240,000 grant award
- Phase 3-For up to 5 areas, up to £255,000 grant award.

In the first phase you can apply for up to £5,000 to support expenses. This can pay for any reasonable revenue costs incurred during Phase 1, such as travel and subsistence, venue hire or promotion or consultation materials. This cannot be used for capital costs, such as the purchase of equipment. In the first phase, you will also have specialist support to help create a shared vision and plan setting out how high impact social action can help respond to local priorities. This is an opportunity for partnerships to build and establish trusted networks locally, develop local capacity and capability, and identify potential social action opportunities.

For further information please go to <https://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/global-content/programmes/england/place-based-social-action>

ROUND UP OF LATEST NATIONAL FUNDS

BBC Children in Need

They award grants each year to organisations supporting disadvantaged children and young people in the UK. They give grants for children and young people aged 18 years and under experiencing disadvantage through illness, distress, abuse, neglect, disability, behavioural/psychological difficulties or living in poverty or situations of deprivation. The projects they fund will:

- Show clearly how they will make a difference which will improve children and young people's lives.
- Address the challenges the children and young people face, build their skills and resilience, empower them and extend their choices in life.
- Involve children and young people in the design, delivery and evaluation of their work.
- Be keen to keep learning about their work so that their ability to make a difference in children and young people's lives can keep on improving.

They have two grant programmes:

Their Main Grants programme is open to charities and not-for-profit organisations applying for grants over £10,000 per year for up to three years. **The next deadline is 16th January 2018.** It's a two-stage process with an initial application and if selected, an invitation to submit a full application. Final decisions on grant awards take approximately 5 months.

In their Small Grants programme they are looking for projects where a relatively small amount of money can make a big difference for children and young people. **The next deadline is 1st December.** There are some changes to the way their Small Grants programme is delivered:

- You can now apply for up to £10,000 per year for up to 3 years-a total request of £30,000.
- There is now an eligibility checklist to help make sure you are able to apply for funding.
- Please read carefully and follow the guidance provided in the application pages.
- They will still be calling many applicants to gather additional information, but this call will be shorter.

For any questions relating to their grant programmes please contact or write to your local BBC Children in Need office:

BBC Children in Need, Broadcasting House, Havelock Road, Southampton, SO14 7PU.

Tel: 02380 374285 Email: pam.bacon@bbc.co.uk

For further information please go <http://www.bbc.co.uk/corporate2/childreninneed>

Persimmon Healthy Communities

Persimmon has 29 regional businesses in England, Wales and Scotland and a head office in York-30 businesses in total. Every month from May to December all 30 business will donate up to £750 each to clubs, schools, organisations, charities and individuals who deliver amateur sport to young people aged 21 and under.

Their main objective is for people to use the £750 to purchase sports kits and they would be delighted if you would put their logo on the kit! However, it may be that you don't need kit and therefore they will consider other entries if you would like to purchase equipment or spend the money on your facilities.

As part of your entry (but not essential) you may also enter to win their grand prize- £200,000 to spend on your sport, club or team. If you are entering the grand prize you will need to tell them in as much detail as possible what you would spend the £200,000 on. Perhaps you want to update your clubhouse or buy new equipment for your training facilities? Alternatively it may be that you will use the cash to fund new coaches or progress your team's performance.

For further information please go to <https://www.persimmonhomes.com/healthy-communities/>

Theatres Trust-UK Theatres Grants Scheme

The UK Theatres Small Grants Scheme is a capital fund that awards up to £5,000 to theatres across the UK run by charities and not-for-profit groups that can clearly demonstrate the value capital improvements to their theatres would make to their work in local communities.

Priorities include projects that address urgent building repairs, improve operational viability, introduce environmental improvements, and enhance physical accessibility. Please note that applications for technical equipment and refurbishment of soft furnishings are a low priority for the scheme.

In reviewing applications Trustees take into account a project's urgency, other resources available to the applicant and the extent to which the grant would make a significant difference to promoting the better protection of theatres.

Funds are generally awarded where they are considered to have the most impact in realising an applicant's capital project.

The deadline for this round is 7th January 2018. For further information please go to <http://www.theatrust.org.uk/uk-theatres-small-grants-scheme>

The Henry Smith Charity-New Main Grants Strategy

Following a review of their grant making The Henry Smith Charity has launched a new strategy for their Main Grants Programme. While there are some changes the main focus remains on funding organisations that bring about lasting change in people's lives, helping them to benefit from and contribute to society. They want to work with people for whom other sources of support have failed, been inappropriate or are simply not available.

They have two programmes under the new Main Grants Strategy-Improving Lives and Strengthening Communities.

Improving Lives focuses on organisations achieving specific results under clearly identified priority areas while Strengthening Communities looks at supporting small organisations doing community based work in the most deprived areas of the UK.

The rest of their grants programmes remain unchanged.

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

Crisis Care Concordat-Beyond Places of Safety scheme

On the 9th of January this year, the Prime Minister announced that the Department of Health would run a further grants scheme for improving the provision of services for those who are vulnerable to a mental health crisis. This follows on from the Improving Places of Safety scheme run over 2015/16 and 2016/17 which aimed to improve health-based 'places of safety' for those experiencing a crisis, in order to ensure that fewer vulnerable people ended up in a police cell following detention under the Mental Health Act. Since 2012, the number of people being detained in police cells under the Mental Health Act has fallen by 80%. The formation of the Crisis Care Concordat in 2014 was central to this improvement, and this additional investment of £15m will help continue this positive trend.

The new scheme is entitled Beyond Places of Safety to reflect the fact that its aims are broader than the previous scheme. As well as helping improve the provision of health-based Places of Safety for those detained under S135 and S136 of the Mental Health Act, applications can also be made to improve services for people who are vulnerable to or recovering from a mental health crisis.

The scheme is now open to receive bids from Crisis Care Concordat leads. Bidders should download the Beyond Places of Safety-Grant Application Guidance and complete the BPOS-Grant application form (both found on their website).

Final bids must be received in the email inbox bpos@dh.gsi.gov.uk by 23:59 on 21st January 2018.

For further information please go to <http://www.crisiscareconcordat.org.uk/beyond-places-safety-bpos/>

The MacRobert Trust-Small Donations

Applicants must adhere to the following guidelines when submitting their applications:

- Small grants are those that are of a total monetary value up to £10,000.
- Those applications under £1,000 will be considered on merit at the time of receipt and a response provided shortly thereafter; for these grants, a letter and completed Revenue and Capital Budget Form to the Chief Executive Officer will suffice but it must cover as much of the detail in the more formal application form as is possible.
- Applications for amounts between £1,000 and £10,000 will be considered at the next 2-monthly small grant review.
- Do not apply for a donation unless you are a registered charity in Scotland, England, Wales or Northern Ireland.
- Always include an informative covering letter and please submit your application by email as well as by hard copy.
- Please try to keep your application clear and concise, however feel free to include a small amount of additional, informative documentation only if this would add value to your application.
- Do not seek to change your requirement during the application process. More often than not, this will not be allowed because applications are judged and prioritised against others, which may then need to take precedence.
- Above all, maintain a process of dialogue with them. They deal with many hundreds of worthy applications each year. If they have to chase you for information, you will understand that their interest might wane.
- Make sure you sign your application and ensure that all enclosures are included as per the checklist; otherwise this will reflect badly on your organization and your application may not progress further.
- Please note that envelopes with underpaid postage will not be delivered to the Trust.

Applications can be made at any time. For further information please go to <http://www.themacroberttrust.org.uk/grant-making/monetary-awards/guidelines/>

Health and Wellbeing Fund 2017/18

The fund is part of the health and wellbeing programme. Each round focuses on a specific theme. The theme for this round is social prescribing. They are inviting applications to set up a new social prescribing scheme or to support the expansion of an existing scheme. Through this programme, the Department of Health, NHS England and Public Health England are working with voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) organisations to promote equality, address health inequalities and support the wellbeing of people, families and communities.

The deadline for completed applications is noon on 21st November. For further information please go to <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-and-wellbeing-fund-2017-to-2018-application-form>

The Royal British Legion's External Grants programme-Service Delivery

This is open to applications from organisations running, or planning, charitable activities in support of the Armed Forces community. Funding may be given towards projects/services delivering welfare support directly to the Armed Forces community.

Applications for projects/services supporting the following outcome themes will be prioritised:

- Employment and training
- Family support
- Homelessness and outreach
- Supporting the elderly

Stage One applications must be completed in the first instance, with successful applicants being invited to complete a Stage Two application. Please note that the Legion is not inviting applications for multi-year funding at this time. Applications will only be considered for 'one off' payments. Continuation funding may be applied for in following years. The typical grant award is not likely to exceed £50,000-smaller applications are encouraged.

The deadline for Stage One applications is 10th November.

For further information please go to <https://britishlegion.flexigrant.com/>

Environment Now Programme

The Environment Now programme is seeking applications from young people (aged 17 to 24 years) that have a unique digital idea to help the environment, such as improving energy efficiency, reducing waste, or recycling.

The programme has 50 spaces available and is offering grants of up to £10,000, support from mentors to get the project off the ground and an opportunity to gain work experience.

The Environment Now programme is funded by O2 and the National Lottery through the Big Lottery Fund, and is part of the Our Bright Future programme. It is managed by the National Youth Agency.

This is the final round. The deadline has been extended from 27th October to 14th November.

For further information please go to <https://gothinkbig.co.uk/opportunities/the-environment-now-funding>

Sources: Environment Now and <https://www.fundingcentral.org.uk/>

My Community-Neighbourhood Planning

You can receive grants and support to help you complete your neighbourhood plan.

There are two types of support available in the 2015-2018 programme:

- Grants of up to £9,000.
- Technical support packages provided by their partner, AECOM, and an additional grant package of £6,000 (bringing the grant ceiling amount available to £15,000).

There have been two updates to the final of the year of the Neighbourhood Planning programme:

- Modifying your plan after it has come into force: Groups can now apply for funding to modify their plan, irrespective of whether they have already claimed their full grant allocation of £9,000 (or £15,000 for a priority group).
- Groups undertaking site assessments and housing site allocations: Groups who are undertaking a site assessment for a site allocation, or groups who are allocating sites for housing or mixed development can now be considered complex-allowing them to apply for additional support for complex groups (technical support and grants of up to £15,000).

Grants

All groups are eligible to apply for total grant funding of up to £9,000 over the three year programme from 2015-18. You can apply for a grant to develop a website, put together a project plan, undertake a local survey, develop your evidence base, or hire a planning expert. **The Neighbourhood Planning Grants will close on 31st January 2018, with the expenditure deadline being 31st March 2018.**

Technical Support

Technical Support is available for groups facing more complex issues developing their neighbourhood plan. Their partner, AECOM offers independent advice on technical or process issues. It is designed to provide you with information (evidence) and advice (professional judgement) which will help you to:

- Decide your priorities and direction.
- To draft policy.
- Avoid legal challenges.
- Engage confidently with stakeholders such as developers, councils, local businesses and of course residents, who will have a vote at the end of it all.

My Community-Neighbourhood Planning-continued

Additional grant package

An additional grant package of £6,000 (bringing the grant ceiling amount available to £15,000) is also available to groups that have complex issues.

All Expressions of Interest for Technical Support must be completed by 1st March 2018.

For further information please go to <https://mycommunity.org.uk/funding-options/neighbourhood-planning/>

The Listed Places of Worship (LPW) Grant Scheme

This gives grants that cover the VAT incurred in making repairs to listed buildings in use as places of worship. The scheme covers repairs to the fabric of the building, along with associated professional fees, plus repairs to turret clocks, pews, bells and pipe organs. The Scheme has been run by DCMS with a focus on preserving heritage in the fabric of our UK listed places of worship. Since its establishment in 2001, the Scheme has adapted to changes while continuing to support places of worship by delivering the fairest possible system of making grants and ensuring that all faiths and areas of the UK are equally able to make use of the scheme.

The Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme:

- applies only to repairs, maintenance and alteration works to listed buildings that are used principally as places of worship and listed places of worship owned by or vested in a number of specified organisations which look after redundant places of worship
- applies to listed places of worship throughout the UK which are included on the public registers of listed buildings kept for England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland
- applies to listed places of worship of all religions and faith groups
- only accepts applications made in arrears
- only accepts claims where invoices are submitted within 12 months of the invoice date
- only accepts applications where the minimum value of eligible work carried out on any one claim to the scheme is £1,000 (excluding VAT)

To check if the place of worship which is the subject of your application is listed, please check at <https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/>

The Government has confirmed the funding available for the scheme until March 2020.

For further information please go to <http://www.lpwscheme.org.uk/index-2.html>

The Phone Co-op-Start-up & Expansion Fund

The Start-Up & Expansion fund is designed to offer social enterprises, co-operatives, charities and other ethical organisations a bit of help when they are starting up or are looking to expand their services with The Phone Co-op as part of a period of growth.

The fund offers up to £250 in the form of a credit on your Phone co-op bill. The money can be used to pay for any products or services provided by them, including fixed-line, mobile, broadband & cloud communications.

This fund is also open to existing customers who wish to take on additional services with them as your organisation starts to grow. The same amount of up to £250 is available to go towards the provision of these new products.

To be eligible, you must be a Social Enterprise, registered charity or co-operative and must agree to use The Phone Co-op's' services for a minimum of two years. All applications are reviewed on an individual basis.

For further information please go to <https://www.thephone.coop/business/start-up-and-expansion-fund/>

Ofcom-Community Radio Fund

The second round of the Community Radio Fund in 2017-18 is open for applications until 5pm on 8th November. The awarding Panel will meet in January 2018 to consider the applications.

The Fund has been established to give grants to help fund the core costs of running Ofcom licensed community radio stations.

These core functions include:

- management
- fundraising to support the station (e.g. grants, commercial funding)
- administration
- financial management & reporting
- community outreach
- volunteer organisation and support

Grants will be made as a single lump sum, and are to cover a one-year period only.

For further information please go to <https://www.ofcom.org.uk/tv-radio-and-on-demand/information-for-industry/radio-broadcasters/community-radio-fund>

British Science Week 2018

Kick Start grant scheme

Kick Start grants provide funds for schools in challenging circumstances to organise their own events as part of British Science Week.

The British Science Association, with funding from the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy, is providing grants for schools in challenging circumstances to organise their own science and engineering events.

There are two types of grant:

- **Kick Start grant**: a grant of up to £300 for your school to run an activity during British Science Week.
- **Kick Start More grant**: a grant of up to £700 for your school to host a science event or activity which involves your students and the local community. The community can comprise of families/carers, members of local community groups, local businesses and local press.

The type of activity you run is up to you and depends on your own priorities and the resources at your disposal.

To be eligible, schools must either:

- Have a high proportion (over 30%) of pupils eligible for the pupil premium or equivalent.
- Have a high proportion (over 30%) of pupils from ethnic minority backgrounds.
- Be a small school based in a remote and rural location.

Community Grant Scheme

This grant scheme offers £500-£1000 for community groups that work directly with audiences who are traditionally under-represented in science activity.

The mission of the British Science Week Community Grant Scheme is to expand the audiences that engage with science and self-identify as having an interest in science by empowering and supporting community groups to run their own science activities during British Science Week.

The scheme offers £500-£1000 grants for community groups that work directly with audiences who are traditionally under-represented and currently not engaged in science activity.

British Science Week 2018-continued

Their definition of groups that are underrepresented in science includes:

- People who are Black Asian Minority Ethnic (BAME).
- People with low socioeconomic status (SES), including people disadvantaged in terms of education and income.
- Young people facing adversity, including those not in education, employment or training (NEET).
- People with a disability, defined as a physical or mental impairment that has a substantial and long-term effect on someone's ability to do normal daily activities (Equalities Act 2010).
- People living in a remote and rural location, defined as settlements of less than 10,000 people.
- Girls and women.

Community grants cannot be used for events or activities with school groups unless they are a special needs school.

All applications for British Science Week 2018 grants will close on 13th November at noon.

For further information please go to <https://www.britishscienceweek.org/about-us/grants/>

Santander-Changemaker

Supporting social innovation with Crowdfunder

Changemaker is a fund to help social enterprises, small charities and community groups to deliver projects in the UK that create innovative solutions to improve communities.

Santander has £200,000 to support Changemakers who turn to the Crowd to make great ideas happen.

The Changemaker Fund has been created to support projects that help disadvantaged people to have confidence in the future by building skills and knowledge or innovative ideas that help communities prosper.

If you have a project which the Crowd support they will provide the final 50% to help you reach your target.

Santander-Changemaker-continued

They are looking for projects that:

- Are run by a constituted organisation.
- Help disadvantaged people in the UK.
- Clearly demonstrate longevity and long term aims.
- Achieve at least ONE of the following: Grow insight or knowledge; build skills, training or experience; tackle social problems or issues in an innovative way.

Crowdfunding:

- You must be about to launch or have a live crowdfunding project for your application to be considered.
- You will be informed if your application has been successful or not once your project is live and receiving support from the crowd.
- If approved for funding your project will receive a pledge of 50% of your target once you have raised the first 50% from the crowd.
- You must provide an impact report within 12 months of receiving Santander funds.
- Santander may consider pledging more than £10,000 for projects that deliver the greatest impacts/number of beneficiaries.

For further information please go to <http://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/funds/changemaker>

British & Foreign School Society-Looked after Children and Young Carers

The British & Foreign School Society gives grants to charities for educational activities. Grants for education projects are given up to a total of around £700,000 in any one year. Grants are given to organisations with UK charitable status and are for the purpose of advancing educational opportunity in the UK and developing countries. They have created a new programme dedicated to improving approaches to the educational attainment of 'looked after children' and young carers in the UK.

The number of looked after children has been rising steadily in recent years, reaching 70,440 in England in 2016. Government data shows that looked after children have significantly poorer educational outcomes than children not in care throughout primary and secondary school, with the gap widening as children get older. At secondary level, only 18% gained five GCSEs at grade C or higher in 2015, compared to 64% of children not in care. Looked after children are also four times more likely to have a special educational need than children within the general population, and almost ten times more likely to have a statement of special educational needs.

The number of young carers in the UK is unclear, with the Government's 2011 Census figure of 166,000 markedly lower than estimates by carer charities across the UK. Young carers experience similarly poorer educational outcomes.

British & Foreign School Society-Looked after Children and Young Carers-continued

Studies suggest that almost a third of young carers experience educational problems, such as absenteeism, as a direct result of their caring role. Longer term, young carers tend to have fewer GCSEs and are more likely to not be in education, employment or training between the ages of 16-19 than their non-carer peers.

Through their funding and non-financial support they wish to pilot novel approaches to improving the educational attainment of looked after children and young carers which can be scaled up so that in time they are able to take advantage of opportunities afforded by tertiary education and employment.

The outcomes they want their support to achieve are:

- Looked after children and young carers are provided supplementary support that results in improved educational attainment.
- Interventions made in the delivery of supplementary educational support for looked after children and young carers are proven to be effective and scalable.
- There is greater alignment and coherence in the work of the voluntary sector ensuring more successful educational outcomes for looked after children and young carers.

They do not expect applications towards the last outcome-this is something BFSS will address by convening workshops to share experience and supporting collaborative work.

Funding is limited to the charitable work of organisations, and should be for project costs, including staff salaries and a limited contribution to overheads. Please also note the below:

- They expect projects to have some matched funding.
- They expect that projects will usually be across multiple years, up to a maximum of 3 years.
- They will favour projects with a lifetime BFSS contribution in excess of £20,000 for each year of operation.

They will support work that develops sustainable approaches that can be replicated at scale. For example:

- Pedagogically proven models of how educational interventions can be made to best effect.
- Development of approaches based on a combination of paid staff and trained volunteers.
- Development of practical tools and resources that allow looked after children and young carers (and their family members) to receive support and grasp positive opportunities.
- Policy and practice for looked after children and young carers that values and prioritises education as a way of enhancing life chances.

British & Foreign School Society-Looked after Children and Young Carers-continued

They are looking for work which:

- Is clear about the impact it will make and how this will be measured, providing an evidence base for the effectiveness of the work.
- Is done in partnership with Local Authorities, schools and other organisations (including fellow grantees), that have responsibility for the education of looked after children and young carers.

Please state clearly in the application that you are addressing the BFSS “Looked After Children & Young Carers” funding priority.

The next Grants Committee meeting will be held in February 2018, and the closing date for applications is the end of Monday 18th December 2017.

For further information please go to <https://www.bfss.org.uk/grants/>

The Ron Pickering Memorial Fund

Their application process takes place in the autumn of each year and is available to both able bodied and disability UK athletes between the ages of 15 and 23. Grants to athletes over 23 may be made in exceptional circumstances.

When the application process is open an athlete will be able to apply directly using the online application form. No other method of application will be accepted and the application process is only available during this time.

The selection process then takes place in early December and the announcements of the award recipients is usually made at the end of December or early January.

The deadline for applications is 19th November.

For further information please go to <http://rpmf.org.uk/apply-grant/>

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