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New Cash Grants for UK Start-ups and Growing Businesses

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Funding for Transport Innovations to Support Ageing Population

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IOP Public Engagement Grant Scheme 2023 Opens for Applications

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Co-op Foundation's Carbon Innovation Fund - New Focus for Round 2

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Dyers' Company Launches Seed Capital Investment Fund

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Sea-Changer's Coastal Fountain Fund Reopens for 2023

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New Round of Climate Grants from JAC Trust

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KFC Foundation Community Grants Programme Reopens for Applications for 2023

15/03/23

Launch of £1m Competition to Stimulate Innovation in Occupational Health

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National Citizens Service Launches 2023 Grants Programme

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Launch of IUK's Feasibility Studies in Quantum Computing Applications Competition

Funding Focus - Cost of Living



Asda Foundation Offers Cost of Living Grant to Local Groups Across the UK

Funding to support local community groups who are facing an increase in their running costs (rent, utilities and food costs) between September 2022 and February 2023.

Asda Foundation's new Cost of Living Grant will provide grants of between £500 and £2,000 for activities taking place before 28 February 2023.

Applications will be accepted by Asda Community Champions the week commencing 19 September 2022 until the budget cap is reached (estimated to be February 2023).

British Gas Energy Trust

Grants are available to individuals and families across Great Britain to be used to write off their energy debts.

British Gas Energy Trust is an independent charitable body set up to support individuals and families who are struggling to pay their bills, regardless of energy provider.

Applications can be made at any time until the funding runs out.

COSARAF – Hardship Grants

Grants are available for third party social organisations to support individuals and families across the UK who are in financial need and have exhausted all other sources of funding.

This fund aims to support individuals and families who are struggling with everyday costs, such as basic living expenses, household items and utilities, or rent arrears.

Applicants must be able to demonstrate that they are taking advantage of all support offered by local services, including the referring social organisation.

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Cost of Living Support Available for Youth Organisations across the UK

Charitable and not-for-profit youth organisations delivering high-quality youth provision whose work is being hindered, curtailed, or cut back due to rising core costs can apply for funding to address these unprecedented demands.

UK Youth, in partnership with Pears Foundation, is offering unrestricted multi-year grants for charitable and not-for-profit youth organisations across the UK with an annual turnover of less than £500,000 to help them cover rising prices and increased costs due to the cost-of-living crisis.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

Family Action - Welfare Grants Programme

Grants to support families and individuals for essential personal and household needs to assist families and individuals with low incomes, particularly those living on benefits.

Family Action aims to support families during times of hardship to enable them to become stronger, happier and healthier.

Applications are accepted any time.

FareShare Surplus with Purpose Fund

A fund for food businesses in the UK to offset the costs of sending good quality surplus food to good causes, helping the people who need it most.

The FareShare Surplus with Purpose Fund is aimed at offsetting the costs faced by food producing companies seeking to redistribute their edible surplus comestibles to charities and community groups helping vulnerable people.

Applications may be submitted at any time.

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Friends of the Elderly - Grants for Older People

Small grants are available to support older people living on low incomes in England and Wales with the costs of home essentials, unexpected large bills, living costs and getting connected online.

The funding is intended to support older people who are of, or over, state pension age (66 years) and living on low incomes in England or Wales.

Applications can be made at any time and are dealt with in date order.

Groundwork: One Stop - Community Partnership NEW FUND

A partnership programme providing grants to support not-for-profit organisations who are working to tackle food poverty or supporting the elderly within the local community.

Applications can be made at any time.

Henry Smith Charity - Main Grants - Improving Lives

Grants are available for registered charities, social enterprises and constituted charitable groups to help people in the UK when other sources of support have failed, are inappropriate, or are simply not available.

Applications can be submitted at any time. There are no deadlines and applications are assessed as they are received.

Sport England: Active Together (with Crowdfunding)

Grants are available for not-for-profit community sport and physical activity groups in England who can raise their initial funding through a crowdfunding campaign to support those experiencing financial difficulty due to Covid-19, the emerging energy, cost of living or other local crisis.

The funding is intended to help sport and physical activity organisations to move forward with priority projects and running costs that they might be struggling with due to the pandemic or the cost-of-living crisis or other local crisis situations such as adverse weather.

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National Lottery Community Fund **Outlines Cost-of-Living Support** **Strategy**

The funder has given details on plans for responding to communities in need in the coming months.

In light of the emerging economic crisis, the National Lottery Community Fund (NLCF) has sent out a message to community organisations across the UK working to support beneficiaries during this time, ensuring its commitment to flexible and responsive support.

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Arts, Culture & Heritage

Association of Independent Museums Announce 2023 Application Rounds

Grants available to enable small to medium sized museums to care for their collections more effectively and efficiently and to meet the standards required for Accreditation.

AIM (the Association for Independent Museums) has renewed funding for the Audit, Collections Care and Remedial Conservation grant schemes for a further three years.

The deadlines for applications are 31 March and 30 September.

Funding to Promote and Develop Endangered Heritage Crafts Across UK

Voluntary and community organisations across the United Kingdom can apply for funding for projects and activities that promote the long-term preservation and development of endangered heritage crafts.

Heritage Crafts Association is offering grants of between £500 and £2,000 to support crafts that are currently listed as endangered or critically endangered on the Red List of Endangered Crafts and provide opportunities for makers and trainees who wish to develop or share their skills in the crafts that have been identified as being most at risk.

The deadline for applications is 3 March 2023.



Communities - Urban & Rural Development

£150m Community Ownership Fund

The £150 million Community Ownership Fund is for communities across the United Kingdom. It has been set up to help communities take ownership of assets at risk of closure. It will run for 4 years until 2024/25. Voluntary and community organisations can bid for match funding. Funding may support the purchase and/or renovation costs of community assets.

Proposals will need to prove the value of the asset to local people and that the asset can run sustainably for the long-term benefit of the community.

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Electricity Northwest Accepting Applications for Partnership Fund

Charities and organisations across Northwest England can apply for funding to deliver projects and activities that ensure vulnerable individuals and communities are supported in the event of a power cut.

Through the Partnership Fund, a total of £1.75 million is available for organisations to help identify and support households that may need extra support during a power cut, such as those with medical dependencies, children under the age of five, or those of pensionable age.

The deadline for applications is 31 March 2023.

Funding for Armed Forces Day Events 2023 – Deadline Reminder

Organisations and individuals can still apply for funding to host an event in June in recognition of the UK's servicemen and women.

Since 2009, Armed Forces Day has been marked annually throughout the UK with events large and small. The Ministry of Defence provides funding each year to support groups and individuals to commemorate the occasion.

The deadline for applications is 31 March 2023.

Government Launches Nuclear Test Veteran Community Fund

Funding for not-for-profit organisations to deliver community-led programmes that help to recognise and support Nuclear Test Veterans and their families.

Provided by the Office for Veterans' Affairs, the £200,000 Nuclear Test Veteran Community Fund is offering grants of up to £70,000, with an option to apply for a grant of up to £100,000.

Applications will be accepted from 15 February 2023 to 10 March 2023 (23:59).

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National Allotment Gardens Trust Accepting Applications for 1 April Deadline

Funding for registered allotment associations and committees for the improvement and development of facilities on registered and permitted sites.

The National Allotment Gardens Trust, a registered charity, has a small amount of funding that it provides each year for allotment and garden projects.

The next deadline for applications is 1 April 2023.

Platinum Jubilee Village Halls Fund Re-opens for Applications with 3 March Deadline

Capital grants for village halls in rural areas across England to enhance, upgrade, extend, improve, and construct halls so that, as a result, new activities can take place bringing communities together.

The second round of the Government's £3 million Platinum Jubilee Village Halls Fund has opened a two-week window for applications.

Stage One applications will be accepted from 20 February 2023 to 3 March 2023 (23:59).

UK Government's £150m Community Ownership Fund – Third Bidding Window Now Open

Funding to help communities across the UK take ownership of assets at risk of closure.

The £150 million Community Ownership Fund aims to support charities and community groups across England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland to take ownership of assets which are at risk of being lost to the community. It will run for four years (until 2024/25) with three bidding windows per year.

The deadline for expressions of interest to the third window of Round two is 24 March 2023 with the deadline for full applications on 14 April 2023.

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Children & Young People

Children's Summer Playschemes Grants Programme Opens for UK Applications

Funding for small, local registered charities in the UK to support summer playschemes for children (aged 5-16 years) from disadvantaged backgrounds.

The Woodward Charitable Trust is currently accepting applications to its annual funding round from UK registered charities, community interest companies, charitable incorporated organisations or exempt charities with an annual turnover of less than £100,000.

Applications are now open with a deadline of 6 April 2023 (noon).



Digital & Technology

Innovate UK Launches Transformative Technologies Competition

UK small and micro businesses can access grants for projects in the field of affordable, adoptable and investable innovations in transformative technologies.

The aim of this Innovate UK (IUK) competition is to provide a package of targeted support to enable ambitious UK micro and small businesses in transformative technologies to reach their potential.

The deadline for applications is 29 March 2023 (23:00 BST).

Nokia Bell Labs Prize for Global Tech Innovators Launched for 2023

This programme provides an opportunity for innovators to change the world with 'big ideas' in the general field of information and communications technologies.

The Nokia Bell Labs Prize is a competition for innovators from around the globe. It seeks to recognise innovations that solve the key challenges facing humanity and provides selected innovators the opportunity to collaborate with Nokia Bell Labs researchers to help realise their vision.

The deadline for applications is 21 April 2023.

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Education, Employment & Training

Education Endowment Foundation Launches Spring 2023 Funding Round

Grants are available to organisations to help raise the standards of underperforming schools in England.

The Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) grant funding tests the impact of high-potential projects aiming to raise the attainment and wider outcomes of 3 – 18 year-olds, particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds.

The deadline for applications is 23 March 2023.

Turing Scheme Opens for Applications for Third Year

Schools, colleges and universities in the UK have until 6 April to apply for funding to provide their students with an opportunity to study and work abroad starting in September.

Announced in December 2020, the Turing Scheme is a competitive grant funding scheme. It provides grants to organisations to fund individuals undertaking education and training in the UK, to go on study or work placements across the world.

The deadline for applications is 6 April 2023 (4pm).



Energy, Environment and Climate

Canoe Foundation Now Accepting Applications

Funding to improve the accessibility of available waterways and canoeing facilities and protect the natural environment.

The Canoe Foundation raises money; informs and educates; and allocates funds, in line with its main purpose to “support all to enjoy and benefit from the experience of paddling on our water in a sustainable manner”.

The fund is open until 11 April 2023 (23.59).

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Health & Social Welfare

Lloyd's Bank Foundation England and Wales Specialist Programme – Deadline Reminder

Unrestricted funding for groups with a track record of supporting those experiencing complex issues.

Organisations have almost three weeks left to apply for the Lloyd's Bank Foundation's Specialist Programme, which is open to registered charities and Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIOs) in England and Wales with an annual income of £25,000 to £500,000.

The deadline to apply is 3 March 2023 at 5pm.

Magic Little Grants to Open for Applications on 1 March

Smaller charities and community groups across Great Britain can apply for one-off £500 grants from 1 March until 31 October 2023.

LocalGiving has announced that it will launch its annual Magic Little Grants scheme for the sixth year in a row with more money than last year.

Applications will be accepted from 1 March to 31 October 2023.



Support & Resources

Grants to Help UK Councils Tackle Chewing Gum Disposal

Grants available to local authorities in the UK to tackle chewing gum staining.

The Chewing Gum Task Force Grant Scheme is open to councils across the UK who wish to clean the gum off the pavements in their local areas and invest in long-term behaviour change to prevent gum from being dropped in the first place.

The deadline for applications is 24 March 2023 (5pm).

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Local Funders and support

- [Active Cumbria](#)
- [Carlisle City Council Grants](#)
- [Carlisle City Council 4 Business](#)
- [Cumbria Business Growth Hub Business Support](#)
- [Cumbria County Council Community Grants](#)
- [Cumbria Community Foundation](#)
- [Cumbria CVS](#)
- [Cumbria Local Enterprise Partnership](#)
- [Cumbria Office of Police and Crime Commissioner](#)
- [Cumbria Waste Management Environment Trust](#)



National Funders

- [Arts Council England](#)
- [Disability Grants](#)
- [Funding Central](#)
- [The National Lottery Heritage Fund](#)
- [Spacehive - Crowdfunding For Local Projects](#)
- [Sport England](#)
- [The National Lottery Community Fund](#)
- [The National Lottery Heritage Fund](#)
- [Turn2us](#)



Further support and resources

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NB. The above funds have been grouped under themes for ease of reading, but please note that some will fund across several themes.