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Closing soon

16/02/22

Netflix Opens Documentary Talent Fund for 2023

22/02/23

Grants to Mark the 75th Anniversary of Windrush

26/02/23

Community Action Fund Now Open to Applications

27/02/23

Funding for Transport Innovations to Support Ageing Population

27/02/23

IOP Public Engagement Grant Scheme 2023 Opens for Applications

28/02/23

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

28/02/23

Dyers' Company Launches Seed Capital Investment Fund

28/02/23

Sea-Changer's Coastal Fountain Fund Reopens for 2023

15/03/23

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

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abrdn Financial Fairness Trust

Grants are available for strategic work, including policy work, campaigning and research, which has the potential to improve financial wellbeing at a national scale in the UK, especially for those on low-to-middle incomes.

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The next deadline for applications is 4 February 2023 (1pm).

Asda Foundation - Empowering Local Communities Grant

Grants are available to community groups in the UK to support a broad range of activities which can contribute towards transforming their community and improving the lives of people in their community. This funding round will also support projects that alleviate impacts of the rise in cost of living.

The closing date for Round 3 applications is 11 November 2022.

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).

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Aviva Community Fund - Cost of Living Boost (with Crowdfunding)

The £2 million Cost of Living Boost scheme is provided by Aviva plc, a British multinational insurance company headquartered in London, as part of its Aviva Community Fund. Aviva is the largest general insurer and a leading life and pensions provider.

Aviva will match donations pound for pound up to £250 between 4 October and 31 December 2022 or until the entire £2 million is allocated.

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.

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.

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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.

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.

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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.

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.

NPC Launches Funds for Charities Tackling Financial Hardship in the UK

One-off grants for small charities and other not-for-profit organisations that are supporting local communities in the UK who are facing financial hardship over the next six months.

New Philanthropy Capital (NPC) is providing two separate funds in the financial hardship sector, aiming to relieve and reduce financial hardship in the UK.

The deadline for all applications is 16 December 2022 (5pm).

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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.

Yorkshire Building Society Charitable Foundation

Grants to support registered charities and good causes in local communities across the UK to alleviate poverty, improve health and save lives.

The Charitable Foundation makes donations to registered charities, recommended by members and colleagues, who support beneficiaries such as children, those seriously ill, the elderly, homeless and disabled people in the UK.

Applications are reviewed on a quarterly basis. The deadlines for application each year are: 31 March, 30 June, 30 September and 31 December.

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Business & Enterprise

New Cash Grants for UK Start-ups and Growing Businesses

Grants are available to help start-ups and early-stage founders across the UK to take the next steps on their business journey.

'Realising the Remarkable' is a new cash grant programme which has been created to help entrepreneurs start or grow their businesses, and reach their full potential.

The deadline for applications is 26 February 2023 (11.59pm).



Communities - Urban & Rural Development

Asda Foundation's Investing in Spaces and Places Grants Programme Opens 6 February

Funding for small, local groups across the UK to improve community spaces and places where local people can be together and thrive.

For a second year in a row, the Asda Foundation is offering large grants of up to £25,000 for local groups across the UK who are working to improve spaces in the heart of their local community.

Applications will be accepted from 6 February 2023 to 19 March 2023.

Suez Communities Fund Reopens for Applications in England

Not-for-profit organisations across England can apply for funding to deliver capital and public amenity improvement projects in communities within a Communities Trust funding zone.

Suez Communities Trust is offering grants of between £3,000 and £50,000 for not-for-profit groups to deliver projects that make physical improvements to community facilities, or repair buildings of religious worship or buildings of architectural or historic interest.

The next deadline for applications is 22 February 2023.

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TRANSforming Futures Fund Now Accepting Applications

Funding to help create positive, lasting change for transgender people in England.

National Lottery Community Fund is supporting the five-year TRANSforming Futures project to provide solutions to the issues in healthcare and justice for transgender people across England.

The deadline to apply is 20 March 2023.



Crime, Rehabilitation & Community Safety

IUK Announces Safety Tech Challenge to Disrupt Sharing of Child Sexual Abuse Material

Grants are available for UK organisations carrying out projects that help protect children by identifying and disrupting the sharing of links to child sexual abuse material online.

The aim of this Innovate UK (IUK) competition is to enhance UK capabilities in protecting all users online, but in particular preventing harm of children online.

The programme opens on 7 February 2023.
The deadline for applications is 15 March 2023.



Digital & Technology

IUK Launches Engineering Biology Collaborative Research and Development Competition

Organisations can apply for funding to develop Engineering Biology technologies, processes, products and services, or apply Engineering Biology to societal challenges.

Through this competition, Innovate UK (IUK) will fund business-led research and development (R&D) that will lead to new Engineering Biology (EngBio) products, processes or services, and de-risk the adoption of new EngBio technologies that offer high market potential.

The deadline for applications is 29 March 2023 (11am).

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Education, Employment & Training

New Round of Grants to Boost International Recognition of UK Regulators

Grants are available for UK regulators and professional bodies pursuing international recognition arrangements.

The Recognition Arrangements Grants Programme will provide grants for UK regulators to develop recognition arrangements with their international counterparts, and ensure British professionals have their qualifications recognised overseas.

The second round of the programme is now open with a deadline for applications of Friday 24 March 2023 (11.59pm).



Energy, Environment and Climate

Energy Catalyst - IUK Announces Round 10 Competitions

Funding is available for businesses and research organisations, from anywhere in the world, to create new or improved clean energy access in sub-Saharan Africa, South Asia or the Indo-Pacific regions.

Innovate UK (IUK) has announced a call for applications to Round 10 of its Energy Catalyst Competitions. The objective of these competitions is to accelerate the innovations needed to create new or improved clean energy access in sub-Saharan Africa, South Asia or Indo-Pacific regions.

All three competition strands open on 27 February 2023. The deadline for applications is 28 June 2023 (11am).

Hydrogen Storage and Distribution Supply Chain - New IUK R&D Competition Announced

UK businesses can lead on applications for grants to fund collaborative research and development projects related to hydrogen storage and distribution supply chain.

Forming part of the Future Economy Net Zero Programme, this Innovate UK (IUK) competition will focus on the development of the hydrogen economy. The aim is to develop new ways of delivering integrated hydrogen storage and distribution systems and the associated supply chains.

Applications will be accepted between 13 February 2023 and 26 April 2023 (11am).

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IUK Launches Zero Emission Vessel and Infrastructure Competitions for UK Maritime Sector

Grants are available for UK businesses and partners to develop, deploy and operate clean solutions which will help decarbonise the UK's maritime sector.

The Zero Emission Vessel and Infrastructure (ZEVI) Competitions aim to transform the UK into a global leader in the design and manufacturing of clean maritime technologies.

The deadline for applications is 19 April 2023 (11am).

New Round of Climate Grants from JAC Trust

Funding to support forcibly displaced people and their host communities to respond to the climate crisis.

Registered charities and social enterprises can now apply for the next bout of funding from JAC Trust's climate programme.

The deadline to apply is 8 March 2023.



Health & Social Welfare

Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust Opens for First Round of the Year

Funding to support those in society who face the greatest challenges and whose opportunities are the most limited.

Registered and exempt charities in the UK can now apply for a grant of £1,000 to help tackle social disadvantage and support vulnerable individuals.

The deadline to apply is 28 February 2023.

Centre for Social Justice Awards Back with Doubled Prize Fund

Awards celebrating grassroots organisations tackling poverty in Great Britain.

The 2023 application window for the Centre for Social Justice Awards is now open.

The deadline to apply is 6 March 2023.

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Sports, Leisure & Tourism

£200m Funding Boost to Improve Walking and Cycling Routes

The Department for Transport has announced new funding to help local authorities make improvements to walking and cycling routes.

A new £200 million fund has been announced by the government to improve crossings and junctions to support walking and cycling, and therefore reduce emissions and boost local economies.

The successful projects will be announced later this year.



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**

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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.