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Closing soon

30/09/22

Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust Opens for Final 2022 Funding Round

30/09/22

Launch of Centre for Print Research Innovation Vouchers

02/10/22

Funding to Empower Social Housing Residents in England

04/10/22

Further Support for England's Artists and Creative Practitioners

10/10/22

Funding for Cycling Events for Beginner and Returning Cyclists Across England

11/10/22

Prince's Countryside Fund Opens for Autumn 2022 Round

17/10/22

Competition Launched for Zero Emission Powered Light Vehicles Feasibility Studies

26/10/22

Cultural Bridge Fund Now Accepting Applications

30/10/22

Hubbub Foundation Accepting Applications for Community Fridges

31/10/22

Friends Provident Foundation Launches Fund to Support a 4-D Economy Across the UK

30/11/22

Castle Studies Trust Accepting Applications for Autumn 2022

Funding Focus – Cost of Living



Cost of Living

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).

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.

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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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.

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.

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.

Little Lives Children's Community Support Programme

Grants are available for smaller UK community organisations that work with children to help them deliver activities and services.

The aim of the programme is to support smaller organisations that work with children and which may be struggling financially as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.

The next deadline for applications is 30 September 2022.

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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.



Business, Enterprise & Regeneration

Government Expands Start Up Loans for New Businesses

Enhanced support is now available through Government backed loans for innovators and entrepreneurs starting out in business.

The Government has announced enhancements to the eligibility criteria of the Start Up Loans initiative. The £884 million scheme is designed to help innovative new businesses starting up across the UK.

This is an ongoing programme. Applications may be submitted at any time.

IUK Announces Circular Economy for SMEs Innovating with NICER - Round 2 Competition

Funding is available for UK businesses to research, test and develop step-change circular economy approaches.

Through this Innovate UK (IUK) competition, businesses and their partners can access funding to support feasibility studies, industrial research and experimental development projects that address the challenges of transitioning to a circular economy.

The competition opens on 13 October 2022 and closes on 7 December 2022 (12pm).

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Communities - Urban & Rural Development

FCC Communities Action Fund for England Opens for Autumn Applications

Non-profit groups and Local Authorities located within 10 miles of an eligible FCC Environment landfill site can apply now for grants to support amenity projects in 2023.

The FCC Communities Foundation awards grants to community projects from funds donated by FCC Environment through the Landfill Communities Fund, having provided over £250 million to more than £7,500 projects across the UK since 1997.

The deadline for applications is 7 December 2022 (5pm).

Hubbub Foundation Offering Grants to Develop Community Food Hubs

Funding for Community Fridges to increase their social and environmental impact.

As part of its partnership with the Co-op, Starbucks Foundation and Rothschild Foundation, Hubbub will be launching a new Community Fridge Food Hub Fund to expand community-based food activity provision.

The fund will open on 3 October 2022 and close at 11.59pm on 7 November 2022.

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Children & Young People

Kellogg's School Breakfast Club Fund Reopens for Applications

Schools across the United Kingdom can now apply for funding to support breakfast club initiatives for children.

Kellogg's, in partnership with Forever Manchester, is offering grants of up to £1,000 to schools to help fund breakfast clubs across the UK and ensure that children who need it most receive a morning meal.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

2023 Unloc Young Entrepreneurs Challenge to Open in October

An annual competition to support the development of young UK entrepreneurs will soon open for applications.

Financial awards, a mentorship package and pro-bono support are available to young entrepreneurs based in the United Kingdom and Europe to accelerate their business idea or start-up.

The 2023 competition will open for entries on 3 October 2022 and close to entries on 20 January 2023 (5pm).



Energy, Environment and Climate

Forestry Commission Launches Grants to Boost Domestic Tree Seed Production

Domestic tree seed production is to be ramped up with new government funding.

The funding is designed to boost domestic tree seed production. The grant also aims to improve the diversity of England's seed supply, for example, by increasing the range of species and provenances available.

The final deadline for applications is Sunday 13 November 2022 (11.55pm).

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Launch of £9.2 Million Home Decarbonisation Skills Training Competition

Training providers in England can apply for funding to offer training for people working in the energy efficiency, retrofit and low carbon heating sectors.

The Home Decarbonisation Skills Training Competition has been created to fund training for people working, or who want to work, in the energy efficiency, building retrofit and low carbon heating sectors.

The deadline for applications to be submitted is 17 October 2022.

Phase Two of Industrial Fuel Switching Competition Now Open

UK businesses will be funded to support the development of solutions to switch industry from high to low carbon fuels.

The Industrial Fuel Switching Competition supports innovation in the development of pre-commercial fuel switch and fuel switch enabling technology for the industrial sector, to help industry switch from high to lower carbon fuels.

Applicants need to register by 11 November 2022 (2pm) if they plan to apply to the competition.



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Reopening Date for Grants for a Fairer Future

Funding to tackle injustice and structural inequality to create a more inclusive society.

After releasing details of its new funding strategy in July 2022, the Esmee Fairbairn Foundation has now announced the Fairer Future grants stream will once again be accepting applications from October 2022.

The fund is expected to reopen on 12 October 2022.

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The Mini Budget – What it Means for Businesses

The Chancellor has announced the newly-formed Government's initial borrowing and spending plans in his first fiscal statement.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Kwasi Kwarteng, has delivered his Mini Budget statement to Parliament, outlining the Government's new Growth Plan, designed to boost the UK's stalling economy. The statement comes in the midst of a cost of living crisis and follows a warning from the Bank of England that the country may already be in recession.

Following this Mini Budget Statement, a full Budget is expected to occur later in the year.

Health & Social Welfare

Funding for Innovators Developing Products or Services to Benefit People Living with Dementia

This programme invests in innovations to improve the lives of people in the UK who are affected by dementia.

The Alzheimer's Society Accelerator Programme is open to engineers, designers, developers, innovators and entrepreneurs with an idea for a product or service that will change the lives of people affected by dementia.

The deadline for applications is 25 October 2022.

Rosa Inviting Applications for Campaigning and Influencing Work

Funding to enable women and girls to use their voices to achieve change.

The Voices from the Frontline fund is a one-year programme supporting grassroots activism and awareness-raising of issues facing women and girls in the UK.

The deadline to apply is 4pm on 3 November 2022.

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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](#)



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