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Closing soon

15/01/23

**Fund for Green Tech Start-ups Invites
New Applications**

16/01/23

**Edinburgh Fringe Programme Supporting
Black, Asian and 'Global Majority' Artists
Invites Applications**

19/01/23

**Defra Invites Final Bids for Fisheries
Industry Science Partnerships Scheme**

19/01/23

**Launch of £1.5m Artificial Intelligence for
Decarbonisation Innovation Programme**

25/01/23

**Accelerating Trustworthy AI: IUK Launches
Phase I Feasibility Study Competition**

29/01/23

**New Fund Launching for Racial Justice
and Mental Health Projects**

31/01/23

**Amazon Literary Partnership Reopens
for 2023**

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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.

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.

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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.

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.

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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.

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).

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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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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Arts, Culture & Heritage

Deadline Approaches for International Arts Touring and Environmental Responsibility Fund

Funding is available to arts professionals and arts companies in England and Denmark to support the development of new, environmentally responsible approaches to international touring and collaboration.

The programme aims to encourage the development of environmentally responsible approaches to international touring and collaboration between artists and companies in both countries.

The deadline for applications is 20 January 2023 (12pm).



Communities - Urban & Rural Development

BME Youth Together Fund Accepting Applications

Funding to engage vulnerable groups in physical activity and strengthen communities across the country.

Formerly known as the Tackling Inequalities Fund, The Together Fund is a Sport England initiative which supports non-profit community organisations to recover and emerge from the long-term impacts of COVID-19.

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until 31 March 2023.

Community Action Fund Now Open to Applications

Funding to help harness the power of local communities to create positive societal change.

The Civic Power Fund is the first donor fund dedicated to community organising, which aims to provide targeted long-term funding across the UK.

To apply, groups must complete a short eligibility questionnaire by 26 February 2023.

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2023 Deadlines for FCC Community Action Fund

Funding for not-for-profit groups to provide, maintain or improve public amenities within a 10-mile radius of eligible FCC Environment waste facilities in England.

The FCC Community Action Fund provides grants to organisations under Object D of the Landfill Communities Fund (LFC) to benefit local communities in the vicinity of a landfill site. There will be four application windows in 2023.

The next deadline to apply is 8 March 2023.

New £3m Platinum Jubilee Village Halls Fund Accepting Applications With First Deadline of 20 January

Capital grants are available 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.

Launched just before Christmas, the new £3 million Platinum Jubilee Village Halls Fund is provided by the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (Defra) and administered by the charity Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE).

The deadline for the first round of Stage 1 applications is midnight 20 January 2023.



Digital & Technology

Launch of Advanced Modular Reactor (AMR) R&D Phase B Competition

Grants are available for qualifying businesses to support the development of High Temperature Gas Reactor technologies in the UK.

Through the Advanced Modular Reactor (AMR) R&D Competition, the Government is providing innovation funding to support the development and demonstration of High Temperature Gas Reactor (HTGR) technology in the UK. The programme aims to demonstrate HTGR technology by the early 2030s, in time for any potential commercial AMRs to support net zero by 2050.

Interested parties should register their interest to apply by 27 January 2023 (2pm). Applications must be submitted by the deadline of 5 March 2023 (2pm).

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New Funding for Agriculture and Horticulture Automation from IUK

£12.5 million has been set aside for projects focused on cutting-edge agriculture and horticulture innovation to create more sustainable farming practices.

The aim of this Defra-funded programme is to support collaborative development projects with ambitious solutions for robotics and automation in agriculture and horticulture.

Both competition strands open on 9 January 2023. The deadline for applications is 15 March 2023.

New Round of IUK's Biomedical Catalyst Industry-led R&D Competition

UK businesses and research and technology organisations, working alone or with partners, can apply for funding to develop innovative solutions to health and healthcare challenges.

Through the Biomedical Catalyst Competition, Innovate UK (IUK) is investing in projects to support businesses developing innovative health or healthcare-focused products, technologies and processes.

The competition opens on 4 January 2023. The deadline for applications is 1 March 2023.

Pre-Announcement of ERA-NET Cofund in Quantum Technologies (QuantERA II) Call 2023

The call is scheduled to open at the end of January 2023 will focus on applied quantum science and quantum phenomena and resources.

QuantERA II is a European Research Area network focused on quantum technologies (QT). It supports multilateral research projects with the potential to initiate or foster new lines of QT through collaborations exploring advanced multidisciplinary science and/or cutting-edge engineering.

The deadline for the QuantERA Call 2023 will be 11 May 2023 (5pm).

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Education, Employment & Training

New Grants for Digital Projects to Tackle Problems in Vocational Learning

Grants are available for UK organisations across all sectors to fund new ideas for digital approaches to tackling vocational learning problems.

The VocTech Activate scheme has been launched to support the development of new ideas that use digital tools and approaches to transform how people in the UK gain skills for work.

The scheme is described as a 'test bed' where the first spark of an idea which could solve a vocational learning problem can be scoped and tested in a supportive environment.

The fund will open for stage 1 applications on 11 January 2023. The deadline to apply is 8 February 2023 (5pm).



Energy, Environment and Climate

Additional Funding for England's Farmers Benefiting the Environment

Defra has announced that the government is to pay more to England's farmers and land managers who protect and enhance the environment.

England's farmers are to be awarded increased payments for protecting and enhancing nature and delivering sustainable food production under the Government's Environmental Land Management schemes, Defra has announced.

Applications are made online.

£5m Fund Launched for Wet Agriculture and Forestry on England's Peatlands

Grants are available for organisations across all sectors to help unlock barriers to the development of commercially viable paludiculture in England.

Through the Paludiculture Exploration Fund (PEF), grants are available to help unlock barriers to the development of commercially viable paludiculture. Paludiculture is wet agriculture and forestry on peatlands, combining the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from drained peatlands through rewetting with continued land use and biomass production under wet conditions.

The deadline for submission of applications is 3 March 2023.

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Launch of £75m Fund to Accelerate Nuclear Fuel Supply

Grants are available to support the UK's nuclear fuel supply chain to develop the capabilities needed to meet current and future fuel demand in the UK and globally.

The Nuclear Fuel Fund aims to preserve the UK front-end nuclear fuel cycle capability, supporting support the Government's ambition to increase civil nuclear deployment to up to 24GW by 2050.

The deadline for applications is 20 February 2023 (12pm).

Launch of £7m Innovation Fund to Decarbonise Freight

The Government has launched a new fund to help small to medium-sized UK businesses develop greener and more efficient solutions for freight.

The Freight Innovation Fund has been established to help freight deliveries across the UK become more efficient by supporting innovative new ideas and technology across the industry.

Applications for the first open call are being accepted until 5 February 2023.

Upcoming IUK Competitions Focus on Novel Low-emission Food Production Systems

UK registered organisations can access grants to deliver resource efficient, low-emission food production systems.

The aim of this Innovate UK (IUK) competition is to support the development of novel production systems that create new sources of resource efficient, low-emission foods, particularly proteins, while delivering healthy and sustainable diets.

The competitions open on 18 January 2023. The deadline for applications is 19 April 2023.

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Health & Social Welfare

Better Food for All - IUK Announces Innovation for Improved Nutrition Competitions

UK registered organisations can apply grants for projects that will support the development of innovative solutions to address significant nutrition challenges.

The aim of the Innovate UK (IUK) Better Food for All: Innovation for Improved Nutrition Competitions is to support organisations in the development of innovative solutions to address significant nutrition challenges.

All three competition strands open on 11 January 2023. The deadline for applications is 29 March 2023 (11am).

Launch of Grants to Support End of Life Care for Prisoners

Funding to allow hospices to expand and improve palliative care services in prisons.

As part of its partnership with Linder Foundation, Hospice UK is delivering a new programme which aims to expand hospice care for prisoners and improve understanding of the unique needs that imprisoned people will have at the end of life.

The deadline to apply is 5pm on 1 February.

Masonic Charitable Foundation Offering New Grants Programme

Funding to support the provision of palliative and end of life care to people with low socioeconomic status in England and Wales.

As part of its partnership with Hospice UK, the Masonic Charitable Foundation has launched a new fund that seeks to ensure that marginalised individuals and those experiencing poverty have equitable access quality care at the end of life.

The deadline to apply is 28 February 2023 at 5pm.

New Grants from Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust

Funding to address inequality and injustice, and create new systems that put equity, justice and peace first.

The Grassroots Movement Fund is a pilot programme which will see £1 million awarded to small third sector organisations throughout 2023 to support the sustainability of grassroots social justice work.

The deadline to apply is 19 February 2023.

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Sports, Leisure & Tourism

GLL Sport Foundation

Supporting athletes across the UK to reach their potential and achieve success. Talented athletes from 65 areas across the UK are invited to apply for a range of awards which include financial support, access to sport facilities, physiotherapy, lifestyle mentoring and mental health support.

Applications open until 20 February 2023.

Sport England Reopens Small Grants Programme

Funding to encourage communities to become more involved in sport and physical activity.

The Sport England Small Grants Programme aims to support local community sport projects that encourage people in England, regardless of age, background or level of ability, to feel able to get involved in sport and physical activity.

The deadline to apply is 30 June 2023.



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.