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Closing soon

20/01/23

Deadline Approaches for International Arts Touring and Environmental Responsibility Fund

20/01/23

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

25/01/23

Accelerating Trustworthy AI: IUK Launches Phase I Feasibility Study Competition

27/01/23

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

29/01/23

New Fund Launching for Racial Justice and Mental Health Projects

31/01/23

Amazon Literary Partnership Reopens for 2023

08/02/23

New Grants for Digital Projects to Tackle Problems in Vocational Learning

26/02/23

Community Action Fund Now Open to Applications

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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

Continuo Foundation Accepting Applications to Support Period Music Ensembles Across the UK

Period-instrument ensembles can apply for funding to carry out a range of creative projects that will bring live music to communities across the UK, particularly in communities that lack access to high-quality live music.

Grants of between £2,000 and £8,000 are available for professional ensembles playing period music and instruments to mobilise projects of outstanding artistic merit and create meaningful work for freelance period musicians, whilst engaging a wide range of audiences with historically informed live performances.

The deadline for applications is 6 February 2023.

International Programme Invites Applications for Sustainable Fashion and Textiles R&D Projects

Funding is available to design entrepreneurs and SMEs from UK and Official Development Assistance (ODA) countries to foster new ideas that will help shape the future of sustainable fashion, apparel and textiles.

Following a successful pilot programme in 2022, the next round of the New Landscapes: Catalyst Research & Development Grant Scheme is inviting applications.

The deadline for proposal submissions is 6 February 2023 (11.59pm).



Business & Enterprise

Creative Enterprise New Ideas Fund Reopens for Screen Businesses

Small seed funding is available for sole traders, start-ups and small businesses in England (outside of London) for their creative business ideas.

The New Ideas Fund is a bespoke Research and Innovation fund offering small grants for creative entrepreneurs and companies working in moving image industries with storytelling at the heart of their work.

Applications are currently being accepted until Friday 20 January 2023 (12pm).

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IUK Launches Final Round of Innovation Loans Future Economy Competition

UK SMEs can access loans that are affordable, patient and flexible for late stage innovation projects that have a clear route to commercial success.

Innovate UK (IUK) is offering loans to help micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) overcome barriers to their innovations becoming a successful, commercial reality. The aim is to make a considerable economic impact which results in significant, sustainable business growth.

Round Eight (the final round) is now open with a deadline for applications of 8 March 2023 (11am).



Communities - Urban & Rural Development

Biffa Awards

It's a special year for Biffa as it is celebrating its 25th anniversary! Since Biffa Award began, it has funded more than 3,000 projects and awarded a whopping £189 million!

If you've got a bigger project in mind, the Partnership Grants Scheme will open for applications in the spring.

Last year we expanded the areas in which we are able to fund so some sites that weren't eligible before may be eligible now.

31 January Deadline for Neighbourhood Planning Grant Applications

Local communities across England have until the end of January 2023 to submit their application for funding to develop a neighbourhood plan or neighbourhood development for financial year (2022/23).

The programme is particularly keen to help ambitious groups, from all types of neighbourhoods, who want to really influence how their place grows and changes going into the future.

The deadline for applications for this financial year (2022-23) is 5pm on 31 January 2023.

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Digital & Technology

Advancing Precision Medicine - New IUK Competition Now Open

UK businesses and research organisations can apply for grants to carry out projects focused on developing digital and data-enabled tools, as well as multi-modal approaches in precision medicine.

The competition is open to collaborations only. To lead a project, an organisation must be a UK registered business of any size or research and technology organisation (RTO). To collaborate with the lead, an organisation must be a business, academic institution, charity, not-for-profit, public sector organisation, or RTO. Applicants must be or involve at least one micro, small or medium-sized enterprise (SME).

The deadline for applications is Wednesday 8 March 2023 (11:00 GMT).

European Innovation Council (EIC) Calls Open for 2023

The Pathfinder, Transition and Accelerator strands of the EIC have all launched calls for applications to support all stages of innovation.

The European Innovation Council (EIC) has launched the majority of its calls under the 2023 Work Programme, unlocking millions of funding for Europe's most promising innovators.

Launch of IUK's Innovative Technologies for Intracellular Drug Delivery Competition

UK registered organisations can apply for grants to support innovation in intracellular drug delivery formulations.

Through this competition, Innovate UK (IUK) will invest in innovation projects to develop solutions in product formulations for intracellular drug delivery.

The deadline for applications is 22 February 2023 (11am).



Energy, Environment and Climate

Applications Open for Food for the Planet Grants

Funding for projects which create meaningful change to local food systems and promote climate justice in the UK.

As part of its wider Food for the Planet project, Sustain has reopened its small grants programme which aims to support communities to make food in their area better for people and planet.

The deadline to apply is 5pm on 10 February 2023.

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Energy Redress Scheme Reopens to Applications

Funding to support vulnerable consumers, promote innovation and the reduction of carbon emissions in the energy sector.

Organisations that have not yet registered with the scheme must do so 10 working days before the closure of the fund to allow time for eligibility checks to take place.

The deadline to apply is 5pm on 30 January 2023.

Net Zero Technology Centre Launches 2023 Open Innovation Programme

Funding is available for businesses from across the world to support technology-based solutions that will reduce offshore emissions, accelerate clean energy production, and help the UK reach net zero.

The Net Zero Technology Centre (NZTC) has launched its 2023 Open Innovation Programme aimed at developing and deploying data and digital technologies that will reduce offshore emissions, accelerate clean energy production, and enable delivery of the UK's net zero ambitions.

The deadline for applications is 17 February 2023.

Outreach Grants for Ecology Projects now Available

Funding to promote public understanding of the science of ecology.

The British Ecological Society (BES) has launched the latest round of its outreach funding programme for education and engagement activities in Great Britain.

The deadline to apply is 15 March 2023.

Smart Energy GB in Communities Fund Reopens for 2023

Funding to help engage people and communities across Britain with information about how to get and use smart meters.

Smart Energy GB, the national campaign for the smart meter rollout, launched the five-year Smart Energy GB in Communities Fund in May 2016 with the aim that every home in Britain would be offered a smart meter within five years at no additional cost.

The deadline to apply is 12noon on 10 February 2023.

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Health & Social Welfare

Cumbria Mental Health Emergency Welfare Fund

To provide one-off financial support (micro grants) to individuals with a known mental health diagnosis experiencing financial hardship. Grants should help them to engage with/attend appointments and community provisions that help improve the mental health and wellbeing OR relieve financial stress.

Referring organisations will be asked to provide quotes and feedback on the impact of the funding for the individual benefitting. Referrers should only refer individuals in who are well known to the referrer and who the referrer feels confident will spend the funds for the intended purpose.

DWP Launches Second Phase of Funding to Reduce Parental Conflict

Grants available to support innovative projects to reduce parental conflict in England.

The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) is offering £3.6 million through this second phase of the Challenge Fund to support innovative projects that gather learning on what works to reduce parental conflict.

Eligibility checks will be accepted until 8 February 2023.

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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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