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Closing soon

30/10/22

Co-op Community Fridge Fund

30/10/22

Hubbub Foundation Accepting Applications for Community Fridges

30/10/22

LGBT+ Consortium Seeking Applications from Small Groups

31/10/22

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

03/11/22

eBay UK Launches Circular Fashion Innovators Fund

07/11/22

Hubbub Foundation Offering Grants to Develop Community Food Hubs

11/11/22

Asda Foundation - UI8 Better Starts Grants

11/11/22

Government Launches LRF Innovation Fund to Support Data and Digital Technology

30/11/22

Castle Studies Trust Accepting Applications for Autumn 2022

30/11/22

Comic Relief Community Fund for England Announces Next Round

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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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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

Business Grants

Following the success of the Business Growth Grant pilot scheme, we have approved a new round of grant funding to support Small-and Medium Enterprises (SME) looking to occupy vacant properties within the City Centre.

This grant fund will provide up to £2,500 (£5,000 for particularly strong cases) for businesses occupying vacant space in Carlisle City Centre. The award of the grant is subject to an appraisal process.

New Round of Funding for Entrepreneurs Setting up Rural Firms

Funding is being offered to help entrepreneurs start new businesses in rural areas of the UK.

Forest Holidays has once again partnered with the Prince's Countryside Fund to launch a new round of the Rural Start-Up Fund. The aim is to support new business ventures in rural areas of the UK. The scheme is intended to help entrepreneurs overcome the challenges associated with setting up and working rurally.

The deadline for applications is Wednesday 9 November 2022 (12noon).



Communities - Urban & Rural Development

Applications Open for Community Gardens Award

Funding to support the development and expansion of gardening projects carried out by local communities.

Delivered by the National Garden Scheme, the Community Gardens Award provides grants of £500 to £5,000 for the creation of a garden or a similar project (such as an allotment) with horticultural focus for the benefit of the local community.

Applications are accepted until 31 January 2023.

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Education, Employment & Training

Applications Invited for Let Teachers SHINE Programme

Funding for practising teachers with innovative ideas to help disadvantaged children in the North of England succeed in school.

The Let Teachers SHINE competition aims to support innovative teaching that gets great results in English, maths and science with a focus on new ideas and fresh approaches.

The deadline to apply is 11.59pm on 16 January 2023.

Condition Improvement Fund 2023-24 Opens to Applications

Capital funding is available for academies, sixth-form colleges and non-diocesan voluntary aided (VA) schools in England to transform facilities, improve school buildings and create more good school places.

The Condition Improvement Fund (CIF) is provided by the Department for Education. The funding is intended to improve school buildings and expand academies and sixth-form colleges rated Good or Outstanding by Ofsted.

The deadline for applications is 7 December 2022 (12noon).

Education Trust Capacity Fund Opens Second Funding Round for 2022

An £86 million grants programme to support trust growth and development across England has opened a new application round.

The Trust Capacity Fund (TCaF) will award funding to support trust growth and development across England.

Applications for the second 2022-23 funding window are now open until the deadline of 16 December 2022.



Energy, Environment and Climate

Launch of £20m Green Home Finance Accelerator

The Government has launched a new fund to boost the choice of affordable green finance products for homeowners to help them reduce energy consumption.

The Green Home Finance Accelerator will provide grant funding to support UK finance providers and other organisations to design, develop and pilot a diverse range of innovative finance propositions which encourage domestic energy efficiency and low carbon heating retrofit.

The competition is open for Discovery Phase applications until 14 December 2022.

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€1m Global Change Award Addresses Fashion Industry's Environmental Impact

This global innovation challenge takes on one of the biggest challenges facing today's fashion industry - to create fashion for a growing population, while reducing its impact on the environment.

Fashion retailer H&M's Global Change Award aims to find, support and scale disruptive ideas that can protect the planet and turn the fashion and textile industry into a 'planet positive' one. The programme is supporting innovators who can transform fashion and change the way it is seen, worn, and made.

The deadline for applications is 8 December 2022.



Transport, Infrastructure & Communications

Commercialising Connected and Automated Mobility Supply Chain Competition Launched by IUK

UK registered organisations can access funding for projects to develop technologies and capabilities in the Connected and Automated Mobility (CAM) supply chain.

Through this competition, Innovate UK (IUK) will invest in projects to develop Connected and Automated Mobility (CAM) technologies, products and services into commercial offerings to exploit early and medium-term commercial markets in the UK and abroad.

The deadline for applications is 11 January 2023.

IUK Launches Railway Construction Innovation Phase I Competition

UK registered organisations can apply for grants for feasibility studies with projects to propose, deliver and demonstrate innovation in railway construction.

Through this competition, Innovate UK (IUK) is investing in projects to propose, deliver and demonstrate innovation in railway construction. The aim is to support initial feasibility studies outlining how applicants would deliver a demonstration of innovation in railway construction to the Global Centre of Rail Excellence (GCRE) site facility.

The deadline to apply is 14 December 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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