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Closing soon

17 September 2021

Prince's Countryside Fund Autumn 2021 Round

19 September

2021 Launch of Instagram Small Business Mentorship Programme

20 September 2021

New Round of Darwin Plus Projects Overseas Territories Environment and Climate Fund

21 September 2021

Further Grants for UK Theatre Workers Impacted by Covid Restrictions

26 September 2021

The Local Digital Fund Opens New Round

29 September 2021

Which? Invites UK Charities and Universities to Apply for Research Funding

30 September 2021

Future Fashion Factory Innovation Funding

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Money Saving Expert (MSE) Charity Opens for Second Round of 2021

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Arts, Culture & Heritage

Funding for Early Career Artists to Work in Partnership

Funding available to independent early career artists, curators and producers to connect, develop their practice and generate new ideas after the isolating impact of COVID-19. The deadline for applications is **12:00 BST on 4 October 2021**.

Film Hub North - Engine Fund

Funding and strategic support are available to film exhibitors in the North of England to help rebuild and grow their audiences. The deadline for applications is **31 December 2021**.

Further Grants for UK Theatre Workers Impacted by Covid Restrictions

Financial support is available for the UK's freelancer professional theatre workers who are struggling financially because the impact coronavirus pandemic has had on their industry. The deadline for applications is **Tuesday 21 September 2021 (12:00 BST)**.

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Business, Enterprise & Regeneration

A competition for innovative, early-stage UK tech start-ups has opened to new applications.

Rising Stars a competition for innovative, early-stage UK tech start-ups, with a prize package designed to take businesses to the next level. The deadline for receipt of applications is **20 October 2021**.

Aston Lark Road to Recovery: Back on Track Competition

A competition for UK registered businesses to win a cash prize to help their business recover and grow following the COVID-19 pandemic. Application deadline: **1 October 2021**.

Dairy Futures Loans

Loans for UK businesspeople with the determination and ability to succeed in dairy farming to a sustainable size of dairy enterprise as quickly as possible. Application deadline: None specified.

IUK Announces Healthy Ageing Challenge Competition - Designed for Ageing

Innovation funding is available for businesses and research organisations to carry out projects around healthy ageing in the UK. Applications are accepted **from 20 September 2021 until 17 November 2021 (11am)**.

UK Small Firms Encouraged to Enter Heroes of Net Zero Competition

Small businesses in the UK that commit to becoming net zero by 2050 can access support to grow their enterprise to the next level. The deadline for applications is **6 October 2021 (23.59 BST)**.

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Communities - Urban & Rural Development

Cumbria CVS funding news

Cumbria CVS funding update. If you want our help, advice and support in relation to funding for your not-for-profit organisation or group please contact Cumbria CVS by emailing: cvsfunding@cumbriacvs.org.uk If you do not have access to email, please call **01768 800 350**

Electricity North West Powering Our Communities Fund

This year's round of funding, which provides seed funding to support the development of community and local energy in the region, will be launched in **September**.

Faith Groups Have Until 7 October to Apply for Nearly £1m in Funding

Funding for local faith-based organisations as they work collaboratively to tackle social issues, including those arising from the impact of COVID-19 in the recovery efforts of communities across England. The deadline for applications is 23:50 on **Thursday, 7 October 2021**.



Children & Young People

Home Secretary Launches Fund to Tackle Online Child Sexual Abuse

Innovative tech firms from across the world can apply for funding to develop technologies to help keep children safe when using encrypted online messaging services. The deadline for applications to be submitted is **6 October 2021 (12:00 BST)**.

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Education, Employment & Training

Learning through Landscapes – Local School Nature Grants

Grants are available to provide outdoor learning training and equipment to schools and early years providers in England, Wales and Scotland.

Triangle Trust Accepting Applications for Young Offender Employment Projects

Funding for not-for-profit projects to help young people with criminal convictions secure meaningful employment in the UK. The deadline for applications is **noon on 26 October 2021**.

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Environment, Energy & Climate

A £100 million fund designed to help UK firms capitalise on offshore wind.

Funding is available to help UK businesses undertake projects leading to the commercialisation of products and services in the offshore wind sector. The deadline for applications is **29 October 2021 (5pm)**.

Build UK India - Industrial Net Zero

Funding and a programme of support are available to UK advanced digital technology startups to explore applications of their existing products and services with established Indian corporate partners that hold aspirations in leveraging digital technology, to optimise resource usage and processes. The deadline for applications is **23:59 BST on 10 October 2021**.

Industry of Future Programme (IFP): Industrial Sites Scoping Study Competition

This scheme aims to increase the range of options available to UK industry to enable them to decarbonise at a faster rate. In order to apply to the Scoping Study Competition, applicants must register by 23 September 2021 (12:00 BST). Applicants will then be asked to submit an online application by **14 October 2021 (12:00 BST)**.

MOREhedges

Financial support is available for farmers and landowners in the UK to help them plant more hedges. Application deadline: None specified.

MOREwoods

Financial support is available for farmers and landowners in the UK to help them plant more woodland on a large scale. Application deadline: None specified.

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£270m Green Heat Network Fund Launches in Spring 2022

Public, private and third sector organisations in England will be invited to apply for capital funding to help new and existing heat networks move to low and zero carbon technologies. The scheme will open for applications in **April 2022**. **It is anticipated to run until 2025**.

£9m for New Round of Air Quality Grants Programme

Capital grants are available to local authorities in England to support their air quality responsibilities. The 2021/22 deadline for applications is **8 October 2021**.

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Digital, Information & Technology

ITEA 4 EUREKA Cluster Programme for Software Innovation Open for Proposals

Support for large companies and SMEs to engage with research organisations to conduct innovative, industry-driven, pre-competitive R&D projects in the area of software innovation. Project Outlines for ITEA Call 8 must be submitted by the deadline on **16 November 2021 (5pm)**.

The Local Digital Fund Opens New Round

Funding available for local authorities in England to support digital innovation projects that will transform public services. Applications to Round 5 must be submitted by **26 September 2021 (11:59pm)**.



Health & Social Welfare

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Friends Provident Foundation – Developing a Fair Economy Grants Programme

Grants are available for charities, social enterprises, and private companies across the United Kingdom to support projects that seek to address systemic economic inequalities. The next deadline for applications is **5 October 2021** to be considered at a Trustee meeting in December 2021.

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Health & Social Welfare

Funding for Black and Minoritised Women's Organisations

Funding is available to voluntary and community organisations, led-by-and-for Black and minoritised women, that have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 to support their core costs and enable continued service delivery in England. The deadline for applications is **3pm on 1 October 2021**.

Government Launches Loneliness Engagement Fund to Support Target Groups in England

Grants available to charities or benevolent and philanthropic organisations in England who can engage with target groups at high risk of loneliness. The deadline for applications is **13 October 2021 (noon)**.

Sports & Recreation

CIMSPA ReTrain to Retain

100% funded training and support is available for sport and physical activity professionals and volunteers who have had to find work outside the sector or had their hours reduced during the Covid-19 pandemic. Application deadline: None specified

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Local Funders & 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](#)
- [My Funding Central](#)
- [Spacehive - Crowdfunding For Local Projects](#)
- [Sport England](#)
- [The National Lottery Community Fund](#)
- [The National Lottery Heritage Fund](#)
- [Turn2us](#)



Further support and resources

Grants and External Funding - information on grants and external funding news and resources

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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.