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**Arts, Culture & Heritage**

**Arts Council England National Lottery Projects Grants**

Grants are available for individual artists, community and cultural organisations to support arts, museums and libraries projects that engage people in England with arts and culture.

**Experienced Theatre Practitioners Early Playwriting Award Inviting Entries**

Funding is available to help nurture individuals in the UK who have worked in theatre for two years or more and are looking to further their ambitions and skill in the art and craft of playwriting.

**Business & Enterprise**

**UK Social Entrepreneur Development Programme Accepting Applications**

Funding and specialist support are available for UK social entrepreneurs to help them develop as social leaders, and to start up or grow their idea for a social venture.
Communities

Boost Drinks Offers Funding Opportunity for UK Community Groups

Funding is available to community groups in the United Kingdom to support them in delivering projects or activities that will facilitate change and benefit local people.

Calling all community buildings

The Fellfoot Forward scheme can support community buildings to change to a low carbon, sustainable way of life and focus on opportunities to retrofit and renovate in harmony with the environment, utilising renewable energy, choosing natural materials, and nurturing an ethos of reduce, reuse, repair and recycle.

Persimmon Community Champions Welcomes Applications for 2021 Awards

One-off grants are available for local community organisations and charities that have already secured matched funding for local community initiatives across England, Scotland and Wales.

Tesco Community Grants Open for Applications

Funding for local not-for-profit groups and organisations including charities, schools, hospices, and friends of groups, for local community projects with a focus on supporting children and families in the UK.

Children & Young People

BlueSpark Foundation

Grants are available for schools, community groups, clubs, societies or other organisations in England to improve the education and development of children and young people through educational, cultural, sporting and other activities.
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**Education, Employment & Training**

**Thomas Wall Trust - Charities Grant Programme**

Grants are available for registered charities for specific projects or core activities that support literacy, numeracy, digital and additional skills for learning that are likely to assist employment prospects.

**Environment and Climate**

**Funding for Charities in Great Britain that Support Vulnerable Energy Consumers**

Grants are available to charities in Great Britain for supporting energy consumers in vulnerable situations and for developing innovative products and services related to energy.

**Cruach Trust - funding to support gardeners, retired gardeners and the preservation of gardens**

Grants to charities and other organisations to support gardeners, retired gardeners and the preservation of gardens throughout the United Kingdom. Additionally, funding can support a wide range of activities.

**Health & Social Welfare**

**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.

**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.
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Homelessness & Housing

£3m Homelessness Winter Transformation Fund to Open in Early May
Grants are available for homelessness, faith, community and voluntary sector organisations in England to develop accommodation options that are self-contained, Covid-secure and dignified, to be ready for people sleeping rough by winter 2021/22.

Sports, Leisure & Tourism

Clubs in Crisis Fund Opens for Local Applications Across the UK
Small local grassroots sports clubs and organisations from across the UK can apply now for unrestricted grants of £2,021 to help support young people as the clubs start to recover from the effects of the latest lockdown.

Volleyball England Foundation
Grants are available to support Volleyball England-affiliated clubs. The Volleyball England Foundation aims to provide financial support to help develop, educate and promote the health of individuals and groups through volleyball. Until December 2021 the Foundation’s focus will be supporting the development of Sitting Volleyball.

Closing soon

7stars Foundation
Grants are available to support young people challenged by abuse and addiction, those who are young carers, and those who are homeless or without a safe place to call home. Closing date 30 April 2021.
Support & Resources

My Funding Central

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Local Funders
- Active Cumbria
- Carlisle City Council Grants
- Carlisle City Council 4 Business
- Cumbria County Council Community Grants
- Cumbria Community Foundation
- 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.