

Funding News: Thursday 24 June 2021



Arts, Culture & Heritage

Art Fund Weston Loan Programme Opens for 2021

Grants are available to museums and galleries to borrow works from national collections, encouraging the sharing of works more widely across the UK.

Applications should be submitted by Tuesday 17 August 2021.

Sony Launches 2022 World Photography Awards

These awards celebrate the best contemporary photography from the past year, giving exposure, visibility and opportunity to photographers worldwide on an annual basis. The Awards are free to enter and open to all photographers operating in the photographic industry across the world. **Application deadline is 30 November 2021.**



Business, Enterprise & Regeneration

Carlisle City Council 4 Business

Carlisle City Council is providing local businesses with free access to its local business support and grant portal provided by Open4Business. This is tailored for the Carlisle area and includes local, regional and national schemes.

Launch of £25,000 Business Boost Competition

Support is available to help entrepreneurs launch a new business or enable existing SMEs to bounce back from challenges posed by coronavirus. **The deadline to apply is Friday 17 September 2021.**

Launch of UK Infrastructure Bank

UK businesses will have billions of pounds available to them through this new finance facility to support local growth and tackle climate change. **There is no set deadline for applications for support.**

First Steps Enterprise Fund

A loan/grant funding package is available for small community-led charities and social enterprises based and working in England to help them grow their services and become more sustainable. First Steps Enterprise Fund is a £300,000 pilot fund to support community organisations that is managed by Social Enterprise Business on behalf of the Asda Foundation. **Application deadline: None specified.**

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Children, Young People & Families

Buttle UK - Chances for Children

Funding is available to enable vulnerable children and young people in the UK to overcome financial barriers preventing them from achieving their education, training or employment goals.

Applications may be submitted at any time.



Communities - Urban & Rural Development

IKEA and Lottery Fund Join Forces to Launch New £1.5m Fund for UK on 30 June

Grants are available for not-for-profit organisations including schools to help improve community spaces and deliver sustainable activities for communities in the UK. The 'Places Called Home' Fund aims to inspire and help people get more involved in their local community as a positive, homely place to be and meet other people.

The scheme will open for applications on Wednesday 30 June 2021. It will close upon either the receipt of 1,500 applications or Wednesday 14 July 2021, whichever comes first.

Fund to Help Reduce Loneliness in England Opens 28 June

Grants are available for small local voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations in England that are working to reduce loneliness and isolation by bringing people and communities together as the country recovers from the coronavirus pandemic.

The Local Connections Fund opens for applications on Monday 28 June 2021.

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Digital, Technology & Infrastructure

UK Fund for Digital Skills Initiatives Set to Launch

Funding is available to UK organisations for initiatives to build the confidence of people most impacted by the digital divide. Organisations must be registered, including registered charities, community interest companies, social enterprises, not-for-profits, private companies, community associations, FE colleges and public bodies. **The fund will open for applications on Tuesday 29 June 2021, and close at the deadline of Thursday 29 July 2021 (5pm).**



Education, Employment & Training

Grants Available for Further Education Professional Development

New pilot funding programme to improve professional development for the further education workforce through further education provider collaboration. **Applications must be submitted by the deadline of Friday 16 July 2021 (11:59pm).**

£18m Fund for Higher Technical Education Providers

Funding available to support capacity-building and readiness to deliver new approved Digital Higher Technical Qualifications. **Applications must be submitted by the deadline of Friday 9 July 2021 (11.59pm).**



Environment, Energy & Climate

Green Heat Network Fund (GHNF) Transition Scheme

Capital grants for public, private and third sector organisations in England to support the development of low and zero carbon heat networks. **The GHNF Transition Scheme will open for applications on Monday 5 July 2021. The deadline will be Thursday 12 August 2021 (12pm).**

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Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund (SHDF)

Registered UK providers of social housing will be able to bid for funding to improve the energy performance of their social homes. Applications for the first wave of funding will open in autumn 2021. Further information on the autumn bidding window will be published later this summer. Funded projects will be those delivered up to March 2023.

Support for England's Councils to Fund Energy Saving Measures in Low Income Households

Local authorities across England can apply for funding to help them install energy saving upgrades and low carbon heating in low-income households. **The deadline for applications is Wednesday 4 August 2021 (11.59pm).**



Health & Social Welfare

Comic Relief and Government Join Forces to Offer a Digital Fund for Domestic Abuse Charities

Funding for smaller, specialist organisations in England and Wales that support survivors and victims of domestic abuse and sexual violence, who are led 'by, with and for' communities facing racial inequality, disabled people or LGBTQ+ communities. **The deadline for applications is 12noon on Tuesday 20 July 2021.**

Princess Royal Respite Fund for Carers

Grants are available for unpaid carers for respite breaks and associated replacement care across the UK. **Application deadline: None specified**



Sports & Recreation

Support is still available from the Joint Sports Hardship Fund

The Carlisle Sports Hardship and Restart Fund helps local clubs to ensure that a return to sporting activity is as safe as possible for volunteers and participants. We will continue to prioritise not for profit sporting organisations which have reducing financial resources resulting in hardship due to the pandemic. **Sports clubs wanting to apply or to find out more about the funding scheme should contact Helen.Tickner@carlisle.gov.uk**

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Closing soon

30 June 2021

Local Authority Treescapes Fund -
Deadline Extended

30 June 2021

Launch of TikTok #BeYourOwnBoss
Entrepreneurship Competition

30 June 2021

Stop Loan Sharks Community Fund

30 June 2021

Toy Trust



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

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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.