

New funds since 25/06/2021

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<p>Community Ownership Fund</p>	<p>Up to £250,000</p>	<p>Opening soon</p>	<p>The UK government has launched a new £150 million Community Ownership Fund to help ensure that communities across England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland can support and continue benefiting from the local facilities, community assets and amenities most important to them.</p> <p>Community groups will be able to bid for up to £250,000 matched-funding to help them buy or take over local community assets at risk of being lost, to run as community-owned businesses. In exceptional cases, up to £1 million matched-funding will be available to help establish a community-owned sports club or help buy a sports grounds at risk of being lost without community intervention.</p> <p>The Community Ownership Fund will help ensure that important parts of the social fabric, such as pubs, sports clubs, theatres and post office buildings, can continue to play a central role in towns and villages across the UK. This will form part of the UK government’s levelling up agenda, helping support recovery and building opportunity, with funding weighted towards places where community assets can make the most difference.</p> <p>The first bidding round for the Community Ownership Fund will open soon. A date has not yet been announced.</p> <p>Bids will be accepted from all communities across the UK. In most circumstances, bids should be made from community and voluntary organisations with formal governance in place, such as a Community Trust. Bids may be considered from groups without formal governance, where there is a clear plan to set up community level governance to take over a facility – funding will be conditional on establishing a suitable governance structure.</p> <p>Local authorities including parish councils will not be eligible to bid. Parish councils may play a role in working with community groups looking to submit a bid.</p> <p>Projects could include community-owned sports clubs, sporting and leisure facilities, cinemas and theatres, music venues, museums, galleries, parks, pubs, post office buildings, and shops.</p> <p>Projects should be focused on place-based assets or amenities, which are important to the local community, build connections between people and foster a sense of pride in the local area – but are at risk of being lost without community intervention. There will be an emphasis on ensuring the asset or amenity can be sustainable in community ownership.</p> <p>Detailed guidance on eligibility criteria, how bids will be assessed and weighted, and how to develop a strong bid will be provided in the full bidding prospectus, due to be published soon.</p>

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<p>Places Called Home Fund</p>	<p>Up to £5,000</p>	<p>Open for a limited number of applications</p>	<p>Funding for small, local voluntary and community groups and organisations and schools to help improve community shared spaces and run activities that focus on sustainable living in the UK.</p> <p>The Places Called Home is a £1.5 million grants fund provided by the National Lottery Community Fund (NLCF) in partnership with Ikea Limited, the world's largest home furnishing retailer. The funders anticipate making a total of 300 awards for this pilot partnership programme.</p> <p>Grants of between £1,000 and £5,000 are available for projects that meet at least two of the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build on the relationships created during the COVID-19 pandemic to increase community activity and the number of people taking part. • Encourage people to work together, creating opportunities for communities to live in a sustainable and healthy way. • Raise awareness amongst the public of the importance of connected households, neighbourhoods and resilient communities. • Develop a new idea, activity or way to come together that has emerged in response to the pandemic. • Revive or redesign community and common spaces to encourage shared community activities. <p>The funding can pay for activities or items that will help to revive the community. These could be equipment or materials to renew the community's shared spaces or activities that focus on sustainable living. The grants can also pay for refurbishment costs, staff and training costs, transport, volunteer expenses and other related costs.</p> <p>The funding must be spent within nine months of the grant being awarded.</p>

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			<p>Applications will be accepted from registered charities, voluntary and community organisations, constituted groups or clubs, and other not-for-profit organisations. Schools can apply as long as their project benefits and involves the communities around the school.</p> <p>Priority will be given to groups who</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have not received funding from the NLCF before • Do not have a current NLCF award • Are smaller organisations or groups with an annual turnover of under £100,000 <p>Other organisations can apply but should consider the priorities listed above.</p> <p>Groups should not delay in applying as there is a very short window of application.</p> <p>The programme will close for applications upon the receipt of 1,500 applications or 14 July 2021, whichever comes first.</p> <p>https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/places-called-home</p>
<p>COVID-19 Response Funding for UK National Heritage Assets</p>		<p>Open</p>	<p>Funding is available to community and public sector organisations in the UK for projects to protect nationally important heritage assets that are at risk due to the impact of coronavirus (COVID-19).</p> <p>The £40 million COVID-19 Response Fund, distributed by the National Heritage Memorial Fund (NHMF), is open for applications. Applications will be accepted from charities, non-profit organisations and public sector organisations with responsibility for an asset of outstanding importance to the UK's national heritage which is at risk due to the impact of COVID-19.</p> <p>Funding is intended to support any heritage asset which may be at risk, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works of fine and decorative art. • Museum collections. • Archives. • Manuscripts. • Items of industrial, transport and maritime heritage. • Historic buildings and land. <p>Eligible costs and activities include:</p>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquisition/purchase costs, including associated professional fees. • Transport costs, including conservation standard handling and packing for collections or heavy lift/transport costs for large items/historic vehicles. • Interim storage costs and investment in new permanent storage capacity. • Urgent conservation work necessary due to COVID-19 impact and investment to resolve maintenance backlog/deficit; collection care costs. • Condition surveys, cataloguing, management and conservation planning. • Professional fees, including legal and other fees to support asset transfer. • Ownership transition costs; fixed term support to enable sustainable rehoming of heritage asset. • Organisational development costs to support asset transfer; skills development/capacity building; business review and business planning support. <p>There are no minimum or maximum levels of grant. However, NHMF operates as a fund of last resort - applicants must show that they have explored, or are exploring, all other possible sources of funding, including their own resources.</p> <p>Applications may be made at any time until the fund's final closing date of 30 April 2023.</p> <p>https://www.nhmf.org.uk/funding/covid-19-response-fund</p>
<p>One-off Funding to Protect Places of Worship in Scotland – Deadline Reminder</p>	<p>Up to £20,000</p>	<p>Open</p>	<p>The Scottish Government is providing this one-off £500,000 capital fund to ensure that everyone attending a place of worship feels safe and is not subjected to prejudice and hate crime. This includes but is not limited to criminal damage (vandalism, graffiti, wilful fire-raising), and threatening and abusive behaviour.</p> <p>Grants of up to £20,000 will pay for a maximum of three security measures to mitigate the risk from hate crime. These can include, but are not limited to, CCTV, security doors, alarms, fencing, video intercoms and improved lighting. The security measures should be installed within three months of receiving the grant</p> <p>Organisations should be applying on behalf of a Place of Worship in Scotland. Applications will be accepted for all faiths including Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Jewish, Muslim, Sikh, or other. Organisations do not need to be a charity to apply.</p> <p>The deadline for applications is 21 July 2021 (5pm) for decisions in late September 2021.</p> <p>https://www.impactfundingpartners.com/open-applications/hate-crime-security-fund</p>

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BBC Children in Need's Main Grants 2021 Programme	Over £10,000	Open	<p>After a six-month break, the BBC Children in Need Main Grants programme has reopened for applications for grants of over £10,000 to support projects for up to three years.</p> <p>Registered charities and not-for-profit organisations in the UK can apply if they are supporting children and young people of 18 years and under who are experiencing disadvantage through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Illness, distress, abuse or neglect. • Any kind of disability. • Behavioural or psychological difficulties. • Living in poverty or situations of deprivation. <p>The funding is for projects that make differences in children's lives that help prevent or overcome the effects of the disadvantages they face. Projects achieve these differences by either working directly with children or seeking to improve their social and physical environments.</p> <p>Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the funder has temporarily broadened the types of applications it is accepting. Currently funding is being offered that can be used more flexibly than usual.</p> <p>Applications are encouraged for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project delivery (including staffing and salary costs) • Creative solutions to deliver much needed services • Organisational costs to support stability and adaptation. (Including the day-to-day running costs of an organisation as opposed to specific project costs) <p>All applications will have to show how this funding will make a difference to children and young people's lives during this crisis.</p> <p>Applications are not limited to one specific project and a request can be made for organisational running costs. The funder is committed to supporting voluntary groups with these types of grants.</p> <p>The deadline for applications is 11:30 am on 23 August 2021 for decisions in late January 2022.</p> <p>https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/grants/apply/</p> <p>https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/</p>

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Conference and Event Hosting Fund for UK Charitable Organisations	Up to £15,000	Open	<p>Funding is available for UK not-for-profit organisations to hold business events and to showcase that the UK has adapted to new ways of meeting in a COVID-19 secure environment.</p> <p>Applications will be accepted from not-for-profit organisations, including associations and charities, based in the UK.</p> <p>The applicant organisation must have been in operation for at least one year and be hosting an event in the UK.</p> <p>The event can be live and include a virtual component. Support is for total attendees to the live element of a hybrid event. Applications are accepted for stand-alone events only.</p> <p>Financial support is based on the number of delegates attending a live event, or the live component of a hybrid event. The event organisation can apply for £30 per delegate (cash including VAT) attending an event.</p> <p>Support is available for events from 100 to 500 people, to a maximum value of £15,000 support.</p> <p>All activities need to take place by 17 December 2021 and evidence provided by 1 March 2022.</p> <p>Applications may be made at any time.</p> <p>https://www.visitbritain.org/domestic-support-fund</p>
Funding for Charitable Initiatives in Financial and Digital Empowerment	Up to £150,000	Open	<p>A new £1.8 million fund is open for applications.</p> <p>Funding is available to UK charitable organisations for projects to improve people's digital confidence, knowledge and skills to enable them to make more informed decisions about money and have access to financial services</p> <p>Applications will be accepted from charitable and social enterprise organisations with an annual income above £75,000.</p> <p>Applicants must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be based in the UK and working within one of the nations or regions. • Be a UK registered charity or Community Interest Company. • Have at least three unconnected Trustees, Directors or Management Committee members.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have a bank account in the organisation's name with at least two unconnected signatories. • Have been operating for at least 18 months and have at least one set of annual accounts. <p>Priority will be given to small and medium-sized organisations with an income of less than £2 million.</p> <p>The programme will provide 12 grants of up to a total of £150,000 per organisation.</p> <p>Grants are for a period of three years. Successful applicants may request differing amounts in each of the three years, with a minimum of £25,000 in any one year.</p> <p>The deadline for applications is 13 August 2021.</p> <p>https://www.santandersustainability.co.uk/the-santander-foundation</p>
Scottish Power Community Benefit COP26 Challenge	Up to £5,000	Open	<p>Scottish Power Renewables is inviting communities applying to our community benefit funds to bring forward Net Zero initiatives in order to showcase them and have a chance to win up to £5,000 of funding.</p> <p>This will be awarded to the best project so let them know about your innovative Net Zero ideas, who they will benefit and how you plan to deliver them.</p> <p>This may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • electric community vehicles • electric charging points • energy efficiency measures in community buildings • development of environmentally friendly community housing • community bikes or e-bikes • production and sale of sustainable local resources • recycling or waste reduction. <p>All competition applications to be submitted to the Community Liaison Team at communitybenefit@scottishpower.com</p> <p>Closing date: 31 August 2021</p>