



Funding Opportunities Newsletter

A roundup of current grant programmes, deadlines, and useful fundraising resources for community and voluntary organisations.

BVSC Grassroots Seed Grant

The BVSC Grassroots Seed Grant offers small grants of up to £500 to help grassroots and VCSE organisations in Bexley establish themselves, strengthen their foundations, and build long-term sustainability. The programme has a total fund of £20,000 and supports core organisational costs such as governance, administration, communications, volunteer support, and organisational development. Priority will be given to groups working with young people, older people, Global Majority and migrant communities, people with SEND, North Bexley residents, underserved communities, and Equity-led 'For and By' organisations. **Application Deadline :11 August 2026**

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The B&Q Foundation

The Radcliffe Trust Music Grant supports UK-based charities and not-for-profit organisations to fund classical music performance, training, composition, and music education projects, with a particular interest in youth orchestras and special-needs music activities. **Application Deadline: 31st July 2026**

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Black Culture Collective CIC

The Black Culture Collective CIC is currently inviting applications for several exciting funding opportunities to support Black arts, culture and creativity in Thamesmead. Through its Connected Communities programme, three grants of up to £3,000 are available for creative projects celebrating African and Caribbean arts and culture. In addition, organisations and community groups can apply for grants of up to £500 to deliver events and activities during Black History Month in October. The Young Creative Entrepreneur Commissions are also now open to young people aged up to 20 years old, providing support for emerging creative talent. These opportunities aim to celebrate Black culture, strengthen community connections, and support the next generation of creative leaders.

Application Deadline: 1pm on Monday 31st August 2026.

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Easyfundraising Online Fundraising Packs

Easyfundraising is offering a limited number of **250 free online fundraising packs** to help charities and community organisations generate unrestricted income.

Easyfundraising enables supporters, volunteers, staff and trustees to raise funds through their everyday online shopping. With over **8,000 retailers** involved – including Tesco, eBay, Booking.com, Trainline, Argos and M&S – participating retailers donate to your organisation at no extra cost to the shopper.

How to claim your free pack:

1. Register your organisation for free at: www.easyfundraising.org.uk/bexley
2. Select the option to schedule a call with the Easyfundraising team.
3. Following the call, you will receive your free fundraising pack and guidance on how to maximise fundraising opportunities.

Please note: Packs are available on a first-come, first-served basis and are limited to 250 organisations.

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Holiday Grants - The Henry Smith Charity

The Holiday Grants Programme offers one-off grants for schools, youth groups and non-profit organisations to take children aged 13 and under on recreational day trips or short residential trips. Groups supporting disabled children and those with limited funds are prioritised. **Application Deadline: 19th August 2026**

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Wildlife Trusts – Green Community Grants Programme

Grants of up to £25,000 are available for charities and community groups working on environmental and nature-based projects across England, Scotland and Wales. Funding is aimed at projects that support nature recovery, tackle climate change, improve access to green spaces, or encourage sustainable community activities. Eligible organisations must be not-for-profit, have an annual income between £10,000 and £1 million, and have been operating for at least 12 months.

Funding can support activities such as community gardening, habitat improvement, recycling projects, litter picking, beach cleans, outdoor education, and sustainable transport initiatives. Priority is given to smaller organisations, groups in disadvantaged communities, and organisations supporting marginalised people. There are multiple application rounds during 2026, with the next round opening from 24 June – 15 July 2026

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Drapers Charitable Fund Grants

This is from the Drapers' Charitable Fund to improve the quality of life and aspirations of people and communities, particularly those who are socially excluded or disadvantaged. Most grants support charities in the Greater London area. Priority is given organisations whose projects involved textiles and heritage, social welfare and education and young people. **No Deadline.**

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Groundwork Grassroots Grants

Groundwork is working with People's Postcode Lottery for the third year to deliver Grassroots Grants. Funding can be used for core organisational costs that support the important work organisations deliver in their communities. The funding offered is unrestricted and therefore flexible and can be used where it is most needed. Priority will be given to organisations that work with and support communities classed as marginalised or vulnerable. **Deadline: 30th September 2026**

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Friends Provident Foundation

Funding is available to support projects and organisations who are working to shape a fairer, more sustainable economy. The Friends Provident Foundation are looking for organisations that demonstrate strong strategic alignment, have an explicit focus on economic systems change, and offer a compelling, long-term vision. **Deadline: 30th September 2027**

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National Lottery Community Fund

The National Lottery Community Fund offers a wide range of funding opportunities to support charities, voluntary and community organisations at different stages of development. Grants range from £300 to £20 million, helping organisations deliver projects that strengthen communities, improve lives, and create lasting social impact across England. Programmes such as community projects that tackle climate and nature awareness through their [Environment](#) programme, their [Reaching Communities England](#) that provides funding for activities that bring people together, support those most in need, and help communities thrive. Organisations of all sizes are encouraged to explore the available opportunities and find the funding that best meets their needs & [STEP FORWARD](#) for grassroots groups from Global Majority and racially minoritised communities who continue to advocate and care for their communities, develop and grow their organisations and sustain and build on positive impact of their work.

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Resilience Grants Programme

The Resilience Grants Programme offers grants of up to £20,000 to help archive organisations develop sustainable solutions that strengthen their long-term resilience. The funding supports projects that enable archives to adapt to change, improve sustainability, and build organisational capacity. By investing in lasting solutions, the programme aims to help archives remain resilient, continue serving their communities, and contribute to local economic development.

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London Community Energy Fund (LCEF) – Round 9

The London Community Energy Fund (LCEF) has opened its ninth funding round, with up to £1.3 million available to support community energy projects across London.

Funding is available through three streams:

- Feasibility and Delivery grants are now open for applications until 11:59pm on 30 September 2026.
- Development grants will open in October 2026.

The fund supports community energy, clean energy, and energy efficiency projects, with up to 25% of each grant available for organisational core costs. Schools are particularly encouraged to apply in partnership with Community Energy Groups to support decarbonisation efforts and reduce energy costs.

Applicants must be registered on the Greater London Authority's [Open Project System \(OPS\)](#) before applying.

Do get in touch if you have any questions about LCEF at: CommunityEnergy@london.gov.uk

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BBC Children in Need Emergency Essentials Programme Reopens for Applications

This programme, delivered by Family Fund Business Services, supports children and young people who are facing exceptionally difficult circumstances with items that meet their most basic needs.

Applications must be completed by a registered referrer who is part of an organisation that is supporting the family or young person and capable of assessing their needs. The referrer's organisation should also be able to administer and supervise the grant on their behalf.

The programme can deliver or fund critical items such as:

- Cookers
- Furniture
- Kitchen equipment and small appliances
- Children's beds and bedding (including cots)

- Washing machines and tumble dryers
- Fridges, freezers and fridge-freezers
- Baby equipment
- Clothing for an emergency/crisis

The support is for children and young people under 18 years of age, who are UK or EU citizens normally resident in the UK, and whose family does not have access to support and insufficient resources to meet the child's needs.

There are no deadlines. Applications are processed usually within 10 working days.

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Funding to Support Partners of UK's Serving Personnel

The Supporting Partners Programme is provided by the Ministry of Defence (MOD)'s Armed Forces Families Fund (AF3) and managed by the Armed Forces Covenant Trust.

Registered charities, Community Interest Companies, Armed Forces units or bases, universities and colleges in the UK can apply for grants of between £10,000 and £150,000 for projects lasting for up to three years.

The funding is intended to provide solutions and support for partners of serving personnel, including reservists, to reduce the challenges that service life can sometimes present.

Projects needed to address one or more of the following outcomes:

- Partners of serving personnel have increased their skills and confidence through additional opportunities to explore new ways of working and/or to change careers.
- Partners of serving personnel, including non-UK nationals, are better able to access and engage with employment support that reflects the challenges of service life, such as mobility and separation.
- Service providers and employers demonstrate improved understanding of the unique challenges of service life, enabling more informed and effective support for partners of serving personnel.
- Improved mental health and wellbeing for partners of serving personnel, leading to increased confidence and greater empowerment in personal and career choices that work within service life.

Projects need to address the current, emerging and immediate needs of partners of serving personnel. They could be regional, national or serve armed forces communities based overseas. Projects should seek to remove barriers to participation and promote inclusivity.

The funding can be used for:

- Staff time to deliver the project.
- Volunteer costs and reasonable expenses.

- Reasonable travel costs, including to enable beneficiaries to take part.
- Session costs, materials and items to support the project such as art materials, supplies for a breakfast club, laptops or IT equipment to help with project delivery.
- Accessibility costs (interpreters, translation, accessible formats).
- Reasonable overheads which reflect the cost to the organisation of delivering the project.
- Partner costs for collaboration and knowledge-sharing.
- Evaluation and learning activities.

Applications are accepted from 15 June 2026 to 23 September 2026 (12 noon).

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London Green Roots Fund Round

The Greater London Authority (GLA) is accepting applications for the fourth funding round of the Green Roots Fund to support projects that create and improve green and blue infrastructure across London.

Not-for-profit, public and civil society organisations from across London can apply for grants of between £10,000 and £500,000 for projects that:

- Enhance blue and green spaces in London, making neighbourhoods healthier, more nature-rich, and climate-resilient, so that they are higher-quality and natural spaces are better connected.
- Include and involve Londoners in blue and green spaces, ensuring access to green and blue infrastructure and its benefits for all Londoners, so they feel welcome and comfortable in green, blue, and natural spaces. This also means involving diverse groups in management and decision-making.

The theme, 'Clean and Healthy Waterways,' is a fixed priority throughout the lifespan of the fund. Projects addressing this theme must demonstrate how their proposal will support the delivery of the forthcoming Clean and Healthy Waterways Plan.

From round three, the priority theme is for projects that focus on improving the green infrastructure associated with travel to accessing waterways. Examples could include:

- Greening and wayfinding along a route connecting an underground, tram, DLR, or overground station to a riverside or canal path.
- Greening and wayfinding along the road or cycle network to a lake or pond

Projects can fall into the following categories:

- Implementation work that focuses on activities that happen in a place to improve the physical space.
- Enabling work that focuses on supporting activities like research, design, and community engagement.

A total of £12 million will be available across five funding rounds between 2025 and 2027.

The deadline for Round Four is 14 January 2027 (14:00).

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Freelands Foundation: Learning Through Making Fund

The Freelands Foundation is offering grants of up to £25,000 for UK-based visual arts organisations to deliver creative education projects that engage people in hands-on making, experimentation, and material exploration. The fund supports innovative and collaborative projects that encourage learning through artistic practice, challenge traditional approaches to making, and provide opportunities that may not otherwise be possible.

Eligible applicants include charities, galleries, museums, local authority organisations, universities, CICs, and other organisations operating for public benefit. Funding can support staffing, freelance fees, materials, equipment, venue hire, transport, and project marketing. Projects must take place during 2027, and applications are open until 11 September 2026 (12 **noon**).

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Youth Endowment Fund Opens Grants Round on VAWG Prevention

The Youth Endowment Fund's Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) Prevention Programme forms part of a wider YEF programme of funding, evaluation and research over the next three years on what works to prevent and respond to VAWG.

This round focuses on the early stages of VAWG prevention through supporting the delivery of universal education on healthy and respectful relationships in state secondary schools (11–16 year olds). This is in alignment with 'Pillar 1: Prevention and Early Intervention' in the cross government strategy on VAWG, and the Department of Education's roll-out of the revised statutory Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) curriculum in September 2026.

Applicants must be a registered charity, company, statutory body or CIC and delivering interventions in England. Partnerships between organisations are welcomed.

Grants are at the discretion of the funders.

Applications are being invited under two main strands of delivery:

- Strand 1: Building secondary school capacity internally to deliver healthy relationships elements of RSHE provision, primarily through teacher training and support (but this may also include wider school approaches).
- Strand 2: Delivery of the healthy relationships elements of RSHE provision in schools by external specialist organisations or practitioners.

Across both strands applicants should have some prior experience of delivering the proposed project model. All projects must be delivered in England, and work with young people aged 11–16 in secondary school settings.

The delivery in schools is likely to start in September 2027 and must be finished by December 2028 at the latest.

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CoSTAR Emerge-AI Offers Support for Early-stage UK Creative Tech Firms

CoSTAR has opened applications for its Emerge-AI programme, delivered through the CoSTAR National Lab and supported by the Arts and Humanities Research Council. The programme is designed for early-stage UK-based AI start-ups and SMEs that are developing products or solutions for the creative industries, including film, TV, gaming and live performance. Applicants must have a working proof of concept, demonstrate AI as a core part of their offering, and be seeking business growth or investment within the next 12 months.

Running over three months, Emerge-AI helps participants move from prototype to market validation by refining their proposition, testing with potential customers, exploring commercial opportunities and presenting their ideas to members of the CoSTAR Network. Participants will also receive tailored workshops, one-to-one mentoring from industry experts, facilitated user testing and access to research facilities.

Successful applicants will receive a £5,000 stipend to support early-stage business costs, together with cloud credits to accelerate product development. The programme also provides commercialisation support covering intellectual property, routes to market and funding opportunities, culminating in a final pitch to CoSTAR Network members. Applicants must be UK-registered businesses with at least two people, with project activities and anticipated outcomes based within the UK.

The deadline for applications is 18 August 2026.

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Youth Endowment Fund Opens VAWG Prevention Grants Under Objective 2

The Youth Endowment Fund (YEF) has launched a new funding round under Objective 2 of its Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) Prevention Programme, focusing on early responses to inappropriate and problematic attitudes and behaviours around gender norms and relationships.

The current round forms part of YEF's wider three-year work on funding, evaluation and research into what works to prevent and respond to VAWG. Objective 2 is focused on secondary prevention, offering early, targeted support for children and young people who are beginning to show emerging concerns, before behaviours escalate to the point where statutory services such as children's social care, policing or youth justice are required.

Applications are open to registered charities, companies, statutory bodies and Community Interest Companies delivering interventions in England. Projects must support children and young people aged

10 to 18, or up to 19 in SEND settings, and be delivered primarily through schools, colleges or other educational settings. Some activity can take place in community or partner venues where there is a strong link to a school or college.

A maximum funding cap has not been set for this round. Support can cover staff and non-staff delivery costs directly related to delivery and participation in the evaluation, including training, materials, travel, venues, supervision, translation and reasonable overheads. Interventions should run over multiple sessions and be developed enough for a feasibility study or pilot evaluation, with an emerging Theory of Change. Applicants must be willing to engage with an independent evaluator, and partnerships are welcomed.

The deadline for applications is 2 September 2026 (09:00).

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Hinrichsen Foundation Accepting Applications for Second 2026 Funding Round

Grants of between £500 and £3,000 are available for charities and organisations across the UK to deliver music projects that focus on the performance, commissioning, or recording of contemporary music.

The Hinrichsen Foundation will support projects and activities that:

- Align with The Hinrichsen Foundation's values and objectives for contemporary and experimental music.
- Express a clear programme of activity and project timeline, parameters, and outputs
- Deliver high-quality projects for diverse audiences, prioritising the cultivation of less familiar and experimental music appreciation.
- Embrace artistic risks and diversity.
- Encourage thoughtful collaboration among composers, musicians, and project leads.
- Ensure fair payment for composers and musicians, particularly in larger organisations.
- Demonstrate the financial need and feasibility of the proposed project.

Applications that take artistic risks, promote diversity, consider sustainability, or are artist-led are encouraged.

The Foundation rarely supports projects where it is the sole funder. Applicants are expected to indicate another source of income, either secured or projected.

The deadline for applications is 1 September 2026 (10:00).

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Henry Smith Foundation's New 'Career Ready Fund'

Grants of £200,000 over four years (£50,000 per year) are available for charities and not-for-profit organisations supporting young people with learning disabilities into employment. The fund supports job coach-led careers education, meaningful work experience, and pathways into paid work. Eligible organisations must be UK-based, have an income of £3 million or less, and at least one year of audited or independently examined accounts.

Expression of Interest deadline: 2 September 2026 (5pm). Applicants must first complete the online eligibility checker.

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Continuo Foundation Grants

The **Continuo Foundation** is offering grants of **£2,000 to £6,000** to professional period-instrument ensembles in the UK. Funding supports high-quality performances, touring, recordings, and creative projects that provide opportunities for freelance musicians and increase access to live classical music. Projects funded through Round 12 must take place between **1 December 2026 and 31 May 2027**. Recent ensembles are encouraged to apply for concert and touring projects.

Application Deadline: 5 August 2026 (23:00).

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GSK Community Health Programme

The GSK Community Health Programme will support up to 10 small UK charities that are tackling health inequalities in their communities. Successful charities will receive £10,000 in unrestricted funding and a place on an online leadership development programme delivered by The King's Fund. The programme is aimed at charity leaders who want to strengthen their organisations and increase their impact on health outcomes.

Eligible charities must have an annual income between £20,000 and £150,000, be registered in the UK, and have been operating for at least one year. Applications are particularly encouraged from charities led by and supporting people from under-represented backgrounds, ethnic minority communities, disabled people, and LGBTQ+ communities.

Application deadline : 10 August 2026 (17:00)

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The Henry Smith Welcome for Newcomers Grant

The Henry Smith Foundation's Welcome for Newcomers Fund will provide 20 grants of £200,000 over three years to organisations and partnerships across the UK that support refugees, people seeking asylum, migrants, and individuals with no recourse to public funds. The fund offers flexible funding to help organisations meet their running costs while supporting newcomers to rebuild their lives, feel welcomed, and become active members of their local communities.

Funding is aimed at organisations with a strong track record of delivering specialist support such as immigration advice, housing and destitution support, healthcare, English language learning, and employment assistance. Applicants should also demonstrate how they promote social connections, foster a sense of belonging, and influence local systems to improve conditions for newcomers. Eligible applicants include registered charities, CIOs, and not-for-profit CICs with an asset lock. Expressions of Interest open on 15 July 2026 and close on 26 August 2026. Applicants must complete the Foundation's online eligibility checker before applying.

Application Deadline: Friday 16 October, 5pm

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The Schroder Charity Trust Funding for Vulnerable and Disadvantaged People

Grants of up to £5,000 are available to UK registered charities with an annual income between £150,000 and £1 million to support both core costs and project activities for up to one year. Funding is available for organisations working to improve opportunities and outcomes for children, young people, older people, young carers, people experiencing poverty, homelessness, social isolation, or involvement with the care or criminal justice systems.

Priority is given to charities that help disadvantaged children and young adults succeed in education and employment, and organisations that strengthen communities by supporting vulnerable people facing financial hardship, homelessness, isolation, or other barriers to wellbeing. Applicants must be able to demonstrate measurable outcomes and primarily operate in areas among the 20% most deprived communities in the UK.

Application Deadline: Friday 28 August 2026, 5pm

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LGBT+ Fund London

The LGBT+ Fund, in partnership with City Bridge Foundation, is offering grants of £2,000 to £20,000 per year for up to three years to LGBT+ organisations across London. The fund aims to strengthen services, community spaces, and support for LGBT+ people facing the greatest inequalities, particularly trans communities, Global Majority LGBT+ communities, LGBT+ people of faith, LGBTQIA+ women, and D/deaf, disabled, and neurodivergent LGBT+ people.

Funding can support both core and project costs and prioritises grassroots, volunteer-led, and under-resourced organisations. Eligible groups must have an annual income of £500,000 or less and have been supporting LGBT+ communities in London for at least one year.

Application deadline: 12 August 2026 (12 noon).

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ACE Mental Health Projects Fund

UK registered healthcare charities can apply for grants of up to £25,000 to support children and young people affected by Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), including those impacted by childhood sexual abuse, domestic violence, neglect, parental mental ill-health, or substance misuse. Funding is also available for specialist organisations supporting parents and families to address trauma, mental health challenges, and addiction, helping to break cycles of intergenerational harm.

Eligible charities must have an annual income below £20 million and at least five years of audited or independently examined accounts. Funding can support core costs or specific projects delivering evidence-based, trauma-informed interventions. **Expressions of Interest close on 31 August 2026 (5pm).**

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Innovate UK: Next Wave - Breakthrough Wave 1 Competition

Innovate UK is offering funding for UK-registered SMEs developing early-stage Createch innovations in the video games, advertising and marketing, film and TV, music, performing arts, and visual arts sectors. The competition aims to help businesses move innovations beyond proof of concept and support commercial growth in high-potential creative technology industries.

Projects can apply for funding towards industrial research with eligible project costs between £100,000 and £500,000. SMEs may apply individually or lead collaborative projects with businesses, universities, charities, CICs, and other partners.

Application Deadline: 11 August 2026 at 11:00am

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