



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.

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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.**

[More Information](#)

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**

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 .

[More Information](#)

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

[More Information](#)

Additional Resources

The National Council for Voluntary Organisations -NCVO have some great, free online tools and resources on setting up a new charitable organisation:

<https://www.ncvo.org.uk/help-and-guidance/setting-up/>

Useful Funding Links -[Directory of Social Change - Fundraising](#)

[External funding and grants for businesses | London Borough of Bexley](#)