

Funding Opportunities Newsletter

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

Wax Chandler's Award Programme for Small Charities

Deadline: 9 October 2026 12:00 Midday

The Wax Chandler's Award Programme for Small Charities is now open and offers an excellent opportunity for eligible small charities and community organisations to secure funding for their work. The Wax Chandlers' Charities Small Awards Programme for Bexley was created from a bequest by William Kendall and will only fund projects that enable the delivery of a specific new, improved, or extended charitable benefit to the community in Bexley. Organisations are encouraged to carefully review the funding guidelines before applying to ensure they meet the eligibility criteria and understand the fund's priorities.

[More Information](#)

BVSC Grassroots Development Grant Now Open

Deadline: 19 October 2026 12:00 Midday

Grants of up to £3,000 are available to help grassroots organisations strengthen their capacity, governance, sustainability, and volunteer engagement. Organisations with an annual turnover of under £100,000 can apply by participating in the development programme, which includes three core training sessions:

- Governance: Building Strong Foundations – 3 November 2026
- From Idea to Concept: Developing a Fundable Project – 18 & 19 November 2026
- Volunteer Management: Building a Volunteer Team – 3 December 2026

Applicants are strongly encouraged to read the guidance document before applying.

Thamesmead Community Grant Now Open

Deadline: 19 October 2026

The Thamesmead Community Grant is now live and open for applications. Eligible groups and organisations are encouraged to apply.

For more information and application details, please visit the link below:

[More Information](#)

Be Well Microgrants 2026

Deadline: 30 October 2026 6 pm

Applications are now open for the 2026 Be Well Microgrants. Grants of up to £800 are available to eligible Be Well organisations to support activities that improve health and wellbeing within local communities.

- [Be Well Microgrants Programme Guidance](#)
- Application Link: [Be Well Grant Application Form 2026](#)

If you have any questions about any of the above opportunities, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Alexandra Hever Email: alexandra.hever@citizensuk.org

The easyfundraising Impact Fund: £1,000 unrestricted grants

Deadline : 8 November 2026

The easyfundraising Impact Fund is back for a second round, with 15 unrestricted grants of £1,000 available to organisations in our network to apply for – that's double the amount awarded in the spring. Previous applicants may reapply, regardless of whether their earlier application was successful.

The fund is open to UK-based charities, sports clubs, schools, CICs, social enterprises, youth groups, churches and other not-for-profit organisations.

The application is quick and simple, with grants awarded to organisations that best explain how they would use the funding. As the grants are unrestricted, the £1,000 can be spent wherever it's needed most.

Apply now: www.easyfundraising.org.uk/bexley



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Cory's Community Fund – Grants of up to £7,500

Deadline :20 November 2026

Cory's Community Fund supports community projects that strengthen local communities and promote environmental sustainability. Funding is available for initiatives focused on environmental improvement, waste prevention and reuse, and developing skills in STEM, sustainability, recycling, waste management, and the River Thames. Organisations in eligible areas, including Bexley, can apply for grants of up to £7,500. Priority is given to projects that demonstrate strong community benefit and positive environmental impact.

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Music Growth Fund- Arts Council England will soon invite applications to the Music Growth Fund (MGF),

Deadline (Round two) : 15th October 2026

The Music Growth Fund provides grants of £1,000 to £100,000 to support the growth and sustainability of UK-based music organisations and businesses. Eligible applicants include music venues, festivals, promoters, record labels, studios, charities, CICs, and other music sector organisations. Funding can be used for organisational development, skills and capacity building, equipment, software, touring, programming, infrastructure improvements, and research and development activities that support growth, innovation, audience development, and long-term sustainability. Projects can be funded for up to three years, with multiple application rounds taking place throughout the year. Further information is available on the fund website.

[More Information](#)



Common Ground Award 2026-27

Deadline: 12 October 2026.

The Common Ground Award supports projects that strengthen social connections and cohesion between people from different backgrounds. Funding is available for organisations working to encourage social mixing, reduce prejudice and discrimination, or address community tensions. Grants range from £20,000 to £50,000 for individual organisations and £100,000 to £250,000 for consortium applications. Eligible applicants include charities, CICs, community benefit societies, and other voluntary and community organisations based in England with an annual income below £5 million. Funding can support both project delivery and capital costs, including improvements to community facilities and essential equipment.

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Community Radio Fund Accepting Applications for 2026-27 Funding Round

Deadline: 14 October 2026

The Community Radio Fund provides grants to support the sustainability and operation of Ofcom-licensed community radio stations in the UK. Funding is available through two streams: Equipment Grants of up to £2,000 for studio, transmission, and accessibility equipment, and Sustainability Grants of up to £100,000 to support roles or projects that strengthen a station's long-term viability, such as management, administration, volunteer coordination, and fundraising. Eligible community radio stations that are currently broadcasting may apply, with some multi-year sustainability awards also available.

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Churchill Fellowship 2027

Deadline: 20 October 2026

The Churchill Fellowship offers UK residents aged 18 and over funding to explore innovative approaches to tackling issues facing UK society through overseas research or online international learning. Fellows can receive funding to cover travel, living costs, visas, interpreters, and other associated expenses for projects linked to one of the programme's annual themes, including health, education, climate change, arts, community support, technology, and civic engagement. Around 120 Fellowships are awarded each year, with applications open to people from all backgrounds. The application deadline is for Fellowships beginning from August 2027. Further details are available on the Churchill Fellowship website

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London Communities Micro Grant Fund Deadline December 2026

Deadline: 14 December 2026

The London Communities Micro Grant Fund launched on 24 August 2026 and is now open for applications.

Please see the information below for details about the fund and share this opportunity within your networks. An online grant information workshop will be hosted by Groundwork London on Wednesday 9 September 2026, from 4:00pm to 5:30pm, for anyone interested in learning more about the fund.

There is also an Accessibility Fund of up to £500 per applicant available to support applications, including costs for BSL interpretation, translation or interpreting services, scribe support, and assistance with completing the application form.

For any enquiries about the London Communities Micro Grant Fund, please contact:  LondonCommunitiesMicroGrant@groundwork.org.uk  020 7239 1292

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Drapers Charitable Fund Grants

No Deadline.

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.

[More Information](#)

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

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

