

Community Funding Bulletin

June 2023 Edition



The Which? Fund

Discover Which? grantmaking support efforts to uncover and tackle the consumer harm facing diverse and disadvantaged communities.

The Which? Fund offers grants to support research projects aiming to improve understanding of the specific consumer harms experienced by diverse and disadvantaged communities, and to develop evidence-based solutions to tackle these harms.

The Which? Fund is now open to applications until 5pm, 18th September 2023. Please see below for details, including how to apply.

Which?

Which? funds specific, strategic projects, with the potential to benefit large numbers of people by changing policy, regulation or practice.

Which? offers funding to registered charities based in the UK, not-for-profit Community Interest Companies (CICs) and UK universities.

For more information and to apply, please visit [The Which? Fund - Which? Policy and insight](#)

The Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB) is delighted to announce that PEACEPLUS funding calls are now open!

The SEUPB are currently accepting applications to the following PEACEPLUS Investment Areas. Please click on the Investment Area you are interested in to find further information.



Investment Area 1.1 - Co-Designed Local Authority PEACEPLUS Action Plans
<https://www.seupb.eu/node/2619>

Investment Area 1.4 - Re-Imaging Communities
<https://www.seupb.eu/node/2623>

Investment Area 3.1 - Shared Learning Together Education Programme (Formal Education)
<https://www.seupb.eu/node/2621>

Investment Area 3.1 - Shared Learning Together Education Programme (Non-Formal Education)
<https://www.seupb.eu/node/2622>

Investment Area 3.2 - PEACEPLUS Youth Programme
<https://www.seupb.eu/node/2617>

Investment Area 3.2 - Quality and Impact Body for the PEACEPLUS Youth Programme
<https://www.seupb.eu/node/2618>

Investment Area 4.3 - Victims and Survivors
<https://www.seupb.eu/node/2620>

Application Support

Online support and guidance for completing your application is available on the new [PEACEPLUS Support Portal](#). This includes how-to guides and videos to help you throughout the application process.

If no call has been opened yet for the Investment Area you are interested in, please visit the Pre-Application support page. Before each PEACEPLUS funding call opens the SEUPB will hold a pre-application support workshop for each Investment Area. Recordings of these workshops and information on future workshops will be published in the Pre-Application section.

[Find our more about pre-application support](#)

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Read about our Funding Support Services here [Funding support and advice for community groups in Northern Ireland](#). — Supporting Communities



PHA Making Life Better Through Short Term Funding Programme 2023-2024

Community and voluntary groups are being encouraged to apply for a short-term funding programme that focuses on improving mental health and emotional wellbeing.

The Public Health Agency (PHA) scheme opens to applications on Wednesday 28th June 2023 and aims to address health and wellbeing needs in local communities. The funding programme will also support a range of strategic themes and priorities under the 'Making Life Better' public health framework, in particular mental health, emotional wellbeing, suicide prevention and self-harm.

- [The 'Making Life Better' \(Public health framework\) priorities](#)
- [Protect Life 2 - Suicide Prevention Strategy](#)
- Mental Health, Emotional Wellbeing, Suicide Prevention and Self-Harm

Fiona Teague, Head of Health and Social Wellbeing Improvement at PHA, said: "Community and voluntary organisations are most acutely aware of the issues that affect people on the ground and this short-term funding programme will give them the opportunity to address issues of mental health and emotional wellbeing specific to their communities.

"The PHA is keen to invest in programmes that will have a particular focus on using one or more of the 'Take 5' Steps to Wellbeing'. These are five simple steps that we can build into our daily lives to maintain and improve wellbeing – Connect, Be active, Keep learning, Give and Take Notice.

- [Take 5 steps to wellbeing](#)

"We are encouraging applicants to work collaboratively to develop innovative projects and most importantly involve local communities in project design."

The short-term funding programme provides the community and voluntary sector with the opportunity to access small, non-recurring funding which can be used to support health improvement in local communities.

The PHA has commissioned the Clear Project to facilitate this process in each Health and Social Care Trust area.

Brenda Morris, Manager of the Clear Project, said: "Short-term funding plays a vital role in supporting programmes within the community. This work can take a range of forms from self-help and life skills initiatives supporting those in need to giving groups the opportunity to develop and build their capacity to help others."



Two types of awards are available under the programme:

- **Award one:** Funding of up to £1,000 for non-constituted and constituted non-profit taking community/ voluntary sector groups.
- **Award two:** Funding of between £1,001 and to a maximum of £5,000 for constituted, non-profit taking community/ voluntary sector groups.

How do I apply, am I eligible?

To apply for the short-term funding opportunities for Western, Belfast, Northern, South-eastern and Southern Health and Social Care Trust areas, click on the link below.

1. [General Guidance](#)
2. [Guidelines for Completion of Application Form](#)
3. [Online Application Form](#) - (Please note - this is a Word version of the application form for your use only. The online application form needs to be completed).

Completed Application Forms:

Applicants are responsible for ensuring the application is submitted in a timely manner. The Clear Project assumes no legal liability or responsibility resulting from any information technology problems when submitting the application.

Please note: All data entered in the online application form will be saved once you click the 'Save & Submit' button. This can be retrieved by providing all the inputs in the search box popup that appears when the form is loading. (Please note - the link to this form should be live before close of play on Thursday 29th June).

The closing date for applications is Wednesday 26 July 2023 at 3pm

For further details please contact:

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Eat it Up Fund

The Eat it Up Fund is a new £200,000 fund provided by Starbucks (with the money coming from Starbucks 5p cup charge) in partnership with Hubbub Foundation UK, which is an environmental charity.

Objectives of Fund

This new grant fund is aimed at finding and supporting creative approaches to reducing food waste.

The fund will support UK registered organisations with an early-stage food waste project with potential for impact at scale.

The funding is for initiatives that do one or more of the following:

- Address pre-farmgate waste (the food production process, up to the point where the products have been harvested and prepared as produce for sale).
- Prevent food from being wasted at the manufacturing and processing stage.
- Minimise food waste from retailers.
- Find creative ways to use surplus food in communities or at home.

The fund can support ideas that are ready to test, or concepts that have been tested and are ready to progress further.

A total of £200,000 is available with grants of up to £40,000.

The grant must be used within one year of funding being awarded.

Who Can Apply

Applications will be accepted from any organisation that can prove they are an officially constituted body, registered in the UK.



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This includes:

- Registered charities, including charitable incorporated organisations and not for profit companies
- Social enterprises
- Community Interest Companies
- Schools, universities and colleges
- Local authorities
- Micro and small businesses with a clear social purpose (less than 50 employees and an annual turnover under £10 million)

Applications from a collaboration of organisations are welcomed as long as the lead organisation is one of the types of organisations listed above.

The fund's terms and conditions, frequently asked questions and Expression of Interest form can be found on the Eat it Up Fund website.

A Q&A webinar will be held on 3 July 2023 (10.30am to 11.15am). [Registration](#) is required for this Zoom session.

There is a two-stage application process.

- Stage one is to complete an Expression of Interest form. The deadline for Eols is 21 July 2023 (5pm).
- Stage two is only open to those organisations who are invited to apply. Full applications will be accepted from 14 August 2023 to 22 September 2023.

Successful applicants will be informed in October 2023 and the winners will be announced publicly at the end of 2023.

For more information and to apply, please visit [Eat It Up Fund | Hubbub x Starbucks](#)

The Community Ownership Fund Round 3

The Community Ownership Fund launched an updated prospectus on 12 May 2023. They have made positive changes to the Fund for future bidding windows. Changes to the design of the programme and the eligibility requirements are informed by applicant feedback, stakeholder engagement, and lessons learned from previous rounds. These changes are explained in the updated Community Ownership Fund prospectus.

Round 3 Window 1 will open on 31 May 2023 and will close at 11:59am on 12 July 2023.

Development support is now available to applicants via the [My Community website](#).

myCommunity

The Community Ownership Fund expression of interest (EOI) is open for applications.

For more information, please visit [New levelling up and community investments - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)



Migrant Help Community Hubs Grant Scheme

Background

The Community Hubs Grant Scheme is provided and administered by Migrant Help.

Founded in 1963, Migrant Help is a registered charity that supports asylum seekers, refugees, victims of human trafficking and modern slavery, and others affected by displacement and exploitation.

Objectives of Fund

The funding aims to support new and existing community hubs and drop-in services that increases support and access to local services for asylum seekers and refugees through:

- Supporting third sector organisations delivering non contracted services to asylum seekers and refugees.
- Encouraging community integration.
- Supporting the health and wellbeing of asylum seekers and refugees.
- Welcoming asylum seekers and refugees into communities around the UK .
- Providing support to organisations and projects which may struggle to find support elsewhere.

Two grants are available:

- **Small bridging grants of up to £2,000**
 - To help with things like short-term running costs whilst seeking further funding or to provide essential needs that cannot be met elsewhere. This may include essentials like covering unexpected increases in bills / venue hire, activity costs, material items or for costs of training and advertising.
- **Sustainability and start up grants of up to £5,000**
 - To help start a new hub in an area of high need or to invest in an existing hub, creating sustainability, such as equipment, training for staff and volunteers, support in advertising opportunities or identifying partners, hosting launch days and community events etc.

Who Can Apply

Applications will be accepted from:

- Registered organisations managing existing hubs.
- Constituted groups.
- Charities.
- Faith groups.
- Community Interest Companies (CICs)
- Not for profit organisations.
- Partnerships of not-for-profit organisations.

Priority will be given to individuals and organisations who have not previously received funding from Migrant Help.

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Have a bank account in the organisation's name.
- Have adequate insurance in place to deliver the service or project as well as relevant safeguarding procedures.

Restrictions

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Public sector organisations, such as the NHS, Police, Local Authority etc.
- Private sector organisations.
- Organisations currently in receipt of a community hub grant from Migrant Help.
- Organisations with a greater annual turnover than £5 million.
- Work that has already been carried out (retrospective funding).
- Activities and services that do not predominantly benefit asylum seekers, migrants, refugees, survivors of trafficking and modern slavery.
- Projects or services that should be statutory duty, ie, covered under mainstream government funding.
- Projects that promote political or religious beliefs.

Eligible Expenditure

The funding can be used for:

- Capital costs, such as equipment, furniture and materials, etc.
- Revenue costs, such as staff wages, venue hire costs.

There are no deadlines for applications; however, when the maximum funding available for each year has been distributed, the applications will close until the following round in the next year. The year runs from 1 April to 31 March the following calendar year.

Applications can be submitted at any time and will be assessed on a bi-monthly basis with deadlines to submit applications for each round.

There will be five funding rounds with the following application windows:

- 1 April to 31 May 2023 with a decision by 30 June 2023
- 1 June to 31 July 2023 with a decision by 31 August 2023
- 1 August to 30 September with a decision by 31 October 2023
- 1 October to 30 November with a decision by 31 December 2023
- 1 December to 31 January 2024 with a decision by 29 February 2024.

Only one application per organisation can be made in any single funding round.

For more information and to apply, please visit [Migrant Help Community Hubs Grant Application \(office.com\)](https://migranthelp.org.uk/community-hubs-grant-application)



The Henry Smith Charity - Holiday Grants for Children

The purpose of the Holiday Grants programme is to provide access to recreational trips or holidays for groups of children who experience disadvantage or who have disabilities. In particular we are interested in contributing to trips that would not take place without our funding.

Please note we have changed our approach to assessing safeguarding, please read the funding guidelines carefully and check our [Safeguarding](#) webpage to make sure your trip is eligible.

Key grant details

Grant size: £500 – £2,750

Length: One-off short grants

Decision timescale: 6 weeks

Deadlines: Submission dates vary depending when trips or holidays take place

Qualifying criteria

Please only apply for this grant if you meet the following criteria:

- Location of work: UK only, with priority to the 20% most deprived areas
- Funding covers: Short holidays and recreational trips
- Organisation type: Schools, youth groups, not for profit organisations and charities

For more information and to apply, please visit [Holiday Grants for Children - The Henry Smith Charity](#)



The
Henry Smith
Charity
founded in 1628

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award / Joint Award Initiative

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award/ Joint Award Initiative is supporting organisations who are interested in offering young people the opportunity to take part in the Award through a funding package which aims to give organisations the resources and skills to be able to deliver the Award.

We are the world's leading youth achievement Award, giving 14-24 year olds the opportunity to take on their own challenges, follow their passions, make a difference in their communities, and discover talents they never knew they had. Each young person builds their own Award programme – picking their own activities for the 4 sections of the Award:

- Volunteering,
- Physical,
- Skills and
- Expedition (with an additional Residential section at Gold) – to achieve a Bronze, Silver, or Gold Award.

Gaisce – The Irish President's Award and The Duke of Edinburgh's Award work in partnership through the Joint Award Initiative (JAI) to offer Award participants in Northern Ireland a choice of recognition for their achievements. On completion of their Award programme, they can choose a Duke of Edinburgh's Award, a Gaisce – The President's Award or a Duke of Edinburgh's International Award certificate.

Eligible voluntary and community organisations which do not currently offer the Award programme can access up to £10,250 of grant funding combined with support from a dedicated member of staff to help set up, launch, and deliver the Award programme.

Eligibility criteria includes but is not limited to:

- Organisations must be a not for profit/Voluntary, Community or Social Enterprise (VCS) Organisation. Types of eligible VCS organisations

would include:

- Charitable Companies, registered with Companies House and the Charity Commission.
- Community organisations who are Companies Limited by Guarantee (CLG) with no share capital and are registered with Companies House.
- Community Interest Companies (CICs) which are not conducted for private gain: any surplus or assets are used exclusively for the benefit of the community.
- Organisations with other governance structures should contact us to discuss their eligibility.
- Organisations must not have delivered the Award within the last 6 months.
- Organisations must have been established for at least one year.
- Organisations must be incorporated and registered with Companies House.
- Organisations must have appropriate minimum standards in place to adhere to DofE licencing requirements.
- The organisation is willing/able to contribute towards the reduced DofE licence fee (Year 1 will be fully covered by the grant, and 50% in year 2).



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For more information go to [Access Without Limits – community. Funding in Northern Ireland - The Duke of Edinburgh's Award \(dofe.org\)](#) or email Jim at jim.peacock@dofe.org.

If you are interested but don't currently meet eligibility criteria, please do get in touch to discuss how we could support young people in your organisation to take part in the Award.



Community Relations / Cultural Diversity Scheme is now open

If you are planning events for the forthcoming year, please feel free to [contact a member of our team](#) to discuss your proposals prior to submitting your application. We can give you advice on how to plan your work and to source additional funding, if required.

The scheme will continue to support a wide range of work and offer support and assistance whether you are a first-time applicant or have been supported in the past.

While we will be supporting projects through to 31 March 2024, **the closing date for all applications is 15 December 2023 at 4 PM.**

CR/CD Funding Details

- All projects in receipt of CR/CD funding must be completed within this financial year.
- Grants are up to £10K maximum and for project costs only.
- Average grant is £2K – £5K.

Aims of the CR/CD Scheme

The Community Relations Council, with the support of Government, has established a fund to spend each year on community relations projects. This funding is intended to help community/voluntary groups

throughout Northern Ireland develop their capacity to engage in community relations work and to enhance the community relations potential of projects they undertake.



If you have any questions or would like to discuss a proposal prior to submitting an application please [contact a member of the Funding and Development Programme](#) or phone 028 9022 7500.

T:BUC Requirement

Applicants are required to outline the outcome in Together: Building a United Community (T:BUC) to which the proposed project will contribute. [Read more about the T:BUC strategy.](#)

Eligibility Requirements

There are certain specific criteria you must adhere to when applying for funding: [Read about the CD/CR scheme criteria.](#)

Apply for the Scheme

Use the link below to apply: [Apply now for CR/CD Scheme](#)

National Lottery Arts and Older People Programme

The Arts & Older People Programme aims to strengthen the voice of older people and promote positive mental health and emotional wellbeing through the arts. The proposed projects should reflect the partnership approach with the target groups they plan to engage with and have the support from them in the delivery.

To ensure a strong advocacy message there will be an opportunity to showcase the projects funded throughout the year. Applicants should endeavour to build this into their project programme and budget.

Who can apply?

- The programme is aimed at constituted community and voluntary groups who are working at a local level to support older people and can demonstrate strong partnership working with older people groups.
- This programme is also open to non-governmental organisations, Local Authorities and arts organisations who can clearly demonstrate partnership working.
- We are looking for partnership or consortia-based projects. Partnerships can be led by either age sector providers, arts organisations or Local Authorities, however the consortium must be made up of appropriate representatives and demonstrate

a commitment to working together. Other specialists who work with older people may also be included as named partners in the consortium.



Who Cannot Apply?

- Individuals or sole traders
- Broadcasters (excluding community service broadcasters)
- Central Government Departments
- Organisations with statutory obligations to providing services for Older People
- Organisations in breach of any previously issued Arts Council award grant conditions.

How much can I apply for?

Grants from £1,000 to £10,000 are available

- [Arts & Older People Guidance Notes \(2023\)\(385.8 KB, PDF\)](#)
- [Arts & Older People Scoring Criteria \(2023\)\(175.0 KB, PDF\)](#)

For more information and to apply, please visit [National Lottery Arts and Older People Programme | Arts Council NI \(artscouncil-ni.org\)](#)



Micro Community Investment Fund

Fund Aims

The fund will provide valuable investment for community initiatives making a difference in towns and villages across Northern Ireland.

The fund will enable those organisations who are making the lives of others in their communities better, by improving their financial, physical, and mental wellbeing.

Criteria

You do not have to have a constitution to apply to this fund. We will discuss your project with you in advance of application if you do not have certain governance requirements for funding in place.

We want to support smaller, grassroots organisations delivering great work. For this reason, whilst groups with an income of up to £30,000 per annum are eligible to apply preference will be given to groups with an income of up to £10,000.

Community Investments available: Up to £2,000

Applications are sought to support both new and existing activities and projects that enhance the financial, physical and/or mental well being of people in communities. We will support new or existing community initiatives that have a particular focus on addressing the challenges people are facing around the rising cost of living.

Community projects should focus on improving at least one of the following:

- Financial wellbeing
- Physical wellbeing
- Mental wellbeing

Applications for funding within one or other of these themes could be to support:

- Projects promoting inclusion and belonging, particularly to enhance the physical and mental well being of the local community
- Projects that strengthen the capacity of individuals to engage with a range of available digital services in order to help manage their money in a digital age
- Projects that enhance people's financial knowledge through financial education programmes
- Projects promoting physical activity which uses the assets located within the area
- Projects that improve the ability of individuals to access mental health and wellbeing services either i) directly, through the provision of support or ii) indirectly, through education/awareness raising programmes
- Projects that encourage the active participation of individuals in their own mental wellbeing. Projects should aim to promote increased independence/resilience in relation to an individual's mental health



For more information and to apply, please visit [Micro Community Investment Fund - Community Foundation Northern Ireland \(communityfoundationni.org\)](https://communityfoundationni.org)



ONGOING FUNDING AVAILABLE

Community Grants Programme

The overall aim of the Halifax Foundation is:

To support charitable organisations within Northern Ireland to enable people, who are disadvantaged or with special needs, to participate actively in their communities.

The Foundation has two main target areas to which it seeks to allocate funds:

- Social and Community Needs
- Education and Training



Types of costs funded include - materials and equipment, contribution towards salary costs, overheads, transport costs, volunteer expenses, training/tutor costs, activity costs and refurbishment costs.

For more information and to apply, please visit [Funding Opportunities 2023 | Halifax Foundation NI](#)

The Foyle Foundation

Small Grants Scheme Guidelines

These guidelines were last updated on 8 March 2022. Guidelines and application forms are updated regularly throughout the year – please ensure you download the most recent guidelines to read through and to use the most recent application form links.

The Foundation understands that charities are now operating in different circumstances due to the pandemic. We are keen to be as flexible as can be in our support of small charities following this difficult and constantly changing period, while maintaining a focus on those who can demonstrate a clear (usually local) need for their services and financial viability over the twelve months from the date of their application.

Who Can Apply

Our Small Grants Scheme is designed to support charities registered and operating in the United Kingdom, especially those working at grass roots and local community level, in any field, across a wide range of activities. Please note we are not able to support individuals. School PTAs and Friend groups are not eligible to apply. We are unlikely to support newly set up charities without a track record.

Online applications can be accepted from charities that have an annual turnover of less than £150,000 per annum. Larger or national charities will normally not be considered under this scheme. We take into consideration your latest complete financial year, however, if you expect your turnover to exceed £150,000 in your current financial year, you are unlikely to be supported.

Please note that competition is intense; we receive many more applications than we are able to fund.

What the Foundation will Fund

Our focus will be to make one-year grants only, to cover core costs, projects, essential equipment or building projects.



Our priority will be to support local charities still active in their communities which are currently delivering services to the young, vulnerable, elderly, disadvantaged or the general community.

If applying for funding towards a capital project please apply towards the end of your fundraising campaign, when the majority of funding has been raised and you have an estimated start date for the works. We are unlikely to consider a request if the lease is less than 10 years. If your application is successful, the pledged grant offer is only valid for 12 months. Please note that the Foundation does not fund feasibility studies.

The Foyle Foundation does not fund religious activity or activities promoting religion. If applying from a religious organisation and/or place of worship we will expect to see a clear division in both your accounts and application between your religious and non-religious activity.

Applicants must show how any grant will make a significant difference to their current work.

How Much Can You Apply For

Charities can apply for between £2,000 and £10,000. Please note that if successful, the Trustees may award less than the amount requested.

When Can You Apply?

There are no deadlines - online applications can be submitted at any time. Once received, it will take up to four months, occasionally longer, to receive a decision from Trustees.

For more information and to apply, please visit [Small Grants Scheme - \(foylefoundation.org.uk\)](#)



Funding in Northern Ireland

The National Lottery Community Fund is the largest community funder in the UK. Each year we distribute millions of pounds of funding raised by National Lottery players to community groups and charitable projects across Northern Ireland.

Our priority is to keep money flowing to support communities across Northern Ireland.

We are here to help and want to talk to you about your ideas to support local communities. We have a range of open funding programmes and are happy to chat to you about these.

Contact us if you have an idea on 028 9055 1455 or at enquiries.ni@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk

National Lottery Awards for All Northern Ireland £300–£10,000

- Projects bringing local people together to make positive changes in their community.
- No deadline, so groups can apply any time.
- Applying is quick and simple.
- Applications welcome from constituted voluntary or community organisations, schools, and statutory bodies.
- If we funded you within the last two years, we may have to give priority to other groups that have not recently been funded through this programme.
- This funding is for projects that will run for 12 months or less

People and Communities £10,000–£500,000

- Project ideas should come from the community. Talk to the people you want to help and get them

involved in shaping and planning the project.

- Your project should make good use of the skills, knowledge, resources and energy of people within your community; making it stronger and ready for the future.
- Understand the need for your project and how it fits with the work of other organisations. Build relationships and work together on shared goals.
- Applications welcome from constituted voluntary or community organisations, and social enterprises.
- This funding is for projects that will run for between 1 and 5 years.



Empowering Young People £10,000–£500,000

- This funding is for projects that work with young people (8 – 25 years old), and which will run for between 1 and 5 years.
- Projects will help young people to: have the skills they need for the future; have better relationships with their support networks and communities; and/or have improved health and wellbeing.
- Young people must be involved in the planning and delivery of the project. They must be able to develop the skills to help themselves, and their support networks and communities need to be involved too.
- Applications welcome from constituted voluntary or community organisations, and social enterprises.

Apply here - [Funding in Northern Ireland | The National Lottery Community Fund \(tnlcommunityfund.org.uk\)](https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk)

Community Solutions to Housing and Homelessness

The programme supports the development, testing, and delivery of new ideas and collaborations. Addressing the root causes of housing issues and homelessness, by working with a range of organisations and giving voice to individuals with lived experience across Northern Ireland.

Expressions of interest are now open! We also have a number of online information workshops so you can find out more about the programme and ask your questions. [Sign up here.](#)

Expected outcomes:

- New collaborations emerge amongst organisations working on housing issues and homelessness
- New solutions to specific challenges within housing

and homelessness are developed and tested, placing the insights and voices of people with lived experience at the centre

- New opportunities to influence decision making and public services relating to housing and homelessness
- Enhanced knowledge and skills in creative problem solving for participating individuals and organisations

For more information please visit [Community Solutions to Housing and Homelessness - Community Foundation Northern Ireland \(communityfoundationni.org\)](https://www.communityfoundationni.org)



Grants for Northern Ireland

Before you apply

- Are you a charity or waiting to be called forward by the Charity Commission (have received a password) ?
- Do you produce annual accounts (if over one year old)?
- Do you have a written set of rules?
- Do you have a bank account in the name of the group which requires at least two unrelated signatories?
- Does your project fall within the criteria?

We accept requests for up to 3 years of funding when running costs are required. Preference is given to organisations seeking funding for projects which fall within the Foundation's target areas for giving which are:

- **core running costs**
- **volunteer out of pocket expenses**
- **education and training costs**
- **venue and travel costs**
- **one-off project costs**
- **small items of equipment (if part of a wider project)**

Trustees will continue to review the Foundation's grant making policy at regular intervals.

No grants are made to individuals, nor are grants made for capital building projects or for work that clearly falls



under statutory responsibility. Please see [What We Do Not Fund](#) for a complete list of our exclusions.

The size of grant varies, but we prefer to give smaller grants to a larger number of projects. Applications may be refused where we feel that the organisation concerned is already well funded or has large reserves. If your group is not a registered charity, you may apply for funding as long as the work you do is charitable in law.

The types of organisations / projects that we like to support

Those that are:

- trying to build and strengthen communities
- working in partnership with others
- carrying out trust building initiatives
- addressing previously unmet needs
- providing advice and support
- trying to change attitudes and broaden horizons

For more information, please visit [Grants for Northern Ireland - John Moores Foundation \(jmf.org.uk\)](http://jmf.org.uk)

BBC Children In Need

At BBC Children in Need, children and young people are at the heart of what we do. After the events of the last few years, we have developed a new charitable ambition and grantmaking strategy. This strategy focusses on our principles of:

- Sharing power with children and young people
- Acting flexibly
- Using our voice to build awareness and empathy around issues
- Building partnerships to bring communities and investors together

As part of this, we have made some significant changes to our grantmaking model:

- We will continue to offer project based funding, similarly to how we have in the past.
- We will be offering funding for core (organisational) costs as a separate grants stream.
- In spring 2023, we will launch a funding stream for smaller, emerging organisations. This stream is

aimed at organisations who may need greater support to access our funding.



Organisations will only be able to apply for one of these streams per year. Your organisation should choose which stream is most suitable to your work and we will provide more detailed information about them, over the coming months. We will also give more details about our funding priorities at a local and regional level.

Funding currently open for applications are -

- [Project Grants Funding Stream - Project Costs Funding Stream - BBC Children in Need](#)
- [Core Grants Funding Stream - Core \(Organisational\) Costs Funding Stream - BBC Children in Need](#)