

Community Funding Bulletin

March 2024 Edition



ASDA Foundation launch their second Grassroots Grant round for 2024

Asda Foundation's goal is to build resilient communities by empowering local groups to make a positive difference, addressing local challenges and social needs. We aim to achieve this by providing funding to local grassroots community groups to enable them to meet the diverse needs of their community and to help them thrive and grow.

The Empowering Local Communities (ELC) grant is one of three grants within our 'Grassroots Grants' programme, our broadest grant programme which aims to empower our Community Champions and grassroots groups to apply for what's important in local communities. It is designed to support a broad range of activities helping to transform communities and improve lives.



To apply, you must Contact your local Community Champion in your local ASDA store.

For more information, please visit [PowerPoint Presentation \(asdafoundation.org\)](#)

Applications open: 25th March to 24th May 2024*
Funding for activities & events up to the end of November 2024 Minimum Grant Value £400
Maximum Grant value £2,000

Education Authority release funding opportunities available for 2024/25

The Education Authority have released a number of funding opportunities available for 2024/25:

- Regional Project Funding - Provides support services to youth work organisations on key themes identified as needed for children and young people to include; supporting the educational attainment of children and young people, support for Section 75 groups and young people who live in rural areas.
- Regional Development Funding - Is available for the delivery of additional or enhanced key services identified as needed for example; development of research on key issues affecting young people and Small Grants Scheme.
- Area Based Funding - Is for EA registered local youth work organisations who directly deliver in communities across Northern Ireland including;
 - Centre-Based Youth Work
 - Area Based Youth Work
 - Outreach or Detached Youth Work

- Local Project Funding - Is for EA registered local youth work organisations who directly deliver youth work on key themes identified as needed for children and young people including; supporting educational attainment, support for Section 75 groups and young people who live in rural areas.
- Planned Intervention Programme - Is designed specifically to enable organisations to work with young people in interface areas and areas where there is the potential of heightened social unrest during the period of the 1st June 2024 to the 7th of November 2024, particularly on weekends, evenings and during the traditional times of community events. It seeks to provide positive alternatives for young people at risk of becoming involved in anti-social behaviour, sectarianism and recruitment from paramilitary gangs, and to address heightened inter and intra community tension around interfaces.



For more information and to apply, please visit [Funding – EANI Funding](#)

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



The Fore's Funding Programme Opens for Summer Registration

The Fore offers unrestricted funding to small charities across the UK that are making a big impact and who want to significantly grow, strengthen, become more efficient or resilient. The national funding programme is open to any sector and region within the UK with particular interest in grassroots organisations working with underserved communities.

Unrestricted grants of up to £30,000 spread over one to three years are available. In addition, non-financial support such as access to a network of skilled, pro-bono volunteers, online training workshops and seminars are available to successful charities for life.

The unrestricted funding can be used for any purpose, including core costs and capital funding as long as the grants will help strengthen the organisation internally and help it to take the next step forwards in its growth or sustainability. Applications for core costs must show how the funding will move the organisation forward rather than enabling 'business as usual'.

Applications will be considered from UK registered charities, community interest companies, charitable incorporated organisations and community benefit societies with less than £500,000 annual income in the previous completed financial year. Applications will be accepted from anywhere in the UK.

To apply for funding, organisations must first register

some basic contact details at the start of the funding round. Once their place on the funding round has been confirmed by email, they have three to four weeks to submit an application. Only organisations that have registered with the Fore and are allocated a place may submit an application for the specific funding round.

This is a very competitive process, and The Fore reports that one-third of applicants will get through to the 'ideas testing' phase.

There are three funding rounds per year (Spring, Summer and Autumn) which open for registration for one week only.

The Summer funding round will open for registration at 12pm (midday) on 28 March 2024 and close at 12pm (midday) on 4 April 2024.

For more information and to apply, please visit [Home - The Fore](#)



PEACEPLUS Investment Area 1.3- Building Positive Relations, is now open

Applications are invited for projects which will promote good relations characterised by respect, where cultural diversity is celebrated and people can live, learn and socialise together, free from prejudice, hate and intolerance. Supported projects will enable individuals and communities to collaborate across a broad range of areas of mutual interest, such as parenting, arts and culture, sport, education, and social innovation/enterprise.

The programme area aims to increase in the percentage of the programme area population which has relationships with and as such a greater understanding of those from different cultural backgrounds.



Special EU Programmes Body
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Boord O Owre Ocht UE Projecks

The call will be open for 12 weeks, with a closing date of **13th June 2024**. Pre application support for potential applicants is available on the SEUPB website, along with the call document. More information and details on how to apply can be found below:

<https://www.seupb.eu/peaceplus/overview/themes-and-investment-areas/theme-1/13-building-positive-relations/investment>



Call 2 Revenue Grant and Civic Representative Grant 2024/25

Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council is offering financial assistance to eligible groups in the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector for the period 1 July 2024 - 31 March 2025 for:-

- Running costs (for eligible organisations)
- Programmes
- Events

Funding is available through the following grant programmes:

- Community Grants
- Arts, Culture and Events Grants
- Good Relations Grants

Applications are open from 9.00am on Monday 25 March until 12 noon on Friday 26 April 2024.

Civic Representative Grant will be opening for eligible organisations/ individuals for funding from date of Letter of Offer until 31 March 2025.



**Armagh City
Banbridge
& Craigavon**
Borough Council

Applications are open from Monday 8 April 2024 until 12 noon Friday 7 February 2025.

Further information including details of how to apply can be found at [Funding Hub | Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council \(armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk\)](https://armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk)

Groups also wishing to be notified of future funding opportunities and other relevant information should request their details be added to the Council database by emailing fap@armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk Initial queries should be directed to Valerie Armstrong on 07515 607480

Evishagaran and Craiggore Community Benefit Fund

The Evishagaran and Craiggore Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund was established in 2022 by the ERG Group.

The fund's aim is to provide financial support towards the development of locally-beneficial community-based projects and initiatives within a 7km radius of Evishagaran and Craiggore wind farms, Dungiven. Applications are invited from charities and community organisations based within a 7km radius of the Evishagaran and Craiggore wind farm sites.

- [Evishgaran Map](#)
- [Craiggore Map](#)

Applicants can apply for financial support for any one or more of the following purposes:

- The advancement of education; and/or
- The advancement of environmental protection or improvement; and/or
- Projects for environmental and/or biodiversity benefit; and/or
- Improving the health of residents; and/or
- Promoting care & support of vulnerable people; and/or
- Promoting recreational or sporting activities; and/or
- The advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science; and/or
- Improving or maintaining community buildings or facilities; and/or
- Social and local community development; and/or
- The promotion of culture and knowledge; and/or
- Support for young people and sports; and/or
- Promoting ERG's culture and sustainability of

renewable energies; and/or

- Supporting social development leveraging on ERG's business activities; and/or
- Supporting the "call of ideas" for the innovation in the nearby areas; and/or
- Education in relation to sustainability, the development of renewables, and the fight against climate change

The logo for The Community Foundation Northern Ireland, featuring a stylized blue 'e' and the text 'The Community Foundation Northern Ireland'.

Priority will be given to:

- Education programmes for the next generation on the topics of Sustainability and Renewable Energy
- Collaborative projects
- Projects that aim to improve the health of residents, particularly mental health
- Projects that promote care & support of vulnerable people, particularly relating to the cost of living/fuel poverty

Amount of funding available:

- There will be two elements to this fund;
- Micro grants of up to £4,000 for small projects
 - Strategic grants of up to £10,000 for larger scale strategic partnership projects, with one lead applicant (We anticipate supporting up to 2 of these grants)

Closing date - 23rd April 2024 1pm.

For more information, please visit [Evishagaran and Craiggore Community Benefit Fund - Community Foundation Northern Ireland \(communityfoundationni.org\)](https://communityfoundationni.org)



2024 Partnership Grants Scheme is now open

Biffa Awards are currently accepting Expressions of Interest for up to £1,000,000 to the 2024 Partnership Grants Scheme. Applications can now be submitted for both the Built Environment and Natural Environment themes.



Building communities. Transforming lives.

Partnership Grants Scheme Overview

Built Environment projects should restore, modernise and/or improve facilities such as cultural, heritage or visitor centres. The facility should be inclusive and promote learning, curiosity, and participation to large numbers of visitors on a national scale.

Natural Environment projects should restore and/or improve the environment and the natural systems or habitats that support it. Projects should be working to Biodiversity 2020: A Strategy for England's Wildlife and Ecosystem Services, its predecessor, or a Local Biodiversity Action Plan.

Your application should also consider environmental sustainability to mitigate the impact your project will have both during project delivery and after funded works are completed. You may consider employing local trades people, using sustainable materials, recycling existing components, reducing energy consumption or reducing carbon footprint.

If you are interested in submitting an application, please read our [Guidance Notes](#).

Expression of Interest submission deadline date:
Noon 31 May 2024

Outcome of Expression of Interest submission: July 2024.

Outcome of Full Application submission (if invited forward): November 2024

Preference will be given to projects:

- Where Biffa Award is recognised as the majority funder
- That work in partnership with other organisations
- Which engage with the public

General Criteria

- The project must be eligible for registration with the scheme regulator, [Entrust](#)
- The organisation must be a fully constituted, charitable or not for profit organisation with no share capital. Unfortunately, local authorities, hospices, hospitals, day-care centres, rehabilitation units, residential care facilities, and schools are not eligible to make an application. Village halls and community centres are not eligible to make an application for funding through the Partnership Grant scheme.
- Applications must be for between £250,000 – £1,000,000

- The project site must be located within 15 miles of a significant Biffa operation or active Biffa landfill site (check your project's postcode using the Postcode Checker below)
- Each project site must also be within 10 miles of any licensed landfill site. To find your nearest landfill site, telephone the regulator Entrust on: 01926 488300
- If the organisation does not own the project site, a fully signed lease with at least **25 years** remaining must be in place for **Built Environment** applications
- There must be a **minimum of 104 days of full public access** to the project per year
- Any Biffa Award grant must be used for site-based improvement work, not for movable equipment, staff core costs or storage facilities
- Biffa Award is unable to fund requests to help an existing facility meet the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act
- Biffa Award is unable to fund retrospectively, so you should only apply for funding for work that will take place in the future
- All shortfall funding must be secured
- Planning permission must be in place, if it is required
- The project must not cross the two themes

Specifically for Natural Environment projects:

- Projects must be working to [Biodiversity 2020](#): A Strategy for England's Wildlife and Ecosystem Services, its successor, or a Local Biodiversity Action Plan target. See [25 year environment plan](#)
- If you are not the landowner you must have a signed landowner agreement in place agreeing to access for maintenance, surveying and monitoring for a period of not less than 25 years
- Research is not eligible
- There must be a comprehensive management plan in place for the key species/habitat(s) involved for each site
- Biffa Award will not fund habitat improvement work on any land which the applicant intends to sell for biodiversity units.

If you are interested in applying for Partnership Grants Scheme funding, please read our [Guidance Notes](#)

For more information and to check eligibility, please visit [Partnership Grants Scheme - Biffa Award \(biffa-award.org\)](#)



Tesco and The Sun Offer 150 One-off Grants Through the Footie for All Fund

Tesco and the newspaper, The Sun, have joined together for a second year to provide a total of £150,000 to encourage more children and young people to take up football or improve access to the game.

The grants are part of The Sun's Footie for All campaign to highlight how financial struggles are forcing young people to give up football. The funding is designed to provide support to grassroots football organisations working with children under the age of 18 to enable them to continue to deliver activities that allow local young people to take part.

Constituted not-for-profit grassroots football clubs from across the UK can apply for grants of up to £1,000 which will support 100% of project costs.

The funding can be used to assist clubs in improving facilities, purchasing equipment and new kits, and meeting any other needs that can enhance the experience of children and young people, enabling them to access and participate in football within the

local community.

Applications will not be accepted from schools, projects that work with people over 18 years of age, school breakfast clubs, health bodies or parish and town councils.

Only one application per organisation will be accepted.

The Footie for All Fund is being managed by Groundwork UK which manages Tesco's grant-giving programme.

The deadline for applications is 30 April 2024 (midnight).

For more information, please visit [Footie for All \(tescostrongerstarts.org.uk\)](https://tescostrongerstarts.org.uk)



Ulster Wildlife & the Energy Saving Trust Foundation

Ulster Wildlife is delighted to be working with the Energy Saving Trust Foundation on their new round of funding for organisations working with children and young people in Northern Ireland.

The funding will support organisations working with children and young people to deliver [Sustainable Youth](#), (Environment and Sustainability Curriculum model developed by Ulster Wildlife on behalf of the Education Authority Youth Service). Sustainable Youth provides a framework for youth led social action projects that address environmental issues. It is therefore ideal for supporting children and young people to take action on climate change.

Interested organisations should visit the [Energy Saving Trust Foundation's website](#) to read more about the funding criteria and to submit an Expression of Interest.

- Applications for Expressions of Interest are open until **12th April**.
- Shortlisted organisations will then be invited to submit a full application by **10th May**.

- Decisions will be made on **27th June**.

To be eligible to apply you must be an organisation working with children and young people in Northern Ireland and have a turnover of under £1m in your last financial year.

Successful organisations must also commit to a one-day training in the Sustainable Youth model provided by Ulster Wildlife.

Funding is for two years and organisations can apply for up to a maximum of £20k a year (**£40k in total**). Applications at all funding levels are encouraged.

If you have any questions about these grants, please contact **Lindsay Marsden** (Head of EST Foundation) at lindsay.marsden@est.org.uk

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Community Services Project Development Grants

Grants are available to voluntary and community organisations in Fermanagh and Omagh to help identify local need and/or further develop community project ideas.

Background

The Community Services Project Development grants programme is provided and administered by Fermanagh and Omagh District Council.

Objectives of Fund

The funding is intended to build community capacity and create positive change, promoting social inclusion and fostering collaboration with other local, county or regional groups or agencies.

Value Notes

Grants of up to £2,000 are available, to fund up to 75% of total project costs.

Match Funding Restrictions

Applicants are required to provide at least 25% of their total project costs from other sources.

Who Can Apply

Applications are accepted from voluntary and



Fermanagh & Omagh
District Council
Comhairle Ceantair
Fhear Manach agus na hÓmaí

community organisations located in the Fermanagh and Omagh district.

Where an application relates to a capital project, the group must own or have a long-term lease on the property.

Eligible Expenditure

The funding can support costs including the creation of:

- Action plans.
- Feasibility studies.
- Economic appraisals.
- Technical drawings.

Projects must align with the Fermanagh Omagh 2030 Community Plan and other relevant policies or strategies.

For more information please visit [FODC \(submit.com\)](https://submit.com)

7Stars Foundation Accepting Applications for Second 2024 Funding Round

Through its Arts and Mental Health Programme, the Baring Foundation is making available grants of between £20,000 and £50,000 for work seeking to achieve improved or equal representation of men joining mixed-gender creative activities, or for men-only creative projects.

The Baring Foundation has recently published a new report, *Creatively Minded Men*, which has helped inform their current funding round.

The purpose of the 2024 call is to fund activity to redress the under-representation of male participants in participatory creative activities in the UK for people with mental health problems and to learn what works in this regard.

There is particular interest in intersectionality, meaning that men are not a homogenous group but differ in a large variety of ways including through age, racial background, sexual orientation, disability status, and class and the way in which multiple discrimination and disadvantage impacts participation. Some men will define as Trans. Priority will be given to work that encourages men who are least likely otherwise to attend.

A total of £1 million is available for this round with grants of between £20,000 and £50,000. Projects

should take place over at least one year, and preferably two or more years.

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Be an established arts organisation of any kind (including museums) operating in the UK. This could be a charity or a regulated social enterprise, such as a Community Interest Company.
- Have delivered creative opportunities to people with mental health problems for at least two years.
- Have had an annual income of over £75,000 for the last two years.

Applications are currently being accepted with a deadline of 23 April 2024 (noon).

For more information, please visit [Current funding opportunities - The Baring Foundation](#)



Large Capital Grant - 2024/25

The purpose of the Large Capital Project Fund is to enable high quality capital projects that could bring significant benefit to the Borough to be delivered where a relatively small percentage of the overall funding is required. It is inevitable that a guidance manual cannot cover every single aspect of funding therefore potential applicants are encouraged to discuss individual applications with a relevant Council officer if they are uncertain about their eligibility.

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The guidance document sets out details of the funding programme and describes the process for making applications and details of how they will be assessed. Groups who read this manual are likely to be in a better position to make a good application than those who do not.

Please note the change within the Large Capital



Grant that you **MUST NOT SUBMIT** your application until you have uploaded **ALL** your Essential documentation within the Guidance Manual.

All applications with all accompanying paperwork must be submitted by **12 noon on Friday 8 November 2024**

The initial point of contact for financial assistance is as follows:

Tel: Valerie Armstrong on 07515607480
Email: fap@armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk

Funding size: £2,501 - £20,000
Suitable for: Eligible organisations as detailed within the Guidance Manual
Deadline: 8th November 2024 at noon GMT

For more information, please visit [Large Capital Grant - 2024/25 | Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon](#)

Small Capital Grant-Call 1 2024/25

The purpose of the Small Scale Capital Project Fund is to enable small high quality capital projects that could bring significant benefit to the Borough to be delivered where only a proportion of the overall funding is required.

It is inevitable that a guidance manual cannot cover every single aspect of funding therefore potential applicants are encouraged to discuss individual applications with a relevant Council officer if they are uncertain about their eligibility.

The guidance document sets out details of the funding programme and describes the process for making applications and details of how they will be assessed. Groups who read this manual are likely to be in a better position to make a good application than those who do not.

The first point of contact for queries is Valerie Armstrong on 07515 607480 or by email fap@armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk

[Click here for the guidance manual for Small Capital Grants.](#)

Funding size: Up to £2,500
Suitable for: Eligible organisations as detailed in the guidance manual.
Deadline: 12/04/24 at noon GMT

For more information, please visit [Small Capital Grant -Call 1 2024/25 | Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council \(armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk\)](#)



Ulster-Scots Agency Opens Community Festivals

The 2024/2025 programme aims to support community festivals throughout Ulster from **1 June 2024 to 31 March 2025**.

These events provide important opportunities for people to learn about Ulster-Scots culture, heritage, and language; as well as raising awareness of Ulster-Scots within the wider community.

The inclusion of Ulster-Scots content in other community festivals is also supported through the programme.

The maximum grant available for a major festival is £20,000 and £8,000 for a minor festival.

Groups interested in applying for funding should follow the link to register [here](#).

Following a successful registration, an application form and guidelines will be emailed to the group. A separate festival plan document will be emailed to groups who register. The festival plan is part of the application process, and groups are required to use the festival plan template provided.

Groups are required to provide match funding of at least 25%.



The Community Festivals programme is a traditionally a competitive programme, therefore groups are encouraged to read the detailed guidelines carefully, particularly:

- the definition of a Community Festival;
- the difference between a minor and major festival; and
- details regarding the eligible costs **before** completing the application form.

Support is available from the Ulster-Scots Community Network if groups require assistance with their submission.

The Community Festival Grant programme will close to applications at **3pm on Monday 8th April 2024**.

Late or incomplete applications will be rejected.

For further information, contact Derek Reaney on reaneyd@ulsterscotsagency.org.uk or 07843 279 912.

Kellogg's School Breakfast Clubs Grants Programme Reopens for 2024

Kellogg's, in partnership with Forever Manchester, is offering grants of up to £1,000 to schools across the UK to help fund breakfast clubs aimed at pupils between reception class and year 13 to ensure that those who need it most receive a morning meal.

Priority will be given to schools that either:

- Have 35% and above of children eligible for pupil premium funding (for England) and eligible for free school meals (Northern Ireland, Scotland, and Wales); or
- Are based in an area which is classified as falling in the 10% of most deprived areas according to the Index of Multiple Deprivation.



Only one grant per school in each academic year is available. A limited number of grants are available, and the fund may close at short notice if oversubscribed.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

For more information, please visit [Grants For Schools | Kellogg's \(kelloggs.co.uk\)](https://www.kelloggs.co.uk/grants-for-schools)

ONGOING FUNDING AVAILABLE

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 - \(foyefoundation.org.uk\)](https://foyefoundation.org.uk)

The Foyle Foundation will complete its grant giving programme in 2025, marking 25 years of giving to the fields of the Arts, Learning, Community Small Grants, State Schools Libraries and formerly Health.

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)

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**](#)

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)