

# Community Funding Bulletin

## October 2023 Edition



### Belfast City Council's Small Grants 2024-25 Tranche 1

Belfast City Council's Small Grants 2024-25 Tranche 1 are now open for applications for the grants listed below. The submission deadline for receipt of applications is **12 noon on Friday 12th January 2024**.



**Belfast**  
City Council

1. Community Festivals Fund
2. Arts & Heritage
3. Good Relations
4. Parks Events
5. Sports Events
6. S4S Large Development Grant
7. S4S Small Development Grant
8. S4S Hospitality Grant
9. S4S Sporting Individual Grant
10. Community Summer Scheme

For further details, guidance notes and to apply online please visit our website [www.belfastcity-grants.com](http://www.belfastcity-grants.com) or contact the Central Grants Unit Belfast City Council at [cgugrants@belfastcity.gov.uk](mailto:cgugrants@belfastcity.gov.uk)

BCC will be holding the following information sessions on how to apply for the Small Grants:

- Friday 17 November, 2pm-3:30pm, Banqueting Hall, City Hall
- Monday 20 November, 10:30am, Microsoft Teams
- Monday 20 November, 2pm, Microsoft Teams
- Monday 20 November, 7pm, Microsoft Teams

If you wish to attend any of the sessions, please contact the Central Grants Unit Belfast City Council at [cgugrants@belfastcity.gov.uk](mailto:cgugrants@belfastcity.gov.uk)

### Police Property Fund Small Grants Scheme

The Police Property Fund Small Grants Scheme has opened a third call for funding applications from **1st November 2023**.

The Fund, which comprises assets recovered by the PSNI as the result of criminal investigations, is administered by the Board in line with the Police (Property) Regulations NI 1997.

The Board has agreed a Grant Funding Policy which will ensure available monies are used to benefit projects which deliver tangible benefits. This is in line with our Corporate and Policing Plan commitments to achieving the following 3 key outcomes:

- We have a safe community;
- We have confidence in policing; and
- We have engaged and supportive communities

The Small Grants Scheme offers project funding in the range £1000-£10,000. Applications must demonstrate the following criteria to be eligible for consideration:

- Engagement with the Police Service of Northern Ireland;
- Contribute to community safety/ and or building confidence in policing; and
- Closely aligned towards a charitable purpose.

If you would like more information or to register your interest, just email [policepropertyfund@nipolicingboard.org.uk](mailto:policepropertyfund@nipolicingboard.org.uk)

Anita Doonan, Funding and Social Value Officer

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Tel: 07840849453

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



## Skills and Innovation Fund

We are delighted to announce the launch of the second year of the Tackling Textiles Grant: Skills and Innovation. This follows the successful pilot grant last year, where we supported five different projects across Northern Ireland.

These projects included:

- developing skills within schools and communities around repair and reuse.
- supporting vulnerable groups to access sewing classes.
- developing innovative online resources to inspire people.

supporting a local business to bring sewing and repair skills into the community and corporate world.

We are looking for your ideas that support tackling textile waste through waste prevention, reuse, repair and reimagine.

Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful is administering the grant provided by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) – Waste Prevention Policy Branch to explore ways to reduce the environmental impacts of textiles.

The production, consumption and disposal of clothing and textiles is a growing environmental issue both locally and globally. Across the UK we are throwing away over one million tonnes of textile waste with up to 300,000 tonnes ending up in landfill or incinerated\*.

According to WRAP clothing/textiles has the fourth largest environmental impact after housing, transport, and food.

We are looking for your ideas that help tackle this growing issue.

### Value of grants available

Between £500 to £2,500

We would welcome applications from the following types of organisations:

- Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (under 250 employees)
- Social enterprises
- Charities
- Not for profit organisations
- Community and voluntary groups



Currently not open to:

- School and third level education organisations
- Sports clubs, churches, and youth groups
- Unconstituted groups
- Large enterprises (over 250 employees)

### What type of projects will the Tackling Textile – Skills & Innovation Fund?

We are looking for ideas that support:

1. Waste Prevention
2. Reuse and Repair Models
3. Reimagine

#### *Waste Prevention*

Materials and design innovation is critical to the future of a circular economy. By preventing waste at the design stage of product development, we can have consumption that is healthier and performs better for our people and the planet.

#### *Reuse/Repair Models*

Reuse and repair are essential in the development of a more circular economy. Reuse of products and materials is more beneficial as it retains a product's inherent value by keeping it in use for longer. This minimises waste, create jobs, has positive social impact, reduces consumption, and associated carbon impacts.

#### *Reimagine*

Climate change is real; we know the impact; we know we must act, and we know that we must make changes to our current model of 'take-make-dispose.' We are looking for new ways to tackle the problem of production, consumption, and disposal of textile waste with the aim of creating a more circular textile economy.

For more information and to apply please visit [Tackling Textiles - Skills and Innovation Fund \(Pilot Programme\) \(etinu.net\)](https://www.etinu.net)

**Closing date for applications is Thursday 9th November 2023 at 5pm**



## Funding to Help Disadvantaged Groups to Improve their Communication Skills (UK)

The Thomas Wall Trust is accepting applications from UK charities with a turnover of £10,000 to £500,000 that have been registered with the Charity Commission for at least three years.

Grants of up to £5,000 are available, and the Trust can support annual repeat funding for up to three years. The funding will support a project or running costs for a charity that equips disadvantaged people (aged 18 and over) with the communication skills ready for employment.

Priority will be given to:

- Match funded projects.
- Charities that can provide compelling evidence of impact.
- Charities working with collaborative networks.

### Thomas Wall Trust

Registered Charity No. 206121

- Self-sustainable projects, with a view to becoming less reliant on grants in the future.

There is particular interest in hearing from groups supporting people experiencing multiple deprivation or major hurdles to employment including women, people with physical, mental or learning disabilities, refugees and asylum seekers.

There is a two-stage application process.

The deadline for stage one applications is 8 January 2024 for consideration in March 2024.

For more information please visit [Thomas Wall Trust | Thomas Wall Trust](#)

## Community Benefit Funds administered on behalf of CFNI

The following Community Benefits are open for applications, closing date is 10th November at 1pm;

- Long Mountain Community Benefit Fund - [Long Mountain Community Benefit Fund - Community Foundation Northern Ireland \(communityfoundationni.org\)](#)
- Rathsherry Community Benefit Fund - [Rathsherry Community Benefit Fund - Community Foundation Northern Ireland \(communityfoundationni.org\)](#)
- Thornog Community Benefit Fund - [Thornog Community Benefit Fund - Community Foundation Northern Ireland \(communityfoundationni.org\)](#)

Micro grants of up to £3,000 for small projects

Strategic grants of £30,000 over a 2-year period for larger scale strategic partnership projects, with one lead applicant.

The fund welcomes applications from constituted community and voluntary groups that address the following areas:

- Energy efficiency and sustainability
- Social, cultural or sporting benefit for the local community
- Educational issues with a sustainability angle
- Environmental benefit or economic benefit

More information is available in the following link - [Available Grants - Community Foundation Northern Ireland \(communityfoundationni.org\)](#)

The   
Community  
Foundation  
Northern Ireland

## The Pink Ribbon Foundation

Any charity working in the field of breast cancer can apply for a grant.

To be considered for a grant in 2024, please submit your grant application to the Foundation by Friday 31st May 2024. Grants are awarded annually in late July. Please note the following:

- All applicants must be prepared to inform the Foundation of their projects progress at least twice in the year of the grant, unless it is to be used for a specific event then only one report is required.
- A set of your most current accounts must accompany any grant application.



- All organisations awarded a grant must send an email of grant award recognition to the Foundation as soon as they are in receipt of the grant.

For more information and to apply, please visit [The Pink Ribbon Foundation](#)



## Kellogg's School Breakfast Club Grants Accepting Applications for Autumn 2023 Funding Round



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 and ensure that children 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 and to apply, please visit [Grants For Schools | Kellogg's \(kelloggs.co.uk\)](#)

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## Building the Community-Pharmacy Partnership Programme

The Building the Community-Pharmacy Partnership (BCPP) Programme is led by CDHN and funded by the Health and Social Care Board (HSCB), with strategic direction provided by a multi-agency Steering Group. BCPP supports communities and community pharmacists to work in partnership to address locally defined needs so that people make connections, listen to and understand each other better and work together to address the social determinants of health and health inequalities.

We recognise that health is impacted by much more than the everyday lifestyle decisions that we make, important as they are. Research shows that social isolation can be as damaging for your health as smoking 15 cigarettes a day. With this in mind, our projects aim to address these wider issues and tackle the root causes of poor health. These vary greatly for different groups of people and may include mental health issues, housing issues, low educational attainment, poverty or debt. Group work and relationship building is at the core of all our projects. By sharing our assets, our lived experiences and supporting each other we can achieve great things.



Community Development  
& Health Network

For information on the Programme or for some support with your application, please contact a member of the BCPP team on 028 3026 4606.

### **BCPP Closing Dates 2023/24**

R45 - Level 2 Thursday 9th November 2023

R46 - Level 1 Thursday 29th February 2024

R46 - Level 2 Thursday 21st March 2024

Level 1 Application Pack - [Click here](#)

Level 2 Application Pack - [Click here](#)

Please visit [Building the Community-Pharmacy Partnership Programme | Community Development and Health Network \(cdhn.org\)](#) for more information.



## A Million & Me – Big Sky Programme

BBC Children in Need is here to make sure that every child has the childhood they deserve and the support they need to thrive.

Our A Million & Me fund supports children aged 8-13 years old. It focuses on their emotional wellbeing and mental health.

This fund aims to provide support at an early stage, before mental health problems are established. As part of this programme, we focused on the impact of geographic isolation on children's emotional wellbeing and mental health. Research by the Centre for Mental Health ([report](#)) highlights the voices of children are often absent from consultations. Dedicated support and funding should be allocated to reaching children in remote communities.

The Big Sky programme has been developed in response to these needs.

Grants are for early intervention approaches. These grants will support the emotional wellbeing and mental health of children aged 8-13 years living in spatially isolated communities.

- This is an invite only programme for organisations working in rural, remote and island areas.
- As applications are by invitation only, they will be

developed through conversations with BBC Children in Need teams in each of the 4 nations and draws on our local knowledge and insight.



- We are committed to funding grassroots organisations across the UK, providing those vital positive relationships that support good emotional wellbeing and mental health.
- Funding of up to £5,000 will be awarded although we expect there to be mix in the range of grants awarded.
- Organisations can apply for up to 2 years, with no application deadlines. Applications must fit within BBC CiN localised funding plans and rural identifiers developed at a local level. Contact details for local teams are [here](#).
- Applicants may already hold a grant with us but we are keen to target organisations and groups that have not been funded by us.
- Organisations will only be able to hold one Big Sky grant.

For more information, please visit [Big Sky Programme - BBC Children in Need](#)

## Windrush Day Grant Scheme Opens for 2024 Funding Applications

Funded by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, and managed by Near Neighbours, the Windrush Day Grant Scheme 2024 will focus on bringing communities together across different ages and ethnic backgrounds to commemorate, celebrate and educate their local area about the contribution of the Windrush Generation and their descendants across the United Kingdom.

22 June each year marks National Windrush Day and projects must include a lead event or activity on this date. All further events and activities must take place within the 10-week period of 8 June 2024 to 31 August 2024.

Projects need to focus primarily on at least one of the following overarching aims of the scheme:

- To educate people about the Windrush story.
- To foster a greater sense of national pride and recognition of the historic and ongoing contributions made by the Windrush generation and their descendants to UK society.
- To develop the skills and entrepreneurial ambitions of young people.
- To celebrate and commemorate the continued contributions of the Windrush generation to the UK.

There is a total funding pot of £500,000 to fund activities across England and Northern Ireland with grants of between £5,000 and £50,000:

## NEAR NEIGHBOURS

- Tier 1: smaller projects between £5,000 and £25,000.
- Tier 2: larger projects between £25,000 and £50,000.

Funding for all approved projects will be released in April 2024.

Near Neighbours will be holding four bidder workshops in November 2023, which will give an overview of the scheme and an opportunity for bidders to ask questions.

Three virtual sessions will take place on:

- 7 November (18:00)
- 14 November (15:00)
- 16 November (10:00)

One in-person session in London will take place on 6 November (14:00). Registration is required.

**The deadline for funding applications is 17 December 2023.**

For more information and to apply please visit [Windrush Day Grant Scheme Applications — Near Neighbours \(near-neighbours.org.uk\)](#)





## Sea-Changers' Marine Conservation Social Fund Reopens for 2023

Sea Changers is offering up to seven grants of between £3,000 and £5,000 for UK-based charities and other not-for-profit groups to deliver marine conservation projects that also deliver health and wellbeing outcomes for participants and disadvantaged communities.

Through the Marine Conservation Social Fund, a total of £23,000 is available in 2023 for:

- Marine conservation education and engagement projects - such as campaigns or activities reaching out to and including those who do not access/engage with the sea and educating them about marine conservation issues and what they can do to help.
- Citizen science and/or practical/direct action projects – particularly where they engage disadvantaged communities and where they can show increased community cohesion/engagement and personal/health benefits of volunteering.



Sea-Changers is particularly interested in grassroots projects that galvanise community action, projects that increase the number of people acting for marine conservation, projects that may be formed through partnerships between marine conservation organisations and social welfare organisations, and pilot programmes that might be continued, expanded, or replicated with additional funding in future years.

**The deadline for applications is 22 December 2023.**

**For more information and to apply, please visit [Marine Conservation Social Fund 2023 | Sea-Changers](#)**

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## Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust Announce Themes for 2024/25 Funding

The Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust has announced the themes for 2024 and 2025 for which it will offer funding.

The Trust operates a three-year rotation system, with different fields of interests being funded each year.

In 2024, support will be available for the following priorities:

- Rounds 1 and 2 – Disability, specifically employment and training for people living with disabilities to ensure better access.
- Rounds 3 and 4 – Food Poverty (due to the increasing levels across the UK).

In 2025, support will be available for the following priorities (full details published toward the end of 2024):

- Rounds 1 and 2 - Access to the Arts.
- Rounds 3 and 4 - Refugees and Asylum Seekers.

The project must fall within the relevant category for the year the application is submitted, and organisations may only make one application during any one year.

The Trust awards grants of either £1,000 or £5,000 depending on the grant round.

### The Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust

Organisations registered with the Charity Commission (England, Wales and Northern Ireland) or OSCR, or exempt from registration, can apply.

The level of grant awarded is determined by the income of the charity:

- Grants of £1,000 are available for charities with an operating income of between £100,000 and £1 million.
- Grants of £5,000 are available for charities with a minimum operating income of £1 million. There is no maximum level.

There are four grant rounds each year. Charities may only apply for one grant per calendar year.

**The first round is expected to open on 1 February 2024 and close on 29 February 2024.**

**For more information please visit [Home - The Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust \(austin-hope-pilkington.org.uk\)](#)**



## Digital Evolution Programme for NI Arts Organisations

Funding is available to provide arts organisations in Northern Ireland with skills in the use of digital technology to create digital art.

The Organisations Digital Evolution Awards programme aims to support those arts organisations who are making digital art for the first time or are working with digital or immersive technology which they have not used previously.

Applications will be accepted from arts organisations, registered charities and other non-profit organisations. Collaborative applications from organisations working together in cross-discipline projects and activities are encouraged.

Examples of the types of projects that the programme will support include:

- Creation of a virtual environment or augmented reality environment, such as augmented reality visual arts or sound overlay on venues or geographical spaces.
- Using technology, such as 3D rendering and printing, to create artwork digitally which can either exist digitally or be manufactured into 3D physical objects.

- Using technology to translate data into artistic content, for example algorithms that create music or visual content from data input.
- App development for the delivery of artistic content - this could include gamification or making an artistic experience for consumption on digital devices.
- Piloting new forms of support to individual artists or organisations that results in the creation of digital art.



Projects must take place between 1 February 2024 and 31 January 2025.

Grants of up to £10,000 are available.

**The deadline for applications is 1 December 2023 (12 noon).**

**For more information and to apply, please visit [National Lottery Organisations Digital Evolution... | Arts Council NI \(artscouncil-ni.org\)](#)**

## West Area Funding Fair

**Date: Wednesday, 22nd November 2023**

**Time: 10:00 am to 1:00 pm**

**Waterside Shared Village  
61 Irish Street, Londonderry/Derry,  
Northern Ireland, BT47 2DB**

Come to our West Area Funding Fair to meet funders face to face, find out what they have to offer, and discuss your ideas! Supporting Communities and the Housing Executive are hosting this event at Waterside Shared Village. If your organisation would like to take a stand at this event, get in touch with Anita!

### More Information

Contact Anita Doonan, Supporting Communities Funding and Social Value Officer

[anita@supportingcommunities.org](mailto:anita@supportingcommunities.org)  
07840849453

A vertical poster for the West Area Funding Fair. At the top, there is a string of colorful bunting flags in shades of blue, green, and yellow. Below the bunting, the text 'West Area' is written in a purple, sans-serif font. Underneath that, 'FUNDING FAIR' is written in a large, bold, purple, sans-serif font. To the right of 'FUNDING FAIR', the date and time 'Wednesday, 22 November 10:00 am - 1:00 pm' are listed in a purple, sans-serif font. Below the date and time, the text 'Meet the Funders!' is written in a purple, sans-serif font. At the bottom of the poster, there are two logos: on the left, the Supporting Communities logo, which consists of a stylized 'S' made of overlapping lines in blue, green, and yellow, with the text 'Supporting Communities Empowering Society' to its right; on the right, the Housing Executive logo, which consists of the words 'Housing Executive' in a bold, blue, sans-serif font.





# Funding Opportunities

Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council is offering financial assistance to eligible groups in the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector for the period 1st April 2024 - 31st 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
- International Linkage Grants

**APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN FROM 9.00AM ON  
MONDAY 6TH NOVEMBER UNTIL 12 NOON  
ON FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2023.**

To further assist groups a number of Virtual Sessions have been arranged as follows:- **Tuesday, 7th November at 7.00pm**

**Wednesday, 8th November at 3.00pm**

To register for these sessions email [fap@armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk](mailto:fap@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's database by emailing [fap@armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk](mailto:fap@armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk)



**Armagh City  
Banbridge  
& Craigavon**  
Borough Council

**Initial queries should be directed to  
Valerie Armstrong on 07515 607480**





# 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](mailto: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](#)