

Community Funding Bulletin

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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 grassroot 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](#)

Shared Island Civic Society Fund

The Shared Island Civic Society Fund is now open for applications.

This initiative will up to make 1 million euro available in January 2024 to organisations working on North South projects across a range of sectors.

The [application form can be downloaded here](#). On completion, please submit the form and accompanying documentation via email to sharedislandcsfund@dfa.ie.



Applications for funding under the Shared Island Civic Society Fund will be accepted from Monday, 25th September 2023 until 1pm on Monday, 23rd October 2023.

For more information, please visit [Shared Island Civic Society Fund - Department of Foreign Affairs \(dfa.ie\)](#)

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



Teiges Mountain Wind Farm Community Fund

Is your community project located within 5km of Teiges Mountain Wind Farm? If yes your group may be eligible to apply for a grant from the Teiges Mountain Wind Farm Fund.

For further information [CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD GUIDELINES](#) (please read the guidelines carefully prior to preparing and submitting an application)

1. [REVENUE SMALL GRANTS PROGRAMME application form](#) - offering grants up to £2000 towards: community activities, venue improvements / minor capital works, recurring costs for a programme.
2. [STRATEGIC PROJECTS REVENUE GRANTS application form](#) - (up to a maximum of £5000 pa over 1-3 year period) working with a range of organisations across the Area of Benefit, which will make a significant contribution to community life. We would particularly welcome strategic applications which will make a significant contribution to these themes; - reduction in crime / anti-social behaviour, community first aid, defibrillator initiative, hosting of cross-community events, improve access to services via a community volunteer driver scheme, environmental improvements, increasing

access to the natural environment, renewable energy, improving mental health.



NB - an organisation can only hold one grant award from the Fund at any one time. Partnership applications which include an organisation in receipt of another grant at the time will be considered. The Fermanagh Trust will not discuss, or fund applications submitted by professional fundraising consultants on behalf of local groups. We are committed to building the capacity of grass roots organisation's and are here to help voluntary committee members directly.

Closing date for applications is 12 noon on Monday 6th November 2023.

For further information:

Tel: 028 66320210 or email: edel@fermanaghtrust.org
Website - [Teiges Mountain Wind Farm Community Fund - Fermanagh Trust](#)

Cornavarrow and Slieveglass Wind Farms Community Benefit Funds

Is your community organisation / project located within 5km of either the Cornavarrow or Slieveglass Wind Farm? If yes your group may be eligible to apply for a grant from the Cornavarrow and Slieveglass Wind Farm Community Benefit Funds.

For further information [CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD GUIDELINES](#) (please read the guidelines carefully prior to preparing and submitting an application)

Application Forms:

1. [REVENUE SMALL GRANTS PROGRAMME](#) application form - offering grants up to a maximum of £4000. It is envisaged the majority of grants will normally be awarded up to £2000, towards: community activities, venue improvements / minor capital works, recurring costs for a programme.
2. [STRATEGIC PROJECTS REVENUE GRANTS](#) application form - (up to a maximum of £5000 pa over 1-3 year period) working with a range of organisations across the Area of Benefit, which will make a significant contribution to community life. We would particularly welcome strategic applications which will make a significant contribution to these themes; - Community Education Classes; Community First Aid / Defibrillator Initiative – aimed at improving access and support; Organising / Hosting Cross-Community Events; Improve access to services, via a Community Volunteer Driver Scheme; Environmental improvements; Renewable Energy; Improving Mental Health.

For the Cornavarrow Wind Farm only:

3. [STRATEGIC CAPITAL LEGACY PROJECTS](#) application form - providing grant aid up to £25,000 per annum, over a five year period or equivalent amount over a longer period, which will make a significant contribution to improving the health and wellbeing of the local community. An initial outline application requesting support towards a strategic capital project will be considered. If successful in passing this first stage of the application process – the project promoter will then be invited to go to the second stage of the process. To be considered for this funding, on submission of the Full application the project promoter must have the necessary statutory permissions in place.

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Growth Impact Fund for Social Enterprises

The Growth Impact Fund provides social investment for early stage, growing social purpose organisations. Investment is made to organisations that are:

- Led by diverse leaders and teams.
- Looking to grow their trading income.
- Committed to helping tackle inequality.

The fund hopes to tackle the structural barriers to social investment, as highlighted by the Adebowale Commission, which found that despite £600m of public investment since 2010, the social investment market remained unchanged. In the first 5 years, we hope that:

- 120 Social Purpose Organisations can access support and we hope to make 50-60 investments. We

anticipate this averaging out to between 10 - 15 investments a year (depending on size).

- 480,000 people per year can benefit from the Social Purpose Organisations that we support
- Social Investment market changes as a result, and we will be sharing our learnings from the fund publicly through our blog and wider publications to support this.

For more information please visit [Apply for investment - Investing for impact. Made for diverse-led organisations \(growthimpactfund.org.uk\)](https://growthimpactfund.org.uk)



Core Funding Scheme

The Community Relations Council is inviting applications to our Core Funding Scheme 2024/25.

Applications open at 1 PM Monday 2 October 2023 and will close at 4 PM Friday 17 November 2023.

If you require further assistance, please [speak to a member of the Funding and Development team](#).

About the Core Funding Scheme

The Core Funding Scheme provides support for organisations which are considered of strategic importance in promoting community relations work across Northern Ireland.

The scheme contributes towards salary and organisational running costs.

Key Principles of the Core Funding Scheme

1. The work must be intentional. Regardless of the grant scheme, a programme must have a clear good relations purpose from the outset with deliberate and planned activities which directly address sectarianism.
2. It must address an identified good relations need. All applications must be able to clearly demonstrate the good relations need they want to address and how they have identified this need.

Together: Building a United Community (T:BUC)

Applicants are required to outline the outcome in Together: Building a United Community to which the proposed project will contribute.



The [Together: Building a United Community Strategy](#), published on 23 May 2013, reflects the Executive's commitment to improving community relations and continuing the journey towards a more united and shared society.

Information Sessions

CRC has organised a number of online information sessions at which further guidance on the Core Funding Scheme and the application process will be given. At these sessions, organisations will also have opportunities to ask questions relating to the Core Funding Scheme.

The information sessions will be held as follows:

- Tuesday 10 October 2023 at 11-12.30 PM
- Wednesday 11 October 2023 at 11-12.30 PM

To register for either of the sessions please contact Paul Killen at the following email address: pkillen@nicrc.org.uk

For more information and to apply, please visit [Core Funding Scheme | Community Relations Council \(community-relations.org.uk\)](https://community-relations.org.uk)



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

Funding to help grassroots youth football clubs across the UK who have been hit by the cost-of-living crisis.

Tesco and the newspaper, The Sun, have joined together 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 grassroots football clubs 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.

Groups must be constituted and have a governing document and safeguarding policy in place.

Only one application per organisation will be accepted.



Applications will not be accepted from schools, projects that work with people over 18 years of age, school breakfast clubs

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

Applications are being considered on a rolling basis. The deadline for applications is 29 October 2023 (23:59).

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

£1,000 Grants for People of Colour in Arts (UK)

Grants are available for people of colour in the UK to develop and deliver a range of creative and cultural projects.

Through the Grand Plan Grant, funding is on offer to support people of colour who want to create and deliver a new cultural project.

The programme supports creativity in all its forms, including poetry, paintings, fashion, zines, music, food, flowers, photographs, workshops, events, or something else completely.

Grants of £1,000 are available to cover the cost of equipment, courses, applicant's time, materials, travel, etc.



Applications are open to UK-based individuals, aged over 18, who identify as a person of colour (Black, Asian, Brown and/or part of the Global Majority). The deadline for the current round is 9 November 2023 (23:00 GMT).

For more information and to apply, please visit [Application Guidance — Grand Plan \(grandplanfund.co.uk\)](https://grandplanfund.co.uk)



Edge Fund's Annual Funding Programme Opens for UK Applications

The Edge Fund is offering 40 grants of £1,000 each to communities and campaign groups based in the UK and Republic of Ireland that are working for social, economic and environmental justice.

The Fund supports those taking action for a just, equitable and sustainable world. Work should challenge abuses of power and aim to bring an end to the systems that cause injustice. This could be the economic system, political system, or any system that discriminates against people based on their identity or background (eg, class, ability, gender, race, nationality, religion, sexuality, age or other factors).

The grants will support:

- Work that creates long-term change in society by addressing the causes of injustice and inequality.
- Work addressing issues facing a particular community that is led by that community.
- Small groups that struggle to get funding elsewhere, particularly if other funders might consider them to be too radical.
- All types of non-profit organisations, including groups that are not formally registered.
- Groups who have a religious purpose are welcome to apply (but financial support for any activity, initiative or project where the primary aim is to promote religion cannot be funded).



There are two drop-in/Q&A sessions available via Zoom:

- 13 October, 4.30pm to 5.30pm
- 27 October, 4.30pm to 5.30pm

Social enterprises, registered charities and CICs are not usually funded but applicants should contact the Edge Fund for further information. The funding is not available for traditional charity work that only aims to, for example, improve health and well-being, relieve financial hardship and unemployment, improve social inclusion and harmony, conserve the environment, advance education and training.

The deadline for applications is 23:59 on 31 October 2023.

For more information and to apply, please visit [Apply for funding - Edge fund V2](#)

The Society Foundation's Annual Grants Programme

Funding to help specific groups of people in the UK move towards paid employment.

The Society Foundation is an independent registered charity, funded and supported by the executive search firm Society.

Each year, the Foundation offers a limited number of micro-grants of up to £2,500 to support people from the following groups move toward paid employment:

- The recently homeless or vulnerably housed.
- Ex-offenders.
- Young people (16-24 years old) not in employment, education or training (NEET).

The funding can be used for:

- Capacity building activities, including IT infrastructure and equipment.
- Staff training and development
- External consultancy/support.

The funding aims to play a transformative role by increasing the sustainability and effectiveness of organisations that are doing really vital work.



Applications are accepted from UK registered charities, Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIO) or Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisations (SCIO) and organisations with a governing document showing a clear charitable aim/purpose as defined by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Applicants must have a turnover under £500,000 per annum.

The deadline for applications is 16 October 2023 (midday).

For more information and to apply, please visit [Apply for Funding \(society-foundation.org\)](#)



Marine Litter Capital Grants Programme Accepting Applications

Funding is available for community groups, businesses and statutory bodies in Northern Ireland to purchase equipment for projects to reduce marine litter.

Live Here Love Here Marine Litter Capital Grants are provided by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs through the Live Here Love Here collaborative partnership, involving DAERA, ten local councils, Northern Ireland Housing Executive and Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful.

The programme is inviting applications from a range of voluntary and community groups and organisations, schools, statutory bodies and businesses from across Northern Ireland. The grants are not restricted to coastal areas, so groups from anywhere in Northern Ireland may apply.

The funding will support organisations and groups to purchase and install capital items to:

- Prevent litter and plastic pollution from entering the marine environment.
- Enhance the environmental management of a local area to reduce marine litter.
- Improve the health and wellbeing of communities and marine biodiversity recovery by helping to improve and/or maintain the quality of public open spaces.
- Improve the quality of their local environment by changing behaviour through creative concepts to reduce the incidence of littering.



The level of grant depends on who is making the application:

- Constituted groups, businesses and statutory bodies - grants of between £500 and £40,000.
- Non-constituted groups - grants of between £500 and £5,000.

Applicants should note the average grant is likely to be a lot less than the maximum, which will only be awarded for exceptionally innovative or strategically significant projects. Collaborative applications are welcomed.

Council and business applicants must provide 50% match funding for their project, while schools must demonstrate how they will use any assets purchased in an educational context.

The deadline for applications is 9 November 2023 (5pm).

For more information and to apply, please visit [Live Here Love Here - Grants](#)

Cash4Clubs to Open for Applications on 18 October

Small unrestricted grants to help sustain the UK's community sports clubs who are in need and may be threatened with closure due to the cost of living crisis.

Cash4Clubs is a corporate-initiated sports club scheme, funded by Flutter Entertainment (formerly Paddy Power Betfair), a bookmaking holding company.

For the last 25 years, it has been offering funding to support the sustainability of local sports clubs across the UK and Ireland, thereby ensuring more people have access to local sports.

This year, community sports clubs and organisations who are in need due to the impact of the pandemic and the cost of living crisis can apply for unrestricted grants of £2,000 from a funding pot of £200,000.

The funding can be used for anything that will add to the sustainability and effectiveness of the sports club, including buying new equipment, improving facilities or helping members to gain coaching qualifications.

While the funding is unrestricted there is particular interest in hearing from clubs that are using sport for

other social purposes such as developing skills, reducing crime or addressing anti-social behaviour.

Applications will be accepted from clubs and organisations that are either registered charities or clubs with a structured governance and constitution.

Clubs that are targeting communities from deprived areas are encouraged to apply.

Full details will be provided when the scheme opens.

Applications open on 18 October 2023.

Please visit [Home - Cash4Clubs \(cash-4-clubs.com\)](#)



Community Benefit Funds administered on behalf of CFNI

The following Community Benefits are open for applications, closing date is 23rd Oct at 1pm;

- Dunmore Community Benefit Fund
- Monnaboy Community Benefit Fund
- Dunbeg Community Benefit Fund
- Cloonty Community Benefit Fund
- Corby Knowe Community Benefit Fund
- Carn Hill Community Benefit Fund

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

- Community cohesion and engagement;
- Energy efficiency and sustainability;
- Social, cultural or sporting benefit for the local community;
- Training and education;
- Environmental benefit;
- Economic benefit.



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

PEACEPLUS Funding Calls Indicative Timetable

A timetable of calls for applications to the PEACEPLUS Programme for 2021-2027 has been outlined on the website. Please visit: <https://www.seupb.eu/funding/current-funding-opportunities>

PeacePlus will also be hosting two more roadshows and a pre-application workshop. For more information and to book please visit: <https://www.seupb.eu/latest/events>

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](#)

Tree Planting for Winter 2023 - 2024

Applications are open to all landowners: farmers, smallholders, councils, community groups, schools, colleges, sports clubs, golf clubs, youth groups, healthcare and hospital grounds, church and faith communities, gardeners and other landowners.

Applicants will be issued with an application number by email when their order is complete and will be kept up to date with project news, tree delivery details and other information by email.

Applications are accepted on a first come first served basis. We have limited numbers of trees and applications will be closed early if all trees are accounted for before the deadline. Please do not leave your application to the last minute - apply promptly to avoid disappointment.

Application Deadline: Applications for trees will close at **5pm on Monday 23rd October 2023.**

Schools & Colleges:

- Sponsored trees are available free of charge to schools and colleges.

Trees on the Land

- Schools and colleges may apply for up to 250 trees and 2 apple trees.

Community Projects: Community Groups, Councils, Sports Clubs, youth groups, healthcare and hospital grounds, church and faith communities:

- Sponsored trees are available free of charge to community groups, councils, sports clubs, youth groups, healthcare and hospital grounds, church and faith communities. Tidy Towns, residents groups, allotments, scouts groups and community groups of all kinds are welcome to apply.
- There is no upper or lower limit on tree numbers - larger projects may undertake planting over a number of years as multi-year projects.

For more information and to apply, please visit [Plant Trees — Trees on the Land](#)



eBay's Circular Fashion Innovators Fund Opens for 2023

Funding is offered to help UK-based small firms specialising in pre-loved fashion solutions to access new technology and deliver innovative solutions.

eBay UK's partnership with the British Fashion Council created the Circular Fashion Innovators Fund in 2022, supporting small businesses specialising in circular fashion solutions. The programme is now running for a second year.

The Fund hopes to bring new technology and services to the market that can help people think and shop differently, with a particular focus on areas such as customer experience, circular inventory and services, and social commerce.

Successful applicants will receive:

- Up to £25,000 in funding to grow their business.
- A bespoke mentoring programme with internal and external industry leads.
- Networking opportunities.



Small businesses operating in the UK's circular fashion industry may apply.

Applicants should have an established business that has been trading for a minimum of six months and a maximum of six years. The applicant's company should be based in the United Kingdom and registered with Companies House (not sole trader) and can be a charity, social enterprise or registered company. Applications are accepted between 25 September 2023 and 20 October 2023.

For more information and to apply, please visit [eBay | Circular Fashion Fund](#)

Electrical Safety Fund Accepting Applications for 2023

Community safety groups and other not-for-profit organisations across the UK can apply for funding to help those most at vulnerable to electrical risk and injury.

Electrical Safety First is offering grants for fire and rescue services, community safety groups, trading standards authorities, and other not-for-profit organisations across the UK to deliver projects tackling risks associated with electrical products, increasing the public's awareness of electrical safety, and promoting changes in behaviour.

Through the Electrical Safety Fund, a total of £250,000 is available for projects and activities that are aimed at addressing the problems of misuse and/or lack of maintenance of electrical products, such as:

- Product testing and product replacement events (eg amnesty events to replace unsafe electric blankets, portable heaters etc).
- Educational and raising awareness activities.
- Home safety activities/visits.
- Data collection projects that would support the fund's



national aims to prevent electrical-related injuries, such as collecting data relating to injuries caused by electrical products, issues with products purchased from online marketplaces, or anything else that meets the funding criteria.

Grants of up to £5,000 are available for groups and organisations. However, grants of up to £10,000 may be considered for joint applications or larger projects.

The deadline for applications is 22 October 2023.

For more information and to apply, please visit [Electrical Safety Fund | Electrical Safety First](#)



Funding for Community Groups in the UK to Run Events During British Science Week 2024



British Science Week (BSW) is an annual programme of science, technology, engineering, and maths events and activities that takes place across the UK in March each year. BSW is coordinated by the British Science Association (BSA) and funded by UK Research and Innovation (UKRI).

Applications will be considered from community-based groups and organisations that work directly with audiences who are traditionally underrepresented and currently not engaged in science activity, including:

- People from ethnic minority backgrounds.
- People living in communities which face deprivation, including people disadvantaged in terms of education and income.
- People with a disability or long-term health condition.
- People living in a remote and rural location, defined as settlements of less than 10,000 people.
- Girls and women, with priority given to community groups who work with at least one other underrepresented group.

Activity providers, libraries, museums and other institutions who are looking for funding to run an event with a group that meets one of the target audiences are encouraged to partner with a community group.

Two levels of grants are available:

- £500 grants to run one or more events during British Science Week.
- £1,000 grants to run one or more events during British

Science Week, as well as either preparatory or follow-up activities that will lead to continued engagement beyond British Science Week.

Examples of eligible events and activities include, but are not limited to:

- Sports science sessions with football and rugby clubs.
- Community-created science exhibitions in places of worship, community gardens, libraries and pubs.
- Community-led research projects and experiments with youth clubs and groups with special educational needs.
- Scientifically-informed theatre productions and art activities.
- Activity packs and pre-recorded videos.
- Digital and hybrid physical/digital activities can be supported.

The grants can be used for materials, room hire, publicity, speakers, trainers, freelancers, project-specific staff costs, audio-visual hire, reasonable volunteer expenses, transport or other costs of running the event or activity.

The deadline for applications is 6 November 2023 (23:59)

For more information and to apply, please visit <https://www.locaji.co.uk/greater-london/south-kensington/british-science-association/381700/>

Tabhair Charitable Trust

The Tabhair Trust is passionate about nurturing small to medium sized charities in their aspirations to change communities and restore broken lives through providing opportunities for education, training and personal advancement.

We welcome applications from charities that combine support services with enterprising mission to improve social wellbeing and employment opportunities in the lives of the disengaged and disadvantaged.

Tabhair makes grants to charitable organisations and primarily supports projects undertaken in the UK and Ireland.



Applications can be made for individual projects or core costs. Where core costs are requested, the maximum commitment considered would be 3 years.

Grants will range in size, with most grants awarded being in the range of £500 - £5000.

For more information and to apply, please visit [Tabhair - A Charitable Trust](#)



The Royal Countryside Fund Opens for Autumn 2023 Round

Previously known as the Prince's Countryside Fund, the Royal Countryside Fund's Supporting Rural Communities programme is supported by the People's Postcode Lottery and the NFU Mutual Charitable Trust. The Royal Countryside Fund is a registered charity founded by HM King Charles III in 2010 while he was The Prince of Wales.

The Royal Countryside Fund is currently accepting applications from constituted, not-for-profit organisations with an income of less than £500,000 for projects that will create a long-term difference in rural communities across the UK.

Grants of up to £25,000 over two years are available for projects that can be completed by January 2026.

The funding is designed to support community-led projects that are pursuing innovative and strategic solutions to the challenges facing their rural area and which will improve the viability and resilience of their community.

Successful projects will achieve one or more of the following:

- Support people to resolve existing and emerging community issues, circumstances, and priorities in their locality.
- Build rural community resilience.

- Develop innovative and replicable projects.
- Enable leadership and community planning.
- Improve the economic or social resilience of a rural community.
- Reduce isolation for people living in rural areas through improving service provision.
- Create a self-sufficient rural community fit for the future.



There is particular interest in 'fledgeling' ideas and projects.

There are a number of funding restrictions, including purchase of food, working capital, youth clubs or projects where there may be other more appropriate funders, such as those dealing with domestic violence, dementia or elderly care, and migration.

Groups are encouraged to submit their application before the deadline as the link to the application form will be taken down at midday on the closing date.

The deadline for applications is midday on 20 October 2023. For more information and to apply, please visit [Home - The Royal Countryside Fund](#)

Rosa's Voices from the Frontline Fund Reopens for UK Applications

Funding to support campaigning and influencing work that enables women and girls in the UK to use their voices to achieve change.

Now in its sixth year, Rosa's Voices from the Frontline Fund offers one-year grants of between £500 and £7,000. This year, Rosa expects to award between 30 and 35 grants.

The funding is for women's and girls' organisations to deliver activism and campaigning to raise awareness of the issues women and girls face. The campaigns could be targeted at local communities, the general public, local or national government, media, service providers or businesses.

Applications will be accepted from not-for-profit women's sector voluntary and community organisations in the UK that have been active for at least one year and can produce annual accounts for an entire year.

They must meet Rosa's definition of a women's and girls' organisation as those which are run by, for and with women and girls:

- Their organisation will be governed and led by women.
- They will have a Board of Trustees (or similar) where the Chair is a woman, and the majority of members are women.
- The majority of their organisation's employee leadership team will be women.

- Their organisation will have the principal objective of working with women and/or girls and the majority of their organisation's beneficiaries are, and will always be, women and/or girls.



Priority will be given to the following organisations, not listed in priority order that are:

- Operating in the top 20% of the most disadvantaged areas in the UK based on the Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD).
- Based in Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland.
- Led by and for Black and minoritised women and girls.
- Led by and for disabled women.
- Led by and for LGBTQ+ women and girls.

Rosa will be hosting 'How to Apply' webinars on 21 September (13:00 to 14:00) and 3 October (16:00 to 17:00). Registration is required and can be done on Rosa's website.

The deadline for the online application and three minute video is 11 October 2023 (16:00).

For more information please visit [Voices from the Frontline - Rosa \(rosauk.org\)](#)



Sustaining Tenancies to offer £3 million in funding

The Housing Executive has announced details of the latest Sustaining Tenancies Grant Funding Programme 2023-25, which will see an investment of over £3 million in the voluntary, community and charitable sector over the next three years.

Emma Geddis, Sustaining Tenancies Grant Funding Programme Manager explains:

“The Programme, which was first introduced in 2021, was developed to ensure that Housing Executive tenants are supported to create more resilient, sustainable tenancies in the short, medium and long term, and in particular, to help vulnerable customers at greater risk of tenancy breakdown.

“To date, we have invested approximately £1.5 million which has supported 36 projects across Northern Ireland, which in turn have provided valuable support to our tenants.

“We are now encouraging organisations in the voluntary, community and charitable sector to apply for funding for grants between £5,000 and £100,000.”

“We have identified a series of priority funding areas for this, the first of three funding rounds, and would particularly welcome applications for projects which address these issues,” Emma said.

The priority funding areas include:

- Projects that help to alleviate the impacts of the Cost of Living crisis on Housing Executive tenants
- Mental Health and Wellbeing of Housing Executive Tenants / their households
- Practical support / resources for managing and maintaining a Housing Executive tenancy
- Sustaining tenancies sustainably - projects that support Housing Executive tenants to manage their tenancies or engage with their community and reduce their carbon footprint.

The first stage of the two-step application process opens on Monday 2 October for expressions of interest for projects which last up to 36 months, and closes on **Friday 20th October at 5pm.**

This stage of the process requires the completion of a short application form, which will enable the Housing Executive to determine the eligibility and suitability of the project for funding.

The eligibility check is an administrative check to ensure that it is within the legal scope of the Housing Executive to fund the project, and the submission will be reviewed by a panel made up of Housing Executive staff who work either in local offices or work on housing policies and strategies.

They will decide if a project will progress to stage two. Projects which are successful at stage one will then be invited to complete a full application form which will require more detail about the objectives, project plan and breakdown of costs.

The group / organisation applying for the funding will also be asked to showcase their project at a short meeting with one of our funding panels.

More information on the programme and the application process is available in our section on:

[Sustaining Tenancies Grant Funding](#)

The Sustaining Tenancies Grant Funding programme is open to constituted groups within the community, voluntary and charitable sector operating in Northern Ireland.

This includes Housing Community Network groups / Residents' groups, and Social Enterprises that have registered charitable status and CICs (Community Interest Companies) that are limited by guarantee.



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](#)