

## **CVS FUNDING BULLETIN NOVEMBER 2016**

### **New items this Month will be in Blue**

#### **Support from CVS with your fund-raising**

- Tailored Funding Search,
- Funding applications draft -reading,
- Assistance with drafting and project shaping.

CVS offer assistance at every stage of your bid writing including an outcomes focus check. Please email [Janeattfield@lancastercvs.org.uk](mailto:Janeattfield@lancastercvs.org.uk) or call 01524 555900 ex 27 to discuss your needs.

#### **The Woodroffebenton Foundation**

**Next Deadlines:** 7<sup>th</sup> December, 12<sup>th</sup> April 2017

You need to be a registered charity to apply for funding under the following categories:

- Relief of Hardship
- Care for the Elderly
- Education and Youth Development
- Environment and Conservation

[Woodroffebenton.org.uk](http://Woodroffebenton.org.uk)

## **RURAL**

#### **More than a Pub - The Plunkett Foundation - The Community Pub Business Support Programme**

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[plunkett more-than-a-pub](#)

## Trusthouse Charitable Foundation

Grants target **small, local projects working** to address community issues in areas of extreme **Urban Deprivation** or remote, socio-economically deprived **Rural Areas**. Organisations need to have a demonstrable track record of success.

Under these two main aims, grants are for projects working under the general headings of Community Support; Arts, Heritage & Education; Disability and Healthcare.

We are delighted to announce that following a review of our criteria by the trustees, our three main grants programmes are as follows:

**Small Grants:** core, salaries and project grants of up to £5,000 for organisations with an annual income under £100,000. Capital grants of up to £5,000 for organisations with an annual income under £250,000.

Designed to help the smallest groups who work directly within their area of need, our Small Grants can deliver a final decision within 6 weeks of receipt of application.

- **Standard Grants:** core, salaries, project and capital grants between £5,001 and £10,000 for organisations with incomes between £100,000 and £500,000.  
*Help for the small to medium sized organisation, with decisions made quarterly.*
- **Large Grants:** capital grants only of between £10,000 and £40,000 for organisations with an income of up to £5 million.  
*Grants for purchase, alteration and improvement of buildings, including **village halls and community centres**, and for large items of capital equipment such as vehicles.*

[Trusthousecharitablefoundation](#)

## COMMUNITY PROJECTS

### The Co-op Local Community Fund Opens

**Deadline:** 16 December 2016.

Small, locally based voluntary and community groups can apply for grants to support projects which benefit the local communities around Co-op food stores and funeral homes. No minimum or

maximum amount of funding is specified but in the past applicants have received grants of up to £2,500.

The project must meet the Co-operatives values of self-help, self-responsibility, democracy, equality, equity and solidarity.

Eligible projects will also make the best use of the funding available to create the greatest possible benefit for their community.

Previous grants have been used to purchase vehicles and renovate a library's young adult section to create a safe, vibrant space where isolated and disadvantaged young people can get together to study and learn new skills.

See: [local-community-fund](#)

## **Power to Change - grants for new and existing Community businesses**

There are two main grant programmes:

- The £1.85 million Community Business Bright Ideas Fund [Community Business Bright Ideas Fund](#) is aimed at community groups who have a community business idea but need help turning it into reality.
- The £10 million Community Business Fund [Community Business Fund](#) is aimed existing community businesses that need funding for a business development project to make their organisation more sustainable.

## **Greggs Foundation's Local Community Projects Fund**

**Deadline:** 3 March 2017

The Greggs Foundation offers grants to not-for-profit organisations based in local communities in England, Scotland and Wales to deliver projects or provide equipment to people in need at the heart of their local communities. 3 The Greggs Foundation's Community Projects Fund provides grants of up to £2,000 to not-for-profit organisations in England, Scotland and Wales for projects or for providing equipment for people in need at the heart of local communities.

These include people who are:

- Disabled or suffering chronic illness.
- Living in poverty.
- Voluntary carers.
- Homeless.
- Isolated older people.
- Living with other demonstrable significant needs.

Eligible projects should improve resilience within a community of interest and can include sessional activities/respite support, equipment for sessional activities, trips and residential breaks. The Foundation is also interested in new approaches and innovative ideas as well as sustainable approaches to supporting the community of interest.

Eligible projects should also be able to demonstrate that they have achieved at least one of the following Key Performance Targets for their beneficiaries:

Decreased social isolation.

Improved health and wellbeing.

Improved resilience/coping mechanisms.

Improved life skills.

Improved opportunities.

The Local Community Projects Fund is administered by seven charity committees throughout Great Britain. [Greggsfoundation - local-community-projects-fund](#)

## **Celebrate – Big Lottery**

**Deadline:** there is no formal deadline. Applications will be taken on a first come first served basis and will close when the money has been spent.

Grants of between £300 - £10,000 are available for groups to hold one off events or activities which celebrate their local community. You could celebrate something from your community's history or a local hero. Or maybe it's a chance to bring people together to get to know their neighbours better. higher priority will be given to applications from:

projects which demonstrate communities coming together to celebrate and share their diverse cultures

projects which actively bring different generations together

[Celebrate Fund](#)

## **Community Action Fund- Lancashire Police and Crime Commissioner**

Applications should support the Police and Crime Commissioners' priorities

- Protect vulnerable people
- Domestic abuse
- Hate crimes
- Champion the rights of victims
- Improving help and support for victims
- Giving victims and effective voices
- Targeted, local initiatives to tackle crime, antisocial behaviour and re-offending.

The commissioner will be looking for projects that are organised by and involve communities and neighbourhood groups.

### **Community-action-fund/**

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## **Government Increases Neighbourhood Planning Grants**

The Department for Communities and Local Government has announced that it has increased the level of funding available through its Neighbourhood Planning Grant from £8,000 to £9,000.

Neighbourhood Planning Grants are available to groups writing a neighbourhood plan or neighbourhood development order. In addition, groups can also apply for a range of technical support measures. Groups with complex issues such as:

- Neighbourhood Forums

- Clusters of Parishes
- High Growth areas
- Deprived areas
- Business led neighbourhood plans

Neighbourhoods with populations of over 25,000 can apply for an additional grant of £6,000 in order to complete their plans. Examples of what the grants can be used for include; developing a website; training sessions for members of the steering group; help with putting together a project plan; undertaking a household survey; help with developing the evidence base; engaging a planning expert; and venue hire, publicity materials, printing and other costs associated with consultation; etc.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

<http://mycommunity.org.uk/programme/neighbourhood-planning/? a=funding>

## **Tudor Trust - Updated Guidance**

Tudor Trust has recently published its new guidance for grant applicants. These new guidelines now relate to all applications that will be made in 2016-2017. The Trust continues to have a very wide grantmaking remit - with the focus still being on providing support to smaller charities and voluntary groups whose work isn't well funded. Tudor wants to support organisations which:

- Address marginalisation
- Display positive organisational characteristics
- Make a difference

You can read and download the full updated guidelines for 2016-2017 from the Tudor Trust's [website](#).

## **Cumberland Building Society Community Fund**

This Fund offers donations to non-profit organisations, voluntary groups and schools benefiting communities. They specifically welcome applications for financial assistance from that's that support educational projects. Donations range from £50 - £1,500 however funding of up to £10,000 can be awarded to specific educational projects or community events that involve a significant number of people.

### **Cumberland Community Fund**

## **Walney Extension Community Fund**

11<sup>th</sup> January 2017

To be eligible to apply for a grant your project must be located, and for the benefit of communities within the funding area – there is an interactive map on the website.

For projects involving revenue costs, applicants can apply for funding for up to two years.

- a) **Small grants** between £500 and £5,000
- b) **Main grants** between £5,001 and £75,000

The Walney Extension Community Fund will support projects that meet at least one of the following themes:

- **Community facilities.** This might include capital improvements works to a village halls, community centre, museums, heritage centres and community cafes.
- **Nature conservation and public green space projects.** This might include projects that create and enhance parks, nature reserves, and community growing schemes.
- **Community activities and services.** This might include projects that focus on health and wellbeing issues, community arts projects, or grants for equipment or support for local clubs and groups.
- **Sports, recreation and play.** This might include sports field drainage projects, playgrounds, skate parks, indoor climbing walls and sports equipment.

For full details about eligibility and how you can apply for a grant please click on the following link:

[Walney-extension-community-fund](#)

## **Awards for All — BIG Lottery**

Applications throughout the year.

Awards for All from BIG Lottery, supports projects which help people to take part in art, sport, heritage and community activities, and projects that promote education, the environment and health in the local community, for a range of purposes, including creating or upgrading facilities, buying equipment and hiring or training staff.

Grants of between £300 and £10,000.

## **Awards-for-all-england**

## **Galbraith Trust**

**Deadline: 2nd January 2017**

The Trust has been set up to make grants to organisations (not individuals) for any charitable purpose. The receiving organisations do not need to be registered charities, but the activity for which they seek a grant must be charitable. The people benefiting from the charitable activity must live in Lancaster District (as defined by the boundaries of Lancaster City Council).

The Trustees invite applications for grants of between £100 and £3,000 but will consider applications for smaller or larger amounts.

[Galbraith-trust](#)

## **GALAXY Hot Chocolate Fund**

**Deadline: 26th February 2017**

Free jars and sachets of hot chocolate – available now

The Fund, we will be donating seventy awards of £300 to 70 small local community projects and groups. Five donations will be awarded each week.

Additionally this year Galaxy will be casting a spotlight on the unsung heroes within organisations through the 'Outstanding Volunteer Award'. Giving you the chance to nominate someone whose level of commitment and help makes them a truly outstanding volunteer.

For free jars and sachets of hot chocolate to groups that might find this useful – please email your address to [galaxyfreejars@escapadepr.com](mailto:galaxyfreejars@escapadepr.com).

To preregister your organisation now go to: Galaxy Hot Chocolate

## **Lancaster Soup**

Next Event February 2017

Cornerstone Café, Sulyard Street, Lancaster, LA1 1PX

Lancaster Soup is a fundraising event for local community groups, charities and social enterprises. The concept is very simple. Members of the public pay £5 per head to enter the event. We hear pitches from 3 or 4 groups who are looking for funding for their ventures. They will generally take some questions from the floor.

This is very far from being a hostile Dragon's Den type environment, but rather an opportunity for people to share their passion for their own particular project. We all share some food, typically homemade soup, bread and a seasonal salad.

Everyone present then votes to decide which project will be awarded the money collected on the door. All the money collected on the night will go out to the project with the most votes.

If you would like to pitch for a project a short summary of the projects aims and objectives should be sent to [lancastersoup@gmail.com](mailto:lancastersoup@gmail.com)

## **Lancaster District CVS – Small Grant Fund**

**Deadline:** apply at any time though fund is limited

**Criteria:** breaking-down barriers; addressing discrimination

Applications for grants from this fund are now open to any recognised Community Group located in Lancashire to provide projects or activities that are broadly in line with the following Objects:

1. To advance the education of the public in the specific factors which give rise to prejudice and discrimination, in particular, but not exclusively on grounds of race, gender, sexual orientation, age, ethnicity, social and economic circumstances and religion through the provision of training and workshops.
2. To develop the capacity and skills of the members of the socially and economically disadvantaged community of Lancashire in such a way that they are better able to identify and help meet their needs and to participate more fully in society
3. The promotion of racial harmony for the public benefit by:

Promoting knowledge and mutual understanding between different racial groups

Advancing education and raising awareness about different racial groups to promote good relations between persons of different racial groups

Working towards the elimination of discrimination on the grounds of race

It should be noted by applicants, that the Panel has limited funds at its disposal and even successful applications for funding may not necessarily be met in full, with the anticipated size of grants being in the order of tens or hundreds of pounds.

The Panel may at its absolute discretion decide to request additional information about any group which applies to the fund, to request further information about the project, or activity, the group is proposing to deliver, and will expect any group successfully awarded a grant to provide a short feedback report on completion of the said project or activity.

**Applications:** in the form of a letter addressed to the Lancaster District CVS (LDCVS) Panel at the office of LDCVS, can be received at any time during the year; with successful grant application(s) being announced by LDCVS two times each year. Letters of application should be sent to:

LDCVS Lancashire Charity Grant Fund  
c/o Lancaster District CVS  
The Cornerstone, Sulyard Street  
Lancaster, LA1 1PX

### **Moto in the Community Trust**

Grants of a maximum of £10,000 are available for charities operating within a 25-mile radius of a Moto site. Local Moto sites 'adopt' local charities to fund as their 'Local Community Partner'.

See: [Moto in the Community](#)

### **Morrisons Foundation**

**Deadline:** throughout the year

**Criteria:** Registered charities only. Projects that benefit the local community including: Health, Education, Arts and culture and the Community.

Previous grants have ranged from £5,000 to £20,000.

The Foundation has a new online process for applicants: [Morrisons Foundation](#)

### **Adactus Housing Groups' Neighbourhood Fund**

**Deadline:** Apply any time.

Grants are available to support small scale community projects that improve the quality of life and make a real difference to the neighbourhoods in Lancaster and Morecambe where Adactus managers homes.

Successful applicants will be able to demonstrate that their project supports one or more of the following priorities:

- Healthy Living
- Environmental improvements
- Young People and Children
- Older People
- Sustainability
- Employment and Training
- Bring the Community Together
- Community Safety

[Adactus Housing Groups' Neighbourhood Fund](#)



# **HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE**

## **Sport England - Tackling inactivity**

Sport England is opening the first phase of the Inactivity Fund, which will provide up to £10 million for projects that help older adults (55+) to get active. Expressions of interest will be due by 13 February 2017, with the first set of awards planned for June 2017.

### Sport England

## **Bupa UK Foundation to Re-open**

The Foundation's funding programmes focus on important factors that underpin good health, including mental health, ageing well, the prevention of long-term conditions, and behaviour change to improve health and wellbeing. It also has a strong interest in addressing health conditions that can affect everyone, such as heart health, cancer, Type 2 diabetes and dementia. The theme for the next round of funding will be announced shortly.

- Larger grants - over £50,000 for projects that have a broad reach and the potential to deliver a sustained impact
- Medium grants - up to £50,000 for distinct one-off projects, which might include pilots of new models of care or initiatives designed to benefit clearly defined groups
- Small grants - up to £10,000 for smaller projects delivered at local level to directly benefit a specific group.

### Bupaukfoundation

## **Yapp Charity Trust**

Yapp funds Registered charities established over three years with annual expenditure of less than £40K. Grants towards core funding are offered to organisations working with their priority groups:

- Elderly People,
- Children and young people aged 5-25
- People with physical disabilities, learning difficulties or mental health challenges
- Social Welfare – people trying to overcome life-limited problems of a social rather than a medical origin.
- Education and learning.

Grants are for a maximum of £3,000 per year. Apply anytime.

### Yappcharitabletrust

## **Thomas Wall Trust**

Trustees will consider grants of up to £1,000 for smaller charities active in serving the social and/or educational needs of their communities, especially where a grant can make a real impact in improving the lives of local people.

<http://www.thomaswalltrust.org.uk/>

## **United Utilities Lancashire Community Fund**

**Deadline:** Friday 19th August at 4pm

The fund has been created to support community groups and charities that work to help vulnerable people particularly addressing issues of social and economic deprivation & isolation; debt and afford ability; mental health; ageing plus the environment that have a detrimental impact on their health and wellbeing.

Grants of between £2,500 and £20,000. Grants can be awarded over a period of 1-3 years. In exceptional circumstances, and at their discretion, the panel may consider applications for amounts above this.

This fund can consider operational costs for one off or continuing projects (e.g. sessional fees/equipment/volunteer costs), contribution towards core costs (including salaries) and building work (e.g. adoptions/renovations to community centres)

[Lancsfoundation.org.uk](http://Lancsfoundation.org.uk)

## **The Steel Charitable Trust**

Applications are considered quarterly.

The Trustees support five categories: Arts and Heritage; Health; Education; Social or economic disadvantage; environment. Grants are generally between £2,500 and £25,000.

[Steel Charitable Trust](http://SteelCharitableTrust.org.uk)

## **The Headley Trust**

Will fund Health & Social Welfare that meet the following criteria:

- Ways to encourage older people to live independently for as long as possible;
- Projects to improve older people's quality of life in residential care homes, including supporting people with dementia;
- Carer's projects (local & national);
- Projects that support families, including pre-school children and parenting education;
- Projects that encourage volunteering;
- Support for specific medical conditions (at the discretion of trustees);
- Small grants providing practical aids for disabled people.

**The Headley Trust**

## **Bring Joy Foundation**

The Bring Joy Foundation will make donations of £100 to £5,000 to not-for-profit groups, organisations and charities that can demonstrate their commitment to creating activities designed to improve the lives of the elderly. They will fund: events, activities or pastimes that bring the joy

and fun back into ageing. This is open to groups or organisations across the UK that work with the elderly.

You need to send us a Letter of Enquiry which must be submitted by post. We will send an email confirmation to acknowledge receipt of your Letter of Enquiry. Letters of Enquiry require approval by the Bring Joy Foundation Trustees. Please review the Letter of Enquiry Guidelines and the information on our procedures below.

[Bring Joy Foundation](#)

## **Santander Discovery Grants**

Deadline: There are no closing dates and grants are made every month

Discovery Grants of up to £5,000 are available to fund an activity which supports one or more of our three priority themes:

- **Explorer - improving knowledge and insight**

Examples include a series of Money Management workshops to help people understand how to budget and identify the affordable credit choices available to them. A Freedom Training course giving abused women knowledge of how to regain control over their lives.

- **Transformer - developing skills and experience**

Examples include work-based training and mentors to help socially isolated people develop skills to get back into work. Sign language training for parents with hearing impaired children. Or teaching young people with autism vocational skills.

- **Changemaker - innovative solutions to social challenges**

Examples include a new social networking program for visually impaired young people which uses specially developed braille laptops to access the internet. An inclusive cycling social enterprise which adapts bicycles to enable people with disabilities to enjoy the outdoors.

Grants must directly benefit disadvantaged people in the UK and must be for something that is wholly charitable. Funding is available to cover part time salaries, equipment or materials but is for one year and must deliver a local project

For more information, including application guidelines, please visit – [Santanderfoundation discovery-grants](#)

## **People's Postcode Trust**

The application form will be open at the following times: Thu 1st Sep – Fri 30th Sep

The Trust offers short-term, designated funding for projects that focus on the prevention of poverty, support healthy living initiatives and uphold human rights for some of society's most vulnerable groups. It will also consider projects which help different communities come together for the benefit of their local area.

People's Postcode Trust seeks to help find real solutions to tackling the root causes of poverty and its consequences, by, for example, equipping people with the skills, knowledge and resources that they need to lift themselves out of poverty. Poverty prevention can focus on relieving other needs, such as needs associated with ethnicity, geography, gender, age, disability, educational and skills attainment.

Registered charities can apply from £500 - £20,000 for projects meeting the above remit, whilst other organisations may apply for up to £2,000

[Postcodetrust.org.uk](#)

## Henry Smith Trust

Applications throughout the year, Trustees meet June, September and December

Henry Smith, offers Main grants and County grants supporting a wide range of groups including carers, community service, disability, healthcare, mental health, young and older people. [Henry Smith Charity](#)

## Crash: Support for Homeless People

Applications throughout the year

The construction and property industries' charity for homeless people provides support to organisations that help homeless people. To be eligible for support, organisations must be registered charities, have legal hold on the building in question and the building must be used to deliver services to homeless people or a high percentage of people who are homeless or be related to the charity's administrative functions.

Crash offers help in 3 ways — Professional expertise. Building materials and cash grants. See: [CRASH](#)

## Care and Wellbeing Fund

Big Society Capital and Macmillan Cancer Support have joined together to launch the new £12 million Care and Wellbeing Fund to provide loans and other investment to develop and scale-up community care services, solving community problems for people with long term illness.

See: [Care and Wellbeing Fund](#)

## Lloyds Bank Foundation

**Deadlines:** Round 1 (2017): Open for initial applications 5<sup>th</sup> September – deadline for initial applications 14<sup>th</sup> October.

**Criteria:** registered charities and charitable incorporated organisations (CIOs) with an income of between £25,000 and £1 million, working with people 17 years or older,\* experiencing multiple disadvantage at one of the critical points in their life.

**"Invest"** a flexible, long term core funding programme for charities helping disadvantaged people. Grants are up to £25,000 per year for between 2 and 6 years, with the opportunity for continuation funding for up to six years in total.

**"Enable"** a smaller and shorter grants programme for charities that have identified clear development needs. This funding aims to help the organisations deliver their mission more effectively. These grants are up to a total £15,000 for up to two years.

\*exceptions are young people who are under 17 years of age and young parents or looked after children and disabled young people moving into independent living.

## [Lloydsbank Foundation](#)

## Newground Together

In 2013 Groundwork Pennine Lancashire became Newground. The social enterprise is distributing some of its profits in the form of grants to environment and community projects. Their area of benefit is the North of England and includes Lancaster.

**Criteria:** projects that:

conserve and protect the physical and natural environment

Urban and rural projects that support health and wellbeing; financial inclusion and employability

Recreation and leisure facilities

All projects must be for public benefit and must demonstrate that they will make a difference to people's lives.

**To apply:** there are no application forms on the website. You are invited to contact newground first to tell them what you are doing - if your project is suitable you will then be sent an application form:

Contact Peter Jordan: [Peter.jordan@newground.co.uk](mailto:Peter.jordan@newground.co.uk) Telephone: 01254 669050 See: [Newground](#)

## SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

### UnLtd Social Enterprise Funding

UnLtd award 3 levels of grants to social enterprises that are currently in development or ready to be rolled out. They have a very wide range of programmes, including specific streams for young people, collaborative projects and projects run by students or graduates.

The 3 levels of grant that UnLtd's standard programmes award are:

- Try It - for ideas at development stage: grants of up to £500
- Do It - for projects ready to roll out on a small scale: grants of up to £5,000
- Grow it - for projects ready to be delivered: grants of up to £15,000

[Unltd.org.uk](http://Unltd.org.uk)

### Power to Change's Community Business Fund

Deadline: 16<sup>th</sup> December

[Watch the Community Business Fund webinar](#)

The Power to Change Community Business Fund supports community businesses to increase their social impact and make it more viable in the long term by increasing traded income, securing an asset or reducing revenue costs. Projects must have a charitable purpose and share one or more of the following goals:

- Reduce social isolation;
- Improve health and wellbeing;

- Increase employability;
- Create better access to basic services;
- Improve local environment;
- Enable greater community cohesion;
- Foster greater community pride and empowerment.

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[plunkett more-than-a-pub](#)

### **Childcare Business Grants Scheme**

Applications any time.

The Grants Scheme encourages and supports the starting up of new childcare services and businesses a flat rate start-up grant. The scheme offers grants of £500 to prospective child minders or £1000 to those looking to start up nurseries/out of school clubs in England. Applicants are required to contact their local authority before applying for this grant. See: [Child Care Business Grants](#)

**NOTE:** THESE GRANTS ARE TO SUPPORT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW CHILDCARE BUSINESSES. IF YOU HAVE ALREADY BEEN RUNNING A CHILDCARE BUSINESS OF ANY SORT FOR LONGER THAN 12 MONTHS, YOU ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR A GRANT, EVEN IF YOU INTEND TO USE THE GRANT TO START A NEW NURSERY ON NEW PREMISES.

## **Key Fund**

The Key Fund provides assistance to support social enterprises and sustainable development in the North and North Midlands of England. A range of support is available, including grants, loans, business support and advice to start-up and expanding community enterprises.

### **[The Key Fund](#)**

## **CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE**

### **UnLtd – Spaces 4 Change**

Deadline for a simple expression of interest: 10<sup>th</sup> December.

Spaces 4 Change is a new England-wide programme for young people aged 16-24 to start and run social ventures that unlock unused or under-utilised spaces (land and buildings). 100 awards up to £5,000 will be made to individuals and informal small groups over the duration of the programme. The Awards will consist of cash grants, specific tailored development support and peer-to-peer networking to support the sharing of knowledge and learning.

For more information and to apply see [Youngunltd.org.uk](http://Youngunltd.org.uk) or to discuss an idea informally contact [kevingoodall@unltd.org.uk](mailto:kevingoodall@unltd.org.uk).

### **New Focus on Young People leaving Care – from Esmee Fairbairn Foundation**

The Foundation are launching new funding for organisations working with Young People to ensure that care leavers are decision makers in the choices that affect their lives.

Spending over £2m a year for at least 5 years, they will support young people leaving care to sustain healthy relationships and to receive more consistent and high quality support from the state.

**[Guidance on what we are looking to fund can be found here.](#)**

### **#iwill Fund - New Funding from Big Lottery**

This aims to transform the culture of community engagement and social action among 10-20 year olds. Funding is available for regional and national organisations that develop opportunities for young people to participate in social action.



The first three match-funders have been announced that will distribute the funds from a central investment pot created by the Government and Big Lottery Fund. To find out more about applying check out the organisations below.

- [Pears Foundation](#) will be supporting activity within education, health and social care as well as scaling and supporting successful models to grow or sustain.
- [UK Community Foundations](#) will create small grants for local social action opportunities through their network of 43 Community Foundations across England.

[Comic Relief](#) will develop opportunities for young people from areas and backgrounds currently least likely to participate; working in co-production with young people over the next few months to design the initiative to launch in Spring 2017.

To find out more go to [iwill.org.uk/about-us](http://iwill.org.uk/about-us)

## **Henry Smith Holiday Grants for Young People**

**Deadline:** currently closed will re-open for 2017 holiday grants at the end of this year.

The purpose of this scheme is to provide children with a recreational holiday or outing they would not otherwise have the opportunity to access. This means that they will not fund trips where the primary purpose is education. You must make a clear case for the financial need of the individuals attending as well as the organisation applying.

Applications can be made for grants towards a single trip, which could be residential or a day trip, within the UK for children aged 13 and under who are from areas of high deprivation\*, are experiencing disadvantage, or who have a disability.

Trips can be to countryside or city locations, but must be outside the children's immediate locality. They are able to fund day-trips as well as longer residential trips, but are less likely to fund trips to high cost attractions (e.g. theme parks).

They will not fund the running costs of play-schemes or summer-scheme activities. And trips must be targeted to individual children. They will not consider family trips.

Grants of between £500 and £2,500 can be considered. They will only fund a maximum of two-thirds of the total cost of a holiday as they expect some of the funding to be raised elsewhere.

### **[Henrysmithcharity holiday-grants-for-children](#)**

#### **'Test it' and 'Build it'**

Various deadlines.

UnLtd are looking for young people from across the UK who want to start, grow or build their social enterprise idea. A Test it Award of up to £500 cash or a Build it Award of up to £15,000 cash is available to individuals or small group of up to four people aged 11-30.

**[unltd.org.uk/do-it-for-real-test/](http://unltd.org.uk/do-it-for-real-test/)**



## BBC Children in Need Small Grants

**Deadlines:** 1<sup>st</sup> December

**Criteria:** Children and young people of 18 years and under experiencing disadvantage through:

- Illness, distress, abuse or neglect
- Any kind of disability
- Behavioural or psychological difficulties
- Living in poverty or situations of deprivation

The Small Grants programme is open to charities and not-for-profit organisations applying for any amount up to and including £10,000 for one year only See: [small-grants-should-i-apply](#)

## St James's Place Foundation

Apply at any time

The Small Grants Programme is available to smaller UK Registered Charities with an annual income of up to £750,000. The amount applied for should be up to a maximum of £10,000 in any two-year rolling period. They will fund work:

- [Supporting Young People with Special Needs](#)
- [Supporting Disadvantaged Young People](#)
- [Supporting People with Cancer](#)

[sjpfoundation.co.uk](http://sjpfoundation.co.uk)

## Paul Hamlyn Foundation - Youth Fund

See also Arts Based Learning Fund

Deadlines: any time

Offering **Core Cost** support for organisations whose main purpose is about helping young people (aged 14-25) in the most precarious positions, where making the transition to adult independence is most challenging, and those who are most vulnerable. The Fund supports organisations which work with young people in a way that recognises and builds on their strengths and potential. Through this fund we want to promote a way of working where young people's voices, influence and ideas are central. It aims to enable those with innovative and influential ideas or outstanding practice to sustain and prepare to grow their impact.

Organisations may be planning to grow their impact by:

- Replicating a programme or service
- Widening the reach of an idea or innovation
- Spreading a technology or skill
- Advancing policy or enhancing its implementation
- Influencing attitudes

[Paul Hamlyn Foundation](#)

## **Toy Trust**

Applications throughout the year.

Founded by the British Toy and Hobby Association, the Toy Trust distributes the money raised to charities helping disadvantaged and disabled children and their families, in the UK and abroad. Grants are generally up to £5,000 to help disadvantaged children and their families.

[toy-trust](#)

## **Wellbeing prevention and early help service (Young Peoples Service) Small Grants Scheme**

Deadline: You must apply for funding before your project takes place as we will not fund applications to cover expenditure already made. You can apply for funding anytime throughout the year.

Lancashire County Council's Wellbeing, prevention and early help service (Young Peoples Service) allocates funding to support local third sector organisations working with young people. They give priority to groups who support and work with vulnerable young people.

Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector (VCFS) groups registered with the Wellbeing, Prevention and Early Help Service (YPS) can apply. Find out [how to register](#).

The maximum amount we can give to any registered group is £2,000 in one financial year.

### ***How to apply?***

To apply you must fill in the [application form](#). Please make sure you read the [guidance notes](#) before you fill in the form.

A panel of young people will assess all completed applications and make recommendations regarding each application.

All applications will then be considered at the children, young people and schools cabinet decision making session, which takes place every 3 months.

For more information on the small grants scheme, or for help completing your application form please contact: Contracts Compliance Team 01772 532023

## **Ernest Cook Trust**

As well as offering a wide-ranging programme of land-based learning for children and young people, the Ernest Cook Trust gives grants to registered charities, schools and not-for-profit organisations wishing to encourage young people's interest either in the countryside and the environment, the arts (in the broadest sense), or in science, or aiming to raise levels of literacy and numeracy.

Since the ECT is a land-based Trust, work which encourages or ensures the continuation of rural skills and crafts is of particular interest to the Trustees. All applications are expected to link in with either the National Curriculum or with recognised qualifications.

Each year the ECT Trustees give around £1.8 million to support hundreds of educational projects throughout the UK. Click [here](#) to download a list showing a selection of recent grant recipients.

A large grants programme for awards of over £4,000 and a small grants programme for awards of under £4,000 operate throughout the year.

[Ernest Cook Trust](#)

## **Leslie Sell Charitable Trust**

Applications throughout the year.

The Leslie Sell Charitable Trust provides financial assistance to the Scouting and Guiding movement. The Trust Fund makes available small grants to Groups to help with the cost of making repairs, or purchasing sundry items of equipment. It also gives assistance to groups and individuals when they make trips in the UK or overseas.

[Leslie Sellct Charitable Trust](#)

## **BIBAsFoundation**

**Deadline:** application can be received at any time though please note there will be two or three funding panels each year.

The focus of the fund is to enable young people aged 16-24 to flourish, learn and develop business skills or knowledge; continue or expand their enterprising work; build their capacity for the future. Individuals aged 16-24 and community groups or social enterprises supporting them can apply for grants of either £1,000 or £2,000

Please click [here](#) for the full guidelines and to apply please use the BIBAs Foundation form available [here](#). Please return your completed application form to [applications@cflm.email](mailto:applications@cflm.email)

## **Rock FM's Cash for Kids**

Deadline: open for applications

Rock FM's Cash for Kids and provides a helping hand to children across Lancashire. All money is raised locally and spent locally and goes to children and young people under 18 throughout the region; with mental, physical or sensory disabilities, behavioural or psychological disorders, living in poverty or situations of deprivation, suffering through distress, abuse or neglect.

To apply contact: Nikki Thompson, Tel: 01772 477974, E:[charity@rockfm.co.uk](mailto:charity@rockfm.co.uk); [Visit the Rock FM website](#)

# **SPORT**

## **Sport England - new Funding Programmes**

Between 2017 and 2021, Sport England says that it will invest £22.5 million through its range of new funding programmes which include:

**Volunteering** – The fund will open in early 2017, and it is expected the first awards will be made in spring.

**Local delivery** - In December 2016, Sport England is inviting expressions of interest to become one of 10 places that will receive funding from Sport England to develop and implement local strategies for physical activity and sport. A number of working sessions will be held in January and February 2017 to help interested partners develop their ideas, with the first three or four pilots identified by March.

**Tackling inactivity** - It is opening the first phase of the Inactivity Fund, which will provide up to £10 million for projects that help older adults (55+) to get active. Expressions of interest will be due by 13 February 2017, with the first set of awards planned for June 2017.

**Facilities** – Sport England is launching the first phase of the new Community Asset Fund which will have £7.5 million available. It will also publish the wider facilities investment guide in January 2017.

**Major Sporting events** - Sports England is launching a £2 million fund to help engage a much broader range of people in and around major sporting events.

## [Sport England](#)

### **Sported.**

Sported is the UK's leading sporting legacy charity of the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. They are a FREE membership organisation which provides support to community and grassroots organisations that deliver 'Sport for Development'.

[Sported.org.uk](http://Sported.org.uk)

### **BOOST**

Building on Overlooked Sporting Talent (BOOST) is a Trust that provides, up to £500. BOOST champion disabled and disadvantaged people, to help them overcome challenges through sport and fulfill sporting ambitions, at whatever level that may be. Apply anytime.

[boostct.org](http://boostct.org)

### **Playing Fields Legacy Fund**

Can provide:

- Grants for voluntary groups and sports clubs for the improvement of their playing fields, changing rooms and community rooms.
- Advice on funding and how to make professional applications for grants from both the public and private sectors.
- Guidance on forming partnerships with major sporting bodies.
- Advice on general playing field management and maintenance.

In addition, they can provide seed money to kick start new projects for grass pitches, artificial turf pitches (ATPs), and multi-use games areas (MUGAs). A grant from the Playing Fields Legacy Fund can help unlock funding from other sources such as the Football Foundation, Sport England and sports governing bodies.

[Playingfieldslegacyfund.org.uk](http://Playingfieldslegacyfund.org.uk)

### **The Richard Overall Trust**

Applications throughout the year.

Grants are available to advance the physical education of disabled young individuals and groups to allow their participation in or attendance at sporting activities, or the purchase of equipment for sporting events or activities. The funding can be used for: Equipment; Training; Clothing and footwear; Transport; Attendance – the purchase of tickets to sporting events.

[Richardoveralltrust](http://Richardoveralltrust)

### **Sport England Small Grants**

Deadlines: apply at any time

Small Grants uses Lottery funding to make awards of between £300 and £10,000 to not-for-profit organisations to help more people play sport.

[Sportengland Small-grants](http://Sportengland Small-grants)

### **The Premier League and FA Facilities Fund**

Grants for building or refurbishing grassroots facilities, eg changing pavilions and playing surfaces for community benefit. The FA and the Government (via Sport England) and delivered by the Foundation. Plus the small grants scheme awards grants up to £10,000.

Go to [Footballfoundation.org.uk](http://Footballfoundation.org.uk) to see all the schemes that are in place.

## **CULTURE ARTS AND HERITAGE**

See also Leader **Rural** funding Tourism and Cultural Heritage

See also Trusthouse Charitable Foundation in Rural funding section

### **Arts Council Strategic Touring Fund**

**Deadlines:** 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

Many areas of England offer few opportunities to attend and participate in the arts. They may be geographically isolated or suffer from a lack of local artists and arts organisations. This programme funds touring work, focusing especially on areas where people have low engagement with the arts and those that rely on touring for much of their arts provision. It also seeks to extend the reach of high-quality work by broadening the range of venues presenting it, as well as forging

stronger relationships between audiences, promoters, venues, artists and producers. Particularly encourage applications for:

- work that reflects the diversity of the local community and/or contemporary England
- international work visiting this country
- mid-scale theatre

[Artscouncil.org.uk/funding/strategic-touring](https://www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding/strategic-touring)

## **Paul Hamlyn Foundation Arts Based Learning**

Deadlines: any time

The fund supports arts organisations working with schools, colleges and other education environments to improve the evidence base for their work, so that they can do more to enhance the lives, development and achievements of children and young people.

In particular, PHF want to support high quality arts-based learning activities that bring about and evidence positive and sustained change in one or more of six priority areas:

- Young people's academic achievements
- Young people's achievements and progression within one or more art forms
- Young people's soft-skills and or well-being, social, moral and or cultural development
- Young people's access to, and participation in, arts-based learning activities
- Whole school culture, integration, cohesion and/or community relationships
- Staff knowledge, confidence and skills in delivering arts-based learning activities

Two types of grant are available under this Fund to support work at different stages of development:

**Arts-based Learning 'explore and test' grants** – offering funding for up to two years to help test new approaches or gather evidence for the first time about approaches that have been used before.

**Arts-based Learning 'more and better' grants** – offering longer, larger grants to help increase the impact and effectiveness of work which has already shown promise or positive impact.

[Paul Hamlyn Foundation](https://www.paulhamlynfoundation.org.uk)

## **The Steel Charitable Trust**

Applications are considered quarterly.

The Trustees support five categories: Arts and Heritage; Health; Education; Social or economic disadvantage; environment. Grants are generally between £2,500 and £25,000.

[Steel Charitable Trust](https://www.steelcharitabletrust.org.uk)

## The Ragdoll Foundation's Open Grant Scheme

The Ragdoll Foundation is dedicated to supporting the creation, appreciation and awareness of imaginative and innovative content that reflects the world from a child's point of view.

Preference will be given to innovative projects that share the same values of imagination and creativity as the Ragdoll Foundation. In particular, those projects which have a deep commitment to listening to children and allow the perceptions and feelings of children themselves to be better understood. It is mainly interested in applications that involve children during their early years, but appropriate projects for older children (up to 18 years) will also be considered.

The Ragdoll Foundation welcomes applications of up to £50,000, though the majority of grants made are likely to be in the region of £5,000 to £30,000. Applications will be considered for both one-off short-term projects and for projects lasting up to three years.

The Ragdoll Foundation accepts applications from not-for-profit organisations based in the UK. It will only fund work that is legally charitable.

<http://www.ragdollfoundation.org.uk/portfolio/grant-giving>

## The Headley Trust

### Supports:

- Regional museums and galleries, with special consideration for curatorial support and acquisitions;
- The display, study and acquisition of British ceramics;
- Conservation of industrial, maritime and built heritage;
- Archaeology;
- Major museums, galleries and libraries (not normally large capital projects);
- Crafts (including rural crafts);
- Arts education/outreach and access to the arts for disabled and disadvantaged people;

[Headley Trust Museums Archaeological Acquisition Fund](#).

### Parish Churches

- Fabric repairs to listed medieval parish churches in sparsely populated and less prosperous rural areas in England & Wales;
- Provision or upgrade of parish church toilet facilities and disabled access.

See: [The Headley Trust](#)

## The Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust

Funds open: 2017

In 2017 the Trust will be funding Music and the Arts

[Austin-hope-pilkington](#)

## Theatres Protection Fund Uk Small Grants Scheme

Scheme runs until 2017.

Priorities include small capital building projects that address urgent building repairs, improve operational viability, introduce environmental improvements, and enhance physical accessibility. Applications for technical equipment and refurbishment of soft furnishings are a low priority for the Scheme. When making decisions Trustees prioritise applications towards specific and recognisable items within capital projects under £250,000.

See: [Theatres Trust](#)

## **Paul Hamlyn Foundation – Access and Participation Fund**

**Deadline:** closing dates 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017, 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017

**Criteria:** Arts

Grants are available up to £ 600,000, to support organisations to test, implement and develop ambitious plans to widen access to and deepen participation in the arts. We want to help organisations to build stronger evidence about what works so that they can improve practice and achieve greater impact.

[Access-and-participation-fund](#)

## **ENVIRONMENT**

### **Greggs Foundation’s Environmental Grants Scheme Opens**

Deadline 3 March 2017

Using money from the 5p levy on carrier bag sales in Greggs shops, the Greggs Foundation has established the Environmental Grants scheme, offering grants for projects which make a difference to local areas.

Preference will be given to projects which include one or more of the following aspects:

- Improving the local environment.
- Insuring involvement of local communities.
- Delivering a sustainable and measurable difference.
- Supporting people in need.
- Not-for-profit organisations with a turnover of £300,000 or less as well as schools can apply now for grants of up to £2,000.

Organisations that are based near Greggs shops will be given priority. Schools are also encouraged to apply and are given the same level of priority as small locally based organisations.

[Greggsfoundation.org.uk/environmental-grant](http://Greggsfoundation.org.uk/environmental-grant)

### **Lush Charity Pot**

Applications throughout the year.

The Lush Charity Pot, from cosmetics company Lush, supports small, grassroots charities, non-violent direct action groups and other organisations from across the UK working in the areas of



environment, animal protection and human rights. Other areas are also considered provided they satisfy certain criteria. Grants range from a few hundred pounds to up to £10,000, although the majority are for £3,000.

### **Lush Charity-pot-funding-guidelines**

#### **Greggs Foundation Environmental Grants for Groups and Schools**

**Deadlines:** 30 September.

The Environmental Grants scheme and is offering a Small Grant of up to £2,500 or a Large Grant of between £2,500 and £10,000 to organisations based near a Greggs shop. All projects must have environmental benefit.

Priority will be given to projects that benefit disadvantaged people, which could include: People with disabilities or suffering chronic illness; People living in a disadvantaged area; People living in an area with poor access to the environment; Voluntary carers; Homeless people; Isolated older people.

[Greggs foundation](#)

#### **Urban Community Energy Fund**

**Deadlines:** the last Friday in, September and November

The Government's [Urban-community-energy-fund](#) remains open for applications and is encouraging community groups to investigate opportunities in their local area. The Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) established the £10 million Urban Community Energy Fund (UCEF) last November to complement the Rural Community Energy Fund (RCEF). The two funds were established to make sure that all communities throughout England can access support for renewable energy projects.

#### **Postcode Local Trust**

**Deadlines in 2016:** 1st September – 30th September

The fund supports charities to deliver innovative projects that help communities enhance their natural environment. Community groups which are constituted by not registered with the Charity commission can apply for up to £2000. Registered Charities can apply for up to £20,000

[PostcodeLocalTrust.org.uk](http://PostcodeLocalTrust.org.uk)

#### **Green Leaf Grants**

**Deadline:** apply at any time

The aim of the Green Leaf Grants funding programme is to provide a small grant for a small stand-alone project. The grant can be up to £1,000. Please note that the Fund has a limited funding amount to support the Green Leaf Grants and we anticipate that grants of £1,000 will be the exception rather than the rule.

Green Leaf Grants can be used to fund small scale community projects that are accessible to the general public.

Projects might include;

- Energy efficiency measures at community facilities ie insulation, double glazing, water saving, low energy lighting etc
- Wildflower and bulb planting
- Tree planting
- Community Orchard
- Community Gardens (but not allotments)
- Pond creation and planting
- Improvements to access to public parks and gardens
- Benches and seating
- Community Arts with an environmental theme
- Health Walk Waymarking

This is not an exclusive list and there will be other types of projects or schemes that fit our criteria. It should be remembered that the overall intent of your project should be to improve the environment in some way whether that is the built, social or natural environment.

There are however some **ineligible** projects;

- Projects in the grounds of schools, nurseries and preschools
- Community consultation days
- One off events
- Production of environmental leaflets, handbooks and other environmental education resources
- Allotment regeneration
- Community website development
- Contribution to activities such as Britain in Bloom or Best kept Village competition
- Core costs of an organisation
- Retrospective funding
- The funding you are applying for forms part of a larger project
- Revenue costs
- Projects that cannot complete before 31<sup>st</sup> March in the financial year that the grant was approved

**Further Details:** Jennifer Tidy on 01772 317247 e: [general@lancsenfund.org.uk](mailto:general@lancsenfund.org.uk)  
[www.lancsenfund.org.uk](http://www.lancsenfund.org.uk)

## **COMMUNITY BUILDINGS**

### **Screwfix Foundation**

Deadlines: applications quarterly

Criteria: Registered Charities only. Projects that fix, maintain, improve and repair charitable and community facilities

[screwfix Foundation](http://screwfixfoundation.org)

**More than a Pub - The Plunkett Foundation** - The Community Pub Business Support Programme

A comprehensive package of business development support, advice and loan and grant funding has been developed to assist community pub businesses consider their viability at all stages of their development which includes:

- A flexible package of support including:
  - an advice line
  - events
  - workshops
  - peer-to-peer study visits
  - business development advice.
- Flexible bursary awards of up to £2,500 (inclusive of VAT) to fund pre-feasibility costs such as public consultation and valuations.
- Combined loan and grant funding up to £150,000 but not exceeding £75,000 in grant contribution (average grant is expect to be c. £37,500, average loan may be around £42,800). Where the loan and grant combination is required the loan funding is a pre-requisite and grant monies will only be released once the loan has been approved with a loan provider. The amounts and ratios available are discretionary and will be assessed against the group's ability to service a loan, meet the eligibility criteria and clearly demonstrate their wider social and economic impact. There is an expectation that groups will raise some level of community finance which will be taken into account when determining the funding mix.

[plunkett more-than-a-pub](#)

## GRANTS FOR INDIVIDUALS

### **The Glasspool Trust**

The Glasspool Trust is one of the few national charities making grants to individuals which has no restrictions on the type of beneficiary. Their aim is to provide timely, life-enhancing support to people in need; short-term involvement for long-term impact. **Note: they do not accept applications from individuals directly and prefer to work** with front-line advice and social care agencies that provide a package of support.

[Glasspool.org.uk](http://Glasspool.org.uk)

### **Thomas Wall Trust**

The Trustees welcome applications from people who want to break through the barriers in their lives and life chances by pursuing technical or skill-based training which will improve their prospects of finding paid work.

<http://www.thomaswalltrust.org.uk/>

### **Charis**

Charis is a member of Advice UK. Their schemes provide financial assistance as well as essential household items. They also administer Warm Home Discount schemes. The schemes operate

within a 'shared programme', with a single application form and assessment process. Supporting documentation that must be provided under the guidelines for each scheme are detailed on the application forms.

Charis will automatically identify if an individual is eligible for help from any other scheme it administers, offering you maximum support.

[Charisgrants.com/individuals-families/](https://charisgrants.com/individuals-families/)

## **The Richard Overall Trust**

Applications throughout the year.

Grants are available to advance the physical education of disabled young individuals and groups to allow their participation in or attendance at sporting activities, or the purchase of equipment for sporting events or activities. The funding can be used for: Equipment; Training; Clothing and footwear; Transport; Attendance – the purchase of tickets to sporting events.

[Richardoveralltrust](https://richardoveralltrust.org/)

## **ACT Foundation**

**Deadline:** Applications can be submitted at any time

ACT provides grants to individuals and other charities, principally in the UK, with the aim of enhancing the quality of life for people in need, (specifically the mentally and physically disabled). Grants generally fall into the following areas:

- Building - funding modifications to homes, schools, hospices etc.
- Equipment - provision of specialised wheelchairs, other mobility aids and equipment including medical equipment to assist independent living.
- Financial assistance - towards the cost of short-term respite breaks at a registered respite centre.

Projects that intend to be a platform for continuing services will be expected to demonstrate sustainability. ACT would be concerned to be a sole funder of projects that require ongoing support. Check website below for exclusions..

Decisions on grants of up to £50,000 are normally made within one month of receiving your application. Decisions on grants over £50,000 can take up to three months.

If the application is for an emergency a faster timescale can be requested and ACT will do their best to assist.

**Application Form:** Apply in writing following the guidelines on the website.

**Contact:** The Grants Manager, 61 Thames Street, Windsor, SL4 1QW

E-mail: [info@theactfoundation.co.uk](mailto:info@theactfoundation.co.uk) Tel: 01753 753900 Fax: 01753 753901

[www.theactfoundation.co.uk](https://www.theactfoundation.co.uk)

## **Nat Merriman Fund**

The Nat Merriman Fund was established in memory of Nat Merriman, a young man that passionately believed in the value of creative and performing arts in the lives of young people, who died in 1994 aged 25. Nat was born and raised in Lancaster. He attended Dallas Road School and Morecambe High School. As an actor and wordsmith he was part of many local organisations including The Dukes, where he found people with enthusiasm to match his own. Nat was a person

who sought out opportunities, took them when they arose and tried to create them where they did not already exist.

The fund is to enable young people to widen their experience and appreciation of the creative and performing arts. The maximum grant that will be awarded is £300. Applicants must be aged between 11-25 year old and live in the Lancaster District.

Applications are accepted from individuals/groups as long as the money is not used to fund any form of education that should be provided by the Local Education Authority.

Application forms from: [Nat-Merriman-Fund](#)

## **FUNDING RESOURCES AND SUPPORT**

### **Big Lottery Fund On-line Tool for VCSE organisations**

The Big Lottery Fund, in partnership with the Cabinet Office, has developed a new online tool for voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) organisations that are keen to improve their performance and sustainability. The new free online VCSE Strength Checker is now. It aims to help VCSE organisations across the UK to develop and improve their resilience by producing a free personalised report highlighting an organisation's key strengths and areas to help them become more effective, including sustainability, marketing, strategy and planning, track record, quality and impact.

**[vcsestrengthchecker.org.uk](http://vcsestrengthchecker.org.uk)**

### **Gift Aid for charities**

Choosing a Charity Giving site

<http://www.moneysavingexpert.com/family/charity-fundraising-sites>

**NB:** don't forget that some of these sites will process gift aid for you and some don't but still make a charge for processing the donation but they don't always make it clear.

NB: most sites won't process gift aid for you unless you are a Registered Charity with the Charity commission.

Gift Aid is a simple way for you to increase the value of gifts of money from UK tax payers: By asking donors for permission to reclaim the tax that they have paid on their donation, **you can increase the value of donations to your charity by one quarter**. For every £1 qualifying donation received, your charity can claim repayment of 25 pence.

**How does Gift Aid work?** When a UK taxpayer gives a gift of money to a charity, they have already paid tax on that money. Because charities are generally exempt from tax, they can claim

an amount from HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) equal to the tax paid on that money by the donor. This repayment from HMRC is known as Gift Aid.

Resources: Charities and social enterprises with charitable purposes applying for tax exemption status should use a CHA1 form from [HMRC's website](#).

**For Community and Amateur Sports Clubs** and similar there is a CASC(A1) form to use to register with HMRC which you can download from [HMRCs website](#)  
[HMRC's helpsheet](#)