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CULTURE & SPORT

YOUNG PEOPLE



FUNDING FAIR 2025

MEET LOCAL, REGIONAL AND NATIONAL FUNDERS FACE TO FACE TO
TALK ABOUT YOUR CORE, PROJECT AND CAPITAL FUNDING NEEDS!

COMMUNITY PROJECTS, CROWDFUNDING & MORE

TUESDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER 2025

9.30AM - 3.30PM

TRIMPELL SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB
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Lancaster District CVS Funding Fair 2025

We're back at The Trimpell Sports and Social Club, Morecambe for this year's LDCVS Funding Fair. We have 18 grant and trust fund organisations attending the event providing you and your organisation with a fabulous opportunity to discuss your funding needs.

Previous attendees have told us how useful the opportunity was for them and have provided some fantastic feedback.

“Having the opportunity to outline my project ideas to the funders was extremely welcome as I received advice around which specific funds to apply for as well as the best way to pitch my idea.”

“Each of the funders I spoke with were really helpful and happy to discuss a project concept and answer questions and I was given guidance on whether it was likely to be something they would fund.”

“The organisation of appointments is excellent because you can arrive at times relevant and convenient to you. No time wasted.”

How it All Works

In the morning there will be pre-bookable appointment times which will be allocated on a first come, first served basis via a Try Booking event link. There will be a maximum of 5 appointments per organisation.

The afternoon session will provide the flexibility of an open marketplace drop in where you can browse the stalls and talk to whoever is available (though you may have to queue!).

In addition, our Development Support Officer, Sharon will be running her Top Tips for Writing Grant Applications session from 2.00pm – 3.00pm. There is a maximum of 15 places available, so make sure you secure your place early.

Once again, our colleagues from Lancaster and Morecambe College will be joining us and available to talk to you about the various projects and courses they have available to support and upskill your organisation and communities, all of which can be beneficial when looking to draw down funding.

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What You Need to Do:

1. Read through the list of grant and trust funders below and decide if there are any that you would really like to meet.
2. It is important you undertake some initial research before making your bookings – follow the website links to find out more about their funding priorities and read any guidance documents available.
3. Please only book to see funders that are potentially suited to the types of activities that your organisation provides
4. Book your place to attend via our online TryBooking links.

To attend in the morning and to request up to 5 pre-bookable appointments click here:

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FEVZ>

Cost - £6.00 to attend for 2 people per organisation. (£10 for non LDCVS Members)

To attend the afternoon marketplace drop-in session and access workshop sessions click here:

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FEWB>

Cost - £6.00 to attend for 2 people per organisation. (£10 for non LDCVS Members)

Come prepared and ready to pitch your project ideas, revenue or capital funding needs and to use the time wisely to ask specific questions – remember appointments are just 20 minutes long so time will be tight.

You are welcome to attend both the morning and afternoon sessions, however, please note you will need to make a booking for both and pay £12 to attend the full day. (£20 for non-LDCVS Members).

There will be a buffet lunch available for those attending the morning and afternoon session – just let us know you'll be around for lunch, and about any dietary or access needs, using the online booking form.

Finally, just to say if you have any further questions, whether it be about which funders would be good for you to speak to at the event or practical issues like problems with your online booking, please do not hesitate to get in touch on funding@lancastercvs.org.uk or telephone and ask for Sharon on 01524 555900.

The team at LDCVS look forward to seeing you on the day.

Best Wishes

Sharon

Sharon Phillips
LDCVS, Connecting Communities Development Officer





The 3R Foundation

www.3rc.org.uk

The 3R Foundation was setup in 2022 by local volunteers to raise funds for local small charities, community groups and clubs in the Morecambe, Lancaster, North Lancashire and South Cumbria area through the 3R Community Charity shop in Carnforth. 3R stands for 'Recycle, Reuse, Rehome' and we actively promote the importance of recycling what you can and saving money by giving something a new home rather than by buying new!

We have two primary objectives...

The first one is to put the proceeds raised by the shop straight back into the local community, right at grassroots level. We have a simple application form to allow organisations to apply for £250, £500 or £1,000 grants for any projects that benefit the community. We specifically aim to support organisations that have modest financial requirements that might otherwise have nowhere to turn to. It might be tools or equipment, branded clothing, a new cooker or fridge for a hub kitchen, marketing leaflets and banners, repairs to a clubhouse, or plants and trees for a community space. Grant applications are reviewed, awarded and paid quickly each and every month.

The second objective is to change people's perception of charity shops. We are part of the new generation of charity shops, welcoming, modern, bright, clean and airy, and not a fusty smell anywhere! You can rest assured that donated items will be: Recycled, Reused and Rehomed AND more importantly.....that the profits raised will then be put to good use to benefit you and your family in the local community!



Active Lancashire

activelancashire.org.uk/

Active Lancashire's Sport Welfare Officers, Gwen and Nathan, are dedicated to making sport and physical activity safe and welcoming for everyone. Their roles, supported by Sport England, aim to build local welfare capacity and share best practices, ensuring everyone feels respected and included.

On the day, Gwen and Nathan can provide guidance on developing robust welfare cultures within clubs and community groups, helping you create safer, more inclusive, and welcoming environments. They offer connections to organisations, sharing valuable resources and relevant training opportunities to upskill staff and volunteers.

Furthermore, they can help you explore funding avenues, including providing information and signposting to Sport England's Movement Fund, which offers grants up to £15,000 for projects that get more people active and tackle inequalities. They're here to support your organisation in creating positive experiences for all participants.



Supported using public funding by
**ARTS COUNCIL
ENGLAND**

The Arts Council England

ArtsCouncil.org

Arts Council England are the national development agency for creativity and culture. They have set out a strategic vision in Let's Create that by 2030 they want England to be a country in which the creativity of each of us is valued and given chance to flourish and where everyone has access to a remarkable range of high-quality cultural experiences. They invest public money from Government and The National Lottery to help support the sector and to deliver this vision.

Key Programmes include:

National Lottery Project Grants – an open access programme for arts, libraries and museums projects. The fund supports thousands of individual artists, community and cultural organisations.

Museum Estate and Development Fund (Round 5) – This is an open-access capital fund targeted at non-national accredited museums and local authorities based in England to apply for funding to undertake vital infrastructure and urgent maintenance backlogs which are beyond the scope of day-to-day maintenance budgets.

Libraries Improvement Fund (Round 4) - This fund will enable library services across England to invest in a range of projects to upgrade buildings and technology so they are better placed to respond to the changing ways people are using them.

Museum Renewal Fund 2025-26 - The Museum Renewal Fund is targeted at museums owned and directly maintained by local authority funding, or with a governance link to a local authority. The Fund is an urgent intervention to enable rapid delivery in 2025/26, to safeguard the vital community engagement and impact which public access to museums enables.



Banks Lyon Memorial Trust

bankslyonmt.org

The Banks Lyon Memorial Trust was set up by Dr Walter Lyon just before he died in 2003. Dr Lyon was aware that he had had excellent educational opportunities and wanted to help local young people who were not so lucky. The charity gives grants to individuals & organisations situated or operating in Lancaster, Morecambe, Carnforth and the surrounding rural areas.

The trustees have a particular emphasis on helping young people with their "education", with education being construed in its broadest sense and in particular (but without limitation) trades education over traditional academic education.



The Bay Foundation

Including Lancaster Community Fund, The Eric Wright Charitable Trust, The Nat Merriman Fund, Street Aid, Closing Loops Pots of Possibility

lancastercvs.org.uk

Through the Bay Foundation, Lancaster District CVS administers a number of funds:

- **The Eric Wright Charitable Trust** - grants of up to £500 for organisations with income under £50,000
- **Lancaster Community Fund** - grants of up to £1,000 for voluntary organisations delivering projects for the benefit of local people
- **Lancaster District Street Aid** - grants of up to £750 to help homeless or vulnerably housed people stay off the street
- **Nat Merriman Fund** - grants of up to £300 for individuals or £500 for organisations to enable young people to take part in creative and performing arts
- **Closing Loops Pots of Possibility** - £300,000 in small grants is available through the Pots of Possibility fund. Apply to Community Pots for grants worth up to £5,000 and Your Pots for grants between £5,000 and £10,000.



BBC Children in Need

bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/grants/

Across the UK, children and young people continue to face a range of complicated challenges – with many having to cope with lots of issues at once.

BBC Children in Need, fund vital support for children struggling with challenges caused by mental health, poverty, social inequality and family-related issues. The grants support charities, organisations and programmes right across the UK, all year round with the aim to improve the lives of children and young people in every nation and region. Our grant funding includes:

- **Project Grants** – supporting the aims and delivery of a specific piece of work
- **Core Grants** – can be spent on an organisations running and operational costs
- **Pudsey Next Steps Funding** – helping to achieve greater equity, diversity and inclusion in our grant-making



Community Foundation for Lancashire

lancsfoundation.org.uk

The Community Foundation for Lancashire helps individuals and organisations give to causes that matter to them, providing a strategic approach to charitable giving and a robust grant making service.

We work as part of a national network of 47 UK Community Foundations and have distributed more than £20 Million in the county since Community Foundation for Lancashire was established in 2007.

The Community Foundation provide multiple funding programmes for grassroots community groups across different causes, including the Red Rose Responding Fund which supports mental health activity and the Lancashire Women's Fund.



Crowd Fund Lancashire - Supporting Culture and Sport in Lancashire

www.lancashire.gov.uk/council/grants/crowdfund-lancashire/

Crowdfund Lancashire gives anyone a chance to create local culture and sport projects and support the projects which matter most to them. Anyone can contribute towards their community by chipping in as little as £2 to help bring ideas to life. If it matters to our communities, it matters to Lancashire County Council, who will support eligible projects with a pledge from the Lancashire Culture & Sport Fund (LCSF).

If you have an idea that will improve the culture or sport offer in your community, you could get up to £15,000 towards your target.

Lancashire County Council uses Spacehive to help you create, fund and deliver your project idea.



Easy Fundraising

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/lancaster

Easy fundraising is the UK's biggest charity shopping website. Launched in 2005, our community of over 2 million supporters have raised over £50 million for thousands of causes across the UK. We partner with over 7000 brands who will donate part of what you spend to a cause of your choice. It won't cost you any extra. The cost is covered by the brand.

Retailers include eBay, John Lewis, Tesco, Booking.com, M&S, Asda, Screwfix, Waitrose, Argos, Moonpig, Boots, Sainsbury's, trainline and thousands more. Every 3 months, your organisation will receive the money your supporters have raised for you. As the funds you raise class as unrestricted, you can spend it on whatever you need.

Becky Coleman from easy fundraising will be on hand at LDCVS Funding Fair to help you understand how it all works and how to set up a free easy fundraising page for your charity or voluntary organization.

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**Francis Scott
Trust**

**The Francis Scott
Charitable Trust**
francis-scott.org.uk

The Francis Scott Charitable Trust is one of the largest independent grant funders in the area that is solely focused on children and young people and makes over £1 million in grants every year to charitable organisations operating in Cumbria and the very north of Lancashire.

They are particularly interested in effective approaches to addressing the needs of children, young people and young adults by:

- **Raising aspirations and supporting personal development**
- **Inclusive practice**
- **Improving wellbeing and mental health**
- **Improving sector effectiveness**

The majority of their grants are multi-year revenue grants for project or core costs. They also provide social investment loans and help with organisational development.



**Lancashire County Council
Community Project Support**
lancashire.gov.uk

Lancashire County Council's Community Projects team use their skills and experience to work with the people of Lancashire to support projects to strengthen communities and improve wellbeing. They support projects with realistic goals that, encourage people to be healthier and improve their local environment.

They are particularly keen to work with:

- **Projects to support Health and Wellbeing, where they are led by local community members.**
- **Improvements to green spaces, particularly in area with limited quality green space.**
- **Food-growing and healthy eating projects.**
- **Improvements to community buildings, and support to community asset transfer projects.**
- **Training and development support.**
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There are currently no active grant funding pots available from the LCC Communities Team, however Mark Reynolds, Projects Officer will be available to talk through with you how to make best use of their Lancashire County Council 4 Community funding portal at <https://funding.idoxopen4community.co.uk/lancashirecc> which is operated by IDOX and also about the benefits of signing up to the portal's newsletter to be kept up to date with funding opportunities.

LANCASHIRE ENVIRONMENTAL FUND

Lancashire Environment Fund

lancsenvfund.org.uk

Lancashire Environmental Fund (LEF) is a partnership between SUEZ Recycling and Recovery UK Ltd, Lancashire County Council, The Wildlife Trust for Lancashire, Manchester and North Merseyside and Community Futures. Over the last 25 years, LEF is proud to have supported over 1,200 projects in Lancashire with over £30 million in funding.

Please be advised that advance notice has now been given that only one further funding round will be available and shortly thereafter the Fund will cease to operate. The dates are:

Expression of Interest deadline - 5pm Tuesday 2nd December 2025

Application deadline - 5pm Thursday 19th February 2026

Board Meeting - Wednesday 3rd June 2026

Fund Manager Elizabeth Morgan will be attending the LDCVS Funding Fair on September 23rd and available for both morning booked appointment slots and the afternoon marketplace. You are encouraged to take this opportunity to discuss any potential applications for the final round if you think the fund might be able to help you.



Lancaster & Morecambe College

lmc.ac.uk

Lancaster & Morecambe College have more than 50 years of experience in providing the courses and experiences our students want and our employers and universities require. We are proud to be at the heart of the community and continue to work hard to keep local, grass root organisations informed of developments.

LMC offer a range of courses and opportunities accessible to everyone, whether it be career focused, further professional development, starting the journey to Higher Education or simply enjoying non-vocational community courses. Meet with someone from the team at their information stall to find out more, including details about their adult learners offer. (Please note that there are no booked appointments with the college)



Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire

lancashire-pcc.gov.uk/grant-funding/

The Police and Crime Commissioner's job is to ensure that the policing needs of Lancashire Communities are met as effectively and efficiently as possible.

Lancashire's Commissioner, Clive Grunshaw, is committed to working with partners and young people across the county to deliver on his Police and Crime Plan priorities, keep communities safe and create opportunities that support growth and development.

The Commissioner's Community Fund delivers targeted interventions to prevent and tackle crime, anti-social behaviour and other concerns, with application windows throughout 2025/26, focusing on projects that tackle violence against women and girls, business and retail crime, and reduce reoffending.

All projects will be funded by money seized from criminals through the Proceeds of Crime Act and used to make Lancashire a safer place for all.

Walney Extension Community Fund

Ørsted Walney Extension Community Fund grantscape.org.uk

Ørsted are committed to continued engagement with the local areas in which they work. They have committed to a Community Benefit Fund worth up to £600,000 (£100,000 of this is ring-fenced for a “Skills Fund”) each year for Walney Extension’s 25-year lifetime. This fund recognises the long-term relationship which the Walney Extension Offshore Wind Farm has with the local region and will support community and environmental projects in defined coastal areas of Lancashire and Cumbria.

Independent charity, GrantScape, is responsible for administering the fund. There are two funding rounds each year with grants between £500 and £50,000 available. Since the fund launched in 2016, 276 projects have been supported sharing over £5.1million.



The National Lottery Community Fund tnlcommunityfund.org.uk

The National Lottery Community Fund distributes over £600m a year to communities across the UK, raised by players of The National Lottery in order to support communities

- Build strong relationships in and across communities.
- Improve the places and spaces that matter to communities.
- Help more people to reach their potential, by supporting them at the earliest possible stage.

Key Programmes include:

Awards for All – A quick way to apply for smaller amounts of funding between £300 to £20,000 to support what matters to people and communities for up to two years. You can apply for funding to deliver a new or existing activity or to support your organisation to change and adapt to new and future challenges.

Reaching Communities England – Offers a larger amount of funding over £20,000 for projects that last up to five years. They are looking for projects that work with their community – whether that’s a community living in the same area, or people with similar interests or life experiences.



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The National Lottery Community Fund Continued

Our priorities are to fund projects that:

- support places, people or communities experiencing poverty, disadvantage or discrimination and
- support people and communities to shape the decisions that affect their lives.

And your project must achieve one of our missions. Which are to support communities to:

- Come together, through inclusive places, spaces and activities (either physical or virtual). Especially for communities where people are least able to come together.
- Help children and young people thrive, by developing positive social and emotional skills.
- Be healthier, by addressing health inequalities. And helping prevent poor health.
- Be environmentally sustainable. By engaging with climate issues and having a positive environmental impact. And improving access to quality natural spaces.



The National Lottery Heritage Fund
heritagefund.org

As the largest funder for the UK's heritage, our vision is for heritage to be valued, cared for and sustained for everyone, now and in the future. Using money raised by National Lottery players, we distribute grants from £10,000 to £10million to support projects across the UK that connect people and communities to their heritage. We also distribute heritage funding on behalf of the UK and devolved governments.

Heritage can be anything from the past that you value and want to pass on to future generations. Understanding, valuing and sharing our heritage brings people together, inspires pride in place and supports local economies. Since we were established in 1994, we have awarded £9.2billion of National Lottery and other funding to more than 52,000 projects across the UK.

As part of our Heritage 2033 – our 10-year strategy, we have focused on four new investment principles which will guide all our decision making through open programme funding, our strategic initiatives or when entering new collaborations and partnerships.

- **Saving heritage: conserving and valuing heritage, for now and the future.**
- **Protecting the environment: supporting nature recovery and environmental sustainability.**
- **Inclusion, access and participation: supporting greater inclusion, diversity, access and participation in heritage.**
- **Organisational sustainability: strengthening heritage to be adaptive and financially resilient, contributing to communities and economies.**

Our current funding programmes include

- National Lottery Heritage Grants £10,000 to £250,000
- National Lottery Heritage Grants £250,000 to £10million



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The Penhale Fund

penhale.org.uk

The Penhale Fund exists to support charities and community organisations in and around Morecambe. The original Penhale Society ran Sheltered Living homes for the elderly in Morecambe and Heysham and sold the properties that they owned when the homes closed. The resulting income has been invested, creating the Penhale Fund, which is administered by Joseph A Jones Solicitors and overseen by a board of trustees.

Founded by Alderman Raymond Penhale in 1960, the Society in its first 60 years provided sheltered accommodation for older people. Initially, as part of the Abbeyfield Society, but independently since the 1990's, the Society offered subsidised sheltered accommodation in Morecambe and Heysham. In the 2020's, the Society found that demand for their style of accommodation declined as older people accessed care in their own homes. In 2023, the Society sold its properties and with a new Board of Trustees decided to focus its efforts on supporting the local area by becoming a grant giving charity with the establishment of the Penhale Fund.

Charities, schools and community groups operating in the LA3 and LA4 area are invited to apply for funding that will benefit the community from £1 – £5,000. Applications are reviewed and money distributed quarterly.



Westminster
Foundation

Westminster Foundation

westminsterfoundation.org.uk

The Westminster Foundation provides long-term, sustainable support to vulnerable children, young people, and their families. As a place-based funder, we build meaningful partnerships with local charities rooted in their communities. Our focus is early intervention, identifying and addressing risks before they escalate, so young people get the support they need at the moments it matters most.

The Westminster Foundation acts as a community catalyst. We recognise that we can play an important role in addressing inequalities impacting children and young people within our communities. We do this in three ways:

1. **Funding** – We fund registered charities that align with our strategic priorities, with a focus on early intervention.
2. **Strengthening Charities** – We help organisations strengthen and grow building a more resilient and effective charitable sector.
3. **Convene, Collaborate & Influence** – We convene and collaborate with a diverse set of stakeholders to influence positive change.

The Community Grants Programme is open to applications throughout the year for grants up to £15,000 per year for up to two years. These grants act as an entry point into Westminster Foundation funding, to support small to medium size organisations.

These grants specifically:

- Fund project or core costs to organisations within our thematic areas
- Encourage innovative programmes from established WF partners
- Allow organisations to deliver activities, research or work necessary to develop consortium applications from charities sharing a similar focus/working on the same issue(s).



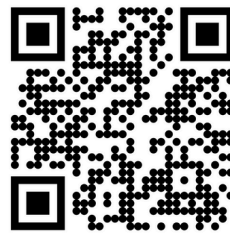
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MORNING APPOINTMENTS



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