

PROGRAMMES FUNDING NEWSLETTER

December 2021

**This month's newsletter contains
19 external funding opportunities**



Business



**Communities
& Culture**



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Moving on Up: – Young People and Employment Programme

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The Moving on Up: Young People and Employment Programme allows grants of up to £15,000, up to £5,00 per year over 3 years, for community organisations addressing unemployment for young people aged 14-30 years in South Yorkshire.

This multiyear funding programme is a pilot themed fund at SYCF.

The focus for grants will be for those groups working specifically with vulnerable and marginalised young people

The deadline for applications is 9am on Monday 6th December, 2021

Art Council Invites Applications for Grants to Promote Volunteering

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Volunteering Futures is a time limited priority forming part of the wider National Lottery Project Grants Programme with a total pot of £4.7m.

Applications will be accepted from community and cultural organisations. Consortia and partnership bids comprising a diverse range of organisations are encouraged.

Projects should:

- Seek to create or build on partnerships between arts and cultural organisations, heritage, sport and physical activity, youth and other community sectors.
- Create significant numbers of volunteer opportunities in projects focused on creativity and culture.
- Improve access to volunteering.
- Support young people and individuals who face barriers to volunteering.
- Create a demonstrable, lasting benefit for participating groups and communities, especially those heavily impacted by the pandemic.
- Explore, expand or scale innovation in volunteering practice that may have emerged during the pandemic.
- Involve the voice of volunteer participants in project planning and decision-making as well as delivery.
- Consider supporting wider opportunities for participants to progress into other roles.

Expressions of Interest will be accepted until 7th December, 2021.

Community Business Can Apply Now to the New Powering Up Programme

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Power to Change's new Powering Up programme will run over a four-year period with multiple rounds of funding.

The initial phase of the programme is focused on community businesses looking to learn how digital skills could help their business develop and grow.

It is anticipated that up to 25 community businesses will receive a tailored support package worth up to £20,000 in total.

Priority will be given to community businesses in the most deprived areas of England, as well as organisations that are led or predominantly working in communities with a high percentage of minoritised ethnicity.

The application window for the first round runs until 13th December, 2021.

Emergency Funding for Christian Charities Supporting Afghan Resettlement in the UK

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Grants are available for Christian churches and charities to help address the ongoing Afghan evacuee crisis and cover costs associated with resettlement.

There is no set minimum or maximum grant. Funding is at the discretion of the AllChurches Trust and can be used to cover costs associated with resettling Afghan evacuees, including:

- Personal items, such as clothing, mobile phones, food, or baby items.
- Home items such as furniture.
- Language support, such as English classes and translation services.
- Integrating and resettling, such as drop-in sessions, welcome parties, UK life courses, or befriending programmes.
- Expenses for volunteers/facilities, such as rental costs, training, or DBS checks.

The deadline for applications is 15th December, 2021.

Condition Improvement Fund Opens for 2022-23

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The Condition Improvement Fund (CIF) is provided by the Department for Education. Funding is intended to improve school buildings and expand academies and sixth-form colleges rated Good or Outstanding by Ofsted.



The highest priority will be given to condition projects that address compliance and health and safety issues. CIF also supports a small proportion of expansion projects where Ofsted has rated the school either good or outstanding and which need to expand their existing facilities and/or floor space.

An initial proposal can be submitted for works expected to cost more than £20,000 (for primary and special schools) and £50,000 (for Secondary, and sixth form colleges) for initial approval prior to further development and final approval at a later stage. The maximum project cost for all schools is £4 million.

Applications must be submitted by the deadline of 15th December, 2021.

New Jobs for Young People – Employers can Apply for Kickstart Scheme

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The Kickstart Scheme is a £2 billion fund designed to create high quality six-month work placements for those aged 16 to 24 who are on Universal Credit and are deemed to be at risk of long term unemployment.



Employers will receive funding for 100% of the relevant National Minimum Wage for 25 hours a week, plus associated employer National Insurance contributions and employer minimum auto-enrolment pension contributions. Employers will be able to top up this wage, while the Government will also pay employers £1,500 to set up support and training for people on a Kickstart placement, as well as helping pay for uniforms and other set up costs.

Any organisation, regardless of size, can apply for funding.

The scheme closes to applications on 17th December, 2021.

Social Enterprise Support Fund to Open for New Round of Applications

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Grants of between £10,000 and £100,000 are available to fund activities that support communities affected by COVID-19 and to help organisations overcome any acute financial difficulties they are facing as a result of the pandemic.



However, as funding is very limited, most grants will be in the range of £10,000 to £50,000. This can be used to cover essential costs of sustaining current services or refocusing services to address the immediate needs of those affected by the pandemic.

Priority will be given to social enterprises which are:

- Working with the most marginalised communities.
- Led by and/or working with disabled people and/or those from Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) and/or LGBTQIA+ communities.
- Led by people with direct experience of the issues they are trying to support.

There will be two application rounds.

Round one closes at 1pm on 21st December, 2021.

Funding for Skills Development and Sustainability Projects

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Ocado Foundation for Good is offering grants of up to £10,000 to charities, charitable companies, and local authorities to support skills and education development and promote sustainability in communities across the UK.

The fund aims to help develop a sustainable strategy for the future based on the Foundation's three pillars of corporate responsibility:

- Skills for the future.
- Natural resources.
- Responsible sourcing.

Proposals should align with the UN Sustainable Development Goals adopted by this programme. These are:

- Good health and wellbeing.
- Quality education.
- Decent work and economic growth.
- Reduced inequalities.
- Responsible consumption and production.
- Climate action.

The deadline for applications is 31st December, 2021.

Launch of £100,000 Fund for Green Tech Start-ups

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The Green Tech Fund is seeking emerging green tech start-ups that are focused on using technology to mitigate the climate and biodiversity emergencies.



The fund will award £100,000 of legal support from across Simmons' network to four businesses that are innovating in an attempt to halt and reverse the climate crisis. Support will be tailored to the specific needs of each organisation.

Applications are invited from emerging 'climatetech' and 'cleantech' organisations. These 'green' start-ups are defined as businesses using technology to mitigate, adapt, or reverse the effects human activity has on the environment.

The deadline to apply is 31st December, 2021.

Rosa's New Rise Fund Opens for Applications

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The charity Rosa has launched this new fund in response to the great need for sustainability funding among organisations led by and for Black and minoritised women and girls.



It is expected that between 25 and 30 grants of up to £40,000 will be awarded for two year funding beginning in July 2022.

The grants can be used for the following:

- Direct staff costs
- Associated staff costs
- Volunteer costs
- Other costs directly related to the work being delivered, such as consultancy fees, new systems or membership fees.
- General running costs.

Rosa will be hosting three 'How to Apply' webinars to be held on 2nd December, (18:00); 7th December, (15:00); and 15th December, (13:00).

The deadline for applications is 10th January 2022 (17:00).

Culture Recovery Fund for Heritage Emergency Resource Support Reopens Call

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The National Lottery Heritage Fund is distributing £40 million of this third round of the Culture Recovery Fund, in partnership with Historic England, based on criteria set by DCMS.



The aim of the Emergency Resource Support strand of the fund is to help maintain England's cultural ecology by supporting culturally significant organisations, which are now at imminent risk of failure due to the ongoing impact of COVID-19, and have exhausted all other reasonable options for increasing their resilience.

Applications will be accepted from heritage organisations and businesses who have not been able to access any funding through the previous two rounds of the Culture Recovery Fund.

Grants of between £10,000 and £1 million are available.

This funding call will be open until 11th January, 2022.

Funding for Cross-Sector Partnerships to Create Systematic Change in Local Youth Services

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The Connected Futures Fund is a £6.1 million fund from the Youth Futures Foundation split into the following phases:

- Phase 1 (June 2022 to December 2023) – six to eight grants of up to £125,000 for partnerships exploring problems with employment support for young people and mobilising stakeholders around a shared ambition for change.
- Phase 2 (January 2024 onwards) – grants of up to £1.5 million will be made to deliver on these ambitions in two to four of the places supported during Phase 1.



Applications will be accepted from partnerships of at least three organisations, representing at least two of the following:

- Community-based partner (eg charity, social enterprise, social purpose, non-profit).
- Local partner with statutory responsibility for young people aged 16 to 25 (eg borough, district or town council, school or further education provider).
- Collective employer body (eg Local Enterprise Partnership, Chamber of Commerce, SME networks) or a large not-for-profit employer.

Applicants must be based in one of the 83 eligible local authority areas across England, a list of which can be found on the Youth Futures Foundation website.

The deadline to apply is 17th January, 2022 (midnight).

Cultural Recovery Fund: Emergency Resource Support – Round 2 Opens for Cultural Organisations

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The Culture Recovery Fund: Emergency Resource Support programme has been established to provide emergency funding for culturally significant organisations.

The grants can support a range of measures, including staff salaries and fixed/operational costs, projects that are essential to continued operations, COVID-related debt, one-off costs arising from organisational development, and one-off building/capital expenditure.

For this programme, the Arts Council defines 'cultural' as sitting within the remit of Arts Council England. Its supported artforms or disciplines are music, theatre, dance, combined arts, visual arts, museums, or literature. Comedy venues are also eligible for this fund.

Applicants must first complete a 'Permission to Apply' form by **11th January, 2022**. Where permission is granted, applicants will be invited to make a full application within five working days. The application portal will close for full applications on **28th January, 2022**.

£10m Fund to Support the Natural Environment – Second Round

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The Natural Environment Investment Readiness Fund aims to stimulate private investment and market based mechanisms that improve and safeguard the natural environment by helping projects become investment ready. The intention is to establish a pipeline of projects for the private sector to invest in, and develop new funding models that can be replicated elsewhere.

From an overall budget of £10 million, grants of between £10,000 and £100,000 are available.

Projects must protect or enhance the domestic natural environment in line with one or more of the Government's 25 year environment plan goals.

Applications are accepted from not-for-profit organisations, public bodies such as local councils, national park authorities and academic institutions are also eligible, as are businesses, including sole traders.

The deadline for applications is midday on 3rd February, 2022.

Apply to the Your Best Friend Fund

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Schools, community health services and voluntary sector organisations can now apply for their share of a £300,000 funding pot aimed at empowering young girls, women and non-binary people to spot and stop domestic abuse in their intimate relationships.

The Fund is part of a Government Tampon Tax-funded campaign and offers the following grants:

- 30 to 40 small grants of £1,000 to £10,000.
- 6 to 8 large grants of £10,000 to £25,000.

Projects should increase understanding about healthy and toxic relationships, and give young people the knowledge and confidence to keep their friends safe too.

The first deadline for large grants is 18th February, 2022 while applications for small grants can be submitted anytime.

Funding to Host Armed Forces Day Events in 2022

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The Ministry of Defence (MoD) provides funding each year to help organisations and individuals in the UK host an Armed Forces Day event.

It will be celebrated on Saturday 25th June, 2022 with a national event to be held in Scarborough. Local events will be held across the UK.

Local councils, voluntary and community organisations, schools, ex-service organisations and individuals are eligible to apply.

A maximum grant of £10,000 is available per application, provided that MOD funding accounts for no more than 50% of the total cost.

Groups need to register their event before they can access the funding criteria.

The deadline for applications for event funding in 2022 is 1st March, 2022.

Funding to Support Employment Projects for Young People

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The Lawrence Atwell's Charities Programme has been established to award grants for projects to support young people to move into employment or become employment ready.

Priority will be given to projects that:

- Help young people attain a vocational qualification.
- Offer long-term tracking of beneficiaries, to establish quality outcomes.
- Operate in partnership with other local organisations.
- Work based in England and Wales (but with priority given to London and Kent, the historic areas of Company activity)

Grants of up to £10,000 per year are available, with awards for three years open to consideration.

The next deadline for applications is 4th March, 2022.

Arts Council National Lottery Project Grants Programme Reopens with New Guidelines

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Individual artists, community and cultural organisations can now apply to the National Lottery Project Grants programme under its refreshed guidance.

Grants of £1,000 to £100,000 are available for projects lasting a maximum of three years. The funding is for projects that are focused on one or more of the following disciplines:

- Music.
- Theatre.
- Dance.
- Visual arts.
- Literature.
- Combined arts - including festivals and carnivals.
- Museum practice (accredited or unaccredited).
- Libraries (for activities that deliver against at least one of the Universal Library Offers including: Creativity and Culture; Reading; Information and Digital; Health and Wellbeing).

Under the new guidelines, applications for £30,000 and under are expected to receive a decision within 8 weeks, while applications for £30,000 and over are expected to receive a decision in at least 12 weeks.

Applications can be made at any time.

£7.9m Fund Launched to Help UK SME's Exhibit at Overseas Tradeshows

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The UK Tradeshows Programme (UKTP) is an enhanced tradeshows support service which aims to educate UK-based small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) about the benefits of exhibiting at overseas tradeshows.



All successful applicants will receive training on successfully exhibiting at tradeshows in general, and the specific approved event(s) that they have applied for. Some businesses may also receive a grant of either £2,000 or £4,000 up to 40% of costs, as financial support to cover:

- Exhibition space costs.
- Stand costs (including design, construction and stand dressing).
- Conference fees, costs of preparing conference promotional material.

Eligible businesses must sell products or services which substantially originate from the UK, or add significant value to a product or service of non-UK origin.

Applications are now invited from businesses wishing to exhibit at overseas tradeshows. Applications must be made at least six weeks before the start of the event.