

PROGRAMMES FUNDING NEWSLETTER

April 2022

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33 external funding opportunities



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New £3M Fund Launched to Empower Children and Young People

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Working in partnership with the #iwill Fund and the Hunter Foundation, BBC Children in Need is delivering its new Social Action Fund to promote youth empowerment across the UK, as part of its wider Sharing Power programme.



Not-for-profit organisations can apply for grants of up to £50,000.

Applicants are required to sign up to a one-hour information session before they can apply, with several dates in April available. A recording will be available to any groups who are unable to attend any of the sessions.

The deadline to register for an information session is 8th April, 2022.

Matrix Causes Fund Accepting Applications for Spring 2022 Round

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The charitable arm of Matrix Law, Matrix Causes Fund is offering grants to registered charities for projects relating to equity and justice.



There are two levels of funding available:

- One-off grants of up to £5,000.
- Grants of up to £3,000 a year for three years.

The funders are particularly interested in hearing from applicants working with vulnerable groups, including prisoners, asylum seekers, people with disabilities and women in refuges.

The next deadline is 11th April, 2022 (5pm).

Innovate UK Launches £25m Loan Fund for Innovative SME's

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Innovate UK (IUK) is offering loans to help micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) overcome barriers to their innovations becoming a successful, commercial reality.



IUK has allocated up to £25 million to fund projects across four rounds of this competition. Loans of between £100,000 and £2 million are available, based on project proposals and IUK's judgement of the suitability and affordability of a loan for the business.

Projects must focus on one or more of the following themes.

- Net Zero
- Health and wellbeing

- Next generation digital technologies
- Technology families

Funding will be allocated across a series of four competitions. The first competition is now open with a deadline for applications of 13th April 2022 (11 am).

Asda Foundation Funding for Projects to Empower Local Communities

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Asda Foundation's Empowering Local Communities Grant programme is currently accepting applications for funding for projects under the following four themes:

- **Building Resilient Communities** - supporting community groups with the equipment, essentials and facilities to enable activity to take place.
- **Active Lives** - supporting participation in group physical activities.
- **Seasonal Celebrations & Festivals** - enabling communities to celebrate what matters to them.
- **Leading Healthier Lives** - from cooking and education classes to enabling positive mental health.

Applications will be accepted from local community groups and not for profit organisations.

The deadline for applications is 15th April, 2022.

ASDA Foundation Launches Funding for Children and Young People

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The ASDA Foundation is offering grants of between £500 and £1,500 for not-for-profit community groups to support activities for children under 18 years old to improve their lives and the community.

Through the U18 Better Starts Grants scheme, a total of £500,000 has been made available.

Funding will cover costs associated with a broad range of activities that can contribute towards transforming the community and improving the lives of children in that community.

The deadline for applications is 15th April, 2022.

Canoe Foundation Now Accepting Applications for Sustainability and Access Projects

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Grants of £500 to £10,000 are on offer to clubs, community groups, Parish Councils, Local Authorities or anyone with an interest in improving access to water and protecting the environment.

During this round, the Foundation is looking to fund projects which will:

- Increase and protect public access points to water for recreational users.
- Create sustainable launching and landing sites, to and alongside water, for all sectors of the community and abilities.
- Protect and enhance the natural environment such as rivers or coastline.

Applications will be accepted until Tuesday 19th April, 2022

Fourth Round of Youth Music Incubator Fund Opens for Applications

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Funding is available to businesses, collectives and not-for-profit organisations working in music industries to help create sustainable, meaningful career opportunities for young people aged 18-25.

Grants of between £5,000 and £30,000 are available for organisations. A maximum of £5,000 can be given to each 18-25 year old supported through any grant.

Applications for Round Four will be accepted until Friday 22nd April (5pm).

Wolfson Foundation Announces Sustainability Fund

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The Wolfson Sustainability Fund is designed to support organisations to improve the environmental and financial sustainability of their buildings.

It will provide grants of up to £50,000 for refurbishment, maintenance works and equipment that have environmental benefits. This could include installing solar panels, heat pumps, green roofs, energy-efficient glazing, boilers or LED lighting.

The fund is open to a range of **organisations that have previously received Wolfson funding**, at any point in time.

Charities working with disability, mental health or older people; hospices and palliative care organisations; historic buildings and landscapes;

libraries and archives; museums and galleries and performing arts organisations are all eligible to apply.

An online Q&A session will take place on 5th April 2022 (12:45 to 13:30). Registration is required and can be done through the Wolfson Foundation website.

The application window for Round 1 closes on 25th April, 2022 (5pm).

Small Grants for Improving the Safety of UK Roads

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The Road Safety Trust Small Grants Programme supports projects on their way to making a tangible difference on the roads.

Grants of £10,000 to £30,000 over two years are on offer and interventions should concern one of the following priority areas for reducing road casualties:

- Community Corners – a low cost, community-led street design approach to traffic calming.
- Mobile Engaged –tackling mobile phone use by drivers.
- Improving Driver Behaviour through Mindfulness – to trial mindfulness research in a practical way to improve road safety at either a local, regional or national level.
- Targeting Road Injury Prevention (TRIP) – using data and intelligence to understand who is causing serious collisions and to develop road safety campaigns.

The deadline to apply is 26th April, 2022.

School Grants to Support Social Action Projects

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The £54 million #iwill Fund is a joint investment from The National Lottery Community Fund and the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) to support young people to access high quality social action opportunities.

As a match funder awarding grants on the behalf of the #iwill Fund, the Ormiston Trust is offering open grants to support the embedding of sustainable youth social action at scale in schools.

There are four main funding areas within the programme:

- Environment and Climate Justice
- Wellbeing and Mental Health
- Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion
- Community-based Issues.

Applicants must be a primary or secondary school and grants of up to £5,000 over a one-year period are available.

For more information on how to apply please contact Gabriella Ribeiro, Grants Lead, at gabriellaribeiro@ormistontrust.co.uk and Philippa Rottger-Morgan, philippamorgan@ormistontrust.co.uk.

The deadline for Phase 1 applications is 27th April, 2022 (5pm).

Turing Scheme Open for Applications 2022

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The Turing scheme will support UK students to take advantage of the benefits of studying and working abroad.

The fund allows eligible organisations to provide students, learners and pupils with the chance to develop new skills, gain vital international experience and boost their employability.

The deadline for applications is 29th April, 2022.

Grants Available for the Purchase of Christian Books for Community Benefit

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Speaking Volumes, an initiative run by the Christian Book Promotion Trust, works to engage and empower local communities to explore the Christian faith through literature.

Any local group or organisation that wishes to place Christian books and DVDs in community places such as public libraries, schools, hospitals, hospices, prisons or churches in the UK or abroad (as long as the applicant pays the postage) may apply.

The books and DVDs must be selected from the list on the Speaking Volumes website. The list contains many subjects and genres.

The deadline to apply is 30th April, 2022.

Funding to Support Vulnerable Young People and Child Carers

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The 7Stars Foundation is offering grants of up to £2,500 for groups to support young people (aged 16 and under) challenged by abuse and addiction, young carers, and those suffering from homelessness or lack access to a safe space.

There are four application rounds in 2022.

The next deadline is 30th April, 2022.



Small Grants for Businesses with Positive Impacts

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The aim of the Adnovar Base Camp Small Business Grant is to support small businesses that want to reach their potential and have a positive impact on the world.

Five grants of £1,000 each are available, coupled with six months' free 1:1 support from a business mentor and a series of collaborative workshops.

UK businesses that have been registered and trading as a limited company or sole trader for at least three months may apply. The business must employ fewer than 15 people.

Applications must be submitted by the deadline of 2nd May, 2022.



Funding to Support Small Capital Improvements in Not-for Profit Theatres

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The Theatres Trust's Small Grants programme will provide grants of up to £5,000 to theatres run by charities and not-for-profit organisations to support small capital projects that will make a big impact on a theatre's resilience, sustainability, or accessibility

Funding will support small capital works, e.g improvements and repairs to the building fabric, purchase of key equipment etc.

The next deadline for applications is 3rd May, 2022 (12pm).



Triangle Trust 1949 Opens First 2022 Round

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The Triangle Trust 1949 Fund offers grants to charities and non-profit social enterprises who are supporting those in need with a current focus on young people with caring responsibilities and young people caught up in the criminal justice system.

Grants of up to £60,000 over two years are available.

The first funding round of 2022 is intended to support work that 'amplifies the impact' of existing work with young carers (up to the age of 25) and develops existing support around learning and access to education and training.

Applications will be accepted until 6th May, 2022.



Woods into Management Innovation Fund Reopen for 2022

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The Woods into Management (WiM) Forestry Innovation Funds aim to restore England's vulnerable woodland habitats and help woodlands adapt to a changing climate and recover from the impacts of pests and diseases.

Under the umbrella of the overarching programme, the new Timber in Construction Innovation Fund will support projects which increase and facilitate the use of English timber from sustainably managed woods and forests in construction.

Other funds will support new business models and supply chains for ash timber to help restore woodlands damaged by ash dieback, as well as for initiatives using temporary infrastructure to access neglected or degraded woodlands.

Applications must be submitted 9th May, 2022 (23:55 BST).



Government Launches Phase 9 of the Energy Entrepreneurs Fund

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The Energy Entrepreneurs Fund (EEF) is a competitive funding scheme which supports the development and demonstration of state-of-the-art technologies, products and processes in the areas of:

- Energy efficiency
- Power generation
- Heat generation
- Energy storage
- Reducing greenhouse gas emissions
- Security of supply

The Fund seeks the best ideas, irrespective of source, across the above mentioned energy technology areas from the public and private sector with up to £10 million in grant funding available.

The deadline for applications is 11th May, 2022 (14:00 BST).



Forestry Commission Opens Tree Production Innovation Fund for 2022

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The Tree Production Innovation Fund (TPIF) is designed to encourage the development and adoption of new technologies and ways of working that will enhance the quantity, quality and diversity of planting stock available for tree planting.

The TPIF is open to a range of applicants. Applications from consortia and new entrants to the sector will be welcomed.



Applicants will be able to submit multi-year proposals spanning up to three financial years (ending March 2025). Proposals, whether single or multi-year, must have a minimum total cost of £20,000. Projects may be valued at up to £300,000 in any given financial year.

The deadline for applications to be submitted is 11th May, 2022 (23:55 BST).

Technology for an Ageing Population Grants Open to Applications

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The Technology for our Ageing Population Panel of Innovation (TAPPI) project examined current practice and set out the future directions for the use of technology in housing and care contexts.

This funding call aims to ensure that the evidence gathered in Phase 1 is built upon and used to create a TAPPI Framework.

The fund is looking for practical, holistic solutions and supporting services that can enable people to achieve better, personalised outcomes effectively and efficiently within local communities.

Applicant organisations would ideally be from a mix of urban and rural settings, two-tier and unitary authorities, and organisations (both third sector and private sector) who are both experienced and new to the concept of integrating technology with housing, health and social care.

The amount available will be £75,000 per organisation.

Applications must be submitted by the deadline of 16th May, 2022 (5pm).

Education Endowment Foundation Launches New Call to Improve Attendance

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The Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) grant funding tests the impact of high-potential projects aiming to raise the attainment and wider outcomes of 3 – 18 year-olds, particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds.

For the Improving Attendance and Reducing Exclusions funding round the EEF and the Youth Endowment Fund (YEF) are partnering to find, fund, and evaluate programmes and practices that could both keep children safe from involvement in violence and improve academic attainment, by reducing absenteeism.

Applications are welcomed that relate to projects delivered by education settings.

The deadline for applications is 16th May, 2022.

Veterans' Foundation Accepting Applications for Spring 2022 Round

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With funding from the Veterans' Lottery, the Veterans' Foundation aims to help charities and other not-for-profit organisations to support serving and former members of the British Armed Forces who may be facing challenging circumstances.



The maximum grant available is £30,000, which can be spread over a number of years.

The deadline to apply is 20th May, 2022.

Launch of £288m Fund for Green Heat Networks

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The Government has announced the launch of its Green Heat Network Fund (GHNF) to fund low-carbon technologies like heat pumps, solar and geothermal energy.



The GHNF is a capital grant funding programme with a total budget of £288 million. Grant levels for individual projects will vary, however, there will be an upper limit of £1 million for commercialisation support.

Applications are open to public, private and third sector organisations.

The scheme first application round has a deadline for applications of 27th May, 2022.

Local Authority Treescapes Fund Opens for 2022

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Defra has announced the next funding round of the Local Authority Treescapes Fund (LATF) to increase tree planting and natural regeneration in local communities.



The LATF provides funding for the establishment of trees in non-woodland settings. These may include parks, riparian zones, copses and shelterbelts, as well as green lanes, small linear woodlands alongside roads and footpaths, and vacant and disused community spaces.



Funding will be available to all local authorities who are strongly encouraged to work with other organisations, NGOs, community groups and private individuals to deliver tree planting and natural regenerations.

A total of £5.4 million will be available this year (2022/23). The fund expects that up to 100 grants worth £50,000 to £300,000 will be available.

The deadline for applications is 31st May, 2022.

Urban Tree Challenge Fund Opens for Fourth Round

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The Urban Tree Challenge Fund (UTCf) has been developed for the planting of thousands of large and small trees and in urban and peri-urban areas.

The fund is currently open with a planting budget of £3.8 million for the coming planting season 2022/23.

This round supports both block bids and individual applications. Applications are accepted from community and volunteer groups, town councils and individuals wishing to plant trees in urban areas. Applicants must have full management control over the land or signed consent from those with such control.

Applications must be submitted by 31st May, 2022 (23.59 pm).



Home Office Launches New Round of Funding for Safer Streets

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The newly launched fourth round of the Safer Streets Fund is an innovative initiative that will combine and expand previous focuses of the Safer Streets Fund and the Safety of Women at Night Fund (SWaNFund).

Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs), local authorities and the British Transport Police (BTP), and certain civil society organisations (CSOs) are eligible to apply.

Further details on the eligibility criteria can be found in the fund prospectus.

The total amount of funding available for the fourth round is £75 million and a maximum of £750,000 is available per successful bid.

Round four application window will close at the end of May 2022.



Biffa Award's Partnership Scheme Opens for 2022 Round Applications

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Biffa Award has now opened its Partnership Grants Scheme for the next round, accepting applications for either of the following themes:

- The Built Environment theme aims to restore, modernise and improve facilities such as cultural, heritage or visitor centres to engage and encourage tourists and/or day visitors.
- The Natural Environment theme aims to restore or improve the environment and the natural systems or habitats that support it.



The fund is open to not-for-profit organisations providing they are located within 15 miles of a significant Biffa operation or active Biffa Landfill Site and also within 10 miles of any licensed landfill site.

The deadline to apply is 1st June, 2022.

£10 Million to Support New and Improved Traveller Sites

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The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) has launched £10 million of capital funding to support local authorities in building new transit and permanent traveller sites, to refurbish existing permanent traveller and transit sites and provide temporary stopping places and facilities for travellers.

Local authorities can work with partners such as housing associations, voluntary sector organisations and community-based organisations (including traveller organisations) in the delivery and management of the sites.

Applications will be accepted until the deadline of 13th June, 2022 (midday).

Capacity Fund for Schools and Trusts Open to Applications

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The Department for Education's Trust Capacity Fund (TCaF) awards funding to support trust growth and development and has two strands:

- A: For projects in which trusts will take on at least one additional inadequate or requires improvement school from one of the areas listed in the guidance
- B: For all other trust capacity building projects.

Academy trusts or local authority maintained schools are eligible to apply with a total of £86 million is available for this programme.

Applications for the 2022-23 financial year will be considered until the deadline of 30th June, 2022.

Arnold Clark Community Fund Opens for Spring Round

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Following its most recent Winter Edition, the Fund has now reopened, with broader eligibility criteria to support a wide range of organisations this spring.

Grants of up to £1,000 are available to help charities and local community groups continue their important work which may have been at risk due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The deadline to apply is 23.59 on 30th June, 2022.

Magic Little Grants Fund Returns for 2022

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LocalGiving has launched its annual Magic Little Grants scheme for the fifth year in a row.

This year's funding aims to support projects that address the following themes:

- Improving mental wellbeing.
- Enabling community participation in the arts.
- Preventing or reducing the impact of poverty.
- Supporting marginalised groups and promoting equality.
- Improving biodiversity and green spaces.
- Enabling participation in physical activity.
- Responding to the climate emergency and promoting sustainability.
- Increasing community access to outdoor space.

Funding can be used to launch new projects, support existing ones, or cover core costs associated with ongoing work.

Applications will be accepted until 31st October, 2022.

Creative Collaboration Funding for UK Musicians

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Funding is available for professional musicians in the UK to undertake a UK-based collaboration with other non-music artists.

Applications will be accepted from professional UK musicians of all genres and disciplines aged 18+ to support collaboration with other non-music artists, eg storytellers, lighting designers, choreographers, technologists, scientists, gaming designers, theatre directors or visual artists.

Grants of up to £5,000 are available.

Applications may be made at any time.

Funding for Projects in Communities with Card Factory Stores

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The Card Factory Foundation is offering grants of up to £2,500 to not-for-profit organisations and community groups to deliver projects that support Card Factory colleagues and communities where Card Factory stores operate.



Proposed projects and activities must meet one or more of the following priorities:

- Provide support, financial or otherwise, towards hardship caused by life-changing events.
- Provide support, financial or otherwise, to projects that improve lives.
- Community projects that take place for Card Factory colleagues and/or communities where Card Factory stores operate.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.