

Nottinghamshire Children and Young Peoples

Voluntary Sector Funding

Funding news



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Funding to Support Remote and Disadvantage Rural Communities

The Royal Countryside Fund (RCF) is reopening its Supporting Rural Communities programme for applications on September 8, 2023.

Each year, the fund awards a total of £500,000 to community groups, charities, and social enterprises that are working to improve the lives of people in rural communities. Grants of up to £25,000 are available.

To be eligible for funding, organizations must be constituted, not-for-profit, and community-led, with an annual turnover of less than £500,000.

Applications from areas of deprivation, or those that can show how the project will benefit those most in need within an area of wealth disparity, will likely be prioritised over those from more affluent areas.

The fund focuses support on remote rural areas, where the project is required due to a lack of alternative services in that locality. Therefore, applications from small villages and towns, or rurally dispersed areas, will likely be prioritised over those from larger towns, which may be better served.

[Rural Communities - The Royal Countryside Fund](#)



Screwfix Foundation – Small Capital Grants

The Screwfix Foundation has re-opened for applications from charities and not for profit organisations for projects that will fix, repair, maintain and improve the properties and community facilities of those in need by reason of financial hardship, sickness, disability, distress or other disadvantage throughout the UK.

Grants in the region of £5,000 are available for all kinds of projects, from repairing buildings and improving facilities in deprived areas, to decorating the homes of people living with sickness and disabilities.

Before applying for funding from The Screwfix Foundation, your organisation **MUST:**

- Be a registered charity or not for profit organisation.
- Help those in need. This could be by reason of financial hardship, sickness, distress, or other disadvantages in the UK.
- Be looking for funding to support projects that relate to the repair, maintenance, improvement, or construction of. homes, community buildings and other buildings

Applications are reviewed on a quarterly basis. The next closing date for applications is the 10th of November 2023.

[Screwfix Foundation](#) | [Help](#) | [Screwfix](#)



The Spencer Trust Fund

The Spencer Trust Fund focuses on the LGBT+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans) community and is specifically for the people of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire. Applications are welcome at any time.

The Fund supports projects that will help LGBT+ people to get the right support, advice, opportunities and development to become healthy and active people.

Grants are available for groups who aren't already funded to specifically benefit the LGBT+ community. Your project or activity should benefit a minimum of 70% LGBT+ people.

Grants of up to £400 will usually be allocated, with an additional discretionary £200 available. The board meets bi-monthly to review applications.

Projects and activities considering the following will be considered:

- Addressing isolation in the LGBT+ community in Nottingham, including peer support
- Providing safe physical and virtual spaces for LGBT+ people
- Support around crisis, hardship, and poverty
- Campaigning and support for LGBT+ people's voices. To challenge cultural stereotypes, championing Nottingham as a zero-tolerance city for homophobia and conversion therapy
- Mental Health support
- Access to safe and secure housing for LGBT+ people
- Support to families
- To help LGBT+ people to be heard within mainstream services and organisations.
- To improve the lives of people living with HIV/AIDS, including carers, partners, and family members.

For more information: [Apply | The Spencer Trust](#)

Funding Still Open:



Notts Local Community Fund - Small Revenue Grants and Capital Funding

Applications for revenue funding are invited from community organisations that have developed effective activities in response to a local need / gap analysis. Examples of activities include:

- Offering early help and prevention to those who most need it.
- Providing support to communities of interest, including rural communities, and helping those who face particular challenges.
- Increasing opportunities available for advice and signposting for the most vulnerable residents and communities.
- Increasing pathways to volunteering, providing opportunities for individuals to contribute to their community whilst enhancing the sector's reach.
- Helping to address climate and environmental change.
- Enabling Nottinghamshire residents to contribute to social and cultural opportunities.

Organisations can apply at any time. **The maximum award for revenue projects will be £5,000.**

Capital grants up to a maximum of £20,000 are available where at least 50% match funding is in place. Projects must:

- Helps to address local priorities, e.g. improving access to new or existing services such as sports and leisure, protecting the environment, reducing loneliness, improving physical and mental health
- Improves local places and spaces that are important to communities

- Brings people together and involves them in the design and implementation
- Helps to address climate and environmental change and/or minimises any negative impact on the environment.



Currently Closed to New Applicants

More information: [The Local Communities Fund \(LCF\) | Nottinghamshire County Council](#)



Holiday Activities and Food

If you are an activity provider and are interested in providing activities for the Nottinghamshire Holiday Activities and Food programme, you will need to complete an online application.

All providers must read the guidance notes on the application portal alongside the Grant Conditions before completing the application, taking note of the assessment framework (which all applications are measured against).

Before starting the application form you will be asked to create an online account with us, or to log in to your account if you already have one.

Providers can bid for individual delivery periods or for all delivery periods at the same time.

Currently Closed to New Applicants

[Activity providers | Nottinghamshire County Council](#)

New Fund to Help Ukrainian Refugees (Nottinghamshire)

A new funding scheme aimed at voluntary and community groups which are tirelessly helping Ukrainian people settle into the country is due to be launched later this month.

Eligible groups can apply for funds of up to £5000 on a rolling basis, to continue to help provide advice and support including hosting special community events, providing access and translation services and language classes and promoting health and well-being. The total funding pot is 100k. More Information:

<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/business-community/community-and-voluntary-sector/the-local-communities-fund-lcf>

Voluntary Sector Development

The Voluntary Sector Development Team forms part of Nottinghamshire County Council's Youth Service. Our team covers the seven districts in Nottinghamshire working to support Voluntary Sector Organisations that work primarily with Children and Young People between 4 and 19 (25 if the young people are looked after or young disabled people).

www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/youth-services/voluntary-sector-development-team

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