

Nottinghamshire Children and Young Peoples

Voluntary Sector Funding

Funding news

YOUNG GAMECHANGERS FUND

Empowering young people to transform their communities

Funding to Support Youth-Led Social Action

A £4.5 million fund has been launched to support youth-led social action in communities.

The **Young Gamechangers Fund**, a partnership between the Co-op Foundation, Co-op, and the #iwill Fund, aims to support young activists, campaigners, disrupters, co-operates, and social entrepreneurs to lead social action to improve their communities.

A total of £600,000 of funding is available in this round.

Grants of up to £20,000 will be awarded to:

- individuals aged 10-25, or
- groups or organisations with an annual income of less than £250,000

The funding can be used for project or core costs.

Applications are encouraged from young gamechangers that:

- traditionally have not had access to funding, or
- have previously experienced additional barriers to funding, or
- are led by and for marginalised groups and communities.

There is a two-stage application process. Applicants should complete an eligibility quiz in the first instance, with final applications submitted by the **19th of December 2023**.

More Information: [£4.5m Young Gamechangers Fund - Co-op Foundation \(coopfoundation.org.uk\)](https://coopfoundation.org.uk)



Energy Efficiency Scheme for Community Organisations

A funding scheme will soon be opening to help voluntary, community, and social enterprise (VCSE) organisations in England improve their energy efficiency.

The VCSE Energy Efficiency Scheme is part of a package of over £100 million of support being delivered by the Government to help frontline delivery organisations with the increased cost of living.

This scheme will have two elements:

- eligible organisations will be able to apply for the cost and delivery of an independent energy assessment. This will help them identify how to reduce their bills and where to get further support.
- organisations with an energy assessment may then be eligible to apply for a capital grant to install recommended energy efficiency measures in their premises.

Full eligibility criteria will be published when the scheme opens, but organisations must be:



- Be a voluntary, community or social enterprise organisation based in England.
- Deliver frontline services and not be suitable for blended finance or loan support through other schemes.

Priority will be given to organisations for whom energy is the biggest concern and those directly supporting individuals and communities with critical needs. Particularly those organisations related to the rising cost of living.

Applications for free independent energy assessments will open in December. Applications for the installation of energy efficiency measures will open in January 2024.

Practical support will be available to help organisations manage capital installation projects.

More Information: [VCSE Energy Efficiency Scheme - Groundwork](#)



Rushcliffe: Further chance for up to £40k for your project from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund!

A further chance for your key project to secure up to £40k from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) opened for applications on Friday November 10.

Projects can cover a broad range of initiatives and examples include:

- Creating and improving local green spaces
- Supporting local arts, cultural, heritage and creative activities

- Boosting local sports facilities, tournaments, teams and leagues

Projects under this allocation of the UKSPF must be delivered in Rushcliffe and must be able to spend their funding allocation between April 1, 2024 and March 31, 2025.

FarmEco in Screveton was one of 15 projects that received grants in the last round of funding. This particular project helps people develop skills, reduce social isolation and provide quality volunteering sessions to enhance our communities and places.

The email contact for the fund is: UKSPFenquiries@rushcliffe.gov.uk

More Information: [UK Shared Prosperity Fund - Rushcliffe Borough Council](#)



Broxtowe: Communities and Place Grant Fund – Closing Date 22 January 2024

Broxtowe Borough Council has opened a new £240,000 grant funding pot for community projects in Broxtowe as part of its UK Shared Prosperity Funding.

Grants of £5,000 to £40,000 are available for community projects in the Borough to be delivered in the 2024/25 financial year. Exceptional projects requesting grants of up to £100k will be considered.

Projects should support one of a number of themes including:

- Community Infrastructure, Resilience and Engagement.
- Improvements to Green Space, Active Travel and Energy Saving.
- Enhancement of Culture and Heritage Offer.
- Sports Facilities and Teams.
- Digital Infrastructure for community facilities.



To apply, organisations should email spf@broxtowe.gov.uk with a brief description of their proposed project. Include details of the location, activity and expected costs.

Following a pre-application discussion, organisations with an eligible project will be invited to make a full application.

The closing date for applications is 22 January 2024. Successful applicants will be notified on 20 March 2024. Projects should be ready to begin on 2 April 2024 and be completed by 31 March 2025.

More Information: [UK Shared Prosperity Fund \(broxtowe.gov.uk\)](https://www.broxtowe.gov.uk)



Newark and Sherwood Community Grant Scheme – Deadline 22nd December 23

The Newark and Sherwood Community Grant Scheme aims to support a variety of district based registered not-for-profit organisations. Projects should align to the Council's Community Plan objectives.

Grants of up to £20,000 are available. Any grant awarded over £5,000 will need to demonstrate match funding at 50% above the £5,000 threshold.

Applications will be assessed a minimum of twice a year unless all funding has been allocated.

To be successful, applicants will need to demonstrate:

A local need for the project.

- How the project contributes to one or more of the council's community plan objectives.
- That the project takes place within the district.
- Financial information to support application.

Additional weighting will be given to those projects that meet the following criteria:

- Projects that contribute to overcoming the cost-of-living crisis.
- Projects that contribute to public protection by reducing crime or anti-social behaviour.
- Projects that improve biodiversity or contribute to reducing climate change.
- Projects that can demonstrate match funding (above £5k).

Applications must be submitted by mid-day on 22 December 2023.

More Information: [Newark and Sherwood community grant scheme | Newark & Sherwood District Council \(newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk\)](https://www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk)

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.

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

- 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](#)



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>

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](#)

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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