

External funding opportunities

Current opportunities from the Government, National Lottery and
Trusts and Foundations

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INTRODUCTION

This document has been developed to highlight current external funding and partnership funding opportunities relevant to Council officers and partners. It is updated on a regular basis.

Navigating the document

Funds are organised by funding source, listing current opportunities from the Government (central, regional, EU), the National Lottery and selected trusts and foundations.

To save paper, you can use the Contents page to quickly review funds and navigate to a fund of interest (to follow a link you may need to hold the 'Ctrl' key down and press Return), rather than print out.

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USEFUL LINKS

RBKC Council funding for the community and voluntary sector

<https://www.rbkc.gov.uk/voluntary-and-partnerships/voluntary-andcommunity/funding-opportunities>

Kensington and Chelsea Social Council funding information page

<https://www.kcsc.org.uk/funding>

Civil society organisations can also visit the Kensington and Chelsea Social Council's Funding page. This includes a wider list of trusts and foundations' funding opportunities suitable for community and voluntary groups.

GOVERNMENT FUNDING

*BEIS Investing in Building Thermal Efficiency Innovation Fund

The objective of the Thermal Efficiency Innovation Fund is to support the development and demonstration of innovative technologies, processes and business models that can be widely deployed to improve the thermal efficiency of existing UK buildings.

The Fund will consider proposals that enable the installation of existing or new measures in buildings with solid walls or buildings that have previously been difficult or expensive to treat. Innovative technologies, processes and business models are eligible for support and applicants may apply for a capital grant of £200,000 to £2 million. The scheme is open to the private sector (all sizes); collaborative proposals, universities and Public Sector Research organisations.

This is part of the BEIS Energy Innovation programme. Check website for future funding rounds. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/energy-innovation>

*Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS) – Low Carbon Heat Networks Funding

Local Authorities are invited to bring forward ambitious and innovative proposals to develop and deliver low carbon heat networks. £7m is available in total and 33% match funding is required. The Round 7 deadline is 31 January 2018.

Further information: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/heat-networks-delivery-unit>

BEIS/Innovate UK -Small Business Research Initiative (SBRI) funding competitions for public sector technological innovations

This programme has been established by Innovate UK, working with the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS). The SBRI enables government departments to run competitions for ideas and new technologies in the wider business community around specific department needs.

It aims to help early-stage, high technology small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) gain greater access to Research and Development (R&D) opportunities. Calls are published on their website.

Further information: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/sbri-the-small-businessresearch-initiative#sbri-overview>

*BEIS/Innovate UK Roads for the Future competition

This is part of the Small Business Research Initiative funding competition (see above) and organisations of any type of size may apply. A share of up to £200,000 is available for ideas to change road design, management and use, to maximise the benefits of connected and autonomous vehicles. Five feasibility study pilots will be funded. The registration deadline is Wednesday 7 March 2018.

Further information: <https://apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/competition/94/overview>

Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) - One Public Estate Land Release Fund Programme for councils/public sector

OPE is delivered by the Cabinet Office Government Property Unit (GPU) and the Local Government Association (LGA). It provides practical and technical support and funding to councils nationally to deliver ambitious property-focused programmes with public sector partners that aim to get more from collective assets. OPE objectives:

- creating economic growth (e.g. unlocking assets for new homes and jobs)
- delivering more integrated, customer-focused services (e.g. catalysing health and social care integration)
- generating efficiencies, through capital receipts and reduced running costs

Funding and support are available to set up new partnership programmes. See website for details.

Further information: <https://www.local.gov.uk/topics/housing-and-planning/one-public-estate>

DCLG Community Buildings Project Support Grant scheme for community organisations

This scheme is aimed at helping eligible community organisations move their project through the planning process to the point where they are able to submit a Community Right to Build 6 order, or (in the case of community-led housing projects only) a traditional planning permission application.

Grants of between £5,000 and £40,000 are available. Applications for grant for 2017-18 can be submitted until 31 January 2018. Expenditure must be completed within six months or before 31 March 2018.

Further information: <http://mycommunity.org.uk/funding-options/>

DCLG More than a Pub: The Community Pub Business Support Programme

A finance package of loans and grants worth up to £100,000 is available to community groups that want to take on the ownership of their local pub. Jointly funded by the DCLG and the Power to Change Trust, this new £3.62 million two-year programme aims to support 80 community pubs to stay open. To apply complete an initial enquiry form online.

Further information: <https://www.plunkett.co.uk/more-than-a-pub>

DCLG Neighbourhood Planning Grants and Support Programme 2015-2018 and beyond

Neighbourhood planning was introduced by the Localism Act 2011 to give people a chance to decide how their local area should be developed. Grants and technical support are available for town and parish councils, neighbourhood forums and prospective neighbourhood forums to draw up a neighbourhood plan/development order.

There is a total grant ceiling of £15,000 for the period 2015-2018. Applications for the current programme can be submitted until 31 January 2018.

DCLG have recently announced their continued commitment to the programme with around £5.5m to be allocated per year between 2018 and 2022 to provide expert support and advice through information services, grants and technical support packages.

Further information: <https://mycommunity.org.uk/take-action/neighbourhood-planning/support-grants/>

DCLG/Home Office Controlling Migration Fund for local authorities

The Controlling Migration Fund is designed to alleviate pressures on services by providing a funding channel that operates outside of the channels normally available to local authorities for tackling planned rises in immigration.

The four-year programme (2016-2020) is offering £140 million through the following funding streams:

- Local service impacts -£100 million of funding available to local authorities over 2016-17 to 2019-20. £25 million will be available in each of the four financial years.
- 'Enforcement' funding -£40 million available to local authorities between 2016-17 and 2019-20.

Examples of the types of activities supported by the fund include activities to build community cohesion and encourage integration, tackling the increase in rough sleeping by non-UK nationals and tackling rogue landlords.

Proposals will need to be led by a local authority, but may be in partnership with other local authorities, other public bodies, and/or the voluntary and community sector. Areas thinking of developing proposals should contact DCLG at migrationfund@communities.gsi.gov.uk initially.

Further information: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/controlling-migration-fund-prospectus>

*DCLG Planning Delivery Fund (Housing)

Grants are available for local authorities and third sector organisations to support joint working, high quality design and innovation to support and enable more and better house building and infrastructure development.

£25 million of resource funding announced in the housing White Paper is available for the financial years 2017/18 to 2019/2020. Allocation of £11 million will be open to bids for the financial years 2017-18 to 2018-19 and will be administered under three dedicated funding streams:

- Joint Working Fund - grants of up to £250,000 for expenditure in 2017/18.
- Design Quality Fund - grants of up to £250,000 for expenditure in 2017/18.
- Innovation Fund - award amounts will be made depending on the volume and quality of bids.

The first phase of Planning Delivery Fund is now closed. The DCLG expects to issue a further prospectus for the remainder of the fund 'in due course'.

Further information: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/planning-delivery-fund-prospectus>

Department for Digital, Culture Media and Sport (DCMS) - Free fundraising training programmes for small charities

The Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) has launched free fundraising training which is available to all small charities. The Foundation for Social Improvement will run the programme. The scheme, which will run until March 2018, includes a number of training options including: 30-minute online webinars, telephone advice sessions and face to-face training in 17 locations across the UK.

Further information and course dates: <http://www.thefsi.org/services/>

*DCMS Funding for Public Service Mutuals

The government is awarding funding to support organisations considering becoming a Public Service Mutual. Organisations that wish to become or grow as Public Service Mutuals can now apply for a share of up to £1.7 million funding.

The scheme is now open for applications on a rolling basis. Contact the Mutuals Team at the DCMS at: mutuals@culture.gov.uk to check eligibility.

Further information: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/mutuals-support-programme-2>

DCMS Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme (VAT relief for capital projects)

The Government has confirmed its commitment to the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme which will continue until 2020. The scheme makes grants towards the VAT incurred in maintaining and repairing listed buildings (of all faiths) which are primarily used for public worship.

Applicants can submit one claim with a value of between £500 and £1,000 (excluding the VAT paid) in any 12-month period. Applications are accepted at any time until March 2020.

Further information: <http://www.lpwscheme.org.uk>

*DCMS Tampon Tax Fund 2018/19 to tackle violence against women and girls

Large grants are available for charitable, benevolent and philanthropic organisations that are working with disadvantaged women and girls. The funding is for projects which address one of the following categories:

- Violence against women and girls.
- Mental health and wellbeing.
- General programme (for which the Government has identified a number of sub-themes).

There is £15 million for the current fund which covers 2018-19. The minimum grant is £1 million. Charitable, benevolent and philanthropic organisations based and working in the UK are eligible to apply.

The deadline for applications is midnight on Sunday 28 January 2018.

Further information: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/tampon-tax-fund-application-form-2018-2019-funding-round>

Department for Education (DfE) Further Education Flexible Learning Fund for adult learning

£40m was allocated in the Spring 2017 budget for pilots aimed at helping adults progress in employment or enter new occupations through re-skilling or up-skilling. The fund will provide grants to projects that develop scalable methods of delivering learning that are flexible and easy to access for adults who are in work, or returning to work with low or intermediate levels skills.

Applicants can be single organisations or partnerships. They welcome proposals incorporating the expertise of FE providers, HEIs, research organisations, and business support organisations. All proposals must receive support from employers.

The deadline is midnight on Wednesday 31 January 2018.

Further information: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/further-education-flexiblelearning-fund>

*Department for Education (DfE) Leadership, Equality and Diversity Fund (school leadership development of under-represented groups)

Aims to support under-represented groups as defined by the Equality Act 2010 and help teachers gain leadership positions. Outputs and outcomes of the projects should include:

- A minimum number of participant's complete leadership activity
- 90% of participants secure a next stage promotion within 12 months of completion of the programme.
- School-led impact evaluation

£820,000 is available to fund projects in the academic year 2018 to 2019 and up to £1 million in 2019 to 2020. Average unit cost is expected to be £1000. The deadline is Friday 9 February 2018.

Link to guidelines: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/equality-and-diversity-funding-for-school-led-projects>

*Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs/DCLG Litter Innovation Fund

DEFRA and the DCLG have set up the £450,000 Litter Innovation Fund (LIF).

The funding is administered by WRAP, a registered charity and not for profit company. A wide range of organisations can apply including local authorities, educational establishments, charitable organisations. The funding is for projects that fall into at least one of the main three themes:

- Education and awareness, such as innovative messaging to target a particular audience. E.g. campaigning, new signage, comparing messages or delivery approaches.
- Economic strategies, such as comparison of different approaches or alternatives to formal penalties, etc.
- Infrastructure, such as technology pilots. This could be apps, new bin or product design.

The maximum grant is £10,000.

The initial round of funding has now closed. Successfully awarded grants will be announced mid-February 2018. The dates for the second round will be announced shortly after, please check the website for details.

Further information: <http://www.wrap.org.uk/content/litter-innovation-fund>

DH Research grants for applied health and public health research

The DH provides funding through the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) to enable the NHS and partner organisations to undertake applied research.

- NIHR Health Technology Assessment (HTA) Programme – to assess the effectiveness of different healthcare treatments and tests for those who use, manage and provide care in the NHS.
- NIHR Programme Grants for Applied Research -all areas of applied health research
- Research for Patient Benefit programme for projects researching the NHS and public health in England.

Non-academic or clinical organisations are advised to work in partnership to develop research proposals. Check website for current opportunities and deadlines.

NIHR funding webpage: <https://www.nihr.ac.uk/funding-and-support/>

Department for Transport (DfT) – grants for local authorities, businesses and individuals to establish service infrastructure for electric vehicles.

The DfT runs a number of initiatives to reduce the cost of eligible electric, plug-in hybrid and hydrogen cars and support the take up of low-emission vehicle technologies:

- Plug-In Car grants and Plug-In Van grants are available to individuals and businesses in the UK.

- On-Street Residential Charge-point Scheme is available to Local Authorities to establish plug-in points for residents (up to £100,000 available).

Local Authorities should initially contact the Energy Saving Trust via email: onstreetchargepoints@est.org.uk. Apply at any time.

Further information: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/government-grants-for-low-emission-vehicles>

*DfT HS2 Community and Environment Fund and HS2 Business & Local Economy Fund

The Government has set aside £40 million of funding to be administered by Groundwork UK through two grant schemes: The Community Environment Fund (CEF) and The Business and Local Economy Fund (BLEF).

1. The Community Environment Fund (CEF) launched in March 2017. £9m has been allocated to Greater London over an 11-year period. Two levels of CEF funding are available:
 - CEF Local – Grants of up to £75,000 for projects which benefit quality of life in individual communities.
 - CEF Strategic – Grants of between £75,001 and £1 million for projects which will benefit multiple communities along the Phase One route and create a legacy. A wide range of organisations may apply including local authorities, schools, and civil society groups.
2. The Business and Local Economy Fund (BLEF) aims to add benefit over and above committed mitigation and statutory compensation to support local economies that are demonstrably disrupted by the construction of HS2. Applications will be invited for capital or revenue funding from £10,000 up to a maximum of £1 million. This funding programme is targeted at organisations which have formal objectives that support the development of local business/tourism.

Further information about both funds and eligibility checker:

<https://www.groundwork.org.uk/Sites/hs2funds/pages/communityapplication-notes-hs2>

Economic and Social Research Council -Data Analytics Innovation Voucher to help businesses and local authorities harness data effectively

The DAIV programme is provided by the Business and Local Government Data Research Centre ('BLGDRC'). The organisation was established by the Economic and Social Research Council and it helps businesses and local authorities to harness data more effectively.

Small business owners, public sector organisations and local government can apply. Applicants do not need to have any specific data already collated or stored - the researchers can support identifying the data needed.

Up to £2,000 in vouchers are available to work with experts within the Centre, across the

Universities of Essex, East Anglia, Kent, and the London School of Economics. Apply at any time.

Further information: <http://www.blgdataresearch.org/services-2-2/knowledge-exchange/daiveoi/>

EU Erasmus+ funding for education, training, youth and sport organisations across all sectors of lifelong learning – 2018 deadlines (Brexit update/UK organisations are encouraged to apply!)

Education, training, youth and sport organisations across all sectors of lifelong learning can apply for funding to offer opportunities to their staff and learners and to take part in innovative projects to improve practice and influence policy.

Erasmus+ offers exciting ‘mobility’ opportunities for UK participants to study, work, volunteer, teach and train abroad in Europe. For example, young people and those working in the youth sector can take part in a youth exchange or a volunteering scheme. Staff, teachers, lecturers and support staff, including volunteers and youth workers, can explore best practices and gain professional development through teaching or training abroad.

This funding is managed by a UK National Agency and 2018 deadlines have now been published. Further information:

UK Erasmus Plus website: <https://www.erasmusplus.org.uk/>

List of 2018 deadlines: <https://www.erasmusplus.org.uk/funding-deadlines>

December 2017 update on Brexit and EU funds from Erasmus website:

In 2017 the Erasmus+ programme reached the halfway mark in the UK with 500 million euro allocated to projects and activities since 2014. This year has been a very successful year for the programme with over 136 million euro of funding allocated in the first two application rounds.

The UK Government has stated publicly that the United Kingdom is committed to continuing full participation in the Erasmus+ programme up until we leave the European Union. The Government has now agreed a fair financial settlement with the EU enabling it to move to the next stage of negotiations. With the caveat that “nothing is agreed until everything is agreed”, in principle the UK will continue to benefit from all EU programmes, including Erasmus+, until the end of the current budget plan (2014-2020).

.... The UK Government has made clear that it values international exchanges. In the unlikely event of a ‘no deal’ scenario, the Government guarantee already made still stands, and successful Erasmus+ applications which are submitted while the UK is still a Member State, even if they are not approved until after we leave, can continue beyond the point of exit.

*Forestry Commission HS2 Woodland Fund

The HS2 Woodland Fund is an initiative led by Forestry Commission England and supported by the Department for Transport and High Speed Two (HS2) Limited.

Grant funding is available for woodland owners and land managers within a 25-mile buffer around the Phase One Act Limits of HS2 (between London and the West Midlands) towards the restoration of existing Plantations on Ancient Woodland Sites (PAWS) and creating new native woodland.

Funding of up to £8,500 per (gross) hectare; minimum 0.5-hectare site.

Open from January 2018 until April 2020 (subject to available funding). Apply at any time.

Further information: <https://www.forestry.gov.uk/england-hs2>

*Mayor of London's Air Quality Fund – third round to open summer 2018

The Air Quality Fund (MAQF) is a £20 million fund over ten years to support new projects by London boroughs to improve air quality. The third round of MAQF funding will open for applications in Summer 2018 (for projects commencing in April 2019).

London boroughs and the City of London are eligible for this fund.

For further information (including projects funded in the first two rounds) visit the GLA website: <https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/environment/pollution-and-air-quality/mayors-air-quality-fund>

GLA London Mayor's Greener City Fund

£9 million Greener City Fund as part of the Mayor's goal to make London the first National Park City with a target of making 50% of the city green by 2050.

Grants are available for boroughs, local communities and environmental organisations to improve and increase green spaces in neighbourhoods by planting trees, creating natural play spaces or green routes to encourage walking and cycling.

The Greener City Fund will cover three elements:

- Strategic green infrastructure projects -£3 million in funding to support strategic green space improvements that will bring multiple environmental benefits.
- London's urban forest - £3 million in funding for City Hall to work with partner organisations, boroughs, businesses and Londoners on a range of projects to help plant and look after trees in London.
- Community Tree Planting and Green Space Grants -£3 million in funding to help Londoners plant trees and make the city greener.

Groundwork London is managing the Greener City Fund grants on behalf of the Greater London Authority (GLA). There are two levels of funding:

- Small grants of between £5,000 and £20,000 (25% match funding)
- Medium grants of between £20,000 and £50,000 (50% match funding required)

The Community Tree Planting and Community Green Space grants are open to a wide range of organisations, including local authorities, schools and civil society organisations.

Further information:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/environment/parks-green-spaces-and-biodiversity/greener-city-fund>

GLA London Mayor's Green Capital Grants for model green infrastructure projects

The Green Capital grants are part of the Mayor's Greener City Fund (above).

The programme aims to support model green infrastructure projects that show how they contribute to healthier living (including promoting walking and cycling), tackling climate change impact, improve air and water quality and enhance biodiversity and ecological resilience

The Green Capital grants will be between £250,000 and £500,000 of capital funding. It aims to support at least four major projects. The fund is open to public and third-sector organisations.

The deadline for Expression of Interest is 5pm on Monday 19 February 2018.

Further information: <https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/environment/parks-green-spaces-and-biodiversity/greener-city-fund>

GLA London Mayor's Good Growth Fund for regeneration projects

The £70m London Good Growth Fund is the Mayor of London's new regeneration programme. It has been designed to support three strategic themes:

- Empowering People
- Making Better Places
- Growing Prosperity

The fund is open to a broad range of public, private and third-sector organisations. The funding options are:

- Up to £5 million to deliver place shaping and development projects (capital funding only)
- Repayable grants of between £50,000 and £2 million (capital funding only).
- European Social Fund revenue grants of between £500,000 and £2 million to deliver employability and skills projects.

The programme will fund up to 50% of the total project value. Characteristics of strong bids include genuine collaboration, effective use of all available community assets, and a clear understanding the impact of the project.

The Fund has a rolling, two-stage application process. There will be two deadlines per year. For further information, visit the GLA website:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/regeneration/funding-opportunities/good-growth-fund-supporting-regeneration-london>

GLA Mayor of London's Student Entrepreneur 2018 scheme

The Mayor's Entrepreneur 2018 scheme is looking for innovative ideas to help improve the capital. The winner will receive up to £20,000 funding to bring their idea to life. The deadline is 18 February 2018. Further information:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/environment/smart-london-and-innovation/mayor-entrepreneur-2017>

*GLA 'Small Sites Small Builders' programme to launch in early 2018

This programme aims to open up small publicly-owned sites for development and to enable opportunities for small developers, housing associations, and community-led housing groups. The pilot phase will launch in early 2018. Register for updates on the GLA website.

<https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/housing-and-land/land-and-development/making-small-sites-available-support-small-builders>

Historic England Grants

Historic England is a Non-Departmental Public Body sponsored by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport. Its work includes research to increase understanding of the historic environment, advice and support for owners and local authorities, and helping people to understand, value and enjoy heritage. It runs a number of grant programmes, including:

- Local Authority Acquisition Grants to Underwrite Repairs Notices
- Grants to Local Authorities to Underwrite Urgent Works Notices
- Historical Commission Funding for local authorities and others for strategic research and to build skills and capacity in England's historic environment.
- Partnership schemes for the preservation and enhancement of conservation areas.

Visit the Historic England website for details of current grant programmes, application procedures and deadlines.

Further information: <https://www.historicengland.org.uk/services-skills/grants/>

*Ministry of Defence (MoD) Armed Forces Covenant Fund – 2018/2019 priorities

The Armed Forces Covenant sets out the relationship between the nation, the government and the armed forces. This funding is for projects that respond to the local needs of the Armed Forces Community, improve recognition of the Armed Forces Covenant, and:

The £10 million per annum Covenant Fund aims to support the armed forces community. There are several grant streams including a main Covenant Fund and local fund.

The 2018/2019 priorities for this fund and application details will be announced in early February 2018 so check the website for details.

Further information: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/covenant-fund>

*MoD – Armed Forces Day event funding 2018

The objective of the fund is to support Armed Forces Day events across the UK to show support for our servicemen and women, past and present. Armed Forces Day events can come in any size or shape e.g. Picnic in the park, parades, street party, fetes. The event should be held within two weeks of the Armed Forces Day which is on Saturday 30 June 2018.

Grants of up to £10,000 are available. Local councils, voluntary and community organisations, schools, ex-service organisations and individuals in the UK are eligible to apply. The deadline for 2018 applications is 30 April 2018. The first step in the application is to register the event.

Further information: <https://www.armedforcesday.org.uk/get-involved/organise-your-own-event/>

NATIONAL LOTTERY FUNDING

Arts Award Access Funding – small grants for local organisations

Small grants are given to Arts Award centres working with young people from disadvantaged backgrounds to enable them to achieve an Arts Award.

Grants of £1,500 are available. The first 2018 deadline is Friday 2 March 2018.

Further information: <http://www.artsaward.org.uk/site/?id=1975>

*Arts Council Arts Libraries Fund – changes from March 2018

Grants are available to support public library-led projects that stimulate partnerships between libraries and arts organisations.

Grants of up to £100,000 are available for a wide range of arts activities such as events and workshops, that support, enhance and enrich public libraries' core work, and develop libraries' role as a cultural provider in their communities. Rolling programme apply at any time.

Update: From March 2018, this fund will become 'Arts Council National Lottery Project Grants'. Project Grants will be the new open access programme for arts and museum projects, and for arts projects in and with libraries. For further information on these changes visit: <http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/how-well-invest-2018-22/about-grants-arts-and-culture-2018-22>

Further information on Art Libraries Fund: <http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding/grants-arts-libraries-fund>

*Arts Council Grants for the Arts Programme – changes from March 2018

Grants for the Arts is the Art's Council's general funding programme for arts organisations and individuals.

Grants of up to £100,000 are available to support arts activities that benefit communities or that help artists and arts organisations to carry out their work. A wide range of organisations can apply. Applications can be made online at any time. Six weeks are needed to process applications for £10,000 or less, and 12 weeks for applications for more than £10,000.

Update: From March 2018, this fund will become part of the 'Arts Council National Lottery Project Grants' programme. See update for Arts Libraries fund above.

Further information on Grants for the Arts: <http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding/grants-arts>

*Art Fund Prize for museums and galleries

The purpose of The Art Fund Prize (formerly the Gulbenkian Prize) for museums and galleries is to recognise and stimulate originality and excellence in museums and galleries in the UK, and increase public appreciation and enjoyment of all they have to offer.

The deadline is noon on Tuesday 6 February 2018.

Further information: <https://www.artfund.org/supporting-museums/museum-of-the-year>

Big Lottery Fund (BLF) Awards for All small community grants programme

Awards for All offers funding from £300 to £10,000 to support what matters to people and communities. Community and voluntary organisations, schools and statutory organisations may apply. It is a general, rolling programme, apply at any time for a decision within 10 weeks.

Further information: <https://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/national-lottery-awards-for-all-england>

*BLF Reaching Communities Programme – applications paused until April 2018

This is the BLF's open (general) programme that supports projects that improve the quality of life of communities, offering help where it is most needed. Grants of between £10,000 and £500,000 are available (including up to £100,000 for capital projects).

Note Local Authorities and statutory agencies can apply for this programme however, there is a strong preference for voluntary and community organisations if they are also better placed to meet identified need. There is a two-stage application process; apply at any time.

Update: Applications to this programme are currently paused until Monday 2 April 2018 while BLF change the application process.

Further information:

http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_reaching_communities.htm?regioncode=uk&progStatus=open&status=theProg&title=Reaching%20Communities

Heritage Lottery Fund grants – introduction/large grant programmes

HLF's goal is to make a lasting difference for heritage and people. Through their funding they are looking for positive outcomes for heritage, individuals (through learning) and communities. They have a broad definition of heritage, which includes things people value and want to preserve for future generations to enjoy. For example, this can include, natural environment, parks, build heritage or the history of different communities. It includes local, regional and national heritage.

They have mixed portfolio of open and targeted programmes with grants that start at £3,000 for communities wishing to explore their heritage, to large grants with no maximum limit.

Large grants programmes include:

- Heritage Grants Programme -£100,000k+ for projects that make a lasting difference for heritage, people and communities in the UK. The deadline for first round applications is 1 December each year.
- Parks for People – restoration/redesign of public parks and cemeteries. Next first stage deadline is Wednesday 28 February 2018.
- Landscape Partnerships -supports a programme of projects in a defined landscape character area.
- Heritage Enterprise -£100,000k + for heritage projects that have the potential to unlock a heritage asset in need of investment as a stimulus for economic growth (will generate revenue). Apply at any time.

Further information: <https://www.hlf.org.uk/looking-funding/our-grant-programmes>

HLF First World War: Then and Now – grants for community remembrance projects

The Fund aims to mark the Centenary of the First World War by supporting community projects which explore, conserve and share the heritage of the First World War.

Grants of £3000-£10,000 are available. A wide range of not for profit organisations can apply -£10,000 are available. A wide range of not for profit organisations can apply e.g. youth groups, resident's associations, schools. Applications may be submitted at any time until 2019.

Further information:

<http://www.hlf.org.uk/HowToApply/programmes/Pages/FirstWorldWarThenandNow.aspx>

HLF Resilient Heritage Programme - capacity building for heritage organisations

Grants are available for organisations who want to build their capacity or achieve strategic change in order to improve the management of heritage in the long term. Two levels of funding are offered:

- Grants of between £3,000 and £10,000.
- Grants of between £10,001 and £250,000

Activities supported include enabling income diversification, asset transfers, feasibility studies, new fundraising, and audience research. A wide range of not-for-profit organisations are eligible. Apply at any time.

Further information: <https://www.hlf.org.uk/looking-funding/our-grant-programmes/resilient-heritage>

HLF Sharing Heritage Programme – small grants for community heritage projects

Grants are available for projects which explore, conserve and share local, regional or national heritage. Heritage might include natural environment, parks, build heritage or the history of different communities – anything people value and want to conserve for future generations.

Projects should have positive outcomes for heritage and communities. 'People will have learned about heritage' is a priority outcome for this programme. Grants of between £3000 and £10,000 are available.

A wide range of not-for profit organisations can apply. Apply at any time. Groups can first submit an expression of interest form online to find out if their project is suitable for the programme.

Further information: <https://www.hlf.org.uk/looking-funding/our-grant-programmes/sharing-heritage>

HLF Young Roots programme -for projects that enable young people to explore heritage

Apply for a grant of £10,000-£50,000 to help young people aged 11 to 25 to explore their heritage, from green spaces, museums, and historic sites to language, local memories and youth culture. Partnerships of heritage and youth organisations may apply.

The project should include opportunities to celebrate the young people's achievements in the project, for example with an award or certificate, and share their learning with the wider community. Apply at any time.

Further information: <https://www.hlf.org.uk/looking-funding/our-grant-programmes/young-roots>

*Nesta Rethinking Parks Fund

The Big Lottery Fund, Heritage Lottery Fund and Nesta have set up a new Rethinking Parks fund to support innovative ideas to address the challenges faced by parks across the UK. The previous Rethinking Parks fund ran in 2014.

£2 million is available through the following awards:

- Replication grants of between £150,000 and £200,000 over two years aimed at supporting organisations to set up, run and learn from innovative, tested, operating models for parks (in particular drawing on learning from 2014 re-thinking parks fund, there are details about this on their website). A total of £1.5 million is available.
- Prototyping grants of between £70,000 and £100,000 to support testing and learning from digital and data innovations with the potential to address challenges that parks face (areas of interest include who uses parks, new land management or engagement techniques). A total of £500,000 is available.

There is a two stage application process. The deadlines for initial applications are 27 February 2018 for Replication Award and 28 March 2018 for Prototyping Awards.

Further information: <https://www.nesta.org.uk/project/rethinking-parks>

*Nesta Rocket Fund for schools - crowdfunding for new technology

The Rocket Fund is a crowdfunding platform for schools developed by NESTA, the innovation charity. It aims to enable all students to access the latest technology by making it easier for schools to fundraise from businesses and their local community.

Last year, 94 schools fundraised for tech via Rocket Fund, you can view a summary of what they wanted [here](#).

Wave 4 will launch on Monday 19 February 2018. Schools can set up their project now at:

<https://rocket.fund/>

Sport England Grants overview

Sport England is running seven Investment Programmes for the 2016-2021 period, to support the delivery of their strategy, 'Toward an Active Nation'. The strategy aims to deliver the following five outcomes: physical wellbeing, mental wellbeing, individual development, social and community development and economic development.

Some of these programmes are ongoing, rolling programmes and some are targeted initiatives that will be launched throughout this period. The investment areas include:

- Tackling inactivity -a new, dedicated £120 million fund to tackle inactivity over the next four years, targeting specific groups.
- Children and young people – including a new investment of £40 million into projects that offer new opportunities for families with children to get active and play sport together.
- Facilities – including both indoor and outdoor facilities
- Volunteering -£30 million will be invested to make it easier to fit sport volunteering into a modern lifestyle and making volunteers more representative of society
- Taking sport and activity into the mass market -focusing on supporting activities that have mass appeal and can get large numbers of people active (e.g. parkrun).
- Supporting sport's core market (including talented athletes)
- Local delivery – £130 million will be invested over the next four years in 10 pilot places in England to test new approaches to local strategies for physical activity and sport.

Further information: <https://www.sportengland.org/funding/>

Sport England Community Asset Fund to improve and protect existing sports facilities

This capital fund aims to improve and protect existing sports facilities that support the needs of local communities. A total fund of £15 million is available annually. Three levels of funding are available:

- Small Scale Investments – grants between £1,000 and £15,000.
- Medium Scale Investments – grants between £15,000 and 50,000.
- Large Scale Investments – grants of between £50,000 and £150,000.

Community organisations/sports clubs, statutory bodies and educational establishments may apply. Statutory organisations must provide a minimum of 50% partnership funding.

Note: children's playgrounds are not eligible.

Further information: <https://www.sportengland.org/funding/community-asset-fund/>

Sport England Small Grants Programme

Grants are available to help not-for-profit sports clubs, local authorities and schools in England to carry out local community sports projects and encourage more people (aged 14 years and older) to be involved in sport. Grants of between £300 to £10,000 are available. Applications can be made at any time.

Further information: <https://www.sportengland.org/funding/small-grants/before-you-start/>

Youth Music Programme – 2018 deadlines added

Grants are available to a range of organisations for music-making projects that increase the number of children and young people that have the opportunity to take part in high quality musical activities. The following funds are available:

- Fund A - grants of between £2,000 and £30,000
- Fund B - grants of between £30,001 and £200,000 (to a maximum of £100,000 per

annum)

- Fund C - grants of between £50,000 and £180,000 per annum for 36 months are available (closed at present). There are a number of priorities, including children in challenging circumstances, early years, youth justice.

For 2018 deadlines visit: <http://network.youthmusic.org.uk/Funding/choose-your-fund>

Further information: <http://network.youthmusic.org.uk/funding/what-youth-music-programme>

OTHER FUNDING HIGHLIGHTS – TRUSTS AND FOUNDATIONS

*Barrow Cadbury Economic Justice Programme to promote financial resilience and inclusion

Grants are available for projects in the UK to build learning to strengthen local economies, promote inclusion and to share best practice between a range of sectors, particularly across local authorities. 2017 priorities include:

- Identifying ways of reducing problem debt, improving access to affordable credit and making saving easier for those on low incomes.
- Creating sustainable local economies, including new forms of non-financial economy (e.g. time banking)
- Reducing the financial exclusion
- Building financial resilience through partnership

There is no maximum or minimum grant limit. Apply at any time. In the first instance, applicants should complete the online enquiry form.

Further information: <http://www.barrowcadbury.org.uk/what-we-do/programmes/economic-justice/>

Blue Spark Foundation grants for children and young people

£5,000 grants are available for schools, community groups, clubs or other organisations to improve the education and development of children and young people through educational, cultural, sporting and other activities.

Particular consideration will be given to projects which will help the self-confidence, team working skills and future employability of children and young people. Applications can be submitted at any time.

Further information: <http://bluesparkfoundation.org.uk/>

*British and Foreign School Society – new grant programme for Looked After Children and Young Carers

Grants are available for UK registered charities to improve approaches to the educational attainment of looked after children and young carers in the UK. BFSS will support novel projects which provide effective, scalable supplementary educational support.

This funder awards around £700,000 per year in total. Organisations applying for funding should have UK charitable status. Smaller organisations are preferred. They also prefer work done in partnership with Local Authorities, schools and other organisations that have responsibility for the education of Looked after children and young carers.

Further information: <http://www.bfss.org.uk/grants/looked-after-children-and-young-carers/>

Church Urban Fund -Together Grants for faith-based organisations

Grants of up to £5000 are available for faith-based organisations to engage in social action, either for initiating or developing community work. Rolling programme organisations can apply at any time.

Further information: <http://www.cuf.org.uk/Pages/Category/funding>

Community Land Trust Funding for Community Housing Projects

The Community Land Trust (CLT) was launched in October 2008. It is funded by the Tudor Trust, the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation, the Charities Aid Foundation and the Nationwide Foundation.

CLTs seek to address the difficulty in finding suitable and affordable homes in local communities by creating affordable housing and community resources through the cooperative ownership of land by the local community. Land is acquired by community groups (usually below its market rate) through public investment, planning gain or philanthropic or charitable gifts and is held in perpetuity by the local community.

Funding and support worth up to £350,000 is available. Stage 1 applications can be submitted at any time.

Further information: <http://www.communitylandtrusts.org.uk/>

*Education Endowment Fund to raise educational attainment – themed funding rounds for early years’ leadership and improving science education

Established in 2010 with a grant from the Department of Education, the overall objective of the programme is to break the link between family background and educational achievement. £200 million will be allocated over a 15-year period. The expected minimum grants size is £50,000.

Proposals must demonstrate how the organisation will raise attainment within schools, and

measure the impact of activities. Schools, charitable organisations and other educational and not-for-profits may apply. Current themed funding opportunities include:

- Early Years: professional development and leadership (deadline: Friday 16 March 2018)
- Using insights from research to improve science education (deadline: Monday 9 April 2018)

Further information: <https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/get-involved/apply>

Football Foundation's Premier League & FA Facilities Fund, small and large grants schemes

Funding is available to support the development of new or refurbished local football facilities, such as changing pavilions and playing surfaces, for the benefit of communities in England.

- Small grants of up to £10,000 are available for refurbishment/purchasing capital items
- Large grants of between £10,000 and £500,000 are available to support the development of new or refurbished local football facilities e.g. changing pavilions, playing surfaces.

A wide range of organisations can apply, including local authorities, schools and sports clubs. Rolling programme apply at any time.

Further information: <http://www.footballfoundation.org.uk/>

GLL Community Foundation crowdfunding grants for civic projects

GLL (the UK's largest charitable social enterprise) and Spacehive have partnered to launch the GLL Community Foundation. The Foundation has been set up to provide both grant funding and practical support with a value of up to £5,000 to community projects across the UK. Projects could include creating or renovating public spaces such as parks or gardens, running sports tournaments or supporting cultural or community events.

If you have a project which creates opportunities that encourages people to be active, learn and play together, visit GLL Community Foundation or contact communityfoundation@gll.org.uk for more information.

Further information: <https://www.spacehive.com/movement/community-foundation>

Henry Smith Charity – Grants programme for VCSEs; holiday grants for disadvantaged young people

The Henry Smith Charity is one of the largest independent grant making trusts in the UK, distributing over £28 million each year. They have recently launched a new strategy for the Main Grants Programme. The two priorities are:

- Improving Lives (aims to support people for whom other sources of support have failed, are inappropriate, or not available)
- Strengthening Communities (targets disadvantaged areas in the UK, funding small grassroots organisations)

Grants of between £20,000 and £60,000 are available. Charities and not-for-profit organisations, including social enterprises, can apply. Note that local authorities and statutory services are not eligible.

Further information about Henry Smith Grants:

<https://www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/explore-our-grants-and-apply/>

John Lyon's Charity Grants overview

John Lyon's Charity gives grants to groups and organisations for the benefit of children and young adults up to the age of 25 (or 30 if for young people with special needs or disabilities) who are resident in the London boroughs of: Barnet, Brent, Camden, Ealing, Hammersmith and Fulham, Harrow, the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, City of London, and the City of Westminster.

The Charity's main policy is to promote the life-chances of children and young people through education. The main funding programmes include:

- Main Grants Programme - no maximum grant level however, average grant is between £5,000 to £10,000. Grants can be up to three years in length.
- Small Grants - programme maximum amount awarded is £5,000 for one year
- Schools in Partnership Fund - up to £50,000 per annum for three years.
- Bursary Fund - up to 15% of the Charity's annual expenditure is allocated as bursaries to The John Lyon School, Harrow School and other institutions.
- School Holiday Activity Fund - for the running costs of holiday programmes that provide young people with activities in supportive and accessible environments. Up to £5,000 is available.
- School Explorer Fund – up to £2000 for primary school trips to arts and cultural institutions

Further information: <http://jlc.london/>

London Marathon Charitable Trust – large and small grants to improve sports facilities

Funding is available to help improve existing amenities or to build new facilities that will enable organisations to encourage and support more people to become involved in sport and physical activity. Current priority target groups include:

- Individuals who are currently physically inactive or who have low levels of activity.
- Groups that are currently physically inactive or who have low levels of activity.
- Children and young people outside of school hours.

Small capital grants of between £5,000 and £19,999 and large grants of between £20,000 and £150,000 are available. Statutory organisations (schools, local authorities) as well as not for profit groups may apply. There is a two stage application process for both funds (a simple Expression of Interest for the small capital funding programme).

Further information: <http://www.lmct.org.uk/>

Octavia Foundation Better Lives Community Fund - small grants fund to tackle isolation and poverty

The fund will provide grants from £2,000-£5,000 to local charities and voluntary groups that are working with communities, groups and individuals on low incomes and/or experiencing isolation, in RBKC and Westminster.

The 2017 deadline has passed in November 2017 however the fund will re-open in 2018 – check the website for updates.

Further information:

http://www.octaviafoundation.org.uk/our_work/octavia_better_lives_community_fund

National Churches Trust Relaunches Grant Programmes for 2018

The National Churches Trust offers funding for projects that are in line with its aims which are to help maintain the UK's heritage of church buildings and to enhance their ability to serve local communities. There are range of grants including for maintenance, repair, community and partnership work.

Churches, chapels and meeting houses that are open for worship and which are part of a denomination belonging to Churches Together in Britain and Ireland are eligible to apply. Check website for details of grant programmes and deadlines.

Further information: <https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/our-grants>

Nuffield Foundation Research, Development and Analysis Programme for education, welfare and justice

The Nuffield Foundation's primary objective is to improve people's lives through better understanding of the issues affecting their life chances. In June 2017, they published a new five-year strategy and funding programme. They aim to build the capacity of the public policy system to apply research and analysis, and develop policy and practice in the areas of:

- Education – e.g. 'young people's pathways' and 'early years' education' are priorities under this area.
- Welfare – e.g. inequalities, family dynamics and labour market outcomes
- Justice – e.g. child protection, legal systems, rights

They encourage and facilitate partnerships between research, policy and practice communities. See their funding guide for programme priorities in each area. Grants range from £10,000 to £500,000. There is a two stage application process.

Further information: <http://www.nuffieldfoundation.org/grants-research-development-and-analysis>

Tesco Bags of Help scheme for projects that benefit the local community

The Bags of Help scheme is supported by Tesco's 10p bag charge. All projects that benefit the local community are eligible to apply for funding including capital and revenue projects, indoor or outdoor. A wide range of organisations may apply including schools, local authorities, health bodies social housing providers, and voluntary and community groups. Grants of up to £4000 are available.

The scheme is managed by Groundwork and is a rolling programme. For advice and support contact Paige Matthews, Community Project Officer (West London) on 020 8762 0321 or email paige.matthews@groundwork.org.uk

Further information: <https://www.groundwork.org.uk/Sites/tescocommunityscheme>

*Weston Anniversary Fund - Garfield Weston Foundation fund for community capital projects

The Garfield Weston Foundation provides grants for community charitable projects. The one-off Anniversary Fund has been launched in celebration of sixty years of grant giving.

Grants are available to registered charities, places of worship and state schools for capital projects that benefit local communities in the UK. This could include new/improved community facilities and buildings, or large capital items (minibuses, playground or training equipment).

Applications for up to £150,000. The deadline is Saturday 30 June 2018. Grants will need to be spent and projects fully completed by the end of 2020.

Further information: <https://anniversary.garfieldweston.org/weston-anniversary-fund/>

*Westway Trust Grants

Westway Trust run several grant programmes including a Community Grant programme, Sports Bursaries and Festivals Fund.

- Community Grants of between £500 and £4000 are on offer for projects which reflect the Trusts strategic objectives (improving health and well-being, provide economic opportunities, improving the local environment or celebrate the talent and diversity of the local community). Applications are open in January and September each year. The next deadline is 5pm on Monday 19 February 2018.
- Grants of up to £5000 are available through the Festivals Fund, to fund activities which bring the community together. This will open on Monday 5 February with a deadline of Monday 12 March 2018.

Local social enterprises, charitable, voluntary and community organisations working within the Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea, with a particular focus on communities living in North Kensington, in and around the Westway are eligible to apply.

Further information: <http://www.westway.org/grants>