

External funding

List of 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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For enquires or to highlight additional funds which should be included here, please contact: Lucy Ashdown, External Funding Officer, Lucy.Ashdown@rbkc.gov.uk, 0207 361 2509.

USEFUL LINKS

- RBKC Council funding for the community and voluntary sector
<https://www.rbkc.gov.uk/voluntary-and-partnerships/voluntary-and-community/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

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 December 2017.

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-business-research-initiative#sbri-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. Three objectives of OPE:

- 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

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 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 in 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 from 2018-2022 to provide expert support and advice through information services, grants and technical support packages.

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

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 to discuss.

Further information: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/controlling-migration-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. [Read more](#)

DCMS/NESTA Connected Communities Innovation Fund promoting social action for over-50s

The new fund will support volunteering in public services and new ways for over-50s to engage in digital social action. The Fund provides £4 million in grants from DCMS and £750,000 in non-financial support from Nesta.

There is particular interest in supporting innovations that enable a wider group of volunteers to give their time and skills, and Nesta will work with projects to develop their plans to consider how they will mobilise:

- Social action innovations that mobilise the time and talents of people aged 50+ in new ways, especially those who may not have previously volunteered.
- People who want to give less intensively: for social action initiatives that offer a variety of opportunities from high commitment to smaller commitment, sharing time and resources in new ways, and enabling a variety of people to give their time and talents.
- People who want to connect online: for social action initiatives that make the most of technology to connect with and engage volunteers, and which perhaps even allow them to give their time online.

There are two separate tracks: Early Stage Ideas and Growing Great Ideas. Expressions of Interest are currently being accepted with a deadline of Monday 30 October 2017 (midday). Application webinars:

- 12 October 2017 9.30 - 10.30am
- 17 October 2017 11am - 12pm

Register in advance at Nesta's [website](#). Further information:

<https://www.nesta.org.uk/project/connected-communities-innovation-fund>

DCMS Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme

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>

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 which are:

- 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 deadline for the next round is to be announced – check website.

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

Department of Health (DH) Research grants for applied health and public health research

The DoH 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. See website for deadlines.

DH Health and Wellbeing Fund on social prescribing for VCSEs

The theme for this year's Voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) Health and Wellbeing Fund is social prescribing. Grants of up to £300,000 are available for the first year of the project.

The funding is for activities that support social prescribing which is defined as 'enabling healthcare professionals to refer patients to a link worker, to co-design a nonclinical social prescription to improve their health and wellbeing'. Projects should design models that fit the needs of their local area and draw upon local assets. Applications for both new and existing social prescribing schemes will be considered.

Webinar application workshop will take place on Monday 16 October (11am to 1pm).

Voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) organisations that wish to attend a webinar should email HWFund@dh.gsi.gov.uk and in the subject line write 'Webinar', the date they wish to attend.

The deadline for funding applications is Tuesday 21 November 2017 (noon).

Further information: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-and-wellbeing-fund-2017-to-2018-application-form>

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

DoT 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 grant 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

The Government has set aside £40 million of funding to be administered by Groundwork UK through two grant schemes:

- The Community Environment Fund (CEF)
- The Business and Local Economy Fund (BLEF)

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. Rolling programme (apply anytime). Applicants need to complete an eligibility checker and are encouraged to review Groundwork's Environmental statement information relevant to their area to determine when construction works will be taking place in/around their community - and therefore when to make their application.

Further information: <https://www.groundwork.org.uk/Sites/hs2funds/pages/community-application-notes-hs2>

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

Through the programme, the funder is inviting small business owners, public sector organisations and local government, including councils, to apply. Applicants do not need to have any specific data already collated or stored - the researchers who will work with applicants through this programme can identify 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.blqdataresearch.org/does-your-organisation-need-help-with-data/>

EU Erasmus+ funding 2017/18 – Youth exchange, youth worker training and Volunteering abroad project grants

The Erasmus+ programme provides funding to help young people volunteer abroad and enjoy an array of experiences through youth exchanges.

Voluntary Service and Youth Exchanges grants, provide opportunities for young people to learn, develop their skills and volunteer in Europe and beyond through full-time voluntary service (2 -12 months) or youth exchanges (5 - 21 days).

This funding is managed by a **UK National Agency** and there is still the opportunity for all UK organisations active in the field of youth to apply for funding.

There are several deadlines per year. For information on how to apply 2018 deadlines visit the UK Erasmus Plus website: <https://www.erasmusplus.org.uk/apply-for-youth-mobility-funding>

EU Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme (REC) 2014-2020

The Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme (REC) promotes gender equality, children's rights and Roma inclusion; and funds projects are aimed at combating all forms of discrimination and racism and fighting violence against women, young people and children. The following calls for proposals are open and will co-fund up to 80 per cent of costs for national and transnational projects:

- [Action Grants to Prevent and Combat Racism, Xenophobia and Other Forms of Intolerance](#) Budget: €4 million and deadline: Tuesday 7 November
- [Public Authorities on Preventing and Combating Racism, Xenophobia and Other Forms of Intolerance, and in Particular Hate Crime and Hate Speech](#) Budget: €1.5 million and deadline: Tuesday 7 November
- [Action Grants to Prevent and Combat Gender-based Violence and Violence Against Children](#) Budget: €3.5 million and deadline: Thursday 9 November

Greater London Authority (GLA) - Development Support Capital Funding for skills providers

£1.5m is now available to skills providers who are building inspiring and fit for purpose training facilities in London - to help with the costs of developing and refurbishing these facilities. Eligible applicants must be:

- a further education college or approved training organisation that is on the Register of Approved Training Providers and/or Register of Apprenticeship Training Providers
- in receipt of funding from the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) to deliver education and training in 2017/18 and/or expects to hold a contract in future years.

Applicants can request from £10,000 up to £100,000 (per project). The deadline is 2pm on Monday 30 October 2017.

Further information: <https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/regeneration/funding-opportunities/apply-development-support-funding>

GLA/European Regional Development Fund - Calls for Proposals launched

The Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) has launched calls for ERDF funding in London for:

- Priority Axis 1: 'Promoting Innovation & Research' - £5 million available
- Priority Axis 2: 'Developing Information and Communications Technology (ICT) products and services, e-commerce, and enhancing demand for ICT' - £900,000 available
- Priority Axis 3: 'Enhancing the Competitiveness of SMEs' - £4 million available
- Priority Axis 4: 'Supporting the Shift Towards a Low Carbon Economy in All Sectors' (£11.7 million ERDF available)

The minimum request for ERDF is £500,000. Applicants must provide an equivalent amount of match funding. Projects can run for up to 3 years.

The closing date for the submission of Outline Application forms is Friday 10 November 2017.

The GLA will be holding events for prospective applicants on Thursday 12 October 3.30-5.30 pm and Wednesday 1 November 2017 9.00-11.00 a.m. at City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London, SE1 2AA.

Visit the GLA website for more information: click [here](#).

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.

Round 1 is now open for applications to the Community Tree Planting and Green Space Grants programme. 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)

Local councils will need to provide financial match funding. Other organisations can provide goods in kind or staff or volunteer hours.

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 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 the project aims to achieve.

The Fund has a rolling, two-stage application process. There will be two deadlines per year; the first Expression of Interest deadline passed on Monday 4 September.

For further information visit the [GLA website](#).

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 application procedures and deadlines.

Ministry of Defence (MoD) Armed Forces Covenant Fund Local Grants

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:

- Help integrate Armed Forces and civilian communities across the UK, and/or
- Deliver valuable local services to the armed forces community.

Grants up to £20,000 are available. A range of organisations can apply including statutory organisations and community groups. Rolling programme apply at any time.

Further information: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covenant-fund-guidance-on-how-to-apply>

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 2017 round two deadline is Friday 20 October 2017.

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

Arts Council Arts Libraries Fund

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.

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

Arts Council Designation Development Fund 2015-18 for research into collections for museums, libraries with designated collections

The Designation Development Fund priority is to support research and understanding of collections and support delivery of the Art's Council goals.

£1.4 million is available for the funding period 2016-18 in total with grants of £20,000 to £90,000 available. Museums (excluding national museums) and organisations with Designated collections are eligible to apply. The final deadline is 17 January 2018.

Further information: <http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/what-we-do/supporting-museums/designation-scheme/designation-development-fund/>

Arts Council Grants for the Arts Programme

This 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.

Further information: <http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding/grants-arts>

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/global-content/programmes/england/awards-for-all-england>

BLF Reaching Communities Programme

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 can apply for this programme however, there is a strong preference is 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.

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

BLF/O2 The Environment Now initiative for young people

Funded by the Big Lottery Fund and O2 Think Big, individuals and teams of young people (aged between the ages of 17 and 24) can apply for up to £10,000 to realise unique digital ideas that will help the environment; for example, improving energy efficiency, reducing waste, or recycling.

The programme will provide a total of 50 individual grants. The deadline is 14 November 2017.

Further information: <http://www.o2thinkbig.co.uk/the-environment-now>

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 £3000 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.

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 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-£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.

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

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. 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/>

Sport England Tackling Inactivity and Economic Disadvantage Fund

This is the second phase of Sport England's Tackling Inactivity Funding (the first focused on older people aged 50+), and it focuses on people in lower socio-economic groups, engaging with them through sport and physical activity.

Through this funding, Sport England hopes to achieve the following outcomes:

- Support inactive people from lower socio-economic groups to be more active, doing more than 30 minutes of physical activity per week.
- Show how being more active can have wider benefits within people's daily lives, for example enjoying time together with family and friends, generally feeling better, or managing stress.
- Understand why individuals within lower socio-economic groups are not active and what would help them to change this.

Option A: Grants of £250,000 to £500,000 for projects targeting people who have little take-home pay, some qualifications and are in employment.

Option B: Grants of £25,000 to £100,000 for people who are less likely to have a steady income, or any income at all and who live less ordered lives.

Option C: Small Grants of £1,000 to £10,000 for smaller-scale projects targeting above groups. A total of £150,000 is available.

The deadline for applications is Monday 6 November 2017. There is a two-stage application process for Options A and B, and Development Grants are available.

Applications will be considered from a wide range of organisations. Applicants do not need to be sports organisations but must have an understanding of lower socio-economic individuals and communities.

Further information: <https://www.sportengland.org/funding/tackling-inactivity-and-economic-disadvantage/>

Youth Music Programme

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. Next deadlines: Fund A – Friday 8 December 2017; Fund B: Friday 10 November 2017.

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

OTHER FUNDING HIGHLIGHTS – TRUSTS AND FOUNDATIONS

John Lyon’s Charity Coalition Children and Young people’s fund (Grenfell Tower tragedy response) – Phase 2 Funding open

Providing funding for work with children, young people and families impacted by the Grenfell fire. This funding is provided by John Lyon’s Charity, independent funders and local groups. This funding is not linked to publically donated funds.

Following consultation with the local CYP sector (voluntary and statutory) there are three priority areas for Phase 2:

- Emotional wellbeing and mental health initiatives (e.g. programmes delivered by specialist organisations and/or practitioners)
- Out of school activities (e.g. afterschool, weekend, holiday)
- Family work with a clear focus on children and young people (e.g. mentoring, holistic family activities and/or trips)

Funding will support activities taking place to and including October half-term 2018.

Eligible organisations include registered charities, CICs, non-profit local community groups, schools, libraries and local faith groups. They will also consider applications from constituted Tenant Resident Associations (TRAs) on a case by case basis.

The deadline is Friday 20 October 2017. To apply, visit the John Lyon’s Charity website to download an application.

Further information: <http://jlc.london/news/grenfell-tower-disaster/>

Church Urban Fund - Together Grants for faith-based organisations

Grants of up to £5000 are available for faith-based organisations in England 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>

Comic Relief - Thriving Not Just Surviving: Young Men and Mental Health

This £1.75 million fund provides grants of up to £150,000 to support vulnerable and disadvantaged young men with mental health problems. Aims to support proposals to deliver specialised mental health provision which puts the needs of young men at the heart of their work. Applications are accepted from specialist mental health and/or youth organisations. The deadline is 13 October 2017.

Further information: <http://www.comicrelief.com/apply-for-grants/open-grants-initiatives/thriving-not-just-surviving-young-men-and-mental-health>

Education Endowment Fund to raise educational attainment

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.

Round 13 deadline is 11 December 2017. Check website for future deadlines.

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 together 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 for more information.

Further information: <http://www.better.org.uk/news/better-puts-call-out-to-community-groups-clubs-schools-and-charities-new-100k-fund-for-local-networks>

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 are:

- Main Grants Programme - There is no maximum however, average grant is between £5,000 to £10,000. Grants can be up to three years in length.
- Small Grants Programme - The maximum amount awarded is £5,000 for one year only.
- Schools in Partnership Fund - The maximum amount available under this programme is £50,000 per annum for a maximum of three years.
- Bursary Fund - Each year, 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 - The Fund will pay 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 - The maximum amount awarded is £2,000 but the average grant is £1,000.

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.

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

Octavia Foundation Better Lives Community Fund - new 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 deadline is Friday 17 November. Further information: http://www.octaviafoundation.org.uk/our_work/octavia_better_lives_community_fund;

People's Trust for Endangered Species - UK Mammals Grant

The People's Trust for Endangered Species (PTES) has opened its annual UK Mammals grant programme which supports the conservation of mammals in the UK.

Grants of between £10,000 and £20,000 (the average grant per project is £15,000) are available for scientific research, practical habitat management work, re-introduction and monitoring programmes and educational projects.

The next deadline for applications is Wednesday 1 November 2017. Further information: <https://ptes.org/grants/uk-mammal-projects/>

Royal British Legion's External Grants Programme Open to Applications

Funding is available for charitable organisations that are running or planning charitable activities in support of the Armed Forces community.

The Royal British Legion offers grants of up to £50,000, though smaller applications are encouraged, for specialised projects or services for serving and/or ex-Service personnel and/or their families that are not already being provided by the Legion and that are in line with the Legion's funding priorities.

Service Delivery projects must address at least one of the following themes:

- Employment and training.
- Support for families.
- Homelessness and outreach.
- Supporting the elderly.

The typical grant value is £100-£10,000. The deadline is Friday 10 November 2017 for Service Delivery applications.

Further information: <http://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-support/finance/grants/external-grants/>

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.

Applications are currently being accepted to the following grants programme:

- Community Grants of between £5,000 and £20,000 for projects that have an estimated cost of at least £25,000
- Repair Grants of between £5,000 and £40,000 to help with the cost of urgent and essential structural repair projects with estimated costs of at least £100,000

In addition, there are micro grants of £2,000 for churches awarded a National Churches Trust Community Grant to set up a social action project that meets the needs of local people.

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. Applications from both listed and unlisted places of worship are welcomed.

The next deadlines for applications are 30 October 2017, 5 March 2018 and 2 July 2018.

Further information: <http://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/choosetherightgrant>

Nuffield Foundation Research, Development and Analysis Programme exploring improving life-chances

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. Grant range from £10,000 to £500,000.