

# FUNDING £ALERT

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## **South Ayrshire For Funding**

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<https://www.idoxopen4community.co.uk/southayrshire?bcr=MTIzNA>

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## **NORTH CARRICK COMMUNITY BENEFIT COMPANY (NCCBC)**

North Carrick Community Benefit is a community-based company (No: SC480121) with charitable recognition (No: SC045947). It has been distributing funds from Scottish Power Renewables' Dersaloch windfarm since 2015. The company focuses on the roughly 9,500 people living in the 5 community council areas in North Carrick: Crosshill, Straiton and Kirkmichael as 1, Kirkoswald, Maidens and Turnberry as 1, and then Dunure and Minishant and Maybole as the other 3 areas.

NCCBC is a membership organisation with membership open to anyone who lives in the area. It has around £300,000 available to spend on improvements in North Carrick each year.

Applications can be submitted by any constituted group that delivers benefits for people in North Carrick. Applications will be considered where they deliver new and innovative projects which promote one or more of the following priorities:

- Regeneration of our built environment for general public benefit
- Environmental Protection and improvement
- Provision, maintenance, or improvement of Public Open Space
- Projects which reduce Greenhouse Gas emissions
- Projects which promote more efficient use of scarce global resources
- Education for local residents
- Recreational activities/facilities
- Protection, preservation, or enhancement of important or significant local buildings
- Alleviating poverty



- Providing training or employment opportunities for unemployed individuals or groups
- Health benefits
- Alleviating hardship caused through health, disability, isolation or other disadvantage
- Citizenship, capacity building, engagement, volunteering and support for individuals and communities
- Arts, Heritage, or culture

## HOW TO APPLY

For more information on how to apply please contact [admin@nccbc.org.uk](mailto:admin@nccbc.org.uk).  
Or visit the website at [Apply - NCCBC](#)

## **CARRICK FUTURES**

Carrick Futures supports community projects in Carrick, South Ayrshire.

The fund supports projects primarily located within or directly benefiting one or more of the six community council areas of Ballantrae, Colmonell & Lendalfoot, Barr, Barrhill, Pinmore & Pinwherry and Girvan & District.

Some funds are also available for projects located within or directly benefiting the wider Carrick area. Priority will be given to applications which also benefit one or more of the main beneficiary communities listed above.

### What Can Carrick Futures Fund?

Carrick Futures can support charitable activities that support the rural regeneration and sustainability of Ballantrae, Colmonell & Lendalfoot, Barr, Barrhill, Pinmore & Pinwherry, Girvan & District and Carrick.

Awards can support a wide range of costs and activities.

The Board has agreed four strategic aims, which it will use to prioritise proposed projects. These are:

- Improving access to services (in particular public transport)
- Enabling a diverse and sustainable population mix (services for young people and older people, but also activities that help create opportunities for families and working age people to live in the area).
- Improving equality of opportunity (including tackling poverty and disadvantage).
- Contributing to a climate smarter world with sustainability at its core

Applicants must normally fulfil the following conditions to apply to the fund:

- The proposal is for projects or activities consistent with the charitable purposes of Carrick Futures;
- Applicants have a constitution (governing document or set of rules) and are set up on a not-for-private-profit basis. However applicants do not need to be registered charities to apply.



- Applicants must provide their latest set of accounts, signed by an independent third party, and a copy of a recent bank statement.

## HOW TO APPLY

**They welcome pre-application enquiries. For further advice or information on Carrick Futures or to discuss your project proposal informally, please contact the Foundation Scotland team on [grants@foundationscotland.org.uk](mailto:grants@foundationscotland.org.uk) before applying, to confirm the project is eligible.**

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## Strathclyde Partnership for Transport - Community Path Fund

Funding body:	Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT)
Maximum value:	£ 15,000
Application deadline:	12/08/2026

**Grants are available to community organisations in the Strathclyde Partnership for Transport area to improve local path networks.**

### Background

This is a new funding program delivered by Walking Scotland (formerly Paths for All) and funded by Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT).

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### Objectives of Fund

Funding is intended to construct new paths to enhance network connectivity as well as to upgrade existing paths to make them more accessible.

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### Value Notes

Grants of up to £15,000 are available.

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### Match Funding Restrictions

For applications up to £3,000, 100% of project costs can be funded.

For applications between £3,001 and £15,000, applicants must provide a minimum of 25% match funding. In-kind contributions may be considered.

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### Who Can Apply

Not-for-profit organisations based and working in the SPT area can apply, including but not limited to:

- Constituted groups, clubs, and community organisations.
- Registered charities.
- Educational establishments.
- Community councils and community or development trusts.
- National Park Authorities.

Organisations must be constituted and have a bank account.

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### Restrictions



The following are not eligible for funding:

- Individuals.
- Sole traders.
- Commercial companies.
- Local authorities.
- Building paths in community gardens.
- Feasibility studies.
- Installing bins.
- Retrospective costs.
- Planning application fees.
- Legal fees.
- Purchasing land.
- Purchasing bikes.
- Production of walking leaflets.
- Projects out with the SPT area.

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### Eligible Expenditure

The following are eligible for funding:

- Constructing new paths to improve path network connectivity.
- Creating technical designs for path projects to support applicants through the tendering and construction phases.
- Upgrading existing paths to make them more accessible and easier for people to use.
- Installing seating with back and arm rests to provide rest points along routes.
- Removing barriers on paths that are restrictive for people using adaptive equipment, cargo bikes or wheelchairs.
- Installing directional signage on paths.
- Planting wildlife-friendly shrubs and trees (up to the value of £3,000) next to paths.
- Installing lighting.

Projects must be completed by 22 February 2027.

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### Location

- Argyll and Bute.
- East Ayrshire.
- East Dunbartonshire.
- East Renfrewshire.
- Glasgow City.
- Inverclyde.
- North Ayrshire.
- North Lanarkshire.
- Renfrewshire.
- South Ayrshire.
- South Lanarkshire.
- West Dunbartonshire.

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### How To Apply

The deadline for applications is 12 August 2026 (**noon**).

Guidance notes are available from the Walking Scotland website.

[Path Funding – Walking Scotland](#)



## cardfactory Foundation – External Community Fund

Funding body:	cardfactory Foundation
Maximum value:	£ 10,000
Application deadline:	03/07/2026

**Grants are available for UK registered charities working in the UK within one of the funder's priority areas: families experiencing financial disadvantage; sudden hardship and crisis; and vulnerable children and young people.**

### Background

The Community Fund is provided and administered by the cardfactory Foundation who supports charities working to help people and communities at 'Moments that Matter'.

The Foundation's goal is 'to address immediate needs while helping communities and individuals build long-term stability and resilience.

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### Objectives of Fund

The funding is for UK registered charities working, either at the national or regional level within the UK, in one or more of the Foundation's priority areas:

- **Families experiencing financial disadvantage** - support families facing long-term, sustained economic hardship, rather than short-term or one-off events, that restricts their ability to meet essential needs like food, housing, or heating. The focus is on addressing immediate pressures while also supporting longer-term stability and resilience.
- **Hardship and Crisis Support (Acute)** - provide time-bound support to individuals and families experiencing a recent triggering event or escalation in risk (e.g. fleeing domestic abuse, imminent homelessness, or sudden bereavement). There is particular interest in how organisations deliver sustained improvement and longer-term stability beyond the initial crisis response.
- **Vulnerable children and young people (0–25)** - support young people facing circumstances that threaten their safety, wellbeing, or development. The goal is to protect these individuals, build their resilience, and help them achieve stability. This includes support for those with care experience, at risk of exploitation, young carers, or those with complex needs (SEND).

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### Value Notes

Fixed grants of £10,000 are available.

Note: applications for other amounts will not be accepted.

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### Who Can Apply

Registered charities with a valid registration number may apply.

To be eligible, charities must

- Be working within one or more of the Foundation's priority areas.
- Have an income of less than £3 million per annum. There is particular interest in supporting smaller, local charities where a £10,000 grant will deliver real impact.
- Have been actively operating for at least 18 months.
- Be able to submit the previous year's published annual accounts.



- Operate within the UK, either at a national or regional level.

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#### Restrictions

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Community interest groups.
- Political parties
- Promotion of religion
- Individuals.

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#### Eligible Expenditure

Unrestricted funding is available for groups to use where it is most needed to strengthen a charity's long-term sustainability and reduce administrative burden.

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#### Location

UK

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#### How To Apply

There is a two-week application window which opens 22 June 2026 and closes 3 July 2026.

Funding decisions to be announced in September 2026. Grants paid approximately six weeks after decisions are announced.

Guidance notes and the online application form are available from the Foundation's website.

Note: A link to the online application form will be made live from 22 June 2026.

Contact the cardfactory Foundation for further information.

<https://cardfactoryfoundation.org.uk/our-funds/the-local-community-fund/>

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## You're Only Young Once Fund (YOYO Fund)

Funding body:	Corra Foundation
Maximum value:	£ 10,000
Application deadline:	01/09/2026

**A small number of grants are available for not-for-profit groups and organisations in Scotland to run meaningful projects for children, young people (up to age 26), and families affected by alcohol or drugs.**

#### Background

You're Only Young Once (YOYO) is a grant programme wholly designed by lived experienced young people, as part of the [The Way Forward for Families Partnership Fund](#) which is administered by the Corra Foundation.

Corra Foundation will be the grant administrator and data controller for any grants made to groups/organisations under the YOYO Fund.



## Objectives of Fund

This small grants programme focuses on supporting children, young people and families affected by alcohol and drugs to shape and share experiences, create connections, and to create the conditions where they are empowered to influence participation, policy and practice across Scotland, and can thrive in the future.

The funding can be used for a wide range of activities; however, there is particular interest in projects which:

- Create the conditions in which children, young people and families feel empowered.
- Put the voices of children, young people, families and communities at the heart of decision-making.
- Provide unique opportunities for children and young people, and their families.
- Bring people together and strengthen community connections.
- Support children, young people and families to participate in democratic processes.
- Development of information campaigns or peer research projects that inform planning and service/policy locally or nationally.
- Engage with marginalised communities and groups that are under-represented in decision making structures for example LGBTQI+, care experienced people, Black, Asian and minority ethnic communities.

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## Value Notes

There is a total funding pot of £50,000.

Grants of up to £10,000 are available and must be spent within 12 months of the project start date. As few as five grants may be made.

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## Who Can Apply

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Be an incorporated not-for-profit organisation, such as a registered charity, company interest company (CIC), or trust.
- Have a proven track record of delivering services for children, young people and families affected by substance use in Scotland. Organisations should have more than two years of direct delivery of support to children, young people and families – and they should have skills and understanding of things like participation, safeguarding and whole family approaches

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## Restrictions

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Capital projects, such as building repairs/maintenance/alterations, construction, or fixed equipment.
- Projects that take place in school settings; however, schools/after school clubs may be partners in planning or delivery.
- Respite care or holidays for individuals/family groups.
- Staff training
- Individual grant/award programmes
- Crisis support, for example, food vouchers, household energy costs, whitegoods, furniture, etc.

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## Eligible Expenditure

The funding can be used for the following:

- Staff costs (excluding training)



- Participation costs.
- Venue hire.
- Materials and equipment (excluding fixed equipment).
- Activity costs.
- Catering and food.
- Travel/transport.
- Training/accreditation costs that directly link to the programme of work.

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Location  
Scotland

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#### How To Apply

The deadline for applications is 1 September 2026 (**noon**).

Guidance and an online application form are available from the Corra Foundation website.

Contact the Corra Foundation for further information.

[YoYo - You're Only Young Once Fund Corra Foundation](#)

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## Henry Smith Foundation – Equity in Justice Fund

Funding body:	Henry Smith Foundation
Maximum value:	Discretionary
Application deadline:	05/08/2026

**Grants are available for organisations delivering specialist services for racially minoritised young men aged 18–25 who are in contact with the criminal justice system within the UK.**

#### Background

The newly launched Equity in Justice Fund is provided and administered by the Henry Smith Foundation as part of its 'Safer futures' programme which supports people to rebuild their lives after abuse, displacement or prison.

The Equity in Justice Fund has been created in response to evidence which "shows that young men from racially minoritised communities are over-represented at many points in the justice system. This is not by chance. It's the result of ongoing systemic bias combined with a lack of specialist services that understand their needs. And the racism they have experienced, both personally and structurally. We recognise that Muslim men are also disproportionately represented in the prison system and will fund organisations working with young men from this community."

It is anticipated that there will be further rounds of this fund which will open in January 2027, June 2027 and January 2028.

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#### Objectives of Fund

The funding is intended to support organisations working with racially minoritised young men aged 18 to 25 who are in contact with the criminal justice system. The key aim of the fund is to increase



these men's access to specialist services designed to meet their specific needs.

The Fund will provide multi-year grants to organisations with a focus on direct service delivery providing specialist, culturally appropriate support, centring lived experience.

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#### Value Notes

There is a total of £2.6 million for this fund.

It is anticipated that 13 grants of £200,000 each, will be made over three to five years.

Applicants can decide whether they want the funding over three, four, or five years.

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#### Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants need to be a charitable organisation registered in and working in the UK, including:

- Registered charities and Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIOs).
- Community Interest Companies (CICs) that are not-for-profit with an asset lock.
- Other not for profit charitable organisations delivering work aligned with the funder's strategy.

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Provide specialist services that meet the specific needs of racially minoritised young men in contact with the criminal justice system.
- Have a track record of at least 18 months of delivering this type of provision.
- Provide person centred, holistic and long-term services.
- Have lived experience voice throughout their services, organisation and governance, although this may be less well-developed in some smaller organisations.
- Have their first set of published annual accounts.

Priority will be given to:

- Organisations 'led by and for' the racially minoritised communities they serve. (The funder is defining this as 'one where 50% of trustees/directors and 50% of staff are from the racially minoritised community they represent').
- Smaller organisations over larger organisations.

The funder wants to ensure that:

- Funding will cover a range of settings, eg, prison, through the gate and community.
- There will be a geographical spread across the UK.
- A range of communities will be represented including Gypsy Roma Traveller (GRT) and Muslim communities.

There are no minimum or maximum income thresholds.

National organisations who work across wide geographic areas, especially when delivering services in prisons, may apply.

Racially minoritised is defined to include Black and Global Majority communities alongside all other communities which may experience racial injustice in the UK such as Gypsy, Roma, Traveller and Jewish communities. In recognition that Muslim men are disproportionately represented in the prison system, funding will include work with this community.

Smaller organisations will be prioritised over larger ones, recognising that larger organisations in the criminal justice sector can often secure a higher proportion of statutory contract income than smaller organisations, who are more reliant on Trusts and Foundations.

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#### Restrictions

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Partnership applications.



- Organisations whose primary charitable objective is the advancement of religion,
- Work outside the UK.
- Work that has already taken place.
- Proposals that are only for the benefit of an individual or a family.
- Work that is not legally charitable
- Local authorities or work usually considered a statutory responsibility.
- Activity that actively seeks to proselytise or promote any religion.
- Prevention work with those at risk of contact with the criminal justice system, or who have had brief contact, for example who have been stopped and searched.

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#### Eligible Expenditure

This is flexible funding which can be used for the organisation's general running costs.

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#### Location

UK

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#### How To Apply

**Applications open on 10 June 2026 (9am)** and close on 5 August 2026 (17:00).

A live webinar will be held on 23 June 2026 (14:00 to 15:00). [Registration is required](#). A recording and transcript will be available for those who are unable to attend.

The guidelines, faqs, a short eligibility quiz, and a sample EOI are available on the Henry Smith Foundation website.

Further rounds of this fund will open in January 2027, June 2027 and January 2028.

Contact the Henry Smith Foundation for further information.

[The gap we should have seen sooner - Henry Smith](#)

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## Together for Service Families: Placed Based Grants Programme

Funding body:	Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust
Maximum value:	£ 350,000
Application deadline:	19/08/2026

**Grants are available for projects that aim to mitigate the impact of separation and relocation for families of serving personnel and reservists in specific locations in the UK.**

#### Background

This fund is provided and administered by the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust. It sits within the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust's grant strategy 2024-27 and aligns with the Covenant Fund Funding Framework theme of ensuring armed forces communities are not disadvantaged.

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#### Objectives of Fund



The funding aims to mitigate the impact of separation and relocation for families of serving personnel and reservists through a place based (location focused) portfolio of projects. Projects should focus on serving families (including reservists) affected by service related separation (for example: deployment, exercises/training, unaccompanied postings, weekendings and long-distance commuting, and repeated short-notice time away) or relocation. Addressing emerging needs will be a fundamental part of delivery.

Projects should contribute to lasting and meaningful change within the chosen location, with a clear intention to improve support for serving families over the longer term.

Projects will be expected to meet all of the following outcomes:

- Families feel better equipped to manage and reduce the impact of loneliness or isolation during periods of separation or relocation.
- Improved mental health and wellbeing for serving families through preventative, early help or targeted support.
- Organisations in the local community have a stronger, shared understanding of what types of support work well for serving families, including both preventative and responsive models.
- Families are better able to navigate separation, reintegration and relocation, experiencing fewer challenges as a result of strengthened relationships.
- Enhanced collaboration and streamlined support pathways for the serving community through stronger partnerships and improved service integration.

People with lived experience need to help plan the project.

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#### Value Notes

Portfolio grants of up to £350,000 are available for a project delivered in a specific location over a period of up to 3.5 years. (Six months to be used as discovery/development phase.)

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#### Who Can Apply

Applications will be accepted from:

- UK-based registered charities with substantial recent experience supporting armed forces communities. Charities must have been registered with in the UK for at least three years at the time of application.
- Local authorities.

Applicants must work with others (collaboration) as this is essential for this programme. Applicants will need to bring partners together (statutory, non-statutory and the local base/(s)) so that families experience a clearer, simpler support pathway in the chosen place.

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#### Eligible Expenditure

Projects need to contribute to lasting and meaningful change and will need to make improvements that go beyond short-term delivery.

The funding can be used for:

- Staff time to deliver the project.
- Volunteer costs and reasonable expenses.
- Reasonable travel costs, including to enable beneficiaries to take part.
- Session costs, materials and items to support a project such as art materials, supplies for a breakfast club, laptops or IT equipment to help with project delivery.
- Accessibility costs (interpreters, translation, accessible formats).
- Reasonable overheads.
- Partner costs for collaboration and knowledge-sharing.
- Evaluation and learning activities.



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Location  
UK wide

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### How To Apply

The guidance notes, faqs, application questions are available on the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust website.

There is a two-stage application process:

- The first stage is to submit an Expression of Interest to act as the lead organisation for a portfolio grant by the deadline of **19 August 2026 (12 noon)** with decisions by the 30 November 2026.
- In Stage Two, successful applicants will then be invited to submit a full application detailing the project work the portfolio will achieve. The deadline for stage two applications is 20 January 2027 (12 noon) with a decision by 31 March 2027.

Contact the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust for further information.

[Together for Service Families Place-based grants programme - Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust](#)

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## Persimmon Charitable Foundation – Open Application Programme

Funding body:	Persimmon Charitable Foundation
Maximum value:	£ 50,000
Application deadline:	21/06/2026

**Grants are available to registered charities with projects that tackle deprivation, social mobility and youth-focused issues within the UK.**

Persimmon plc set up its charitable foundation in 2015 to help support communities around the UK. The Foundation aims to change lives and transform communities. It does this by making donations to organisations that tackle inequality and aid social mobility.

The Foundation launched its open application programme in 2025 to enable more charities to access donations.

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### Objectives of Fund

The funding supports projects that address deprivation or disadvantage in Persimmon communities, especially among children and young people. These include employability and areas of economic and social deprivation.

There are two rounds of funding, with a total of £300,000 available for distribution each year, in the form of six £50,000 donations.

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### Value Notes



Six grants of £50,000 each are available: three grants for the spring round and three grants for the autumn round.

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#### Who Can Apply

UK registered charities from across the UK can apply.

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#### Location

UK

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#### How To Apply

There are two funding rounds per year. The deadline for applications is 21 June 2026 (23:59). The successful applicants will be announced in September.

The short online application form can be found on the Persimmon website.

[Open Application Programme |](#)

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## Heart Research UK - Healthy Heart Grants

Funding body:	Heart Research UK
Maximum value:	£ 15,000
Application deadline:	08/07/2026

**Grants are available to charities and community interest companies in the UK for new community projects aimed at supporting adults to reduce their risk of coronary heart disease, helping them to lead healthier, happier and longer lives.**

#### Background

Healthy Heart Grants are provided and administered by Heart Research UK, a registered charity, who works to prevent, treat and cure heart diseases through research, education and community support.

Running since 2001, the Healthy Heart Grants programme supports community groups and projects across the UK that promote heart health and healthier lifestyles, helping communities reduce the risk of heart disease.

The funding rotates around the UK at different times of the year.

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#### Objectives of Fund

The funding is for new projects being delivered in small local communities that work with adults and that actively promote heart health or reduce the risk of heart disease through primary or secondary prevention.

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#### Value Notes

Five grants of £15,000 each will be awarded throughout the year as follows:

- One in Scotland
- One in Wales



- Two in England (one for the North of England and one for the South of England)
- One in Northern Ireland

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### Who Can Apply

Registered charities and community interest companies (CICs) in the UK with an annual income of less than £1 million are eligible to apply.

Groups are expected to have an in-depth knowledge of the specific needs and demographics of the communities they intend to work with and their project activities need to specifically address the problems within that community.

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### Restrictions

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Private enterprise and government, local authority, public sector or organisations funded with public money.
- General health projects. Activity must be specifically linked to heart issues and tackling heart disease.
- Salary costs not related to Healthy Heart projects.
- Grantholder overheads or salaries covered by existing funding.
- Existing or continuation projects.
- Training staff or volunteers.
- Projects for children.

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### Eligible Expenditure

Funding is for new projects that work with communities to prevent heart disease, particularly for vulnerable and isolated groups of individuals who are at an increased risk of developing heart problems in the future. Projects that are likely to have a big impact and have considered novel ways to encourage people to look after their hearts and promote positive lifestyle changes are also sought.

Activities must have a primary focus on one or more of the following four risk factors for heart disease:

- Nutrition and Healthy Eating.
- Physical Activity.
- Smoking.
- Alcohol.

Projects should run for a minimum of three months and no longer than 12 months.

The funding can support salaries, overhead expenses/on costs and equipment that is necessary for the successful delivery of the project.

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### Location

UK wide

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### How To Apply

The grants are available in specific regions at certain times of the year.

The application windows for 2026 are:

- Wales - 25 March to 22 April
- England North - 6 May to 3 June
- **Scotland - 10 June to 8 July**
- England South - 15 July to 12 August



- Northern Ireland - 19 August to 16 September.

Application forms are available to complete online via the Heart Research UK website during the application windows.

Contact Heart Research UK for further information.

[Healthy Heart Grants - Heart Research UK](#)

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## Souter Charitable Trust

Funding body:	Souter Charitable Trust
Maximum value:	Discretionary
Application deadline:	29/06/2026

**Grants are available to UK registered charities for projects engaged in the relief of human suffering in all aspects in the UK and overseas - especially, but not exclusively, those with a Christian emphasis and ethos.**

### Background

The Souter Charitable Trust was set up by Sir Brian and his wife Lady Elizabeth in 1992. Since then it has given more than 20,000 grants totalling more than £130 million.

The Trust's stated policy is to assist projects engaged in the relief of human suffering in the UK or overseas, particularly those with a Christian emphasis and ethos. The Trust has a special interest in projects that promote spiritual welfare.

Over the years the trust has supported thousands of projects ranging from combating the world's biggest killer, malaria, to supplying daily meals to school children in Africa.

In the last year a variety of projects have been supported in 86 countries worldwide.

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### Objectives of Fund

The Trust's stated policy is to assist projects engaged in the relief of human suffering in the UK or overseas, particularly those with a Christian emphasis and ethos.

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### Value Notes

Funding is at the discretion of the Trustees. There is no set minimum or maximum award; however, a typical grant would be a one-off amount between £1,000 and £3,000.

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### Who Can Apply

UK registered charities are eligible to apply.

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### Restrictions

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Capital building projects and renovation works.
  - Personal health and educational needs of individuals.
  - Overseas organisations.
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### Eligible Expenditure



The Trust supports projects engaged in the relief of human suffering in all its aspects in the UK and overseas, especially, but not exclusively, those with a Christian emphasis and ethos. The Trust is particularly interested in projects that also promote spiritual welfare.

Small grants may be awarded for gap-year and short-term projects which extend to at least one calendar year.

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Location

United Kingdom

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How To Apply

Funding guidelines and the online application form can be found on the Trust's website.

Applications may be submitted at any time and are considered at monthly Trustees' meetings throughout the year.

The next deadline for applications is close of business on 29 June 2026 (for consideration on 2 July 2026).

Re-application for a grant is permitted, but only after one calendar year has passed.

Contact the Souter Charitable Trust for further information.

[Souter Charitable Trust](#)

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## BFBS Big Salute

Funding body:	British Forces Broadcasting Service (BFBS)
Maximum value:	£ 10,000
Application deadline:	31/07/2026

**A small number of grants are available once a year for registered charities supporting members of the armed forces community, including regulars, reservists, veterans, and their families.**

Background

The BFBS Big Salute is the British Forces Broadcasting Service (BFBS) annual campaign that raises funds for armed forces charities. It is separate to grants awarded under the [BFBS Welfare Fund](#) scheme.

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Objectives of Fund

The funding is for purpose-driven projects that address the unique challenges faced by the military community in the UK and overseas.

Beneficiaries of BFBS Big Salute grants must be related to one of the armed services, either regular, reservist, veteran, or family member.

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Value Notes

Grants of up to £10,000 are available.

Projects should not begin before January 2027.

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Who Can Apply



Applications will be accepted from charities registered with the Charity Commission or the OSCR.

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Have an annual income under £1 million.
- Have up to date records that are accessible via the Charity Commission website or Scottish Charity Regulator's website.

Any charity may apply if the project is specifically funding the military community.

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#### Previous Success

Recent successes include:

- Veterans into Logistics to fund HGV driver training for veterans.
  - Little Troopers to expand its educational programme supporting service children in schools.
  - HorseBack UK to support veterans through its equine-based wellbeing project, which uses horsemanship to aid mental health and personal recovery.
  - Reading Force to support military families with children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).
  - Forces Children Scotland to create interactive school welcome packs for armed forces children.
  - ACVC Hub for a new laser engraver/cutter to aid veteran craft projects.
  - Vector24 (Fares 4 Free) for fuel support for volunteer drivers transporting veterans to essential appointments.
  - On Course Foundation to provide golf buggies for veterans with mobility challenges.
  - Families' Activity Breaks (FAB) - support for camps for bereaved families.
  - Veterans Chaplaincy for wellbeing walks, and lunch gatherings aimed at reducing isolation among veterans.
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#### Restrictions

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Staff salaries
  - Training costs.
  - Running costs.
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#### Eligible Expenditure

Projects need to support members of the armed forces community, including regulars, reservists, veterans, and their families.

Projects should start from January 2027 and demonstrate a tangible, measurable benefit within a year of receiving the grant.

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#### Location

UK

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#### How To Apply

The next deadline for applications is 31 July 2026.

The guidelines and application form can be found on the BFBS website.

A charity may submit one application in each financial year (April – March).

Contact the British Forces Broadcasting Service (BFBS) for further information.

<https://about.bfbs.com/bfbs-big-salute>



## Co-op Local Community Fund

Funding body:	Co-operative Group
Maximum value:	Discretionary
Application deadline:	24/06/2026

**Grants are available for small, locally based voluntary and community groups to support projects which benefit local communities around Co-op food stores and funeral homes across the UK or the Isle of Man.**

### Background

The Co-op Local Community Fund supports projects across the UK that Co-op members care about. Around £115 million has been given to 39,500 unique community projects across the UK since 2016. Every time members buy selected Co-op branded products and services, a small portion of every pound spent goes to the member and the same amount is also given to support community organisations and local causes.

Grants are determined by Co-op community members who vote on the project they wish to support in their local community.

The more members that select a project and shop with Co-op, the more funding the project will receive.

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### Objectives of Fund

The funding supports projects in Co-op members' communities that provide access to opportunities and resources for people to thrive.

The funding is for projects that help people to thrive in one of the following ways:

- Enable people to access food
- Create opportunities for young people
- Improve people's mental wellbeing
- Promote community cohesion
- Build sustainable futures

The funder is also keen to support projects that promote and celebrate diversity and inclusion.

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### Value Notes

There is a total of £3.5 million for Co-op communities across the UK.

Successful groups will receive a minimum of £500 to support their projects.

There will be an initial payment in Spring 2027, with remaining funds being paid in November 2027.

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### Who Can Apply

To apply, groups must:

- Be registered or based in the UK or Isle of Man
- Have their own bank account
- Deliver activity in their local community
- Be not-for-profit
- Provide a Co-op membership number for one of the people making the application (non-members can join online or via the Co-op App).

Applications will be accepted from the following types of organisations:



- Churches or Chapels that are excepted charities
- Co-operative Societies
- Community Benefit Societies
- Community Interest Companies
- Credit Unions
- Registered Charities in the UK or Isle of Man
- Schools
- Social Enterprises
- Scout, Guide or Woodcraft Folk groups
- Any other group that can prove that they are not-for-profit

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## Restrictions

Funding is not available for the following:

- Projects that use all of the funds to cover staff salaries and running costs.
- Projects delivered on a national scale.
- Projects that support individuals
- Projects that support people or located overseas.
- Projects that promote any political activities or causes.
- Projects that promote any religious beliefs. (Consideration will be given to projects led by religious organisations that are for the benefit of the whole community.)
- Funding that will be given to other people or organisations.
- Projects that are the responsibility of a local authority.
- Projects that could harm the reputation of Co-op.

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## Eligible Expenditure

Funding is available for projects which benefit local communities centred around Co-op food stores and funeral homes.

The following are examples of projects Co-op members like to support. This is not an exhaustive list.

- **Access to Food**
  - Promoting healthy & sustainable diets
  - Community Fridges & Pantries
  - Community allotments
  - Food Banks
  - Cooking classes
- **Opportunities for Young People**
  - Youth Groups
  - Skills development
  - Social mobility
  - Mentoring/peer support
- **Mental Wellbeing**
  - Coffee mornings
  - Bereavement groups
  - Warm spaces
  - Friendship groups
  - Physical activity
  - Team sports
- **Community Cohesion**
  - Cultural diversity projects



- Tackling anti-social behaviour
- Inter-generational activity
- **Sustainable Futures**
  - Tackling climate change
  - Reducing waste and resource use
  - Protecting nature
  - Building green skills.

#### Location

UK or Isle of Man

#### How To Apply

The deadline for applications is 24 June 2026 (midnight).

The terms and conditions as well as the online application form are available on the Co-op's website. Contact the Co-op for further information.

[Co-op](#)

## Postcode Innovation Trust - Dream Fund 2026-27

Funding body:	Postcode Innovation Trust
Maximum value:	£ 5,000,000
Application deadline:	31/07/2026

**One award will be granted to a single transformational and ground breaking project in one or more areas of the UK.**

#### Background

The Dream Fund is provided with funding from the Postcode Innovation Trust to encourage UK registered charities to collaborate and apply for their dream project.

#### Objectives of Fund

The fund supports charities to develop innovative solutions to society's most challenging problems. Projects that focus on the funding themes of the nine UK focused Postcode Trust are welcome. These themes can include health, wellbeing, families, children, environmental conservation, biodiversity, wildlife and animals, culture and heritage and others.

#### Value Notes

One grant of £5 million is available for one project that can be for one to five years in length.

#### Who Can Apply

All applications must come from a collaboration of two to four organisations who are based in Scotland, England, Wales or Northern Ireland for projects to be run in one or more of these regions. The lead partner must be a registered charity (formally registered) and have an income of at least £5 million. Note: it is not possible to combine the incomes of the partners to reach the income



threshold.

Project partners can be charities, universities, companies, local authorities other not-for-profit organisations or research institutes.

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### Restrictions

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Projects that run for longer than 5 years (ie, all funds must be spent within five years, however, there needs to be a long-term legacy once the project ends).
  - Applications where the lead partner's income is below £5 million.
  - Applications where the lead organisation is not a registered charity.
  - Applications from individuals, projects or bodies that distribute funds to individuals.
  - Projects that are a continuation of previous work or involve a replication of services.
  - Projects that take place internationally.
  - Projects involving pure medical research.
  - Routine building development or refurbishment projects.
  - Current recipients of funding from the Dream Fund, including partner organisations
  - Applications that do not include at least 5% of their total project cost for comms and PR.
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### Eligible Expenditure

Project ideas must be innovative, creative and original, and a genuine 'dream'. They should look to deliver exceptionally strong impact and push boundaries in terms of their innovation.

All projects must have been developed to a point where they are ready to begin delivery within four weeks of receiving notification of a successful application. This can include being ready to hire staff and formally plan the project.

The grant can be used for general running costs including ongoing staff costs, utility bills, council tax, rent and insurance etc. that are directly linked with the project, costs relating to PR and communications and capital costs.

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### How To Apply

The guidance notes are available on the Postcode Innovation Trust website.

Applicants that want to discuss their idea may do so by contacting the Dream Fund team by email.

There is a three-stage application process:

- Stage one is for charities to submit the **online expression of interest form by 31 July 2026** with notification of decisions in September 2026.
- Stage two is for shortlisted applicants to submit a detailed business plan as well as other documents from mid September until mid November 2026.
- Stage three will invite the best entries to give a formal presentation to an assessment panel in London in January 2027.

The winning project will be announced in March 2027.

Contact the Postcode Innovation Trust for further information.

[Dream Fund | Postcode Innovation Trust](#)



Funding body:	7stars Foundation
Maximum value:	Discretionary
Application deadline:	13/07/2026

**Grants are available to support young people challenged by abuse and addiction, those who are young carers, and those who are homeless or without a safe place to call home.**

## Background

The 7stars foundation was established by the 7stars to support challenged and vulnerable young people in the United Kingdom.

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## Objectives of Fund

The foundation makes grants to projects which support young people (18 years and under) who are challenged by abuse or addiction, who are young carers, or who are homeless/without a safe place to call home.

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## Value Notes

The following funding streams are available:

- **Project Grants:** One-off grants of up to £5,000.
- **Shine Bright Long Term Grants:** Two-year grants of up to £30,000 per year.
- **Child Poverty Grants:** Two-year grants of up to £30,000 per year.
- **Social Impact Grants:** Two-year grants of £5,000 per year.
- **Individual Grants:** One-off grants of up to £500.

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## Who Can Apply

Applications will be considered from organisations working with young people that require funding in the areas of:

- Abuse
- Addiction
- Child carers
- Homelessness

For Project, Shine Bright, and Social Impact funding, organisations must have a turnover of under £1.5 million.

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## Eligible Expenditure

The grant funding is intended to support young people (aged 18 and under) challenged by abuse and addiction, those who are young carers, and those who are homeless or without a safe space to call home.

Funding is offered across the following streams:

- **Project Grants** for projects that support young people and align with the Foundation's themes.
- **Shine Bright Long Term Grants** for innovative, long-term projects that help future-proof children's lives and address the root causes of disadvantage.
- **Child Poverty Grants** for bold, innovative ideas to end child poverty. Grants are unrestricted



and designed to strengthen an organisation so it can tackle the complex realities of child poverty and make a lasting, meaningful impact.

- **Social Impact Grants** for charities working to address key societal issues affecting young people, both for direct solutions and approaches that address the wider societal challenges linked to the Foundation's focus areas. This round will focus on anti-racism and online abuse.
- **Individual Grants** for safeguarding professionals (such as social workers, lawyers, school outreach officers) representing a young person within the UK, in the care or legal system, who is in need of some extra help.
- Fully funded **apprenticeships** for charity, CIC, school, nursery, or children's home staff to better support and benefit young people.

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Location

United Kingdom

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How To Apply

The closing date for Social Impact, Child Poverty and Individual applications is 13 July 2026 for notification in November.

Applicants wanting to apply for Child Poverty grants are advised that as only one charity partner per year is selected, the Foundation is not open to direct applications (as charities are proactively chosen by the Trustees). However, applicants may register their interest online.

Guidance notes and an online application form are available from the 7stars Foundation website. Contact the 7stars Foundation for more information.

[Apply for Funding - the7stars foundation](#)

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## Jerwood Art Fund Commissions

Funding body:	Art Fund
Maximum value:	Discretionary
Application deadline:	02/10/2026

**Grants are available to support UK museums and galleries to commission artists to make work of exceptional innovation and quality.**

Background

This programme of commissions is delivered through a partnership between Art Fund and Jerwood Foundation.

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Objectives of Fund

The funding is intended to enable museums and galleries to fully fund commissions for early to mid-career artists to create innovative, high-quality new work. It supports artists at a pivotal stage in their development while contributing new contemporary works to public collections.

The programme also aims to strengthen the commissioning capacity of UK museums and expand audience engagement with the work of living artists.

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Value Notes



The programme will award two commissions ranging from £70,000 to £100,000.

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### Who Can Apply

Applications will be accepted from public museums, galleries, historic houses, libraries and archives based in the UK or Channel Islands. To be eligible, applicants must:

- Be open for at least half the week for at least six months of the year.
- Be at least provisionally accredited through the Arts Council Accreditation Scheme or other national equivalents.

The programme also encourages partnerships between museums and other partners or other institutions who want to commission work that will have a permanent legacy for artists, cultural organisations and audiences.

The programme seeks to support early to mid-career artists based in or connected to the UK, for whom a commission of this scale would represent significant professional development, across all artistic media, with opportunities for works to enter permanent public collections or the public realm.

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### Restrictions

Art Fund does not accept applications or enquiries directly from artists.

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### Eligible Expenditure

The funding is intended to cover the full costs of delivering and presenting the commissions with each partner museum.

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### Location

United Kingdom

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### How To Apply

The deadline for applications is 2 October 2026.

Guidance notes and the application form can be found on the Art Fund [website](#).

[Jerwood Art Fund Commissions - Get funding - Art Fund](#)

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## YouthLink Scotland - Youth Arts Open Fund

Funding body:	Scottish Government
Maximum value:	£ 20,000
Application deadline:	21/07/2026

**Funding is available to freelance artists or to creative, third sector or youth work organisations in Scotland to deliver arts activity for children and young people, prioritising those who have traditionally found it hardest to access such opportunities.**



## Background

Youth Arts Open Fund is administered by YouthLink Scotland and is part of Creative Scotland's wider support for children and young people, funded by the Scottish Government.

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## Objectives of Fund

The funding is intended to support freelance artists or organisations so that they can deliver high-quality, accessible arts activity for children and young people living in Scotland.

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## Value Notes

Freelance artists can receive up to £10,000 and organisations up to £20,000 to deliver up to 12 months of arts activity.

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## Who Can Apply

Applications will be accepted from freelance artists and creative, third sector or youth work organisations. Applicants must be based in Scotland, experienced in working with children and young people and supporting the delivery of free, community-based arts activities for children and young people living in Scotland.

Creative Scotland 'Multi-Year Funded' organisations are eligible to apply, but any proposed project must be separate and distinct from their existing Creative Scotland-funded activity. However, the fund aims to build capacity among smaller-scale organisations, and applications from these organisations will be prioritised.

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## Restrictions

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Music projects.
  - Excessive management overheads or core cost recovery.
  - Training courses for staff or volunteers.
  - Applications from schools or associated organisations (eg Parent Teacher Associations).
  - Competitions or participation in competitions.
  - Applications primarily focused on travel or trips.
  - Activities that have already received Creative Scotland funding.
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## Eligible Expenditure

Funding is for the delivery of free community-based arts activities that are accessible to all children and young people.

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## Location

Scotland

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## How To Apply

The deadline for applications is 21 July 2026 (17:00).

Guidance notes and the online application form can be found on the YouthLink Scotland website.

[Youth Arts Open Fund | YouthLink Scotland](#)



## Jobs Guarantee

Funding body:	Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)
Maximum value:	£ 11,100,000
Application deadline:	13/07/2026

**Funding is available for organisations with experience of supporting unemployed and disadvantaged young people to deliver a programme providing fully funded jobs, training and employment support to eligible 18 to 24-year-olds across Great Britain.**

### Background

The Jobs Guarantee grant scheme is funded and delivered by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) as part of its expanded Youth Guarantee programme.

The scheme will provide guaranteed jobs for 55,000 long-term unemployed young people over the next three years, helping them take the crucial first step into sustained employment where earlier support and opportunities have not worked.

In phase one of the programme, the DWP awarded grants to selected delivery organisations to support over 1,000 job starts during the initial six months across the following areas: Birmingham and Solihull, East Midlands, Greater Manchester, Hertfordshire and Essex, Central and East Scotland, and South West and South East Wales. This was followed by a national rollout of the Jobs Guarantee across Great Britain in June 2026.

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### Objectives of Fund

The Jobs Guarantee is a UK Government programme that will provide eligible young people aged 18 to 24 with a fully funded six-month paid job and tailored employability support. The scheme is aimed at young people who have been claiming Universal Credit and actively seeking work for 18 months. The national rollout will be delivered through grant-funded Delivery Partners across 25 delivery areas in Great Britain. Organisations are invited to apply to become Delivery Partners for a two-year period from November 2026, delivering the scheme in up to four delivery areas.

Delivery Partners will work with employers to source suitable job opportunities, match participants to roles and provide training, wraparound support and end-of-placement assistance. They will also be responsible for administering the scheme and undertaking monitoring and reporting activities. The programme aims to help eligible young people gain skills, experience and sustained employment by providing up to 25 hours of paid work per week for six months, with employment costs funded at the relevant minimum wage.

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### Value Notes

The programme has a total value of £560 million, with grants ranging from £2.37 million to £11.13 million.

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### Who Can Apply

Applications are invited from organisations with experience of delivering employment, skills, youth



or wraparound support services, particularly for long-term unemployed and disadvantaged young people. Applicants should also demonstrate an understanding of local labour market conditions. Eligible organisations may include specialist employment support providers, charities, non-profit organisations, social enterprises, local authorities and Mayoral Strategic Authorities.

Applicants must be able to deliver the programme across the full delivery area for which they are applying, manage the expected referral volumes and meet the minimum turnover requirements for that area. Organisations must also demonstrate the capacity to implement the scheme in time to begin accepting referrals from November 2026.

Delivery Partners may work with partner organisations or subcontractors to provide elements of the programme, such as specialist support services. However, a lead Delivery Partner must be identified and will be responsible for overall delivery and liaison with the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP).

A separate application must be submitted for each delivery area. Organisations may apply for multiple areas but can be appointed as the lead Delivery Partner in a maximum of four areas. Applicants must confirm that they meet all eligibility and programme requirements.

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Location  
Great Britain

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#### How To Apply

The phase two deadline for applications is 13 July 2026 (09:00).

Applicants may submit questions relating to their grant application to the Jobs Guarantee team at [dwp.jobguaranteeteam@DWP.GOV.UK](mailto:dwp.jobguaranteeteam@DWP.GOV.UK). The final date to submit questions 26 June 2026 (17:00).

Applications are made online.

More information is available at the Find a Grant [website](#).

[Jobs Guarantee - GOV-UK Find a grant](#)

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## Walk Wheel Cycle Trust - ArtRoots Fund

Funding body:	Transport Scotland
Maximum value:	£ 6,000
Application deadline:	14/07/2026

**Grants are available for community groups to produce art projects along the National Cycle Network in Scotland.**

#### Background

The ArtRoots Fund is provided by Transport Scotland and administered by Walk Wheel Cycle Trust (formerly Sustrans Scotland).

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#### Objectives of Fund

This fund aims to enable communities in Scotland to make artistic or aesthetic improvements to traffic-free paths on the National Cycle Network, and ultimately encourage more active travel on the



network by walking or cycling.

Funding will encourage communities to participate in shaping their local environment and increase levels of physical activity, whilst showcasing talent, intergenerational cooperation, expression, and creating a platform for young people to be heard through their art.

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#### Value Notes

Grants of £2,500 are available.

Grants of £6,000 may be considered if applicants can demonstrate that the higher funding award would significantly impact the outcome and achieve a greater increase in new active travel journeys. An Access Fund is available to applicants with additional support needs to support them to deliver the project. The amount of up to 10% of the original grant applied for can be requested.

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#### Match Funding Restrictions

Any additional funding for goods/services totalling more than the ArtRoots award must be secured and evidenced in the application.

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#### Who Can Apply

Constituted community groups based in Scotland can apply.

Applications from individuals and other community-based groups or organisations, including non-constituted groups, may be considered at the discretion of Walk Wheel Cycle Trust.

Priority will be given to applications that demonstrate best practices in identifying the needs and impact of any proposed activities and projects that lead to increased awareness and usage of the National Cycle Network.

Only one application can be made per group, per financial year.

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#### Restrictions

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Recoverable VAT.
  - Options appraisals and feasibility studies that cannot be properly capitalised by proper accounting practice.
  - Activities and published materials that are political in intention, use, or presentation, or designed to affect support for a political party.
  - The construction of paths.
  - General path maintenance or re-surfacing.
  - Structural repairs to existing infrastructure, such as walls or bridges.
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#### Eligible Expenditure

Grants are intended to fund small projects or items that will support or contribute to improving aesthetics and encouraging cycling or walking on the National Cycle Network.

Successful ArtRoots projects will:

- Put the power of creative change into the hands of the community.
- Raise awareness of local traffic-free National Cycle Network routes for everyone to use.
- Demonstrate strong knowledge of the local area and what artistic contribution could make the best improvement to the environment.
- Make traffic-free National Cycle Network routes more enjoyable and attractive places to explore.
- Encourage and build confidence in local communities to use active travel (walking, wheeling and cycling) to visit or experience the project.



Examples include but are not limited to:

- Sculptures, murals, and mosaics.
- Benches and seating.
- Decorative signage.
- Planters and plant pots.
- Interpretation boards.
- Interactive objects and play equipment.
- Transient art, such as temporary installations or live performances.
- Lighting.
- Paint.
- Tools.
- Repairs and improvements to existing artwork and interpretation.
- Designer and artist fees.
- Contractors and machinery hire.
- Local press advertisement.
- Planning and event permission.
- Insurance.
- Project Management Fees (cannot exceed 10% of the total amount requested).

Eligible projects must demonstrate community involvement and engagement.

Quotes must be obtained and submitted as evidence of the anticipated costs of the project before receipt of any award. It may be possible to receive funding before any costs for works are made. This must be approved before the grant is offered.

Planning permission may be required for some projects, such as the installation of artwork.

Applicants should confirm with their local council if any permissions are needed to carry out their project.

**All projects must be delivered and grants claimed by 15 March 2027.**

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Location  
Scotland

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#### How To Apply

The deadline to submit an Expression of Interest is 14 July 2026.

There is a two-step application process:

- The first step is to submit an expression of interest (EOI). The ArtRoots Team will provide feedback on the suitability of the project.
- Groups with suitable projects will be invited to submit a full application.

Guidance notes and an expression of interest form can be found on the Walk Wheel Cycle Trust website.

Contact Walk Wheel Cycle Trust for further information.

[ArtRoots Funding for the National Cycle Network in Scotland - now open to applications - Walk Wheel Cycle Trust](#)



# BBC Children in Need Emergency Essentials Programme

Funding body:	BBC Children in Need
Maximum value:	Discretionary
Application deadline:	Not specified

**Funding for the purchase of essential items to meet the most basic needs of children and young people in the UK who are facing exceptionally difficult circumstances.**

## Background

Family Fund Business Services are working in partnership with Children in Need to deliver their Emergency Essentials Programme (previously the Buttle UK Families Programme).

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## Objectives of Fund

BBC Children in Need Emergency Essentials Programme supports children and young people who are facing exceptionally difficult circumstances. This Fund is administered by Family Fund Business Services.

This programme provides items for the most basic needs of vulnerable children and young people who may be:

- Living in severe poverty and suffering deprivation as a result.
- Affected by additional social issues such as domestic abuse, substance misuse, estrangement, disability or serious illness, mental health or behavioural difficulties, abuse or neglect.

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## Value Notes

Where possible, items will be provided directly rather than awarding a cash grant.

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## Who Can Apply

Applications must be made through an organisation that is supporting the family or young person and is capable of assessing their needs, and that can also administer the grant.

Applications will only be accepted from:

- Registered referrers.
- Support workers on behalf of the family.
- Professionals such as a teacher, GP, nurse, charity representative, housing or tenancy support worker.

The support is for the following:

- Children aged under 18 years who are experiencing a crisis or emergency.
- UK or EU citizens who are normally resident in the UK.
- Where the child or young person's family do not have access to support and have insufficient resources to meet their needs.
- Where a child or young person's family are experiencing poverty or destitution or are in receipt of a means tested benefits.
- Where vulnerable low income families have been affected by the recent severe floods.

Consideration may be given where a child or young person, or their family, have an asylum application under assessment or in circumstances where residency criteria is not consistent across the family unit.

Due to the high demand for BBC Children in Need Emergency Essentials grants, only one application



per household within a 12 month period will be accepted.

The application for each household will take into account the needs of all children under the one application, it does not mean only one child per household can be supported.

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### Restrictions

Funding is not available for the following:

- Children whose care is the responsibility of the local authority.
- Adults aged 18 and over.
- Families and young people who are non-EU residents on a student or work visa.
- Families or young people not normally resident in the UK.
- Where a child has not yet been born.
- Payment of fuel/utility bills, council tax or rent.
- Payment of loans or debts, bankruptcy fees.
- Rent costs or deposits.
- Household repairs/adaptations/additions.
- Holidays, school trips or play schemes.
- Childcare/childminding/afterschool clubs.
- Children's toys/Christmas presents.
- Specialist medical equipment.
- Computers, laptops or mobile phones.
- Televisions, DVD or other entertainment equipment.
- Musical instruments.
- Driving lessons.
- General subsistence costs.
- Funeral costs including cost of headstones.
- Items solely for the use of parents, eg beds for parents.
- Flooring.

Applications based purely on financial hardship will not normally be considered.

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### Eligible Expenditure

Funding is available for critical household items as follows:

- Electric cookers.
- Furniture, kitchen equipment and small appliances.
- Clothing.
- Baby equipment.
- Fridges and freezers.
- Washing machines.
- Tumble dryers.
- Children's beds and bedding, including cots.

Support may also be available for vulnerable low income families have been affected by the recent severe floods.

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### Location

United Kingdom

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### How To Apply

Applications are currently being accepted.

The guidance notes and online application form can be found on the Family Fund Business Services



website.

Contact Family Fund Business Services for further information.

[Home - Family Fund Business Services](#)

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## Freelands Foundation – Learning Through Making Fund

Funding body:	Freelands Foundation
Maximum value:	£ 25,000
Application deadline:	11/09/2026

**Grants are available for UK-based visual art organisations to bring opportunities for making into their work in art education within the UK.**

### Background

The Freelands Foundation, a registered charity set up in 2015, aims to broaden access to art education and the visual arts across the UK. The foundation works with teachers and educators to develop diverse and ambitious approaches to art education.

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### Objectives of Fund

The funding is for UK-based visual art education projects that creatively engage audiences with the process of making and exploration of materials.

The aim is to support exploratory projects that embrace openness, collaboration and iteration, enabling organisations 'to work in an expansive way with materials, unpicking and challenging preconceptions about making and material literacy, interrogating practice and working in an open and collaborative way'.

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### Value Notes

Grants of up to £25,000 are available.

Proposed projects can be of any length but must take place between 1 January and 31 December 2027.

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### Match Funding Restrictions

There is no match funding requirement.

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### Who Can Apply

Applications will be considered from UK based visual arts organisations which are run with a charitable purpose and for public benefit.

This includes, but is not limited to:

- Organisations registered with The Charity Commission for England and Wales, the Scottish Charity Regulator, or The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland.
- Exempt charities.
- Galleries, museums, or organisations which are part of a Local Authority.
- Galleries, museums, or organisations part of a larger charitable organisation, such as a university.



- Community Interest Companies (CICs), Community Benefit Societies, and other organisations with charitable purposes run for public benefit.

There are additional requirements for Community Interest Companies and other organisation types. In order for them to be eligible, they must demonstrate:

- Their activities fall within charitable purposes determined by Charity Commission for England and Wales.
- They have asset lock provisions in the organisation's governing document.
- They prohibit payment of dividends or other disbursement of surplus funds or profits.
- They are able to physically segregate restricted funds, usually through a separate bank account.

The Foundation is open to receiving applications from organisations that include visual arts as part of their work, including heritage organisations and multi-arts organisations.

### Restrictions

The following are not eligible for funding:

- For-profit organisations
- Individuals
- Primary or Secondary Schools
- Further Education Colleges
- University teaching faculties, such as art schools
- Sector or infrastructure organisations
- Fiscal sponsor relationships, where one organisation applies on behalf of another
- Organisations based outside of the UK/or have no activity occurring within the UK
- Direct grants to individuals, including for travel, study or other purposes
- Projects that are solely artistic and do not centre education (for example, exhibitions or commissions of work)
- Projects which do not have a public benefit in the UK
- Capital campaigns or building works
- Retrospective funding for programmes or work that has already taken place.
- Theatrical or performing arts such as music, drama, dance, festivals or circus.

### Eligible Expenditure

This fund is intended to provide an opportunity for activity to take place that might not otherwise be possible.

This could include:

- Providing materials, transport, or access to expertise and facilities.
- An opportunity for action research to trial something new, for example, support development of material literacy through a new series of workshops or events.
- To provide a making-focused element to existing activity.

The funding can be used for the following project costs:

- Project staffing (salaries and freelance rates)
- Materials and equipment
- Room hire or spaces
- Transport
- Marketing associated with the project
- A contingency of up to 5% of the total budget.

### Location



### How To Apply

Applications are accepted from 17 June to 11 September 2026 (**noon**). Notification of decisions expected by 23 November 2026. Funding provided no earlier than December 2026.

Online application support sessions will be held on 9 July (10:30am to 12pm) and 12 August (10:30am to 12pm). Registration is required through [eventbrite](#). Recordings and transcripts will be available on the Freelands Foundation website after each session.

The guidance notes, FAQs, an online eligibility checker and application form can be found on the Freelands Foundation website.

Contact the Freelands Foundation for further information.

[Learning Through Making Fund | Apply | Freelands Foundation](#)

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## Green Community Grants Programme

Funding body:	The Wildlife Trusts
Maximum value:	£ 25,000
Application deadline:	15/07/2026

**Grants are available to registered charities and not-for-profit groups across Great Britain for projects that improve nature for local communities.**

### Background

The Green Community Grants scheme is a funding programme established in 2025 by the Wildlife Trusts with funding from the People's Postcode Lottery and Postcode Green Trust.

The Postcode Green Trust operates its own society lottery and receives all of its funding from the players of People's Postcode Lottery.

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### Objectives of Fund

The funding is for organisations whose main aims and objectives fit with one of the following Fund's themes:

- Contributing to nature recovery and responding to the climate emergency.
- Improving nature-rich spaces and access to them.

The grants can be used for a wider range of sustainable activities, including recycling, litter picking, beach cleans or sustainable transport.

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### Value Notes

One-year flexible grants of up to £25,000 are available.

The funding must be spent within one year.

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### Who Can Apply

Not-for-profit groups based in England, Scotland and Wales can apply.

To be eligible, applicants must:



- Have an annual income between £10,000 and £1 million in the most recent financial year.
- Have been operating for a minimum of 12 months and have signed annual accounts at the time of submitting their application.
- Be able to show that no more than 50% of the members serving as Trustees, Directors, or Committee members are related.
- Have a UK bank account in the organisation's name with two unrelated signatories.
- Have all relevant policies in place at the time of application including a Safeguarding / Vulnerable Adult Policy.

As funding is generally oversubscribed, priority will be given to organisations:

- With an income of £250,000 or below.
- That work in communities located in the top 15% of the Index of Multiple Deprivation
- Whose main activities are focused on supporting marginalised groups. This could include, but is not limited to, disabled people, communities experiencing racial inequity, and LGBT+ people.
- Organisations whose objects or purpose within its governing document relate to habitat or species restoration/protection.

Groups can apply for no more than 25% of their annual income listed on their most recent set of signed accounts.

## Restrictions

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Local, regional or government institutions and organisations with core statutory responsibilities (eg, NHS Foundation Trusts and NHS Charities, parish councils, town councils and public bodies)
- Political parties or party-political activities
- Individuals
- Organisations that have been operating for less than one year and/or do not have signed accounts
- Universities, Colleges, Schools, Academies, Nurseries and Preschools
- Parent Teacher Associations and affiliated groups
- Organisations with solely religious objects in their governing document
- Organisations outside of Great Britain
- Organisations with an annual income less than £10,000 or more than £1 million
- Organisations supported by players of People's Postcode Lottery through any other Postcode Trust within the last 12 months (this is counted from the date payment was received into the organisation's account)
- Schedule 3 Community Interest Companies (CICs)
- Organisations that have previously breached their Funding Agreement with any Postcode Places Trust.
- Organisations supported by players of People's Postcode Lottery through other Trusts. This includes organisations affiliated with national charities who are Long Term Partners, these include but are not limited to: Home-Start, Riding for the Disabled, Scouts Association, Girlguiding, Trussel, Mind, Woodland Trust, and The Wildlife Trusts
- Organisations that do not have a UK bank account in the name of the organisation with two unrelated signatories. Accounts must be with a UK bank, rather than an electronic money service.
- Medical research, clinical treatment, medical staff in a clinical setting where the diagnosis, and/or prescribing of clinical advice or medication is taking place and medical equipment.



- Activities taking place outside of Great Britain or foreign travel.
- The promotion or practice of religion.
- Animal welfare.
- Distribution of grants/funds to individuals or other organisations. This would include but not be limited to bursaries, per diems, and honorarium payments.
- Funding being allocated to the organisation's reserves.
- Retrospective requests for activities that have already occurred or costs that have previously been incurred.

#### Eligible Expenditure

This funding is designed to offer flexibility and support, so groups can strengthen their organisation and deepen their impact.

#### Location

England, Scotland, Wales

#### How To Apply

Applications for 2026 will be accepted in the following windows:

- Round One: 25 March 2026 to 22 April 2026.
- **Round Two: 24 June 2026 to 15 July 2026.**
- Round Three: 30 September 2026 to 1 October 2026.

Once the application window is open, groups will be able to download the guidance notes which contain a copy of the application questions and a list of Frequently Asked Questions.

Contact the Wildlife Trusts for further information.

[Green Community Grants Programme | The Wildlife Trusts](#)

## Armed Forces Families Fund - Supporting Partners Programme 2026-27

Funding body:	Ministry of Defence (MoD)
Maximum value:	£ 150,000
Application deadline:	23/09/2026

**Grants are available to registered charities, Community Interest Companies, Armed Forces unit or bases, universities and colleges in the UK for projects that support the partners of serving personnel (including reservists).**

#### Background

The Supporting Partners Programme is provided by the Ministry of Defence (MOD)'s Armed Forces Families Fund (AF3) and managed on their behalf by the Armed Forces Covenant Trust.

#### Objectives of Fund

The funding is intended to provide solutions and support for partners of serving personnel, including reservists, to reduce the challenges that service life can sometimes present.

The direct and primary beneficiaries must be current non-serving partners of currently serving



personnel or reservists only. Indirect beneficiaries will be the wider family or serving person who will benefit from their partner's improved wellbeing.

Projects needed to address one or more of the following outcomes:

- Partners of serving personnel have increased their skills and confidence through additional opportunities to explore new ways of working and/or to change careers.
- Partners of serving personnel, including non-UK nationals, are better able to access and engage with employment support that reflects the challenges of service life, such as mobility and separation.
- Service providers and employers demonstrate improved understanding of the unique challenges of service life, enabling more informed and effective support for partners of serving personnel.
- Improved mental health and wellbeing for partners of serving personnel, leading to increased confidence and greater empowerment in personal and career choices that work within service life.

Projects need to address the current, emerging and immediate needs of partners of serving personnel. They could be regional, national or serve armed forces communities based overseas. Projects should seek to remove barriers to participation and promote inclusivity.

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### Value Notes

Grants of between £10,000 and £150,000 are available for projects lasting for up to three years.

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### Who Can Apply

Applications will be accepted from:

- Registered charities with substantial recent experience of supporting armed forces communities.
- Community Interest Companies (CICs) with substantial recent experience of supporting armed forces communities.
- Armed Forces units or bases.
- UK universities or colleges.

Charities and CICs must have been registered in the UK for at least three years at the time of application and be able to provide published accounts for all three years. They must have at least three unrelated trustees/directors.

Applicants can work with other organisations as part of their project.

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### Restrictions

A list of restrictions can be found in the guidance notes.

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### Eligible Expenditure

The funding can be used for:

- Staff time to deliver the project.
- Volunteer costs and reasonable expenses.
- Reasonable travel costs, including to enable beneficiaries to take part.
- Session costs, materials and items to support the project such as art materials, supplies for a breakfast club, laptops or IT equipment to help with project delivery.
- Accessibility costs (interpreters, translation, accessible formats).
- Reasonable overheads which reflect the cost to the organisation of delivering the project.
- Partner costs for collaboration and knowledge-sharing.
- Evaluation and learning activities.



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Location  
UK

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#### How To Apply

Applications are accepted from 15 June 2026 to 23 September 2026 (**12 noon**). Notification of decisions before the end of November 2026.

The programme guidance, faqs, application questions and online application portal can be found on the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust website.

Contact Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust for more information.

[AF3: Supporting Partners programme - Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust](#)

