

Funding for Community Projects

This document is a collection of potential funding opportunities for those organisations involved in the planning and running of Community projects.

The text on each potential funding body is compiled from extracts from their respective websites at the date stated in the document's filename.

Some of the funding opportunities listed below were closed at the date of the searches. If they are closed permanently then they have been omitted, but those that are likely to re-open later in the year have been included.

This document is not meant to be exhaustive, nor complete. It is a snapshot of the most relevant funding opportunities at that particular time.

Tudor Trust

<http://tudortrust.org.uk/what-we-do/>

Tudor makes grants, and provides other types of support, to voluntary and community groups working in any part of the UK. They particularly want to help smaller, community-led organisations which work directly with people who are at the margins of society: organisations which support positive changes in people's lives and in their communities.

Many of their grants take the form of core funding: funding which goes towards the core costs of running an organisation, including salaries, overheads and day-to-day running costs.

Sometimes we may look at offering unrestricted funding, through a grant which can be used entirely freely to further an organisation's charitable objectives.

They can also provide project grants, capital grants for buildings or equipment and grants to help strengthen your organisation. There is no maximum or minimum grant.

Tudor doesn't have specific funding programmes. Their focus is on smaller forward-looking groups, led by capable and committed people. Tudor's trustees are also particularly interested in supporting smaller, under-resourced organisations: in our experience smaller organisations are particularly well-placed to deliver positive change because they know their communities and can be highly responsive to need, providing an individualised and holistic response to the people they support. The best smaller-scale organisations also encourage participation and inclusion and contribute to the resilience of communities by offering opportunities for connection and engagement.

They are therefore much more likely to fund groups with an annual income of less than £1 million. In practice the majority of the organisations they support are much smaller than this: last year over 80% of our grants went to groups with an annual income of less than £500,000. If you are from a larger organisation and want to discuss whether it is worth making an application please call the Information Team on 020 7727 8522 for advice.

Grants awarded in 2015-16 went up to £150,000, although most were in the tens of thousands.

Bernard Sunley Charitable Trust

<http://www.bernardsunley.org/index.html>

The Trustees support capital projects only, not running costs. There is a preference to support projects related to the fabric of a building, rather than small, non-durable items subject to wear and tear such as furniture, appliances, musical instruments and tablets/laptops. Projects with a total budget of under £3,000 should not apply. In cases where grants are made, the projects are expected to be self-financing thereafter.

There are three levels of grant:

- Small – £1,000 to £5,000
- Medium – £5,001 to £24,999
- Large – £25,000 or more

Their grants are divided into the following categories:

- Community
- Education
- Health
- Social Welfare

Community

Trustees consider applications for two main themes under this category with the aim of creating cohesive and positive communities.

First, trustees are strong believers that every community needs a focus on which to build the cohesion of that community. They are therefore advocates of the 'village hall', particularly in isolated rural areas where facilities are often very limited. They support church halls, but not churches or other buildings intended purely for religious purposes.

Second, trustees aim to provide practical activities that help young people attain their full potential and take their place within society as responsible citizens. To this end, they support Youth Activity Centres, uniformed youth groups and youth clubs. They also help those who are young ex-offenders, 'at risk' or in danger of exclusion.

Types of application considered:

New build, refurbishment and improvements of village halls, scout huts, youth clubs, community centres and similar. This often includes access for the disabled, modernising kitchens, new storage space and updating toilets in line with Health and Safety regulations and the Disability Discrimination Act. For any building, length of lease will be taken into account.

Garfield Weston Foundation

<http://www.garfieldweston.org/>

The Foundation supports a broad range of organisations and activities that share a commitment to making a positive impact to the lives of the communities in which they work, and that are driven by a desire to achieve excellence.

Typically the Foundation does not fund one-off events such as galas or festivals, even if for fundraising purposes. The Foundation is also unable to provide sponsorship;

The Foundation does not fund specific (i.e. named) posts and salaries. Trustees will consider contributing to an organisation's core operating costs of which we recognise general salary costs will be a part - this is primarily because grants are single-year commitments;

Typically grants are made for a single year, however the Trustees may consider making a grant spread over a number of years at their discretion if they feel this would be appropriate.

It is unusual for the Foundation to consider making a grant to organisations who cannot demonstrate significant progress with fundraising. In general, the Trustees look for organisations to have raised the majority of funding through local or statutory sources;

The Foundation tends not to support umbrella organisations, preferring to support those organisations working directly with beneficiaries at a grassroots level.

The Foundation makes grants from £1,000 upwards. If you are considering applying for £100,000 and above, please note that it is advisable to send a short, preliminary letter to our Director, Philippa Charles, introducing your organisation and summarising the project and fundraising plans. This is especially important if you have not received a grant from us in the past. We will then contact you and explore this further.

Foyle Foundation

<http://www.foylefoundation.org.uk/>

The Foyle Foundation Small Grants Scheme is designed to support smaller charities in the UK, especially those working at grass roots and local community level, in any field, across a wide range of activities.

Applications are welcomed from charities that have an annual turnover of less than £100,000 per annum. Larger or national charities will normally not be considered under this scheme. Nor will the Scheme generally support charities that are able consistently to generate operational surpluses or which have been able to build up unrestricted reserves to a level equivalent to three months turnover.

They plan to make one year grants of between £1,000 and £10,000 to charities which can demonstrate that such a grant will make a significant difference to their work. If you cannot demonstrate this, your application will be declined. Please note that demonstrating ongoing sustainability is also important, particularly if you have recently lost local authority or other regular funding. No multi-year funding awards will be made.

Trusthouse Charitable Foundation

<http://www.trusthousecharitablefoundation.org.uk/grants/>

Trusthouse gives grants for running costs or one-off capital costs to charities and not-for-profit organisations.

In July 2008, the Trustees reviewed its grants policy and decided to concentrate on projects addressing Rural Issues and Urban Deprivation.

Rural Issues:

They accept applications from organisations which are addressing issues in rural areas. 'Rural' in this context means cities, towns, villages and areas with 10,000 or less inhabitants. They are interested in, for example, projects providing transport for the elderly, disabled or disadvantaged; contact networks for the young disabled; projects which encourage a sense of community such as community centres and village halls; employment training schemes especially those promoting local, traditional crafts; projects addressing issues such as drug/alcohol misuse or homelessness.

Urban Deprivation:

They will accept applications from local or national charities or not-for-profit organisations which are working with residents of urban areas (i.e. more than 10,000 inhabitants) which are classified in the latest government Indices of Multiple Deprivation as being in the lowest 20%. They are interested in, for example, youth clubs; training schemes to help people out of unemployment; drop in centres for the homeless. Within these overarching themes, we are interested in three areas including Community Support

For example: work with young people; community centres; support for carers; older people's projects; help for refugees; family support; community transport; sports projects; rehabilitation of ex-offenders; alcohol and drug misuse projects; domestic violence prevention and aftermath.

Awards for All, England

<http://www.awardsforall.org.uk/england/index.html>

Awards for All offers grants of between £300 and £10,000 for grassroots and community activity that aims to improve life for local people and neighbourhoods.

They want to fund projects which address the issues, needs and aspirations of local communities and people. They will fund a wide range of community projects aimed at developing skills, improving health, revitalising the local environment and enabling people to become more active citizens.

They will fund activities that benefit the community, including:

- hosting an event, activity or performance;
- purchasing new equipment or materials
- running training courses
- setting up a pilot project or starting up a new group
- carrying out special repairs or conservation work
- expenses for volunteers, pay for workers and professional fees
- transport costs.

BLF Reaching Communities

<https://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/global-content/programmes/england/reaching-communities-england>

Reaching Communities funding is for projects that help people and communities most in need. Grants are available from £10,000, upwards and funding can last for up to 5 years. If you think you need more than £500,000 you must call us before you apply to discuss why you believe a larger project is appropriate. There is no upper limit for total project costs. They can fund, salaries, running costs, a contribution towards core costs and equipment. They can also fund up to £100,000 for land, buildings or refurbishment capital costs.

Every project we fund must respond to need. Need is the term they use to describe a problem or issue, or situation where something needs to change to make things better for a person, group of people or environment.

All projects must address one or more of the following outcomes:

- People have better chances in life, with better access to training and development to improve their life skills,
- Stronger communities, with more active citizens, working together to tackle their problems,
- Improved rural and urban environments, which communities are better able to access and enjoy,
- Healthier and more active people and communities.

If you are applying for more than £500,000 you must contact them first to tell them why you believe a larger project is needed. Call the Big Advice line on 0845 4 10 20 30.

Yapp Charitable Trust

<http://www.yappcharitabletrust.org.uk/>

They only offer grants to registered charities with a total annual expenditure of less than £40,000 who are undertaking work with their priority groups:

- Elderly people
- Children and young people aged 5 – 25
- People with physical impairments, learning difficulties or mental health challenges
- Social welfare – people trying to overcome life-limiting problems of a social, rather than medical, origin (such as addiction, relationship difficulties, abuse, offending)
- Education and learning (with a particular interest in people who are educationally disadvantaged, whether adults or children)

They prioritise:

- Work that is unattractive to the general public or unpopular with other funders
- Services that help to improve the lives of marginalised, disadvantaged or isolated people
- Applicants that can demonstrate an effective use of volunteers
- Charities that seek to be preventive and aim to change opinion and behaviour through raising awareness of issues, education and campaigning

- Applicants that can demonstrate (where feasible) an element of self sustainability by charging subscriptions/fees to service users

Applications that don't address **at least two** of the above are unlikely to receive a grant.

They only make grants for core funding. They define core funding as the costs associated with regular activities or services that have been ongoing for at least a year. They can not fund new projects, extra services or additional delivery costs. This includes creating a paid post for work that is currently undertaken on a voluntary basis or rent for premises that are currently cost free.

They can only offer grants to registered charities that have been formally established for a minimum of three years. Newly registered charities may apply but the organisation must have appointed a management committee and adopted a governing document at least 3 years ago.

Grants are normally for a maximum of £3,000 per year and they will fund for up to three years.

Alec Dickson Trust

<http://tinyurl.com/jrq8wkv>

The Alec Dickson Trust supports young people who are able to demonstrate that through volunteering or community service they can enhance the lives of others, particularly those most marginalised by society.

They support projects that support and encourage youth volunteering. They particularly like to fund projects that involve lots of volunteers, and/or encourage these young people to stay engaged as volunteers in the long term.

They support young people who run projects that benefit disadvantaged communities and individuals. They are looking for projects that identify a specific need, and propose to carry out activities that will clearly help to address this need. Often it's about young volunteers helping to give others the opportunity to engage in activities, have a voice, and meet people that they otherwise would not have been able to.

Ultimately they are looking for youth volunteering projects that help to improve communities, but if the project is new and exciting then even better! They particularly like to fund volunteer initiatives that are innovative and try to do things a bit differently, such as using social media creatively or using existing resources in new ways.

Applications for grants, not normally in excess of £500, are invited from individuals aged 30 and under or from small groups of young people who believe their actions to be in pursuit of the aims of the Trust.

Peoples Postcode Trust (PPT)

<http://www.postcodetrust.org.uk/>

In 2016, the PPT Small Grants will invite applications for projects that focus on the prevention of poverty, healthy living initiatives, upholding human rights and facilitating reconciliation projects which help disadvantaged or at-risk groups.

Registered charities can apply from £500 - £20,000 for projects meeting the above remit, whilst other organisations may apply for up to £2,000

People's Postcode Trust wants to try to make the world a better place through short-term funding for projects that help to prevent poverty, support healthy living initiatives and uphold human rights for some of society's most vulnerable groups. It will also consider projects

which help different communities come together for better understanding and community relations. People's Postcode Trust wants to help organisations find real solutions to tackling the root causes of poverty and its long-term consequences by, for example, helping people gain the skills, knowledge and resources they need to lift themselves out of poverty. Poverty prevention can focus on relieving other needs, such as those associated with ethnicity, geography, gender and lack of educational and skills development.

Examples of projects which may fit within the Trust's criteria are:

- Training programmes to boost skills and opportunities for disadvantaged groups
- Homelessness support
- Prevention of anti-social behaviour in young people
- Support for at-risk families (parenting support)
- Improvements to physical and mental health
- Promotion of human rights
- Services around domestic violence
- Integrating refugees

Greggs Local Community Projects Fund

<https://www.greggsfoundation.org.uk/grants/local-community-projects-fund>

Greggs Local Community Projects Fund helps organisations based in local communities to deliver projects or provide equipment to people in need at the heart of their local communities.

Local Community Projects Funding is offered to organisations supporting people in need. Any not for profit organisation can apply, however, larger organisations with a turnover in excess of £300,000 are unlikely to be successful.

They are interested in projects that improve resilience within your community of interest. This can include sessional activities/respite support, equipment for sessional activities, trips and residential breaks. They are also interested in new approaches and innovative ideas as well as sustainable approaches to supporting your community of interest. They do not fund running costs or continuation of existing and ongoing work.

All projects must support a community of interest, ie people who are:

- Disabled or suffering chronic illness
- Living in poverty
- Voluntary carers
- Homeless
- Isolated older people
- Other demonstrable significant need

They are particularly seeking applications from groups which meet the above criteria, but provide activities that can also benefit the environment. They call this social environmentalism. Examples of projects that include environmental elements have included:

- A group of young carers who completed litter picking sessions in areas of natural beauty in Wales
- An allotment project for people suffering early stages of dementia
- Clearing an area of wasteland to grow vegetables as part of a healthy growing and eating project for young homeless people

Successful applicants should be able to demonstrate improvements against at least one of our Key Performance Targets to be successful for a grant:

- Beneficiaries have decreased social isolation
- Beneficiaries report improved health and wellbeing
- Beneficiaries report improved resilience/coping mechanisms
- Beneficiaries have improved life skills
- Beneficiaries have improved opportunities

They are more likely to make grants to local organisations based near Greggs shops. Please use the shop locator on the Greggs website to find your nearest shop.

The maximum grant that they can give is £2,000.

Postcode Community Trust

<http://www.postcodecommunitytrust.org.uk/applying-for-a-grant>

Postcode Community Trust seeks to empower groups of people by providing them with the skills and resources they need to effect change in their own communities. Some groups may feel they cannot participate fully in activities within their community because of isolation, disability or age. The fund aims to help them overcome these barriers in creative and sustainable communities by improving social cohesion, economic infrastructure and provide or improve community-based facilities.

Registered charities can apply from £500 - £20,000 for projects meeting the above remit, whilst other organisations may apply for up to £2,000.

Postcode Community Trust seeks to help groups participate more fully in activities within their community, especially for those who may feel isolated through disability or age. We want to help them overcome these barriers in creative and sustainable ways. Projects should help people gain better access to community facilities, community activities and strengthen communities in ways that are different, sustainable and reach a wide number of people.

Postcode Community Trust provides funding for activities that:

- Work in innovative ways to relieve older people's isolation;
- Support people looking after others;
- Enhance volunteering opportunities;
- Promote community arts projects;
- Promote team/group sports and activities that benefit communities;
- Provide/enhance places for sport and recreation;
- Promote interaction of different generations; and,
- Promote a community's social history.

Examples of projects that would fit within these guidelines:

- Programmes that provide respite for families of disabled children;
- Sporting projects that involve disabled people, the elderly, and girls/women;
- Projects that train members of the community to become sport coaches;
- Purchases of minibuses to enable disabled or elderly to take part more fully in their community;
- Establishment of community choirs, drama groups, art groups, history societies; and,
- Volunteer training programmes providing peer to peer support groups.

