

Funding for Older People

This document is a collection of potential funding opportunities for those organisations working with Older People.

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.

Charles Hayward Foundation

<http://www.charleshaywardfoundation.org.uk/older-people/>

They have a small grant programme (Up to £7,000) for older people through which they fund projects in the following sub-categories:

In this category they wish to fund preventative and early intervention programmes being delivered at the community level which allow older people to stay in their own homes and remain independent. They are particularly interested in seeking out programmes which show some creativity in improving the quality of life of older people.

- Programmes aiming to alleviate isolation and depression in older people, including informal day care or social, physical and recreational activities
- Programmes which mainly use volunteers to give practical help, assistance and support for older people living in their own homes
- Programmes addressing the emotional and practical needs of older carers
- Programmes designed to meet the specific needs of people with dementia

Berkshire Community Foundation

<http://www.berkshirecommunityfoundation.org.uk/grants/nhs-fund-for-carers/>

Berkshire Community Foundation are working with the NHS to deliver grants for carers.

The funding round is now closed. Further information will be posted here when available.

Berkshire Fund for Carers Respite Breaks

The aim of the Fund is to make awards to registered charities and voluntary groups providing respite breaks for carers. This may take the form of a holiday or to provide regular 'sitting' services. For the purposes of the Fund, the definition of a carer is: someone of any age who provides unpaid support to family or friends whose health or wellbeing could suffer without this help. This could be caring for a relative, partner, child or friend who is ill, frail, disabled or has mental health or substance misuse problems.

Grants for respite breaks are distributed through community groups and charities and are NOT paid direct to the individual carer.

Grants of up to £5,000 are available for carers respite breaks. This is distributed up to £300 per individual carer for a holiday or period of respite.

The group distributing awards to the individual carers are able to use 5% of the total grant amount for administration costs.

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 that concentrate on projects addressing Rural Issues and Urban Deprivation.

Rural Issues: they are interested in 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.

Within this overarching themes, they are interested in three areas including Community Support which includes:

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.

Allen Lane Foundation

<http://allenlane.org.uk/>

The Allen Lane Foundation is interested in funding work which benefits people in the following groups, or generalist work which includes significant numbers from more than one such group:

- Asylum-seekers and refugees (but not groups working with a single nationality)
- Gay, lesbian, bi-sexual or transgender people
- Gypsies and Travellers
- Migrant workers
- Offenders and ex-offenders
- Older people
- People experiencing mental health problems
- People experiencing violence or abuse

Some examples of the kind of activities which might be suitable for funding are:

- Provision of advice or information
- Advocacy
- Arts activities where the primary purpose is therapeutic or social
- Befriending or mentoring
- Mediation or conflict resolution
- Practical work, such as gardening or recycling, which benefits both the provider and the recipient
- Self-help groups
- Social activities or drop-in centres
- Strengthening the rights of particular groups and enabling their views and experiences to be heard by policy-makers
- Research and education aimed at changing public attitudes or policy
- Work aimed at combating stigma or discrimination
- Work developing practical alternatives to violence

The Allen Lane Foundation makes grants for up to three years, with a total value of £500-£15,000, although the average grant size last year was just over £5,900.

Henry Smith Charity

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

The Henry Smith Charity is a large grant making charity that make grants totalling approximately £25 million each year to up to 1,000 organisations and charities throughout the UK for initiatives and projects that address social inequality and economic disadvantage. Please note that they are currently undertaking a strategic review of their grantmaking and some changes have been made to our guidelines already. Please see their Latest News for further details.

The Trustees have decided that they will no longer fund

- capital projects
- projects focussing on healthcare and hospices, or
- projects specifically targeted at supporting ex-servicemen and women under their

Main Grants Programme.

Through their Main Grants Programme and their Small and County Grants Programmes they make grants in the categories listed below:

- Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME)
- Carers
- Community Service
- Disability
- Domestic and Sexual Violence
- Drugs, Alcohol and Substance Misuse
- Ex-Service Men and Women
- Family Services
- Healthcare
- Homelessness
- Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender
- Mental Health
- Older People: Residential, health and emotional support services, such as befriending services and day care centres. Priority will be given to projects in areas of high deprivation and those where rural isolation can be demonstrated.
- Prisoners and Ex-offenders
- Prostitution and Trafficking
- Refugees and Asylum Seekers
- Young People

Applications for Revenue funding of £10,000 or more per year for work taking place in the UK (including the Isle of Man and Channel Islands) can be made through our Main Grants Programme. The amount requested must be at least £10,000 in each year. The maximum length of funding that can be requested is three years.

Barchester Healthcare Foundation

<http://www.bhcfoundation.org.uk/who-we-fund>

Barchester's Charitable Foundation is a registered charity that helps older people and other adults with a disability. This year their focus is about connecting or re-connecting people with others in their local community. Applications that combat loneliness and enable people to be active and engaged will receive their highest priority in 2016.

Their mission is to make a difference to the lives of older people and other adults with a physical or mental disability; supporting practical solutions that lead to increased personal independence, self-sufficiency and dignity.

This year their focus is helping older people (65+) in our community, to improve mobility, independence and quality of life. These applicants receive our highest priority in 2013.

- Older people 65+
- Adults (18+) with a physical disability
- Adults (18+) with a mental disability

They are a unique charity that mostly helps individuals, but they also help small community groups and small local charities.

They favour applications that encourage a person's mobility, independence and improved quality of life. Their grants range from £100 up to £5,000.

Yapp Charitable Trust

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

They make grants for running costs to small registered charities in England and Wales to help sustain their existing work.

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

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 cannot 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.

We 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.

They only offer grants for core funding to registered charities with a total annual expenditure of less than £40,000 who are undertaking work that focuses on one of 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)

Percy Bilton Charity

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

Only registered charities in the U.K. whose primary objectives are to assist one or more of the following groups:

- Disadvantaged/underprivileged young people (under 25 years of age)
- People with disabilities (physical or learning disabilities) or mental health problems
- Older people (aged over 60)

The Charity will consider capital funding for the following projects and schemes:

Older people (aged over 60)

Day centres, nursing and residential homes, sheltered accommodation and respite care for the frail or sufferers from dementia or age related disorders

Projects to encourage older people to maintain their independence.

Also charities assisting disadvantaged youth, people with disabilities, people with mental health problems and older people may apply for grants towards furnishings and equipment (excluding office items), building or refurbishment projects. Social Workers, Community Psychiatric Nurses and Occupational Therapists within Local Authorities or NHS Trusts may apply on the behalf of individuals in financial need who have a disability or severe mental health problem, or who are over 65 on low income, for grants to purchase basic household furniture, equipment and clothing costing up to £200. An application form may be requested by one of these professionals by emailing or telephoning the Charity.

Sobell Foundation

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

They restrict their funding to charities working in the following areas:

- Medical care and treatment, including respite care and hospices
- Care for physically and mentally disabled adults and children
- Education and training for adults and children with physical and learning disabilities
- Care and support of the elderly
- Care and support for children
- Homelessness

Clothworkers Foundation

<http://foundation.clothworkers.co.uk/Open-grant-programmes/Main-and-Small-Grant-Programmes.aspx>

The Clothworkers Foundation aims to improve the lives of people and communities, particularly those facing disadvantage.

This includes projects providing services for elderly people, in particular those living in areas of high deprivation and/or where rural isolation is an issue.

Their one-off grants are for the purchase of specific and pre-determined capital item(s) for a particular project. This includes:

Buildings

For example purchase, construction, renovation and/or refurbishment.

Fittings, fixtures, and equipment

For example office equipment, sports or gym equipment, digital or audio visual equipment, security equipment, camping equipment, garden equipment, specialist therapeutic (excluding medical) equipment.

Soft or hard furnishings, bathroom/kitchen fittings and fixtures.

Please note they do not fund equipment which will be purchased on an ad-hoc basis, or which will be given to service users to keep/own for personal use/permanent basis.

Vehicles

For example minibus, car, caravan, people-carrier, 4X4.

Please note that it is rare for us to fully fund new vehicles

The Main Grants Programme is open to UK registered charities with an annual operating income of less than £15m. If you are not a registered charity then applications will still be accepted, but not-for-profit status must be demonstrated in the application.

The maximum grant award in the Small Grants Programme is £10,000, whereas the Main Grants programme has no maximum. Average grant £25,000.

Garfield Weston Foundation

<http://www.garfieldweston.org/case-studies/>

Welfare is perhaps their broadest of categories supporting charities that work with a variety of causes and groups including the elderly, homelessness, special needs and the criminal justice system.

Whilst you are welcome to specify an amount, it is not necessary. Their experienced Trustees will make a judgement on how much to award – please ensure that you have included a project/organisational budget and what funding is already secured so their Trustees can see what your shortfall is. Please note that typically their Trustees are not able to consider more than 10% of an organisation's total budget for a capital project or core costs and no more than 50% for other projects – this is to ensure that your organisation has a broad base of funding and is not overly reliant on any one source.

Concertina Charitable Trust

http://www.concertinamusic.org.uk/About_us.php

Concertina makes grants to charitable bodies which provide musical entertainment and related activities for the elderly. This not only brightens up their lives, but also provides a therapeutic benefit to their health and well-being.

Concertina is keen to support smaller organisations which might otherwise find it difficult to gain funding. Since its inception in 2004, it has made grants to a wide range of charitable organisations nationwide in England and Wales. These include funds to many care homes for the elderly to provide musical entertainment for their residents.

Grants are a maximum of £250.

Greggs Foundation

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

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

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

Their maximum grant is £2,000.

Wyseliot Charitable Trust

Applications should be made in writing to:

Jonathan Rose, The Wyseliot Charitable Trust, 17 Chelsea Square, London SW3 6LF

The Wyseliot Charitable Trust has funding available for general charitable purposes.

There is no maximum level for grants but previous grants have been for between £2,000 and £5,000 and applications can be submitted at any time.

Funding is available for general charitable purposes; in particular:

- The prevention or relief of poverty
- The advancement of education
- The advancement of health or the saving of lives
- The advancement of the arts, culture, heritage or science
- The advancement of human rights, conflict resolution or reconciliation, or the promotion of religious or racial harmony or equality and diversity
- The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage

Rayne Foundation

<http://www.raynefoundation.org.uk/GrantAreas.aspx>

They will consider applications in the fields of arts, health and wellbeing, education in its widest sense, and those that cover social issues. Their focus is to connect communities, building bridges between marginalised groups and mainstream society, and to enable individuals to reach their full potential.

In addition, they have a number of areas of special interest:

- Arts as a tool to achieve social change;
- Improved quality of life for carers and for older people;
- Young people's improved mental health.

Recent awards for Older People applications range from £15,000 to £100,000.

Childwick Trust

<http://www.childwicktrust.org/whowefund.htm>

The Trust has a strong emphasis on helping charities which offer care and support for people who are terminally ill, or have a serious illness, the elderly, adults and children who have mental health problems or a learning disability. They give help to both children and adults with physical disabilities and offer funding towards specialist equipment, respite care, holidays, education and core costs.

They support both adult and children's Hospices specifically those based in the South East of the UK and funding is given to all aspects of hospice care including running costs.

They help the elderly who are vulnerable and isolated and in need. Funding is offered towards respite for carers, general care and support plus specialist equipment.

Please note that applications from National organisations and charities will only be considered for the benefit of people in the South East of England.

Within the above criteria they will consider support for specialist equipment, salaries which are related to nursing and general care. They will consider funding towards some building and refurbishment costs but only once the appeal has reached at least half of the total budget.

Around half the Trust's grants are distributed under this Object. Typically grants range from £5,000 - £30,000.

HRUK Healthy Heart Grants

<http://www.heartresearch.org.uk/grants/healthyheartgrant>

Heart Research UK Healthy Heart Grants of up to £10,000 are available for new, original and innovative projects that actively promote Heart Health and help to prevent, or reduce, the risk of heart disease in specific groups or communities.

Hospital Saturday Fund

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

The Hospital Saturday Fund is a registered Charity whose aims are to provide assistance through its charitable funds for:

- individuals with a medical condition or disability who would benefit from assistance with the purchase of specialised equipment or from practical forms of treatment
- registered health charities such as hospitals, hospices, medical organisations who are in need of grants for medical projects, care, research or support of medical training

Alzheimer's Research UK

<http://www.alzheimersresearchuk.org/grant-schemes/>

Alzheimer's Research UK has a large number of different grant schemes through which you can apply for funding. One of these is their Pilot Project scheme.

The Pilot Project scheme provides funds for small innovative research projects and pilot studies. The Pilot Project scheme is meant for novel research ideas that if successful would lead to a Major project or programme application to ARUK or other funding body.

Up to £30,000 however ARUK will consider requests for up to £50,000 per annum if there is sufficient justification with inherently costly research (eg imaging, animal work). This can cover staff members, equipment, animals, running costs, or any combinations of these.

The lead applicant and point of contact must be based in a UK academic/research institution. However, the application can include researchers or institutions outside the UK.

Dowager Countess Eleanor Peel Trust

http://www.peeltrust.com/general_grants.html

The Trustees make general grants to UK registered Charities involved in the following activities:

- Medical care charities
- Charities in connection with old people
- Charities assisting people who have fallen on evil times through no fault of their own
- Various charitable bodies specified in the Trust Deed

Areas of operation specifically supported are detailed below:

- Medical care charities - care specifically aimed at benefitting older people, to include Alzheimer's, Macular Disease, Prostate Cancer, Parkinson's disease, etc.
- Charities in connection with old people - Old Age, Homes, Carers
- Charities for people fallen on evil times – Disabled, Hospices, Ex services, Natural or Man-made disasters, Mental Health, Homelessness.

While there is no geographical limitation on applicants, applications from charities operating in the "Preferred Locations" of Lancashire (especially Lancaster and District), Cumbria, Greater Manchester, Cheshire and Merseyside will receive preference over applications for support in all other geographical areas.

Charities receiving a grant in excess £5,000 will be required to provide a written report on the progress of the project supported. Ordinarily grants of in excess £50,000 will not be supported without a presentation to the trustees.

Tudor Trust

<http://tudortrust.org.uk/>

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 go towards core organisational costs such as salaries and day-to-day running costs. As well as core funding 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. Most grants are made over one, two or three years.

Tudor doesn't have specific funding programmes. Their focus is on smaller forward-looking groups, led by capable and committed people. Some of the other characteristics they are looking for include:

- Organisations working directly with people who are at the margins of society
- A focus on building stronger communities by overcoming isolation and fragmentation and encouraging inclusion, connection and integration
- Organisations which are embedded in and have developed out of their community – whether the local area or a 'community of interest'
- High levels of user involvement, and an emphasis on self-help where this is appropriate
- Work which addresses complex and multi-stranded problems in unusual or imaginative ways
- Organisations which are thoughtful in their use of resources and which foster community resilience in the face of environmental, economic or social change

They are more likely to fund groups with an annual turnover of less than £1 million.

Awards for All, England

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

Awards for All, England offers grants of between £300 and £10,000 for projects that improve communities, and the lives of people within them.

There are the four Awards for All outcomes. You must show how your project meets at least one of them to be considered for a grant.

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