**Latest Grant Funding Opportunities (Date: April 2023) (1)**Sector: The Voluntary, Community, Faith and Social Enterprise (VCFSE) Sector
Scope: This funding research focuses on the latest grants available to VCFSE organisations in Suffolk.
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| Join the **Funding 4 Suffolk Portal** that enables Not for Profit organisations in Suffolk to freely search for funding for their projects - [register for this free resource](https://click.pstmrk.it/3s/www.idoxopen4community.co.uk/suffolk%3Fbcr%3DMTIzNA/3hBa/T02sAQ/AQ/78e31e34-3b20-4363-9f0d-0b7fdbccf599/1/Np0i43SQNl)  |
| **SuffolkCounty Council**  | **Refugee and Asylum Seeker Integration grants**The Engaged Communities Group has launched its ‘Refugee and Asylum Seeker Integration Grants programme’ which is available for organisations to support either one or more of the following beneficiaries:* Afghan Refugees
* Ukrainian guests (Homes for Ukraine scheme and/or Family Visa scheme)
* Asylum Seekers

Who can apply? Voluntary, Community, Faith and Social Enterprise organisations who are a constituted body with a bank account requiring two signatories.How much can we apply for? Up to £25,000The proposed project would need to deliver one or more of the following outcomes:* Refugees brought together to strengthen their supportive network – such as via creative or sports activities
* Refugees and Suffolk people brought together to increase their network of contacts
* Community integration and understanding of cultural distinctiveness – reduced feeling of community isolation, less them and us
* Reduced feelings of physical isolation – overcome physical access issues in rural areas
* Activities that recognise and seeks to address mental health stresses and anxiety
* Traditional skills and food recipes are shared
* Skills identified that assist securing employment or small business start up
* English language practiced in a supportive environment
* Evidence of cultural legacy stemming from this a unique historic situation
* Awareness of the housing options in Suffolk, what to consider when moving into private accommodation, confidence to move.

[Visit the Engaged Communities webpage to access the guidance document and application form](https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/community-and-safety/communities/collaborative-communities-covid-19-board/engaged-communities-group) | Revenue / Equipment | Up to £25,000 | Voluntary, Community, Faith and Social Enterprise organisations who are a constituted body with a bank account requiring two signatories |
| **Church Urban Fund** | **Funding for Churches Supporting Refugees Arriving from Ukraine & Afghanistan**Grants of up to £5,000 are available to Christian churches and registered Christian charities offering activities and services to welcome and support refugees arriving in England from Ukraine and Afghanistan. This could include funding for personal items, expenses for volunteers or facilities, integration and settling, language support and home items. The funding is made available by the Church Urban Fund in partnership with the Benefact Trust, through the Refugee Support Small Grants Programme. The closing date for applications has been extended to the 14th April 2023. [Visit the Church Urban grant application portal](https://cuf.org.uk/supporting-refugees-in-england).[Here is a list of previous grants awarded through this programme in 2022](https://cuf.org.uk/uploads/img/Supporting-refugees-in-England-grants-2022.pdf) | Revenue / Equipment | Up to £5,000 | Christian churches and registered Christian charities |
| **Ubele / Youth Investment Fund** | **Emergency Grants to support to Black, Asian and other minority-led organisations**The Phoenix Way is a new £1 million emergency grant round, which will award grants to Black, Asian and other minority-led organisations in England, that support children and young people and are dealing with rising costs. Applicants can apply for grants of up to £20,000.The Phoenix Way 2023 – Round 1 Emergency Grants will support non-profit groups, organisations or charities that: * Are led by representatives of Black and racially minoritised communities and work within Black and racially minoritised communities.
* Work with participants and communities that are primarily 18 or under and are at high risk of becoming involved in violence.
* Have annual operating budgets of up to £150,000 per year.
* Are located and work in England.
* Need financial support to mitigate the cost of living in delivering their services.

Applicants can be registered, unregistered, incorporated, unincorporated, and/or unconstituted or newly formed groups.Round 1 is open and has an application deadline of midnight on the 8th of May 2023.[Visit the Phoenix Way – Emergency Grants webpage](https://www.ubele.org/our-work/the-phoenix-way) | Revenue | Up to £20,000 | Registered, Unregistered, Incorporated, Unincorporated, and/or Unconstituted or newly formed groups |
| **Lloyd Bank Foundation** | **Racial Inequity grants** # Black, Asian and minority ethnicThe Lloyds Bank Foundation for England and Wales have launched a new £3 million funding programme with a focus on supporting people experiencing racial inequity to break free from poverty and achieve their potential. It anticipates that 40 grants will be awarded across England (excluding London) and Wales.Registered Charities, Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIOs) and Community Interest Companies (CICs) who are led by the communities they serve and with an annual income between £25,000 and £500,000, can apply for a three-year, unrestricted grant of up to £75,000. Alongside the funding, the Foundation will offer each Charity or CIC a range of tailored additional support to help organisations to strengthen, be more resilient and develop further.The funding will support organisation who are delivering their services in the following way:* In-depth services – delivering a range of services supporting individuals through a structured pathway over a prolonged period. This could include services to overcome immediate needs but will also lead to longer-term support.
* Personal plans – working together with the people they support to understand the challenges they may be experiencing and agree on how to help them find a way to overcome them.

A free information webinar and live Q&A panel will be held on 20 April 2023 (10:30am-12:00pm). [Registration is required and can be done via eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/racial-equity-funding-webinar-and-qa-tickets-576137722437).The deadline for grant applications is 31 May 2023 (5pm).[Visit the Lloyd Bank Foundation – Racial Inequity grants webpage](https://www.lloydsbankfoundation.org.uk/funding/racial-equity-programme)[Guidance document](https://www.lloydsbankfoundation.org.uk/media/bjtpal0n/lbfew-racial-equity-guidance.pdf) | Unrestricted | £75,000, over three years(£25,000 per year) | Registered Charities, Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIOs) and Community Interest Companies (CICs) that have an annual income between £25,000 and £500,000 |
| **Young Foundation** | **Young People and Civic Engagement grants** #social actionThe ‘Civic Journey’ is a two-year, youth-led programme, inspiring sustained engagement in social action, community activism and the democratic participation of young people across the UK. It focuses on the spaces in which young people develop civic knowledge, skills, attitudes, behaviours and experiences – and explores how policy and ‘civic scaffolding’ could better support them to become active citizens.Grants of up to £15,000 to drive projects and prototypes that help build understanding to support young people on their civic journey.There is a “[**Drop In**](https://www.youngfoundation.org/event/young-people-and-their-civic-journey-funding-opportunity-drop-in/)” session planned for Wednesday 5th April from 12-2pm for the *Civic Journey Call to Action Funding Opportunity.* Please ***feel free to drop in (and drop out) at any time*** during that two hour window, to ask questions or discuss any aspect of your application. Please note that this is a public session, with some (but limited) opportunities to breakout into a 121 space with a Civic Journey team member, if you would prefer a private discussion.Please use this [zoom link](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88970930305?pwd=TUVMWXBmSlBsb0VCQzNuWG94MTJzZz09#success) Email hi@icstudies.org.uk if you require any further information. Submit your idea deadline is midday, Tuesday 11th April 2023. The Civic Journey Team will notify you of the outcome on Monday 17th April 2023. All projects will need to start in the month of May and be concluded before the 30th of September 2023.[Online application form](https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=3kJa0Xikt06dUGfNM-2wbgztdHnplntGudCCKVO3nHBUNTRVRlM4UFlPWTJBSFpJUTlYOEpKSE9LNS4u)Call to Action: [Guidelines document](https://youngfoundation.b-cdn.net/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Civic-Journey-Call-to-Action-Funding-Opportunity-March-2023-FINAL.pdf?x22784) | Revenue | Up to £15,000 | Typically constituted Not for ProfitsUn-constituted groups (i.e. a group of young people) have a funding cap of £500 unless they have a host organisation |
| **Swire Charitable Trust**   | **Personal Development, Environment and Heritage project grants**  The aim of the Swire Charitable Trust is to make grants to UK charities who are working hard to transform the lives of some of the most vulnerable members of our society, as well as those working to protect our country’s heritage and environment. * Opportunity: Improving life chances, realising potential
* Environment: Connecting people to the environment and Supporting the UK’s biodiversity
* Heritage: Regeneration through restoration and Safeguarding endangered skills

Grants examples: £14,000 grant for 12-month project; £50,000 grant split over two years.  [Visit the Swire Charitable Trust website](https://www.swirecharitabletrust.org.uk/our-funding/)([guidelines](https://www.swirecharitabletrust.org.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Guidelines-for-applying-for-a-grant-2023.pdf)) (please complete the online funding request form, briefly outlining why your work is needed and effective)   | Revenue / Unrestricted / Core Costs and Capital   | £5,000-£60,000  (multi-year)  | Registered Charities  |
| **Worshipful Company of Weavers** | **Funding to Support Disadvantaged Young People and Offenders**The Worshipful Company of Weavers award grants of up to £15,000 to small registered charities that are working on projects to support offenders and ex-offenders (aged under 30 years), as well as disadvantaged young people. The funding aims to support local organisations, such as those operating in villages, estates or small towns, have an income of less than £100,000. For organisations operating in larger cities or across the UK, their income should normally not exceed £250,000. Grants are typically awarded for a period of one year. The next closing date for applications is the 6th July 2023.[Visit the Worshipful Company of Weavers website](https://weavers.org.uk/charity/charitable-grants/) | Revenue | Up to £15,000 | Small Registered Charities with an annual income below £100,000 |
| **The McCarthy Stone Foundation** | **Funding to Support Dementia Action Week 2023**The McCarthy Stone Foundation, a charitable organisation focused on improving the quality of life for older people in the UK, has announced that applications for Dementia Action Week 2023 will open on 1st May 2023. Grants will be available to support intergenerational activities that bring a sense of purpose and energy to older people and those living with dementia while helping reduce loneliness and depression. Grants will be available to support intergenerational activities by building partnerships with charities, local schools, and community groups, promoting intergenerational learning opportunities, and supporting children to engage with older people in their community.[Visit The McCarthy Stone Foundation website](https://mccarthystonefoundation.org/our-grant-programmes/) | Revenue | To be confirmed | Charities and Community groups |
| **The Law Society Charity** | **Grants to Help Make the Legal Profession Accessible & Inclusive** The Law Society Charity is seeking applications from Charities, Charitable Incorporated Organisations or Community Interest Companies, working to further law and justice in England and Wales.Our 2023/2025 funding will focus on work that helps us make an impact in one of two funding themes:* promoting access to justice
* promoting a modern, diverse and inclusive profession

We will focus on funding work that other organisations are likely to be better placed to deliver than the Law Society. For example:\* reaching schools and universities \*reaching marginalised groups \* supporting law students \* collaborating with the third sector to deliver outcomes \* providing direct support to members of the public \* providing emergency or 24/7 supportIf you’re seeking funding for activities to be delivered between 1 November 2023 and 31 October 2025, complete and return the expression of interest form by 5pm on Friday 21 April 2023[Visit The Law Society Charity website](https://www.lawsociety.org.uk/contact-or-visit-us/apply-for-funding)Guidelines document | Revenue including Core Costs | Typically, between £5,000 to £70,000Shorter grants applications that request less than £10,000  | Charities, Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIOs) or Community Interest Companies (CICs) |
| **Youth Music** | **Funding to Make Music Activity More Inclusive** Grants of between £30,001 and £300,000 are available to organisations in England that want to support children and young people facing barriers to make, learn and earn in music. The Youth Music Catalyser Fund will support organisations who want to make music activity more inclusive either by sustaining or scaling up their work or changing sector practice. Children and young people should be involved in the planning and development of programmes which must focus on at least one of the following themes: early years; Disabled, d/Deaf and neurodivergent young people; the youth justice system; young people facing barriers; young adults; or organisations and the workforce. The deadline for expressions of interest is 5pm on the 26th of May 2023. [Visit The Youth Music Catalyser Fund webpage](https://youthmusic.org.uk/catalyser-fund) | Revenue / Equipment | £30,001 and £300,000 | Not for Profits |
| **Team Grassroots and Utilita** | **Support for Grassroots Football Clubs, Leagues and Volunteers**The Utilita Football Re-booted initiative, in partnership with Team Grassroots, is making funding available to support grassroots football clubs, leagues, or volunteers. Utilita is a UK-based energy company. The Grassroots Fund is open to both clubs and leagues that are FA accredited and in need of financial assistance to make a big difference. Support will be tailored to meet the needs of each application, such as vouchers for building materials to fix up a club house, contributions towards the cost of tradespeople, gifts to show appreciation to volunteers, new kit, or support to recover from crime and vandalism. Multiple applications can be made for grants or gifts. Likely £300-£500 grant levels.Applications can be submitted at any time and funding decisions are usually made within 28 days. The fund is limited, and early application is recommended.[Visit the Utilitia Football Rebooted Grassroots Fund webpage](https://www.teamgrassroots.co.uk/fund/) | Revenue / Capital  | Typically, £300-£500 | FA affiliated community football clubs |
| **The Open University** | **Support to Help Disadvantaged Groups Study During Cost-of-Living Crisis** In recognition of the challenges that many students are facing in accessing higher education during the cost-of-living crisis, the Open University is making £3 million in support available through a series of scholarships to help disadvantaged students who would otherwise miss out on education. **The Open Futures Fund** will provide scholarships, bursaries, and support through five scholarship schemes to help students to realise their ambitions and study: * Disabled veterans
* Refugees or those seeking asylum
* Black students
* Carers, and
* Care-experienced young people

136 fully funded degree places will be offered for the next academic year 2023/2024. Applicants should refer to each individual scheme for eligibility criteria and closing dates. [Visit the Open University news scholarships, bursaries announcement](https://ounews.co/around-ou/university-news/ou-announces-3-million-of-support-to-help-disadvantaged-groups-study-during-the-cost-of-living-crisis/). Twitter [tweet:](https://twitter.com/OpenUniversity/status/1636324933532803072)  | Scholarships, Bursaries | Upon application | Individuals  |

**(a select list of funds from the previous grants alert is listed below)**

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| **Buttle Trust UK** | **Funding to Improve the Lives of Vulnerable Young People**Grants of up to £2,000 are available to support the needs of vulnerable children and young people who have experienced a recent crisis or change in life that has had a significant impact on their wellbeing and their education. This National Lottery funding is being made available through Buttle UK's Chances for Children Grants to provide a flexible range of support, such as items and activities to support learning and development (laptops, books, wi-fi, educational toys, tuition, etc); clothing and school uniforms; social, sporting and leisure activities; and items for children/young people’s bedrooms. Applications will only be accepted from frontline professionals working for a registered charity, housing association or public sector organisation including schools and colleges. Applications can be made at any time. [Visit the Buttle UK's Chances for Children Grants](https://buttleuk.org/apply-for-a-grant/chances-for-children-grants/) | Personal items / Equipment | Up to £2,000 | Applications via Charities, Housing Associations, Public Authorities, Colleges, and Schools |
| **Heart Research UK and SUBWAY Healthy Heart Grants** | **Healthy Heart Grants** A next application round for the Healthy Hearts grant scheme will support projects that work solely with adults and have a main focus on one or more of the following areas: * healthy eating
* physical activity
* smoking or
* alcohol

The following are eligible to apply: Not-for-profit organisations in the UK with a turnover of less than £1 million. This includes charities, community groups, voluntary organisations, and sports groups.Applications for England: Open 11 May 2023 with a deadline of 8 June 2023.[Visit the Healthy Hearts Grants website and sign-up for their grant alert](https://heartresearch.org.uk/healthy-heart-grants/) | Revenue | Up to £15,000 | Charities, Community Groups, Voluntary organisations, and Sports groups that have an annual turnover of less than £1 million |
| **The National Lottery Community Fund** | **Cost of Living Crisis supporting Women: Upcoming grants**The National Lottery Community Fund has committed funds to create a Women's Urgent Support Fund, which will respond to the cost-of-living crisis faced by women in the UK. The Fund will be administered by the Smallwood Trust, a specialist funder for UK women's organisations, who will award £3 million in grants to 60 local community organisations serving women, allowing 20,000 women to access vital support services over the next five years. Round 1 of the Fund will launch in April and will prioritise emergency funding for women’s sector organisations enabling them to respond to the spike in demand for urgent and basic needs from women who are most at risk of poverty. [Visit the Smallwood Trust news announcement](https://www.smallwoodtrust.org.uk/news/smallwood-trust-announces-women%E2%80%99s-urgent-support-fund)[Follow the Smallwood Trust twitter](https://twitter.com/SmallwoodTrust) | To be confirmed | To be confirmed | Local Community organisations led by and serving women |
| **Natural England** | **Capital Grant Scheme to Reverse the Decline of Threatened or Endangered Species**A new funding programme has been launched to help reverse the decline of threatened or endangered species in England. Natural England’s Species Recovery Programme Capital Grant Scheme will award grants of between £50,000 and £500,000 to partnerships, businesses, and organisations for activities such as habitat enhancement, equipment purchase, species translocation projects, the purchase and installation of new site infrastructure, staff costs, and some research and development. Match funding is encouraged, but not essential. The two-year grant scheme will open for applications on the 3rd April 2023 for a period of six weeks.[Visit the Natural England’s Species Recovery Programme Capital Grant Scheme webpage](https://naturalengland.blog.gov.uk/2023/03/09/what-you-need-to-know-about-the-species-recovery-programme-capital-grant-scheme/) | Capital | £50,000 and £500,000 | Not for Profits, Partnerships, Businesses  |