

## Latest Grant Funding Opportunities (Date: April 2025 – Issue 2)

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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The Mount Fund	<p><b><u>Mental Health, Homeless, Youth and Refugee and Refugee &amp; Asylum Seeker support grants</u></b> #open</p> <p>Areas: Norfolk, <b>Suffolk</b>, Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire, Essex, Kent, Surrey and London.</p> <p>As from 1st April 2023 the Fund has the following priority areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mental Health</li> <li>• Homelessness</li> <li>• Community Youth Services</li> <li>• Refugee and Asylum Seekers</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Small grants</a> – up to £5,000. Charities with an annual income below £500,000 – housing focused charities see guidance notes. Grants are given for projects; general running costs/core funding; salaries; advice services; counselling; organisational development. * Only building refurbishment or alterations are considered.</p> <p><a href="#">Large grants</a> – generally between £15,000-£25,000 per year and multi-year up to three years. Charities with an annual income below £1 million – housing focused charities see guidance notes. Grants are given for the strategic development of services.</p> <p>The Trustees meet March, <u>July</u> and November.</p> <p><a href="#">Apply now</a> (the fund will close once enough applications have been submitted).</p>	Revenue and Capital*	<p>Small grants up to £5,000</p> <p>Large grants between £15,000 - £25,000 per year, up to three years</p>	<p>Charities below £1million</p> <p>See descriptions</p>

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	<a href="#">Visit the Mount Trust: How to Apply webpage</a> (Am I eligible quiz)			
<b>The Rayne Foundation</b>	<p><b><u>Children and Young People’s improved Mental Health and Wellbeing</u></b></p> <p>Registered Charities, Social Enterprises, Local Authorities.</p> <p>Small number of large grants. Grants have typically ranged between £10,000 and £30,000 per year (1-3 years) – project and salary costs.</p> <p>We prioritise work that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supports early childhood (0-5 years including the perinatal period) with family/carer interventions that aim to reduce the impact of early childhood trauma.</li> <li>• Supports the care-experienced*, those on the edge of care**, or leaving care, with interventions that prioritise improved mental health and well-being.</li> </ul> <p>Our funding criteria:            As well as being within one of our three priority areas, the proposed work must meet the following essential criteria:</p> <p>Approaches issues differently and enables innovation            Has potential for wider application beyond the funded proposal            Is informed by direct delivery and has a clear, positive impact on people’s lives            Can demonstrate match-funding contributions to the project</p> <p>Innovation – Partnerships - Wider application - Best Practice#</p> <p><a href="#">Visit The Rayne Foundation CYP Mental and Wellbeing webpage</a></p>	Project or Core funding	between £10,000 and £30,000 per year (1-3 years)	Registered Charities, Social Enterprises, Local Authorities
<b>The Pink Ribbon Foundation</b>	<p><b><u>Grants to Supporting Breast Cancer Recovery and Well-being</u></b></p> <p>The Pink Ribbon Foundation has announced that it is currently accepting applications to its grant making programme for 2025.</p>	Projects	Up to £6,000	Charities, Social Enterprise, CIC, Not for Profit

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	<p>Grants of up to £6,000 are available to Registered Charities and Not-for-profit organisations working on practical projects and initiatives to improve the physical and mental health of individuals with or recovering from breast cancer.</p> <p>This year, priority will be given to supporting organisations with limited financial resources to deliver their services.</p> <p><u>The next deadline is 30th May 2025.</u> Grants are awarded annually in late July.</p> <p><a href="#">Visit The Pink Ribbon Foundation website</a>  <a href="#">Frequently Asked Questions document</a></p>			
<b>Asda Foundation</b>	<p><b><u>Community Spaces Fund</u></b></p> <p>The aim of the Fund is to repair, renovate and develop accessible community spaces for continued delivery of essential activities and services to benefit the local community, particularly those experiencing loneliness, isolation and disadvantage. The project should benefit people of all ages and from all communities.</p> <p>Applications to the Local Community Spaces Fund must address at least one of the following funding priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carry out essential repairs to enable the space to continue to function.</li> <li>• Renovate an existing space to accommodate more users/activities.</li> <li>• Create a new community space where groups can meet and undertake activities.</li> <li>• Improve accessibility to, or within, a community building.</li> </ul> <p>Grants from £10,000 to £20,000 are available.</p> <p>The Asda Foundation must contribute at least 50% of the total project cost (up to £20,000) and can fund up to 90% of the total project cost.</p> <p>It is anticipated that approximately 70 projects will be funded.</p> <p>Applicants must already have 10% of the total project cost (demonstrated in submitted accounts).</p>	Capital	<p>Between £10,000-£20,000</p> <p>Match funding between 10% and 50% is required.</p>	<p>Be not-for-profit. Have an annual income of less than £250,000. Unrestricted reserves of no more than £40,000.</p>

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	<p>The scheme opens 10am on 7<sup>th</sup> May and closes 10am on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2025.</p> <p>Applications will be reviewed in August 2025. Projects must be completed by December 2026.</p> <p><a href="#">Visit the Asda Foundation Community Spaces Fund web portal</a></p>			
<b>The B&amp;Q Foundation</b>	<p><b><u>Funding to Improve Homes &amp; Community Spaces</u></b></p> <p>Grants are available to UK Registered Charities for projects that improve community spaces for those most in need, such as those experiencing homelessness, financial hardship, poor health, disability, or other disadvantage or distress.</p> <p>Projects could include creating community gardens, redecorating properties, installing new boilers, and creating new buildings or rooms. Larger funding amounts are occasionally awarded depending on the strength of the application and project.</p> <p>The application process is open, and interested charities should submit an Expression of Interest in the first instance. This is intended to be a quick measure of whether the applicant organisation is eligible for a grant. Organisations that are eligible will receive an email from Neighbourly inviting them to submit a full application via the Neighbourly platform.</p> <p>The times and dates for the 2025 funding rounds are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 9.30am 21st Apr - 6.00pm 9th May</li> <li>- 9.30am 14th Jul - 6.00pm 1st Aug</li> <li>- 9.30am 20th Oct - 6.00pm 7th Nov</li> </ul> <p><u>The Next Application Deadline is 9<sup>th</sup> May 2025.</u></p> <p><a href="#">Visit The B&amp;Q Foundation website</a>  <a href="#">Guidance doc</a></p>	Capital / Equipment	Up to £10,000 for building or indoor projects, and up to £5,000 for garden projects.	Registered Charities
<b>Sheila Coates Foundation</b>	<p><b><u>Grants to Secondary Schools / Colleges: Supporting autistic students to excel</u></b></p> <p>Through our Rapid Impact Fund Summer 2025. We're looking to fund innovative, creative</p>	Equipment / Activities / Events / Support	Up to £5,000	Mainstream Secondary and College education

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	<p>ideas that will help autistic young people in mainstream secondary and college education in England.</p> <p>The funding is to support initiatives and activities that have been co-produced with autistic students and that can be put in place quickly. In previous funding rounds, 97% of schools report a positive impact after only 5 months. A link to a flyer with further details is <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p>The fund is open for applications from schools and colleges from 28th April, with a <u>deadline of Monday 19th May 2025</u>.</p> <p><a href="#">Visit Sheila Coates Foundation Rapid Impact Fund webpage</a></p>	Services / Training		
7 Stars Foundation	<p><b><u>Grants to Support Apprenticeship Training for Staff Working with Vulnerable Young People</u></b></p> <p>Charities, CICs, schools, nurseries and children’s homes can apply for grants to support staff apprenticeship training that will positively impact challenged and vulnerable young people under the age of 16 in the UK.</p> <p>The 7 Stars Foundation is offering funding to cover the employer contribution faced by applicant organisations wishing to offer apprenticeship training to their staff.</p> <p>The training must benefit young people facing challenges such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• abuse</li> <li>• addiction</li> <li>• homelessness</li> <li>• caring responsibilities</li> </ul> <p>Grants are offered on a one-off basis.</p> <p><a href="https://the7starsfoundation.co.uk/apply-for-funding/apprenticeships">https://the7starsfoundation.co.uk/apply-for-funding/apprenticeships</a>  <a href="#">Guidance and Application</a></p>	Bursaries	Apprenticeship levy up to £1,000	Charities, CICs, Schools, Nurseries and Children’s homes

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<b>BlueSpark Foundation</b>	<p><b><u>Children and Young People Development</u></b></p> <p>Schools, colleges and community groups in England can apply for grants to Blue Spark Foundation for a wide range of projects. The Foundation values academic, vocational, artistic and sporting endeavors in equal measure but are particularly keen to support projects which will help enhance the self-confidence, team working skills and future employability of children and young people.</p> <p>Many grants will be under £2,000 and none will be more than £5,000.</p> <p>Projects which could be supported include drama, music, sport, art and design, debating, public speaking, academic education, vocational training, community projects, enterprise projects and educational excursions.</p> <p><a href="#">Visit The BlueSpark Foundation website</a></p>	Revenue / Equipment	£500-£5,000	Schools, Colleges, Community Groups, Not for Profits
<b>The Hargreaves Foundation</b>	<p><b><u>Grants to Support Disadvantaged Young People through Educational &amp; Sporting Activities</u></b></p> <p>UK Charities, Educational institutions and NHS Trusts seeking funding to support those under the age of 18 who are living with a mental health condition, disability or growing up in poverty can apply for funding through the Hargreaves Foundation.</p> <p>The Foundation aims to help children and young people to fulfil their potential and improve their wellbeing, self-esteem, and independence through educational and sporting activities. This could include initiatives that improve academic engagement and attainment, develop skills to aid future employment, improve life skills, and ensure sport is accessible. There is no minimum or maximum grant amount. Applications can be made at any time.</p> <p><a href="#">Visit The Hargreaves Foundation website</a></p>	Revenue / Capital	Typically, between £6,000-£25,000	Charities, Educational institutions and NHS Trusts
<b>Mortgage Advice Bureau Foundation</b>	<p><b><u>Match Funding Scheme for Social or Environmental Benefit Projects</u></b></p> <p>Registered Charities and Community Interest Companies can apply for up to £5,000 in matched funding for projects that deliver clear social or environmental benefits, particularly around health, wellbeing, environmental protection, or poverty alleviation.</p>	Revenue / Capital	Match-funding up to £5,000	Registered Charities, Community Interest Companies

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	<p>The grants is offered by the Mortgage Advice Bureau Foundation in partnership with Crowdfunder. A total of £100,000 is available, with funding awarded on a 3:1 match basis—up to 75% of the project target. Eligible All initiatives must run in 2025 or 2026 and be based in the UK.</p> <p>Potential applicants must have a Sponsor who is a Mortgage Advice Bureau member of Staff, customer or approved business partner (<a href="#">2,000 agents UK-wide</a>).</p> <p>At least 10 unique donations are required for match eligibility. Applications are open on a rolling basis.</p> <p><a href="#">Visit The Mortgage Advice Bureau with Crowdfunder webpage</a></p>			
<b>Sported / Barclays</b>	<p><b><u>Small grants for grassroots sports</u></b> #women #girls</p> <p>Barclays, in partnership with Sported, has launched The Barclays Community Sports Fund which replaces the Barclays Community Football Fund.</p> <p>Activities: They will award grants of £1,000 to community groups and sports clubs working to make football, cricket, and tennis more accessible to women and girls in deprived or underrepresented areas across the UK. This includes people with disabilities, from racially diverse communities and from the LGBTQ+ community.</p> <p>Coaching: Grants of up to £200 are also available for football, cricket, and tennis coaching courses to help increase the number of female coaches delivering sport to girls.</p> <p><u>Applications are open until 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2025 but may close earlier if a high volume of eligible applications is received.</u></p> <p><a href="#">Visit the Barclays Sported - Community Sports Fund website</a></p>	Activities and Coaching	Up to £1,000  Or  Up to £200	Sports Clubs, Not for Profits
<b>Sport England / National Lottery</b>	<p><b><u>Grants for Physical Activity projects</u></b></p> <p>The Movement Fund offers crowdfunding pledges, grants and resources to improve physical activity opportunities for the people and communities who need it the most.</p>	Revenue / Equipment	Up to £15,000	Not for Profits

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	<p>If your project aligns with Sport England priorities, they can fund a wide range of costs and items up to £15,000.</p> <p>Their focus is to support projects that match their goal of getting more people active, reducing the number of inactive people and tackling inequalities.</p> <p>Projects providing opportunities for groups facing barriers to activity are of particular interest, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• people living on low incomes</li> <li>• disabled people or those with long-term health conditions</li> <li>• older people</li> <li>• people from culturally diverse communities</li> <li>• pregnant women and parents with very young children</li> <li>• girls aged 5-16</li> <li>• LGBTQ+ people</li> <li>• people who are in foster care</li> <li>• people who provide care without pay.</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Visit the Sport England Movement Fund Portal</a></p>			
<b>British Film Institute / National Lottery</b>	<p><b><u>BFI NL Creative Challenge Fund</u></b></p> <p>The British Film Institute is accepting applications to the National Lottery Creative Challenge Fund for UK-based organisations delivering creative or talent development programmes. The funding aims to support projects in feature film and narrative immersive media, including narrative, documentary and animation.</p> <p>The fund is designed to address challenges within the screen industry such as underrepresentation of certain genres, lack of early career producer opportunities and limited support for scalable projects with broad audience potential.</p> <p>A total of £2.7 million is available over a three-year period. Applicants can request between £12,000 and £150,000. Eligible costs include staff and freelance fees, participant payments,</p>	Revenue / Equipment	£12,000 and £150,000	<p>Production companies, Film festivals, Limited Companies, CICs, Partnerships, Registered Charities, Local Authorities and other statutory bodies.</p> <p>* For-profit organisations may apply if the funded</p>



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	<p>venue and equipment hire, travel, creative practice sessions, mentoring and access provision. Reasonable overheads not already funded from other public sources are also eligible.</p> <p>All funded work must be completed by 31 March 2026.</p> <p>Applications are accepted on a rolling basis but must be submitted at least 16 weeks before the planned start of activity.</p> <p>We'll be hosting a <b>webinar</b> for applicants who would like to know more about this fund on <u>Tuesday 6 May, 4pm to 5pm</u>. <a href="#">Please sign up here</a>.</p> <p><a href="#">Visit the BFI NL Creative Challenge Fund web-portal</a></p>			work is not-for-profit.
<b>PRS Foundation</b>	<p><b><u>Grants for Musicians and Bands</u></b></p> <p>Artists and bands that are at a crucial point in their careers can apply for grants of between £5,000 and £15,000 to break through to the next level of their careers. Activities eligible for funding include recording, touring and marketing. Applications can be submitted by the artists themselves or those who are working on their behalf, for example, a manager, an independent label or a publisher.</p> <p><u>The next application deadline is 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025.</u></p> <p>Visit the PRS Foundation's Momentum Music Fund.</p>	Revenue	between £5,000 and £15,000	Musicians, Bands, Promoters

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<b>Persimmon Homes: Community Champions Fund</b>	<p><b><u>Community Champions Fund</u></b></p> <p>Persimmon Homes has 30 offices across the UK and awards around £6,000 every quarter to support community projects. Not for profits groups or organisations and Schools can apply for Revenue or Capital grants, typically £1,000, but grants of £2,000 and £3,000 have been awarded too.</p>	Revenue or Capital	Typically, £1,000	Not for profits groups or organisations and Schools

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	<a href="#">Visit the Persimmons Community Champions Fund webpage</a>			
<b>Nineveh Charitable Trust</b>	<p><b><u>#Outdoors: Natural Environment and Countryside project grants</u></b></p> <p>UK based schools and not for profit organisations can apply for funding to the Nineveh Charitable Trust for a broad range of projects and activities that promote a better understanding of the environment and countryside, whilst facilitating improved access, education and research.</p> <p>Previous projects supported include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Busby Primary School which received a grant of £2,000 to build a 'vertical garden' for environment enhancement as well as the children's educational value;</li> <li>• a grant of £1,400 to Bickleigh-On-Exe Primary School to create an all-weather school and community gardening area with poly-tunnel and shed;</li> <li>• Castlemilk Day Nursery which received a grant of £5,000 to build a multi-function shelter with provision for special needs teaching; and</li> <li>• St Joseph's Specialist School &amp; College, which received a grant of £4,000 towards a community garden expansion.</li> </ul> <p>Applications can be submitted at any time.</p> <p><a href="#">Visit the Nineveh Trust website</a></p> <p><a href="#">Grants awarded list</a></p>	Revenue / Capital	Between £1,000-£5,000	Schools and Not for Profit organisations
<b>Social Investment Business</b>	<p><b><u>Energy Resilience Fund</u></b> #loan #grants #blended-finance</p> <p>The Energy Resilience Fund provides a blended funding package of loan (60%) and grant (40%) to bolster the energy resilience of eligible charities and social enterprises in England.</p> <p><a href="#">Energy Resilience Fund - Social Investment Business</a></p>	Capital / Equipment	£25k - £250k (40% grant)	Registered Charity and Social Enterprises