Latest **Grant Funding Opportunities (Date: July 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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| **Announcement: The Henry Smith Charity**, now known as the Henry Smith Foundation, has published its new strategy, Elevate Your Impact (2025-2030) which ‘reaffirms its commitment to the people and organisations driving change across the UK’.  Over the next five years, the Foundation will focus on supporting people facing some of life’s toughest transitions.  It will offer flexible, long-term funding through its new funding programmes:* **Shout!** - Building independence - Helping young people move into adulthood with confidence, skills and hope. The funding will support advocacy services helping care-experienced, LGBT+, neurodivergent or learning-disabled young people speak up, make informed choices, and secure their rights. Application deadline: Wednesday 20th August 2025.
* **Together We Begin – Getting Started** – will fund in-home, face-to-face support for families with young children. The funding is for organisations that strengthen parenting, build parental confidence, and improve early child development; helping families feel connected, supported, and better able to navigate local services and opportunities.  Webinars (Registration is required):  [Together We Begin on 30 July (14:00 to 15:00)](https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/5ec15e19-205e-4f00-ae2e-f216dc6b6c7d%408b63492b-8ac3-46f9-bc35-f7b7ceb0c214)
* **Domestic Abuse Fund - Safer futures** - Supporting people to rebuild their lives after abuse, displacement or prison. The funding is for ‘led by and for’ organisations providing specialist domestic abuse services. The Foundation will fund deep, consistent, person-centred services designed around the needs of people from marginalised communities who have experienced domestic abuse. Webinar (Registration is required):  [Domestic Abuse Fund on 12 August (13:00 to 14:00)](https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/df2d9802-a7a6-4675-8e43-8e74a6afaf6b%408b63492b-8ac3-46f9-bc35-f7b7ceb0c214)
* In addition, there is also the new **Opportunity Fund** to support early-stage ideas, test bold approaches, strengthen leadership and boost inclusion across the sector. The Foundation is starting with a proactive invitation-led approach, backing organisations to take strategic risks and share learning that can drive wider change.

The full strategy is available to read on the Henry Smith Foundation's [website](https://henrysmith.foundation/strategy/).  The specific details of the new funding programmes will be published as soon as they become available. |
| **Suffolk County Council, East Suffolk Council and City Fibre / Suffolk Community Foundation** | **Digital Inclusion Fund**The Suffolk Digital Inclusion Fund is now open again for Expressions of Interest (EOI). Successful EOI applicants will then be invited to submit a full application with decisions expected by the end of October. The Digital Inclusion Fund has been developed to reduce digital poverty and its effects across target demographics within Suffolk. The funding has been made available by Suffolk County Council, East Suffolk Council and City Fibre in partnership with Suffolk Community Foundation.Projects should help residents to become digitally included and bring wider social benefits to enable people to be better informed, pay less for things, be more employable, feel more independent, be less isolated, and live happier, healthier and easier lives. [The year one report](https://healthysuffolk.us15.list-manage.com/track/click?u=af2baa3e19f154c4de72fc327&id=7ce1b440a1&e=96ab4feb74) for the fund provides more information about projects already funded and how the funding has been helping people to increase digital skills and become more connected to an ever more digital world.The deadline for expressions of interest is Friday 15th August 2025. Full details about criteria and how to apply are available on the [Suffolk Community Foundation website.](https://healthysuffolk.us15.list-manage.com/track/click?u=af2baa3e19f154c4de72fc327&id=099a6f9e0d&e=96ab4feb74)If you require further information about the fund, please contact: fran.catchpole@suffolk.gov.uk. | Revenue / Equipment  | Up to £25,000 | Not for Profits |
| **Lentonbrook Foundation**  | **New Grant Awarding charity to support Suffolk Children and Young People** Launched by Mark Ashton, CEO of Ipswich Town Football Club and partners, the Lentonbook Foundation aims to award grants to support underprivileged children and young people in Suffolk.[Home - Lentonbrook Foundation](https://www.lentonbrookfoundation.co.uk/) | Services | Not yet known | Mainly Registered Charity |
| **The Strangward Trust** | **Grant to support people with disabilities or wellbeing needs** Area: East Anglia Our grants support the physically or mentally disabled both in terms of revenue and capital projects. This has a very wide meaning and in addition to direct help to the people affected, it includes assistance in the purchase of equipment or services.Grants £500 to £2,000.[Visit The Strangward Trust - Charity Commission Record](https://beta.charitycommission.gov.uk/charity-details/?regId=1036494&subId=0) | Revenue or Capital  | £500 to £2,000 | Registered Charity |
| **Toy Trust** | **Disabled or Disadvantaged Children grants**Grants of up to £5,000 are available to small, registered charities (see guidance) to fund equipment and services to support disabled and disadvantaged children under the age of 13 across the UK.The Toy Trust:* helps disadvantaged children and their families to alleviate suffering;
* supports children through awful experiences;
* encourages achievement through adversity;
* purchases vital equipment;
* provides care;
* bolsters existing initiatives;
* initiates brand new projects;
* and satisfies basic needs.

Groups that have carried out some form of effective fundraising by themselves are particularly encouraged to apply.Application deadlines:Apply Mid-February for March Trustee meeting.Apply Mid-June for July Trustee meeting.Apply Mid-August for September Trustee meeting. (keep checking website for application window)Apply Mid November for December Trustee meeting.[Visit the Toy Trust website](https://www.toytrust.co.uk/) | Services or Equipment | Up to £5,000 | Charities with an annual income of less than £200,000 or of less than one year’s income |
| **King’s Fund / GSK** | **King’s Fund / GSK IMPACT Awards #health**The GSK IMPACT Awards provide funding, training and development. Applications are judged by a panel of judges and give national recognition for the winning charities. Up to 15 awards will be made, ranging from £4,000 to £50,000. In addition, the training and development is valued at a further £13,500. Organisations will also receive help with press and publicity, be given a set of promotional materials and receive pro bono offers from GSK.Deadline for stage one applications is 5pm on Wednesday 20th August 2025.View the guidelines and access the application form in the webpage. >>>>>>>>>>>[Visit the Kings Fund GSK Impact Awards webpage](https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/insight-and-analysis/projects/gsk/impact-awards). | Unrestricted Award | £4,000 to £50,000 | For Registered Charities working in a health-related discipline with an annual income between £150,000 and £3 million. |
| **King’s Fund / GSK** | **GSK Community Health Programme 2026 #small #charities**The GSK Community Health programme is funded by GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) in partnership with The King’s Fund. The programme will support aspirational leaders who want to develop their organisation to tackle health inequalities. It is designed to run alongside the GSK Impact Awards and support the next generation of award winners.The programme will support up to 10 charities with £10,000 in unrestricted funding. The charities that are offered funding will be invited to attend an online leadership programme, valued at £5,000 a place. Charities will need to demonstrate how their organisation is tackling health inequalities in their community (this can be defined as a geographical community or a community of interest).Organisations led by and supporting people from under-represented backgrounds, people from ethnic minority communities, people with disabilities and people from the LGBTQ+ community are encouraged to apply.The deadline for applications is 5pm, Monday 11th August 2025.[Visit the Kings Fund GSK Community Health webpage](https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/insight-and-analysis/projects/gsk/impact-awards). | Unrestricted | Up to £10,000 | Registered Charities with income between £20,000 and £150,000 |
| **Blue Light Card Foundation** | **Grants to provide wellbeing support services to the Blue Light Community** **The Blue Light Wellbeing Fund** is provided and administered by the Blue Light Card Foundation, a registered charity established in 2022, which exists to alleviate the challenges faced by the members of the Blue Light community due to ill-health, disability, financial hardships, or charitable needs.The funding is intended to support the physical, mental, and emotional well-being of the entire Blue Light Community - across health, emergency, social care, and armed forces - recognising their vital role in society.There is particular interest in applications for projects that support individuals across multiple Blue Light services, fostering collaboration and shared learning. Priority will be given to initiatives that include clear, well-developed plans for continuing the work beyond the life of the grant.**Building Mental Health Resilience** – with a focus on proactive, preventative measures to help members of the Blue Light community maintain their mental health and wellbeing. Projects funded under this theme should aim to equip individuals with the tools and strategies needed to stay well, handle stress effectively, and prevent mental health challenges before they arise.**Supporting People Living with Mental Health Issues** - with a focus on providing direct support to individuals in the Blue Light community who are experiencing mental health challenges. Projects in this area should seek to help people recover, manage, or live well with mental health issues.Applications are decided on a quarterly basis. Decisions will be made within six weeks of the deadline, and applicants will be informed thereafter. [Visit the Blue Light Foundation website](https://bluelightcardfoundation.org/find-funding/) | Running costs, Projects, or Equipment. | Up to £25,000 | Registered Charities, CIO’s, Social Enterprises, Community Interest Companies. (asset lock) |
| **The Albert Gubay Charitable Foundation**  | **Grants to support communities of interest, the elderly, people with disabilities, faith (etc)**  This grant awarding foundation distributes around 100 grants each year to Registered Charities, typically between: £2,500-£60,000.  Current funding priorities include:  • Amateur sport  • Care leavers  • Residential care for elderly people  • Homelessness • Ex-offenders and their families  • People recovering from drug and substance misuse. • People with intellectual disability  • Victims of domestic abuse  • Victims of modern slavery • People with terminal illnesses / life limiting conditions and their carers. • Worship and associated community outreach.  For further information please contact: The Albert Gubay Charitable Foundation, 3 Denmark Street, Goose Green, Altrincham, WA14 2SS Email: enquiries@theagfoundation.org  Website: <https://www.thederwentgroup.com/about-us/ag-foundation/>    | Revenue / Capital   | £2,500-£60,000  | Registered Charities  |
| **Clothworkers Foundation**  | **Capital grants for projects benefiting disadvantaged people** The Clothworkers Foundation awards grants to Charities and other not for profit organisations (including special schools) to support capital projects that support disadvantaged sections of the community. This includes alcohol & substance misuse; disadvantaged minority communities; disadvantaged young people or older people; domestic & sexual abuse; homelessness; domestic & sexual abuse; and economically disadvantaged.  * Buildings: purchase, construction, renovation or refurbishment.
* Fittings, Fixtures, and Equipment: this includes but is not limited to office equipment/furniture, sports/gym equipment, digital/audio visual equipment, software and websites, garden equipment, specialist therapeutic (excluding medical) equipment. It does not include equipment for one-off use, or which will be given to service users for personal use on a permanent basis.
* Vehicles: This includes a minibus, car, caravan, people-carrier, or 4X4. We are unlikely to fund the total cost of a new vehicle and do not provide grants towards vehicle leasing.

Applications can be made at any time. [Visit the Clothworkers Foundation website](https://www.clothworkersfoundation.org.uk/) [Digital Infrastructure webinar recording](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rDK_UrHKYis)  | Capital   | Large grants £15,000 and typically, not more than £150,000(turnover less than £10 million) Small grants up to: £15,000(turnover less than £2 million) | Registered charities, CICs, and other registered UK not-for-profit organisations (including special schools)  |
| **Bernard Sunley Foundation** | **Capital grants for Community, Education, Health or Social Welfare**The Foundation offers three levels of grants. These are large grants of £20,000 and above; medium grants of up to £20,000 and small grants of £5,000 and under. Grants can be used for:* Capital projects which include new buildings, extensions, refurbishments and recreational spaces.
* New minibuses and other vehicles that provide a vital service to those most in need in their local community.

Applications are accepted all year round.[What We Fund - Bernard Sunley Foundation](https://bernardsunley.org/grants/what-we-fund)[Frequently Asked Questions](https://bernardsunley.org/grants/faq) | Capital | £2,000-£30,000 | Charities or CIOs, Churches or Exempt organisations such as Specialist Schools, Scout and Guide groups, Housing Associations, Cooperatives, and Community Benefit Societies |
| **Garfield Weston Foundation** | **Grants for Welfare, Youth, Community, Arts, Faith, Environment, Education, Health and Museums & Heritage**The Foundation awards grants for Capital, Project and Revenue costs. Where they already have a funding history with a charity, the Trustees may consider a multi-year request for up to three years, provided you can demonstrate that a longer-term commitment will add value to your organisation’s objectives.There are no deadlines for applications under £100,000. Grants above this level are reviewed at one of 8 board meetings a year.Normally, capital grants are no more than 10% of a total project cost. However, for local community projects (e.g. village halls, community centres, places of worship, etc.), grants are unlikely to be over £30,000 regardless of the project size. If your organisation wants to apply for £100,000 or over, they expect your annual income or project to be over £1 million.[Visit the Garfield Weston Foundation website](https://garfieldweston.org/) | Revenue / Capital | £2,000-£200,000 | Registered Charities, churches, Exempt orgs (Housing Association) |
| **The Theatres Trust & Wolfson Foundation** | [**Capital Grants for Theatre Improvements**](https://www.theatrestrust.org.uk/how-we-help/grants-funding/theatre-improvement-scheme) **#Net-Zero #Energy-Efficiency**Theatre operators can apply for grants of up to £20,000 to reduce their theatres' environmental impact. The funding is being made available through the Theatres Trust in partnership with the Wolfson Foundation.Grants can be used for a range of projects, such as the purchase of key plant and machinery, replacement of inefficient or out-dated equipment, improvements to building heating or insulation.The next application deadline is 12 noon on Friday 5th September 2025. [**Visit the Theatres Trust website**](https://www.theatrestrust.org.uk/how-we-help/grants-funding/theatre-improvement-scheme) | Capital / Equipment | Up to £20,000 | Not for Proft Theatre operators including local authorities or Town and Borough Councils (see guidance) |
| **Amazon** | **Regional Creatives Fund** Amazon launches its creative grants progamme for underserved UK communities. There are three main funding levels that Registered Charities can apply to - the maximum up to £100,000 for consortium bids. The fund will be available to charities which already support individuals break into publishing, music, gaming, film, TV, fashion, advertising, and other creative sectors where diversity and fresh perspectives can drive innovation and change.Applications will be assessed across five key areas. Strong proposals will:* Show energy, optimism, and a clear creative purpose
* Deliver real impact through skills, access, and industry links
* Show a smart, achievable plan with confident delivery
* Amplify underrepresented voices
* Build on existing programmes to grow what’s already working.

The application deadline is 5pm, Sunday 31st August 2025.[Visit the Amazon Regional Creative Fund website portal](https://www.aboutamazon.co.uk/news/community/amazon-regional-creatives-fund) | Projects (including equipment and software) | Up to £30,000 | Registered Charities annual income under £5million. |
| **Hinrichsen Foundation** | **Grants to Promote Contemporary & Experimental Music**Grants ranging from £500 to £3,000 are available to charities, not-for-profit organisations, and individuals across the UK for projects that focus on the performance, commissioning, or recording of contemporary and experimental music. Provided by the Hinrichsen Foundation, this funding supports initiatives that enhance the understanding and appreciation of contemporary music. Projects that take artistic risks, promote diversity, prioritise sustainability, or are led by composers or artists are especially encouraged. The Foundation also welcomes work that involves collaboration across artforms and disciplines. Applications that include a degree of matched funding are likely to be viewed more favourably. The next application deadline is 5pm, Friday 5th September 2025.[Visit the Hinrichsen Foundation website](https://www.hinrichsenfoundation.org.uk/history/) | Activities | £500 to £3,000 | Not for Profits / Individuals  |
| **International Tree Foundation** | **Community Tree Planting Projects**Grants are available for community-based organisations across the UK to deliver tree-planting projects that protect and restore indigenous trees and woodlands, support community engagement in tree planting, and increase awareness of the importance of trees and forests to environmental and human well-being.The UK Community Tree Planting Programme will support projects that meet the following essential criteria:* Plant trees in public/publicly accessible spaces: sites that are readily accessible to the public, including schools, parks, rights of way, and sites managed by community groups.
* Plant indigenous tree species: this may include traditional fruit trees and ‘honorary’ natives, where appropriate.
* Engage community members in tree planting and enjoying the benefits of woodlands.
* Have clear plans for maintenance and sustainability.

In addition, for this funding round, proposed projects must meet one or more of the following criteria:* Engage children and young adults in tree planting and learning about trees.
* Engage vulnerable groups and groups with low access to woodlands.
* Create biodiversity in habitats.
* Conserve soil and water.
* Demonstrate new approaches, such as agroforestry.
* Support rewilding and natural regeneration.
* Support work or research on tree pest and disease resistance and climate change adaptation.
* Support urban tree planting.

Grants are available for community woodland/hedging projects that range from 100 to 25,000 trees planted per year, with a maximum price equivalent to £2.05 per tree. In addition, these projects also receive two maintenance grants equivalent to £0.10 per tree, disbursed in the first and second summers after planting.There is a two-stage application process. Groups must first submit an online Expression of Interest form before being shortlisted to complete a full application.The final deadline for applications is midday, Friday 12th December 2025.  [Visit the International Tree Foundation website](https://www.internationaltreefoundation.org/uk-grants) | Tree supplied | Not applicable | Not for Profit/ Community Groups  |

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| **Asda Foundation** | **New Foodbank Fundamentals Fund – Small Grants**Asda Foundation’s new £400,000 Foodbank Fundamentals Fund aims to support groups who distribute food and other essential items for disadvantaged members of the local community, will have two weeks to apply for a grant of up to £750.Applications will be considered from not-for-profit organisations who distribute food to the most disadvantaged in the community, such as food banks, community pantries, social supermarkets, soup kitchens and breakfast clubs.To be eligible, applicants must:* Be not-for-profit.
* Have an annual income below £250,000.
* Have governing documents.
* Have a safeguarding policy.
* Have a bank account (that accepts cheques) in the group’s name and be able to provide proof.

For groups that have more than one branch or sub-group in the same community, Asda Foundation can only support one of these groups with an award.Costs for the foodbank or food service providers are supported. Funding can only be used for:* Essential food (including baby food/formula).
* Basic hygiene items (including toiletries, nappies and baby wipes).
* White goods (e.g. fridge, freezer).
* Storage and essential fixtures/fittings (containers, shelving).
* Fuel costs for delivering food provisions to isolated members of the community.

Applicants are advised to apply early as the scheme may close early if demand for funding is high.Applications will be accepted from 15th July (10am) to 29th July 2025 (10am).[Visit the Asda Foundation website](https://asdafoundation.org/) | Stock, Logistics, White Goods  | Up to £750 | Not-for-Profit.whose annual income is below £250,000 |
| **Inman Charity** | **Social Welfare grants**     The Inman Charity awards grants of up to £5,000 towards social welfare projects proposed by wide range of UK Registered Charities. The directors are particularly interested in supporting the following areas of charitable work:     • Medical research  • Care of the elderly  • General welfare  • Hospices    • The Deaf and Blind  • Care of the physically & mentally disabled  • The Armed Forces       Applications must be received by the end of August 2025 to be considered at the October trustee meeting.  [Visit the Inman Charity website](http://www.inmancharity.org/)   [Recent Grants awarded](https://www.inmancharity.org/Files/May2025Grants.pdf)    | Revenue / Capital    | Up to £5,000    | Registered Charities    |
| **The Robert McAlpine Foundation** | **Grants to support Children, Youth, the Elderly, Social**The Foundation awards grants between £2,500 and £10,000 that support Children, Youth, the Elderly and Social outcomes. Grants will only by awarded to Registered Charities whose annual income of less than £1 million.Applications can be submitted either by post or email and proposals should consist of a maximum of two A4 pages outlining:Who the charity is / Charity number / What work the charity does / Details of the specific project for which applicants require funding / Grant amount / Contact details and website address.The Trustees meet annually in November to approve grants. The next application deadline is Friday 15th August 2025.[Visit The Robert McAlpine Foundation website](https://www.robertmcalpinefoundation.org/who-we-help-1) | Revenue or Capital  | £2,500 and £10,000 | Registered Charity whose annual income is less than £1 million |
| **Sofronie Foundation** | **Grants to Support Disadvantaged Young People: Employability**The foundation aims to improve the lives of socially disadvantaged young people in the UK, France and the Netherlands by increasing their employment opportunities through academic and vocational programmes. They aware grants to charities and not-for-profit organisations across the UK to deliver educational or vocational projects.In the UK, they are currently supporting projects that serve a wider network but based in cities of London, Manchester and **Coastal areas**. If you have a project that fits well with their criteria, it’ll be worth emailing them to check geographic eligibility. enquiries@sofronie.org.[Visit the Sofronie Foundation website](http://sofronie.org/)[Funded Projects Portal](http://sofronie.org/our-work/past-projects/) | Activities / Staffing costs | Euro 20,000-30,000(£17,000-£25,000) | Not for Profits |