Latest **Grant Funding Opportunities (Date: June 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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| **Suffolk Climate Change Partnership: Suffolk Community Network Review** Survey – win £300 for your group! The Suffolk Community Network brings together community groups, parish and town councils across the county working on sustainability projects. Even if you aren’t already part of the network but are working on environmental initiatives, please complete the survey so you hear about the latest opportunities and grants, learn from others working on similar projects, take part in projects to help your community. The survey deadline is Friday 11th July: <https://forms.office.com/e/ShzfjTe44h>  |
| **Co-op UK** | **Co-op Local Community Fund**Locally listed: Wherstead, Lavenham, Sudbury, Thurston, Laxfield, Clare, SouthwoldThis is separate from the [East of England Co-Op Community Cares Fund](https://www.eastofengland.coop/community/community-cares-fund/apply-for-the-community-cares-fund) (accessed via the Suffolk Community Foundation)Any cause in the UK can apply and we will link them to their closest Co-op Group store (<https://www.coop.co.uk/store-finder>). Three local causes in each community will be awarded a share of £6,000 (minimum £1,000). The funding is being made available through the Co-operative. The types of projects supported include: * access to healthy food
* create opportunities for young people
* health and wellbeing projects
* community cohesion
* build sustainable
* promote and celebrate diversity and inclusion

 The application deadline is Sunday 6th July 2025 – Funding is determined by Co-op community members who vote on the project they wish to support. The application form is available on the [Co-operative Community Fund website](https://www.coop.co.uk/local-causes).   | Both | Award, shortlisted minimum £1,000 | Community groups, Charities, and Social Enterprises, Churches |
| **The Health Lottery**  | **Grants to support the Health and Wellbeing of Children and Young People (UK)**The Health Lottery Foundation has created a £500,000 UK fund and anticipates that between 20 and 30 grants will be awarded for projects that work with young people to improve their health and wellbeing.Applications will be considered from non-profit-making voluntary sector organisations who are working to improve the health and wellbeing of young people in their local community.The a**pplication window is open and has a deadline of 5pm on Friday 27th June 2025.**[Visit the Health Lottery Foundation website](https://www.thehealthlotteryfoundation.org.uk/support/young-people/) | Revenue | Likely between £20,000-£30,000 | Registered Charities, Not for Profits |
| **Kerrison Trust** | **Grants to support the skills, development and wellbeing of young people** Suffolk or Norfolk Grants to support the relief of children and young persons in the counties of Norfolk and Suffolk in need of care by the provision of housing, counselling and by such other means as the trustees think fit and in or towards the advancement of the education and training of children and young persons. Grants for projects / activitiesGrants of individuals (Aged 11 to 20 yrs)[Visit the Kerrison Trust website](https://www.kerrison.org.uk/who-we-are) | Revenue / Capital | £2,000-£7,000 | Registered Charities, Community Interest Company |
| **Riverside Housing**  | **Riverside Housing Community Fund****Grants to support project costs to benefit Riverside Housing residents and associated communities across the UK. We particularly welcome applications from grassroots organisations with a local presence in Riverside neighbourhoods. Applications from organisations that serve a wider area will be considered providing that there is evidence of an established local presence. Any application made for funding must demonstrate that at least 50% of all beneficiaries are Riverside residents.****Small Grants: Under £3,000.****Large Grants: Over £3,000. (mostly below £10,000)****Project themes:****Opportunity: Enabling customers and their families to meet their aspirations and enhance their economic prosperity by building skills, improving digital inclusion, and supporting access to employment and education.** **Community: Creating and celebrating safe, sustainable, and inclusive communities that are empowered to make change.** **Support: Recognising at times, we can all be vulnerable and so through financial, practical and emotional support, we can help customers find their way again.**[Visit the Riverside Housing Community Grants Portal](https://www.riverside.org.uk/community-fund/#1729498616838-5852a42e-bcc8)**Email:** communities@riverside.org.uk | Revenue / Activities / Services | Up to £3,000Over £3,000 (typically below £10,000) | Registered Charity, Community Interest Company, Community Organisation, Residents Group  |
| **The Steel Charitable Trust** | **Under 26 Fund: Education / Development Opportunities**This fund aims to improve outcomes for children and young people in the UK (regardless of their nationality, culture or ethnic origin) who are wholly or mainly under 26 years of age. The overarching focus is on creating educational and/or access opportunities for young people in circumstances, groups or locations that face economic challenges or social marginalisation that may lead to significant disadvantages in later life.Generally, £10,000 is the minimum grant size. Most one-off grants fall in the range £10,000 – £25,000.Trustees meet quarterly to assess the applications and make awards.The next deadline for applications is 15th July 2025.[Visit The Steel Charitable Trust - Under-26 Fund webpage](https://steelcharitabletrust.org.uk/uk-under-26-fund/) | Restricted Revenue / Capital | £10,000-£25,000 | Registered Charity with an annual income more than of £100, 000 (audited) |
| **The Leigh Trust** | **Grants for Substance Misuse Recovery, Supporting Young Offenders and Asylum Seekers and Refugees**A national grant awarding trust whose interests are focused on supporting drug/alcohol rehabilitation, criminal justice for young offenders, asylum seekers and refugees (racial equality) and education.An email proposal to the trust secretary is recommended.[Charity Commission Record: The Leight Trust](https://register-of-charities.charitycommission.gov.uk/en/charity-search/-/charity-details/275372/charity-overview)Email: admin@begbiesaccountants.co.uk | Revenue / Capital  | Between £1,000-£3,500 | Registered Charities |
| **Scottish Power Foundation** | **Annual Grants: Environment, Culture, Education (Energy) and Community grants**The Foundation supports Registered Charities based and working in the UK for projects that enhance the quality of life in local communities and address themes set out by the Foundation. 2025 – 9% application success rate.Education, Training and Research – STEM in order to contribute to energy sustainability and/or Raising Aspirations, inspiring the next generation through challenge and innovation.Biodiversity and Climate Change - Environmental protection or improvement, Habitat conservation and enhancing biodiversity and Knowledge and research (Climate Change).Art and Culture - Restoration, development & conservation or Cultural initiatives - Celebrating diversity and cultural identity through the arts.Social Initiatives - Economic security: Alleviating poverty, including in-work poverty, caused by the cost-of-living crisis. Economic opportunity: Supporting entrepreneurship and skills development for the most vulnerable groups, in particular women and those living with disability or serious illness.Applications for the 2026 round of funding will open between 30th June - 18th July 2025. See introduction video, guidance notes and an online eligibility pre-application form on the website.[Visit the Scottish Power Foundation website](https://www.scottishpower.com/pages/scottishpower_foundation_applying_for_funding.aspx) | RevenueCapital / Land expenditure(only for themes: Biodiversity and Climate Change and Art and Culture) | £35,000 and £150,000The average grant for the last three years was £60,000 | Registered Charities whose annual income is above £75,000 but does not exceed £10 million. |
| **The Charles Hayward Foundation** | **Small Grants: Older People**The Small Grants programme focuses on [Older People](http://www.charleshaywardfoundation.org.uk/older-people/), and will award grants of up to £7,000 to Registered Charities with an annual income of less than £350,000. The Small grant programme is a rolling grant programme. Each application is acknowledged, and they aim to provide a decision within four months.[Visit The Charles Hayward Foundation website](http://www.charleshaywardfoundation.org.uk/older-people/) | Revenue  | Up to £7,000 | Registered Charities with an annual income above £350,000 |
| **The Fore Trust** | **Development and Capacity Building grants programme**The Fore's mission is to support the development of exceptional small charities (and CICs) that are supporting marginalised groups by awarding unrestricted grants of up to £30,000 for projects and activities that can potentially have a transformational impact on their organisation.Registered Charities, CIO’s, Community Interest Companies (CICs) limited by guarantee, or Community Benefit Societies whose annual revenue is less than £500,000 can apply.Registration will be open for one week from 12pm (midday) on Tuesday 22nd July to 12pm (midday) on Tuesday 29th July 2025All those who submit a registration will be emailed with confirmation as to whether they have been accepted to move to Stage 2. They will then be invited to submit a complete application. Their website hosts resources on how potential applicants can strengthen their application.[Visit the Fore Trust website](https://thefore.org/apply-for-funding/) | Unrestricted | Up to a maximum £30,000, spread over one to three years | Not for Profits with an annual revenue below £500,000. |
| **The Tree Council** | **Branching Out Trees Fund**Branching Out will award grants to purchase and plant trees and hedgerows ranging in value from £250 to £2,500, with specific criteria for those under £500, and those above £500. Funded projects must have been planted, and groups submitted a claim form before 15th March 2026 (midnight).The final deadline for applications is 14th November 2025 (midnight).[Visit The Tree Council Branching Out Fund webpage](https://treecouncil.org.uk/grants-and-guidance/our-grants/branching-out-fund/)[Guidance doc](https://treecouncil.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/202425-Branching-Out-Application-Guidance.pdf) | Trees and tree guards (see guidance) | £250-£2,500 | Community groups, Schools, Small Registered Charities or CICs, and Tree Warden Networks |
| **Aviva Foundation** | **Community Climate Action or Financial Wellbeing (Crowdfunding)**Aviva has partnered with Crowdfunder to support small Charities (CIOs), Social Enterprises (CIC’s or CLG’s), Community Amateur Sports Club’s with innovative ideas that benefit their communities and are looking to raise up to £50,000. Aviva Community Fund is focused on supporting projects that enhance community resilience in the face of uncertainty, with a focus on two main areas: * **Climate Action** and
* **Financial Wellbeing**

To take part, the project must also be raising funds to develop a new approach, product, or technology, pilot a new scheme, implement a new initiative, or expand existing services. Once applications have been submitted, applicants will create a fundraising page on Crowdfunder, which Aviva employees and the public can donate to. **The web-portal has Additional tools, resources and support coaching -** Webinars and weekly Q&A sessions are available to give advice about applying and promoting projects to new and existing supporters.**Extra employee funding** - Thousands of Aviva UK employees are given vouchers to donate to participating projects – the next vouchers are coming soon, so now is a great time to get that application in!**Access to volunteers -** Aviva employees have up to 21 hours every year of paid volunteering leave. As part of the application process, causes can tell Aviva what help they need, and Aviva will let employees know.[Visit the Aviva Community Fund portal](https://www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk/)[Guidance](https://www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk/about-us)[Explore projects](https://www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk/search/projects) If there is anything else you need reach out to: support@communityfund.aviva.com | Revenue or Capital | Crowd matchfunding | Small Charities (CIO’s), CIC’s, CLG’s, CASC’s with an annual turnover of £2m or less |

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| **The People’s Postcode Trust** | **Places Fund (East of England)**Funding round dates for 2025 are:**Round 2: 9am, 24th June to 12 noon, 1st July 2025**Round 3: To be confirmed later in 2025Eligibility: Grants between £500-£2,500.Constituted Community Groups, Exempt incl. Parochial Church Councils), Social Enterprises (asset lock) with an annual income below £250,000: Eligibility: Grants between £500-£25,000.Registered Charities, Community Interest Company (asset lock) or Community Benefit Societies with an annual income below £250,000).For this round priority may be given to charities and good causes which meet some or all of the following criteria:* Funding organisations with an annual income of £250,000 and below (see who can apply 🡪)
* Funding for communities that rank as being within the [top 15% on the English Indices of Deprivation](http://dclgapps.communities.gov.uk/imd/iod_index.html)
* Funding for groups that are led by and provide services for people from the following minority/marginalised groups
* Communities experiencing racial inequity
* People with disabilities
* LGBT+ Community

Themes of interest for 2025:* Enabling participation in physical activity
* Enabling participation in the arts
* Improving biodiversity and responding to the climate emergency
* Improving green spaces and increasing access to the outdoors
* Preventing or reducing the impact of poverty
* Providing support to improve mental health
* Supporting marginalised groups and tackling inequality

[Visit the Postcode Place Trust website](https://www.postcodeplacestrust.org.uk/funding-guide)[Frequently Asked Questions](https://www.postcodeplacestrust.org.uk/funding-guide/faqs)  [Application form questions doc](https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.postcodeplacestrust.org.uk%2Fmedia%2F4bcg1b1u%2Fpostcode-places-trust-2025-example-application-form.docx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK) | Unrestricted  | Between £500 – £25,000 dependent upon type of organisation | Listed Not for Profits whose income is £1m or less in the most recent financial year (organisations with an income of less than £250k are prioritised)3 trustees for a registered charity and 2 directors for companies |
| **UnLtd** | **Grants for Social Entrepreneurs**UnLtd supports Social Entrepreneurs across the UK offers support through two distinct funding streams.1. [The Funding Futures Programme](https://www.unltd.org.uk/awards/funding-futures-programme/) – This programme is aimed at young social entrepreneurs aged 16 to 30, specifically those working to improve financial inclusion.
2. [The Millennium Awards Trust](https://www.unltd.org.uk/awards/millennium-awards-trust/) – Open to social entrepreneurs aged 16 and above, this stream welcomes applications from all sectors, provided the venture demonstrates clear social impact.

UnLtd is particularly interested in supporting innovative social ventures that address inequality and support marginalised communities. The organisation strongly encourages applications from disabled entrepreneurs and those from Black, Asian, or minority ethnic backgrounds, with at least 50% of awards dedicated to these groups.In addition to financial support, successful applicants receive a package of tailored support, including access to:• A dedicated support manager• Peer learning opportunities• Expert advice• Legal consultancyApplications are reviewed on a quarterly basis throughout 2025–2026, with decision dates scheduled for June, September, and December 2025, and March 2026. Funding decisions are typically made within three months of application submission.The next application deadline is 30th June 2025.[Visit the UnLtd website](https://www.unltd.org.uk/) | Revenue / Capital | Starting Up – up to £8,000Scaling Up – up to £18,000 | New or developing social enterprises |
| **MSE Charity** | **Funding for Financial Life Skills Projects** Small to medium-sized not-for-profit organisations across the UK will be able to apply for grants of up to £10,000 to improve people’s money management skills. Examples of eligible activities include delivering money management workshops, training volunteers to run workshops or provide peer support, upskilling existing staff with financial capability training to better support clients, and offering financial inclusion activities to disadvantaged groups (e.g., by age, disability, ethnicity, gender, etc.) There is a two-stage application process. Stage 1 applications will be accepted from 2nd July 2025 to 10th July 2025.[Visit MSE Charity website](https://www.msecharity.com/about-us/latest-news) | Projects | Up to £10,000 | Not for Profits |
| **The Naturesave Trust** | **Funding for Community Environmental Projects**The Naturesave Trust offers grants of up to £5,000 for small projects run by charities, social enterprises, and grassroots community organisations. For this next funding window, the Trust is looking to support organisations who are working to connect communities to nature to improve people's physical and mental wellbeing as well as create positive action for climate change.Activities supported through the Trust could include:

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| arts and cultural activities | community gardening |
| green gyms | eco anxiety and mental health |
| training a community with green skills | conservation volunteering |
| urban nature programmes | social prescribing |
| access to nature | community wildlife surveys |
| nature mindfulness |  |

Apply now – the application deadline is 12pm on 15th July 2025.It is important to note that the Trust does not provide grants to schools or government-funded organisations.[Visit the Nature Save / Nature Save Trust website](https://naturesave.co.uk/naturesave-trust/)[Guidelines](https://naturesave.co.uk/naturesave-trust/funding-guidelines-naturesave-trust/) | Projects | Up to £5,000 | Registered Charities, Social Enterprises or Constituted Community Groups(most groups have an annual income of under £250,000) |
| **National Lottery Awards for All** | **National Lottery Awards for All - Grants to Support Local Climate Action**The National Lottery Awards for All England – Environment programme can award grants for a wide range of activities, including creating community gardens, rewilding green spaces, tree planting, outdoor learning, repair and reuse sessions, food-growing initiatives, and energy-saving projects such as solar panel installation. Applications are open on a rolling basis until 17 December 2025, with at least 16 weeks’ notice required before a project start date. [**Website: Grants to Support Local Climate Action**](https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/national-lottery-awards-for-all-england-environment) | Revenue / Capital  | Up to £20,000 | Registered Charities, voluntary groups, CIOs, CICs, Community Benefit Societies, schools (for community-focused work), and Statutory bodies |