Latest **Grant Funding Opportunities (Date: May 2025 – Issue 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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| **Funder Name**  | **Overview**  | **Revenue or Capital**  | **Grant Value**  | **Who can apply?**  |
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| Suffolk County Council Knowledge & Intelligence Team **Webinar:** ‘**Finding Useful Local Data’** will take place on Tuesday, 20th May, from 15:30 to 16:30. This virtual session, held on MS Teams, will explore key data sources, including the Suffolk Observatory, the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, Fingertips, and Local Insight. ***For more and to sign up:*** [***Suffolk Finding Useful Data Session  - 20th May 2025***](https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/acf0b175-d365-45d2-8522-665bdfa378ad%40109c6aec-5046-4a95-8f3c-84f63ba18af4) |
| **The Adnams Community Trust** | **The Adnams Community Trust** #East SuffolkGrants are available for schools and not-for-profit organisations working within a 25 mile radius of Southwold for activities that benefit local residents.Grants are made in the following areas:* Education
* Health & Social Welfare
* The Arts
* Recreation
* Buildings & Community Facilities
* The Environment/Conservation
* History

Trustees’ award grants four times a year, in January, April, July and October.Application deadline Friday 16th May 2025 for July 2025 Trustee meetingApplication deadline Wednesday 10th September 2025 for October Trustee meeting[Visit The Adnams Community Trust webpage](https://adnams.co.uk/pages/adnams-community-trust) | Equipment / Project delivery  | £100-£2,000 | Schools and Not for profit organisations working within a 25 mile radius of Southwold |
| **Drax Foundation**  | **Community Grants** #East-Ipswich #Eye – Mid Suffolk* Education, life skills and employability
* Physical and mental health, well-being and community safety
* Youth programmes
* Essential community services
* Improving community buildings and public spaces

Expressions of Interest deadline: • 2 June 2025 • 1 September 2025[Visit the Drax Foundation Community Grants web-portal](https://www.drax.com/about-us/our-communities/)[Office/Site in East Ipswich and operate the Progress Gas Power Station at Eye Airfield] | Revenue / Capital  | £1,000-£10,000 | Registered Charity (Social Enterprises need to submit their governance doc) |
| **The Hornsea 3 Offshore Wind Farm** | **Hornsea 3 Community Fund** #North-East Suffolk Lowestoft / Pakefield, Kessingland / Oulton Broad, Carlton Colville, Corton, Blundeston, Hopton ([Map](https://orsted.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=4515aa7f1d0a418989c0e41ef7c16b30)) Background: The Hornsea 3 Community Fund is part of the community engagement programme for Ørsted’s Hornsea 3 offshore wind farm which is located approximately 120 km off the Norfolk coast and 160 km off the Yorkshire coast. When it is operational by 2027, it will be capable of generating 2.9 GW of green electricity, enough to meet the average daily needs of over 3.3 million homes. The Fund covers coastal and cable route communities in Norfolk and Suffolk. The Fund will support projects that meet at least one of the following themes: * Community buildings and facilities. For example: capital improvement works to village halls, community centres, museums, heritage centres and community cafes. Projects that help transition to lower carbon operations, are particularly encouraged.
* Community activities and services.
* Environmental, green initiatives and public open space projects.
* Sports, recreation and play.

 Small grants between £500 and £5,000Main grants between £5,001 and £75,000 (20% match funding / in-kind requirement) The next application deadline is midnight, Wednesday 4th June 2025 / Decision: End August 2025[To find out more and to apply, visit the Hornsea 3 Community Fund webpage](https://grantscape.org.uk/fund/hornsea-3-community-fund/hornsea-3-criteria/)  | Revenue and / or Capital  | from £500 up to £75,000 | Voluntary and community groups, and local charitiesParish and Town Councils; Local Authorities (if they are applying on behalf of a community) Social enterprises and CIC’s must have a minimum of three unrelated Directors (not residing at the same address) |
| **The Wise Music Foundation**  | **Small Community Support and Culture Project grants** (Links to Bury St Edmunds)What we support: Listing the varied fields of our past charitable activity may have the disadvantage of seeming to exclude those not mentioned as much as embracing those that are. In fact, despite familiar areas such as education, cultural activities and arts & heritage, the Foundation often helps with health issues, overseas famine relief, food banks and other worthy causes.**Deadlines:** **End of May** – for applications reviewed in JuneEnd of August – for applications reviewed in SeptemberEnd of November – for applications reviewed in DecemberEnd of February – for applications reviewed in MarchOnline: [Apply - Wise Music Foundation](https://wisemusicfoundation.com/apply/) | Projects | Between £1,000-£5,000 (typically £1,500) | Preference for smaller Registered Charities, Not for Profits (annual income below £500,000) |
| **The Headley Trust** | **Health & Social Welfare / Culture & Heritage Grants** #poverty #disadvantge #arts-enagementThe Headly Trust funds projects that support older people to live independently for as long as possible in their own home or improve their quality of life in residential care. The trust also supports projects that help disadvantaged families and young people, especially with access to basic needs, parenting, young people with experience of the care system and strengthening educational engagement.The trust funds regional museums and galleries (including local authority museums).The annual report indicates their average grants is circa £10,000 – even up to £20,000. There is no specific application deadline.[Visit The Headley Trust webpage](https://sfct.powerappsportals.com/headley/headley-guidelines/) | Revenue or Capital | Average grant £10,000 | Registered Charities, CIOs, CICs, Social Enterprises or organisations that are registered as an Exempt Charity |
| **The JJ Charitable Trust** | **Literacy Improvement Small Grants scheme** #cyp #learning-difficultiesThe Trust seeks to improve the effectiveness of literacy teaching in primary and secondary education for children with learning difficulties, including dyslexia. They are keen to see applications for projects that use volunteers and reading mentors and those that help during transitional points. For example, when students move from primary to secondary school, and when they transition to further education, college, or the workplace. Applicants can apply at any time, but deadlines are:Summer grant round: applications by Tuesday 3rd June 2025Autumn grant round: applications by 1st October[The JJ Charitable Trust - Literacy Small Grants Scheme](https://sfct.powerappsportals.com/jjapplication/) | Revenue | between £5,000 and £20,000.You can apply for a multi-year grant, over a maximum period of 3 years | Registered Charity or CIO, Community Interest Company or registered as an Exempt Charity |
| **D’Oyly Carte Trust**  | **Grants: Advancement of the Arts, Medical Welfare, and the Environment**  The Trust makes grants which are usually in the range £500 - £6,000 and there are three grant-making meetings held annually which normally take place in March, July, and November.  The Trustees will consider applications for core costs or projects:  *The Arts (engagement):* engagement with children and young people leading to choir membership, performing arts participation for new entrants and experiences for those with special needs and/or those who would otherwise have no opportunity to hear or participate in a live performance and to inspire young people on the fringes of society through music and drama projects to improve their employability and diminish the risk of social exclusion.  *Medical Welfare*: music and arts therapy, providing young carers activities and provision of holiday breaks for carers.  *Environment*: Conservation of the countryside and its woodlands especially through volunteering and youth engagement; Rural Crafts and Skills Development and finally, horticulture therapy for those with disabilities or ill-health. The next deadline for applications is Tuesday 3rd June 2025. [Visit the D’Oyly Carte Trust website](https://doylycartecharitabletrust.org/)  | Revenue / Capital  | Between £500 - £6,000  | Registered Charities  |

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| **Three Guineas Trust** | **Grants for Access to Legal Advice for Disabled People**Not-for-profit organisations providing legal advice and representation services, can apply for grants of up to £50,000 to increase their capacity to deliver advice and advocacy for disabled or neurodivergent people on benefits and debt, housing and homelessness and community care. There are no restrictions on what resources the funding can be used to pay for. Joint applications and partnerships projects are welcome. Organisations should contact the Trust for an application form and guidance notes. Applications will be accepted from not-for-profit organisations that meet one of the following standards:* Lexel accreditation
* Legal Aid Agency Specialist Quality Mark
* Advice Quality Standard
* Money and Pensions Service Debt Advice Quality Framework

Local networks of organisations can apply provided the lead organisation meets one of the quality standards.The following are not eligible for funding: Large national charities, SEND advice and advocacy or Immigration advice.The closing date for applications is Thursday 12th June 2025.[Visit the Three Guineas Trust website](https://threeguineastrust.org.uk/grants/access-to-law/) | Revenue | Up to £50,000 (multi year over 1-3 yrs) | Not for Profits (Legal Advice Specialists) |
| **Girl Dreamer** | **Grants for Women of Colour-Led Social Impact Projects** #young #leadersGrants of up to £2,500 are available to support women of colour-led social impact organisations in the UK. The GirlDreamer Dream Fund will enable organisations led by women of colour aged 18 to 35 to start or grow community-focused initiatives that address social issues and amplify the voices of underrepresented communities. It aims to empower these young women to lead and create positive change in their communities by offering financial support, skills development, and networking opportunities. The Fund operates on a quarterly basis. To stay informed about upcoming application deadlines, organisations are encouraged to subscribe to GirlDreamer's mailing list.[Visit the Girl Dreamer website](https://girldreamer.co.uk/) | Projects | to £2,500 | Women of colour led Not for Profits |
| **NFU Mutual Charitable Trust**  | **Rural Communities (Young People and Relief of Poverty)**  NFU Mutual Charitable Trust awards grants of between £1,000 and £50,000 to charities and other not-for-profit organisations to deliver activities that support rural communities across the UK.   Priority will be given to larger initiatives that would have a significant impact on rural communities, as well as initiatives in the areas of education of young people in rural areas and relief of poverty within rural areas.  The Trustees meet in June and November to review applications.Larger grants are awarded to organisations delivering across England.Application deadline for the June meeting is 23rd May 2025.[Applications for Funding | Charitable Trust | NFU Mutual](https://www.nfumutual.co.uk/about-us/charitable-trust/applications-for-funding/)  | Revenue  | £1,000 - £50,000  | Not for Profits  |
| **The Central Social and Recreational Trust** | **Grants for Recreational Facilities for Disadvantaged Young People**Small grants are available for affiliated sports clubs and organisations in England to provide recreational facilities for disadvantaged children and young people under the age of 21. The grants can fund equipment and maintain gymnasiums or buildings to be used for recreational activities.Only clubs/organisations affiliated to their governing body i.e. Amateur Boxing Association of England; National Association of Clubs for Young People; Football Association etc. will be considered for a grantThe Trust will consider applications for larger amounts in exceptional circumstances. Applications may be submitted at any time.[Visit The Central Social and Recreational Trust website](https://www.csrt.info/how-to-apply/) | Equipment | up to £1,500 (mostly £1,000) | Affiliated Sports Clubs or Youth Clubs |

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| **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; domestic & sexual abuse; homelessness; domestic & sexual abuse; and older people.  * 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 (more guidance on digital infrastructure can be [found here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rDK_UrHKYis&feature=youtu.be))
* 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.

They fund both large and small projects.Applications can be made at any time. The Foundation aim to make a decision within eight weeks for grants and projects less than £10,000 or within six months for grants over £10,000. [Visit the Clothworkers Foundation website](https://www.clothworkersfoundation.org.uk/) [Frequently Asked Questions](https://www.clothworkersfoundation.org.uk/faq/) | Capital   | Large grants (Projects costed over £100,000 we will only fund up to 10% of costs)  Small grants up to: £10,000 | Registered charities, CICs, and other registered UK not-for-profit organisations (including special schools)  |
| **The Charles Hayward Foundation** | **Main Grants: Social and Criminal Justice** Registered Charities with an annual income of between £350,000 and £4 million.Our funding in the social and criminal justice area is to prevent people entering the criminal justice system and to support those already in the system to move on and rebuild their lives. The Foundation also looks to alleviate the consequences of domestic abuse and criminal exploitation of vulnerable persons.The trustees will fund projects over one to three years with grants of £15,000 – £25,000 per annum. They may invest up to £25,000 in a pilot project. Main Grants is a two-stage application process. The 2025 deadlines for the submission of applications for Stage 1:* 23rd May 2025 (for the July Grants Committee meeting)
* 19th September 2025 (for the November Grants Committee meeting)

[Visit The Charles Hayward Foundation website](http://www.charleshaywardfoundation.org.uk/criminal-justice/?doing_wp_cron=1737980496.6227591037750244140625) | Revenue  | between £15,000 – £25,000 (multi-year)  | Registered Charities with an annual income of between £350,000 and £4 million. |
| **The Woodland Trust** | **Free Trees for Schools & Community Groups**Hundreds of thousands of trees are being given away to help the UK reach its 2050 carbon net-zero target. Schools and a range of not-for-profit organisations and groups apply, including parish councils.Tree packs available include hedge, copse, wild harvest, year-round colour, working wood, urban trees. Applications can be made for up to four separate tree packs that don’t exceed 420 trees in total.The Woodland Trust are currently taking applications for tree packs with applications expected to close in August 2025. Tree packs will be delivered in November 2025.[Visit The Woodland Trust website](https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/schools-and-communities/?gclid=Cj0KCQjwpv2TBhDoARIsALBnVnl4mX3ME2YPKMkKZu_l0kI5ujcVNuUrw9IhbLoocKo68CjWepkrLXQaAhtJEALw_wcB&gclsrc=aw.ds) | Tree Packs | Supplied in kind | Schools, nurseries, colleges, universities, outdoor learning centres, resident associations, sports clubs, scouts and guides and parish councils |
| **The Balgrave Trust** | **Funding for Youth-Led Climate Justice Initiatives**This new Roots & Routes Fund aims to empower young people aged 18 to 30, particularly those from underrepresented groups who are most affected by climate injustice, to drive systemic change.For this fund, underrepresented groups are defined as:* Communities experiencing racial injustice
* Disabled communities
* LGBTQIA + communities
* Working class communities
* Women

In its pilot phase, the fund offers unrestricted funding of up to £20,000 to five organisations in England, as well as resources and networking opportunities. Projects may include advocacy, research, training, or activities aimed at achieving lasting impact.The application deadline is Monday 2nd June 2025.[Visit The Balgrave Trust – Roots and Routes Fund webpage](https://www.blagravetrust.org/our-work/roots-routes-fund/) | Unrestricted | Up to £20,000 | Organisations with an annual income of between £10,000 and £500,000 |
| **Hugo Burge Foundation** | **Creative Sector Grants – Engaging Children and Young People (UK)** This is the first round of grant funding by this Scottish based philanthropic foundation that will support projects, people, and organisations across the UK that promote creativity through three key areas: Creative Education, Creative Communities, and Creative Individuals.We will begin accepting grant applications through Platform Submittable on Thursday 1st May 2025 and will close Saturday 31st May 2025. Applications will reopen in September for Round 2.[Visit the Hugo Burge Foundation website](https://www.hugoburgefoundation.org/grants) | Projects  | Up to £5,000some match-funding may be required | Individual (community artists), Schools, and Arts and Culture organisations |
| **Arts Council England** | **Funding for Artists to Develop their Artistic Practice**Arts Council England has announced that its Developing your Creative Practice programme is open for applications. Grants of up to £12,000 are available to support the development of independent creative practitioners working in dance, theatre, music, visual arts, literature, combined arts or museums practice. The aim is to offer practitioners the time and space to work on ambitious and innovative research and development opportunities to make a step-change in their practice. The next closing date for applications is 12pm, Thursday 22nd May 2025.[Visit the Arts Council England – Creative Practice web-portal](https://www.artscouncil.org.uk/dycp) | Development and planning  | £2,000-£12,000 | Individual creative and cultural practitioners |
| **Scops Arts Trust** | **Upcoming: Scops Arts Trust - Supporting Early Career musicians**Scops Arts Trust awards a limited number of grants each year to support high quality arts projects. Their aim is to give people of all ages, backgrounds and life circumstances, opportunities to access, participate in and enjoy the arts, particularly the performing arts. The next grants round open on 20th May, when they will be inviting applications for projects supporting performance opportunities for early career musicians. Grant awards for the second grants round this year will be made in August 2025.We do not accept applications from individuals.[Visit the Scops Arts Trust website](https://www.scopsartstrust.org.uk/) | Revenue | £3,000-£10,000 | Not for profit orgs |
| **Classical Association** | **The Classics Engagement Grants**The Classical Association is an educational charity that makes classical subjects widely accessible. Grants of up to £5,000 are available to support classical music projects in the UK. The grants typically fund activities undertaken by schoolteachers, students, academics and organisations with the aims of:* Supporting the teaching and learning of classical subjects and topics, primarily in UK schools but also amongst the wider public;
* Increasing access to classics, widening participation and pursuing EDI objectives in UK classics;
* Increasing the sustainability and viability of classics as a discipline in UK schools and beyond.

Application deadlines are 1st December; 1st March; 1st June, or 1st September each year.[Visit the Classical Association Grants webpage](https://classicalassociation.org/grants/)[Small Grants – Getting Started with your application](https://classicalassociation.org/grants/getting-started-with-your-application/) | Revenue | Up to £5,000 | Not for Profits, Schools  |

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| **The Mount Fund**   | **Mental Health, Homeless, Youth and Refugee and Refugee & Asylum Seeker support grants** #openAreas: Norfolk, ***Suffolk***, Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire, Essex, Kent, Surrey and London.   As from 1st April 2023 the Fund has the following priority areas:* Mental Health
* Homelessness
* Community Youth Services
* Refugee and Asylum Seekers

[Small grants](https://mrssmithandmounttrust.org/small-grants/) – 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. The Trustees meet March, July and November.  Apply now (the fund will close once enough applications have been submitted).[Visit the Mount Trust: How to Apply webpage](https://mrssmithandmounttrust.org/)(Am I eligible quiz)   | Revenue and Capital\*  | Small grants up to £5,000  | Charities below £1millionSee descriptions |
| **Asda Foundation** | **Community Spaces Fund**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.Applications to the Local Community Spaces Fund must address at least one of the following funding priorities:* Carry out essential repairs to enable the space to continue to function.
* Renovate an existing space to accommodate more users/activities.
* Create a new community space where groups can meet and undertake activities.
* Improve accessibility to, or within, a community building.

Grants from £10,000 to £20,000 are available.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.It is anticipated that approximately 70 projects will be funded.Applicants must already have 10% of the total project cost (demonstrated in submitted accounts).The scheme opens 10am on 7th May and closes 10am on 28th May 2025.Applications will be reviewed in August 2025. Projects must be completed by December 2026.[Visit the Asda Foundation Community Spaces Fund web portal](https://asdafoundation.org/our-grants/local-community-spaces-fund/) | Capital  | Between £10,000-£20,000Match funding between 10% and 50% is required. | Be not-for-profit.Have an annual income of less than £250,000.Unrestricted reserves of no more than £40,000. |