Latest **Grant Funding Opportunities (Date: May 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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| **TESCO UK** | **Children and Young People Development – Small Grants** *Beccles, Newmarket, Stowmarket, Haverhill and Sudbury*Tesco UK Stronger Starts supports thousands of local community projects and good causes across the UK with grants of up to £1,500 each quarter.  The scheme is open to all Schools, Local Community Groups, Registered charities and Not-for-Profits with priority given to projects that support young people.Examples of eligible applications with a focus on (but not limited to) children and young people and/or food security could be:* a school providing pupils with food for breakfast clubs or snacks throughout the day.
* a school wanting to buy equipment for outdoor or indoor activities.
* a voluntary organisation working with families to run a food bank.
* a healthy eating project that supports families to cook healthy meals on a budget.
* a Uniformed or other community group needing funding for new play equipment or activities.

 The Tesco Stronger Starts scheme is a rolling programme, allowing groups to apply at any time. There is a rolling deadline but if applications are submitted before 2nd July they have a higher chance in the upcoming round of October to December vote in store round.  Whilst organisations in Suffolk are eligible to apply, they are keen to see applications from communities in: ***Beccles, Newmarket, Stowmarket, Haverhill and Sudbury***.  To apply for a grant, please visit the [TESCO Stronger Start Grant Portal](https://tescostrongerstarts.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/) You can [nominate a project](https://tescostrongerstarts.org.uk/nominate/), and they will get help with their application. If you have any questions, please contact Alice Browne: alice.browne@groundwork.org.uk | Revenue or Capital | Up to £1,500 | Schools, Local Community Groups, Registered Charities and Not-for-Profits |
| **The Money and Pensions Service**  | **Debt Advice Modernisation Fund 2025/26 (England)**  The Debt Advice Modernisation Fund (£1.5m) 2025/2026 offers funding to not-for-profit organisations to modernise debt advice services, improving accessibility, efficiency, and client experience, particularly for vulnerable groups. The fund prioritises projects focused on digital transformation, operational modernisation, access & inclusion, and workforce development. Applications are welcomed from both individual organisations and consortiums, with eligibility determined by the lead organisation. Financial due diligence will be conducted on all partners in consortium bids.* Lot 1: Grants of between £15,000 and £50,000 (annual turnover of less than £2 million (verified by Charity Commission annual).
* Lot 2: Grants of between £25,000 and £100,000 (annual turnover of less than £10 million (verified by Charity Commission annual).

Projects must be completed by 31st March 2026.   The application window is open with a deadline of Friday 13th June 2025 (12:00pm)  [Visit the Debt Advice Modernisation Fund webpage](https://www.find-government-grants.service.gov.uk/grants/debt-advice-modernisation-fund-20252026-1#summary)  | Revenue / Digital costs  | Between £15,000 to £50,000Between £15,000 to £100,000 | Registered Charities, CIOs or Community Interest Companies  Currently be authorised by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA).  |
| **Holland & Barrett** | **Funding to Improve Menstrual Health Education & Support for Underrepresented Women**The Holland & Barrett - Women’s Health Community Fund - will award grants up to £5,000 to grassroots organisations for information-based projects that raise awareness and improve education around menstrual health, menopause, and related gynaecological conditions. Priority will be given to projects that serve women from ethnically diverse backgrounds, LGBTQI+ communities, individuals with disabilities, and those experiencing homelessness, addiction, or economic hardship.This fund is an initiative by the charity Wellbeing of Women in partnership with Holland & Barrett.Examples of Projects Funded include:* Menstrual Health Education Workshops: Community groups have organised sessions to educate young women about menstrual health, aiming to dispel myths and provide accurate information.
* Menopause Support Circles: Organisations have facilitated support groups for women experiencing menopause, offering a platform to share experiences and access resources.
* Outreach Programmes for Underrepresented Communities: Initiatives have been launched to provide health information and services to women from Black, Asian, and ethnic minority backgrounds, ensuring inclusivity in healthcare access.

Applications are open with a deadline of Sunday 15th June 2025.[Visit the Women’s Health Community Fund webpage](https://www.wellbeingofwomen.org.uk/get-involved/womens-health-community-fund/) | Projects | Up to £5, 000 | Registered Charity, Community Interest Company, Not for Profit with an annual income of less than £250,000 or fewer than 5 FTE staff |
| **Rosa UK** | **Grants to Grassroots Black & Minoritised Women & Girls Led organisations**Rosa UK has announced the launch of the Rise Fund 202, which is designed to invest in the future of organisations across the UK that are led by and for Black and racially minoritised women and girls. The funding is specifically aimed at strengthening organisational development, supporting work in key areas such as:* strategy, impact measurement, governance, leadership, partnerships
* financial sustainability, fundraising
* internal systems and processes

Priority will be given to proposals from organisations operating in the UK’s most disadvantaged communities, those based in Scotland, Wales, or Northern Ireland, and those led by and for disabled or LGBTQ+ women and girls.The application deadline is 4 pm on 23rd June 2025.[Visit The Rosa UK – Rise Fund webpage](https://rosauk.org/our-programmes/rise-fund/) | Planning and Development | Up to £40,000 (split over 2 years) | Eligible organisations must have an annual income between £30,000 and £300,000 |
| **The Wolfson Foundation** | **Capital Grants to Charities Working with Older People**The Older People capital grants (from £25,000 to £75,000) programme supports Registered Charities and Local Authorities (CQC Rating of Good) that provide care and services for older individuals, particularly those with neurodegenerative conditions or experiencing social isolation. Projects with total costs exceeding £80,000 are expected to secure at least 25% in match funding before submitting a Stage 2 application. The funding is designated for new buildings, refurbishment work, or equipment purchases that contribute to improved service delivery and organisational stability. Projects should also aim to increase the financial sustainability of the organisation.Applications follow a two-stage process. The deadline for Stage 1 applications is 1 July 2025. Organisations invited to proceed will have until 1 September 2025 to submit a full application.[Visit The Wolfson Foundation – Older People’s Grants Programme web portal](https://www.wolfson.org.uk/funding/funding-for-places/funding-for-charities-working-with-older-people/) | Capital (buildings or equipment) | £25,000-£75,000 | Registered Charities or Local Authorities |
| **The Wolfson Foundation** | **Capital Grants to Charities Working with People with Disabilities**The supporting People with Disabilities capital grants (from £25,000 to £75,000) supports Registered Charities and Local Authorities (CQC / Ofsted Rating of Good) for projects that encourage independence, focusing on training, employment, and supported housing. The Foundation is also keen to hear from organisations that may struggle to raise funds from the public.The Foundation is especially interested in projects that assist the transition from children's services to adult services. Grants are typically awarded for new builds, refurbishments, or equipment and should address at least one of the following aims:• increased access to services for new and existing users• improved quality and range of services• improved future sustainability of the organisationProjects should include capital costs of at least £50,000 and have a shortfall in capital funding of at least £25,000. Match funding is required for projects costing more than £50,000.Applications follow a two-stage process. The deadline for Stage 1 applications is 1 July 2025. Organisations invited to proceed will have until 1 September 2025 to submit a full application.[Visit The Wolfson Foundation – Working with People with Disabilities Grants Programme web portal](https://www.wolfson.org.uk/funding/funding-for-places/funding-for-charities-working-with-disability/) | Capital (buildings or equipment) | Typically, between £40,000-£75,000 | Registered Charities or Local Authorities |
| **Societe Generale UK Foundation** | **Grants to Support Marginalised Groups to Access Education and Employment**The Societe Generale UK Foundation – Bright Futures Fund is offering unrestricted grants of up to £50,000 to UK registered charities and charitable organisations for projects and initiatives across the UK which directly support people from marginalised groups to be empowered and equipped to access education and employment. Projects must demonstrate a clear and measurable impact, ensuring that individuals from marginalised communities are supported to meet one or more of the following goals:* Pursue and sustain their aspirations.
* Enhance their confidence and self-belief.
* Strengthen their mental health, wellbeing, and resilience.

One-year grants of between £10,000 and £50,000 are available this year. Multiple year funding may be available next year. Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) is delivering the fund, and Expressions of Interest are to be made via the CAF online portal.The deadline for Expressions of Interest is 3rd June 2025.[Visit the Societe Generale UK Foundation Bright Futures Fund webpage](https://www.societegenerale.co.uk/en/about/our-commitments/bright-futures-grants/)[Application portal – Charities Aid Foundation](https://www2.grantrequest.co.uk/Login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fapplication.aspx%3fsid%3d53%26fid%3d36079&sid=53&fid=36079)  | Unrestricted | Between £10,000 - £50,000 | Registered Charities, Social Enterprises  |
| **Suffolk Public Sector Leaders** | **Suffolk Climate Action Community Match Fund**The Suffolk Climate Action Community Match Fund is designed to support not for profit groups and organisations who wish to deliver carbon reduction projects that align with our vision for a net zero Suffolk.Our fund will pay for 50% of your project’s costs, up to a maximum of £10,000, for projects that have already received funding (from a minimum of two other sources in the community).Example Nett Zero projects include:* promote walking and cycling (also known as active travel)
* use sustainable/recycled materials
* raise awareness of climate change through events and campaigns
* generate renewable energy

If your project requires the installation of energy saving measures (such as solar panels, heat pumps or insulation on a community building), an energy audit on the existing building will be required through Groundwork East prior to full application. In addition, a commitment to run a community engagement event/project on climate change will be required.For further guidance and Expression of Interest documentation.[Visit the Suffolk Climate Action Match Fund web-portal.](https://www.greensuffolk.org/what-we-do/projects/community-match-funder/) | Projects | Max £10,000 as match funding | Group of volunteers, Charity, Community Interest Company or Parish Council |
| **Jaguar Land Rover** | **The Jaguar Land Rover Defender Awards: Environment / Conservation / Humanity** The Jaguar Land Rover Defender Awards are a new initiative aimed at supporting small, non-profit organizations working in conservation and humanitarian fields. The awards provide funding, a Defender vehicle, and mentoring to help these organizations with their vital work. Categories:* + Defenders of the Wild: Protecting endangered and at-risk species.
	+ Defenders of Humanity: Meeting the needs of vulnerable communities.
	+ Defenders of the Land: Preserving natural habitats and promoting biodiversity.
	+ Defenders of the Sea: Safeguarding marine life and coastal areas.

Applications are open and the closing date is 16th June 2025. [Visit The Jaguar Land Rover Defender Awards web-portal](https://www.landrover.co.uk/defender/defender-awards/index.html) | Awards / Grants / Vehicle Loan | Per category: £50,000 in year one and £50,000 in year two. | Organisations must have an annual income under £500,000. |
| **Music for All** | **Music Engagement for People Living with Dementia Grants** Music for All is offering grants of up to £2,000 to local organisations that use music making to support people living with dementia and their carers. This is only open to applicants working with underrepresented communities, including those from racially minoritised communities throughout the UK. The funding can be used to support any type of ensemble including choirs, drumming circles or informal groups.The grants should be put towards the purchase of instruments, equipment, specialised support/teaching/coaching/leading specifically designed to support the establishment and/or continuation of music groups for these groups. The application can support costs associated with rehearsals/performance(s) including transport for participants.Groups should have some level of co-production and lived experience built into the organisation and their planning, and their activities should be culturally appropriate. There is also an expectation that links will be formed to Social Prescribing networks locally, if they are not already in place.The next deadline applications is: 8am, Monday 16th June 2025.[Visit the Music for All – Power of Music Fund webpage](https://www.musicforall.org.uk/power-of-music-fund/) | Projects | £2,000 | Educational establishment, Community projects,Charities, organisations, companies and individuals. |
| **The Elephant Trust** | **Grants to Help New, Innovative Visual Arts Projects**The Elephant Trust supports projects that develop and improve the knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the fine arts and offers grants (typically up to £2,000) to artists and for new, innovative visual arts projects. It aims to make it possible for artists and those presenting their work to undertake and complete projects when confronted by lack of funds.Priority is given to artists in the fine arts and small organisations and galleries who should submit well-argued, imaginative proposals for making or producing new work or exhibitions.The next deadline for applications is midnight on Sunday, 29th June 2025. [Visit The Elephant Trust website](https://www.elephanttrust.org.uk/) | Projects | Typically, up to £2,000 (sometimes up to £5,000) | Artists, Galleries, Arts Collectives |
| **England Cricket Board** | **Cricket Club Grants**County Grants Fund has re-opened for applications. The aim of the Fund is to support affiliated cricket clubs in broadening participation in the sport, enhancing facilities, and addressing the impacts of climate change.Projects eligible for funding include providing enhanced facilities and playing opportunities for women's and girls' cricket and/or disability cricket, and tackling climate change. Priority is given to clubs actively engaged with ECB programmes such as All Stars, Dynamos, women's and girls' cricket, and disability cricket.Applications can be submitted until the 30th of November 2025. All projects must be completed and the grant claimed by the 31st of January 2026.[Visit the ECB County Grants Fund](https://www.ecb.co.uk/news/2189581/ecb-county-grants-fund) | Revenue, Capital  | between £1,000 to £10,000 | Affiliated Cricket Clubs |

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| **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 |

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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) |
| **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 |