Latest **Grant Funding Opportunities (Date: October 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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| **Babergh / Mid Suffolk VCFSE Funding Summit Information Event**: Thursday 6th November 2025 (9am-2.30pm) - Blackbourne Centre, Elmswell. Max two people per group. [Website link for more and registration](https://www.communityactionsuffolk.org.uk/casevent/3743/).  | **Babergh / Mid Suffolk VCFSE Funding Summit Information Event**: Wednesday 19th November 2025 (9am-2.30pm) - Chamberlin Hall, Bildeston. Max two people per group. [Website link for more and registration](https://www.communityactionsuffolk.org.uk/casevent/3744/).  |
| **Suffolk Community Foundation**  | **Suffolk Futures Fund (Young People)**To celebrate its 20th anniversary as the county’s philanthropy charity, the Suffolk Community Foundation has launched its Suffolk Futures Fund. This will award grants to Not for Profit organisations for projects that support Young People (16-25 yrs).The aim of the Suffolk Futures Fund is to improve their life chances and overall wellbeing of targeted young people through one or more of the following approaches:* Building Supportive Environments – Creating safe, inclusive spaces and strong support networks including through role models, mentoring or peer led initiatives.
* Developing Emotional Wellbeing – Enhancing mental health, resilience, and emotional literacy.
* Encouraging Self-Care and Awareness – Promoting healthy lifestyles, self-awareness, and personal growth.
* Fostering Practical Skills – Equipping young people with life and employability skills.

The Expression of Interest deadline is Friday 24th October 2025.[Visit the Suffolk Community Foundation Suffolk Future Fund webpage](https://www.suffolkcf.org.uk/grants/suffolk-futures-fund-details/) | Revenue | Single grants – up to £10,000Multiyear grants – up to £30,000 | Registered Charities,Faith Groups,Social Enterprises |
| **SSE Renewables and RWE** | **Greater Gabbard Community Fund** #Lowestoft #Oulton Broad #KessinglandWho can apply?  Constituted Community Groups / Registered Not for ProfitsGrants of up to £1,000 are available for projects that address one or more of the following themes:* Enhance quality of life for local residents.
* Contribute to vibrant, healthy, successful and sustainable communities.
* Promote community spirit and encourage community activity.

The next application deadline is Saturday 25th October 2025.Guidance / Application found can be downloaded from the webpage.[Visit the Greater Gabbard Community Grants webpage](https://www.sserenewables.com/communities/community-fund-locations/great-britain/greater-gabbard/) | Revenue / Capital | Up to £1,000 | Community Groups / Not for Profits |
| **Government MHCLG** | **Capital Grants for Community Buildings / Equipment** (upcoming)The Common Ground Resilience Fund is a £1.17million government fund aimed at strengthening community cohesion and resilience.Voluntary, Community, and Social Enterprise (VCSE) organisations will be able to access capital funding to support the cost of building or renovating facilities, or purchasing essential equipment, laptops, or furniture, to deliver services that bring people from diverse backgrounds together. Grant value: up to £10,000.In addition to funding, successful applicants will join a wider community of practice, fostering collaboration, knowledge exchange, and long-term social resilience. Grants should be committed for spending by 31 March 2026.The fund opens to applications on the 13th October 2025 and closes on the 21st November 2025.[Read the announcement here](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/common-ground-award-prospectus/common-ground-award-prospectus)Contact CGA@communities.gov.uk for any questions about the grant or to register your interest in applying. | Capital / Equipment | Up to £10,000 | Not for Profits (running Community Buildings)  |
| **Strategic Legal Fund** | **Funding to Support Vulnerable Young Migrants**The Strategic Legal Fund (SLF) aims to provide legal focused support to Vulnerable Young Migrants, by awarding grants to Not for profit organisations and private law firms. The grants can be used to support legal work that benefits young migrants living in poverty who face significant disadvantage or discrimination because of their immigration status. Grant values are around £12,000-£15,000. The next application deadline is Monday 27th October 2025. [Visit the Strategic Legal Fund web-portal](http://strategiclegalfund.org.uk/about/) | Revenue | Up to £30,000(average is £12,000) | Legal support Service Providers |
| **The Schroder Charity Trust** | **Stronger Communities Grants** Following a review of its grant-making process, the Schroder Charity Trust has announced that it will begin accepting applications from Wednesday 1st October 2025.The Trust are only considering applications for work under the following two objectives:* (1): Enabling children and young adults from disadvantaged backgrounds to thrive and achieve their potential in education and employment
* (2): Strengthening communities through services and opportunities which enhance the wellbeing and life outcomes of vulnerable and disadvantaged people

Grants of up to £5,000 are typically awarded, and funding may be used towards either core or project costs.Applications will be accepted from UK-registered charities with an annual income of between £150,000 and £1 million.The application deadline is Sunday 30th November 2025, with decisions expected within four months.[Visit the Schroder Charity Trust website](https://schrodercharitytrust.org/) | Core / Projects | Up to £5,000 | UK-registered charities with an annual income of between £150,000 and £1 million. |
| **The Hobson Charity**  | **Capital or Equipment Grants** A broad range of issues or themes (youth, disadvantaged, deprived, disabled, elderly, the environment). supported under eligibility: * The relief of poverty, suffering and distress of those in need in the United Kingdom, including the provision of facilities for recreation and leisure in the interests of their social welfare;
* The advancement of education amongst the inhabitants of the United Kingdom;

[Visit The Hobson Charity website](http://www.hobsoncharity.org.uk) | Capital / Equipment  | Typically, between £2,000-£10,000. | Registered Charities |
| **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.There is a two-stage application process. The next deadline for Stage 1 applications is 20th November 2025. [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 Exempt orgs) 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.There is a two-stage application process. The next deadline for Stage 1 applications is 20th November 2025. [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 Exempt orgs) or Local Authorities |
| **De Brye Charitable Trust** (Stanley Smith General Charitable Trust) | **Children and Young People; Older People Care and Support Grants** The trust is a relatively small grant awarding charity that awards modest grants to registered charities that provide care and housing for the aged, orphans and neglected children or aid physically disabled children and the blind.The trustees will consider charitable causes relating to woodlands, forests and the supporting of wildlife.Enquiries / Letter of Grant Request to:The De Brye Charitable Trustc/o Mercer & Hole72 London RoadSt. AlbansHertfordshireAL1 1NS[Charity Commission Record](https://register-of-charities.charitycommission.gov.uk/en/charity-search/?p_p_id=uk_gov_ccew_onereg_charitydetails_web_portlet_CharityDetailsPortlet&p_p_lifecycle=0&p_p_state=maximized&p_p_mode=view&_uk_gov_ccew_onereg_charitydetails_web_portlet_CharityDetailsPortlet_regId=326226&_uk_gov_ccew_onereg_charitydetails_web_portlet_CharityDetailsPortlet_subId=0) | Projects | £1,000-£5,000 | Registered Charities |
| **The Oliver Ford Foundation** | **Grants to support Children, Young People or Adults with Learning Difficulties**Registered charities working with children and young people; older people and people with disabilities can apply for projects, including: housing support, educational or training facilities for children, young persons or adults who have learning disabilities or learning difficulties.Grant values: typically, between £1,000 - £5,000.A small number of grants are awarded each year. In 2024, 15 new grants were awarded.Organisations should write to the Oliver Ford Foundation for further information on how to apply.EnquiriesOliver Ford FoundationMacfarlanes LLP20 Cursitor StreetLondonEC4A 1LTTel: 0207 831 9222[Charity Commission Record](https://register-of-charities.charitycommission.gov.uk/en/charity-search/-/charity-details/1026551?_uk_gov_ccew_onereg_charitydetails_web_portlet_CharityDetailsPortlet_organisationNumber=1026551) | Projects | £1,000 - £5,000 | Registered Charities |
| **The Willats Trust** | **Faith in the Community Outreach Grants**The Willats Trust gives grants to Christian workers to share the Good News of Jesus in the most deprived areas of UK (top 20% of deprivation as measured by the Index of Multiple Deprivation). In practice, this means we help fund evangelists, church planters, church pastors, youth workers, family workers, community workers.You can check IMD data for your community [here](https://imd-by-postcode.opendatacommunities.org/imd/2019). You can also find more information about poverty in your parish using the Church Urban Fund [Look up Tool](https://cuf.org.uk/lookup-tool).We run two grant cycles per year. The cycle for 2025/26 will be as follows.• Cycle 1: Opens in September 2025 for applications - Grants awarded in March 2026• Cycle 2: Opens in March 2026 for applications - Grants awarded in September 2026The next Expressions of Interest deadline is 31st October 2025.[Visit The Willats Trust website](https://www.willatstrust.org/grants-to-christian-outreach-workers/)[Case Studies](https://www.willatstrust.org/guides-stories-people-we-support-christian-workers-case-studies/) | Revenue (salaries) | typical salary grants are around £15,000 per yearUp to 3 -years(match-funding may be required for more) | Christian based Charities, Groups or Churches |
| **King Charles III Charitable Foundation**  | **Grants for Education, Heritage and Conservation engagement** (upcoming)The small grants programme will open for applications on 17th - 31st October and will offer funding of up to £9,000 over three years to eligible organisations working across our Education and Heritage & Conservation funding themes. Likely, most grants will be for maximum £3,000.Funding provided through this programme is restricted and must be used exclusively for the project. Core costs or staff salaries may be covered, provided these expenses are directly attributable to the delivery of the project.See webpage on 17th October for specific activities encouraged and supported. [Visit the King Charles III Charitable Foundation small grants web-portal](https://kccf.org.uk/small-grants/) | Projects | Up to £3,000 and a maximum amount £9,000 split across 3-year period | Established (2 yrs) Registered Non-Profit organisation that have an annual income between £25,000 and £500,000. |
| **Arts Council England / National Lottery**  | **Funding to support Arts, Library & Museum Projects – Update**The National Lottery Arts Project Grants programme, administered by Arts Council England, has reopened to applications.Individuals and organisations can apply for grants of up to £30,000 to support projects in the arts, libraries, and museums. The funding supports individual artists, communities, and cultural organisations to create and sustain high-quality work and enable more people across England to engage with arts and culture. Projects can last up to three years and focus on areas such as music, theatre, dance, visual arts, literature, combined arts, libraries, and museums and collections. Applications are accepted at any time, with decisions made within ten weeks of submission, and the programme has recently updated its guidance. [Visit the Arts Council England – National Lottery for the Arts web-portal](https://www.artscouncil.org.uk/ProjectGrants/national-lottery-project-grants-guidance-library#t-in-page-nav-1:~:text=decision%3A%20next%20steps-,Applying%20for%20%C2%A330%2C000%20and%20under,-This%20guidance%20is) | Projects | Up to £30,000 | Individual Artists, Communities, and Cultural organisations |
| **Premier League, Football Association, Government DCMS,**  | **Football Club – Women and Girls Amenities Improvement Fund**The Lionesses HERe to Play Fund offers up to £25k to transform grassroots facilities into safe, welcoming spaces.Eligible expenditure: Signage, External Lighting / CCTV, Toilets, Shower Improvement, Baby Change & Breastfeeding Facilities, Female Officers and Player Privacy changing Spaces, Changing room Improvements, Clubhouse Improvements, External Covered Spaces.Who can apply?* A not-for-profit football club or voluntary group\*
* A Local Authority
* A County FA
* A Professional Club Community Organisation
* An educational establishment providing facilities for the community
* A registered charity
* A not-for-profit company
* A community interest company (CIC) or other social enterprise
* A company limited by guarantee

Grant applications will have to provide 25% match-funding.[Visit the Women and Girls Amenities Improvement Fund webpage](https://footballfoundation.org.uk/grant/lionesses-here-to-play-fund-eligibility)[Eligibility guidance](https://footballfoundation.org.uk/grant/lionesses-here-to-play-fund-eligibility)  | Capital  | £1,500-£25,000 | A not-for-profit football club or voluntary group\*A Local AuthorityA County FAA Professional Club Community OrganisationAn educational establishment providing facilities for the communityA registered charity,A Community Interest Company or other Social Enterprise |

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| **The Forte Charitable Foundation**Previously titled The Trusthouse Charitable Foundation | **Small Grants – Community Support**Grants are available to support small and medium sized charitable and not-for-profit organisations based in and carrying out work to improve the lives of people in areas of extreme urban deprivation or deprived rural districts in the UK. The amount requested must not be for more than 50% of the total cost of the project.This could include the following types of activities:* Community services
* Community centres – salary or running costs for community centres or village halls which offer a range of activities for all ages
* Alternative education
* Training, mentoring, employment and volunteering opportunities
* Youth – youth clubs and detached youth work
* Counselling
* Family support services
* Substance misuse – recovery projects

Eligible areas:* Urban locations (with a population of more than 10,000 people) in England, Scotland and Wales - applicant organisations' postcodes must be ranked within the most deprived [15% of the Index of Multiple Deprivation](https://dclgapps.communities.gov.uk/imd/iod_index.html).
* Rural locations (with a population of fewer than 10,000 inhabitants in a village/town) in England, Scotland and Wales - applicant organisations' postcodes must be ranked within the [most deprived 50% of the Index of Multiple Deprivation](https://dclgapps.communities.gov.uk/imd/iod_index.html).

The guidelines, frequently asked questions and the eligibility quiz can be found on the Forte Charitable Foundation website. The online application forms are available once applicants have completed the eligibility quiz.There are no deadlines. Small Grants will usually receive a final decision within eight weeks of receipt of application.[Visit The Forte Charitable Foundation – Small Grants webpage](https://www.fortecharitablefoundation.org.uk/our-grants/small-grants) | Revenue: Core costs, salaries, running and projects costs. | Small grants of £2,000 to £10,000 for one year | Registered Charities, Social Enterprises annual income under £250,000 |
| **The Forte Charitable Foundation**Previously titled The Trusthouse Charitable Foundation | **Major Grants – Family Support**Grants are available to support small and medium sized charitable and not-for-profit organisations based in and carrying out work to improve the lives of people in areas of extreme urban deprivation or deprived rural districts in the UK.The amount requested must not be for more than 50% of the total cost of the project.Major grant projects will be expected to focus on family support, in the following priority areas:* Early family intervention
* Families coping with addiction
* Prisoners' families

Eligible areas:* Urban locations (with a population of more than 10,000 people) in England, Scotland and Wales - applicant organisations' postcodes must be ranked within the [most deprived 15% of the Index of Multiple Deprivation](https://dclgapps.communities.gov.uk/imd/iod_index.html).
* Rural locations (with a population of fewer than 10,000 inhabitants in a village/town) in England, Scotland and Wales - applicant organisations' postcodes must be ranked within the [most deprived 50% of the Index of Multiple Deprivation](https://dclgapps.communities.gov.uk/imd/iod_index.html).

The guidelines, frequently asked questions and the eligibility quiz can be found on the Forte Charitable Foundation website. The online application forms are available once applicants have completed the eligibility quiz.There are no deadlines. Major Grants will be decided at the Grants Committee meetings which take place in January, April, July and October. Major Grant applicants should allow 12-15 weeks for the entire two-stage process.[Visit The Forte Charitable Foundation – Major Grants webpage](https://www.fortecharitablefoundation.org.uk/our-grants/major-grants) | Revenue costs including core costs, salaries, running and projects costs. | £10,000 to £50,000 for one year or multi-year £100,000 | Registered Charities, Social Enterprises annual income up to £500,000 |
| **The National Garden Scheme** | **Grants to Transform Outdoor Spaces**The National Garden Scheme (NGS), with £1.5 million from the Julia Rausing Trust, has announced its 2026 Community Garden Grants scheme. Grants between £1,500 and £5,000 will support projects such as:* communal gardens
* safe play areas
* wildlife habitats, and
* biodiversity initiatives

There is a priority for projects benefiting disadvantaged groups and promoting wellbeing.Applications open on 15th September 2025 and close on 20th October 2025, though only the first 300 submissions will be accepted. [Visit The National Garden Scheme website](https://ngs.org.uk/applications-for-2026-community-garden-grants-open-soon/) | Equipment / Materials  | Up to £5,000 | Community Groups, Registered Charities and Community Interest Companies |
| **Youth Music** | **Grants to Tackle Inequalities in Creative Education and Employment** Youth Music has launched a £2.25 million initiative to tackle barriers facing disabled children and young people in the arts. The announcement follows the charity’s Excluded by Design? report, which exposed stark inequalities in creative education and employment.The new Shift the Scene Fund will support long-term, community-based creative programmes—across music and other art forms—designed by and with disabled young people aged 9 to 30. Funding may include paid employment, bursaries, or micro-grants.The fund is open to established organisations in England already working inclusively with d/Deaf, Disabled, or Neurodivergent young people. Eligible projects must be:* Long-term: running three to four years, not short-term or one-off.
* Community-based: rooted in and responsive to local needs.
* Multi-disciplinary: spanning music, theatre, dance, visual arts, film, digital, or cross-arts approaches.
* Co-created: shaped and led with Disabled young people at every stage.
* Progression-focused: offering sustained opportunities, such as 1:1 support, mentoring, and career pathways.
* Inclusive: embedding the social model of disability, anti-ableist practice, and accessible design.

Applicants must show a proven track record in anti-ableist practice, amplify young Disabled voices, and embed inclusion, diversity, equity, and access across their work.Guidance will be published on 1 October 2025, with applications open from 31st October to 28th November 2025. Successful applicants will be announced on 27 March 2026.[Visit the Youth Music Excluded by Design web-portal](https://www.youthmusic.org.uk/excluded-by-design)[Also, sign-up for Shift the Scene newsletter – upcoming grants](https://mailchi.mp/youthmusic.org.uk/shift-the-scene-fund-signup) | See guidance once launched | See guidance once launched | See guidance once launched |
| **HDH Wills Charitable Trust** | **Small Community Grants / Small grants for Conservation and Wildlife**Registered Charities – this funder has linkage in Ousden Village, West Suffolk.General Grants: supports smaller charities with general charitable activities across a range of issues as well as charities focusing on the conservation of wildlife and the environment. Grants can be made for revenue, capital or project expenditure. Applications may be submitted at any time, with decisions being made by the Grants Committee every month.* Community: Grants £500-£2,000 to general charities, which are small enough in size or are applying for support for a modest project such that the charity will benefit from a donation.
* Conservation and Wildlife £1,000-£2,000 (though occasionally up to £5,000).

Online applications are preferable and a form can be accessed on the Trust's website. Applications may also be submitted by post or email.[Visit the HDH Wills Trust website](https://hdhwills.org/grants/) | Revenue, Capital or project expenditure | £500-£2,000 | Preference is to support smaller Registered Charities (have funded larger charities though) |