Latest **Grant Funding Opportunities (Date: September 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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| The Suffolk [**Physical Activity Profile 2025**](https://www.healthysuffolk.org.uk/asset-library/JSNA/Physical-activity-profile-2025.pdf) highlights that while the benefits of movement are well known, some Suffolk residents—especially those with long-term conditions, disabilities, or from disadvantaged backgrounds—are not meeting recommended activity levels. |
| **West Suffolk Council** | **Grants for West Suffolk Communities 2026/2027 – upcoming deadline** The West Suffolk Council Thriving Communities Fund is now in its second year and is split into two distinct awards:* Community grants of between £2,000 and £8,000 are available for one-off projects by community groups, that will support residents in a small part of the district such as an estate or village.
* Larger grants of between £8,001 and £20,000 – will fund work to support residents across the whole of West Suffolk or big parts of the district such as a town. Although organisations can apply for this level of funding, the council retains its discretion to take each application on its merits and may grant a smaller amount.

Funded activities will contribute to the delivery of the council’s strategic priority for Thriving Communities, ensuring residents can access services and support as well as activities to improve their health and wellbeing. The minimum amount that can be applied for is £2,000. The deadline for applications is 12noon, Friday 26th September 2025. [Visit the West Suffolk Council Community Grants Web-portal](http://westsuffolk.gov.uk/community/community-grants.cfm).  | Revenue / Capital  | Community Grants (£2,000-£8,000) Large Grants (£8,001-£20,000) | Voluntary, Community, Faith, and Social Enterprise (VCFSE) Sector  |
| **The Alastair James Memorial Trust Fund** | **Small Grants for Smaller Not for Profits: Equipment or Capital** #East Anglia #East MidlandsThis grant awarding trust was founded in 2020 to commemorate the live of Alastair James who was diagnosed with and later died of leukaemia.* Make grants to other registered charities and to community/voluntary groups throughout East Midlands and East Anglia that have an annual income of £1.5 million or less
* Make grants to individuals at the Trustees’ discretion in circumstances where those individuals can demonstrate an unfulfilled need.
* Purchase items of equipment, including - but not restricted to – vehicles, with a preference for equipment manufactured in the United Kingdom.

The application deadline is Friday 10th October 2025[Visit The Alastair James Memorial Trust Fund Application portal](https://ukcommunityfoundations.tfaforms.net/375) | Capital / Equipment | Up to £1,000 | Small Community or Voluntary Groups with an annual income below £1.5 million |
| **Yorkshire Building Society** | **YBS Foundation Community Grants** #small charities#Bury St Edmunds #Diss #Ipswich #Lowestoft #Newmarket #WoodbridgeOur Charitable Foundation awards Small Change Big Difference® Fund grants of up to £2,500 to UK Registered Charities (that have an annual income turnover of less than £100,000), recommended by the Society’s members and colleagues.There are two priority areas:* Alleviating poverty
* Improving health / saving lives

Beneficiaries supported include children, those who are seriously ill, as well as elderly, homeless and people with disabilities.Eligible costs: Project Delivery (staff costs) or EquipmentThe deadlines for applications are 31 March, 30 June, 30 September, and 31 December annually. Applications are currently being accepted and you can nominate a [charity here](https://ybs.givingforce.com/usercg/nomination/request-nomination) .[Visit the Yorkshire Building Society Foundation grants webpage](https://www.ybs.co.uk/your-society/charitable-foundation)[fund guidance](https://www.ybs.co.uk/documents/pdf/your-society/charitable-foundation-guide-notes-2020.pdf)  | Unrestricted | £500-£2,500 | Preference is to support Registered Charities that have an annual turnover of less than £100,000 |
| **Another Way Women's Foundation** | **Women and Girls Business or STEM Engagement Grants**A small number of grants are available for UK registered charities and not-for-profit organisations in England and Scotland to support projects or services aimed at advancing women's and girls' lives for the better. (September 2025 round will give preference to supporting projects/initiatives/services for women and girls in Business and in STEM.Large Grants: up to £5,000Small Grants: up to £1,000 (quick application)The application deadline is Tuesday 30th September 2025[Visit Another Way Women's Foundation website](https://www.anotherwaywf.org/) | Revenue | Small Grants: up to £1,000Large Grants: up to £5,000 | Registered Charities or Not for Profits  |
| **Ofcom** | **Funding for Community Radio Stations**Ofcom, the UK’s telecommunications regulator, has announced that the Community Radio Fund has re-opened for applications.  Grants can be awarded to support management costs, fundraising efforts for the station, administrative expenses, financial management and reporting, community outreach, and other related activities. A total of £901,742 is available in this funding round to help support the core costs of running licensed community radio stations. Although there is no minimum or maximum grant level specified, the average grant awarded in the past has been around £14,000. Apply by 5pm, Sunday 5th October 2025[Visit the Ofcom Community Radio Station Grants portal](https://www.ofcom.org.uk/tv-radio-and-on-demand/community-radio/community-radio-fund) | Core costs / Projects | Average grant is £14,000 | Registered Community Radio Stations |
| **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 |
| **Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust's** | **Grants to support Refugees and Asylum Seekers**Our Refugees and Asylum Seekers grants programme – up to £5,000 - is available for revenue costs (e.g. materials, activities) linked to the project. Salaries are not funded unless the staff member is employed explicitly for the project in question. Eligible applicants are Registered Charities or Exempt organisations with a minimum operating income and expenditure of £1,000,000 per annum. The Trust does not fund other types of non-profit organisations or social enterprises. The application deadline is Tuesday 30th September 2025. [**Visit the Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust website**](https://austin-hope-pilkington.org.uk/how-to-apply/) | Revenue / Activities | Up to £5,000 | UK-registered charities or exempt organisations with a minimum operating income and expenditure of £1,000,000 per annum |
| **Forrester Family Trust** | **Charity grants to support Offender Rehabilitation**Our theme for the year is ‘The rehabilitation of imprisoned and formerly imprisoned offenders in England & Wales’. Grants up to a maximum of £40,000 are available to charities with a turnover of less than £5 million. We have £600,000 available to distribute. Application forms will be available on our website from 1st September and must be submitted by 30th September 2025.[Visit Forrester Family Trust – 3 Year Grants webpage](https://theforresterfamilytrust.org/apply-for-a-grant/). | Revenue | Up to £40,000 | Registered Charities with an annual income below £5 million |
| **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 Trustees usually consider applications three times a year in March, July and November. The next grant making meeting will be on the 18th November 2025.The next deadline for applications is midnight, Tuesday 30th September 2025[Visit the D’Oyly Carte Trust website](https://doylycartecharitabletrust.org/)   | Revenue / Capital  | Between £500 - £6,000  | Registered Charities  |
| **The Gosling Foundation** | **Grants to support the development of Young People**Applications are accepted from Registered Charities/CIOs/CICs in the UK that have an income of less than £30 million per annum.The funding is for charitable projects that address the Foundation's four areas of focus:* Royal Navy and Royal Marines - to improve their quality of life.
* Youth - provide opportunities and support for disadvantaged young people
* Education - opportunities and support for people
* Uniformed youth groups (e.g. Sea Cadets, Scouts, Girl Guides)

Grants can be used for: * Project costs (for projects that directly impact beneficiaries).
* Capital projects eg new buildings, extensions, refurbishment and recreational spaces.
* IT projects, moving services online, setting up helplines etc.
* Equipment and furniture.
* Salaries (for positions that directly impact beneficiaries).
* Events that directly impact beneficiaries.

There are no set grant amounts; trustees may award more or less than requested and will rarely fully fund projects. Applications should therefore include a fundraising plan. Single and multi-year funding is available.[Visit The Gosling Foundation website](https://www.thegoslingfoundation.com/) | Revenue or Capital | £5,000-£30,000 | Registered CharitiesCIOs/CICs in the UK that have an income of less than £30 million per annum. |
| **Duke of Edinburgh Awards Scheme** | **Youth Development: DofE Scheme Development: Access without limits grants** Grant funding of up to £10,250 is available for eligible community and voluntary organisations to set up and deliver the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, as well as the enrolment costs for young people taking part.DofE not only offer grant funding but support organisations to deliver the programme which includes training for staff and volunteers.This fund is open for applications until January 2026.[Visit The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme website](https://www.dofe.org/access-without-limits/community) | Development | Up to £10,250 | Community and Voluntary organisations |
| **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 |
| **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) |
| **The Martin Wills Wildlife Maintenance Trust** | **Grants for Conservation of Wildlife and Environmental charities**The focus of our support is the conservation and maintenance for the benefit of the public of the natural environment and its indigenous woodland flora and fauna with particular reference to the conservation and maintenance of the character and amenity of rural areas.\* Also see HDH Wills Grants programme above listing.[Visit the HDH Wills Trust: Martin Wills Grant webpage](https://hdhwills.org/grants/) | Revenue, Capital or project expenditure | Between £1,000 - £2,000 (sometimes up to £5,000 | Preference is to support smaller Registered Charities that focus on the conservation of wildlife and the environment |
| **The Linnean Society** | **Our Local Nature grants** #young peopleThe Linnean Society is offering grants for community organisations linked with young people to deliver projects and activities that engage young people with local nature and natural spaces and improve their understanding of local biodiversity.Community groups and other organisations working directly with children and young people aged 16 and under can apply for funding for a variety of activities, such as:* Running a school festival about nature.
* Painting community murals showcasing biodiversity in the area.
* Building or restoring a community garden.
* Creating a nature walk.
* Hiring a speaker to come and talk about local foraging.

The maximum award amount is £1,000. However, groups are encouraged to apply for significantly lower amounts.Grants can be used for materials, room hire, publicity, speakers, trainers, freelancers, project-specific staff costs, audio-visual equipment hire, reasonable volunteer expenses, transportation, or other costs associated with activities or events. The application deadline is Saturday 25th October 2025 (midnight).(Proposed projects are expected to commence in January 2026 and be completed by the end of June 2026). [Visit The Linnean Society – Our Local Nature grants webpage](https://www.linnean.org/the-society/medals-awards-prizes-grants/our-local-nature-grants) | Revenue / Equipment | £200-£1,000 | Individuals and organisations who are linked with a group of young people within the UK. This includes, but is not limited to, school staff, student groups, home education groups, community groups and small charities. |
| **CLA Charitable Trust** | **Grants to Help Disabled & Disadvantaged People Connect with Nature** Applications for up to £5,000 are invited from charities and not-for-profit organisations in England and Wales for projects that improve the physical and mental health and wellbeing of people who are disabled or disadvantaged by helping them to visit and participate in recreational and educational opportunities in the countryside. Expressions of interest should be submitted in the first instance. Successful organisations will be invited to submit a full application. There are no application deadlines.[Visit the CLA Charitable Trust webpage](https://www.cla.org.uk/about-cla/charitable-trust/) | Running costs, Project works and Capital works | **£1,000-£5,000** | Preference is support Small to Medium sized Not for Profits with a turnover of less than £1.5m. |
| **PRS for Music** | **Women Make Music Grants**Grants of up to £5,000 are available to support the development of exceptional female, trans, and non-binary songwriters and composers of all genres and backgrounds at various stages of their careers. The funding can be used to support touring, recording, promotion, marketing, community projects involving top-quality music creators, music creator residencies, and live performances featuring new UK music.The application deadline is 6pm on Monday 29th September 2025.  [Visit The PRS for Music Women Make Music Grants website and Video Explainer](https://prsfoundation.com/funding-support/funding-music-creators/all-career-levels/women-make-music-2/)  | Development and Activities | Up to £5,000 | Songwriters and Composers |
| **The Paul Hamlyn Foundation (PHF)** | **Creative Schools: Teacher Development Fund****The Paul Hamlyn Foundation (PHF) has reopened its Teacher Development Fund (TDF) that will award grants up to £165,000 over two academic years to support arts-based professional development in primary education.** **The fund encourages long-term partnerships between six to ten schools and cultural organisations, with each school committing at least two teachers and a senior leader.** **Eligible applicants include state primaries, SEND schools for under-12s, and alternative provision, while independent and secondary-only schools are excluded.** **Projects must combine creative pedagogy, teacher development, and sustainability, with applications following a two-stage online process before the 12 November 2025 deadline.** **Funding will begin in the 2026 academic year.** **Previous awards include:*** **St John’s Stonefold C.E. Primary with Blue Moose Dance Company to embed kinaesthetic learning through dance (£141,500).**
* **TKAT with Turner Contemporary to integrate sustainable, critical approaches to art and design teaching (£156,0000).**

[Visit the Paul Hamlyn Foundation website](https://www.phf.org.uk/funding/teacher-development-fund)[Frequently Asked Questions doc](https://www.phf.org.uk/funding/faqs-teacher-development-fund) | Revenue | Up to £165,000 over 2 years | Active Arts and Culture organisations: Registered Charities, Social Enterprises |
| **Heritage Crafts** | **Grants for Individual Craftspeople** Heritage Crafts invites craft practitioners and organisations in the UK to apply for small grants to fund projects that support endangered crafts (the craft must be listed as [endangered](https://www.heritagecrafts.org.uk/categories-of-risk/) or [critically endangered](https://www.heritagecrafts.org.uk/categories-of-risk/) on the current [Red List of Endangered Crafts](https://www.heritagecrafts.org.uk/categories-of-risk/))Grants can support: * Implementing changes that will ensure the longer-term viability or survival of heritage craft skills (for example: developing new approaches and equipment purchase)
* Direct and indirect skills transfer (taking on an apprentice, sharing learning)
* Continuous Professional Development

Application deadline is Friday 17th October 2025 at 5pm.[Visit the Heritage Crafts website](https://www.heritagecrafts.org.uk/) | Revenue / Equipment  | Up to £2,000 | Individual Craftspeople |
| **National Lottery**  | **National Lottery Community Fund: Awards for All** Who can apply? Registered Charities (CIO), Not for profit organisations, schools (as long as your project benefits and involves the communities around the school), Parish/Town Councils and statutory bodies.Grants are from £300 to £20,000. And can support your project for up to two years.You can apply for funding to deliver a new or existing activity or to support your organisation to change and adapt to new and future challenges.We can fund projects that’ll do at least one of these things:* bring people together to build strong relationships in and across communities
* improve the places and spaces that matter to communities
* help more people to reach their potential, by supporting them at the earliest possible stage
* support people, communities and organisations facing more demands and challenges because of the cost-of-living crisis.

Application deadline:Ongoing. Apply at least 16 weeks before you want to start the activities or spend any of the money.[Visit the National Lottery Community Awards for All Grant Portal](https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/national-lottery-awards-for-all-england) | Revenue or Capital  | Between £300-£20,000 | Not for Profits, Parish/Town Council, Schools, Statutory bodies, with a least two unrelated Trustees/Directors |
| **Churchill Fellowship** | **Social and Policy Study Bursaries****A Churchill Fellowship funds you to explore your passion, learn from experts, and turn insights into impact in the UK.****We’re excited to announce the launch of three brand-new Churchill Fellowship programmes – opening for applications on 2 September 2025. Each offers a unique opportunity to explore global ideas and bring fresh thinking to the UK on some of the biggest issues we face today.****Whether you’re an unpaid carer, creative practitioner, community organiser, or policy innovator, these programmes are designed to support changemakers who want to influence real and lasting change** * **Building a society that cares**
* **Building prosperous and resilient economies**
* **Making space for the arts**

Each grant is calculated individually, based on your project, destinations, and length of learningWe are now open for Fellowship applications until 12 (midday) 4th November 2025[Visit the Churchill Fellowship website](https://www.churchillfellowship.org/)[Application Information portal including FAQs and webinars](https://www.churchillfellowship.org/become-a-fellow/how-to-apply/the-application-form/)[Sign up for news and blog articles](https://churchillfellowship.us18.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=59ae9c5035ffd2da15e2ae6b0&id=33140cee26)  | Study / Travel  | Based upon proposal | Individuals  |

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| **The Blagrave Trust** | **Grants to support Youth-led Social Injustice engagement**The Trust, funds and collaborates with partners to bring lasting change to the lives of young people. It has reopened its Challenge and Change programme, a youth-led funding initiative for young people aged 18–25 with lived experience of social injustice. They will award grants of £10,000 over 12 months are available for individuals, collectives and movements across England, with 13 grants reserved for climate justice work. Alongside funding, participants will receive storytelling support, wellbeing resources and expert advice to help them create lasting change in their communities.Applications close at 11:59 PM on Sunday 14th September 2025.[Visit the Blagrave Trust Grants Programme webpage](https://www.blagravetrust.org/our-work/#tab2) | Revenue | Up to £10,000 | Individuals, Youth Groups, Collectives, Not for Profits |
| **The JJ Charitable Trust** | **Literacy Improvement Small Grants scheme** #cyp #learning-difficulties  The 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.   They will consider grants for literacy support at any primary or secondary key stage. You can apply for grants between £5,000 and £10,000. You can apply for a multi-year grant, over a maximum period of 3 years.    Applicants can apply at any time!  The Trust will review applications four times a year in March, June, September, and December.Autumn grant round: applications by 1st October 2025  [The JJ Charitable Trust - Literacy Small Grants Scheme](https://sfct.powerappsportals.com/jjapplication/)  | Revenue  | between £5,000 and £10,000  | Registered Charity or CIO, Community Interest Company or registered as an Exempt Charity.  |
| **The Shakleton Foundation** | **Shackleton Foundation Leadership Award (Community Leaders / Social Entrepreneurs)**Seed funding grants and support are available to inspirational leaders and early-stage social enterprises in the UK to establish their own non-profit ventures with the potential to provide solutions to intractable social problems faced by disadvantaged and socially marginalised young people. The next application deadline is 5pm; Friday 31st October 2025[Visit the Leadership Award webpage](http://shackletonfoundation.org/?page_id=44)  | Revenue  | Up to £10,000  | Individuals  |