Latest **Grant Funding Opportunities (Date: September 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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| **SME / VCFSE’s Local Economies Project Small Business Survey.** Local Government East is looking to remove barriers and access public sector business, and they want to hear from micro/small businesses and any groups about their experience of working with councils, and crucially, their reasons for choosing not to trade with them. Your input will help local councils to understand how they can remove barriers for small/micro businesses and voluntary organisations to accessing public sector business – the very short, 2 minute [survey closes Friday 3 October 2025](https://public-gbr.mkt.dynamics.com/api/orgs/c2d4a760-cbcb-41cf-9097-18887c528a52/r/Ue3galxQlU6-XGwD004CAA0AAAA?msdynmkt_target=%7B%22TargetUrl%22%3A%22https%253A%252F%252Fforms.office.com%252Fe%252FGSEPnCgHnk%22%2C%22RedirectOptions%22%3A%7B%225%22%3Anull%2C%221%22%3Anull%2C%222%22%3A%7B%22utm_source%22%3A%22Dynamics%20365%20Customer%20Insights%20-%20Journeys%22%2C%22utm_medium%22%3A%22email%22%2C%22utm_term%22%3A%22N%2FA%22%2C%22utm_campaign%22%3A%22Procurement%20and%20supply%20chain%20bulletin%3A%2012%20September%202025%22%2C%22utm_content%22%3A%22Procurement%20and%20supply%20chain%20bulletin%3A%2012%20September%202025%22%7D%7D%7D&msdynmkt_digest=GYH%2FY%2BZFHYSg103kC%2FuFajoDOKng66PVLVXEFobyCGw%3D&msdynmkt_secretVersion=a175536a73764d0380b10b26ce0aed92). |
| **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/).  |
| **AbbVie UK** | **Community and Healthcare Grants** (upcoming)Corporate Foundation: Our grants, donations and charitable contributions are awarded to eligible organisations, to support Health, Education, Science or community-based projects undertaken by Healthcare Organisations or Charitable Institutions.It will re-open on 3rd October 2025, at which point guidance for applicants and the online application form will be available. It may close to applications once sufficient applications have been made.All internal applications are reviewed by an impartial committee who meet 4 times a year.[Visit the AbbVie UK Community and Healthcare Grants webpage](https://www.abbvie.co.uk/societal-impact/for-the-strength-of-our-communities/grants-and-donations.html) | Revenue / Capital  | Up to £5,000 | See full eligibility guidance once fund is live |
| **Charles Plater Trust** | **Small Grants to Small Registered Charities**Our 2025 small grants programme is now open. We want to encourage three different types of change through our funding support.  * *Change for individuals: ‍*Achieving significant change for individuals who are the most marginalised in the UK today.
* *Change for organisations: ‍*Enhancing the capacity of organisations to respond more effectively to social needs.
* *Change for wider society: ‍*Generating social or systemic change through policy or practice change.

Educational Social Action: Projects that have an educational dimension to deliver tangible outcomes to tackle poverty, exclusion, economic inequality and environmental concerns for marginalised people and communities.A condensed online application form must be completed for this type of grant and an external reference and supporting documentation is required.Download word document application form to later copy/paste into their online webpage form.The deadline for small grant applications is 5pm, Thursday 9th October 2025.[Visit the Charles Plater Trust website](https://www.plater.org.uk/apply)[Guidance document](https://cdn.prod.website-files.com/60f17de1fd257dcff77ac596/6790eefd9d1dacc836f85a54_Guidance%20Note%20for%20Applicants.pdf)[Past Grant Recipients](https://www.plater.org.uk/past-recipients) | Revenue | typically, around £3,000 to £5,000 | Registered Charities with an annual income below £100,000  |
| **Postcode Places Trust** | **Postcode Places Trust - East of England** The Trust has published its funding guide for Round 3 which opens for applications on 25th September for a 12-day period. The updated funding guide for Round 3 and a new example application form can be found on the [Trust's website](https://www.postcodeplacestrust.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/).Themes. * Enabling participation in the arts
* Preventing or reducing the impact of poverty
* Supporting marginalised groups and/or tackling inequality
* Improving mental health - Our focus will be on organisations that are actively supporting specific mental health issues, rather than general mental wellbeing activities.

We offer three-year funding for Registered Charities, Community Interest Companies, and Community Benefit Societies with an annual income between £10,000 and £1 million.To assist with decision-making, **priority** may be given to organisations that meet one or more of the following:* Have an income of £250,000 or below
* Work in communities located in the top 15% of the English Index of Multiple Deprivation
* Organisations whose main activities are focused on supporting marginalised groups. This could include, but is not limited to, disabled people, communities experiencing racial inequity, and LGBT+ people.
* Are in areas that have not recently received funding. For this, we will primarily be looking at postcode areas (eg. EHX XXX) that have not received funding in the last 12 months. You can find a list of organisations supported [here](https://www.postcodeplacestrust.org.uk/about-us/previous-awards).\*

\* Please note Not for Profits in the IP or NR post code areas have been fairly successful in earlier application rounds in 2025.The application deadline is midday, Monday 6th October 2025.[Visit the Postcode Places Trust - East of England web-portal](https://www.postcodeplacestrust.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/)(Suffolk County Council, Knowledge & Intelligence Hub: Click on IMD 2019 Tool – Post Code (Deciles reporting) | Revenue | up to £50,000 in total over the three years, depending on your organisation’s income (typically £7,000-£10,000) | Established Registered Charities, Community Interest Companies, and Community Benefit Societies with an annual income between £10,000 and £1 million. |
| **Comic Relief** | **Small Grants for Small Not for Profits that tackle Poverty and Social Inequality**Small community organisations in England can now apply for grants through the Comic Relief Community Fund, which offers up to £5,000 from its main fund and up to £4,000 for Project Delivery grants. The programme is aimed at supporting grassroots groups working directly with disadvantaged communities to tackle poverty, hardship and inequality, as well as to build long-term resilience and opportunities. Applications from areas that score higher on the Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) may be given greater priority. The Comic Relief Community Fund is being administered by Groundwork UK. The application deadline is midday, Monday 6th October 2025.[Visit the Comic Relief Community Fund web-portal](https://www.groundwork.org.uk/comic-relief/)[Full guidance doc](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1noC82teWhVfA0dxXZW3rrgglmtFlqypxbci4MR_JLOg/edit?tab=t.0)(Suffolk County Council, Knowledge & Intelligence Hub: Click on IMD 2019 Tool – Post Code (Deciles reporting) | Equipment / Revenue / Core Funding or a mix  | Up to £5,000Up to £4,000 | Small Constituted Voluntary Groups, Social Enterprises, CIC’s (operating for 2 years), Registered Charities with an annual income less than £250,000 |
| **Childwick Trust** | **Health issues and Horseracing community** #Suffolk (upcoming)A grant awarding trust whose geographic eligibility includes Suffolk / Norfolk / Cambridgeshire within their South / South-East England area definition. Grants awarded (prefer revenue but capital eligible) circa £5,000-£20,000.**Health**The Trust has a strong emphasis on helping charities which offer care and support for people who are terminally ill, or have a serious illness, older people, adults and children who have mental health problems or a learning disability. The Trust gives help to both children and adults with physical disabilities. Organisations who offer care and support for ex-servicemen and women who have been injured or traumatised from past and recent conflicts can also be funded.The funding can be used towards specialist equipment, respite care, holidays, education and core costs. The Trust will consider funding towards some building and refurbishment costs but only once the appeal has reached at least half of the total budget.**Horseracing community**Funding is available for the welfare of those in need within the racing industry. This is generally aimed at older people, people who are retired or injured and those on a low income plus young people who need support.Application window opens on 1st October 2025 and likely to close on 20th October 2025.[Visit the Childwick Trust website](https://childwicktrust.org/who-we-fund/) | Revenue / Core, but small capital projects considered | between £5,000-£20,000Multi-year funding will be considered from charities whom we have previously funded. | Registered Charities(preference is to support charities that have not had a grant in the previous 2 years and typically have an annual income of less than £5million) |
| **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, garden equipment, specialist therapeutic (excluding medical) equipment. It does not include equipment for one-off use, or which will be given to service users for personal use on a permanent basis.
* Digital Infrastructure
* 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/) [Guidance document](https://www.clothworkersfoundation.org.uk/media/1261/application-guidance-document-may_2023.pdf)[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 Wildlife Trusts / Peoples Postcode Lottery** | **Green Community Grants Programme** The Green Community Grants Programme offers one-year flexible funding for not-for-profit groups in England, Scotland and Wales with an annual income between £10,000 and £1 million.Your organisation's main aims and objectives must fit with one of the two funding themes: * Contributing to nature recovery and responding to the climate emergency
* Improving nature-rich spaces and access to them

Priority will be given to organisations: * that have an income of £250,000 or below
* that work in communities located in the top 15% of the Index of Multiple Deprivation
* whose main activities are focused on supporting marginalised groups. This could include, but is not limited to, disabled people, communities experiencing racial inequity, and LGBT+ people.

The application deadline is Wednesday 8th October 2025[Visit The Wildlife Trust – Green Community Grants web-portal](https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/green-community-grants-programme)(Suffolk County Council, Knowledge & Intelligence Hub: Click on IMD 2019 Tool – Post Code (Deciles reporting) | Capital with Revenue  | Up to £25,000 | Not for Profits with an annual income between £10,000-£1mliion |
| **Youth Music** | **Grants to Tackle Inequalities in Creative Education and Employment** (upcoming)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 |
| **Cash4Clubs** | **Cash4Clubs** #Adult Sports ClubsCash4Clubs is a grant programme funded by Flutter UK & Ireland, part of Flutter Entertainment, the global sports betting, gaming and entertainment provider. For this reason, groups must be delivering activities to adults (18+) within the UK or Ireland.The fund has been increased this year to £500,000 and will provide 250 unrestricted grants of £2,000 each.The 2025/26 programme is focused on supporting adult participation in sport. Funding is available to groups that support over 18s only and priority will be given to applications from groups working in areas of high deprivation and engaging adults from specific under-represented groups. That means those who:* Are supporting adults living in an area of high deprivation. (Using Government Indices of Multiple Deprivation and the Portal HP Deprivation Index).
* Increase access to sport for one or more under-represented groups, including women, people from racially diverse communities, people with disabilities and people from the LGBTQ+ community.
* Encourage adults who would not usually engage in sport to take part. Examples include activities that support physical and mental wellbeing or tackle issues such as loneliness and rural isolation.
* Address broader social issues for the local community, for example tackling crime and anti-social behaviour or supporting community cohesion.

The funding is unrestricted and can be used for anything that will support the organisation to continue and/or grow their sports activities for adults.Groups can expect to have a decision on their application by the end of January 2026. The funding should be spent within a six-month period.Applications are accepted from 8th September 2025 to 8th December 2025.[Visit the Cash4Clubs grants portal](https://cash-4-clubs.com/)(Suffolk County Council, Knowledge & Intelligence Hub: Click on IMD 2019 Tool – Post Code (Deciles reporting)A white rectangular object with black text  AI-generated content may be incorrect. | Unrestricted | Up to £2,000 | Not-for-profit organisations, including Charities, Community Groups and traditional Sports Clubs |
| **Paul Hamlyn Foundation** | **Ideas and Pioneers Fund** (upcoming)Grants of up to £20,000 will soon be available to support individuals, groups, and small organisations in the UK who want to explore new ideas for social change. The Paul Hamlyn Foundation’s Ideas and Pioneers Fund provides funding and tailored support to help early-stage innovators test, research, and develop new approaches with the potential for long-term social impact. The Foundation is particularly keen to welcome first time applicants, people aged 18 to 30, and those most affected by systemic oppression and/or discrimination. Funding can be used for research, evidence gathering, campaigning, testing new approaches, or working with communities who have relevant experience to better understand the issues they face. Recent examples include supporting initiatives like the Museum of Homelessness, led by individuals with firsthand experience, and POMOC, which explores models to support Polish migrants. Further information will be made in due course. [Visit the Paul Hamlyn Foundation website](https://www.phf.org.uk/funding/ideas-and-pioneers) | See guidance once launched | Up to £20,000 | Individuals, Groups, and Small organisations |

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| **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 |
| **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 |
| **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) |
| **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 |