

Monthly Funding Information November 2018

Below is a list of current grants and funding opportunities primarily for Voluntary & Community Sector Groups and Organisations, Charities and Social Enterprises.

Where the Grant title includes an asterisk (*), Local Authorities and other partner organisations may also be eligible to apply for the funding.

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1. SHIRE Community Grant

To help deliver the priorities of Leicestershire County Council's [Communities Strategy](#), the SHIRE Community Grant programme will enable voluntary and community sector organisations (including social enterprises and Town/Parish Councils) to deliver community-based projects, services and activities which help to improve the lives of vulnerable people in Leicestershire.

Eligible organisations can access grants of up to £10,000 and/or smaller grants of up to £3,000 for community based projects and activities that are specifically focused on supporting vulnerable and disadvantaged people and communities.

Leicestershire County Council are particularly interested in funding new and innovative projects that will:

- improve the lives, health and wellbeing of vulnerable and disadvantaged individuals and communities in Leicestershire
- provide early intervention and prevention based solutions which help to reduce demand on Council and other public services
- complement existing services already being delivered

The final deadline for applications for 2018-19 is Monday 12th November

2. Local Schools Nature Grant Scheme – Learning through Landscapes

The Local Schools Nature Grants Scheme allows Infant, Primary and Secondary schools in England, Scotland & Wales to apply for £500 worth of outdoor resources, and a two hour training session thanks to Postcode Local Trust, which receives funding from players of People's Postcode Lottery.

The grants provide an assortment of nature equipment up to the value of £500 and a two hour training session. The packages are customisable, enabling Infant, Primary and Secondary schools to choose from a menu of items which best suit their learners and their setting. The scheme is offering 500 grants and a wider mix of products and training to appeal to an even broader range of ages.

They are looking for schools whose learners are aged 5+ and are passionate about making environmental improvements for the benefit of their pupils, staff and the community.

**NB: this scheme does not provide cash grants to schools
The deadline for applications is 30 November 2018.**

3. Project Viability Grant and Project Development Grant – Architectural Heritage Fund

The Architectural Heritage Fund (AHF) - which supports the conservation and re-generation of historic buildings - has two further grants available:

- Project Viability Grants – grants up to £7,500 are available to fund studies to look at potential uses for a building in its current condition, and produce a Viability Report to a standard template.
- Project Development Grants – grants up to £30,000 are available to assist an organisation to cover some of the costs of developing and co-ordinating a project and taking it towards the start of work on site.

The deadline for applications for both Project Viability Grants and Project Development Grants of up to £7,500 is the last day of each calendar month.

Project Development Grant applications for more than £7,500 go to Trustee Grants Panel meetings for decision. The deadline for the next meeting is 11th February 2019.

4. Big Lottery Fund Launch New £15m Digital Fund

This new fund launched on October 22nd is aimed at helping the UK's charitable and voluntary sector use digital tools and approaches to support people and communities across the UK. The two-year fund is a key step in delivering the Big Lottery Fund's digital ambitions outlined in its 'Supporting Charities and Community Organisations Strategy'. It follows recognition that more could be done to enable charities and groups to make the most of digital opportunities.

In the first round, the Digital Fund is currently offering two strands of funding:

- The first strand is aimed at 'Digital Pioneers'. These are established charities with a minimum income of more than £500,000 per year that want to use digital to take a major leap forward. It will provide grants of up to £500,000 and a tailored support package with grants lasting from one to four years.
- The second strand is aimed at 'Digital Natives'. These are more recently-established organisations that are successfully using digital, but now need help scaling this up. It will provide grants of up to £500,000 with grants lasting from one to four years.

The Digital Fund will open in phases over the next two years.

The first phase will be open from 22 October 2018 to 3 December 2018.

5. Hospice UK Rank Foundation Awards Open to Applications

Hospice UK is the national charity for the hospice movement and supports hospices in the UK in their vital work on the frontline of caring for people facing the end of life and caring for their families. Support takes many forms, including training, education, information, grant aid, advice and fundraising events/ activities.

The Rank Foundation grant programme is now accepting applications for projects that have a direct impact to patients in adult member hospices.

In 2018 the theme is Enhancing Wellbeing.

Grants are available for projects that improve the physical space to encourage and enable hospices to improve the environment in which they deliver care. The programme is primarily to support capital costs but revenue costs that help deliver the capital activity can be included in the project costs - however revenue costs must not be the primary expense.

Adult hospices based in the UK that are full members of Hospice UK are eligible under this scheme.

The total available funding in this round is £100,000 and Hospice UK are looking to make grants of up to £15,000 each.

The deadline for applications is 6 December 2018.

6. Comic Relief Launches Power Up: Resourcing Women's and Girls' Movements for Change

Funding is available to women and girl-led organisations, partnerships, consortia and women's funds who are supporting women to have collective power, build movements and become change agents.

Comic Relief has launched 'Power Up: Resourcing Women's and Girls' Movements for Change', an open funding programme to support women and girl's movements in the UK as well as the countries it funds in Africa and Asia.

This open funding programme aims to support a diverse range of women's rights organisations to fight against systems which perpetuate the injustices they encounter in their daily lives.

Comic Relief wants to find and support women and girl's movements to seed, sustain and strengthen change in the countries in which it operates: the UK, Sierra Leone, Ghana, Nigeria, South Africa, Zambia, Rwanda, Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Malawi, Zimbabwe, India, Nepal and Bangladesh.

The funding is intended to support the development of specific work (such as campaigns, advocacy and/or services) when it is part of long-term change. There is also interest in supporting work which helps movement constituents develop a common agenda for change, such as developing and sharing analytic frameworks, learnings and research, and work that is focussed on base building, such as growing membership and leadership, building/growing/supporting alliances and solidarity both between and within movements.

This fund is for women and girl led organisations only. Applications will be considered from locally-rooted women's and girls' movements that are working collectively towards a shared long-term goal.

The funding is available for three to five years. Grants range from up to £300,000 for single applicants or up to £500,000 for partnerships.

This is expected to be a competitive programme and Comic Relief does not expect to fund projects in every country in which the funding is offered.

There is a two-stage application process.

The deadline for first stage applications is 7 December 2018 (12pm).

7. Hate Crime Community Projects Fund

The Home Office is currently accepting applications for funding for community projects that prevent hate crime in England and Wales.

The Home Office expects to fund eight motivated and creative community groups to develop innovative programmes that help to prevent hate crime and issues associated with it in England and Wales. Providing funding for projects that prevent hate crime is one of the actions included in the UK Government's hate crime action plan.

Voluntary and community sector including not - for - profit organisations can apply. Partnerships involving local authorities can apply as long as the local authority is not the lead applicant.

Hate crimes are crimes that are motivated by hostility on the grounds of race (including colour, nationality and citizenship, religion, ethnicity and national origin), disability, sexual orientation and transgender identity.

The aim of the fund is to work with affected communities to fund the development of projects that:

- Preventing hate crime – by challenging the beliefs and attitudes that can underline such crimes.
- Responding to hate crime in communities – reducing the number of hate crime incidents.
- Increasing the reporting of hate crime – while there has been an increase in all recorded hate crime, hate crime is still significantly under-reported.
- Improving support for the victims of hate crime – this is crucial for increasing victims' confidence to report incidents and enabling them to feel confident that the criminal justice system understands their needs.
- Building understanding of hate crime – if the drivers of hate crime are understood, all forms of hate crime can be effectively combatted.

Grants of £75,000 are available for projects that commence from 1 April 2019 and are completed by 31 March 2020.

The funding can be used for the following revenue costs:

- Salaries of project workers, including any extra costs such as pensions, National Insurance and redundancy costs, if applicable, for the project.
- Salaries of management staff who only supervise project staff, including any extra costs such as pensions and National Insurance for the project.
- Recruitment of staff who will work on the project.
- Expenses of project staff and volunteers, including; travel, accommodation, phone bills and stationery.
- Rent, heating, lighting, maintenance and insurance for office space and buildings only used for this.

The fund will run in 2018/19 and 2019/20

The deadline for applications for 2018/19 is 7 December 2018 (23:45).

8. Troubled families: Supporting Families Against Youth Crime*

The fund is designed to enhance the existing package of support provided by local Troubled Families Programmes to enable a greater focus on preventing youth and gang crime. This fund supports the early intervention and prevention theme of the Government's 2018 [Serious Violence Strategy](#).

The fund will support initiatives that align with the Programme's focus on early intervention and scaling up whole family working. The fund will support a range of initiatives, from expanding existing good practice approaches that have an evidence base, through to new or innovative interventions that an area is developing in response to the issue.

The fund is open to all upper tier local authorities in England who are part of the Troubled Families Programme. Bids from single authorities should not exceed a maximum amount of £500,000. Joint bids by two or more local authorities will also be considered. There is no maximum bid amount for joint bids. Local authorities can be part of a maximum of two bids.

Applications should have evidence that proposals are targeted in areas of high or emerging need; that they will have impact; are good value for money and will provide robust data that can be used to develop future approaches. In addition, bids should demonstrate collaboration with Voluntary and Community Sector organisations.

The strategic aims of the Fund are to:

- Provide additional capacity to local authorities where gang and youth crime is an issue, to help them respond to their local needs;
- Test and learn from interventions and place-based initiatives;
- Drive improved local, multi-agency partnership working with the VCS.

In particular, the fund will support proposals that aim to:

- Develop children's personal resilience to withstand peer pressure and make positive choices, particularly but not limited to the transition ages between primary and secondary school;
- Reduce gang and youth crime by intervening early to raise awareness of the dangers of gangs, youth violence and knife crime and changing the culture around the acceptability of carrying knives. An example of this could be targeting families with support where siblings or parents have been victims or perpetrators of gang and youth crime.
- Work with parents/carers and local workforce to understand the dangers and risks surrounding gang crime. Parents need to have the skills and information to ask the right questions, identify risks and discuss their concerns with their

child. They also need to know what support is available. Professionals who had not previously had to consider issues such as gang and youth crime are now being asked to do so and need to be equipped to provide the right advice, guidance and support to parents and carers;

- Increase the collaboration between the local authority and the voluntary and community sector, to continue to grow the wider community response to gang and youth crime.
- Provide data of robust quality that could be used in future programme development

Applications should be submitted by 7th December 2018

9. New fund to support vulnerable EU citizens apply for settled status

Grant funding of up to £9 million will be available to ensure EU citizens needing additional support get help in obtaining their settled status when applying for their immigration status through the [EU Settlement Scheme](#).

The Home Office has been working closely with voluntary and community organisations across the UK representing the needs of potentially vulnerable EU citizens.

The grant will help these organisations to both inform vulnerable individuals about the need to apply for settled status and support them to complete their applications to protect their status as the UK exits the EU.

Organisations working with people who might be affected and require additional support can apply for project funding from the end of November.

10. SHIRE Recycling Grant

Leicestershire County Council is committed to minimising the amount of waste that is thrown away. In order to help achieve this, the Council is offering up to £3,000 in the form of SHIRE Recycling Grants.

These grants will be available for eligible community based organisations to deliver local waste prevention, recycling and composting projects and activities.

We are particularly interested in funding new and innovative projects that will:

- Reduce household waste, divert waste from disposal and optimise levels of recycling and composting in a cost effective way.
- Reduce the amount of waste produced in Leicestershire by waste reduction, reuse and recycling and encouraging resourcefulness through repairing, refurbishing, repurposing, sharing, swapping and composting.
- Enable residents and communities to get involved in waste related initiatives and support permanent changes in individual behaviours.

Deadline for applications is Friday 28th December

11. New Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust Programme Open to Applications

The £4 million Tackling Serious Stress in Veterans, Families and Carers Programme will support charities and health professionals working together to develop new ways to help veterans in the UK with severe mental-health needs.

The programme, which is funded by the UK Government as part of the enduring Armed Forces Covenant Fund, intends to provide additional resources to fill the gaps in existing statutory provision for those who do not meet the usual criteria for hospitalisation and inpatient treatment, while avoiding an overlap with any of the current mental-health services or statutory support. By doing so it will deliver two of the Armed Forces Covenant's four core themes – providing non-core healthcare services for veterans, and providing extra support after service for those that need help.

Grants in the region of £300,000-£700,000 are available to fund five project portfolios across the UK that will each be managed by a single lead organisation from the charitable or statutory sectors in collaboration with a number of supporting organisations, which will deliver the funded activities.

Funding can be used for the development of innovative new ideas or to further develop existing ideas that have the potential to offer better support than is currently available. Projects should involve service users, carers and families in their development and delivery and must address at least one of the following identified intervention themes:

- New ways of providing respite care locally that will support veterans to remain connected to their community and will support their carer.
- Pathways of care for addiction treatment.
- Trialling the Recovery ('transition') college model.
- Supporting carers and peers where they are experiencing severe stress or other illness, and/or to maintain good mental health and prevent crises.

- Enabling more cost-effective and reliable recovery from addiction and dependency.
- Supporting planned short-term residential services that enhance resilience, prevent relapse/crisis, and enable sustainable long-term purposeful living.

As part of the scheme, all funded portfolios will be expected to participate in an overarching research project, which will explore whether the support that the projects are delivering is better than existing statutory services on offer.

The deadline for applications is 31 December 2018.

12. UK Theatres Small Grants Scheme – Theatres Trust

The UK Theatres Small Grants Scheme is a capital fund that awards up to £5,000 to theatres across the UK run by charities and not-for-profit groups that can clearly demonstrate the value capital improvements to their theatres would make to their work in local communities. Priorities include projects that address urgent building repairs, improve operational viability, introduce environmental improvements, and enhance physical accessibility.

The closing date for applications is 8 January 2019.

13. Restoration Grants – Association for Industrial Archaeology

The AIA can make available Restoration Grants of up to £20,000 for a range of historic and industrial archaeology purposes. Details of some of the projects already funded can be found on their [website](#). Grants are awarded for the restoration of historically, technically, architecturally, and/or archaeologically important industrial buildings, structures, machinery, vehicles and vessels within the UK. Applications will usually relate to a single, tangible structure or artefact.

The heritage asset must:

- be covered by a Conservation Policy and/or Statement
- sustainably managed, displayed and interpreted for the public, therefore the public must have full access to the asset

The applicant organisation must be a not-for-profit organisation such as a Trust, charity, CIC etc. Grants are not available for private businesses or individuals

The closing date for applications is 31 March 2019.

14. £320 Million Heat Networks Investment Project for England & Wales: Open to Register Interest*

A £320 million fund to help encourage the wider use of heating networks for domestic and public buildings. Delivering on its commitment to tackle energy costs using innovative, low carbon solutions, the government is launching a new initiative for homes and non-domestic consumers, including schools, hospitals and council buildings, to participate in a new heat networks scheme.

The Heat Networks Investment Project (HNIP) is a major government project which will invest capital funding in heat network projects, through grants and loans. This is provided as 'gap funding' to grow the UK heat networks market and deliver the carbon savings required to meet the nation's future carbon reduction commitments.

The programme has an overall investment pot of £320 million of capital funding, to be awarded through grants of up to £5 million and corporate loans of between £25,000 and £10 million.

Investment costs eligible for support under the HNIP scheme include:

- The building of new heat networks (generation, distribution and customer supply).
- Development of existing heat networks including expansions, refurbishment or the interconnection of existing networks where additional carbon savings can be demonstrated (which can include refinancing or acquisitions).
- Commercialisation phase and construction costs.
- Works to access recoverable heat.
- Costs for heat network infrastructure connected to the generation plant.

HNIP will offer grants and capital loans to both the public and private sectors in England and Wales, for networks serving two or more buildings. Supported heat networks must be located in England and/or Wales.

The launch of the scheme follows a six-month pilot into low-carbon heat networks, during which researchers concluded that projects supported by the full scheme could provide heat to around 5,000 domestic customers and 50 non-domestic buildings across nine networks.

Interested parties are now invited to register their interest in applying. Guidance materials are expected to be published in November 2018.

The application process will launch in January 2019 and bids will be accepted on a continuous basis until the application period closes in December 2021.

15. NESTA Launch Cultural Impact Development Fund

NESTA has launched a new loan finance programme for cultural and creative organisations based in England.

The Cultural Impact Development Fund offers repayable finance between £25,000 and £150,000 to arts, cultural and creative organisations that are committed to improving the quality of their impact practice and evaluation and could benefit from external support with this. It aims to enable ambitious organisations in the arts and cultural sector to take on small-scale repayable finance in order to achieve social outcomes, and to increase the capability of arts and cultural organisations to articulate, achieve, monitor and evaluate their intended social impact.

The Fund is supported by Access - The Foundation for Social Investment through the Growth Fund programme, with finance being provided by its partners Big Lottery Fund and Big Society Capital.

- Arts and culture organisations based in England are eligible to apply, including:
- Arts and cultural venues
- Museums, libraries and archives
- Non-venue based organisations (e.g. touring organisations, production companies, festivals, etc.)
- Sector support organisations (e.g. development agencies, workspace providers, cultural education organisations)

Charities, community interest companies and community benefit societies with a recognised charitable purpose are eligible for investment. Other incorporated entities, such as companies limited by shares, will be considered based on the strength of their social mission and whether the majority of their profit will be reinvested into that mission.

The Fund offers unsecured loans (and revenue participation agreements, where appropriate) between £25,000 and £150,000 with repayment term of one to five years and interest rates ranging between 5.5% and 8.5%.

Applications will be accepted until the deadline of 31 August 2026.

16. Emergency Essentials Programme – BBC Children in Need

Family Fund Business Services are working in collaboration with BBC Children in Need to deliver the Emergency Essentials programme supporting children and young people under the age of 18 living with severe poverty as well as additional pressures such as domestic violence, disability or poor health in the family.

The programme can deliver or fund critical items such as:

- Gas or electric cookers
- Essential household items
- Furniture and kitchen equipment
- Children's beds and bedding
- Washing machines
- Fridges and freezers
- Baby equipment
- Clothing in exceptional or emergency situations.

Applications must be completed by a registered referrer who is part of an organisation that is supporting the family or young person and capable of assessing their needs.

No application deadline advertised

17. Neighbourhood Planning Grants – Locality

Locality will continue to deliver the Neighbourhood Planning Support Programme over the next four years, from 2018-2022. The programme builds on the 2015-18 programme and any support previously received will be taken into account.

All groups undertaking a neighbourhood plan or neighbourhood development order are eligible to apply for up to £9,000 in basic grant. You must spend your grant funding within 12 months or by the end of the financial year, whichever is earliest.

As well as applying for a basic grant, you can also apply for technical support (provided you meet the eligibility criteria) to help you with your neighbourhood plan or neighbourhood development order.

Groups meeting the eligibility criteria are able to apply for an additional grant of up to £8,000 (in addition to the basic grant). To qualify for this additional grant, you must be at least one of the following:

- Allocating sites for housing
- Including design codes in your plan
- A designated business neighbourhood plan
- A cluster of three or more parishes writing a single plan
- A Neighbourhood Area with a population of over 25,000

Under the new programme there are some important changes to eligibility criteria for support available to groups.

No application deadline advertised

18. Transforming British Tennis Together Initiative – Lawn Tennis Association*

The LTA are operating two funds, with the preference being to invest in projects that bring together multiple partners to deliver the right mix of tennis facilities for their local community.

The first fund is the [Transforming British Tennis Together Fund](#). The LTA are allocating £100m and will provide significant support to applicants throughout the lifecycle of their project. With this fund they want to see multiple organisations coming together to create hundreds of thriving ‘Community Tennis Networks’.

The second fund - the **Growing the Game Fund** (due to reopen shortly) – is designed to support smaller venues who, primarily for geographical reasons, cannot be part of a broader Community Tennis Network. The LTA are allocating £25m and we will provide a more streamlined service to applicants.

The following elements are likely to feature in many successful bids:

- Floodlights
- Covered courts (primarily framed fabric, bubbles or other low cost structures)
- Social facilities (including cafes and clubhouses)
- Multi-sports surfaces suitable for tennis
- Accessible facilities that cater for disabled players
- Tennis facilities at multi-sport venues, whether indoor or outdoor
- Creative ideas on how existing facilities can be altered to support Community Tennis Network

Up to 50% funding is available to projects and the initiative is due to run for 10 years with 2 funding rounds each year.

No application deadline advertised

19. Website Grants – Transform Foundation

Transform Foundation provide funding of up to £18,000 to cover the strategy, design, build, content strategy, training, QA and launch of a new mobile optimised website, with sophisticated marketing, fundraising, appeals, social media, e-commerce and website management tools.

The grant covers 100% of the website design and build costs with the Foundation's current grant partner. Applicant organisations will need to cover ongoing costs for a minimum of a 12 month commitment.

They are specifically targeting small and medium sized charities – generally with an income between £350k and £30M a year.

No application deadline advertised

20. Family Fund – The Family Fund Trust for families with severely disabled children

The Family Fund helps families across the UK who are raising a disabled or seriously ill child or young person aged 17 or under. You can apply to Family Fund subject to a number of criteria which include that you are the parent or carer of a disabled or seriously ill child or young person aged 17 or under and that you have evidence of entitlement to one of the following:

- Universal Credit
- Child Tax Credit
- Working Tax Credit
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income Support, Incapacity Benefit
- Employment Support Allowance
- Housing Benefit
- Pension Credit

You can only apply once every 12 months.

No application deadline advertised