

Funding Insight Newsletter (17.01.22)

This insight outlines a range of funding opportunities open to the public sector, businesses, community groups etc. Regular funding opportunities are also available via the websites below:

- [Arts Council Funding Finder](#)
- [National Lottery Grant for Heritage](#)
- [Big Lottery Fund](#)

Community groups can now access potential grant funding opportunities through the free Blackburn with Darwen Open4Community online search tool.

[Register and find out more](#)

For all Blackburn with Darwen Council funding bids

Please check whether match funding is required, if it is please contact and inform your Finance colleague.

Funding opportunities over £100,000

Funding opportunities between £25,000 and £100,000

Funding to Improve the Lives of People Suffering from Social Exclusion

Charities and other not-for-profit organisations across the UK and Republic of Ireland can apply for grants of up to £20,000 for projects that improve access to employment, training, housing, mobility, or leisure for disadvantaged and socially excluded people.

The grants are being made through the VINCI UK Foundation and can be used to purchase, upgrade or refurbish transport, equipment, ICT, tools, furniture and facilities for long-lasting projects costing up to £100,000.

This could, for example, include the development of new/current activities, the refurbishment of premises, or the improvement of marketing tools.

Successful applicants will also receive the support of a VINCI sponsor, who will donate some of their time and practical expertise to the project.

The closing date for applications is the 31st March 2022.

[Find out more here](#)

Funding Available to Redistribute Surplus Food

FareShare's Surplus with Purpose Fund provides funding of up to £50,000 to food businesses in the UK to offset the costs of sending good quality surplus food to good causes, helping the people most in need.

The fund is open to companies seeking to unlock new or hard to reach surplus (or 'waste') food, as well as those that haven't previously worked with FareShare.

The type of stock eligible for support includes:

- Packaging / labelling errors
- Stock that's become surplus due to forecasting errors
- Stock below MLOR (48 hours minimum life on receipt by FareShare)
- Fruit & veg past BBE

- Stock past BBE (subject to manufacturer's extension letter)
- Quality rejections – 'out of spec'
- Unfinished products
- Bulk ingredients for manufacturing
- Lines no longer being retailed
- Samples and NPD's
- Foreign label stock
- Damages
- Seasonal stock
- Retailer branded food.

The funding can be used to cover the additional staff costs needed for packing and sorting edible surplus food, or in building, implementing and managing new processes. It could also cover packaging and transportation costs, or lost income from the sale of surplus to animal feed or anaerobic digestion.

Funding applications can be submitted at any time.

[Find out more here](#)

Deutsche Bank Awards for Creative Entrepreneurs Open for Applications

Deutsche Bank has announced that its Awards for Creative Entrepreneurs (DBACE) is open for applications. The Awards will provide a cash prize fund of £60,000 and business support for a year to aspiring individuals who want to go into business in the creative industries.

Applicants must be 18-30 years old and have a strong idea or an existing business in the creative industries. They must have a desire to create positive social impact through their enterprise. The eventual business can be not-for-profit or a commercial idea/enterprise.

There is a two-stage application process and applicants who proceed to the second stage of the competition will be asked for the amount of prize monies they would like to apply for from three incremental categories of £2,000-£5,000; £5,000-£10,000; and £10,000-£20,000.

The closing date for applications is the 31st March 2022.

[Find out more here](#)

Arts-Based Learning Fund

Not for profit organisations and charities that are working with schools, colleges and other formal education settings can apply for grants of between £30,000 and £400,000 to enhance the lives, development and achievements of children and young people through high quality arts-based learning activities.

The funding is being made available through the Paul Hamlyn Foundation's Arts-based Learning Fund.

The Foundation are particularly interested in applications with a focus on the following areas:

- support for pupils who experience systemic disadvantage to access and make progress in their learning
- creating more opportunities for high quality arts-based teaching and learning in education settings, especially in those which have not had this work in the past
- exploring the role of arts-based learning in addressing issues of inclusion, especially racism, in education
- effective practice in digital and blended arts-based teaching and learning
- enabling arts-based learning to be embedded in curricula and practice for the long-term.

Projects can last for two to three years.

All applicants must be working in partnership with schools or other formal education settings – i.e. primary and secondary schools, further education colleges, alternative provision, special schools and early years

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.

[Find out more here](#)

Funding opportunities under £25,000

Funding for Projects Promoting Blood and Organ Donations Amongst Minority Ethnic Communities Deadline Extended

Community and faith/beliefs organisations across the UK can apply for grants of up to £20,000 to build support for blood and organ donations amongst Black, Asian, mixed heritage and minority ethnic communities.

The NHS Blood and Transplant Community Investment Scheme 2022/23 will support organisations to engage, educate and recruit more donors. In this latest round of funding, the scheme has broadened its scope to cover a range of health inequalities including blood, organ and stem cells to address the shortage of Black blood donors, whose blood is used to treat conditions like sickle cell, the shortage of ethnically matched organs for those waiting for a transplant, as well as the need for ethnically matched stem cell donors.

The deadline for applications has been extended to the 16th January 2022.

[Find out more here](#)

Funding to Improve Online Digital Presence for Small Charities

UK charities can apply for funding of up to £2,500 to help them improve their online digital presence. The Fat Beehive Foundation awards small grants to charities with an average income of less than £1 million a year to support hard-to-fund digital expenditure that other funders will often not cover.

Funding will help organisations to build websites and apps, digitise services, and purchase digital products. Priority will be given to projects which focus on

- environmental protection or climate change mitigation,
- human rights,
- international development,
- equality and diversity,
- social justice / refugees / housing,
- education,
- art and culture,
- health and wellbeing,
- prisoner rehabilitation.

Applications are considered on a rolling basis at quarterly trustee meetings which are normally held in April, July, October, and January.

[Find out more here](#)

Funding to Pilot New Ideas in the Teaching of Mathematics

The Institute of Mathematics Education Grant Scheme has re-opened for applications.

Individuals working in secondary schools, colleges of further education and higher education institutions (including PhD students) will be able to apply for grants of £600 towards the costs of running an educational activity relating to mathematics.

The Scheme aims to enable organisations to pilot new ideas, approaches and practices or undertake collaborative activities that would not be possible under existing funding schemes. Applications will also be welcomed from primary schools but will need to involve collaboration

with a secondary school, FE college or higher education institution.
Applications can be submitted until the 30th November 2022.

[Find out more here](#)

Grants for Armed Forces Day Events

Grants of up to £10,000 are available to local councils, organisations, schools, ex-service organisations and individuals for Armed Forces Day events across the UK.

The Ministry of Defence is providing funding for events such as tea parties, parades, big band concerts, civil war military re-enactments, and live and static demonstrations to be held on or in the weeks around the 25th June 2022.

Funding could be used to cover road closures required to hold an event, decorations, flags and banners, newspaper and radio advertisements, security and first aid arrangements, and PA and communications systems.

Grants can cover up to half the total cost of the event.

The closing date for applications is the 1st March 2022.

[Find out more here](#)

Ogden Trust - Local School Partnerships

The Ogden Trust is seeking applications to its School Partnerships programme. The partnership programme provides funding for schools over a number of years and supports:

- Local Cluster Partnerships - a group of four or more schools within a local area who want to collaborate on projects that enhance the teaching and learning of physics.
- Established Collaborations - a group of four or more schools associated through a multi-academy trust (MAT), MAC, federation, educational trust or similarly related organisation, who want to collaborate on projects that enhance the teaching and learning of physics
- Joining an Existing Partnership

Partnerships can include primary schools, secondary schools, or ideally a mix of both.

Applications are welcome from (but not limited to) partnerships which include schools in the following categories:

- rural and coastal areas
- schools based in areas of social deprivation
- above national average free school meals

Grants are for up to £2,500 per academic year for the first three years and £1,000 in the fourth year for activities to enhance the teaching and learning of physics.

The closing date for applications is the 1st February 2022.

Useful Links:

[Find out more here](#)

Grants for Digital Vocational Learning Projects

Grants of between £15,000 and £50,000 are available for early-stage project ideas that use technology to improve vocational education. The aim is to test and scope ideas that may develop into successful learning products and services.

The VocTech Trust Seed grants are available to organisations across the UK, including charities, trade bodies, learning providers, employers, private companies, community interest companies and other not for profit organisations.

The UFi VocTech Trust will provide funding for projects lasting between three to twelve months which show how digital technologies can be used in innovative ways to improve skills for work.

This could include design, development and prototyping, refining learning design, small scale testing with users, planning a route to market, strategies for scaling, project management, and evidencing impact & what works.

The closing date for applications is the 9th February 2022.

To help applicants prepare their applications, the Trust is running a series of workshops. Information on these can be found on the Voch Tech Trust website (link below).

[Find out more here](#)

Grants to Improve & Develop Allotments

Grants of between £250 and £2,000 are available to registered Allotment Associations and committees across the UK for the improvement and development of facilities on registered and permitted sites.

The funding is being made available by the National Allotment Gardens Trust which aims to advance and improve the Allotments/Gardens movement through education, training, workshops and support. Non-statutory sites may also be granted funding if a long-term lease is in place.

Applications will be assessed by the Board of Trustees on a quarterly basis.

The next deadline for applications is the 1st April 2022.

[Find out more here](#)

British Ecological Society – Outreach Grants

The British Ecological Society has announced that its Outreach Grants programme is now open for applications. Through the programme, individuals and organisations such as schools, museums, libraries and community groups will be able to apply for grants to promote ecological science to a wide audience.

The funding is available for projects that increase public understanding of, and engagement with ecology by:

- Increase public understanding of, and engagement with, ecology
- Stimulate discussion about ecology and its implications for society
- Inspire and enthuse people of all ages about the science of ecology, especially those not previously interested
- Develop skills in communicating the science of ecology

Applications from museums and schools are welcome but projects must involve significant outreach beyond schools as those aimed solely at delivering curriculum to school children will not be considered. Grants are not awarded for purely nature conservation purposes or any activity that does not promote the science of ecology.

Projects supported will:

- Be aimed at a non-academic audience
- Provide a clear demonstration of direct interaction with the audience
- Show evidence of links to the research community at UK, regional and international levels, where appropriate

The maximum award is £2,000 which may form all or part of the total costs of the project. Larger projects involving other sponsors are also funded.

The closing date for applications is 5pm on the 18th March 2022.

[Find out more here](#)

National Churches Foundation Grant Reopens for Applications

Churches across the UK can apply for grants of between £500 and £5,000 towards the cost of urgent maintenance works and small repairs through the National Churches Trust

Foundation Grant Programme. Project costs should be up to £10,000 excl. VAT and awards will never exceed 50% of the costs.

Applications are accepted from listed and unlisted Christian places of worship, of any denomination.

Applications are being accepted on a rolling basis until the 31st October 2022.

[Find out more here](#)

Interest-Free Loans for the Purchase of Musical Instruments & Equipment

Interest-free loans are available for the purchase of musical instruments and equipment, to help ensure that more people across England and Northern Ireland can access instruments and learn to play.

The Take it Away Scheme works with 130 music retailers to allow applicants to buy almost any musical instrument available, such as traditional instruments like violins, clarinets, guitars and pianos, contemporary equipment like synthesizers, drum machines and recording equipment, or musical accessories like cases. The loans are also available for musical equipment, software and tuition.

The Scheme is backed by the Arts Council and makes loans of up to £5,000 to people in England aged up to 25 years, and up to £2,000 to all ages in Northern Ireland.

Applicants must have an annual income of £5,000 or more and applications can be made at any time.

[Find out more here](#)

Neighbourhood Planning Grant Scheme Due to Close for Applications

Through the Neighbourhood Planning Grant Scheme, local communities can apply for basic grant funding of up to £10,000 to help shape the future of their local area through the development of neighbourhood plans or neighbourhood development orders. This can include issues such as the location of new homes, shops, offices and green spaces.

There is additional grant funding available for the following

- An additional £8,000 for groups based in or areas where 30% or more of the neighbourhood area or population is in the 20% most deprived areas in England in accordance with the Index of Multiple Deprivation.
- An additional £10,000 to develop ideas to bring forward affordable housing ideas.

In addition, applicants facing complex issues such as allocating sites for development, can apply for Technical Support where a specialist advisor will provide support with specific issues or assessments.

Grant applications for the 2021-2022 financial year can be submitted until 5pm on 31st January 2022. This means the last date for completing an Expression of Interest form for a grant application is 5pm on 30th January (applicants will still need to complete their application form by 5pm on the 31st January 2022). Expenditure through a grant must be completed on or before 31st March 2022.

Applications for technical support will be considered on a rolling basis and are not affected by these timeframes.

<https://neighbourhoodplanning.org/>

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Activity Fund Launched

Sport England has launched a new £5 million fund to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee that aims to use sport and physical activity to bring communities together and tackle inequalities. Grants of between £300 and £10,000 are available to community organisations; including schools in support of new projects that inactive people to get active, or less active people to

become more active. The funds could be used for things such as facility hire and coaching costs, or even small capital improvements.

Priority will be given to projects working with people living in areas of disadvantage, as defined by the Indices of Multiple Deprivation areas 1-3.

Eligible types of organisations that can apply are:

- a community amateur sports club (as registered with HMRC)
- an unregistered voluntary and community organisation with a not-for-profit constitution
- a registered charity
- a not-for-profit company (limited by guarantee without share capital or charitable incorporated organisation) and without persons of significant control
- a community interest company (CIC) with no persons of significant control, or other social enterprise
- community benefit society
- a school using their facilities for wider community benefit
- local authority bodies (including town, parish and community councils).

Applications can be submitted at any time.

[Find out more here](#)

Funding for the Creation & Maintenance of New Woodlands

Landowners, land managers, farmers and community groups in all 13 of the Community Forest areas across England can apply for funding to support them to establish and manage woodlands.

Trees for Climate grant funding will cover all costs associated with the creation of a new woodland, as well as on-going funding to support the maintenance of the trees, and associated infrastructure such as fencing and gates for up to fifteen years.

Design, planning and planting support from professional woodland advisors is also available.

There is no minimum or maximum project size, and grants for hedgerow planting are also offered through the programme.

Applications can be made all year round.

[Find out more here](#)

Funding Available to Support Schools Facing Unexpected or Imminent Failure

Teaching schools, national support schools and multi-academy trusts can apply for funding through the Emergency School Improvement Fund (non-capital) to support schools facing unexpected or imminent failure.

This can include primary schools; secondary schools; middle schools; all-through schools; alternative provision and special academies; maintained schools; and pupil referral units.

Applications can be made for short-term support while a longer-term sustainable solution is developed, for example through the support of a new academy sponsor. Applications can also be made for longer-term whole school support where no other sustainable solution can be found to address the school failure.

Schools or academy trusts seeking support through the emergency school improvement fund, should contact the relevant local authority or regional schools commissioner. If they agree that support through the emergency school improvement fund is necessary, they will agree which teaching schools, national support school or multi-academy trust should lead that support and submit an emergency funding application on their behalf.

[Find out more here](#)

Support for Voluntary and Community Organisations in Former Coalfield Communities

Grants of up to £10,000 are available to voluntary and community organisations addressing local needs in former coalfield communities.

The Coalfields Regeneration Trust's Coalfields Recovery & Resilience Fund will support organisations that are delivering support services in the top 30% most deprived former coalfield areas or have significantly adapted their services in order to respond to the current issues/challenges in their community and support vulnerable people.

Funding can be used to help with 100% core costs.

The type of activities/services that could be supported include (the list is not exhaustive)

- Organisations providing direct advice, guidance and support to people who are in crisis and/or experiencing financial hardship
- Organisations supporting people who are experiencing poor mental health
- Organisations supporting vulnerable people who are experiencing health inequalities, loneliness and/or social isolation
- Organisations supporting people experiencing domestic violence/sexual abuse
- Organisations supporting local community activity, including volunteering, and co-ordination of services

The next deadline for submitting the eligibility survey for the April 2021 Committee is 5pm on the 4th March 2022. The deadline for submitting applications is 5pm on the 18th March 2022.

[Find out more here](#)