

March 2022 Funding Gazette



Welcome to the March edition of the Cumbria Youth Alliance Funding Gazette. This is a fast changing environment so always check out the websites before applying for any of the funding listed in this edition as things close and re-open depending upon funding available and do watch out for deadlines approaching.

Stay safe and keep up the wonderful work!



Welcome to our March Funding Gazette

CYA would like to acknowledge a wide range of sources of information. We regularly look at funding information from NAVCA, Active Cumbria, NCVO, Merseyside Funding Portal, Get Grants and Focus on Funding from Cumbria CVS. CVS will do a search for funding for your specific project via Grantfinder. Contact: cvsfunding@cumbriacvs.org.uk

There are significant opportunities to apply for grants and trusts but now more than ever the competition is stiff and you need to take time to read the guidelines carefully for each of the charitable trusts and foundations and only apply to those where you do meet the criteria.

Funders tell us that over 30% of the applications they receive don't meet their criteria and they waste time reading through them and rejecting them but more importantly the organisations have wasted their time compiling the application and the supporting documents only for them to be consigned to the bin.

Cumbria Youth Alliance can help you with your funding applications -we can supply you with up to 10 potential funding sources that are a good match for your organisation. We can assist by being a second pair of eyes to read through your applications before you send them away and we can be a referee for your application if we have worked together and we are aware of your work.

If you and your team need help with fundraising and you work with children, young people or families here in Cumbria then give us a shout juan@cya.org.uk or ring us on 01900-603131 to book a zoom call for some one-to-one support.

Don't forget you are not alone Cumbria Youth Alliance can help with all sorts of aspects of your fundraising thanks to support from Cumbria County Council under the Infrastructure Support Contract to support organisations working with children and young people.

- We can source 5 big and 5 small charitable trusts that will give you a good match for what you want funded
- We can deliver fundraising training - how to apply to foundations and trusts -we can deliver this at a time and place to suit your needs and it can include staff, volunteers and /or trustees
- We can check your bids and see if we can add anything or help it with additional information
- We can act as a referee for any big bids you are submitting
- We can help you set up systems to manage your grant so you can report accurately to funders

If you want to access any of these services email juan@cya.org.uk or ring 01900 603131, mob 07859092981

This funding news gazette is part of Cumbria Youth Alliance's Infrastructure Support to the youth sector, in conjunction with Cumbria County Council.



- CYA Infrastructure Support for the sector includes:-
- Free training for staff and volunteers including over 80 online modules
- Free Outcomes and Impact measurement tools and training in how to use them and follow up support
- **Fundraising support eg workshops tailored to your needs and research into which funders will fund your project; how to write better bids; proof reading your bids; acting as a referee**
- **Monthly funding gazette with news from local and national funders**
- Governance health check your policies and procedures and help or advise on how to review and improve them
- Free access to a national quality kite mark, SQP, for which CYA is the Cumbria franchise holder
- Weekly and monthly newsletters which all groups can contribute to; advertise your project or your vacancy here; or find out what is going on around the county
- We chair the Voluntary Sector Reference Group which brings together the statutory sector stakeholders eg local government and health agencies together with local and national funders; you can attend virtual meetings or just have the minutes sent for each meeting
- Recruitment of Volunteers; we have a database of people who have registered as wanting to volunteer and we put them in touch with groups needing volunteers
- These activities are all free as funded by Cumbria County Council

For more information contact juan@cya.org.uk

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FUNDRAISING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

West Cumbria Funding Fair

Wednesday 30th March 2022 at Whitehaven Golf Club.

This event provides a fantastic opportunity for local groups to once again directly engage (face to face) with local and national funders and support groups regarding projects/funding requirements.

The Funding Fair will run from **10am – 3pm** with the option to book on one of the two sessions (either **10am – 12noon** OR **1pm – 3pm**). You can book your place here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/west-cumbria-funding-fair-tickets-239253271977>

Details of funders to be confirmed. Please hold the date, we hope to see you there!

Cumbria CVS

Eden Funding Fair

Friday 22 April 2022

10.00 am – 3.00pm

This event provides a fantastic opportunity for local groups to once again directly engage (face to face) with local and national funders and support groups regarding projects/funding requirements.

Funders attending include: National Lottery Community Fund, National Lottery Heritage Fund; Francis C Scott Trust; the Hadfield Trust, Cumbria Community Foundation, Cumbria County Council and more.

The event will run from 10am – 3pm. Groups will have the opportunity to attend ONE session during the day – either 10am – 12noon OR 1p – 3pm.

<https://cumbriacvs.org.uk/training-and-events/eden-funding-fair/>

How to get started with legacies

Gifts in Wills are often based on long-standing relationships which any charity can influence to their audiences. Join this Seminar to find out why legacy fundraising is suitable for your organisation and how you can get started by identifying who is likely to leave you legacies.

Click here to find out more!

<https://www.brucetaitassociates.net/legacy-special-seminar-how-to-get-started-with-legacies>

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR MARCH

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Activity Fund - Sport England

Just letting you know about a new funding stream, which has come available, to mark and help celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee year by **supporting projects that bring a community together and provide opportunities for people who may be less physically active.**

This fund will make awards, using National Lottery funding, of between **£300 and £10,000**

The priority is to support projects working with people in disadvantaged communities.

Funds are available for project costs such as facility hire and coaching, as well as for small capital improvements.

More information on what you can apply for can be found below;

[Queen's Platinum Jubilee Activity Fund | Sport England](#)

Veolia Environmental Trust

We award grants towards projects that make improvements to community facilities and the natural environment. To apply for a grant you will need to work through the 'Information', 'Guidance' and 'Apply' sections of our application process by clicking the links below in sequence, and following the instructions on each screen.

If you would like to discuss your project, please [contact us](#) - we will be happy to help.

Information

- [Postcode Checker](#) enables you to check your project is located in an area we fund.
- [Our Criteria](#) outlines what we are able to fund and how much you can apply for.
- [When to Apply](#) tells you our funding round closing dates and helps you to decide when is best to apply.

Guidance

- Here you will find [further information](#) about our application and grant-making process.

Apply

- If you think your project meets our criteria, [click here to apply](#) for funding.

Ogden Trust – Physics Education Grants

In addition to our core funding programmes, the Trust awards a small number of grants (of up to £5,000) to schools, colleges and other organisations who wish to carry out projects or activities that support the teaching and learning of physics.

To apply for funding for a physics education project, you must register on our grant management system, Flexi-Grant. Once you have registered, select the Physics Education Grants from the available grants page.

For more information on how to register, [Please read our flexi-grant user guide which can be viewed or downloaded here.](#)

There is one round of funding each term; the current round is now open and all applications should be made before Sunday 27 March. Applications are made online via our grant management system.

Successful applicants will be notified within two months of the closing date.

All applicants must be based in the UK and working predominantly in England. Most applicants are expected to be charities and education establishments – it is rare that funding will be given to a profit-making organisation.

All applications should fit with the Ogden Trust strategy and target our priority audiences ([visit our About us pages to find out more](#)). Projects must be clearly based around physics and developed with current evidence in mind – part-funding may be considered for general science projects where there is a clear physics component.

Projects may be for roll-out of an existing scheme, in which case evidence of impact to date should be included, or for a new idea, in which case there should be sufficient rationale for why it will achieve its goals.

Funding can be requested at any level up to £5,000 but the cost per person should be proportionate to the anticipated impact on that person. Lower priority is given to high impact activities for a very small number of individuals.

Tudor Trust

From 1st April 2022 we're closing to new applications for a year – but staying open for continuation applications.

- [How to apply](#)
- [Temporary closure to new applications](#)
- [Applying in uncertain times](#)
- [Preparing your first-stage proposal](#)
- [How to complete our online form](#)
- [Who leads your organisation?](#)
- [What happens at the second stage?](#)
- [Feedback?](#)
- [Other sources of support](#)

Temporary closure to new applications

- From 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023 we will be closed to 'new' applications: that is applications from groups we are not already funding.
- Over this period we will still consider applications for continuation funding from groups we are currently supporting.
- We are reducing our direct grant making in this way to create time and space for Tudor's staff and trustees to re-think how the Trust operates.
- Over the year we will also be looking for opportunities to 'devolve' some of our grant making by providing funds to a number of partner or intermediary organisations for distribution.
- We will continue to assess applications under our current guidelines throughout February and March 2022. However we will not be taking any more applications through to second stage than usual – so competition is likely to be strong.

We're temporarily closing to new applications so we can set aside time to re-think how the Trust operates in future. A key driver for this is the learning we have done around racial justice, and how we can embed this both internally and through our grant making. We'll also be looking at how we build all aspects of diversity, equity and inclusion more fully into our work, and challenging ourselves around accessibility and power dynamics.

While we have made a start on this, the day-to-day work of being a relational funder, particularly in these challenging times, has left little time for more in-depth, strategic work. Temporarily closing to new applicants will free up time for us to do the work we need to do to make us a better, more accountable funder.

We will be publishing updated funding guidelines, which will draw on the work we're carrying out over the next year, on 1st April 2023.

Any questions?

For more information on your particular situation, please have a look at the FAQs below:

We don't have a grant with you at the moment but want to apply. Should we get an application in before 31st March 2022?

We're expecting a lot of groups to apply over the next couple of months but won't be taking more applications through to second stage than usual, so your chances of success are likely to be even lower than they would be normally. However if you feel strongly that you need to apply now, you can still do so. We will be closed to new applications from 5pm on Thursday 31st March.

We applied last year and were turned down and were planning to reapply after 1st April 2022. What's the position here?

In normal times we ask you to wait at least 12 months from the date of our refusal email before re-applying. If you were planning to re-apply to us between 1st April 2022 and 31st March 2023 our temporary closure to new applications will affect you – you will not be able to send us an application over this period. We apologise for the impact this may have on your fundraising planning.

We have a grant with you which is coming to an end and were planning to reapply before the end of March.

If you are eligible to apply for continuation funding you can still do this during February and March 2022, via our application portal.

We strongly recommend that you get in touch with your Grants Manager to discuss the potential for a continuation application: they may have some suggestions around different questions to answer, or other thoughts which could help you make a stronger case for a new grant. However, it's possible that your Grants Manager may say that a continuation grant is unlikely and advise you not to reapply: perhaps because we have been funding for a long time, or have given a clear message that your current grant is likely to be our final one. We still have to make some hard choices and won't be able to make a further grant to everyone who applies.

Vinci UK Foundation Grants

1- Four areas of action

The VINCI UK Foundation funds projects which aim to tackle the issues in the following four areas of action through an innovative approach and which will make a positive, measurable impact on the local area :

- **Access to employment:** Projects which support those currently excluded from the job market helping people to adapt to the world of work, while also receiving the training and support they need. Projects that offer basic training and guidance to enable individuals with no qualifications to enter the world of work.
- **Insertion through housing:** Projects that enable access to housing for the most underprivileged individuals to provide them with more security and stability.
- **Inclusive mobility:** Providing people with easier admission to secure employment, health care and education by improving the mobility of those deprived of means of transportation, and reduce the factors restricting their mobility.
- **Building better communities:** Projects that aim to strengthen social links and fight social isolation of inhabitants of underprivileged neighbourhoods.

Initiatives aimed at conveying citizenship values or educational training to young people

2- Eligible structure

The VINCI UK Foundation supports small and medium size registered community interest or non-profit organisations *, with no political or religious orientation (for instance: youth clubs, neighbourhood charities, social enterprises, community centres, etc.).

The VINCI UK Foundation will not consider applications from individuals, profit-based organisations, statutory bodies, federations, public organisations, institutions and political or religious organisations/groups.

** NB: if the Foundation is over-subscribed, applications from smaller charities will be looked upon more favourably*

3- Involvement of VINCI employees

The involvement of VINCI employees is one of the Group's core values: only projects which enable employees to be actively involved can be selected.

The VINCI sponsors could be involved in various ways: helping the organisation in its day-to-day life, giving practical advice to complete work on a project or bringing management skills and expertise.

4- Locality

The VINCI UK Foundation supports projects in the UK and the Republic of Ireland, located near the offices of VINCI companies in order to ensure efficiency of the sponsorship. This proximity criterion is essential to choosing an appropriate sponsor for the project.

5- Duration

The VINCI UK Foundation only supports projects having a long-lasting impact on the targeted communities. One-off events won't be supported, even if they are socially oriented.

6 – Funding

Only tangible goods (e.g. tools and equipment, vehicles, IT, furniture, building works) can be funded by the VINCI UK Foundation.

Applications requesting money for wages or running-costs will not be successful when applying.

The purchasing of tangible goods should be part of a project (development of new/current activities, refurbishment of premises, improvement of marketing tools...) whose total cost does not exceed £100,000.

7 – Beneficiaries

The project submitted to the VINCI UK Foundation should benefit a wide range of local community groups. The more beneficiaries, the more chance of being successful.

8 – Application

Successful organisations must wait at least three years before submitting another application.

More Information: [Vinci UK Foundation Grants](#)

The Margaret Dobson Further Education Trust

How to apply for a grant: To reduce costs and the environment, we only accept applications electronically. If this causes your organisation a problem, please contact the Trust Secretary. Please ensure you read the [guidelines](#) before submitting your application.

Your application will consist of the following:

- Completed [application form](#) of no more than four pages including the cover sheet.
- Copy of your latest accounts including Trustee/Director Report.
- Business Plan if the organisation or project is new.

If you have the ability please submit these documents together as one PDF. If you do not please mention in your email when sending. You can obtain free software for merging [here](#).

These should be sent to the Secretary at [this address](#).

Annual timetable:

- Window for applications: 1st January to 31st March
- Deadline for reports on previous year's grant: 15th May
- Meeting: June

Following receipt of your application, it will be reviewed and a decision will be made as to whether it meets the criteria. A rejection letter will be sent if not.

If your project goes forward to the meeting, one or more Trustees may arrange to visit, prior to the meeting. This will happen at a time and date that is mutually agreed. The next meeting will be held on June 2022. You will be advised if you are successful by mid-June.

Where unsuccessful, you will be advised by the end of July.

If you are successful and are awarded a grant you will be expected to produce a report the following year to include at least:

- What you asked for and what was delivered
- Estimated project costs v actual project costs
- Explanations of any difference
- Impact including any unexpected benefits or dis-benefits

What we judge your application by

- Type of challenges being addressed by the project
- Number of people with a learning disability supported
- Evidence that the project is required and fulfils the need identified
- How you have consulted with people who could benefit from the project
- What demonstrable difference will the project make to the lives of people aimed at
- Cost of project and amount of funding you have found from other sources
- Contributions from parent organisations
- Sustainability of the project after the Margaret Dobson Further Education Trust funding has finished
- How you will evaluate the impact of the project.

Disclaimer

The decision of the Trustees is final. Feedback will normally be given, but it must be remembered that this might be limited due to the fact that the Trustees all give their time for free.

<https://www.margaretdobsontrust.org/>

Music for All – Community Project Funding

We have just opened our first round of funding for 2022 that will run till 1st April 2022 and includes the following grants on offer:

1) Projects which are based on electric guitars / acoustic guitars. We are inviting groups in need of guitars (no amplifiers included) to apply for some very special instruments including PRS guitars – please see images below. There will also be some niche electric guitars on offer such as [Zero Dave Mustaine- A Tout le Monde](#) and [Zero Dave Mustaine- Vic Rattlehead](#) that will only be suited to certain groups so please consider this when applying. (NB – no cash will be awarded in this category).

2) Projects which are based on ukuleles. We are inviting groups in need of ukuleles to apply for some very special instruments. (NB – no cash will be awarded in this category).

3) Projects which are based on specialist ukuleles. We are inviting groups in need of specialist ukuleles to apply for some very special instruments including bass ukuleles with models such as [UKE Baritone Bass with preamp](#) and [Bari Bass](#). (NB – no cash will be awarded in this category).

4) Projects based on [MS-I-BK analogue synths](#). (NB – no cash will be awarded in this category).

5) Projects based on Keyboards. (NB – no cash will be awarded in this category).

6) General fund for community projects around the UK who are looking for financial support for their music projects. You can apply for up to £1500 in this category.

7) Projects based on community choirs. Up to £1500 per successful application to support one or multiple community projects.

8) Projects experiencing financial difficulty, especially those in deprived areas of the UK. Up to £1500 per successful application to support one or multiple community projects.

9) Educational establishments helping school aged children underserved by music teaching and learning resources within their schools. Up to £1500 per successful application to support one or multiple educational establishments.

(To see image examples of some of the instruments on offer, please go to the application form)

Supporting every type of music maker

Music for All supports every type of music maker from community groups and schools, to experienced musicians and aspirational individuals picking up an instrument for the first time.

NB: ALSO, PLEASE NOTE YOUTH MUSIC WILL RE-LAUNCH THIS MONTH AND WILL BE LOOKING FOR MORE APPLICATIONS FROM CUMBRIAN GROUPS; WATCH THIS SPACE NEXT MONTH OR JOIN THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR REFERENCE GROUP (juan@cya.org.uk)

The Allen Lane Foundation

The Allen Lane Foundation is a grant-making trust set up in 1966 to provide grants for charitable causes. The Foundation makes grants for up to three years, with a total value of £500-£15,000, although the average grant size is £5,000 – £6,000. In order to apply, your organisation does not need to be a registered charity as long as it is carrying out work for charitable purposes and works with one or more of these groups:

- Asylum seekers and refugees
- Gypsies and Travellers
- Migrant Workers
- Offenders and Ex-offenders
- Older People
- People experiencing mental health problems
- People experiencing violence or abuse

The Foundation focuses on funding work that will: make a lasting difference to people's lives rather than simply alleviating the symptoms or current problems, is aimed at reducing isolation, stigma and discrimination, and encourages or enables unpopular groups to share in the life of the whole community.

Whilst recognising (and being willing to support) on-going, tried and tested projects, the Foundation is particularly interested in unusual, imaginative or pioneering projects which have perhaps not yet caught the public imagination.

If you are a local organisation with an annual income of £100,000 or less, or a wider reaching charity with an income of £250,000 or less you will be eligible for a grant. Applications should be made via the [online application form](#). You can submit your application at any time, and it normally takes 2-6 months for your application to be considered.

The Foundation's website has a comprehensive list of guidelines to help you decide whether you are eligible for a grant or not and how to apply, which can all be found [here](#).

The Foundation also offers a [Social Cohesion Programme](#) which specifically funds projects that aim to proactively break down barriers and tensions between different groups of people. With this fund the Foundation hopes support projects will help to build a more cohesive and inclusive community for everyone.

Better Community Business Network Grant Initiative

Launched in September 2014, BCBN's Grant Initiative aims to provide small third-sector grant awards to empower charities and local community projects. This initiative will distribute a one-off grant award of up to £3,000 per charity or to small but credible community projects, which are able to demonstrate their positive impact on the communities they aim to serve. We have in place strict vetting procedures and criteria's for successful applications. We take a responsible attitude to the funds provided by our donors. The Initiative will run throughout the year, alongside BCBN's more headline efforts.

Selection Criteria

Please read this section carefully before completing your application.

- Be UK based
- Address a community issue or support a local community initiative
- Provide benefits to the local community
- Must be able to demonstrate that the money will be used for project-specifics

Applicants are welcomed from groups including: local community, self-help or voluntary groups and charities (including local branches of national charities) or individuals acting for the benefit of the local community.

Grant Donations Terms & Conditions

Your donation to BCBN's Grant Initiative will enable us to distribute grant awards to community initiatives across the UK that are able to demonstrate the positive impact they have on the community. We operate a 100% donation policy for our Grant Initiative, every penny you donate will be awarded to the community projects we support and empower. BCBN does not profit from you Grant Donation, all our expenses and admin fees are covered by the Board of Trustees. BCBN's role in supporting grant awards is in financial support, awareness and empowerment, we do not deliver any of the projects ourselves. Please read our Grant criteria for grant exclusions. BCBN operates a policy of transparency, all previous grant awards made and amount awarded are presented on our [Grant Initiative](#) page and annual brochure.

Small Grant Awards Terms & Conditions

In signing our terms and conditions for the cheque award to be issued, you accept that the activities supported/ funded by the benefactor are not regarded as our own charity projects. BCBN is are not regarded as the employer or delivery partner, but as a benefactor awarding a grant sum for the activities stated in your original application form. No material changes to the funded activities/project will be made without the prior written agreement of BCBN. BCBN will be informed, in writing, of any proposed changes relating to the funded activities as soon as the changes are known. If you are offered and accept a grant from BCBN, it will be on the understanding that you have agreed the following general terms and conditions:

- 1) BCBN may wish to visit to see the activities/work funded by the grant. BCBN may wish to take photographs for marketing purposes.
- 2) Receipt of the grant will be acknowledged by you and confirmation made by letter that the money has or will be spent on the purpose approved by BCBN. Evidence to be provided through receipts, photographs etc. as appropriate.
- 3) You agree that we may publicise the grant and use any of your own material in doing so. Logos, images, photos provided to BCBN will be acknowledged as providing permission for BCBN to use for marketing purposes, advertising and promoting our grant awards and supported causes unless stated otherwise. Once this information is sent to us, we will keep a copy on our files. BCBN may use photographs of activities it has supported/ issued grants to through social media, website, annual brochure, gala event gallery, newsletter and email campaigns and announcements.

- 4) Upon spending the grant amount and realising the benefits at an appropriate time, the grant recipient will compile a short report and submit to BCBN. A template for this report is available here.
- 5) BCBN and the Grant Recipient will look to explore partnership opportunities as appropriate. We will look to do this as part of an initial meeting between BCBN and the Grant Recipient.
- 6) You will include reference to BCBN and what award is used for on at least one occasion as part of your regular marketing initiatives. This may be in form of a newsletter, email campaign and web publications. Any reference to BCBN will need to be agreed by BCBN prior to publication. Material requiring approval must be emailed to grants@bcbn.org.uk stating the deadline for which permission is required.
- 7) No material changes to the funding activities/project will be made without the written agreement of BCBN.
- 8) BCBN will be informed, in writing, of any proposed changes relating to grant expenditure as soon as it happens.
- 9) You will keep a financial record of the spending of the grant and retain a copy of any appropriate invoices and receipts, and submit these to BCBN on conclusion.
- 10) Any part of the grant that is not required for the purpose approved or has not commenced within six months of the grant being awarded (unless formally agreed otherwise) will be refunded to BCBN.
- 11) BCBN reserves the right to withhold a grant or require repayment if it finds that any form of deliberately false or misleading information was provided to BCBN.
- 12) BCBN reserves the right to withhold a grant or require repayment if the applicant becomes insolvent or goes into administration, receivership or liquidation, and if the grant has not already been spent on its intended purpose.
- 13) Any assets of value purchased with the aid of a grant should be retained and used for the agreed purpose. If used for another purpose or disposed of, this must be reported to BCBN who reserve the right to require repayment of the value of the asset or the transfer of it to another beneficiary.
- 14) In accepting the grant you acknowledge and accept that those supported by the grant are not regarded as being employed by us and that we accept no responsibility as employer.
- 15) You will indemnify us or procure an indemnity against any liability arising from any claim made against us in connection with or arising from our grant.
- 16) Regular updates must be provided for the use of our donors during the period in which BCBN has supported the running of the project (frequency of updates to be agreed prior to grant being awarded). Receipt of the awarded amount will be acknowledged by the recipient and confirmation made by the signatories of the Memorandum of Understanding issued by BCBN.

W: <http://bcbn.org.uk/grant-initiative/>

E: events@bcbn.org.uk

T: 020 7202 9129

A: 50 Havelock Terrace, London SW8 4AL

Focus on Funding Forum: Storytelling

Connecting with others to drive action: 21 March, 1 to 3pm

Storytelling helps bring your work and case studies to life by adding personality behind the issue and statistics.

Join us with Craig from Neck of the Woods Films, as he explores the reasons behind telling stories, so that you can enhance your stories in the future and connect with beneficiaries and donors in a meaningful way. This session will:

- Explore storytelling as a general principle, the history and science behind it
- Look at a formula for determining what stories to tell, and advice on using storytelling to share lived experiences.
- Provide practical advice on how to share a story effectively including the key components of a good story
- Provide advice on producing stories through lived experiences
- Examine how stories can be used to reach broader and larger audiences.
- By the end of the session attendees will have a deeper understanding of the mechanics of good storytelling.

Suitable for: those new to managing communications in not-for-profit organisations and community groups, those with a general interest in storytelling for their organisation and those with fundraising responsibilities within their organisation.

[Book your FREE place here](#)

Cumbria Community Foundation

Cumbria Community Foundation (CCF) manages over 100 different grant making funds, distributes funding for Trusts and Foundations and helps the public sector and central government distribute funding to third sector groups.

CCF's current grant making priorities as identified in the [Cumbria Revealed](#) report are:

- **Improving the lives of disadvantaged children and families.**
- Improving the life skills, education, employability and enterprise of disadvantaged people.
- Supporting vulnerable older people.
- Improving the health and well-being of the people of Cumbria.
- Strengthening and supporting fragile communities.
- Enabling people to access arts, sports, culture, heritage and the environment.

CCF asks that you read the fund guidelines carefully on the Cumbria Community Foundation website: <https://www.cumbriafoundation.org/> and review whether [you are eligible](#) before applying and take a look at the [FAQs](#) if you have any queries.

You can also find some useful tips in the [Guide to Completing a Grant Application](#).

If you are unsure about eligibility, please contact the grants team: Tel: 01900 825 760 | Email: enquiries@cumbriafoundation.org

Masonic Charitable Foundation

Later Life Inclusion Grants Programme

The Masonic Charitable Foundation (MCF) offers grants to local and national charities in England and Wales as part of its work to help thousands of disadvantaged and vulnerable people to live happy, fulfilling lives and participate actively in society.

Over the last 40 years, the MCF has provided more than £130 million to charities. The MCF's work is funded solely through the donations of Freemasons under the United Grand Lodge of England, their families and friends. Based on conducted surveys which indicate which areas Freemason care most about, the MCF has set out the following target areas for its grant-making programme:

- Reducing isolation in later life.
- Creating the best start in life for disadvantaged children and young people.
- Medical research into degenerative disease.
- Care services in the hospice sector.

The Reducing Isolation in Later Life Grants programme offers both small and large grants to registered charities that support disadvantaged and vulnerable older people over 50 years of age in England and Wales. Over the next five years, the MCF will be supporting charities that help people to overcome barriers to actively participate in society in their later years.

The funding will help people who face social isolation or loneliness due to reasons such as financial hardship, care responsibilities, a decline in physical or mental health, or life transitions including retirement or bereavement. The support will help to provide a range of services to support the physical and emotional needs of people as they age, including community-based programmes and access to healthcare, transport and technology.

Depending on their annual income level, charities can apply for either a:

- Large grant, which is for projects and can be used for salary costs, activities, materials, etc., or
- Small grant, which is for general running and/or overhead costs of the charity – core funding.

There are two funding levels:

- Large grants starting from £10,000 are available to charities with an annual income exceeding £500,000. The average large grant will range from £20,000 to £60,000.
- Small grants of between £1,000 and £15,000 are available to charities with an income of under £500,000.

All grants can be over one, two, or three years. Grant amounts should not exceed 15% of the total income of the applicant charity. Charities can only apply for one grant programme at a time.

Who Can Apply?

Charities registered with the Charity Commission or relevant Central registry of the respective Guernsey, Jersey or Isle of Man's government can apply as long as their beneficiaries are in England and Wales.

- Charities with an income of less than £500,000 can apply for a small grant.
- Charities with an income exceeding £500,000 can apply for a large grant.

To be eligible, applicants must be supporting disadvantaged and vulnerable older people over the age of 50 years and provide:

- Mental and physical health support.
- Gateway and access to service, e.g., transport and technology.
- Community based approaches, i.e., volunteering, positive ageing and neighbourhood support.
- Advocacy, social and welfare support.

Eligible Expenditure

The funding is for charities that provide activities such as:

- Support for emotional and psychological planning for later life.
- Digital inclusion sessions to enable older people to access services.
- Activities and clubs enabling older people to remain active and make friends.
- Providing companionship and befriending schemes for periods of transition.
- Advice and information on options for those with health conditions.
- Carers and respite support.

Examples of desired outcomes are:

Short Term

- Older people adapting to key transitions in their lives.
- Older people well supported, better informed and receiving essential advice.
- Existing services better supporting the physical, psychological and emotional needs of people as they age.
- More therapeutic support available to people at key points in their lives.
- Greater knowledge of options and rights leading to greater confidence in choices.
- Increased cultural and social participation choices for people as they age.
- Greater awareness of the issue within the Masonic community.

Long Term

- Reduced feelings of loneliness or social isolation for people in later life.
- Improved health and sense of wellbeing for people as they age.
- More active social lives for people in later life.
- The older population living as they choose in a healthy and safe environment.
- MCF's profile raised within the Masonic community, public and third sector.
- Small grants are for general running and/or overhead costs of the charity – core funding.
- Large grants are for projects and can be used for salary costs, activities, materials, etc.

How to Apply

Applications will only be accepted electronically via the [MCF website](#). The Trust has changed from an application deadline system to a rolling grants programme. The following timescales apply:

Small Grants

- Applicants can expect to find out whether their initial enquiry was successful within two to three weeks.
- Final decisions can be expected within two to three months of submitting a full application.

Large Grants

- Applicants can expect to find out whether their initial enquiry was successful within three to four weeks.
- Final decisions can be expected within three to four months of submitting a full application.

This announcement relates to grants to charities in the Trust's two main programme areas:

- Creating the best start in life for disadvantaged children and young people
- Reducing isolation and loneliness for older people.

For further information on how to obtain this grant locally, please contact the following:
Charity Grants Programmes, MCF – Tel: 020 3146 3337 | Email: charitygrants@mcf.org.uk

Applications can be submitted at any time

LGBT+ Futures: Equity Fund

Grants are available to not-for-profit organisations led by and for under-represented groups within the LGBT+ community in England.

The LGBT+ Futures: Equity Fund has been created with funding from the National Lottery Community Fund and is being managed by Consortium.

Funding is intended to provide support to LGBT+ organisations which are intersectional in focus. Applicants must specifically be working with one of the following target groups:

- Deaf and/or Disabled LGBT+ people.
- LBT+ women.
- LGBT+ people from Black, Asian and Minoritised Ethnicities (BAME) and LGBT+ people of colour.
- Older LGBT+ people.
- Trans and Non-Binary people.

There is a total funding pot of £465,000. Grants of between £100 and £25,000 are available.

Who Can Apply?

The following types of organisation based in England may apply:

- Registered charities.
- Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIOs).
- Community Interest Companies.
- Non-profit companies.
- Unincorporated Charitable Associations.
- LGBT+ people.
- Trans and Non-Binary people.

Groups must be able to show that they are led by and for the communities of focus.

Applications are welcome from new organisations who require support to grow.

Eligible Expenditure

Funding is intended to be as flexible as possible. Grants can cover both project and core funding, providing organisations can demonstrate they are making a meaningful impact in their targeted communities. All grants must be fully spent by August 2023.

How to Apply

The Consortium Grants Team can offer support and assistance with applications. Full guidelines and an online application form can be found on [the Consortium website](#). Decisions are expected within a maximum of four months of applying.

For further information on how to obtain this grant locally, please contact the following:
Grants Team, Consortium of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Voluntary and Community Organisations – Tel: 020 7064 6500 | Email: grants@consortium.lgbt

The deadline to apply is 30 October 2022, with applications accepted on a rolling basis until then.

Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) Fund

Grants are available to organisations to help raise the standards of underperforming schools in England.

In November 2010, the Secretary of State Education announced that £110 million would be allocated to establish an Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) Fund designed to raise standards in underperforming schools. The Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) grant funding tests the impact of high-potential projects aiming to raise the attainment and wider outcomes of 3 – 18 year-olds, particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds.

The EEF's funding rounds will now focus on particular topics, and projects will be funded within selected themes under these topics. For the February 2022 grant funding round EEF are looking for applications for programmes that have some evidence of promise for this funding round in the three following research priority areas:

- Early Language
- Mathematics in the Early Years and Key Stage 1
- Cognitive Science.

These priority areas have been identified using existing EEF evidence reviews as having gaps in the evidence base and with the potential to benefit disadvantaged pupils and in consultation with stakeholders. Further information on each of the three priority areas can be found on EEF's website. It is envisaged that £200 million will be allocated in total over a 15 year period, with the extra fund value coming from fund-raising and investment returns. There are no set minimum or maximum award amounts.

Who Can Apply?

- Registered charities.
- Not-for-profit organisations.
- Individual schools.
- Clusters of schools.
- Teacher groups.
- Universities.
- Colleges.
- Academy chains.
- Mutuels.
- Co-operatives
- Or any combination of the above.

Applicants who are not themselves target schools **must** work in partnership with such schools or be able to demonstrate that their project will benefit pupils in these schools. The EEF will not expect to fund a project which reached less than 100 students, and ideally would want it to cover more than one school. An EEF project must represent an advance on what has been tried before, in terms of content, scale, design, implementation, or evaluation. **Eligible Expenditure:** Costs associated with eligible projects.

How to Apply

Applicants must complete the online application form available on the [Education Endowment Foundation website](#). For further information about this fund see the [GOV.UK website](#).

For further information on how to obtain this grant locally, please contact the following:

General Enquiries, Education Endowment Foundation – Tel: 0207 802 1676 |

Email: info@eefoundation.org.uk

The deadline for applications is 4 April 2022.

LEGO Foundation – Build a World of Play Challenge

Grants are available to not-for-profit organisations, businesses and research institutes for innovative projects which focus on young children's wellbeing while addressing social issues worldwide.

For the brand's 90th anniversary, the LEGO Foundation has developed the Building a World of Play Challenge to fund impactful global solutions focused on early childhood. This is the biggest public grant ever provided by the Foundation. Funding is intended to support evidence-based innovative solutions to problems that hinder early childhood development. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Access to early childhood care and education.
- Adequate nutrition.
- Eradication of toxic stress in homes and communities.
- Reduction of violence in homes and communities.
- Protection from pollution.
- Supporting the social and emotional wellbeing of the whole family.

There is a total funding pot of approximately 143 million US dollars. 10 finalists will be selected, who will each receive approximately \$1 million to strengthen their plans. Selecting from the finalists, up to five awards will be announced by the end of 2022. Three winners will receive approximately \$30 million and two runners up will receive \$15 million each.

Who Can Apply?

Applications will be accepted from Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), not-for-profits, research organisations and for-profits from around the world. Applications are welcomed from consortia and partnerships.

Eligible Expenditure

Activities should be innovative and transformational, focusing on children's wellbeing whilst also addressing global social issues. Some examples of eligible projects include:

- Technological innovations which will improve the quality and access of healthcare for families with young children.
- Initiatives to make cities safer, greener, more sustainable, more playful and more accessible for children.
- Reducing stress amongst caregivers and childcare providers, to enable them to build stronger, safer and more nurturing relationships with the children they care for.
- Increasing the resiliency and adaptivity of systems, institutions and services to better reach and support young children, families and households amidst disruptive and adverse events.
- Providing equal access to education for girls, equal access for children with disabilities and equal access for neurodiverse children who may need extra support.

How to Apply

There is a two-stage application process:

- Interested organisations must register to apply before 10am GMT on 7 April 2022.
- Registered organisations must then submit their full applications before 10am GMT on 17 May 2022.

Full guidelines and the links to register and apply can be found on the [LEGO Foundation website](#).

For further information on how to obtain this grant locally, please contact the following:

Enquiries, The LEGO Foundation – Email: buildaworldofplay@submittable.com

Register to apply before 10am GMT on 7 April 2022.

Baily Thomas Charitable Fund

Grants are available to voluntary organisations, charities and schools in the UK to assist with the care and relief of children, young people and adults with learning disabilities in the UK.

The Baily Thomas Charitable Fund is a registered charity which provides funding to voluntary organisations working in the field of learning disability. The funding is available for projects that aid the care and relief of those affected by learning disability. The Trustees consider learning disability to cover the conditions generally referred to as severe learning difficulties, together with autism. Funding is available for projects concerning children or adults.

The Baily Thomas Charitable Fund describes people with learning disabilities as having three things:

- Global intellectual impairment (intelligence quotient less than 70)
- Need for support/help to fulfil ordinary daily activities
- Onset before the age of 18 years.

Learning disabilities may have a recognised cause e.g. Down syndrome, Williams syndrome, but often the cause is not known. Children, young people, and adults with learning disabilities often also have other physical and mental health conditions, disabilities, and/or impairments as well as having learning disabilities.

The Charity operates the following grant schemes:

- Small Grants: from £250 to £5,000.
- General Grants: over £10,000.

Normally one-off grants are awarded but exceptionally a new project may be funded over two or three years, subject to satisfactory reports of progress. Appeals received with funding requests of £10,000 and below will initially be considered under the small grants programme and will be referred to the next Main Grant Board Meeting.

Match Funding Restrictions: The amount of funding available depends on a number of factors including the purpose, the total funding requirement and the potential sources of other funds including, in some cases, matching funding.

Who Can Apply?

Applications will only be considered from voluntary organisations which are registered charities or are associated with a registered charity. Exempt charities such as schools, Parent Teacher Associations and Industrial & Provident Societies can also apply.

Eligible Expenditure

The main grants and small grants programmes provide funding to aid the care and relief of those affected by learning disability. The Charity will fund projects concerning children and adults with the conditions generally referred to as severe learning difficulties or autism.

Funding is normally considered for capital and revenue costs and for both specific projects and for general running/core costs.

Some examples of the type of project that the Charity might fund are listed below:

- Capital building/renovation/refurbishment works for residential, nursing and respite care, and schools.
- Employment schemes, including woodwork, crafts, printing and horticulture.
- Play schemes and play therapy schemes.
- Day and social activities centres including building costs and running costs.
- Support for families, including respite schemes.
- Independent living schemes.
- Support in the community schemes.
- Snoezelen rooms.

Research grants are directed towards the initiation of research into learning disability with the intention that the research can progress to a point where it becomes eligible for support from other major funding bodies.

How to Apply

Small grant applications are accepted at any time and will be considered monthly, or as demand decreases.

Applicants should keep checking the website as submission deadline dates may be subject to change.

Application forms are available to complete online at the [Fund's website](#). All applications to the fund will be subject to an independent review. Applications should be supported by two referees.

For further information on how to obtain this grant locally, please contact the following:

Ann Cooper, Secretary to the Trustees

Baily Thomas Charitable Fund
c/o TMF Management UK Limited
960 Capability Green
Luton
Bedfordshire
LU1 3PE

Tel: 01582 439225

Email: info@bailythomas.org.uk

The deadlines for submitting a General grant for over £10,000 are:

- August for consideration at the November meeting.
- December for consideration at the interim meeting in March the following year.

National Lottery Heritage Fund

National Lottery Heritage Fund award funding to a broad range of projects that connect people and communities to the national, regional and local heritage of the UK. Heritage can be anything from the past that you value and want to pass on to future generations.

The Heritage Fund has revised its approach to what it will fund due to the impact of the pandemic. Details are in a supplementary guidance document that sets out [priorities for National Lottery Grants for Heritage for 2021-22](#).

Heritage fund prioritises heritage projects that meet at least one or more of the following outcomes:

- [A wider range of people will be involved in heritage](#) (This is a mandatory outcome. Every project we fund must achieve our mandatory outcome as a minimum.)
- [people will have greater wellbeing](#)
- [people will have developed skills](#)
- [the local area will be a better place to live, work or visit](#)
- [the local economy will be boosted](#)
- [the funded organisation will be more resilient](#)

Every project will need to achieve the fund's mandatory inclusion outcome, 'a wider range of people will be involved in heritage' – **Young people are currently underrepresented in heritage and therefore are a priority for National Lottery Heritage Fund.**

The Heritage Fund will also expect all projects to demonstrate that they are building long-term [environmental sustainability](#) into their plans, as appropriate.

Application and Advice:

[National Lottery Grants for Heritage](#) is their open programme for all types of heritage project in the UK and awards range from £3k - £5 Million.

You can access advice on applying for Their National Lottery Grants for Heritage **For small grants of between £3k - £10k book onto a 'Helping you apply' webinar here**. These free online sessions will include the following: How heritage can be used to transform places and change lives.

- What a well-planned project looks like.
- How to write a strong funding application to The National Lottery Heritage Fund.
- The opportunity to share your project ideas and ask any questions you may have.

For medium grants of between £10k - £250k you can [submit a Project Enquiry via their application portal](#). You will be contacted within 10 days by an engagement manager who can offer bespoke advice and guidance. This does not form part of the formal application process.

For large grants of between £250k - £5m you can contact your local office to discuss submitting an Expression of Interest (which is a compulsory step in an application at this level).

Countywide Funding to increase number of youth workers

Grants of up to £25,000 to community organisations providing youth work opportunities!

Cumbria's High Sheriff, David Beeby, is encouraging people to think about a career in youth work by offering fully funded training and grants to support salary costs.

Better Tomorrows is a three-year programme which aims to substantially increase the number of young people having access to support from youth workers to help them reach their full potential.

The unique initiative provides accredited training via Cumbria Youth Alliance and offers grants of up to £25,000 to community organisations setting up or providing new youth work opportunities for local people.

The Better Tomorrows Fund

Administered by Cumbria Community Foundation, is now open for applications.

Better Tomorrows aims to invest £1 million over the next three years into quality youth work training and provision. Funding has been secured from individuals, businesses and funders, including Cumbria Community Foundation, Francis C Scott Charitable Trust, Four Acre Trust, LLWR, Cumbria's Police and Crime Commissioner, BAE Systems, CCL Secure, Carr's Group, CGP Publications, Iggesund, James Walker and Lloyd Motors.

The training can also be accessed for existing staff and volunteers via Cumbria Youth Alliance, and will lead to Level 2 and Level 3 qualifications in Youth Work and around 150 people are expected to access the learning, which will be delivered through a mix of online and face-to-face sessions. Participants will be supported during and after their training as well as in their youth work settings.

For more information, visit: www.cya.org.uk or email Cath Corkill on cathcorkill@dzyp.co.uk

For more information on the Better Tomorrows Fund: www.cumbriafoundation.org/fund/better-tomorrows-fund

People's Health Trust – Active Communities

Active Communities is a funding programme for community groups and not-for-profit organisations, with an income of less than £350,000 a year or an average of £350,000 over two years, seeking investment of between £5,000 and £40,000 for projects lasting up to two years. We're looking for small and local projects, genuinely designed and run by local people. By small, we mean just a small group of people on an estate, in a few streets or villages.

We're also looking for great ideas from communities of interest. By this we mean a group of people who have things in common and wish to come together to address something that is important to them. These ideas could be based in one neighbourhood or cover a wider area.

We are opening soon in the following areas:

- Health Lottery South West - we will be opening on Wednesday 9 March at 1pm.
- Health Lottery North East and Cumbria - we will be opening on Wednesday 6 April at 1pm.

We update [this page](#) with specific areas and opening dates, and we will keep you informed through our newsletter. Please share this email with your network and, if you can, send a tweet.

Use our handle: [@Peoples_health](https://twitter.com/Peoples_health) and the programme hashtag: #ActiveCommunities

People's Health Trust is an independent charity investing in local communities to help create a society without health inequalities.

[Learn more about who we fund and how to apply here.](#)

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