Dear Members,

This week’s newsletter bids, grants and Funds come to you in conjunction with our New sponsors KPI DEVELOPMENT Limited going forward. Exciting news on that next week with our newsletter going out to some 3,416 professional’s in the industry. This week we have a Bumper Edition of 60 pages of Information News, Bids Grants and Funds.

**First of all Customers are advised to lookout for a new bogus email scam, claiming to be from HMRC.** If you receive an email with a subject that reads “You have received new messages from HMRC”, that also has an attachment, please send it to phishing@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk and then delete it. HMRC will never ask for any personal or financial details over emails or text messages. For more advice on scams, phishing and genuine HMRC contact, please visit GOV.UK and search ‘phishing’.

A Walsh Alison Walsh Head of Digital Support for Business and Agents

Procurement continues to challenge the public sector with the award of government contracts still focused on price. It feels like the best procurement solution is not really the objective: the one that is easiest to justify is. This mind-set will never create great contracting – it just keeps driving us towards one size fits all solutions.

Outsource to a Carillion or insource to the local direct labour organisation or in house team, the outcome is the same – a monopoly whether public or private. The opportunity for innovation is reduced and the chance to use diversity and local competition to drive up performance is lost. There are many small organisations out there, particularly in the third sector, who deserve a chance to show how they can generate more positive social outcomes out of government contracts. However, they can’t make the cut – excluded because they do not meet financial hurdles irrespective of what they can deliver in relation to outcomes for the customer. Public procurement needs a radical overhaul – we hope that our first Position Paper which we are launching today at the House of Commons will add to the momentum for change.


**We have been asked by many to do the National Careers Services** Organisations wishing to be subcontractors for National Careers Service delivery need to pass the Standard Selection
Questionnaire (SSQ) Bravo solutions, deadline 22nd June 2018. Even if you already have an agreement with a potential Prime Contractor, you still need to submit to this SSQ process. Now aligned to this is however separate is the PCDL Application and even if you had one you need to reapply. Unless the organisation has good links to a NCS prime currently then I would suggest that new entrants might want to think about it in terms of logic of doing this.

A new round of funding will be available to support more collaborative partnerships between employers and local FE providers, through the ETF’s and the Association of College’s (AoC) Teach Too programme. A group of employers and FE providers in Sussex are working collaboratively to develop a set of resources which deliver high quality training for learners across the area. Employers have identified the training needs of the current and future workforce and are working with local providers to map these to gaps in the curriculum. Practitioners and employers are then collaborating to deliver video training resources, which embed summative assessment throughout. The resources are used by provider staff with learners on the programme and in the workplace for staff development.

This collaborative partnership is devising solutions to local skills needs. One aspect of this has been to identify post-Brexit skills needs in the horticulture industry and then to devise a local strategy to upskill and retrain the workforce to meet these needs. Case studies are available on the TVET exhibition site which looks at a variety of effective ways Teach Too is being delivered. For more information on how to apply, please email TeachToo_project@aoc.co.uk.

VOLUNTEERING FOR ALL
Volunteers’ Week is a chance to say thank you for the fantastic contribution millions of volunteers make across the UK. It takes place 1-7 June every year and is an opportunity to celebrate volunteering in all its diversity. To see more about this special week go to https://volunteersweek.org/

Yes it is real a job is shown as Junior Happiness Associate Apprentice (business administration) WISER LIMITED Working with their Happiness Associate means you'll be involved in the daily management of the office - making sure that it's all running smoothly & they maintain their mega atmosphere. It requires you to be proactive, organised and a general 'fixer' when things aren't quite right. It's a fast-paced environment they need somebody who will thrive! This apprenticeship requires you to apply through the employer's website. Apply now Closing date: 23 Jun 2018
**Apprenticeship summary**

Annual wage £21,000.00  Working week Monday to Friday, 9 am to 6 pm. Total hours per week: 40.00

**Apprenticeship duration**

18 months with possible start date 26 Jun 2018

Date posted yesterday

Apprenticeship level Advanced Level Apprenticeship

Reference number VAC001407155 Positions 1 available

Location: near Farringdon Station, London.

Duties will look like:

- Manning their reception
- Greeting clients and candidates
- Diary management
- General office maintenance and management
- Organising post
- Organising lunches, dinners, cars and transfers
- Replenish snacks and keep the kitchen fully stocked
- Join the plant committee and make sure they keep their plants alive
- Planning client Christmas presents and other gifts throughout the year
- Supporting with Wiser events and socials
- Representing Wiser daily, inside and outside of the office.

Hours are 9 am to 6 pm, Mon-Fri.

**Workforce Development Innovation Fund**

The Workforce Development Innovation Fund (WDIF) is now open. It supports innovative projects which increase the skills and competence of staff. Its fundamental aim is to improve service quality and embed person centred values within the workforce. Therefore, if you have an innovative workforce development project which is in development, being tested, improved or is looking to reach new audiences then this might be for you.

Applications for WDIF must look to address one of the advertised priorities, as outlined in the ‘What will be funded?’ section below, and deliver to Skills for Care tangible resources or products which have been tested as part of the project.

The deadline for applications is 1pm on Friday 22 June 2018.

City and Guilds tell us In this month’s construction News issue we have news on:

1. NVQ Incremental changes
2. The return of 6144 and 6146 short-courses
3. Update on City & Guilds apprenticeship standards:
   a. Carpentry & Joinery
4. Update on City & Guilds support materials
5. Update on Scotland
6. Network and support events
7. Update on government reforms
   a. Trailblazer Apprenticeship standards – England
   b. T-Levels - England
   c. Qualifications Wales Sector Review – Wales

For further information please click on link.

A publicly listed company is in talks to buy Learndirect Ltd, FE Week has learned. PeoplePlus Group Limited, which is owned by Staffline and already trains tens of thousands of people each year, opened a dialogue with the nation’s biggest FE provider over a purchase last week. Discussions are understood to be in the early stages and it is not yet known how much the deal will be worth if it goes ahead.

PeoplePlus is a business division of Staffline – an outsourced workforce provider – which recorded a huge turnover of £92.8 million in its most recent accounts.

It provides skills training, including apprenticeships and in prisons, claims to be the country’s largest provider of the work programme for the Department for Work and Pensions, and offers access to work programmes for disabled people.

The organisation is hoping to purchase Learndirect following a catastrophic year. Its saga started with a legal battle with Ofsted when the provider unsuccessfully challenged its grade four report in the High Court. The fallout saw the government single it out for special treatment by allowing it to see through the end of their current contracts – instead of ending them within the usual three-month termination period.

It was then subject to investigations from the National Audit Office and Public Accounts Committee.
FE Week revealed in April that Learndirect appeared to be on the brink of collapse, after a fresh round of redundancies belied the fact that its efforts to generate new business have proved “impossible”.

PeoplePlus has five operating divisions: employment, skills, health & wellbeing, justice and independent services. Staffline bought welfare-to-work provider A4e in 2015 in a £35.4m deal and gave the work to PeoplePlus.

For skills, PeoplePlus provide “first class pre-employment training, apprenticeships and traineeships”, according to its website. The provider was rated ‘good’ by Ofsted in August 2017, and has Education and Skills Funding Agency contracts totaling over £13.5 million this year, with the majority (£10.6 million) coming from the adult education budget.

Read more at https://feweek.co.uk/2018/05/31/peopleplus-in-talks-to-buy-learndirect/

Another Ofsted early monitoring visit to an apprenticeship provider has resulted in a verdict of ‘insufficient progress’ in at least one area – but the Department for Education has refused to say whether it will take action.

The watchdog’s report into Mears Learning is the fourth of the 11 monitoring reports so far published to have found a provider is below-par in at least one area.

Leaders at Mears Learning, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the housing and social care provider Mears Group, were deemed not to be meeting all the requirements of successful apprenticeship provision. It joins a rogue’s gallery of Key6 Group, Mooreskills, and Apprentice Team in failing to come up to scratch.

“We will always take action to protect apprentices if a training provider is not fit for purpose,” a spokesperson for the DfE said. It is “assessing Ofsted’s findings” and will contact the provider to “set out any action we will be taking”.

FE Week exclusively reported last week that Ofsted will have the final say over apprenticeship quality, after the government was embarrassed on accountability at a select committee hearing earlier this month.

Skills minister Anne Milton, along with officials from the Education and Skills Funding Agency and Ofsted, admitted they weren’t quite sure who is responsible for policing apprenticeships. They were responding to a series of questions about the ESFA’s decision to allow Key6 Group to continue to recruit apprentices just two months after Ofsted branded its provision “not fit for purpose”. “I think the relationship between the ESFA and Ofsted over quality is quite difficult to
define and I think we need to define that more clearly,” Ms Milton admitted. Once it comes into effect, the change will give Ofsted the final word on quality: a monitoring visit resulting in an ‘insufficient progress’ verdict will see a provider booted off the register of apprenticeship training providers. The visits to new apprenticeship providers are intended to sniff out “scandalous” attempts to waste public money. So far 11 have been published – the majority for providers that aren’t actually new to apprenticeships.

More about this at https://feweek.co.uk/2018/05/30/another-early-monitoring-report-uncovers-insufficient-progress/

One of the fastest growing East of England training Companies Ginger Nut Training

We have an exciting opportunity for a specialist part time IT contract apprenticeship assessor to join the Ginger Nut Training team. Part time salary is negotiable based on experience and circa £30K-£50K pro rata.

As demand for our services grows, this is your chance to join an award-winning company passionate about developing people. We work with a range of public and private sector clients across the UK to train both new and existing staff.

If you are hard-working and share our passion for IT apprenticeships, then we want to hear from you! You will need to have the ability to develop and deliver the new IT apprenticeship standards: One of our initial roles will be for a tutor to take on around 7 learners in London across Infrastructure Technician Level 3, Software Developer Level 4 and Data Analysis Level 4. We may be able to top up with two or three learners around Manchester. We follow a fully integrated blended learning approach.

In addition to the above qualifications we would ideally like the person we take on to be have some competence / knowledge of: Cyber Security Level 4 - Associate Project Manager Level 4 - Network Engineer Level 4 If you are interested please get in touch with phil.warnock@gingernutmedia.com or via phone at 0207 495 5110

Leadership and governing are on the agenda at the ETF-sponsored Reimagining Further Education conference, on 27 June 2018 at Birmingham City University.

At the Leadership Working Group, FE principals and CEOs will consider how we can ensure the central questions of teaching and learning become a primary driver in the meetings we lead and the decisions we make. How can we build a sector voice to engage with policy makers about leading organisations with excellent teaching and learning as their core purpose, with funding and policy
approaches which reflect this? The discussions will be led by Ian Pryce, CEO Bedford College, and Azumah Dennis from the Open University.

The Governing Working Group (aimed at those in governance and leadership roles in FE Colleges, Sixth Form Colleges and other FE settings) will examine the AoC’s governance code with emphasis on the responsibility to ‘foster exceptional teaching and learning’. They will explore how the reality of governing alongside the concept of governance can be re-centred on this priority in the context of rapidly moving policy, including the introduction of an insolvency and administration regime. This will include reconceptualising the roles and contributions of learner and staff governors/trustees to enrich the thinking of all board members. These discussions will be led by Jill Westerman, CBE, Principal Northern College; and Colin Forrest, Governor of Shipley College and Northern College.

Buy a ticket now or find out more information on the conference website. https://reimaginefe.wordpress.com/

The Education and Training Foundation (ETF) has issued details of a free webinar that may be of interest.

The Education and Training Foundation (ETF) has issued details of a free webinar that may be of interest. Whilst focusing on support available through the ETF offer, it could be quite informative, with access to a number of useful resources.

The Booking Close Date is tomorrow 04/06/2018, with the webinar taking place the following day on the 05/06/2018.

Introduction to ETF’s Apprenticeship Support offer

Future Apprenticeships

The aim of this free webinar is to provide an overview of the support available for apprenticeship providers and employers, making the transition from apprenticeship frameworks to the delivery of standards and preparing apprentices for end-point assessment. This webinar is for providers who are planning to or are already delivering apprenticeship standards and for both End Point Assessment organisations and individuals who are thinking about becoming an End-Point Assessor.

Our offer is wide-ranging and supports organisations at all stages of the journey from brand new, never having delivered - to experienced organisations, and those wanting to introduce greater levels of innovation.
Training aim
The webinar will signpost you to the support available through the ETF offer to help your organisation to plan and develop the delivery of high-quality apprenticeships. Support available for both End Point Assessment organisations and for individuals who are thinking about becoming an End-Point Assessor will also be discussed.

Outcomes
You will have the opportunity to explore high quality resources ranging from:

- a practical Apprenticeship Provider Toolkit, incorporating case studies that share effective practice
- an Employer Engagement CPD Module and Toolkit designed specifically for provider frontline staff working to meet the apprenticeship training needs of business
- some specialist resources to support positive mental health, equality, diversity and inclusion within apprenticeships
- online modules and guides for apprenticeship practitioners and assessors looking to enhance their knowledge, understanding and new skills to be able to deliver standards or improve their maths and English delivery
- an online self-assessment tool to enable people to self-assess against the skills, knowledge and experience needed by an End-Point Assessor and identify their CPD needs
- Checklists and Mock End-Point Assessment resources that share effective practice in planning, testing and implementing end-point assessment delivery.

Length of the course
This is a one-hour webinar.

Entry Requirements
Technical requirements
- a good internet connection
- a set of headphones, in-earphones (like you would use for a mobile phone or tablet), or a mic-phones headset
- the use of Chrome browser is preferred.

Access to the webinar will be through a registration page. You will receive a link in the joining instructions a week prior. If you cannot attend the webinar on the day, you will be able to view it on-demand after 48 hours via the same link.

Booking Close Date: 04/06/2018  SESSION 1 Date: 05/06/2018 12:00 - 13:00
Type: Webinar/Online  https://booking.etfoundation.co.uk/course/details/392?return=browse
Skills for Care Recruiting for potential
If you’re part of a local, regional or national employment support initiative or model you might be interested in this funding opportunity. We’d like to trial longer term approaches to recruiting individuals with the right values from groups which are under-represented in the social care and health workforce or who face barriers into employment (such as males, young care leavers and/or those from looked after background and people with learning disabilities).

Applications will open mid-June.
https://www.skillsforcare.org.uk/Getting-involved/Tender-opportunities/Recruiting-for-potential.aspx?cldee=amxhd3lyNDY2OEBhb2wuY29t&recipientid=contact-82ef475c48ee61194120050568779ad-87dc992751c41199e81fb257b8e2642&esid=11de4959-f763-e811-80da-005056877cb9&urlid=1

Knife Crime Community Fund
The fund has been set up to support community projects which reduce knife crime and have a positive impact on young people at risk of carrying a knife and committing crime. The first round of the fund was launched in October 2017 and we are now making available up to £1 million to be spent by end of March 2019.

The fund is open to voluntary and community sector groups and we are inviting bids for funding for projects of up to £30,000 although we will consider bids for greater funding for projects with collaboration between partners.

Bids will be assessed on the extent to which they demonstrate:
- delivery of outcomes to stop knife crime
- proven track record of delivering local interventions
- proven track record of ability to work with children and young people
- proven track record of ability to work in partnership with other organisations and services
- evidence of value for money

How to apply
The deadline for submission of bids is 15 June and bids must be submitted on the community fund application form (ODT, 27.3KB) (also available in Word format (MS Word Document, 37.8KB) . We will inform successful organisations by end of July and, providing financial details are provided promptly, will transfer the funds in August. The funds are to be spent by 31 March 2019.

Please submit all bids to Knife_Community.Fund@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk also look at the following https://www.gov.uk/guidance/knife-crime-community-fund

**Appendix A:** The Rehabilitation of Offenders Act guidance  
**Appendix B:** DBS filtering guide  
**Appendix C:** Criminal record declaration form – ROA covered roles  
**Appendix D:** Criminal record declaration form – ROA exempt roles  
**Appendix E:** Sample risk assessment form  
**Appendix F:** Professional boundaries for RoTL candidates  
**Appendix G:** Model MOU for paid placements  
**Appendix H:** Model MOU for unpaid placements

**Useful contacts**  
employeradvice@nacro.org.uk  
Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development  
customerservices@dbs.gsi.gov.uk  
dbsdispatch@dbs.gsi.gov.uk  
Disclosure and Barring Service  
www.acas.org.uk  
NI Direct  
banthebox@bitc.org.uk  
Business in the Community  
info@disclosurescotland.co.uk  
Disclosure Scotland  
casework@ico.org.uk  
Information Commissioner’s Office

**Useful links**  
Nacro’s Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 Guide  
Risk assessment template (criminal records)  
employeradvice@nacro.org.uk  
DBS list of offences that will never be filtered from a criminal record check  
Nacro’s practical guidance on DBS filtering  
Criminal record declaration form for jobs exempt from the ROA  
Criminal record declaration form for jobs covered by the ROA

**Tip of the week I:** Four nights in Venice with flights from £89. [Details](#)
**Tip of the week 2:** Free can of Princes fruit. [Details](https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/deals/princes#deal39000)

**Tip of the week 3:** 20% discount on FitFlops. [Details](https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/deals/fitflop#deal39889)

From me Steve and from all the team have a great week and keep training!
Non-Executive Director at Five Companies and MD of East Essex Vocational Training Ltd

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Our Facebook is [https://www.facebook.com/EEVTLtd/?fref=ts](https://www.facebook.com/EEVTLtd/?fref=ts)
Also our website at [http://eevt.org/](http://eevt.org/)
Also via Twitter at [https://twitter.com/EevtSteve](https://twitter.com/EevtSteve)

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**Bids, Grants & Funds**

**PROVISION OF CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR BUSINESS RESILIENCE**
Parliament UK
THE CORPORATE OFFICER OF THE HOUSE OF LORDS AND THE CORPORATE OFFICER OF THE HOUSE OF Commons acting jointly (the “Contracting Authority”) seeks to appoint a suitability qualified and experienced Consultancy practice to further develop Parliament’s Business Resilience Plans (Authority’s RFP reference: GSV1713). The Contract will be let under the Authority’s General Terms and Conditions for services. The engagement is planned to commence in July 2018 (subject to Parliamentary Security Clearance of the successful Consultant’s proposed team) and will end in September 2019.

Parliament has comprehensive and robust plans to respond to any scenarios that could impact on Parliamentary business. We are looking for a Consultant to further enhance these plans. The appointed Consultant will work closely with the Resilience & Emergency Planning Team to enhance plans designed to address a number of scenarios that could impact on Parliamentary business. The Consultant will be required to liaise with internal stakeholders at all levels and third party contractors. Stakeholder engagement will involve supporting the Resilience & Emergency Planning Team in drafting papers and in making presentations.

Economic operators that may wish to participate in the tender process will have to accept and sign a
Non-Disclosure Deed with no qualifications in relation to treating all information shared in complete confidence. The Statement of Requirement containing full details of the requirement and plans that have already been developed will only be issued on receipt of a correctly executed NDD.

The appointed Consultants will be required to comply with the HMG Baseline Personnel Security Standard (BPSS) pre-employment checks for staff they propose to fulfil this Contract.

This will be in line with Cabinet Office guidance on BPSS and the Home Office code of practice on preventing illegal working. Further information is also provided in the e-tendering portal https://intendhost.co.uk/parliamentuk/aspx/BuyerProfiles, including guidance on obtaining security clearance for personnel working on the Parliamentary Estate or having access to the Authority’s IT network.

Deadline: 11/06/2018

Community Learning Procurement for Somerset
DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION
The aim of Community Learning funding is to deliver unique flexible focussed provision to adults, not fundable from other Further Education (FE) budgets, to develop the skills, confidence, motivation and resilience of adults of different ages and backgrounds in order to:

• improve their health and well-being, including mental health
• progress towards formal learning or employment
• develop stronger communities

We are procuring for delivery of services in the geographical area of Somerset only. When we refer to 'Somerset' in this document or any of the other procurement documents, we mean the geographical area covered by the five districts and two unitary authorities set out below.

Somerset is comprised of a two-tier non-metropolitan county, administered by Somerset County Council and five district councils, and two unitary authority areas. The five districts of Somerset are West Somerset, South Somerset, Taunton Deane, Mendip, and Sedgemoor. The two unitary authorities are North Somerset and Bath & North East Somerset.

Value of contract £2.6m

https://education.bravosolution.co.uk

Deadline: 21/06/2018
Advice Skills Academy Non-accredited Training delivery Tender

THE WOMEN'S ORGANISATION

We are seeking to procure a suitable provider or providers of training for a calendar of training for the Advice Skills Academy between July 2018 to April 2019 up to a total value of £12K.

The Advice Skills Academy (ASA) is a European Social Fund (ESF) funded project, funded October 2016 to September 2019 (subject to change control approval), which will develop a co-ordinated approach to identifying learning and development needs of staff within local Citizens Advice services and other partners in the Liverpool City Region (LCR). The project will: develop a calendar of training opportunities to meet the needs of staff, including internal Citizens Advice delivery, and externally procured delivery; identify other learning and development opportunities, including e-learning, coaching and mentoring; and support the development of learning organisations that are responsive to the needs of staff, volunteers, and their learning, development and progression goals.

The project has been developed to:
• Address higher level skills shortages in specialist advice services
• Provide training and support for people within the workforce to improve skills, knowledge, progression and productivity
• Provide a training and support route for disadvantaged groups seeking to access further job opportunities in the sector
• Improve management, leadership and progression capacity
• Promote equality by improving the progression prospects of women within the workforce


Deadline: 08/06/2018

Initial Teacher Training (ITT) Scholarships Programme

DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION

The Department for Education (DfE) is responsible for children’s services and education, including higher and further education policy, apprenticeships and wider skills in England.

Teaching remains an attractive and rewarding career; teacher numbers are at an all-time high, with over 457,000 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) teachers in state-funded schools throughout England (15,500 more than 2010). We recognise, however, that the strengthening labour market and growth in pupil numbers have made the situation more challenging and teacher recruitment remains a top priority for the department, particularly in priority subjects.
Introduced in 2012, Initial Teacher Training Scholarships is one of the initiatives developed to boost teacher recruitment in priority subjects. The programme recruits high calibre trainees in these subjects and provides them with bespoke, subject specific support during their Initial Teacher Training (ITT) year.

Scholarships are awarded to the most gifted trainees in physics, maths, chemistry, computing, modern foreign languages (MFL) or geography.

Aimed at high quality subject experts, who might not have otherwise considered teaching as a viable career option, scholars have the potential to bring world class subject expertise into the classroom, and have a rewarding career in teaching whilst contributing to raising the status of the profession.

Scholarships are subject specific and delivered on a national basis. Delivery partners work with the department to promote and advertise the programmes, attract and assess candidates, and deliver bespoke subject specific candidate support to enhance their knowledge and expertise, which can then be applied and promoted in teaching.

The department is looking for exceptional organisations to support the delivery of the scholarship programme for three years from academic year 2018/19.


Deadline: 11/06/201

**PROVISION OF COACHING SERVICES**

**Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service**

Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service (LFRS) have introduced Coaching and Mentoring to the Organisation. It has always been referred to but a formal Service Order has now been put in place. Coaching Skills training is delivered to all Line Managers (operational and non-operational), and Mentoring is provided to new firefighter recruits and delegates on a Middle Manager Development Programme.

The Organisation is going through a period of transformation in terms of culture and more emphasis is being placed on Leadership. Coaching is one of a range of Learning and Development interventions and it is important to use when it is genuinely the best way of helping an individual develop.

LFRS are looking to appoint 6 external coaching professionals to cover the potential demands across
the Service. It is envisaged there will be an equitable split of work via the matching system LFRS adopt.

www.supply4nwfire.org.uk

Deadline: 29/06/2018

**Paul Hamlyn Foundation - Access and Participation Fund**

The Access and Participation Fund offers two levels of funding:

- ‘Explore and Test’ grants of up to £60,000 for up to two years. Funding is designed to help explore and test both new approaches and ways of addressing new issues. Up to 20% of the grant may be allocated as a contribution to organisational running costs.
- ‘More and Better’ grants of up to £400,000 for up to four years. Funding is intended to increase the impact and effectiveness of work which has already shown promise or positive impact.

The Paul Hamlyn Foundation (PHF) is one of the largest independent grant-making foundations in the UK. Paul Hamlyn was an entrepreneurial publisher and philanthropist, committed to providing new opportunities and experiences for the less fortunate members of society. The Foundation was established in 1987 with a personal gift of £50 million and bequest most of his estate to it when he died in 2001.

The PHF’s mission is to “help people overcome disadvantage and lack of opportunity, so that they can realise their potential and enjoy fulfilling and creative lives”. The Foundation places particular focus on supporting both young people and the arts. The Paul Hamlyn Foundation – Strategy 2015 identifies six strategic priorities relating to changes the PHF wishes to see in the UK. These are:

- To support imaginative people to nurture exciting ideas.
- To widen access and participation in the arts.
- To improve people’s education and learning through the arts.
- To show that the arts make a difference to people’s lives.
- To support the development and growth of organisations investing in young people and positive change.
- To improve support for young people who migrate, and strengthen integration so that communities can live well together.

The funding schemes offered by the PHF are designed to support innovation, give people a voice, work with [https://www.phf.org.uk/funds/access-and-participation-fund/#the-purpose-of-the-fund](https://www.phf.org.uk/funds/access-and-participation-fund/#the-purpose-of-the-fund)
Applications can be submitted at any time.

Paul Hamlyn Foundation - Arts-based Learning Fund

The Arts-based Learning Fund offers two levels of funding:

- ‘Explore and Test’ grants of up to £60,000 for up to two years. Funding is designed to help explore and test both new approaches and ways of addressing new issues. Up to 20% of the grant may be allocated as a contribution to organisational running costs.
- ‘More and Better’ grants of up to £400,000 for up to four years. Funding is intended to help organisations, or the sector more broadly, to deliver more effective arts-based learning.

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The funding schemes offered by the PHF are designed to support innovation, give people a voice, work with others and make lasting commitments.

Charities, community organisations, social enterprises and not-for-profit companies active in the arts are eligible to apply.

Applicants must be working in partnership with schools or other formal education settings.

Applications will be considered for projects that meet the following criteria:

- Takes place on or off school premises and in or out of school hours.
Involves any of the following: crafts, creative writing (including poetry), dance, design, film, music, opera, photography, digital arts and media, theatre and drama, the visual arts, and cross-arts practices.

Is about learning in arts subjects or uses arts-based approaches to achieve one or more of the following:
- teaches other subjects (e.g., teaching science through drama-based techniques, or maths by using music, or history through the study of paintings);
- supports other positive whole school outcomes; and
- supports students’ life skills and readiness to learn.

The PHF is particularly interested in funding:

- Work designed to achieve significant benefit for children and young people experiencing disadvantage, while adopting an inclusive/whole school approach.
- Work for the benefit of primary-age children.
- Work taking place in areas of social and economic deprivation outside of London.

[https://www.phf.org.uk/funds/arts-based-learning-fund/](https://www.phf.org.uk/funds/arts-based-learning-fund/)

Applications can be submitted at any time.

**The Further Forces Programme - The Northern Recruitment and Delivery Hub**

**Education and Training Foundation**

The Foundation is looking for a delivery partner for the management and delivery of ‘The Further Forces Programme – Northern Hub’ a key element of a MoD Service Leaver resettlement to education and training careers programme. The programme is aimed at military service leavers undergoing the resettlement process and who are potentially high calibre teachers of Science, Engineering and Technology (ScET) in the FE and education sector.

[https://www.mytenders.co.uk/Access/Login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fssearch%2fshow%2fsearch_view.aspx%3fID%3dMAY154596&ID=MAY154596](https://www.mytenders.co.uk/Access/Login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fssearch%2fshow%2fsearch_view.aspx%3fID%3dMAY154596&ID=MAY154596)

Deadline: 06/07/2018

**Youth Music Programme**

Youth Music is the UK’s largest children’s music charity, set up in 1999 to promote and support music-making opportunities for children with the least access. It is supported by National Lottery
Funding through the Arts Council for England. Youth Music’s vision is that 'life-changing' music-making is available to all children and young people.

The following funds are currently available:

- **Fund A** - grants of between £2,000 and £30,000 are available for between six and 24 months.
- **Fund B** - grants of £30,001 to £100,000 are available for between 18 and 36 months; grants of £100,001 to £150,000 are available for between 24 and 36 months. (Grants of £150,001 to £200,000 for 36 months are available in exceptional circumstances for cross-regional or national strategic programmes).

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The Foundation currently offers two levels of funding:

- **Fund A** - smaller grants for high-quality projects that will help to achieve the Foundation’s vision for a musically inclusive England.
- **Fund B** - medium-sized grants for high-quality, sustained projects that expand and embed musically inclusive practice within and beyond the applicant's organisation.

Grants are available to charitable and non-profit organisations in the UK to support:

- Developmental music-making projects for children and young people (up to the age of 25) resident in England, who face barriers to music-making as a result of the circumstances they are in.
- Strategic work supporting the development of the workforce, organisations and the wider sector to ensure that high-quality sustained music-making opportunities exist for young people.

**Match Funding Restrictions**

Match funding is required at the following rates:

- Grants of **£2,000 to £30,000**: 10% (at least 5% must be cash match funding).
- Grants of **£30,001 to £100,000**: 15% (at least 7.5% must be cash match funding).
- Grants of **£100,001 to £150,000**: 25% (at least 10% must be cash match funding).
- Grants of **£150,001 to £200,000**: 30% (at least 15% must be cash match funding).

**Application Procedure**

Applications to Fund A are accepted three times a year. The next deadlines are:
• Round 13: 24 August 2018 (5pm)
• Round 14: 7 December 2018 (5pm)
Applications to Fund B are accepted biannually and there is a two-stage application process. The 2018 deadlines for stage one applications are:
• Round 8 Stage 1: 18 May 2018 (5pm)
• Round 9 Stage 1: 9 November 2018 (5pm)

https://network.youthmusic.org.uk/which-fund-should-i-apply

Education Endowment Foundation
Round 14 (Summer 2018)
CLOSING DATE: 5 July 2018 (5pm)
We are keen to receive applications for high-potential projects which aim to improve attainment and related outcomes for disadvantaged children and young people.

We are currently particularly interested in proposals about:

• **Secondary school teaching:**
  We are keen to receive proposals focused on improving teaching in secondary schools. In particular, we would like to test the impact of projects aiming to improve pedagogy in Key Stage 3 teaching or in English and maths GCSE teaching.

• **Popular programmes:**
  By this, we mean programmes that are already widely purchased by schools with the aim of changing or improving practices in certain areas. For example, a maths programme that comprises resources and training. We are most interested in those that are widely used by schools, and where there is demand from schools for better evidence of impact.

• **Improving Level 2 outcomes for 16-18 year olds in English and maths:**
  We are keen to receive proposals aiming to support learners who have not achieved the expected standard (grade 4 or above) in GCSE English or maths by age 16.
  To date, we have funded four projects working in post-16 settings, supported by funding from J.P. Morgan. Please see the Post 16 theme page for more information and specific guidance.

In addition, we are interested in proposals from researchers about how best to evaluate the impact of widespread school practices for which there is currently limited evidence:

• **School practices:**
  By this, we mean strategies which (1) aim to improve student outcomes, (2) can be
implemented without a programme and (3) are already happening in many schools. Examples include: practices for grouping pupils by prior attainment; how schools are utilising their pay freedoms; the impact of different staff qualifications on pupil outcomes. As these are practices which are difficult to evaluate as randomised controlled trials, we are looking for proposals for evaluations using alternative, quasi-experimental designs to allow us to compare the impacts of existing school practices.

**We remain interested in all high-potential ideas beyond these categories** – please refer to our FAQs and guidance application notes:

https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/projects-and-evaluation/how-to-apply/

**Design and Delivery of Workforce Development Training**

**Norfolk County Council**

Norfolk County Council wishes to let a contract(s) for the design and delivery of workforce development training relevant to employees across the whole organisation. This contract has been split into 3 lots, providers may bid for 1 or more lots.

— Lot 1: general ICT skills
Norfolk County Council is seeking to appoint a suitably skilled and experienced organisation to provide general ICT skills, covering MS OneNote /Skype 2013, MS Outlook (tools to manage high email volumes) and MS PowerPoint (creating excellent slides).

— Lot 2: Microsoft Excel
Norfolk County Council is seeking to appoint a suitably skilled and experienced organisation to provide excel training at foundation, intermediate and advanced levels.

— Lot 3: core business skills
Norfolk County Council is seeking to appoint a suitably skilled and experienced organisation to provide core business skills training. Lot 3 includes the following: training and presentation skills, minute taking, interviewing skills for interviewers, handling difficult situations assertively, negotiating successfully and preparing yourself for interview.

Value excluding VAT: 165 000.00 GBP

https://in-tendhost.co.uk/norfolkcc.aspx/Home

Deadline: 25/06/2018
Apprenticeship Schemes Phase 2

The British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC)

The BBC has a requirement to appoint a number of providers to a framework agreement for the provision of Apprenticeship Schemes. These schemes require the Providers to teach, support, assess and award to an agreed curriculum. The Providers shall deliver apprenticeship standards in order to grow the talent of the UK media industry and support future skillset needs across the BBC career development pathway.

Lot 1— engineers technician,
— sub Lot 1a machinist - advanced manufacturing engineering,
Lot 2— accountancy taxation professional,
Lot 3— business administration,
Lot 4— post graduate engineer,
— sub Lot 4a research and development engineer,
— sub Lot 4b systems integration engineer,
— sub Lot 4c product support engineer,
— sub Lot 4d engineering business manager,
Lot 5— HR support,
Lot 6— HR consultant /partner,
Lot 7— senior leader,
Lot 8— solicitor,
Lot 9— commercial procurement and supply,
Lot 10— improvement practitioner,
Lot 11— junior management consultant.

The Initial term of the framework agreement is 2 years and there is an option to extend for a further two years at 12 monthly intervals.

Value of contract £6.7m

https://bbc.bravosolution.co.uk/

Deadline: 21/06/2018

Apprenticeship Capacity
Merseytravel

The City Region wishes to engage interim capacity to support this work through to March 2019. An outline of the required activities is listed below:-

• To oversee the development and implementation of key Apprenticeship activity in the City Region
including support for joint public sector work...rity Scrutiny Panel review into apprenticeships are delivered
• To identify opportunities for the sustainability and integration of the Apprenticeship Hub within wider City Region structures
• To identify opportunities for the deployment of unspent Apprenticeship Levy funds within the City Region

https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert/Index?advertId=b21ddcf6-6e5f-e811-80eb-005056b64545

Deadline: 11/06/2018

Social Work Training on 'Working with Vulnerable Young People' and 'Diversity'
Cafcass
Cafcass is seeking a specialist in social work practice and teaching, to provide a programme with a range of learning materials, specific to the context in which Cafcass works. Our partner will provide a range of materials, including opportunity for reflection and support in the practice of new skills

https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/aa52f814-ddee-46ec-9371-044f13b32f2a?p=&8=UFQxbIIRPT0=NjJNT0

Deadline: 08/06/2018

Continuing Healthcare (CHC) Training
Cornwall Council
Cornwall Council is inviting Tenders who are able to deliver high quality Continuing Healthcare Training that enables the Council to excel in its statutory duties pertaining to people with primary healthcare needs. This is a program of training for frontline managers, social workers and social care staff working within Cornwall Council Adult Social Care.

This is a two year contract, with an option to extend for a further two years, where mutually agreed (two + two). The purpose of the two year cycle is that this should give sufficient time for all the necessary staff to have completed the training. Training to be delivered in Cornwall, venues arranged by PEDT.

https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/294e00e5-f3af-4726-95cd-83bfe2e8151

Deadline: 27/06/2018
First Aid Training
Bradford Metropolitan District Council
The Council requires a suitably qualified and experienced training provider to deliver various OFQUAL registered First Aid Training courses across the Bradford district:

It is a mandatory requirement of this contract that all trainers meet the following criteria:

Are qualified First Aid Instructors (FAW, EFAW etc.)

Have a minimum of 2 years experience, with a minimum of 50% face-face delivery OR a national adult teaching / training qualification such as Preparing to teach in the lifelong learning sector (PTTLS)

Be a registered General Nurse or paramedic/medic and hold the National Examination Board in Occupational Safety and Health (NEBOSH) National General Certificate or another equivalent qualification.

https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert?advertId=4dde04d3-8c5e-e811-80eb-005056b64545

Deadline: 22/06/2018

Youth Activities Offer
South Gloucestershire Council
Provision of positive activities for young people in the core age range of 13 — 18 years and for up to 25 years for some young people with LDD (Learning Difficulties and Disabilities) split into 3 geographical areas (West / East / South) and 1 area wide contract in South Gloucestershire.

The Council wants to maximise the chances for young people to engage in positive, stimulating and enjoyable activities that provide opportunities for young people to develop healthy relationships with trusted adults and their peers and signposting to additional support if needed. Services will engage young people in high quality activities that young people will value and enjoy; led by suitably trained staff who are able to ensure those young people with the greatest needs are able to participate and benefit from the provision.

The Council considers that TUPE may apply in respect of employees currently engaged by the existing Suppliers in the provision of the Services prior to commencement of the Contracts to be entered into with the Council. The majority of these employees are currently employed by South Gloucestershire Council.
Delivery of Education and training qualification for EFA study programme 16-19 for Nottingham area

**Nottingham College**
For Delivery of Education and training qualifications eligible for funding under the Nottingham College contract for EFA study programme activity circa £400k.

Increase widening participation and inclusion within Nottingham for disadvantage groups.

[https://in-tendhost.co.uk/fe/aspx/ProjectManage/2990](https://in-tendhost.co.uk/fe/aspx/ProjectManage/2990)

Deadline: 22/06/2018

**ESFA funding 16-19 study programme**

**Nottingham College**
Nottingham College proposes to release circa 1 700 000 GBP of ESFA funding to provide high quality study programme provision within D2N2 geographical region. The new provision will take place in 2018/2019 academic year.

[http://in-tendhost.co.uk/fe](http://in-tendhost.co.uk/fe)

Deadline: 22/06/2018

**NHSBT1128 - Learning and Development Framework**

**NHS Blood & Transplant**
NHSBT is an Arm’s Length Body of the Department of Health employing approx. 5,650 people across the UK. We are an NHS organisation responsible for the provision of safe and efficient blood and blood products to the NHS. In addition we provide Organ Donation and Tissues services to the NHS and other sectors.

NHS Blood and Transplant (NHSBT) is a Special Health Authority, dedicated to saving and improving lives by providing a wide range of services to the NHS. NHSBT is a unique and diverse organisation. We bring together all forms of donation in one organisation. In some parts, such as organ donation,
we work across the UK. In others, such as blood donation, we operate in England only. In some specialist areas, such as stem cells, we are part of a global network.

We employ a range of professions which includes Health Care Professionals (Clinicians and Nurses), Health Care Assistants (trained staff who look after the donor through the donation process), Clinical Scientists, Biomedical Scientists, Laboratory Assistants, Administrators and Drivers. Some of these operate on a shift system and in some departments we operate a 24/7 operation.

The nature of our work also requires our workforce to work often in remote or off site settings. As an example we have 65 teams on average collecting blood at sessions in church halls, leisure centres and other public sites per day. We also have Specialist Nurses in Organ Donation embedded within 171 Trusts across the country working on their own with wider NHS Teams facilitating the donation process, seeking consent and working with our donor families. This all leads to a complex process for ensuring our staff are supported and communicated with, also providing additional complexity in maintaining required levels of training and continuous professional development.

The organisation is comprised of four Operating Divisions: Blood Supply, Diagnostic and Therapeutic Services, Organ Donation and Group Services.

NHSBT is looking to establish a framework of contractors for the Learning and Development function, specified by individual 'lots' which will service and fulfil the training needs of NHSBT and organisations within the Arm's Length Body family.

Lot 1 - Provision of Behavioural Skills Training including leadership and management modules
Lot 2 - Provision of IT Training
Lot 3 - Provision of Associates to support Organisational Development.
Lot 4 - Provision Diversity and Staff Engagement Development and Training.
Lot 5 - Provision of Manual Handling training
Lot 6 - Provision of First Aid Training.
Lot 7 - Provision of Simulation Training for Clinicians and Healthcare Professionals
Lot 8 - Provision of Clinical Supervision for Nurses

https://nhsbt.bravosolution.co.uk/

Deadline: 22/06/2018
Supporting Young People to have Healthy Relationships: Preventing and Earlier Identification of Domestic Abuse

Trafford Council invites suitably experienced organisations to provide a programme of healthy relationship interventions for year 9 - 11 pupils. Activities will include:

• drama performances/workshops, in school assemblies and small workshops
• support for staff and the creation of champions to instigate whole school change
• a resource for young people about healthy relationships.
• support for young people who disclose.

It is intended that the contract will commence on 1st September 2018 for an initial period of 1 year. Subject to satisfactory performance and funding, the Council may wish to extend the contract for two further periods, each of 12 months. Organisations submitting a tender for this service will need to complete an application form in the tender pack.

https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert/Index?advertId=1909af87-fb5c-e811-80eb-005056b64545

Deadline: 12/06/2018

GLA Young Londoners Fund to support young people aged 10-21 who are at risk of exclusion/criminal activity, or already involved in criminal activity

Projects can include any of the following: Arts and Culture, Citizenship, Digital, Education and skills development, Environmental awareness and improvement, Experience of the world of work, Healthy lifestyles, Mental well-being, Mentoring, Positive engagement with police and emergency services, Science and technology, Sports and physical activity, Support for families who have children with complex needs, Volunteering, Other activities which make a positive difference to young people

Grant sizes to suit all sizes of organisation: You must have an annual turnover of twice what you are bidding for

• Small: up to £30k per year: £90k over 3 years
• Medium: up to £50k per year: £150k over 3 years
• Large: up to £500k per year: £1,500,000 over 3 years


Deadline: 09/07/2018
Employment and Skills Dynamic Purchasing System
Leeds City Council
A Dynamic Purchasing System for the provision of learning and skills development opportunities

https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert/Index?advertId=1dcd711f-025d-e811-80eb-005056b64545

Deadline: 08/06/2018

Dynamic Purchasing System for Apprenticeship Learning Providers
SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL
Suffolk County Council are inviting suitably qualified applicants to join a Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) for the provision of Apprenticeship Learning Providers.

The DPS will be available for use by the following Local Authorities (Clients) Suffolk County Council, Mid Suffolk District Council, Babergh District Council, Forest Heath District Council, St Edmundsbury District Council, Suffolk Coastal District Council, Waveney District Council and any successor Authority's.

The estimated quantity of Services to be purchased using the DPS between all Contracting Authorities named above is in the range of £787,000 per annum. However, SCC provide no representations or guarantees regarding the quantity of Services to be purchased.

The period of the DPS will be 4 Years plus an option to extend for up to a further 4 years. New applicants can join the DPS during the course of the duration. Please note should performance not be compliant with the DPS Tender Terms and Conditions, applicants may be removed from the DPS.

http://www.suffolksourcing.uk/

Deadline: 20/05/2022

Initial Teacher Training (ITT) Scholarships Programme
DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION
The Department for Education (DfE) is responsible for children's services and education, including higher and further education policy, apprenticeships and wider skills in England.
Teaching remains an attractive and rewarding career; teacher numbers are at an all-time high, with over 457,000 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) teachers in state-funded schools throughout England (15,500 more than 2010). We recognise, however, that the strengthening labour market and growth in pupil numbers have made the situation more challenging and teacher recruitment remains a top priority for the department, particularly in priority subjects.

Introduced in 2012, Initial Teacher Training Scholarships is one of the initiatives developed to boost teacher recruitment in priority subjects. The programme recruits high calibre trainees in these subjects and provides them with bespoke, subject specific support during their Initial Teacher Training (ITT) year.

Scholarships are awarded to the most gifted trainees in physics, maths, chemistry, computing, modern foreign languages (MFL) or geography.

Aimed at high quality subject experts, who might not have otherwise considered teaching as a viable career option, scholars have the potential to bring world class subject expertise into the classroom, and have a rewarding career in teaching whilst contributing to raising the status of the profession.

Scholarships are subject specific and delivered on a national basis. Delivery partners work with the department to promote and advertise the programmes, attract and assess candidates, and deliver bespoke subject specific candidate support to enhance their knowledge and expertise, which can then be applied and promoted in teaching.

The department is looking for exceptional organisations to support the delivery of the scholarship programme for three years from academic year 2018/19.

https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/a47f950b-5f63-40eb-b68f-98978b323dc1?p=@8=UFQxUIRRPT0=NJJNT0

Deadline: 11/06/2018

Cambridgeshire County Council Opportunity Area Foundation Teacher Training Programme
LGSS
The Fenland and East Cambridgeshire Opportunity Area is inviting providers to provide a Foundation Teacher Training Programme for 20 trainees. The successful provider will need to demonstrate exceptional, relevant skill to provide teacher training and an understanding of the specific barriers and challenges in the area.
The successful provider will design and deliver a high-quality teacher training programme, aimed primarily (not exclusively) at those who are already working as teaching assistants in local schools. The training will be school-based and lead to Qualified Teacher Status. The successful provider will be required to recruit and select the trainees for the programme and the placement schools. The successful provider must be an accredited teacher training provider.

Any staff who will be working in schools, must have a valid DBS check. If there are any staff changes, new staff will also require a DBS checks and Cambridgeshire County Council must be notified of these changes.

https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert?advertId=40f6d420-5753-e811-80eb-005056b64545&p=4d8cb5a5-74dc-e511-810e-000c29c9ba21

Deadline: 15/06/2018

**Pedagogic EdTech Competency Framework**

**Education and Training Foundation**

The Foundation are tendering for the development of a pedagogic digital skills competency framework, with the aim that it will support educators from the FE and Skills sector in better exploiting edtech in their professional practice.

The framework will act as a reference for practitioners to share a common understanding of how edtech can redefine learning, teaching and assessment. It will also facilitate the evaluation of teachers' level of competency, while guiding them on how to develop further. The ultimate goal is to promote learner centred environments and activities that will enhance learners' engagement and encourage students to take ownership of their own learning.

http://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/show/search_view.aspx?ID=MAY154522

Deadline: 11/06/2018

**‘Community Voice, Community Connections’ Small Steps Big Changes Parent Champions & Support Services - Nottingham CityCare Partnership**

**NHS ARDEN AND GREATER EAST MIDLANDS COMMISSIONING SUPPORT UNIT**

Small Steps Big Changes (SSBC) is a £45m transformation programme hosted by Nottingham CityCare Partnership, supported by the Big Lottery Fund’s A Better Start (ABS) initiative. SSBC is a partnership of parents and professionals working together, through co-production and parent
powered change, to drive the delivery of the programme and focus on helping children to live happy, healthy and fulfilled lives.

In Nottingham, our programme operates across four communities (Arboretum, Aspley, Bulwell and St Ann's) and seeks to positively impact outcomes for 0-3 year old children in the areas of communication and language, social and emotional development and nutrition.

Nottingham was chosen from 152 Local Authority areas initially invited to bid. Small Steps Big Changes is one of only five programmes nationally. The programme commenced in April 2015.

The aim of the new service is to support, develop and train our Parent Champions and Parent Ambassadors and work with our wider partners in the community to strengthen the community voice within SSBC and our commitment to building community capacity through our 'Community Connection' approach. The work will focus on Parent Champions and Ambassadors initially and will include:

Coaching and Support to enable them to develop as individuals and as a group.

Help to identify, tackle and overcome challenges and solve problems.

Support to explore new opportunities and develop a pathway to greater autonomy and self-determination including development options for individuals and help to identify options to create a sustainable legacy for the Parent Champion group both within and beyond SSBC.

Support to develop their role as system leaders within a system change agenda/process.

The development and implementation of a bespoke training programme for Parent Champions (and Ambassadors) with the aim to help them grow and develop as individuals and as a group including into other roles within SSBC and beyond. The training programme will take account of and build-on the strengths and skills within the two groups.

Working with partners to develop volunteering opportunities for community members involved in SSBC.

A Forward Plan for Parent Champions for the next 1, 3 and 5 years.

The service will provide less intensive support and guidance to our Parent Ambassadors on a more flexible basis. It is expected that this will include at least regular group meetings and opportunities for training and development. Parent Ambassadors should be supported and trained to follow a pathway into Parent Champion roles or other roles within and outside the programme.
https://ardengemcsu.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.html

Deadline: 09/07/2018

**BBC Children in Need Main Grant Programme (UK)**

The next closing date for applications to the BBC Children in Need Main Grants programme is the 13th September 2018. Grants of over £10,000 per project per year for up to three years are available to not for profit organisations and schools that work with young people who are:

- Experiencing disadvantage through illness, distress, abuse or neglect;
- Any kind of disability; behavioural or psychological difficulties;
- And / or living in poverty or situations of deprivation.

There is no upper limit for Main Grants but BBC Children in Need make very few grants over £120,000 (or £40,000 per year) and most grants are for much less. To be eligible, projects must make differences in children’s lives that help prevent or overcome the effects of the disadvantages they face. Projects achieve these differences by either working directly with children or seeking to improve their social and physical environments.

**Schools can also apply for funding but the project must be additional to their statutory duties.**

Examples of projects that recently received funding include:

- St Joseph's School and Community Steering Group, which received a grant of £61,480 to provide an after school and holiday clubs to engage disadvantaged young people living in Workington in physical and healthy living activity.
- Stepping Stones Pre-School Portslade, which received a grant of ££9,397 to provide additional 1-1 support to children who display emotional/behavioural/communication difficulties to develop coping strategies, social communication skills and help them to overcome anxiety.
- Cumbria Law Centre which received a grant of £88,263 to provide a full-time worker for a young people’s drop-in centre, offering specialist social welfare advice to young people and vulnerable parents.

**Useful Links:**

**Application Form**
Apply for a Grant - A-Z Guidance

Frequently Asked Questions

http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/3XW7FvN20PD3xr2c1T62Xly/main-grants

New £4 Million Funding Scheme to Tackle Violence Against Women and Girls - Deadline Reminder (UK)

A new £4 million grant scheme has been launched to support projects within the UK that tackle violence against women and girls. It is anticipated that 40 grant awards of £60,000 - £120,000 will be made for projects lasting between 1 and 3 years. Larger grants may be awarded for partnership bids.

The funding is being made available through the Tampon Tax and is supported by Comic Relief in partnership with the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) and the devolved administrations.

This funding is exclusively focused on women with multiple and complex needs and aims to:

- Enable organisations to better support women within the target groups.
- Showcase how women’s lived experience can inform the design and delivery of services, practice and policy.
- Provide opportunities for projects to try out new ways and models of working, for example by acting earlier, building community assets or using digital approaches.
- Enable cross sector partnerships to work together to provide high quality support.
- Support approaches that can provide learning for other organisations and stakeholders across the sector.
- Improve access to support for women with complex needs in less well-served communities, such as BAMER, older women, LBTI, disabled women.

The closing date for applications is midday on the 2nd July 2018.

Useful Links:

Documents for applying

Application process
Guidance for applying

https://www.comicrelief.com/apply-for-grants/open-grants-initiatives/tackling-violence-against-women-and-girls

Building Resilient Local Economies (UK)

The next deadline for applications to the Friends Provident Foundation - Building Resilient Economies programme is the 2nd July 2018.

The programme aims to build a more resilient, fairer and sustainable economic system. Organisations working within the UK who want to help transform financial systems into 'engines for social benefit' can apply for grants through the Foundation. Grants in the past have been up to £200,000 to cover capital or revenue funding, core costs or project costs. Activities funded will fit closely with the aims of the Foundation and deliver one of two key outcomes.

These are:

"System Change"

"Local Economic Resilience".

Under 'System Change' the Foundation will be looking to support projects that develop and demonstrate methods that will effectively change policy and corporate behaviours in pursuit of wider social objectives.

Under 'Local economic resilience' the Foundation is looking to support projects that share learning about effective ways for communities to create more sustainable economic systems and retain more of the value generated. This might include creating community assets or new approaches to local finance.

Previous organisations supported include:

SUSTAIN, which received a grant of £75,000 for a concerted three-year campaign, drawing on the support of many people and organisations to achieve changes in government policy and industry practice to create a million good jobs though better farming and land-use.

ECHO, a trading network of over 500 organisations in East London that uses time as the currency, rather than money. This project received a grant of £140,000 and aims to develop and refine the
infrastructure for local, sustainable Echo systems at national scale.

Useful Links:

Apply Online

Frequently Asked Questions

http://www.friendsprovidentfoundation.org/programme-overview/

*Grants for Projects Promoting Music as a Positive Aid to Mental Wellbeing (UK)*

Go Think Big are offering grants of up to £500 through Music & Healthy Minds – a grant scheme aimed at supporting creative and unique social action projects. Launched to celebrate Mental Health Awareness Week (14-18th May 2018) young people aged 15-24 are invited to submit ideas for projects that promote the importance of having positive mental wellbeing and use music to facilitate this in some way.

Projects supported will be innovative and inspiring ideas which change the world around the applicant for the better i.e. projects that will make positive changes to the individual and their community. The aim is to provide funding that the applicant will use to help others develop a ‘healthy mind’ and explore the power in using music to facilitate this.

Projects could include film, radio, journalism or general media, which also considers using technology to harness your creative vision.

The deadline to apply is Sunday 17th June 2018.

Useful Links:

Apply Now

https://gothinkbig.co.uk/opportunities/youth-project-healthy-minds-music

*Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust Announces Next Funding Round for 2018 (UK)*

The Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust which awards grants to registered charities in the United Kingdom has announced that the next funding round will open for applications on the 1st July 2018.
Grants of £1,000 are available to registered charities for community projects. Priority given to projects working with:

- The elderly that focus on homelessness
- Domestic abuse, prisoners/offenders
- Training/education
- Counselling/support
- Refugees and asylum seekers
- Activities for those with limited access or opportunities.

To be eligible to apply, the charity must have a maximum operating income and operating expenditure of 1,000,000 per year.

Previous projects supported include:

- A grant of £1,000 to “Women make a Difference” towards programme for refugees and asylum seekers
- A grant of £1,000 to the “Northern Ballet” towards a wheelchair dance project.

https://www.austin-hope-pilkington.org.uk/%C2%A0

**Royal Society of Chemistry - Outreach Fund Small Grants Scheme Re-Opens for Applications (UK)**

Individuals and organisations such as researchers, museums, schools, community groups, not-for-profit organisations, arts groups and libraries can apply for grants of up to £2,000 to run chemistry-based events and activities for public audiences and in schools. These can be both for one-off events or a larger programme of activities.

Priority will be given to projects that raise awareness of the place of chemistry in people's everyday lives, especially those not already interested in chemistry, and/or develop the science communication skills of people who are already highly trained in chemistry.

Previously funded projects included "Cool chemistry at the seaside" where the Society awarded a grant of £2,000 to volunteers in Ramsgate who transformed an empty town-centre shop into a makeshift theatre, delivering free chemistry demonstrations to anyone.

The closing date for applications is 12 noon on the 10th September 2018.

http://www.rsc.org/awards-funding/funding/outreach-fund/#about
Grants for Voluntary and Community Based Organisations (Great Britain and Africa)

The Noel Buxton Trust supports voluntary and community based organisations in Great Britain and in some of the most vulnerable parts of Africa. The Trust operates three funding programmes:

**Africa Grants:** Supports projects based in Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, Uganda, Sudan and South Sudan put forward by small charities. Within these areas, priority will be given to work with communities living in urban slums and semi-arid regions where economic hardship is most extreme. Grants of up to £5,000 over three years are made to projects that focus on economic development i.e. small business support and training, and microfinance in both urban and rural settings; building sustainable futures in the semi-arid areas of Africa; and support for and protection of street children that helps them find safe and sustainable livelihoods.

**Families and domestic abuse:** The Trustees particularly acknowledge that there is a pervasive impact on children, and one that can affect them into adulthood and thus consider projects that work with survivors and/or perpetrators of domestic abuse. Grants of up to £5,000 over three years are offered to smaller, grass-roots organisations in England, Scotland and Wales with an emphasis on areas outside London, South-east England.

**Penal Grants:** Recognising the variety of Voluntary and Community Sector organisations working with offenders, grants are made to local campaigning organisations; self-help groups; and service providers as follows:

- One off grants of up to £3,000 to pay for specific projects that help maintain relationships between prisoners and their families or for work that supports the contributions that volunteers make within the prison community
- Grants of up to £4,000 per year over two to three years, particularly where a guaranteed ongoing contribution is going to make a difference to the sustainability of a programme or activity

Apply at any time by sending a short letter with a case for funding to the address on the website.

Examples of grants awarded:

- Kanaama Interactive Community Support, Uganda - £3,000 towards a microcredit fund supporting women-led businesses in Kashare
- Family Rights Group, UK-wide - £5,000 to help fund an on-line domestic violence advice service for parents
- Key4Life, Ashfield YOI - £1,000 to offer through-the-gate mentoring and employment opportunities for young offenders.
Useful Links:

Guidelines for Africa grants

Guidelines for Family grants, with a focus on domestic abuse

Guidelines for Penal grants

http://www.noelbuxtontrust.org.uk/2012whatwefund.htm

Funding to Tackle Isolation and Health in Sparsely Populated Areas (England, Scotland and Wales)

The Princes Countryside Fund’s Rural Four - Catalyst, Collaborate, Create and Champion - project is a dedicated programme of support for community projects in England, Scotland and Wales that is funded by Players of People’s Postcode Lottery.

Charities, Community Benefit Societies, Community Interest Companies, Companies limited by guarantee, not for profit organisations, Social enterprises and Unincorporated associations with proven success of the community working together and a governance structure in place are eligible to apply.

The Rural Four project aims to:

- Reinvigorate community networks by assisting with rebuilding community assets
- Improve the health and well-being of 200 socially isolated people through providing access to improved community assets and a network of support
- Create a lasting legacy of support and community spirit in the areas supported.

Grants will be awarded to projects with a particular focus on tackling isolation and improving the health and wellbeing of people living in sparsely populated areas.

Funding of up to £25,000 for up to 10 projects per year is available and applications are welcome at any time.

Previous grants have been awarded to:

- Crowle (Worcestershire) Community Shop - £29,750 towards the construction of a timber-clad building on the village hall site as a shop to be run entirely for the benefit of the local community.
• Bird in Bush, Elsdon, Northumberland National Park - £25,635 to support a major refurbishment of the kitchen, and improvements to the accommodation facilities. The pub will provide several services including meeting space, a micro library, parcel drop facility, board games club and a social club.

To find out more please contact Helen Aldis on 020 7566 6659 or email.

http://www.princescountrysidebar.org.uk/grant-giving-programme/rural-four

Smart Energy GB in Communities – Round 2 Now Open (England, Scotland and Wales)

Smart Energy GB in Communities is a campaign to inform and inspire people about smart meters and the benefits they bring by working in partnership with regional and local voluntary sector organisations. The programme particularly supports those who may find it more difficult to engage with the smart meter roll out and for 2018 will focus on funding activities that are targeted at the severely or profoundly deaf.

Applicant organisations should be able to directly engage with people at a localised level to provide education, reassurance and direct support to help them address barriers around confidence in new smart meter technology. Successful applicants will be supported in delivering consistent and accurate messages about Smart Meter technology through access to Smart Energy GB’s Resource Centre.

Grants of up to £7,500 are available for projects that could involve a range of activities i.e. visible events within communities that help to build confidence and increase interest in smart meter installation. Activities may include, for example, incorporating smart meter messages into existing services and events or running specific advice sessions on smart meters.

The deadline for applications is midday on the 11 June 2018.

Projects funded must commence in the week beginning 16th July 2018 and complete by 7th December 2018.

https://www.cafonline.org/charities/grantmaking/smart-energy-gb-in-communities#tab4

Useful Links:

Guidance Notes
Home Office Funding to Boost Fight Against Knife Crime is Now Available (England & Wales)

The Home Office has launched a second funding round to tackle Knife Crime. Community Groups in England and Wales can apply for grants of up to £30,000 to help steer young people away from gangs and violent crime. Larger amounts of funding are available for collaborative bids. The funding is being made available through the Home Office £1 million Anti-Knife Crime Community Fund and the closing date for applications is the 15th June 2018.

- Bids will be assessed on the extent to which they demonstrate:
  - Delivery of outcomes to stop knife crime
  - Proven track record of delivering local interventions
  - Proven track record of ability to work with children and young people
  - Proven track record of ability to work in partnership with other organisations and services
  - Evidence of value for money

Previous projects supported include:

The Enthusiasm Trust, which received a grant of £20,000 to deliver a 13-week intensive preventative programme focusing on knife crime and youth violence, for young people aged 11-18 in Derby.

Wycombe Youth Action which received a grant of £19,998 to deliver a 12-month anti-knife crime programme with a range of targeted young people across High Wycombe.

Faiths Forum for London, which received a grant of £18,800 to deliver the Aspire to Change Project involving faith institutions in the London Borough of Brent in tackling gang membership, permanent exclusion from schools and re-offending behaviour.

Useful Links:

Application Form

Previously Funded Projects (Round 1)

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/knife-crime-community-fund
The Ford Britain Trust (England & Wales)

The Ford Britain Trust’s Small Grants programme is open for applications until the 30th June 2018. Through the Small Grants Programme registered charities, Schools/PTAs (Non-fee paying, state sector schools only) and non-profit organisations can apply for grants of up to £250 for projects that:

- Benefit the local community/environment;
- Work with young people/children;
- Promote education/schools (mainstream);
- Support special educational needs and people with disabilities.

The Trust operates in those areas where the Ford Motor Company Limited has its present activities and a long-standing association with local communities.

These are:

- Essex (including East London);
- St Albans;
- Bridgend (South Wales);
- Manchester;
- Southampton;

Exceptions may be made for initiatives in which Ford Motor Company Limited employees and retirees are involved.

Grants made by the Trust are usually one-off donations for a specific capital project or part of a project, typically items of furniture and equipment.

The Trust also provides grants through its Large Grants Programme (grants of up to £3,000). The application deadline for its Large Grants programme is the 31st July 2018.

https://www.ford.co.uk/experience-ford/about-ford/ford-britain-trust

Funding to Celebrate Women Gaining the Right to Vote (England)

The Government Equalities Office has announced that round 3 of the Women’s Vote Centenary Grant Scheme will open for applications on the 12th July 2018. The Women’s Vote Centenary Grant Scheme is a £1.5 million government fund that will support local and community groups across England in celebrating the centenary of women gaining the right to vote.
The grant scheme has two types of funds.

Approximately 150 Small Grants of between £300 to £2,000 will be made to grassroots projects to run small-scale events and activities to celebrate the centenary of women gaining the vote. The fund will close to applications on the 14th September 2018.

Up to 30 Large Grants of between £2,000 and £125,000 will also be made to fund projects that increase the understanding of, and engagement with, democracy, and encourage women to participate in public life. There will be two bidding rounds during 2018. The large grants programme is currently closed for applications and will re-open later in the year.

https://www.womensvotecentenaryfund.co.uk/

**Funding to Restore Coastal Heritage Sites (England)**

Department for Communities and Local Government is inviting application to its £1 million Coastal Revival Fund.

Grants of up to £50,000 are available to support or restore local heritage and facilities on the English Coast that benefit the wider community and the surrounding economy. Applications will be accepted from local authorities, charities, community groups and organisations, including social enterprises. The grants will support communities looking to unlock the economic potential of those hard-to-tackle buildings, landscapes, facilities and amusements and sustain them in the longer-term.

The closing date for applications is 23:59 hours on Thursday 5 July 2018.

**Useful Links:**

- Coastal Revival Fund Prospectus
- Application Form
- Historic Perch Rock Lighthouse (Project funded through the Coastal Revival Fund - Video)

**Department for Education: Teacher Subject Specialism Training (England)**

The UK Government Department for Education is offering funding to school partnerships to provide subject specialism training courses for teachers in secondary maths, core maths, physics, French, German and Spanish. The aim is to support lead schools in working in partnership with other schools and partners in designing and delivering teacher subject specialism training to meet local and regional needs.

The funding is for the 2018 – 2019 academic year and will be paid to regional lead schools to distribute to local lead schools who will in turn lead other local schools in coordinating and developing the training in their region. Applicants may apply for more than one subject and should apply for the minimum number of participants based on capacity and identified participant need.

The purpose of the training is to improve the subject knowledge of non-specialist teachers and those teachers looking to return to the profession and increase the number of hours taught, by offering school-led Teacher Subject Specialist Training (TSST) opportunities.

Schools and sixth form colleges eligible to apply will be:

- Graded outstanding or good for overall effectiveness by Ofsted in their most recent inspection
- Able to demonstrate evidence of collaborative working with strategic partners (schools, universities, professional bodies, subject associations and others) to design, develop and evaluate high-quality professional development

Email enquiries can be sent to: tsst.mailbox@education.gov.uk

**Useful Links:**

- Teacher Subject Specialist Training Guidance Notes (TSST)
  
  https://www.gov.uk/guidance/teacher-subject-specialism-training-funding-for-schools

**New Fund Announced to Enhance Early Years Home Learning (North of England)**

The Education Endowment Foundation has announced that from the end of May 2018, organisations in the north of England will be able to apply to a new £5 million Early Years Home Learning Environment fund to trial projects that support parents improve their children's early language and literacy skills at home before they start school.
The Foundation will fund different projects that provide practical tools and advice to parents, so they can help their children learn new words through simple steps like reading and singing nursery rhymes. The new fund aims to build the confidence of parents to support their children in language and reading at an early stage. This has been shown to help close the so-called ‘word gap’ - the gap in communication skills between disadvantaged children and their peers when they start school.

Details will be advertised on the Apply for funding section of our website; or sign up to our email news alerts to be notified when this round opens.

https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/news/5m-fund-to-support-early-years-home-learning/

**Government Announces New Fund to Support Creative Projects in the Northern Powerhouse (Northern England)**

The Government has announced a new £3 million Fund to support creative and cultural organisations across the Northern Powerhouse. The funding, which follows an Industrial Strategy sector deal for the creative industries earlier this year, will mean arts projects and enterprises which support their local communities, in areas including Cumbria, Manchester, Lancashire, Leeds, Liverpool, Sheffield and Yorkshire, can apply for £150,000 of government funding. This could include projects using theatre to improve child literacy or art workshops for disabled people or the elderly.


**Small Grants Available for Community Projects (Scotland)**

The Scotmid Co-operative is offering small grants of up to £500 to assist and support community projects and initiatives throughout Scotland.

Last year Scotmid awarded grants totaling £235,000 to organisations ranging from parent and toddler groups to national campaigns. Funding is concentrated on the areas of Children/education; Community Groups; Active Lifestyles; Environment; the Elderly; Homelessness; Fairtrade; Arts & Culture; and Charity.

To be eligible for funding, applicants must be a group or individual acting for the wider benefit of the local Community; and live within the geographic boundaries of one of Scotmid Regional Committees.
Schools are also eligible to apply for activities that are not part of their statutory responsibilities. This could for example include funding for a breakfast club.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

Useful Links:

Apply Online

Application Tips

Scotmid Community Grants (Video)

https://www.scotmid.coop/community-and-charity/supporting-local-communities/community-grant/

*Funding to Promote Healthy Eating Projects Within Low Income Communities (Scotland)*

Community Food & Health Scotland, which aims to promote healthy eating habits within low-income communities, has announced that its Capacity Building Fund will open to applications on the 1st June 2018. Through the Capacity Development Fund, organisations such as community groups, voluntary organisations and social enterprises can apply for grants of up to £3,000 for training or learning opportunities for staff, volunteers, or management committee or board members.

To be eligible the applicant organisations must already involved in running a food and health activity, for example, a community café, cookery classes, healthy eating sessions, a fruit and vegetable stall, a food delivery scheme; and working with people in a low-income community. "Community" can mean working with a group with a common interest (such as people with a mental wellbeing issue or people affected by homelessness) or people living or working in the same area.

The closing date is the 6th July 2018. (or earlier, if all of the funding available has been allocated before then).

https://www.communityfoodandhealth.org.uk/funding/cfhs-funding-opportunities/

*Giving Communities a Voice on Brexit (Scotland)*

New support will help ensure community organisations, charities and other grassroots groups are
listened to during the ongoing Brexit negotiations. The £150,000 stakeholder engagement fund will provide grants to Scottish organisations who wouldn’t otherwise have the resources to gather and promote the views of their members on preparing for the UK leaving the EU.

The new fund will focus primarily on enabling community and third sector organisations to consider the impact of Brexit, highlight their concerns and plan for the future – giving them a greater platform to be heard at a Scottish, UK and EU level. The Scottish Government fund will offer organisations and networks targeted financial support, as well as welcoming suggestions and ideas from local community groups around the country.

Launching the fund on Europe Day, Minister for Negotiations on Scotland’s Place in Europe Michael Russell said:

“As I meet with organisations throughout Scotland, one thing I hear time and again is that while they are worried about Brexit, pressure on resources means they simply don’t have the capacity to plan for it.

“This new fund is about ensuring the full range of voices can be heard, not just those with specialist staff and big budgets. So I want this fund to be a megaphone for under-represented groups across the country.

“Many community organisations are led by ordinary people doing extraordinary things. We need to hear their views and, given the huge uncertainty that Brexit is causing, do all we can to help them prepare.

“There are obvious risks around funding, staffing and future opportunities so it is important that we fully understand these concerns and what can be done to help.”

http://fundingscotland.com/Funds/Fund/a0R0N00000LfIp8UAF-the-scottish-government-brexit-stakeholder-engagement-fund

Funding to Support the Education of Young People who have a Physical or Learning Disability (Scotland)

The John Watson Trust has announced that the next application deadline for 2018 will be the 3rd August 2018. The Trust awards grants for educational purposes to children and young people under the age of 21 who have a physical or learning disability or who are socially disadvantaged.

Whilst the Trust operates primarily within Edinburgh and the Lothians, it may also award grants
Scotland-wide to eligible individuals and organisations that include schools, established charitable organisations and other groups supporting disadvantaged young people.

- Grants can cover expenses such as:
  - Dyslexia tuition
  - School trips (must be applied for by the school and not individuals)
  - Bus passes
  - School expenses such as books and equipment
  - Laptops where there is a special education need

Schools may also apply for help towards school trips or outings for eligible pupils. In exceptional cases, where personal circumstances make boarding necessary, school boarding fees may qualify for a grant.

http://www.wssociety.co.uk/charities/jwt/

**Small Grants for Community Sports (Wales)**

The Sport Wales Community Chest Scheme awards grants of up to £1,500 in any 12 months towards community sports and physical recreation projects.

Any group that holds an account e.g. Bank, Building Society or Credit Union account in the name of the organisation can apply including: Sports Clubs or Associations; Youth Clubs and Community Groups. Sport Wales also recommends that applicants be affiliated to their National Governing Body of Sport.

Projects supported will deliver increased participation and improve standards with grants covering, for example:

- Additional equipment to support growth in membership or increasing standards
- Coach education and volunteer development
- Initial facility hire and instructor costs for new sessions i.e. up to 20 weeks or sessions

**Projects previously funded include:**

- Diva Sport – Start-Up help for this female focused, family-friendly fitness venture
- Cardiff Dragons FC – Funding for volunteer training for this LGB&T football club
- Ruthin Tri-Stars - Funding to support the development and qualification of their coaches.
Apply anytime through the online portal.

Useful Links:

Guidance Notes


**Development Grants for Sport (Wales)**

Sports organisations looking to establish a new team, develop new training facilities or purchase much needed equipment to take a project to the next level can apply for grants of £1,501 to £25,000 with 20% - 50% match funding required depending on the applicant.

Grants may also cover costs such as:

- Coach education
- Floodlighting for training purposes
- Purchase of land, or rights in land, to develop activity areas
- Start-up grants to support new enterprises

Any group that holds a bank account in their organisation’s name is eligible to apply; this usually includes:

- Sports Club or Association
- Sport’s Governing Body
- Local Authority
- Youth Club
- Community Group
- Voluntary Association
- Workplace

At the discretion of senior officers, grant applications from sole traders or individuals could also be considered. Sport Wales also recommends that applicants be affiliated to their National Governing Body of Sport.

**Projects previously funded include:**

- Holyhead and Anglesey Weightlifting and Fitness Centre – £25,000 towards a major
refurbishment of the facility

- City of Newport Gymnastics Academy - £16,969 towards transforming a disused industrial unit into a dedicated training centre

Apply at any time:

Useful Links:

**Sport Wales How to apply videos**

http://sport.wales/funding--support/our-grants/development-grant.aspx

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**Funding Available to Address Local Health Needs (Northern Ireland)**

The Community Development and Health Network (CDHN) has announced that grants are available to promote and support local communities to work in partnership with community pharmacists.

The funding which is being made available through the Community-Pharmacy Partnership (BCPP) aims to promote and support local communities to work in partnership with community pharmacists to address identified local health and social wellbeing needs.

Projects could for example focus on addressing a wide range of health and social wellbeing needs in villages or in urban housing estates. The funding is available to pharmacists who have commitment and support from a pharmacy contractor or a constituted community group or voluntary organisation. Statutory organisations e.g. HSS Trusts, Councils etc cannot apply but can support applications and be involved in developing projects.

Two levels of funding are available:

- Level 1 funding (up to £2,000 for projects lasting up to 6 months)
- Level 2 funding (up to £10,000 for projects lasting up to 2 years).

The closing date for Level 1 applications is the 25th October 2018 and the 13th September 2018 for Level 2 applications.

Useful Links:

**Funding Criteria**
Funding for Community Projects (West Midlands)

The Birmingham Airport Community Trust Fund has announced that the next closing date for applications is the Friday 21st August 2018 with grants awarded in October 2018.

The Trust makes grants of up to £3,000 to locally managed, constituted community groups in areas most affected by the Airport's operations. Grants totaling around £75,000 each year are made to local good causes for part or full funding for specific project costs or items. Preference is given to projects that benefit the local community or a substantial section of it and that take account of the elderly and people with special needs.

The Trust will support projects relating to:

- Heritage conservation
- Environmental improvements
- Bringing communities together through facilities for sport, recreation and leisure time activities
- Improving health and wellbeing through the promotion of healthy lifestyles and employment opportunities.

Previous awards includes a grant to Sea Cadets Training Ship Stirling in Shard End towards the purchase of a brand-new RS Quest sailing boat.

The closing date for applications is Friday 31st August 2018.

Useful Links:

https://www.cdhn.org/bcpp
Application Guidelines

Check your post code to see if your area is eligible


New Capital Grant Scheme Launched to Provide Accommodation for Vulnerable People (West Midlands)

Housing organisations, charities and others that have a successful track record and expertise in delivering capital projects and support for vulnerable/ disadvantaged people are being invited to apply for grants of between £500,000 and £1.35 million to provide accommodation solutions for vulnerable people.

A total of three projects will be supported.

Applicants are invited to submit proposals for projects which will upgrade, extend or develop existing accommodation to provide additional capacity. Applicants must operate within Birmingham, the Black Country, Coventry, Solihull or Warwickshire and have an annual turnover of less than £15 million.

The funding is being made available through the Heart of England Community Foundation and the closing date for submitting a stage 1 application is the 31st July 2018.

http://www.heartofenglandcf.co.uk/building-better-lives/

Grants Available for Social Action Projects (London)

As part of the Mayor’s Young Londoners Fund, grants totaling £500,000 are available to organisations who work with young people. The Mayor of London has created the Fund to help children and young adults make the most of the Capital. The Fund will help them to fulfil their potential, particularly those at risk of getting caught up in crime. It will support a range of education, sport, cultural and other activities.

Grants of £10,000 - £30,000 per year, for up to three years are available to community groups, small charities and voluntary sector organisations to run projects which encourage young Londoners to
volunteer or take part in social action.

The projects can focus on any area of volunteering or social action such as sports, arts, media, environment, inter-generational or music. The projects must use volunteering and social action to improve emotional resilience, good mental health and wellbeing.

The majority of young participants will be new to volunteering and will come from groups that are disproportionately affected by mental health issues such as those within the criminal justice system or young refugees or asylum seekers.

The Young London Inspired Multi Year Grants will fund projects which:

- Work with 10 – 20 year olds on volunteering and/or social action projects which promote wellbeing and emotional resilience.
- Demonstrate how volunteering and/or social action positively impacts on young people’s wellbeing and emotional resilience.

During 2018, up to eight grants will be distributed to projects that should be completed by the end of September 2021. Applications deadline: 12-noon, Monday 9 July 2018.

Useful Links:

Apply Now

Application Guidelines


New Fund Launched to Help Young People Fulfil their Potential (London)

A new £45 million fund to help children and young people in London to fulfil their potential has been launched. In particular, the fund targets those at risk of getting caught up in crime. It will support a range of education, sport, cultural and other activities for children and young people. The 3-year fund will see £30m made available for projects in local communities. The remaining £15m will be invested to expand existing projects funded by City Hall that support young Londoners.

The Young Londoners Fund aims to:
• Provide aspirational and positive activities to help support young people to make positive choices and reach their potential
• Give new options to children and young people most at risk of taking the wrong path and stop them getting involved in violence and criminal activity
• Improve coordination and capacity of London’s youth offer so more children and young people can access services

Applications are accepted from legally constituted not-for-profit organisations and projects can be up to 3 years in length. Applications can be made by single organisations or by a consortium of organisations.

The closing date for applications is 12 noon on the 9th July 2018.

Useful Links:

Applications open for Young Londoners Fund (Video)

Young Londoner Fund Prospectus

Application Form Guidance


Connecting the Capital (London)

The City Bridge Trust aims to help make London’s communities stronger, more resilient and thriving. To achieve this, the Trust believes that a healthy and vibrant voluntary sector, working with communities and across sectors, plays a vital role.

As part of the “Connecting the Capital” initiative, the City Bridge Trust is now inviting ideas on bringing disused assets within a locality into community use and making them economically productive e.g. disused land; railway arches; empty property. The ‘ideas’ being focused on what it would take to make them useful to the community, rather than their actual acquisition. Funding could be in the form of grants, social investment or a blended form of finance.

Please submit your ideas on no more than two sides of A4 by midday, Friday 20th July 2018 by email to: cbt-ideas@cityoflondon.gov.uk
HealthLives (Havering, Barking and Dagenham, Redbridge, Newham, Waltham Forest)

The People’s Health Trust Active programme has re-opened for applications from organisations supporting people to create or shape local projects that will help their community or neighbourhood to become even better. For example, this could be a project covering a few streets, a housing estate or a small village or a community of interest. Projects can run for between 9 months and 2 years.

Grants of between £5,000 and £25,000 per year are available to not for profit organisations or groups with an income of less than £350,000 a year (or an average of £350,000 or less over the last two years), less than six months’ annual running costs in savings (with no restrictions on the money) and that have been constituted for at least three months.

Previously funded projects include:

- Somali Welfare Trust, Redbridge - £34,320 for a new two-year project aiming to deliver social, leisure and recreational activities for families from the Somali community.
- You and Me Counselling, Havering - £27,180 for a new two-year project developed on the back of previous work in schools, aims to develop a weekly parent-led support group in Havering (Romford and Rainham specifically)
- Chain Reaction Theatre Company, Barking and Dagenham - £33,398 to continue delivering a weekly Trust-funded community youth group for 11-16 year olds living on Gascoigne Estate in the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham.

The application deadline is 1pm on the 6th June 2018

http://www.healthlivescic.org.uk/

Grants Available Towards Medical Projects, Capital Projects and Medical Training (UK, Isle of Man, Channel Islands & Republic of Ireland)

The Hospital Saturday Fund is a registered charity whose aims are to provide assistance for medical projects, capital projects, medical care or research, hospice/respite care and in support of medical training. Applications for running costs will also be considered. For UK NHS hospitals, applications will normally be accepted for projects only. The fund also provides large grants of up to £10,000
towards specific projects, research or equipment.

Eligible organisations will need to be registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales, HM Revenue & Customs, the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator, the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man General Registry, the appropriate regulatory body in the Channel Islands or the Revenue Commissioners in Ireland.

The deadline for applications to the large grants programme is the 18th June 2018.

The next deadline for applications to the standard (small) grants programme is the 16th July 2018.

Projects funded in 2018 include the following projects in Northern Ireland:

- Chronic Pain Ireland - a donation to help support vital workshops on pain self-management techniques.
- Cystic Fibrosis - a grant towards their independent living
- Fighting Blindness – a grant to purchase a RetCam scanner machine

https://www.hospitalsaturdayfund.org/what-can-we-give

**Skipton Building Society Grassroots Giving 2018 (UK)**

Community groups in the UK apply to Skipton Building Society's Grassroots Giving programme from the 1st May until the 31st July 2018. A total of £82,500 is available to help small groups and organisations make a difference in their neighbourhood.

To be in with a chance of receiving an award, groups must show a real commitment to their local community and demonstrate how they will make a difference and enhance lives in the neighbourhood. Preference will be given to volunteer orientated groups, who are used to relying on minimal funds and the good will and generosity of members. The judges are looking for projects with 'the greatest chance to progress ideas and activities with a lasting impact'. The application process includes a public vote.

Please note that this scheme is not open to registered charities. To give you some ideas, click the link for a list of previous award winners.

The closing date for applications will be the 31st July 2018

https://www.skiptongrg.co.uk/
Hilden Charitable Fund Announces Next Application Deadline (UK)

The Hilden Charitable Fund is open for applications. Within the UK, the Hilden Charitable Fund makes grants to projects that address disadvantage, notably by supporting causes which are less popular. In particular, the Fund wants to support projects that:

- Address homelessness
- Supports asylum seekers and refugees
- Support community-based initiatives for disadvantaged young people 16 – 25
- Penal affairs.

The average grant awarded is £5,000 and preference is given to supporting small community organisations with an income of less than £500,000 per year. The Trust will consider funding project as well as core running costs of organisations.

The fund also makes grants for projects in developing countries; working on community development, education, and health. Trustees will particularly welcome projects that address the needs and potential of girls and women. Trustees will be pleased to hear from UK Non-Governmental Organisations/charities and hope that UK NGOs/charities will encourage their local partners to apply directly to Hilden for grant aid.

Useful Documents:

Application Form

http://www.hildencharitablefund.org.uk/

Grants Available to Restore the UK’s Industrial Heritage (UK)

Grants up to £20,000 are available for the restoration of important industrial buildings, structures, machinery, vehicles and vessels within the UK. Grants can be made to not-for-profit organisations such as trusts, charities and CICs and are for capital funding only.

Applications will usually relate to a single, tangible structure or artefact and the grant is to be used as partnership funding, the applicant being in the process of or having already raised matching funding from their own resources, fund raising, or other grant award.

Applications should be submitted on no more than 4 sides of A4 paper and cover all the areas outlined in the Guidelines.
The closing date for applications is the 31st March 2019.

Previous projects funded include:

- A grant of £6,790 for the further restoration of the Danzey Green Windmill at the Avoncroft Museum of Buildings.
- A grant of £20,000 for the restoration of the derelict Bowbridge Lock on the Thames & Severn Canal by the Cotswold Canal Trust.
- A grant of £2,000 towards the cost of rebuilding of a wagon weigh bridge.

https://industrial-archaeology.org/aia-awards/restoration-grants/?dm_i=1T5M,5E18I,B4VNTW,KUU87,1

Grant Programme to Fund Biochemical Outreach Projects Opens Soon (UK)

The Biochemical Society has announced that its Outreach Grants programme has re-opened for applications. Grants of up to £1,000 are available to increase participation in the molecular biosciences at school level and the community through engagement activities. Within school projects the Society is looking to support projects with emphasis on molecular bioscience for upper secondary school age audiences and above. For primary school age audiences, the focus can be on biology or on all sciences.

The type of events funded could include:

- Activities for a science club
- Workshops for students or teachers
- Lectures from research scientists (including PhD students and post-doc's).

Projects more likely to receive funding will involve collaborations between, several schools/universities or a mix of organizations; establish links/relationships between schools and universities or industry; promote molecular bioscience career opportunities; or be submitted by an applicant with previous experience in outreach activities (although first time applicants are also welcomed).

Past projects include "Detective Sciences" - an event that formed part of the Science week activities at Abercanaid Community School, Merthyr Tydfil. The focus of the event was centred on promoting scientific investigation, scientific thinking and enhancing English language skills.

The next round will open on 25 June 2018 with a deadline of 24 September 2018.
Useful Links:
Application criteria
Scientific Outreach Grant Project (Video)
Previous Projects supported


Funding to Help the Growth of Credit Unions (UK)

The Lloyds Banking Group's Credit Union Development Fund has re-opened for applications.

Grants of up to £100,000 are available to credit unions authorised to operate in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland (provided they have not already received a large grant from the programme). The funding programme has been designed to strengthen the financial position of credit unions and give them the capacity to develop new strategies for sustained and effective growth. Two kinds of grants will be available:

- Large Grants (of between £50,000 and £100,000) will provide a contribution to a credit union’s reserves and help remove barriers to growth and innovation. Open to all credit unions including previous Large Grant winners (with some additional criteria).
- Seed Grants (of between £10,000 and £20,000) to help credit unions invest in resources and activities to improve sustainability and increased efficiency for lending, such as the costs related to a merger or investment in digital improvements.

The closing date for applications is noon on the 18th June 2018.

Useful Links:
Guidance Notes
Apply Online

Credit Union Foundation - Lloyds Banking Group (Video)

http://www.creditunionfoundation.org.uk/projects/developmentfund
Funding for Communities Affected by Loan Sharks (England)

The England Illegal Money Lending Team has funding of up to £5,000 available for charities, community and voluntary groups, schools and statutory agencies that want to raise awareness of the issues of illegal money lending.

The funding can be used on projects that contribute to:

- Raising the awareness of the dangers of using loan sharks;
- Prevents crime and disorder and publicises the Stop Loan Sharks message;
- Promotes the work of the Illegal Money Lending Team (IMLT) in communities; a
- Encourages reporting of loan sharks.

The closing date for applications is the 30th June 2018.

If you require any further information, help or assistance with this form please contact: David.A.Benbow@birmingham.gov.uk

Useful Links:

Click here to download the application pack

Stop Loan Sharks Video


£4 Million Available to Museums and Galleries to Improve their Displays and Facilities (England)

Museums and galleries across England can apply for a share of £4 million to improve displays and facilities.

Funded through a partnership between the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, and the Wolfson Foundation, these grants will be used for renovation and improvement projects in 39 museums and galleries. It will allow museums and galleries to increase access, improve displays and enhance public spaces.

To date, the partnership has committed some £44 million to the improvement of 382 museums and galleries across England. The programme is jointly funded by the Wolfson Foundation and DCMS. The maximum grant that can be awarded is £300,000.
Projects funded in the past include:

The Weald and Downland Museum in Chichester which received a grant of £224,500 towards a project to reconstruct two significant but currently dismantled historic buildings dedicated to the production of food.

The Bolton Library and Museum Service which received a grant of £200,000 towards its First Impressions project which will transform the visitor experience in the 1939 Grade II Listed building by creating a new welcoming and engaging space in which their collections can be viewed.

There is a two-stage application process and the deadline for stage 1 applications is the 1st July 2018. Applicants successful at stage 1 have until the 1st September 2018 to submit a full application.

Useful Links:

Funding FAQs

Wolfson Museums and Galleries Improvement Fund Youtube Video (2011 but still relevant)


Grants for Community, Environmental and Heritage Projects (Scotland)

The latest round of the FCC Scottish Action Fund is now open for applications from local authorities, charities, parish councils, church or community organisations and voluntary groups.

Grants of between £2,000 and £50,000 are available for community, environmental and heritage projects around landfill sites and transfer stations. Projects may include:

- Land reclamation works
- Community recycling projects
- The provision of public amenities and parks
- Biodiversity projects;
- The maintenance or restoration of historic buildings; etc.

The fund is operated by WREN, a Landfill operator and Environmental Body. For Public Amenity, Biodiversity and Historic Buildings, projects must be within 10 miles of any landfill site or transfer station. Check site eligibility here.
The closing date for applications at until 5.00pm on 13 June 2018.

Useful Links:

**Application Guidance**

**Apply Online**

http://www.wren.org.uk/apply/fcc-scottish-action-fund