

2016

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**Community Engagement and
Development
Buckinghamshire County
Council**



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Introduction

This guide is an introduction to some of the more well-known funding opportunities available to communities in Buckinghamshire. It is not a definitive list and there are many other sources of funding which can be accessed through local agencies and specialist websites, and these are listed at the back of the guide on page 15.

This guide will be particularly useful to groups developing proposals for local priority funding where they need to set out how additional or more appropriate funding has been sought and/or obtained.

Arts Council England

<http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/>

A number of grants are available and can be applied for through the website above.

Grants for the Arts

Grant programme for individuals, art organisations and other people who use the arts in their work. Awards available from £1,000 to £100,000 to support a wide variety of arts-related activities, from dance to visual arts, literature to theatre, music to combined arts.

Strategic Touring

This programme funds touring work, focusing especially on areas where people have low engagement with the arts and those that rely on touring for much of their arts provision. £35 million available for 2015-18.

Arts Impact Fund

A new fund offering repayable finance to art organisations in England that can show how they are sustainable, have great artistic ambition and have a positive impact on society

Creative Industries Finance

Creative Industries Finance helps creative and cultural enterprises secure the finance and investment they need to grow into sustainable businesses. The fund does this by offering tailored advice to applicants, with a focus on applying for a business development loan.

Ambition for Excellence

Ambition for excellence is a £35.2 million programme aimed at stimulating and supporting ambition, talent and excellence across the arts sector in England. It is expected that 80-90 per cent of this fund will be committed outside London.

PRISM Fund

The Preservation of Industrial and Scientific Material Fund awards grants to help accredited museums acquire and conserve items or collections which are important in the history and development of science, technology, industry and related fields. Grants are available from £500 to £20,000.

Elevate

The aim of the Elevate fund is to strengthen the resilience of art organisations that do not receive National Portfolio funding but which make a significant contribution to the Creative Case for Diversity.

Aylesbury Vale Arts Council

<http://www.aylesburyvaleartscouncil.org.uk>

Funding available for arts projects based in Aylesbury Vale. Funding can be used towards production costs, equipment costs, exhibition costs or training.

The criteria that applications are assessed against are:

- Originality
- Creativity

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- Innovation
- Community commitment
- Evidence of development
- Educational content

Contact

Aylesbury Vale Arts Council, c/o AVDC,
The Gateway, Gatehouse Road,
Aylesbury, Bucks, HP19 8FF
Telephone: 01296 585233

Aylesbury Vale District Council

<http://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/community-chest>

Community Chest

There are two funding streams:

- Microgrants, up to £1,000 – assessed every month
- Project Grants, one-off funding up to £25,000 for capital or revenue costs – three rounds each year.

Applications must contribute to at least one of the following areas:

- Stronger communities
- Safer communities
- Thriving economy
- Sustainable environment
- Health and wellbeing

Eligible groups include charities, clubs, societies, associations, parish councils, community interest companies and other social enterprises.

Contact

Community Chest Grants Officer
Telephone: 01296 585634
Email:
communitychest@aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk

Lunch Club Fund

Approximately 6 lunch clubs will be supported each year and awards will be

made on the basis of the lunch club's previous year's deficit (excluding AVDC's funding) or on a 63p subsidy per meal, whichever is the lower sum.

Further information can be found at:

<http://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/lunch-clubs-older-people>

Contact

Grants Officer
Telephone 01296 585186
Email grants@aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk

Community Use of Theatre Grant Scheme

This has been set up by AVDC to provide financial support for not-for-profit organisations and non-commercial activities taking place at the Aylesbury Waterside Theatre.

Subsidy is available up to £2,300 per hiring, subject to eligibility and available funds

Contact

Caroline Heavisides, Event Co-ordinator
Aylesbury Waterside Theatre
Telephone: 01296 745135
Email:
carolineheavisides@theambassadors.com

BBC Children in Need (UK)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/corporate2/childreninneed>

BBC Children in Need provides grants for up to three years to properly constituted not for profit organisations working with disadvantaged young people aged 18 or under.

Within the BBC Children in Need grants programme, organisations can apply for:

- **Small Grants** of up to £10,000 for 1 year

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- **Main Grants** of over £10,000 per year for up to three years.

There is no upper limit on the main grant, but more than £120,000 is rarely given and most grants are for much less. Funding is available to organisations (including schools) that work with young people who are suffering from illness, distress, abuse or neglect, are disabled, have behavioural or psychological difficulties and/ or are living in poverty or situations of deprivation.

Bergqvist Charitable Trust

No website

Grants for charitable organisations in Buckinghamshire and the surrounding counties which are undertaking projects to improve the environment, education and medical health, as well as assistance towards international disaster and famine relief aid.

Contact

Mrs P A Bergqvist, Moat Farm,
Ford, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP17 8XD
Telephone: 01296 748560

Biffaward

<http://www.biffa-award.org>

Landfill communities Fund Scheme managed by The Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts.

Biffaward provides funding through the Main Grant and the Small Grant and under four different themes. To be eligible for funding your project must work towards one of these themes

- Rebuilding Biodiversity
- Recreation

- Community Buildings
- Cultural Facilities

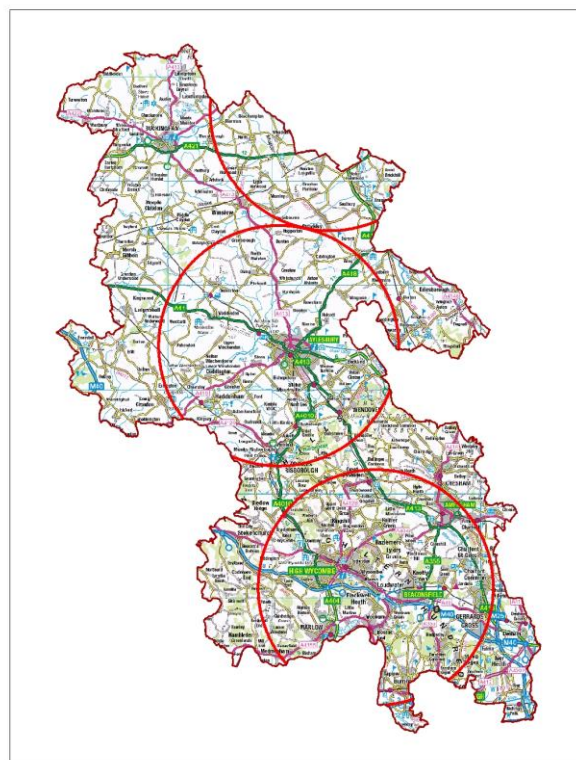
Main Grants Scheme:

The Main Grants Scheme criteria vary slightly depending upon which of the four themes you are applying. You can apply for between £10,000 and £50,000.

Applications could include a site-based project that is working to protect and enhance a species or habitat, or an open space such as a park, play area or woodland that needs transforming to benefit local people of all ages.

Projects must be 7 miles of a significant Biffa Group Limited operation (15 miles for Rebuilding Biodiversity projects) and 10 miles of a landfill site (not necessarily owned by Biffa).

There is a postcode checker on the Biffa website and at www.hmrc.gov.uk there is a list of nationwide landfill sites.



Areas within 7 miles of a significant Biffa operation. The whole county is within 10 miles of a landfill site.

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Small Grants Scheme:

The scheme funds between £250 and £10,000 including community buildings, cultural facilities, nature reserve or outdoor space. Projects must be for less than £15,000.

Eligibility and restrictions apply and include the same geographic restrictions as the Main Grants scheme.

Contact

Biffaward, Royal Society of Wildlife, The Kiln, Waterside, Mather Road, Newark, Notts, NG24 1WT.

Telephone: 01636 670000

Email: biffa-award@rswt.org

Sally Hovell -South East Regional Grants Officer

Telephone 01636 670049

Big Lottery Fund - Awards for All

<https://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/funding/Awards-For-All>

Lottery grants scheme funding projects that improve communities, and the lives of the people within them. It's for voluntary and community groups, schools and health organisations, parish and town councils in the UK. This is an ongoing programme so no deadlines are involved. Grants are available for between £300 and £10,000.

Projects should meet one or more of their aims:

- **Stronger communities** – with more active citizens working together to tackle their problems
- **People have better chances in life** – with better access to training and development to improve their life skills
- **Improve rural and urban environments** – which communities are better able to access and enjoy

- **Healthier and more active people and communities**

Big Lottery Fund – Reaching Communities

<https://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/global-content/programmes/england/reaching-communities-england>

There are two strands to this programme:

1. **Reaching Communities** – Funding for projects that help people and communities most in need. Grants available over £10,000 and can last up to 5 years. This can be used to fund salaries, running costs, core costs and equipment. Up to £100,000 can also be used for land, buildings or refurbishment capital costs.
2. **Reaching Communities buildings** – Funding for land and buildings projects, including getting the building running and delivering activities, over £100,000 in deprived areas.

Reaching Communities projects should address one or more of the following outcomes:

1. People have better chances in life, with better access to training and development to improve their life skills.
2. Stronger communities, with more active citizens working together to tackle their problems.
3. Improved rural and urban environments, which communities are better able to access and enjoy.
4. Healthier and more active people and communities

Contact

Big Lottery Fund (South East), 4th Floor, Dominion House, Woodbridge Road, Guildford, Surrey, GU1 4BN

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Helpline - Big Advice: 0845 410 20 30

Lottery Funding: 0845 275 00 00

British Film Institute

www.bfi.org.uk

The Creative England's Film Enterprise fund will invest £2m over four years to improve the growth and sustainability of film-related businesses in England outside of Greater London. They welcome applications from companies that are not currently active in film but who wish to expand their business model into this area and can demonstrate that they have the skills and capability to do so, primarily by evidencing a strong track record in content creation.

Further information can be found on the website above.

Buckinghamshire Historic Churches

<http://www.bucks-historic-churches.org>

Grants from the Trust can be given to historic churches (i.e. more than 100 years old or of special note) of all denominations in the County (pre 1974 boundaries) for the preservation, repair, maintenance and upkeep of the fabric, but not usually for repairs to bells, bell frames, window glass, organs, furnishings, work on heating, lighting, decoration or churchyard structures, nor for the installation of kitchen facilities and lavatories.

Contact

Mrs Penny Keens

Telephone: 01908 242632

Email: penny@pkeens.plus.com

CLA Charitable Trust

www.cla.org.uk/about-cla/cla-charitable-trust

The CLA prefers to fund specific capital purchases, or a discrete part of a project with which the Trust can be identified. Grants are not normally made for core funding or to make limited contributions to a much larger project.

Grants to charities or organisations with substantial incoming resources are unlikely. Support will be directed towards smaller projects and organisations to which the limited funding will be crucial.

Applications are judged tightly against the following criteria and, depending on circumstances, certain types of project may be excluded from applying (please enquire or check the website):

1. To promote education about the countryside for young people from towns and cities and those who are disadvantaged.
2. To provide facilities for those who are disabled, who have learning difficulties or who are in some way disadvantaged to enjoy the benefits of the countryside
3. To support the advancement of education in agriculture, horticulture and conservation for disadvantaged people, particularly the young.

Contact

Monica Melwani, CLA Charitable Trust, 16 Belgrave Square, London, SW1X 8PQ

Telephone: 020 7235 0511

Email: charitabletrust@cla.org.uk

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Comic Relief

www.heartofbucks.org/apply-for-grant-loan-funding/specific-grant-funds/comic-relief

Heart of Bucks is one of the delivery partners for Comic Relief. Grants of between £1000 and £10,000 are available. Projects should be run by people directly affected by the issues they are dealing with and priority will be given to small, locally based groups or organisations in areas of disadvantage that have a clear understanding of the needs of their community.

Organisations can apply for funding to:

- increase local services,
- build skills of local people,
- increase community cohesion
- respond to local economic needs
- increase access to sport and exercise for people who face social exclusion and isolation.

Groups should complete an Expression of Interest form on the website.

The final round of funding for the Local Communities programme has a closing date of 19th October 2016.

Contact

Bucks Community Foundation,
Foundation House, 119A Bicester Road,
Aylesbury, Buck, HP19 9BA.

Bev Trevitt - Grants Outreach Officer
Telephone: 01296 330134
Email: btrevitt@bucksfc.org.uk

Esmee Fairbairn Foundation

www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk

A range of grant sizes, with an average grant of around £50,000.

As an independent funder, the Foundation can take risks on work which breaks new ground, deals with challenging and difficult issues, or needs a more unusual form of financial help such as a loan. The aim is to encourage enterprising people and projects and always look to support work which is sustainable and responsibly planned.

Main Fund

The majority of funding is through the Main Fund. The sectors supported are:

- Arts
- Education and Learning
- Environment
- Social Change

Food Grants

Funding is available to support initiatives that raise awareness and promote and demonstrate reduced usage of harmful pesticides, herbicides, antibiotics and fossil fuels.

Further information can be found on the website above.

Contact

Esmée Fairbairn Foundation, Kings Place
90 York Way, London N1 9AG

Telephone: 020 7812 3700

Email: info@esmeefairbairn.org.uk

Heart of Bucks (Buckinghamshire Community Foundation)

www.heartofbucks.org

Heart of Bucks supports charities and community groups in Buckinghamshire whose work benefits local people. They

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give grants and provide loans to a broad range of causes and welcome applications from both new and established groups.

If you are interested in applying for a grant from Heart of Bucks please first check whether your organisation is eligible by visiting their website. The majority of funds can be applied for through their general grants process and the first step would be to complete an expression of interest form online.

Heart of Bucks also administers the Bucks Big Society Bank which awards community groups loans of between £1,000 and £25,000. Loans are interest free and unsecured, only an annual associate fee is payable to Heart of Bucks.

Contact

Catherine Miller or Bev Trevitt
Email: cmiller@bucksfc.org.uk /
btrevitt@bucksfc.org.uk
Telephone: 01296 330134

Henry Smith Charity

www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk

The Main Grants Programme is for grants of £10,000 per year and over. There are two types of Main Grant:

Capital Grants One off grants for purchase or refurbishment of a building or purchase of specialist equipment.

Revenue Grants Grants of up to three years for core costs (including salaries and overheads), or running costs of a specific project (including staffing costs).

Contact

The Henry Smith Charity, 6th Floor, 65
Leadenhall Street, London EC3A 2AD
Telephone: 020 7264 4970

Kop Hill Climb

www.heartofbucks.org/apply-for-grant-loan-funding/specific-grant-funds/kop-hill-climb

Donations of £100 - £10,000 are available to voluntary and community groups which are charitable in purpose and are working for the benefit of people in Buckinghamshire.

The three priorities for funding are:

- Activities which have connections to the motor industry
- Activities which are for the benefit of residents living in the Wycombe, Princes Risborough and Aylesbury areas
- Activities/projects which have connections to the Kop Hill Climb event

Further details can be found on the website above.

Leap

www.leapwithus.org.uk/funding/aylesbury-vale-community-chest

Aylesbury Vale Community Chest

Two types of funding are available:

Micro grants of up to £1,000 – easily accessible grants for projects or groups for a variety of different uses such as buying new equipment for your group, start-up costs, rent, special events or community projects etc. Applications can be submitted at any time.

Project grants up to £25,000 – both for new projects and for existing projects that can demonstrate they are successful in meeting local needs. Community and voluntary groups, including social enterprises, are eligible to apply for these one-off grants. Minimum total project cost is £10,000.

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Local Bartle Family Charitable Trust

No website

The Trust provides grants for projects that support young and disadvantaged young people and disabled people up to £5,000. Applicants may apply at any time. Buckinghamshire is one of four counties given priority.

Contact

Bartle Family Charitable Trust, Woodland, 24 Amersham Rd, Hazlemere, High Wycombe, HP15 7QT

Lottery - Heritage Lottery Fund

<http://www.hlf.org.uk>

There are several HLF programmes helping groups and organisations with projects that conserve the UK's diverse heritage for present and future generations to experience and enjoy. Projects might include historic buildings and townscapes, archaeological sites, collections of items, archives or other materials, natural and designed landscapes, habitats and species.

- **Sharing Heritage** £3,000- £10,000
- **Our Heritage** £10,000 - £100,000
- **Heritage Grants** over £100,000
- **Young Roots** £10,000 - £50,000
- **First World War: Then and now** £3,000 - £10,000
- **Heritage Enterprise** £100,000 - £5,000,000
- **Start-up Grants** £3,000 - £10,000
- **Transition Funding** £10,000 - £100,000

- **Townscape Heritage** £100,000 - £2,000,000
- **Parks for People** £100,000 - £5,000,000
- **Landscape Partnerships** £100,000 - £3,000,000
- **Grants for Places of Worship (England)** £10,000 – £250,000

Contact

Heritage Lottery Fund, 7 Holbein Place, London SW1W 8NR

Telephone: 020 7591 6000

Grant enquiries: enquire@hlf.org.uk

Lloyds Bank Foundation for England and Wales

www.lloydsbankfoundation.org.uk

Lloyds programmes are designed to help charities to support people experiencing multiple disadvantages to make positive and lasting changes at critical points in their lives.

There are three programmes:

Invest: Long-term funding of core or delivery costs for charities working to deliver clear outcomes for disadvantaged people. Grants of £10,000 to £25,000 per year for 2 or 3 years, with the possibility for continued funding.

Enable: Grants for specific organisational development to strengthen the effectiveness of a charity. The planned work must improve one of the following areas: activities/services, leadership/governance, strategic planning/ policy, structures/ systems and communications.

Enhance: Open to organisations awarded grants under Invest and Enable. Lloyds will work with groups to identify whether they would benefit from additional support offered by partners working with Lloyds TSB.

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Contact

Lloyds Bank Foundation for England and Wales, Pentagon House, 52-54 Southwark Street, London, SE1 1UN
Telephone: 0870 411 1223

Email:

enquiries@lloydsbankfoundation.org.uk

- Encourages young people to think digitally and discover how the power of technology can be harnessed for good
- Projects start within three months and finish within six months.

Contact

Grant helpline: 0800 902 0250

Email: hello@o2thinkbig.co.uk

Ngage Solutions – Leader Fund

www.leader-programme.org.uk/areas/chilterns.html

Grants from £5,000 to £50,000 for small rural businesses, including community enterprises, that are based in village or rural locations (not towns). The projects supported will need to meet at least one of the priorities which include: Micro and small enterprises; rural tourism projects; provision of rural services. Projects should ideally result directly in new jobs or measurable economic growth.

Contact

Amber Kelly

Email: amber.kelly@ngagesolutions.co.uk

Telephone: 01494 568969

Paradigm Foundation

<http://www.paradigmfoundation.org.uk/>

The Paradigm Foundation is designed to improve the lives of individuals and communities across the geographic area in which Paradigm Housing Group operates. Please contact them for more information.

Paradigm award grants to individuals and groups who they feel will make a positive difference.

They support a wide range of projects and their main priorities are to:

- provide further education, work and training.
- strengthen local communities, especially self-help and mutual support.
- widen financial inclusion and help people on low income or benefits.

Contact

Manjit Nanglu

Telephone: 01628 811835

Email:

manjit.nanglu@paradigmhousing.co.uk

O2 Think Big

<http://www.o2thinkbig.co.uk/>

A grants scheme to help young people improve their community or address a social problem. Grants of up to £300 are available for projects which are then eligible for Think Big Fund award of £2500. The criteria are:

- Applicants are aged 13-25 in the UK
- Projects help make things better in the community

Paul Hamlyn Foundation

<http://www.phf.org.uk>

The Paul Hamlyn Foundation currently has two funds available.

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Youth Fund

Awards available between £10,000 and £60,000 for organisations whose main purpose is about helping young people (aged 14-25) in the most precarious positions, where making the transition to adult independence is most challenging, and those who are most vulnerable.

Shared Ground Fund

Funding is available for projects which contribute to one of the following aims:

- **Staying safe** – ensuring that young migrants in greatest need can get help and support
- **Living well together** – supporting work which helps communities experiencing high levels of migration become stronger and more connected

Explore and Test Grants of up to £60,000 are available to help explore and test both new approaches and ways of addressing new issues.

More and Better Grants of between £100,000 and £400,000 are available to help develop and embed more established activities.

Contact

Paul Hamlyn Foundation, 5-11 Leeke Street, London, WC1X 9HY
Telephone: 020 7812 3300

Plunkett Foundation – More Than A Pub

<https://www.plunkett.co.uk/more-than-a-pub>

The Community Pub Business Support Programme is a unique two year programme established to help support community ownership of pubs in England. Support will be targeted at community groups looking to take on ownership of their local pub.

Bursary awards of up to £2,500 (inclusive of VAT) are available to fund pre-feasibility costs such as public consultation and valuations.

Funding is available consisting of a combined loan and grant funding of up to £150,000 but not exceeding £75,000 in grant contribution. There is an expectation that groups will raise some level of community finance.

Contact

The Plunkett Foundation, The Quadrangle, Woodstock, Oxon, OX20 1LH

Telephone: 01993 810730

Email: info@plunkett.co.uk

New Futures Buckinghamshire

<http://grantscape.org.uk/fund/newfutures-buckinghamshire/>

New Futures has been designed to support the development needs and long-term sustainability of Buckinghamshire's Voluntary and Community Sector by providing free expert one-to-one support for organisations.

If your organisation meets the eligibility criteria you could receive:

- A free half-day's support from Community Impact Bucks to help explore and confirm your organisation's key areas of need.
- Up to nine days of free specialist support to help you address these needs, improve what you already do, or even to take a new direction.

Contact

Telephone: 01908 247637

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SITA Trust

<http://www.sitatrust.org.uk>

The Trust supports community improvement projects making physical improvements to community leisure facilities and historic buildings / structures in any of the funding zones around qualifying sites (location finder on website).

There are currently 2 programmes:

- Smaller Projects Fund - Awards under £20,000. Projects must not have an overall cost of more than £40,000.
- Primary Fund – Awards under £50,000. Projects must not have an overall cost of more than £250,000.

Contact

SITA Trust, The Coach House, Eastwood Park, Falfield, South Gloucestershire GL12 8DA

Telephone: 01454 262910

Email: info@sitatrust.org.uk

South Bucks District Council

<http://www.southbucks.gov.uk/Grants>

Community Grants

£15,000 is available during the current financial year across 4 programmes: Community Development Grants, Community Environment Grants, Playground Grants and Village Hall Grants.

Subscriptions and Donations Grant

This grant is designed to help organisations continue the important work they do for residents. This grant is to help towards the general running costs but cannot be used to purchase equipment. Currently the total allocated each year from this fund is around £23,000.

Contact

Email: community@southbucks.gov.uk

Telephone: 01895 837306

Sport England

www.sportengland.org

Sport England have a number of funds available with the aim to create a great environment that encourages more people to play sport.

Please refer to the Sport England Website for up to date information on when these schemes re-open for applications.

Inspired Facilities is a £110 million program focused on making it easier for local community and volunteer groups to improve and refurbish sports clubs or transform non-sporting venues into modern grassroots sport facilities. Grants are available from £20,000 to £75,000 (up to £150,000 for statutory bodies) for any organisation eligible to receive Lottery funding.

The Small Grants Programme uses Lottery funding to make awards of between £300 and £10,000 to not-for-profit organisations to help more people play sport.

Protecting Playing Fields is a £28 million fund that provides grants to improve and preserve playing surfaces across the country.

Active Colleges is a £25 million fund that aims to help more college students play sport.

The Community Sport Activation Fund is a revenue fund developed to support grassroots activity at a very local level. Projects can be up to three years and grant awards range from £50,000 - £250,000.

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Get Equipped provides grants between £300 and £10,000 to purchase sports equipment to help increase the number of disabled people regularly playing sport.

Contact

Sport England, Sport Park, 3 Oakwood Drive, Loughborough, Leicestershire LE11 3QF

Telephone: 08458 508 508

Email: funding@sportengland.org

The Trusthouse Charitable Foundation

<http://www.trusthousecharitablefoundation.org.uk>

The Trusthouse Charitable Foundation supports projects in the UK which address issues under two headings: rural communities and/or areas of urban deprivation. Projects are supported which work in the fields of: Community Support; Arts, Education & Heritage; Disability & Health Care.

Grants range between £1,000 and £30,000.

Rural Issues: 'Rural' in this context means cities, towns, villages and areas with 10,000 or less inhabitants. Project examples are providing transport for the elderly, disabled or disadvantaged; contact networks for the young disabled; projects which encourage a sense of community such as community centres and village halls; employment training schemes especially those promoting local, traditional crafts; projects addressing issues such as drug/alcohol misuse or homelessness.

Urban Deprivation: applications are invited from local or national charities or not-for-profit organisations which are

working with residents of urban areas (i.e. more than 10,000 inhabitants) which are classified in the latest government Indices of Multiple Deprivation as being in the lowest 20%. Projects might include, for example, youth clubs; training schemes to help people out of unemployment; drop in centres for the homeless.

Hospice Grants are also available to support capital projects at hospices where 50% of the total cost of the project has been secured. Priority will be given to projects which support patients, rather than visitors or staff. The grant cannot be used for hospice running costs.

Contact

The Trusthouse Charitable Foundation, 6th floor, 65 Leadenhall Street, London, EC3A 2AD

Mrs Judith Leigh, Grants Manager

Telephone: 020 7264 4990

The Tudor Trust

www.tudortrust.org.uk

Tudor makes grants, and provides other types of support, to voluntary and community groups working in any part of the UK. It particularly wants to help smaller, community-led organisations which work directly with people who are at the margins of society: organisations which support positive changes in people's lives and in their communities.

There is no maximum or minimum grant amount as Tudor wants to respond flexibly to your ideas and energy, and to fund effective organisations working to high standards.

Grants can take the form of core funding (including salaries and running costs), development funding, project grants or capital grants for buildings or equipment.

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Tudor's guidelines are broad so inevitably many more applications are received than can be funded. In practice, only around one in ten applicants receives a grant.

Contact

7 Ladbroke Grove
London W11 3BD
Telephone: 020 7727 8522

Veolia Trust

<http://www.veoliatrust.org>

Awards grants under the Landfill Communities Fund to community and environmental projects in the UK that are near some of the landfills and facilities operated by Veolia Environmental Services (UK) plc.

The average grant is between £20,000 - £40,000, but could potentially go up to a maximum of £75,000. Projects must have secured 20% of funding prior to submitting an application.

The main requirements are:

- Funding depends on the proximity of a project to a qualifying Veolia site (location finder on website)
- Must be one of four funding categories:
 1. Outdoor Spaces
 2. Community buildings & rooms
 3. Play and recreation
 4. Supporting Biodiversity

Contact

The Veolia Environmental, Trust,
Ruthdene, Station Road, Four Ashes,
Wolverhampton WV10 7DG
Telephone: 01902 794 677
Email: info@veoliatrust.org

vInspired Cashpoint

www.vinspired.com/cashpoint

Please note that as of April 2016 only sports related applications are being considered. Please check the website to see when other grants are opened up

vInspired Cashpoint offers grants of up to £500 for 14- 25 year olds to run volunteering projects in their communities.

vInspired cashpoint will fund projects that:

- Are run by 14-25 year old volunteers
- Clearly benefit a chosen community.
- Are either new or an idea that has been but could be done differently
- Create at least 2 new volunteering opportunities for 14 -25 year olds
- Cost £500 or less and vInspired is the only funder.

Contact

5th floor, Dean Bradley House ,52
Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AF
Telephone: 0207 9607000
Email: info@vinspired.com

Waste Recycling Environment (WREN)

<http://www.wren.org.uk>

Community Fund

The FCC Community Action Fund offers funding of between £2,000 and £50,000 to projects within 10 miles of a FCC environment landfill site (there is a site in Calvert and another in Bletchley).

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All projects must relate to a park or amenity which protects either the built, natural or social environment. Projects must have a total project cost of under £500,000.

Contact

Emma Brooks , Grant Manager
Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire and
Northamptonshire
Telephone: 01234 772370

Wycombe District Council

<http://www.wycombe.gov.uk/council-services/community-and-living/grants.aspx>

Community Grants

A variety of community grants are available from Wycombe District Council.

High Wycombe Town Community Support Grant

A budget of £10,000 each year is available to provide funding to voluntary and community sector organisations based in High Wycombe town.

High Wycombe Town Community Facility Grant

A budget of £10,000 each year is available to give as a grant, to facilities which have community use as their primary purpose and are in High Wycombe town

Community Support Grants

Small grants up to £1,500 and larger Annual Revenue Grants of £1,500 upwards are available to funding to voluntary and community sector organisations.

Arts Grants

Wycombe District Council have a small grants scheme for arts and a community venues fund.

Further information can be found on the website above.

Contact

Telephone: 01494 421424
Email: grants@wycombe.gov.uk

Youth Bank

www.heartofbucks.org/apply-for-grant-loan-funding/specific-grant-funds/youth-bank-2

Grants are available from £200 up to £5000. Any young person or groups of young people aged 13 to 19 (up to 25 for disabled young people) can apply to the grant panel for money to support activities for themselves and other young people as well as their local community.

Contact

Email: yourvoicecounts@buckscc.gov.uk
Telephone: 01296 382583

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Additional sources of support and funding information

Organisations in partnership with Idox Information Solutions Ltd and is funded by the Office for Civil Society.

Community Impact Bucks

www.communityimpactbucks.org.uk

Community Impact Bucks provides a local Funding Advice Service which can help with:

- Developing project plans
- Developing business plans
- Researching funds
- Structuring funding and tender bids
- Read and review of draft funding applications and tender bids
- Diversifying income through income generation and fundraising.
- Developing your own Crowdfunding project on www.crowdfunder.co.uk

In addition, Community Impact Bucks also runs face-to-face funding surgeries across the county offering individual 45 minute appointments.

Contact

6 Centre Parade, Place Farm Way, Monks Risborough, Bucks, HP27 9JS
Telephone: 0300 1111250
Email: info@communityimpactbucks.org.uk

Funding Central

<http://www.fundingcentral.org.uk>

Funding Central is a free website for charities, voluntary organisations and social enterprises providing access to thousands of funding and finance opportunities, plus a wealth of online tools and resources supporting organisations to develop sustainable income strategies appropriate to their needs. It is managed by the National Council for Voluntary

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Tips on preparing your application

Many charitable trusts and grant schemes are often over-subscribed and receive more applications than they can realistically fund. This has certainly become the case in more recent times as the range of funding opportunities has decreased. Some trusts and foundations no longer fund new organisations and instead continue supporting organisations or projects with which they have an established relationship.

Where funders such as trusts or grant schemes are still open to new applications the process has become more competitive. Applicants have to be able to demonstrate that the organisation or project is not just worthy, but represents an excellent use of the funds available.

The following list includes tips on how to approach completing an application. It is based on the *Directory of Social Change* guidance. It may help you ensure that your application is as rigorous as it can be:

- ✓ Read the guidelines
- ✓ Read the guidelines again
- ✓ Do you meet the funder's eligibility criteria? Take a yes or no approach. If not, move on and find one where you do.
- ✓ Ensure your timing is right. Find out when grant decisions are made or trustees meet, and the cut-off date for submitting an application. Plan your time so that you can write your application, get it checked, amended, signed and sent off in good time.
- ✓ If the funder does not have specific guidelines then look at what type of organisations they have funded, what type of project and where they were. Does your organisation fit that profile?

- ✓ Invest time in preparing your material. If a grant is worth having, it is worth investing a bit of time and (depending on the size of the project) money to get it.
- ✓ **If the trust or foundation states that they are willing to offer help and advice before an application is made then contact them to discuss your proposal beforehand** – an initial telephone call could save both of you a lot of time and effort in the long run if your proposal is unsuitable or they are currently over-subscribed. Please remember that many trusts and foundations don't have paid staff and rely on volunteers or trustees to deal with applications.
- ✓ **Always ask someone with experience in applying for funds pass a critical eye over your application.** This might be another organisation or your local CVS or Community Foundation.
- ✓ If the funder uses an application form, make sure that you complete it as fully as you can – An application with blank boxes or insufficient detail are likely to be the first ones to be filtered out.
- ✓ If the trust has an online application form, prepare your proposal beforehand as some online forms cannot be saved to return to later. And webpages can crash.
- ✓ Where no application form is used – be concise in your written proposal and include your latest annual report and accounts. Don't enclose any unnecessary materials at this stage – most trusts don't have time to read them and if they are interested in your proposal they will request this material at a later stage.
- ✓ Application proposals should be no more than four sides of A4, but do include a simple covering letter. Conciseness and good

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- presentation will ensure that your proposal is read
- ✓ Don't use jargon or specialist language that a lay-person may not understand. Initially, you must be able to communicate what you want to achieve using straightforward language and concepts. (However, a more specialist funder, for example one that funds medical research, may require a more specialist explanation – although the principle of being concise still applies.)
 - ✓ Even though you won't use jargon in your application, make sure you understand the Funders jargon and specialist terms.
 - ✓ The proposal should be written by someone who has a thorough understanding of your organisation and the project that you are requesting funds for – this person should be the named contact should a potential funder require further information.
 - ✓ You must be able to demonstrate a need for the funding and be able to directly relate this to how it will help you serve your beneficiaries.
 - ✓ Be realistic about how much you are asking for. Don't rely on a positive response from a single trust or foundation – apply to as many relevant funders as you can to maximize your chances.
 - ✓ Be patient, and be prepared to never receive a reply. Some funders acknowledge receipt of every application they receive, but most only contact successful applicants or those that they are interested in.

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