

RURAL FUNDING DIGEST - AUGUST 2018



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A monthly bulletin from the Rural Services Network highlighting a selection of current funding opportunities

Great British High Street Awards

High streets are eligible to win up to £10,000 for their local community, plus the opportunity for their local businesses and consumers to participate in a Visa GBHS Spend & Win Competition.

Winners will be named in each of the four UK nations – England, Scotland, Wales and, for the first time, Northern Ireland – across two categories: Champion High Street and Rising Star High Street. The Champion High Street category will recognise the nation's best high streets whilst the Rising Star High Street category, sponsored by SumUp, will recognise the nation's most ambitious high streets, which are taking the lead and working together to revive, adapt and diversify.

To enter your high street you will need to be a representative of a Business Improvement District, Local Authority, Parish Council, Town Team, Coastal Community Team, Town Centre Partnership, Community Interest Company, Chambers of Commerce or a Trading Association.

Entries close on 22 August 2018.

<https://thegreatbritishhighstreet.co.uk/high-street-of-the-year-awards>

Community Housing Fund – Homes England

The government is making available £163 million across England up to 2020 to 2021 through the Community Housing Fund. Revenue funding is available to help groups reach planning stage and capital for site infrastructure such as roads and utilities is now available.

The Fund aims to support an increase in housing supply in England by increasing the number of additional homes delivered by the community-led housing sector; to provide housing that is affordable at local income levels and remains so in perpetuity; and to deliver a lasting legacy for the community-led housing sector in the form of an effective and financially self-sustaining body of expertise within the house building industry in England.

A prospectus has been produced giving information and guidance for organisations interested in making bids to the Community Housing Fund.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/community-housing-fund-prospectus>

Building Connections Fund – Big Lottery and Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport

The £11.5 million Building Connections Fund is a partnership between Government, Big Lottery Fund and the Co-op Foundation which was set up in response to the Jo Cox Commission on Loneliness to support projects that prevent or reduce loneliness.

The fund aims to:

- increase social connections, helping people form strong and meaningful relationships and creating a sense of community and belonging, and helping people feel more connected
- support organisations to build on their existing work, eg by reaching more people, or working in a new area or with a different method or group of people
- encourage organisations to join up with others locally
- improve the evidence base and use learning to inform longer term policy and funding decisions.

The fund is split into two strands. All grants will be made by December 2018 and can run until March 2021.

1. Main fund strand. The main fund is made up of close to £9 million, which will be distributed by the Big Lottery Fund, making grants of between £30,000 and £100,000. This is open for applications now with a closing date of 24 August 2018.
2. Youth Strand. The Youth Strand is made up of £2 million, which will be distributed by the Co-op Foundation, making grants of up to £80,000. It will open for applications in August 2018.

<https://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/building-connections-fund>

Integrated Communities Innovation Fund – Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government and Sport England

In partnership with Sport England, the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government is calling for applications to the new Integrated Communities Innovation Fund. The first stage invites short expressions of interest by 20 August 2018.

The Fund will help drive forward the proposals to tackle the key causes of poor integration set out in the government's Integrated Communities Strategy green paper, by offering support to projects using innovative approaches to tackle the barriers to integration and build integrated communities. The Fund is intended to build understanding about what works to support integration in different community contexts.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/integrated-communities-innovation-fund>

Nationwide Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme – Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport

The Nationwide Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme (GBVS), announced on 15 March 2018, will provide vouchers worth up to £3000 for a small or medium sized business or £500 to residents to help with the costs of connecting to full fibre broadband.

The scheme is part of a wider government plan to get more homes and businesses connected to full fibre broadband. It builds on the £200 million Local Full Fibre Networks programme which

gives funding to local areas to boost full fibre delivery and on trial voucher schemes operated in four parts of the country.

<https://gigabitvoucher.culture.gov.uk/>

Women's Vote Centenary Grant Scheme – Government Equalities Office

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.

As part of the scheme, approximately 150 'Small Grants' of between £300 to £2,000 will be available for grassroots projects to run small-scale events and activities to celebrate the centenary of women gaining the vote. The final round of this grant scheme is due to launch at the end of July 2018.

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

GSK IMPACT Awards – The King's Fund

The GSK IMPACT Awards provide funding and training and development for charities doing excellent work to improve people's health and wellbeing. They are funded by GSK and managed in partnership with The King's Fund. The awards are open to registered charities that are at least three years old, working in a health-related field in the UK, with a total annual income of between £80,000 and £2.5 million.

The Awards reward charities that are doing excellent work to improve people's health. Up to ten winners receive £30,000 with the overall winner receiving an extra £10,000. Up to ten runners-up receive £3,000.

The deadline for applications is 20 September 2018.

<https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/projects/gsk-impact-awards>

Fund for Early Stage Charities & Social Enterprises – The Fore

The Fore is an open-access funder offering development funding and strategic support up to a value of £30,000 to early-stage charities and social enterprises.

The Fore state: "We are proud to be a funder without lengthy forms or restrictive criteria. We recognise you, our applicants, as the experts in your own fields so our process simply asks you to tell us who you are, what you need and how our funding would enable you to take a step forward in your operations. If we have any more questions, we will ask them of you individually."

They match successful applicants with professional support – ongoing mentoring, strategic advice, governance support or other assistance.

The Fore is a partner of the Big Lottery Fund.

The deadline for applications is 3 September 2018.

<http://www.thefore.org/charities/>

Free Wi-Fi programme (WiFi4EU) – European Commission

The European Commission is seeking to promote free Wi-Fi connectivity in public spaces such as parks, squares, public building, libraries, health centres, and museums everywhere in Europe through WiFi4EU. The budget of the WiFi4EU scheme is EUR 120 million between 2017 and 2019. It will support the installation of “state-of-the-art Wi-Fi equipment in the centres of community life.” The WiFi4EU scheme will be disbursed in a geographically balanced manner, so that high-speed connections can benefit both residents and visitors of thousands of local communities across the EU - at least 6,000 to 8,000 local communities by 2020.

The WiFi4EU scheme will be open to public sector bodies – typically local authorities. It will fund the equipment and installation costs (internet access points), while the beneficiary will pay for the connectivity (internet subscription) and maintenance in good order of the equipment for 3 years.

Local authorities will be encouraged to develop and promote their own digital services in areas such as e-government, e-health and e-tourism through a dedicated app.

Projects will be selected on a first-come, first-serve basis – as soon as the first call for applications is made. To receive information about the steps of the WiFi4EU initiative as soon as they are made public, you may subscribe to a mailing list via the link below.

The first call for applications (May 2018) has been cancelled. A new call for applications will be launched in the Autumn of 2018 (exact date to be announced).

<https://ec.europa.eu/digital-single-market/en/wifi4eu-free-wi-fi-europeans>

Emergency Essentials Programme – BBC Children in Need

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

The programme can deliver or fund critical items such as:

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

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

<https://www.familyfundserves.co.uk/emergency-essentials/>

NFU Mutual Charitable Trust

The NFU Mutual Charitable Trust was set up in 1998, to promote and support charities in the United Kingdom working in agriculture, rural development and insurance. The objectives of the trust are:

- Advance the education of the public by means of research and dissemination of information in relation to agriculture
- Advance the education of young people within rural areas
- Relieve poverty within rural areas
- Promote the benefit and social welfare of inhabitants of rural communities by associating together with the inhabitants and local authorities, voluntary and other organisations to advance education and leisure
- Promote research into agriculture associated activities
- Advance the education of the public by means of research and dissemination of information in relation to insurance provided that the charity may also promote, facilitate and support any such other purposes as are exclusively charitable according to the laws of England and Wales

Applications for funding for projects and initiatives falling within these objectives can be made twice per year. The next deadline for applications is 26 October 2018.

<https://www.nfumutual.co.uk/about-us/charitable-trust/>

Domestic Abuse Fund – Ministry for Housing, Communities & Local Government

Almost £19 million of funding to expand support for survivors of domestic abuse services across the country was launched on 2 July 2018 by the Secretary of State for Communities.

Councils working in partnership with charities and other organisations will be able to bid for a share of funding to support survivors of domestic abuse.

This will be available for a wide range of services to help survivors rebuild their lives; including the provision of refuge beds, education, and employment and life skills training.

The deadline for applications is 17 August 2018.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/19-million-fund-to-support-victims-of-domestic-abuse>

Community Asset Fund – Sport England

Whether it's the park you run through, the hall you do classes in or the pitch you play on, welcoming and accessible spaces have a big impact on a person's experience – and likelihood of coming back.

As part of this, Sport England have produced a guide and accompanying document to explain more about the new Community Asset Fund, how and why they're doing things differently, when they will make decisions plus tips and advice for developing your project or idea.

Sports clubs and community organisations can now apply for investment from the Community Asset Fund – Sport England's new capital fund dedicated to enhancing the spaces in local communities that give people the opportunity to be active.

This fund will have a value of £15 million per annum with the anticipated size of bids between £1000 and £150,000. There is no deadline to apply and awards will be made from February 2017.

<https://www.sportengland.org/funding/community-asset-fund/>

Countryside Stewardship scheme deadline extended – Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs

Applicants for the Countryside Stewardship (CS) scheme have one extra month to complete their Mid Tier application and send it to Natural England. The deadline for applications to be with Natural England has been extended from 31 July to 31 August, allowing extra time for farmers to fill out their forms during the busy summer months.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/application-return-deadline-for-countryside-stewardship-extended>

Neighbourhood Planning grants – Locality

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

All groups undertaking a neighbourhood plan or neighbourhood development order are eligible to apply for up to £9,000 in basic grant.

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

You must spend your grant funding within 12 months or by the end of the financial year, whichever is earliest.

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

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

Under the new programme there are some important changes to eligibility criteria for support available to groups. In addition, the amount groups are eligible for in grants will depend on what they have received in the 2015-18 programme.

<https://neighbourhoodplanning.org/>

Rural Four: Catalyst, Collaborate, Create & Champion – Prince's Countryside Fund

This dedicated programme of support for community projects in England, Scotland and Wales is funded by Players of People's Postcode Lottery. Now in its second year the project seeks to reach out and engage with up to 10 rural communities annually to help deliver and reinvigorate community assets and services.

Overall, the Rural Four project aims to

- Reinvigorate community networks by assisting with rebuilding community assets;
- Improving 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.

The Prince's Countryside Fund, working with partners Scottish Business in the Community, Plunkett Foundation and Pub is the Hub, utilise their networks as a catalyst for community engagement. Support and guidance is provided to communities to collaborate and learn from others to build plans for projects that reinvigorate or restore vital assets. Funding is then provided to those that meet our eligibility criteria in order to support the community to create change.

Funding of up to £25,000 is available and applications are currently open.

<http://www.princescountrysidefund.org.uk/grant-giving-programme/rural-four>

Awards for All – Big Lottery Fund

National Lottery Awards for All offers funding from £300 to £10,000 to support what matters to people and communities. You can apply if your organisation is a:

- voluntary or community organisation
- registered charity
- constituted group or club
- not-for-profit company or community interest company
- social enterprise
- school
- statutory body (including town, parish and community council).

National Lottery Awards for All has three funding priorities. Applications must meet at least one of them. The priorities are:

- bringing people together and building strong relationships in and across communities
- improving the places and spaces that matter to communities
- enabling more people to fulfil their potential by working to address issues at the earliest possible stage.

This is an open programme. Applications can be made at any time.

<https://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/national-lottery-awards-for-all-england>

Partnerships – Big Lottery Fund

Through partnerships funding, Big Lottery aim to make grants available over £10,000 for organisations who share responsibility and influence with others, who have a shared set of goals and values, and achieve their mission by starting with the bigger picture rather than just what their organisation can do on its own.

Grants are awarded for up to five years and we can fund project activities, operating costs, organisational development and capital costs. The three funding priorities are:

- bring people together and build strong relationships in and across communities
- improve the places and spaces that matter to communities
- enable more people to fulfil their potential by working to address issues at the earliest possible stage.

<https://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/partnerships-england>

Reaching Communities England – Big Lottery Fund

The Reaching Communities programme aims to make positive change in communities. Big Lottery particularly want to hear about ideas that support:

- Lasting and sustainable changes to places and spaces
- Communities to develop happier and stronger relationships with each other
- Taking action to focus on the root causes of social problems to tackle them at the earliest possible stage

Through Reaching Communities funding you can apply for between £10,000 and £500,000. Successful grant can fund some or all of the costs associated with delivering a project, including staff salaries, training, volunteer expenses, management costs, equipment, premises costs, monitoring and evaluation and overheads. The programme can also fund up to £100,000 for small scale capital work, such as refurbishment, the purchase of vehicles, land or buildings.

Big Lottery encourage applicants to contact them before applying for additional advice and support before you submit your application.

The programme re-opened for applications on 2 April 2018.

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

Childcare Business Grants Scheme – Department for Education

This scheme is intended to reimburse people for the costs of setting up a childcare business. The scheme is only open to newly registered businesses. From 1 May 2017 a newly registered business is one that has been registered with Ofsted or a CMA within the last 3 months.

The Scheme has been revised from 4 April 2018. They are retaining the higher level of award (£1,000) for childminders who care for children with SEN/D and for new Childminder Agencies (CMAs), and introducing two tiers of general award:

- A universal award of £300 for new childminders across England;
- Introducing a locality supplement of £200 to the universal award, providing a total grant of £500. This will be paid to new childminders within certain local authorities (LA) where there are low numbers of childminders, and the LA has been highlighted as facing challenges around rurality and disadvantage.

Please note that from 1st May 2017, if you have been registered with Ofsted for longer than 3 months you are not eligible for a grant. This rule will be strictly upheld.

The Childcare Business Grants Scheme is funded by the Department for Education. There is a fixed amount of funding available and is demand-led and operates on a first come / first served basis.

<https://www.childcarebusinessgrants.com/>

Returners Fund – Government Equalities Office

A Fund of £1.5 million has been made available offering grants to projects which help people to return to work in the private sector. These projects could help returners update their skills, provide other training, or support businesses to increase employment opportunities for returners.

The Fund is available for organisations to run projects aimed at returners that:

- create new job opportunities within the private sector and targeted employment sectors that have a weaker track record in catering for returners, including, retail; law; tech and telecoms; science, technology, engineering and maths industries; creative industries;
- could not otherwise be established by the market;
- address specific barriers for returners and can be replicated at scale;
- can demonstrate self-sustainability beyond the initial funding period of the grant;
- increase understanding of how best to support a) returners to gain paid employment and b) employers to recruit and support returners.

It is anticipated that most of the grant recipients under the Returners Fund will be voluntary and community sector organisations, social enterprises and training providers. Approximately 15-18 projects will be selected in total. Expressions of interest must be submitted by 16 August 2018.

<https://returnersfund.flexigrant.com/>

Community Centres & Village Halls grants – Trusthouse Charitable Foundation

Trusthouse is interested in applications for capital projects at community centres in the most deprived urban areas and village halls in remote and economically deprived rural areas.

The Foundation wants to support community centres and village halls which are at the heart of small, deprived communities. They expect that you will be providing a range of activities for all ages and abilities which help to promote community cohesion and address local problems of isolation, poverty, lack of local facilities, transport and other issues of relevance to your area.

They interpret 'community centres' in the broad sense, so you might be a church, sports facility or other building which offers a range of activities throughout the week which all the community can access.

The Foundation will consider applications for new buildings; upgrading, renovating or extending buildings; improving or creating outside space (but not car parks). You will need to have secured a minimum of 50% of the costs of the project before you start an application.

<http://trusthousecharitablefoundation.org.uk/grants/community-centres-and-village-halls/>

Screwfix Foundation

The Screwfix Foundation raises funds to support projects that will fix, repair, maintain and improve properties and community facilities for those in need throughout the UK. They work with both national and local charities, donating much needed funds to help all sorts of projects, from repairing buildings and improving facilities in deprived areas, to decorating the homes of people living with sickness and disabilities.

The Screwfix Foundation currently offers local registered charities and not for profit organisations funding of up to £5,000. All applications are reviewed individually on a quarterly basis – the review dates are in February, May, August and November.

<https://www.screwfix.com/help/screwfixfoundation/>

HS2 Community & Environment Fund & HS2 Business & Local Economy Fund – Groundwork UK

Two funds are available to local communities to help with the disruption that will be caused by the construction of Phase one of HS2 between London and the West Midlands; the Community and Environment Fund and the Business and Local Economy Fund. The objective of these funds is to add benefit, over and above committed mitigation and statutory compensation, to communities and local economies along the route.

The administration of these funds is managed on behalf of HS2 Ltd by the charity Groundwork who will ensure both funds remain available for applications throughout the construction of Phase One.

<https://www.groundwork.org.uk/Sites/hs2funds>

Church Conservation Grants – William & Jane Morris Fund

The Morris Fund was formed in 1939 following a bequest to the Society of Antiquaries from May Morris, the younger daughter of William and Jane Morris. May Morris required that grants should be made only to work that is carried out according to the principles of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (SPAB), which was founded by her father.

Grants are awarded to churches, chapels and other places of worship in the United Kingdom for the conservation of decorative features and monuments, but not structural repairs. This includes stained glass windows, sculpture, furniture, internal monuments and tombs and wall paintings. The decorative feature, monument, etc must be dated before 1896 (the date of William Morris's death). Applications for features dated after 1896, even if they are in churches dated before 1896, are not eligible.

The deadline for applications is 31 August 2018.

<https://www.sal.org.uk/grants/morris-fund-conservation-grants/>

Community Shares Booster Programme – Power to Change

The Community Shares Booster Programme is a funding scheme to support community share offers. It will invest equity up to £100,000 to match community shares in societies that can demonstrate higher than average levels of community impact, innovation and engagement. The programme will also provide development grants of up to £10,000 to help societies get

investment ready and meet standards of good practice. Match funding will be in the form of equity held on equal terms with other community shareholders.

Power to Change has provided £3m funding for the Booster Programme over a five-year period from 2017-22. The programme is expected to match fund around 60 share offers in the first three years of the programme (to 2020) and then provide active investor support to societies on a continuing basis. The programme is run by the Community Shares Unit, a joint initiative between Co-operatives UK and Locality.

The Community Shares Unit was established in 2012, since when there have been over 350 community share offers in the UK, raising more than £120m in share capital from over 100,000 people. Community shares are defined as non-transferable, withdrawable shares in an asset locked society that has at least 20 member-shareholders and £10,000 in share capital.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

<https://www.communitysharesbooster.org.uk/how-it-works>

Transforming British Tennis Together Initiative – Lawn Tennis Association

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

The first fund is named after the programme - the Transforming British Tennis Together Fund. They are allocating £100m and will provide significant support to applicants throughout the lifecycle of their project. With this fund they want to see multiple organisations coming together to create hundreds of thriving 'Community Tennis Networks'.

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

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

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

Up to 50% funding is available to projects and the initiative is due to run for 10 years with 2 funding rounds each year. The next deadline is 28 September 2018.

<https://www.lta.org.uk/venue-management/facilities-advice/#>

BlueSpark Foundation grants

Schools, colleges and community groups in England can apply for grants to Blue Spark Foundation for a wide range of projects. The Foundation value academic, vocational, artistic and sporting endeavour in equal measure but are particularly keen to support projects which will help

enhance the self-confidence, team working skills and future employability of children and young people.

Many grants will be under £2,000, most will be under £5,000 and only in a few cases will grants exceed £10,000.

Projects which could be supported include drama, music, sport, art and design, debating, public speaking, academic education, vocational training, community projects, enterprise projects and educational excursions. This list is illustrative and not exclusive as to the types of project that the Foundation support.

<http://bluesparkfoundation.org.uk/>

Archives Revealed programme – The National Archives

'Archives Revealed' is a partnership programme between The National Archives and The Pilgrim Trust. It is described as the only funding stream available in the UK dedicated to cataloguing and unlocking archives. The fund is comprised of two funding strands, the first of which, 'Cataloguing grants' of up to £40,000 for archives to create catalogues of important archival collections, is now closed and will re-open in October 2018.

Scoping Grants up to £3,000 will be available under the second strand to help archives conduct collection analysis to support development of plans for future cataloguing priorities and projects. The scoping grant fund is a rolling programme with decisions made on a quarterly basis: panel meetings will be held July and October 2018, January and April 2019.

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/archives-sector/finding-funding/archives-revealed/>

Website Grants – Transform Foundation

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

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

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

<https://www.transformfoundation.org.uk/website-grants>

Main Grants programme – BBC Children in Need

The BBC Children in Need Main Grants programme is open to charities and not-for-profit organisations applying for grants over £10,000 per year for up to three years. If you are looking for any amount up to £10,000 for one year, see [Small Grants](#).

Under the Main Grants programme, funding is available for projects addressing the needs of children and young people of 18 years and under experiencing disadvantage through:

1. Illness, distress, abuse or neglect
2. Any kind of disability
3. Behavioural or psychological difficulties
4. Living in poverty or situations of deprivation

Projects funded aim to 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.

The next deadline for applications is 13 September 2018.

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

Community, Maintenance and Repair Grants – National Churches Trust

The National Churches Trust currently has a number of grant programmes open including:

- Maintenance grant programme. This is a pilot programme, in partnership with the Pilgrim Trust, offering awards of between £500 and £3,000 to encourage churches to act on small, urgent maintenance issues and repairs to listed church buildings, as identified in a recent Quinquennial Inspection Report, condition survey or report by a gutter management contractor, and costed between £1,000 and £10,000. Proposed works must be to the main church building, and applicants must be able to show they have already raised 50% of the total repair costs, and to have obtained two quotes for the works. The closing date for applications is 26 September 2018.
- Project Development grant programme. This is a pilot grant programme offering awards up to £10,000 to support churches to develop high quality, well researched, sustainable projects through the diagnosis of issues affecting the church, by testing the viability of proposed solutions, and through developing plans up to RIBA stage 1, in advance of applying to a major church heritage funder such as the Heritage Lottery Fund. The closing date for applications is 29 August 2018.

<http://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/our-grants>

Project Viability Grant and Project Development Grant – Architectural Heritage Fund

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

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

The deadline for applications for both Project Viability Grants and Project Development Grants of up to £7,500 is the last day of each calendar month. Project Development Grant applications for more than £7,500 go to Trustee Grants Panel meetings for decision. The deadline for the next meeting is 28 August 2018.

<http://ahfund.org.uk/grant/>

Heritage Mortgage – Architectural Heritage Fund

The Architectural Heritage Fund is now able to offer bespoke mortgage-style loan facilities. The Heritage Mortgage programme allows borrowers to plan ahead across a number of years and at an earlier stage than is usual, potentially reducing the annual costs by stretching the payments over a longer period. The Heritage Mortgage is available either pre- or post-completion of a capital project. Investments of between £150,000 and £500,000 are available, typically over 10 to 20 years.

<http://ahfund.org.uk/the/>

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

The Family Fund helps families across the UK who are raising a disabled or seriously ill child or young person aged 17 or under. You can apply to Family Fund subject to a number of criteria which include that you are the parent or carer of a disabled or seriously ill child or young person aged 17 or under and that you have evidence of entitlement to one of the following: Universal Credit, Child Tax Credit, Working Tax Credit, Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Income Support, Incapacity Benefit, Employment Support Allowance, Housing Benefit and Pension Credit.

See the website for more details.

<https://www.familyfund.org.uk/>

Landfill Communities Fund – SUEZ Communities Trust

SUEZ Communities Trust (formerly SITA) provides funds to not-for-profit organisations to undertake work that is eligible under the Landfill Communities Fund (LCF). Applications are considered for three areas of work which qualify for funding through the LCF. These include:

- Public Amenities
- Historic Buildings, Structures or Sites
- Biodiversity

Projects can be supported that make physical improvements at sites located in any of 100 funding zones around qualifying sites owned by SUEZ Recycling and Recovery UK. A 'Smaller Projects Fund' is available for grants up to £20,000 and a 'Primary Fund' for projects up to £50,000.

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

Grant schemes for electric vehicle charging infrastructure – Office for Low Emission Vehicles

The government offers grants to support the wider use of electric and hybrid vehicles via the Office of Low Emission Vehicles (OLEV). This includes:

- The Electric Vehicle Homecharge Scheme (EVHS) provides grant funding of up to 75% towards the cost of installing electric vehicle chargepoints at domestic properties across the UK.

- The Workplace Charging Scheme (WCS) is a voucher-based scheme that provides support towards the up-front costs of the purchase and installation of electric vehicle charge-points, for eligible businesses, charities and public sector organisations.
- The On-street Residential Chargepoint Scheme (ORCS) provides grant funding for local authorities towards the cost of installing on-street residential chargepoints for plug-in electric vehicles.

For more information visit the website below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/government-grants-for-low-emission-vehicles>

European Structural and Investment Funds – Department for Communities and Local Government

A variety of funds under the European Structural and Investment Fund (ESIF) are currently available in different parts of the country. ESIF includes money from the European Social Fund (ESF), European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD).

Deadlines for applications vary. Please see the website below for more information.

<https://www.gov.uk/european-structural-investment-funds>

Community Fibre Partnerships – BT

£2 million of grants have been made available from BT Community Fibre Partnerships delivered by Openreach. Grants are for communities in the so called 'final 5%' of the UK not covered by fibre broadband rollout plans. Grants of up to £30,000 toward the cost of new fibre infrastructure are available, so long as that new infrastructure serves the local Ofsted registered (or equivalent) school or learning establishment.

50% of the required funds could be available from the scheme with the community raising the additional 50%. BT has teamed up with the Crowdfunding website "Spacehive" to assist with community fundraising.

Applications can be made at any time until the £2 million has been allocated.

<http://www.communityfibre.bt.com/schools>

Tesco Bags of Help – Tesco and Groundwork

The money raised from the 5p bag charge in Tesco stores in England, Wales and Scotland is being used to support community participation in the development and use of open spaces. Projects that will get the green light as a result of the funding will include volunteer training, physical improvements of open spaces, equipment purchases, community events and sports and leisure activities.

Administration of the local funding is being managed by the community charity Groundwork.

Bags of Help is always open to applications from community projects. Groundwork assesses all of the applications received to ensure they are eligible. This is followed up by Tesco shortlisting groups who decide which projects go forward to the in-store vote. Three local community projects

will be voted on in Tesco stores each month across Tesco regions throughout England, Scotland and Wales. In each region, the project that received the most votes from all stores in their region will receive a grant of up to £5,000. The second placed project receives up to £2,000 and third placed up to £1,000. Every year, over 7000 projects will receive funding through this scheme.

<http://www.groundwork.org.uk/Sites/tescocommunityscheme>

Home Building Fund – Homes & Communities Agency

The government has created a £3 billion fund “to increase the number of homes built in England.” You can apply if you’re a private sector business that builds new homes or prepares sites for housing developments. This includes small builders, community builders, custom builders and regeneration specialists, as well as larger builders and developers.

The fund provides development finance and infrastructure finance via loans. More information on how the fund works and who can apply is available in ‘An Introduction to the Home Building Fund’ which you can access via the link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/homebuildingfund>

Fans Fund Small Grants Scheme – Football

The Premier League Fans Fund is a three-year commitment from the Premier League to fund projects and organisations which improve the relationship between fans and their clubs, the way football supporters engage with each other and fans’ experience of the game.

The Fans Fund Small Grants Scheme offers grants of up to £20,000 for projects that look to address the aims of the scheme which are to:

- Improve the relationship between fans and their clubs
- Improve the way football supporters engage with each other
- Improve fans’ experience of the game.

Applications are accepted at any time.

<http://www.fsif.co.uk/funding/fans-fund-small-grants-scheme/>

Heritage Project Grants – Heritage Lottery Fund

The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) funds projects which focus on heritage. HLF offer a range of different grant programmes with grants from £3,000 to over £5million. In assessing applications, HLF take account of the broad range of outcomes for heritage, people and communities that projects will achieve. HLF programmes include:

- Resilient Heritage grants – this is a new programme. Grants of £3,000-£250,000 are available to organisations in the UK who want to build their capacity or achieve strategic change to improve the management of heritage. Grants can fund activities to help you acquire new skills or knowledge, or new models of governance, leadership and business to put your organisation in a better position for the future. Organisations in the early stages of planning their activities may also apply. Whether you’re facing challenges around income and fundraising, or preparing to take on new forms of investment, such as social investment, Resilient Heritage can support these processes.

- Heritage Enterprise – supports enterprising community organisations across the UK to rescue neglected historic buildings and sites and unlock their economic potential. You can apply for a grant from £100,000 to £5million.
- Sharing Heritage – for any type of project related to national, regional or local heritage in the UK. Applications can be made for a grant from £3,000 to £10,000. The fund is available to not-for-profit organisations or partnerships led by not-for-profit organisations wanting to explore, share and celebrate their community's heritage. This is a rolling programme and applications can be submitted at any time.
- Our Heritage – for any type of project related to national, regional or local heritage in the UK. Applications can be made for a grant of more than £10,000 and up to £100,000. HLF fund applications from not-for-profit organisations, private owners of heritage (including individuals and for-profit organisations) and partnerships. This is a rolling programme and applications can be made at any time.
- Heritage Grants – HLF's open programme for any type of project related to the national, regional, or local heritage in the UK. You can apply for a grant of over £100,000. Heritage Grants applications go through a two-round process. This is so that you can apply at an early stage of planning your project and get an idea of whether you have a good chance of getting a grant before you submit your proposals in greater detail.
- Young Roots – for projects that engage young people with heritage in the UK. Applications can be made for a grant of more than £10,000 and up to £50,000. Under this programme, HLF fund partnerships of heritage and youth organisations to help young people shape and deliver their own projects in safe environments. This is a rolling programme and applications can be made at any time.

For information on all HLF programmes visit the website.

<http://www.hlf.org.uk/Pages/Home.aspx>

Grants for the Arts – Arts Council England

Grants of between £1000 and £100,000 are available for eligible individuals, organisations, libraries and museums for a range of activities including: Audio-visual, broadcast and transmission, buildings and infrastructure, capacity building, commissioning, digital creation, diversity and equality, education and learning, exhibition, festival, organisational development, original work, participation, performance, production, professional development, publishing, research and development, sector development, talent development and touring.

This is a rolling programme with no deadlines.

<http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding/applying-grants-arts>

More than a Pub – Plunkett Foundation

The Community Pub Business Support Programme is a unique three year programme established to help support community ownership of pubs in England. Its value is £3.62 million and is jointly funded by the Department for Communities and Local Government and Power to Change. Plunkett Foundation is leading this exciting programme and delivering it in collaboration with Co-operative & Community Finance, Keyfund, the Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA), Co-operative Mutual Solutions, Pub is the Hub and Locality. For the first time it offers the community pub sector access to an end-to-end support programme including capacity building and a finance package made up of loans and grants.

An extensive support programme is available until March 2019 which includes business development advice and a combined finance package of up to £100,000 made up of loans and grants.

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

Discovery grants – Santander Foundation

The aim of The Discovery Project is to help disadvantaged people have the confidence to make the most of their future.

The Santander Foundation provides grants to support knowledge, skills and innovation to give disadvantaged people the confidence to discover and create a new world of opportunities.

Discovery Grants of up to £5,000 are available to UK Registered Charities, Community Interest Companies and Credit Unions to fund small, local projects helping disadvantaged people.

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

Help the Homeless grants

Help The Homeless makes grants to charitable organisations with the aim of helping homeless people return to the community and enabling them to resume a normal life. Grants are available to small and medium-sized charitable organisations to fund the capital costs of projects with grants of up to £5,000. The quarterly deadlines for grant applications each year are: 15 March, 15 June, 15 September and 15 December.

<http://www.help-the-homeless.org.uk/>

Grants for War Memorials – War Memorials Trust

War Memorials Trust administers a number of grants schemes which between them cover the whole of the UK. Currently programme funders include the Department of Culture, Media and Sport, Historic England, Historic Scotland and War Memorials Trust. Grants are currently available up to 75% of eligible costs with a normal maximum grant of £30,000.

War Memorials Trust seeks to help all war memorial custodians, whatever the nature and size of their war memorial by facilitating repair and conservation projects.

Annual deadlines are 31 March, 30 June, 30 September and 31 December.

<http://www.warmemorials.org/grants/>

Rural Community Energy Fund

The Rural Community Energy Fund (RCEF) supports rural communities in England to develop renewable energy projects which provide economic and social benefits to the community. The fund will provide up to approximately £150,000 of funding for feasibility and pre-planning development work to help projects become investment ready. RCEF provides support in two stages:

- Stage 1 provides a grant of up to approximately £20,000 to pay for an initial investigation into the feasibility of a renewable energy project.

- Stage 2 provides an unsecured loan of up to approximately £130,000 to support planning applications and develop a robust business case to attract further investment.

The fund is being delivered on behalf of the government by the Waste and Resources Action Programme (WRAP). Applications will be reviewed on a monthly basis and there is no set deadline for bids

<http://www.wrap.org.uk/content/rural-community-energy-fund>

Premier League and The FA Facilities Fund – Football Foundation

The Premier League & The FA Facilities Fund provides grants for building or refurbishing grassroots facilities, such as changing pavilions and playing surfaces for community benefit, with money provided by the Premier League, The FA and the Government (via Sport England) and delivered by the Foundation. The Fund is available to football clubs, schools, councils and local sports associations and gives grants for projects that:

- Improve facilities for football and other sport in local communities.
- Sustain or increase participation amongst children and adults, regardless of background age, or ability.
- Help children and adults to develop their physical, mental, social and moral capacities through regular participation in sport.

Grants are available for between £10,000 and £500,000.

<http://www.footballfoundation.org.uk/funding-schemes/premier-league-the-fa-facilities-fund/>

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