

Nottinghamshire Children and Young Peoples

Voluntary Sector Funding

Funding news



The Local Communities Fund

Nottinghamshire County Council recognises the huge contribution that the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) has made to the lives of residents over many years.

The Council has a strong record in supporting the VCS by empowering local communities to be more self-sufficient. The Local Communities Fund is a discretionary financial contribution to support the delivery of projects that help to deliver the strategic aims of the County Council [Nottinghamshire Plan Vision and Ambitions](#).

How to apply

To improve our grant process, we have introduced a new online system. This new system brings lots of benefits for applicants, such as saving applications part-way through.

We have also introduced a new eligibility check you will need to complete before accessing the application form. We are keen to talk to prospective applicants, so if you have any questions, please email LCF@nottscc.gov.uk and a member of the team will contact you.

You only need to register once, even if you apply for multiple projects across more than one fund. The latest round of the Local Communities Fund will be open for applications from **12 May and close on 13 June 2025**.

These consists of:

- Capital Programme applications open on 12 May 2025
- Revenue Programme applications open on 12 May 2025
- Homes for Ukraine Programme applications open on 12 May 2025

[The Local Communities Fund \(LCF\) | Nottinghamshire County Council](#)



Holiday Grants for Children

Grants are available for schools, youth groups, not-for-profit organisations, and charities to provide access to one-off recreational trips or holidays for groups of children aged 13 years and younger who experience disadvantage or disability and live in an area of high deprivation.

The Charity aims to provide children aged 13 years or younger who are disadvantaged, disabled or from areas of



high deprivation with a short recreational holiday or outing they would not otherwise have the opportunity to experience.

Grants of between £500 and £2,750 are available. Match funding may be required as the Charity may not be able to award successful applicants the full amount requested.

Schools, youth groups, not-for-profit organisations and charities in the UK are eligible to apply.

Priority will be given to projects that will benefit disadvantaged and disabled children in the most deprived areas in the UK. This means areas that fall within the bottom 20% according to the National Indices of Deprivation. For groups of children with disabilities, more flexibility will be given regarding the level of deprivation.

Applications can be made for grants towards a single trip, which could be a day trip or a longer residential of up to seven days in length. This could be to a countryside or city location but must be outside the children's immediate locality. Day trips should not involve a disproportionate amount of time spent travelling.

The funders will consider trips which are more local but these should have an emphasis on providing a new experience for the children and broadening their horizons. Examples include camping, trips to adventure activity centres or the seaside.

The funders will sometimes consider applications for groups of children living in deprived circumstances within more affluent areas. In this case, it is essential that the need for support is clearly explained.

Grants are only available to support children who are aged 13 and under.

This fund is open for applications three times a year and applications are accepted based on when the trip is happening. The next rounds are:

- 20 March 2025–21 July 2025 (for trips taking place 1 May–31 August 2025).
- 22 July–19 November 2025 (for trips taking place 1 September–31 December 2025).

Grants are made on a first come, first served basis until the available funding for that round has been fully allocated. All applications should be received at least five weeks before the date of the trip to allow for administrative processing and decision making.

An online application form and a set of guidelines can be found on the Charity's website.

[Holiday Grants for Children - The Henry Smith Charity](#)



Capital Grants for Charities – B&Q Foundation

The B&Q Foundation provide grants for a wide range of charities. Charities which are looking for funding to improve or develop spaces that benefit their local communities.

B&Q work with the team at Neighbourly to make the application process as easy as possible.

They focus on funding charities that support people who are most in need because of homelessness, financial hardship, sickness, disability, or other disadvantage.

The types of projects supported include improvements such as decorating, fixing roofs, refurbishment of garden space, upgrading key fixtures and fittings, and creating new buildings or rooms.

Grants of up to £10,000 are awarded to charities who are creating or improving spaces so that more people in our communities have a place to feel at home. They will generally support with funding of up to £10k for building or indoor projects and £5k for garden projects.

Due to the volume of applications it can take up to 2 months after the deadline to be notified with the outcome.

[Apply For a Grant | B&Q Foundation](#)



Mental wellbeing small grants

From 14 April 2025, community and voluntary sector groups working in Nottinghamshire can [apply for mental wellbeing small grants](#) to support the improvement of the mental wellbeing of residents.

The grants are being administered by Nottinghamshire County Council public health team for mental wellbeing and suicide prevention.

Decisions will be made by the end of July.

Applicants are strongly advised to read the information leaflet prior to submitting an application.
Grants available

Community and voluntary sector groups and organisations can apply for a minimum of £500 up to a maximum of £6000.

To be eligible to apply you must:

- be a voluntary or community sector group or organisation
- be based in Nottinghamshire or be able to demonstrate that the activity you wish to deliver with this funding will be delivered solely in Nottinghamshire for the benefit of residents from County
- be a constituted group or be able to apply as part of a constituted group
- have a business bank account

[Nottinghamshire mental wellbeing small grants application form April 2025](#)

Voluntary Sector Development

The Voluntary Sector Development Team forms part of Nottinghamshire County Council's Youth Service. Our team covers the seven districts in Nottinghamshire working to support Voluntary Sector Organisations that work primarily with Children and Young People between 4 and 19 (25 if the young people are looked after or young disabled people).

www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/youth-services/voluntary-sector-development-team

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