

Funding Opportunities

[Funding of up to £100,000 Available for Community & Environmental Projects \(East Midland, West Midlands, South West England\)](#)

- Local charities, community groups, schools, colleges, and local authorities within the Severn Trent Water region can apply for grants between £2,000 and £100,000 to support new community projects.
- These grants, provided through the Severn Trent Community Fund, focus on three key areas: People (healthier lifestyles and skills development), Place (improving community spaces), and Environment (enhancing natural environments and water preservation).
- Projects should be completed within 24 months.
- The next application deadlines are **31st July 2025** for grants between £20,000 and £100,000. The deadline for grants between £2,000 and £20,000 passed on the 28th February 2025.
- Additionally, the Core Cost Funding stream, supporting essential running costs, is scheduled to **reopen in May 2025**.

[Funding for School Climate & Biodiversity Projects \(UK\)](#)

- UK primary and secondary schools can apply for grants up to £3,000 for projects tackling climate change and biodiversity.
- This funding is provided by the Royal Society's Tomorrow's Climate Scientists Programme, an extension of their Partnership Grants Programme, which aims to engage students in environmental challenges while promoting STEM education.
- To qualify, schools must partner with a STEM professional from academia or industry. The grants are primarily intended to cover the cost of necessary equipment for these projects.
- The application process for the Partnership Grants scheme involves two stages, with the first stage applications due by the **11th July 2025**.

[Grants to Help Get People Back on their Bikes this Summer \(England\)](#)

- Through Cycling UK, local volunteer led-groups, social enterprises, and other not-for-profit organisations can apply for grants of up to £3,500 to deliver cycling events to get people back on their bikes this summer.
- The Big Bike Revival Programme will support organisations across England to deliver a summer programme of activity that will encourage people who do not currently cycle to consider either starting or returning to cycling, especially people experiencing social, economic and health deprivation, people from diverse backgrounds, and those facing complex challenges.
- The funding, which is made available by the Department for Transport, can be spent on anything that supports the delivery of events such as staffing, promotional costs, equipment, consumables and volunteer transport.
- The closing date for applications is the **14th July 2025**.

[Grants of up to £1 Million Available to Strengthen the Resilience of Protected Land and Marine Sites \(Wales\)](#)

- Private landowners and other organisations working with natural heritage in Wales can apply for grants of between £50,000 and £1 million to strengthen the resilience of protected land and marine sites in Wales, and to build the capacity of organisations involved in nature recovery.
- The National Lottery Heritage Fund is now accepting applications for Round Five of the Nature Networks Fund, which supports habitat restoration, species recovery, landscape connectivity, community engagement, and organisational capacity building.
- Applicants must demonstrate they have or are seeking the necessary permissions and consents for their project.
- The deadline for project enquiry forms is **noon on 14th July 2025**, with full applications due by **19th September 2025**.

Funding for Community Environmental Projects (UK)

- The Naturesave Trust, a charity funded by premiums from Naturesave Insurance, has announced its latest funding round for environmental projects in the UK. The Trust offers grants of up to £5,000 for small projects run by charities, social enterprises, and grassroots community organisations.
- For this funding window, the Trust is looking to support organisations who are working to connect communities to nature to improve people's physical and mental wellbeing as well as create positive action for climate change.
- Activities supported through the Trust could include community gardening, green gyms, eco anxiety and mental health, urban nature programmes and many more.
- It is important to note that the Trust does not provide grants to schools or government-funded organisations, and all projects must be based within the UK.
- The aim is to improve the Applications for the current funding round are open until **12pm on the 15th July 2025**.

Grants of £100,000 to Use the Arts to Raise Awareness of Climate Change (UK)

- The ScottishPower Foundation has launched the Art for Climate Fund to harness creative practice to raise awareness of climate change.
- The fund will award two grants of £100,000 each, payable over a period of two years. Applicants may apply for up to £100,000 per project.
- The purpose is to build knowledge and capacity for climate action through the arts. The grant responds to the sector's austerity pressures and the urgent need for community engagement on environmental issues.
- Eligible activities include exhibitions, installations, performances and workshops. Projects must inspire evidence-based action, promote sustainable development, and foster appreciation of nature.
- Applications are open to UK charities with at least three years' registration, a board of three trustees, published accounts, and income between £130,000 and £10 million. Partnerships may apply jointly.
- The fund opens on 30 June and closes on **18th July 2025**.

£85 Million Fund to Support Arts & Cultural Buildings (England)

- Through Arts council England, arts and cultural organisations in England will soon be able to apply for a share of £85 million in government funding to support urgent capital works, building repairs and upgrades.
- Grants of up to £10 million will be available through two funding strands to support organisations in restoring, retrofitting, or renewing cultural assets, including urgent work to address issues which prevent them from effectively delivering work for the public.
- Eligible projects could include building repairs, replacing outdated systems, and improving energy efficiency and accessibility. The Creative Foundations Fund will be open to venues including theatres, galleries, grassroots music venues, and contemporary arts centres, but excludes libraries or museums.
- Expressions of interest must be submitted by the **25th July 2025**.

Up to £10,000 Available for Community Tree Planting Projects (England, Scotland and Wales)

- Grants of between £2,500 and £10,000 are available through the Network Rail Community Tree Planting Fund. The fund is a partnership between Network Rail and The Tree Council, created to support biodiversity and community wellbeing.
- Eligible projects include tree and hedgerow planting, care and maintenance of newly planted sites, and educational activities that engage schools and community groups. These initiatives help to offset the environmental effects of railway operations and encourage sustainable land management.
- Projects must be located in close proximity to Network Rail network lines or stations in England, Scotland or Wales, and is available to local authorities, charities and other NGOs, community groups, education institutions, and individual landowners.
- The closing date for applications is the **31st July 2025**.

National Lottery Grants for Heritage - Grants of up to £10 Million Available (UK)

- The National Lottery is offering grants for not-for-profit organisations across the UK of between £250,000 and £10 million from the National Lottery Heritage Fund for projects connecting people and communities to UK heritage.
- The funding can support a broad range of activities and project costs such as volunteer expenses, capital works, repairs, maintenance, conservation costs, professional fees, event costs, and the acquisition of heritage. All projects must also consider long-term environmental sustainability.
- Partnerships are encouraged. Up to 10% match funding is required.
- The next closing date for expressions of interest for National Lottery Grants for Heritage is **12pm on 6th August 2025**.

Grants for Sustainable Climate Change Projects (UK)

- To address climate change and its effects, organisations, individuals and charities across the UK can apply for grants to support projects that develop and promote sustainable, low-carbon alternatives to mainstream economic models.
- The funding, made available through the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust's Sustainable Futures programme, will support campaigns, initiatives, and projects that promote alternatives to consumerism and amplify the voices of young activists and marginalised groups on issues of economic and environmental justice.
- Grants are available for projects that address the current unsustainable economic system, excessive consumerism, and giving marginalised groups and young activists a voice. Previous grants awarded have ranged from a few hundred pounds to grants in excess of £100,000.
- Registration must be completed by the **18th August 2025**, and applications submitted by **12pm on the 1st September 2025**.

Free Trees for Schools & Community Groups (UK)

- The Woodland Trust are giving away hundreds of thousands of trees to help the UK reach its 2050 carbon net-zero target.
- Schools, nurseries, colleges, universities, outdoor learning centres, and other groups such as resident associations, sports clubs, parish councils, scouts and guides from across the UK are among the organisations eligible to apply for up to 420 saplings to improve their local environment.
- Applications can be made for up to four separate tree packs as long as the total does not exceed 420 trees. The Woodland Trust are currently taking applications for tree packs to be delivered in November 2025. Applications are expected to close in **August 2025**.

Grants of up to £40,000 Available for Tree Planting Projects Outside of Woodlands (England)

- The Tree Council's Trees Outside Woodland Fund is offering grants of between £10,000 and £40,000 to support projects that establish trees outside of woodlands to enhance green spaces in England using a range of tree types and planting methods.
- Local authorities in England and registered charities with a turnover exceeding £100,000 can apply for grants ranging from £10,000 to £40,000. Applicants must have public liability insurance and obtain written permission for each planting site.
- The grant aligns with the Government's Environmental Improvement Plan to increase England's tree canopy from 14.5% to 16.5% by 2050.
- The application process involves a two-stage approach. Interested groups must first submit an expression of interest, with a rolling review. Shortlisted projects will then proceed to a full application. Expressions of interest are accepted until **31st October 2025** or until all funding is allocated.

Grants for the Planting of Trees, Hedges & Orchards (UK)

- Schools, community groups, parish and town councils, and tree warden networks within the UK will be able to apply for grants of between £250 and £2,500 through the Tree Council's Branching out fund.
- This funding aims to engage communities and young people aged up to 21 in planting and caring for trees, hedges, and orchards.
- The funding can cover the cost of trees, hedges and orchards; reasonable costs of non-plastic protection and supports, as well as peat-free compost and/or soil improvers.
- There are specific criteria for grants under £500 and those above £500. The closing date for applications is **midnight on the 14th November 2025**.

Grants of Up to £20,000 to Support Local Climate Action (UK)

- The National Lottery Community Fund is inviting applications from community-led organisations for its National Lottery Awards for All England – Environment grant programme, with grants of between £300 and £20,000 are available for projects lasting up to two years.
- This funding is aimed at tackling environmental challenges at the local level. It supports projects that enable people to connect with, care for, and protect nature. Projects must deliver benefits for both people and the natural environment.
- Applications are welcomed from constituted voluntary or community organisations, registered charities, charitable incorporated organisations (CIOs), not-for-profit companies, community interest companies (CICs), schools (if the project benefits the wider community), statutory bodies, community sports clubs, and community benefit societies.
- The programme is currently open for applications until **17th December 2025**, and applications can be submitted at any time, provided they are made at least 16 weeks before the project is due to begin.

EV Charging Scheme for Schools & Education Institutions (UK)

- To boost the Electric Vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure, the government has extended the Workplace Charging Scheme to support state-funded schools and education institutions to install EV chargepoint sockets at their sites.
- Eligible institutions in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland can receive 75% off the cost of purchasing and installing chargepoints, up to a maximum of £2500 per socket and 40 sockets across all sites (this includes any applications made previously through the Workplace Charging Scheme)
- Academy trusts can apply for up to a maximum of 40 sockets for each institution within the academy trust. Independent schools may apply for funding through the Workplace Charging Scheme.
- Successful applicants will receive a voucher valid for 180 days from the date of issue. An authorised installer must complete the installation within this time.
- The closing date for applications is the **31st March 2026**.

£5 Million Fund to Revitalise Historic Buildings (England)

- A new £5 million fund has been launched to help communities across England to rescue and repurpose neglected historic buildings such as theatres, department stores and former banks.
- The Heritage Revival Fund will support charities and social enterprises in taking ownership, adapting, and reusing these buildings for community use.
- Three levels of funding will be available: Project Viability Grants up to £15,000; Project Development Grants up to £100,000 (Minimum 10% match funding required); Capital Works Grants up to £350,000 (Minimum 20% match funding required)
- The funding will support projects from the earliest stages through to capital works, including feasibility studies, business plan development, design, surveys, and the costs of acquiring and renovating buildings.
- The programme is delivered by the Architectural Heritage Fund in partnership with the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) and Historic England.
- Expressions of interest should be submitted in the first instance for Project Viability Grants and Project Development Grants. Further information and guidance for Capital Grants will be issued on the 12th May 2025. **No deadline has been confirmed.**

Funding to help communities to tackle climate change (UK-wide)

- The Climate Action Fund is providing grants of up to £1.5 million to organisations who are working in formal partnership with organisations working across sectors, including local authorities.
- The partnerships should link climate action to the everyday lives and interests of local communities, with the aim of inspiring them to take action or should influence communities at a regional or national level, for example: connecting groups from across different locations.
- The Climate Action Fund is particularly interested in funding projects that involve people, places and communities experiencing poverty, discrimination and disadvantage.
- Applications will be accepted until at least **late 2025**.

Grants of up to £15,000 Available to Help Sports Clubs become More Environmentally Friendly (England)

- Sport England has set aside £16 million from its £160 million Movement Fund to create the Green Sport Initiatives strand, aimed at helping community clubs and activity groups cut their carbon footprint and encourage wider participation in eco-friendly sport.
- Grants ranging from £300 to £15,000 are open to not-for-profit and physical-activity organisations throughout England, with applications accepted at any time
- Successful projects must demonstrate a clear delivery plan, deliver tangible local benefits and address one of the six Every Move priorities: just transition - inequalities, inclusion and participation; energy and resources - carbon emissions from travel and facilities; energy and resources - circular economy for supply chains, products and waste; nature - blue-green environment quality and use; nature – biodiversity; resilience: adapting to climate change and extreme weather events.
- Priority will be given to initiatives that support low-income communities, disabled and older adults, marginalised groups (including parents with young children, girls aged 5–16, LGBTQ+ people and those in foster care), or that operate in high-need areas.
- **There is no closing date for applications.**

Loan Programme to Help Charities with Rising Energy Costs (England)

- Charities and social enterprises in England which are struggling with rising energy costs can apply for unsecured loans of between £20,000 and £200,000 to install energy efficiency and renewable energy measures.
- The lending programme will enable organisations to save money on energy by installing a variety of measures such as more efficient lights, insulation or heat pumps, replacing old boilers systems with new efficient ones, double glazing improvements, and systematic draught improvements to help keep costs down.
- The funding is being made available by Big Issue Invest through their Big Energy Saving Loans. Organisations should register their interest in the first instance.
- **No specified closing date.**

Grants of up to £55,000 for Projects Supporting Climate Resilience in Vulnerable Communities (UK)

- The MACC Hub Flexible Fund, administered by Third Sector Support Wales, supports projects that implement or scale adaptation actions through meaningful community engagement.
- Grants of up to £55,000 are available to academic–community partnerships that focus on building resilience among vulnerable groups to climate change.
- The fund is open to charities, not-for-profits, local authorities, community groups, and businesses, but applications must be led by a UK academic institution eligible for UKRI funding.
- Up to 10 projects will be funded, with a total funding pot of £500,000–£550,000. Projects can run for up to 12 months.
- To help applicants develop ideas and partnerships, virtual sandpit sessions will be held on 18 June and 8 July. The fund is currently open for applications, with **no specified closing date**.

Homes England and Octopus Real Estate Launch £150 Million Greener Homes Alliance Phase 2 (England)

- Homes England, in partnership with Octopus Real Estate, has launched Phase 2 of the £150 million Greener Homes Alliance to support SME housebuilders in delivering high-quality, energy-efficient homes across England.
- With £42 million from the Home Building Fund, the scheme builds on Phase 1, which financed over 550 sustainable homes.
- Developers who meet four of ten new green criteria (such as using modern construction methods, paying the real living wage, and achieving an average SAP score of 85+) can access discounted interest rates of up to 2%.
- To qualify, all homes must be fossil fuel-free. Applications are now open with **no closing date confirmed** and can be submitted via Octopus Real Estate’s official channels.

Funding for Community-led Environmental & Sustainability Projects (UK)

- As part of its long-term commitment to sustainability, the Stobart Group has launched a new fund to support community-led environmental and sustainability projects across the UK.

- The Stobart Sustainability Fund will support not-for-profit organisations, community groups, and educational facilities, such as schools and colleges, in transforming their local communities through projects that tackle climate change, reduce carbon emissions, and protect and enhance the environment.
- The fund aims to help educate communities on how they can make a difference by supporting diverse projects and initiatives making a positive change.
- Organisations are invited to specify the level of funding they require in their application. **No application deadline** is given and the application form is available on their website

Funding for Community Energy Projects (UK)

- Community energy groups across the UK are invited to register their interest for funding to support projects that deliver positive social and environmental outcomes within local communities.
- Funded by Yunity in partnership with Your Co-op Energy, the Powering Communities Fund aims to help groups and organisations deliver social impact projects, such as creating community resources, running events for young people, or starting a community garden.
- Grants of up to £3,750 can be used to cover the costs of equipment, local events or workshops, staff, volunteer training, or developing a local service or venue.
- To be eligible, organisations must have a current or upcoming Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with Yunity or have utilised their Kickstart Loan facility.

Funding to Promote Home Electrical Safety for Vulnerable People (UK)

- Fire and rescue services, trading standards authorities, community safety organisations and other not-for-profit organisations will soon be able to apply for grants of up to £5,000 to deliver initiatives that help vulnerable people across the UK to improve the electrical safety of their homes.
- The funding is made available through the Electrical Safety Fund, which aims to keep people safe in their homes by tackling the risks associated with electrical products, increasing the public's awareness of electrical safety, and promoting changes in behaviour.
- The type of activity that could be funded includes: product testing and product replacement events (e.g. amnesty events to replace unsafe electric blankets, portable heaters etc.); educational and raising awareness activities; home safety activities/visits; data collection projects that would support the fund's national aims to prevent electrical-related injuries, such as collecting data relating to injuries caused by electrical products, and issues with products purchased from online marketplaces.
- Funding of up to £10,000 may be considered for joint and/or larger projects.

Funding for Community-Led Social & Environmental Projects (Scotland)

- Voluntary and community organisations in Scotland can now apply for grants through the National Lottery Community Fund's Community Action programme.
- The initiative aims to support community-led projects that encourage stronger connections between people and promote environmental sustainability.
- Grants ranging from £20,001 to £250,000 are available for projects lasting up to five years. Projects should focus on bringing people together, particularly those facing poverty, disadvantage, or discrimination.
- They must achieve at least two outcomes, such as building positive relationships, supporting health or wellbeing, improving access to nature, or making a positive environmental impact. The types of activities supported could include regular wellbeing sessions, community kitchens, growing projects or community gardens, and repair or upcycling workshops.
- Applications can be submitted **at any time**.

Funding to Make Scotland's Urban and Rural Communities More Sustainable (Scotland)

- To help urban and rural communities to become more resilient and sustainable, the National Lottery Community Fund is awarding grants of up to £1 million to enable voluntary, community and public sector organisations to take ownership of land and buildings.
- Delivered in partnership by the National Lottery Community Fund and Highlands and Islands Enterprise, The Scottish Land Fund enables both urban and rural communities to successfully manage local land and land assets to meet local need and deliver benefit for the whole community.
- Practical support will also be provided to help communities to develop their aspirations into viable projects.
- Applications can be made **at any time**.

Funding to support businesses and social enterprises transition to net zero (Scottish Highlands and Islands)

- Highlands and Islands Enterprise is offering grants of up to £250,000 to businesses and social enterprises to support the transition to net zero.
- The funding should cover between 10% and 40% of total project costs, with the minimum grant award being £20,000. Therefore, projects with a total project cost of £50,000 or less are unlikely to receive funding.
- Projects can include anything that helps businesses and social enterprises to reduce emissions and work towards net zero. This can be through energy efficiency measures, renewables or waste management.
- The fund is currently accepting expressions of interest, **no deadline** has been announced.

Funding Available to Retrofit Buildings with Energy-Generating or Saving Technologies (England)

- Community businesses can apply for financial support ranging from £10,000 to £150,000 to help stabilise or reduce energy costs, supporting the transition to more sustainable energy practices.
- The funding, made available through the Power to Change Energy Resilience Fund, can be used for various projects, including retrofitting buildings with energy-generating or saving technologies. Up to 40% of the total funding can be provided as a grant, with additional energy audit grants available between £500 and £2,500.
- The grant is available to community businesses in England that own a building or have a long-term lease of 12 years or more. The programme is funded by Power to Change and delivered by the Key Fund. To find out more please contact Sarah Dennis on 07889 881459 or email Sarah.Dennis@thekeyfund.co.uk
- **No deadline** has been announced.

Funding to build healthier ecosystems in urban and rural environment (UK Wide)

- The John Ellerman Foundation is offering grants of between £10,000 and £50,000 per year for up to 3 years to UK-registered charities with an income of between £100,000 and £10m.
- The fund will prioritise projects that can make a national impact or local initiatives that have the potential to be upscaled to a country level.
- Eligible organisations should take an evidence-based approach to improve the natural environment and understand the significance of habitats on both human wellbeing and the impact that people have on nature.
- There is **no deadline** for applications to this fund.

Grants to help community groups in Wales take action on climate change (Wales)

- The National Lottery Community Fund is providing grants of up to £15,000 to support community groups in Wales who are starting to take action on climate change.
- Eligible applicants include registered charities, community organisations, and town councils that have completed Egin mentoring and possess a UK bank account.
- Applications are welcomed from projects that relate to a range of areas including food, transport, energy or waste and consumption, however the main focus should relate to engaging with climate change and living in a more sustainable way.
- Grants can be used to fund revenue costs such as staff salaries, volunteer expenses and transport costs, the funding can also be used to cover capital costs such as buying equipment and refurbishing or developing land.
- Applications to the fund are accepted at **any time**.

Grants and loans for charities and social enterprises to improve energy efficiency (England)

- The Energy Resilience Fund (ERF) is providing a blended funding package of loan (60%) and grant (40%) to improve the energy resilience of eligible charities and social enterprises in England.
- Incorporated voluntary, community or social enterprise organisations that are looking to install energy saving measures or generation technology to buildings/ land, and/ or to purchase energy efficient or environmentally friendly vehicles or equipment are invited to apply for the fund.
- If required, the fund will arrange an energy audit before continuing with the application process.
- Applicants must be able to demonstrate that they are unable to access mainstream bank lending for the work.
- There is **no deadline** for applications.

Funding to improve access to bikes for young people (Scotland)

- Cycling Scotland are providing funding of up to £50,000 to improve access to bikes for children and young people.
- The fund is open to schools, local authorities, community organisations and third sector organisations.
- The fund aims to support independent travel, reduce inequalities, and improve health.
- To find out more about the Access to Bikes for Young People fund, contact Cycling Scotland at: cyclingfriendly@cycling.scot
- There is **no deadline** to applications.

New fund to help create stronger, greener and more sustainable local communities (West Midlands and Yorkshire)

- The npower Business Solutions Fund is offering grants of up to £100,000 to help create stronger, greener and more sustainable local communities.
- Applications are being accepted from not-for-profits and educational institutions that are at least two years old and are located within a 50-mile radius of npower Business Solutions' offices in Solihull and Leeds.
- **No application deadline** is given for the fund.

Grants to Encourage Young People to Connect with Nature (Gloucestershire, Swindon & Bristol)

- The Ernest Cook Trust's Communities Grant scheme is providing grants of £500 to support charities and not-for-profit organisations in Gloucestershire, Swindon, and Bristol to support projects that encourage young people between 11-19 from underserved communities to connect with nature and enjoy the outdoors.
- The grants could be used to create outdoor learning areas, enhance biodiversity, purchase outdoor learning resources, support travel costs to outdoor learning centres and fund outdoor clothing.
- Applications will close when a sufficient number have been received.

Funding for Projects that Promote a Better Understanding of the Environment and Countryside (UK)

- UK based schools and not for profit organisations can apply for funding to the Nineveh Charitable Trust for a broad range of projects and activities that promote a better understanding of the environment and countryside, whilst facilitating improved access, education and research.
- Applications can be submitted at **any time**.

Funding for community-led sustainability projects (UK-wide)

- The Stobart Sustainability Fund is providing funding to support the transformation of local communities through projects that tackle climate change, reduce emissions or protect and enhance the environment.
- Applications are welcomed from non-profit organizations, community groups, small businesses and educational facilities.
- **No application deadline** is provided.

Funding available for facilities damaged by extreme weather (England)

- Sport England's Movement Fund is supporting community organisations that have been affected by the impact of Storms Bert and Conall.
- Grants of up to £15,000 are available for community organisations to cover costs such as: skip hire to remove sediment and rubbish, minor electrical works to restore power, decontamination works or clearing of blocked drains, cleaning work to get showers and changing rooms back up and running and securing buildings.
- Grants are available to not-for-profit organisations, including sports clubs, charities, schools and local authorities.
- The fund has been open since April 2024 and there is **no application deadline** given.

Grants of up to £150,000 Available to Protect Water and Land Environments (UK)

- The John Ellerman Foundation's People and Planet funding scheme is offering grants of between £10,000 and £50,000 per year for three years to UK charities and non-profit organisations working to protect, restore, or sustainably manage the natural environment.
- The scheme prioritises projects that enhance ocean health through stronger marine protected areas, community engagement, and reduced overfishing; build healthier ecosystems on land and in freshwater

through sustainable management, habitat restoration, and landscape-scale conservation; and address the impact of human activities like climate change and pollution on air, land, and water.

- The focus is on the UK and UK waters. However, the Foundation is also keen to support land and marine-based work in the UK Overseas Territories (UKOTs).
- There are **no deadlines** and applications can be submitted at any time.