



FUNDING GUIDE

This guide has been prepared to provide a source of information regarding funding for Irish in Britain members. Primarily it is for online use, hyperlinks are linked to funders' information, one click takes you through to their website.

RECOMMENDATION

The primary factor for success for any funding proposal is that successful funding applications are founded on well researched and planned activities that meet a need in the community. Whether it is a new or existing project, you need to demonstrate that the project is needed, it is effective; it works with or complements other local activities, and is good value for money.

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Using This Guide

This guide has been prepared to provide a source of funding information for Irish In Britain members. There is a section at the back of this guide titled “improving your chances”, this will help in preparing a well-researched, and well-prepared application. Used in conjunction with this guide it will:

- Save you time spent researching potential funders
- Help you understand what makes a good application
- Improve your chances of success.

The opening table gives a quick easy view of funds available, what activities are eligible, governance status required, and how much can be applied for. The following sections give more detailed information of each funder, their requirements and a link to their website; simply click on the link and this will give you all the information they provide. Web addresses have also been provided for those who may not have a digital copy of the guide. Generally speaking the headings can be interpreted in their broadest sense e.g. if it states elderly, health or welfare, this could range from sports or a tea dance through to care for dementia sufferers, likewise a community building would encompass any building which services are offered from, and could range from advice to a social centre. The information provided was up to date when last researched in October 2019; we recommend however that you check all information on the relevant website.

Some funders only fund registered charities i.e. those registered with the Charity Commission; others will fund structures that have an unincorporated constitution, committee and bank account. Some are unclear and simply state “charitable organisations” which could mean a registered charity or just an organisation doing charitable work. If we state Registered Charities in the heading then that is the only status they will accept, if it says not-for-profit, unincorporated etc, this means that all types of organisations can apply, including registered charities, limited companies. We have used their descriptions where possible, however it is not always totally clear so is important to check with them before commencing an application.

There is a wide selection of funders, from those who provide small amounts, through to larger national organisations, some of which have no financial limit on the value of their award. It has been difficult to assess the success rate for different funders; The Esmee Fairbairn Foundation recently stated they fund approximately 8% of applications, others have stated 20%, and Awards for All were recently quoted as stating that half of applications they receive were funded.

Basic Requirements:

Before applying to any funder you will need to have the following in place;

- A constitution - the activities you are applying for should be reflected in your aims and objectives. It should also contain a dissolution clause, this should state that if your organisation closes, the remaining assets will be transferred to a likeminded charitable (or non-profit) organisation

- At least three committee members
- A bank account in the same name as the one detailed on your constitution
- Two unrelated people who do not live at the same address who are bank signatories
- A constitution with a clause which states that if the organisation dissolves then assets would be transferred to a similar charitable organisation
- Accounts for past years trading, in most cases these will need to be produced by an accountant or independent auditor. Some funders will accept forecasts from new organisations.

The top one hundred and fifty trusts were researched when compiling this information, not all were suitable, and we have referenced others outside of these.

For further Sources of Information please see:

[The Directory of Grant Making Trusts](#) [Funding Central](#) [Trustfunding.org.uk](#) [Company Giving](#) [Government Funding](#)

There are other sources of support who may not offer funding but offer support in funding sources, these are CVS (Community Voluntary Services). They also have a different title of Voluntary Action with the name of the town city at the end e.g. Voluntary Action London. The national body for these organisations is NAVCA, the National Association for Voluntary and Community Action, they can be contacted at: www.civilsociety.co.uk

One further opportunity we have not referenced are Clinical Commissioning Groups – CCG, they are the buying arm of the NHS. We have detailed them separately here because they are individual, independent bodies and vary widely across the country as to what they will fund, they may call it commissioning. Some fund walking groups, or activities to keep people active, smoking cessation, social activities to reduce isolation and loneliness etc. Please research your local CCG to find out about potential opportunities.

Irish in Britain with its delivery partners have a broad sector experience in fundraising and supporting third sector organisations. This funding guide is part of our bespoke support offer and we are always available for local support solutions. In the first instance please contact member support at membersupport@irishinbritain.org

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Funder	Welfare	Young People	Sport	Elders	Heritage	Culture & Arts	Housing & Comm Building	Capital	Advice & Advocacy	Core or Project Funds?	Capacity Building	Value Up To	Note:
Anchor Foundation	√	√		√		√		√	√	√		£10,000	
Arts Council – Project Grants		√				√		√		Project	√	£15,000 or £100,000	Different routes for £15,000 & £100,000
Arts Council – Creative Practice						√		√		Project	√	£100,000	
ASDA Foundation	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√		£32,000	
Awards for All (Big Lottery)	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	Project	√	£10,000	
Andor Charitable Trust	√			√		√				Project		£10,000	
Barrow Cadbury Trust	√			√			√		√	Both		£75,000	Won't fund targeted projects but will fund strategic activity
Basil Samuel Charitable Trust	√	√	√	√	√	√			√	Both		£10,000	
BBC Children In Need	√	√	√			√	Only under £20k		√	Usually project		£120,000	2 streams: Small grants for £10k p/a and main programme over £10k

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Liz and Terry Bramall Foundation	√	√		√	√	√	√	√		Both		£500,000	Christian faith and CoE focus
The Brems Trust	√	√	√	√		√	√	√	√	Both		£15,000 over 3yrs	Yorkshire only
Charles Hayward Foundation				√	√					Project		£7,000 £25,000	Small grants Large Grants
CHK Charity (West Mids & National)	√			√	√	√			√			£20,000	Closed until relaunch in Spring 2019
City Bridge Trust (London)	√	√		√			√	√	√	Either but not both	√	£100,000	
Clothworkers Foundation	√	√		√			√	√		Project		£10,000	Main and small grants programme
Coral Samuel Trust	√	√	√	√	√	√				Not stated		£40,000	Closed currently
Comic Relief	√	√	√	√			√	√	√	Both	√	No Limit	Only specified priorities
Community Foundations	√	√	√	√	√	√	√		√	√	√	£20,000	
Culture Ireland					√	√						Not stated	Next Deadline Feb 15 th 2019
Davis Foundation	√	√		√	√	√				Not stated		Not stated	Not stated
Discovery Grants	√	√		√				√		Project		£5,000	Paper-only application

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Drapers Charitable Fund	√	√		√	√					√	√	£15,000	Multi year funding
Dulverton Trust	√	√			√			√		Both		£25,000 to £35,000	
Emigrant Support Programme	√		√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√		Unstated	Opens January 2020
Esmee Fairbairn Foundation	√	√	√	√		√	√	√	√	√	√	£500,000	Only 8% success rate
Foyle Foundation	√	√		√	√	√	√	√	√	Both		£10,000 for Small Grants	Potentially over £10k for larger projects
Gosling Foundation	√			√						√			
Garfield Weston Foundation	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	Main programme is up to £100,000	Potentially over £100,000 for larger projects
Healthy Hearts										Project		£10,000	
Henry Smith Charity	√			√		√	√		√	Both	√	£20,000 to £60,000	Potentially up to 9 years
Heritage Lottery Fund - Sharing Heritage					√	√					√	£3,000 to £10,000	

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HLF Our Heritage					√			√			√	£10,000 to £100,000	
HLF Resilient Heritage					√						√	Up to £350,000	
Hilden Charitable Fund	√	√											Simple, short application form
The Ireland Fund for Great Britain	√			√	√	√			√	Project		Up to £10,000	
Irish Youth Foundation	√	√				√			√	Project		£10,000	
Landfill Communities Fund					√		√	√		Project		Unstated	
Lloyds Bank Foundation - Invest	√	√		√			√	√	√	Core		£100,000	Multi-year
Mrs Smith and Mount Trust	√											£20,000 over 2 years	
Robert McAlpine Foundation	√	√		√						Both		Unstated	
The Newby Trust	√									Both		£10,000	
Partnerships (Big Lottery)	√	√		√			√	√	√	Both	√	Over £10,000	

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Paul Hamlyn Foundation - Explore and Test		√				√				Both	√	£60,000	
Paul Hamlyn Foundation - Ideas and Pioneers Fund		√				√				Both	√	Usually £10,000 but up to £15,000	
Paul Hamlyn Foundation - More and Better		√				√				Core	√	£400,000	
Pilgrim Trust	√											£15,000	Varied Criteria
Peoples Postcode Trust	√								√	√		£20,000	Amount dependent on Charity status
Porticus	√			√						√		£25,000	
Power to Change	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	£300,000	Community businesses only
Rayne Foundation	√	√		√		√				√		£10,000 - £20,000	
Reaching Communities (Big Lottery)	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	Both	√	£500,000	Up to 5 years
Sport England - Community Asset Fund			√				√	√		√	√	£150,000	

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Sport England - Small Grants			√									£10,000	
Triangle Trust	√			√							√	£15,000	Penal Affairs
Trusthouse Charitable Foundation	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	£60,000	
Trust for London									√			£150,000	
Tudor Trust	√	√		√	√		√	√	√	Both	√	No Limit	
William A. Cadbury Trust	√			√		√			√	Both		£20,000	Will occasionally fund £50,000

Anchor Foundation

Who Can Apply: Christian Charities

Range of Grant: Up to £10,000, 3 years consecutive funding

Type of Grant: Capital or revenue

What is Funded:

Social inclusion particularly through ministries of healing and the arts

[Anchor Foundation Grant](#)

Arts Council

Funds individuals, community groups, registered charities and most other types of organisations (including informal groups who have a constitution).

Project Grants

Project Grants is the open access programme for arts, museums and libraries projects, funded by the National Lottery. The fund will support individual artists, communities and organisations.

- £1,000 - £100,000 – different access routes for requests of under £15k and over £15k
- Requires match funding of at least 10%
- Decisions take up to 6 weeks for requests of under £15k and up to 12 weeks for requests of over £15k
- Will support digital media, young people, festivals, education, asset purchases, building costs, music, literature, dance, touring performances, drama and theatre

Developing your Creative Practice

Developing your Creative Practice is a development fund designed to support independent creative practitioners to ensure excellence is thriving in the arts and culture sector. This fund creates more pathways for individuals, from a range of creative practices and backgrounds.

- £2,000 - £10,000
- No match funding required
- Deadlines 4 times per year
- Decisions typically take around 9 weeks
- Open to anyone working with the disciplines they support - Dancers, Choreographers, Writers, Translators, Producers, Publishers, Editors, Musicians, Conductors, Composers, Actors, Directors, Designers, Artists, Craft makers, Curators – but only accept two applications to this fund from an individual in any twelve-month period.

[Apply to the Arts Council](#)

Asda Foundation

Who Can Apply: “Charities or good causes”

Range of Grant; generally, in the region of up to £32,000 (this is the largest grant we can find)

Type of Grant: Projects: Costs associated with eligible projects

What is Funded:

“Not for profit organisations from anywhere in England and Wales can apply at any time for grants of up to around £10,000 for capital projects (refurbishing a building or part of a building, or for equipment).”

- Community carnivals/ fetes
- Community clean ups
- Community Cafe
- The Elderly
- Lunch Supper Clubs
- Computers

There are additional funding strands for smaller grants, with priorities including community events, tackling loneliness and isolation

amongst older people, and sports kit and equipment for U16s.

For full information see the Foundation's ['What we Fund'](#) page

Awards for All (Big Lottery)

Awards for All offers grants of between £300 and £10,000 for grassroots and community activity that aims to improve life for local people and neighbourhoods. This is one of the most accessible funds available, and with a little thought it can be applied to most new activities, or current activities you are planning to expand. It has a success rate of somewhere around 60%.

Many IIB members have been supported to access this fund for their St Patricks Festival, many IIB members have been supported to access this fund and secure consultancy support for business planning and development. It has also been used to fill part time staff posts, dementia projects, and many other activities.

You can apply at any time and decisions now take up to 18 weeks . You can apply if you are a registered charity, a community organisation, or a not-for-profit group.

- You must have a committee of at least three people and a bank account that requires at least two unrelated people - not living at the same address, to sign each cheque or withdrawal.
- All funding is project-based and must take place within a 12 month period.

They have three overarching themes, you must be able to relate your activities to at least one of these;

- 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

Within these themes funding is provided for items including (but not limited to);

- Equipment
- One-off events
- Small capital projects
- Staff costs
- Training costs
- Consultancy and capacity building
- Transport
- Utilities/running costs
- Volunteer expenses.

They will fund staff, presented properly this can cover an existing post. They fund projects only, if staff costs are within this project and evidenced appropriately, they will fund staff hours attached to the project. They will not just fund existing running costs.

They have a friendly helpline, where they will be able to answer any questions you may have: 0345 4 10 20 30.

[Awards for all](#)

Andor Charitable Trust

The trusts' objectives are to maintain, support or contribute charitable organisations in the United Kingdom including those engaged in medical and ancillary services, education, helping the aged and disabled, relieving poverty, developing the arts.

Who Can Apply: "Charitable Organisations"

Range of Grant; generally, in the region of £1,000 to £10,000

Type of Grant: Projects: Costs associated with eligible projects

What is Funded:

- Criminal Justice
- Migration
- Poverty and Exclusion
- Social Justice

The scheme aims to fund a wide range of projects, including those focusing on:

- Medical and ancillary services (including medical research)
- Education
- Helping the disabled
- Helping the aged
- Relieving poverty
- Developing the arts

Application is c/o Mr Robin Marks, Blick Rothenberg, 16 Great Queen Street, Covent Garden, London, WC2B 5AH. He can also be contacted via robin@blickrothenberg.com and 0207 544 8865.

The Trust does not have a website. Further information on applying is available on the [Charity Commission website](#).

Barrow Cadbury Trust

Who Can Apply: Charities: Voluntary Organisations

Range of Grant; Generally, in the region of £15,000 to £50,000

Type of Grant: Projects: Start-up Costs: Recurring Costs: Running Expenditure

What is Funded:

- Criminal Justice
- Migration
- Social Justice

They state that they will not fund specific interventions, but will fund activities which tackle the root of the issues concerned.

UK-wide, but favour Birmingham and the Black Country.

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

Basil Samuel Charitable Trust

Who Can Apply: Registered Charities

Range of Grant; Generally, in the region of £1,000 to £10,000

Type of Grant: Projects: Start-up Costs: Recurring Costs: Running Expenditure

What is Funded:

- General Charitable Purposes
- Education and Training
- Promotion of Health
- People with Disabilities
- Heritage, Arts and Culture
- The Environment and Animals
- Children and Young people
- Older People

The Trust does not have a website. Further information on applying is available on the [Charity Commission website](#).

BBC Children In Need

Who Can Apply: Registered Charities, Not for Profits, Churches, Schools

Range of Grant; They make few grants over £120,000 but technically there is no upper limit

Type of Grant: Projects and associated costs

What is Funded:

They fund activities for children and young people of 18 years and under experiencing disadvantage through:

- Illness, distress, abuse or neglect
- Any kind of disability
- Behavioural or psychological difficulties
- Living in poverty or situations of deprivation

Funded projects will make a difference in children's lives to help prevent or overcome the effects of disadvantages they face. They will achieve this by either working directly with children or seeking to improve their social and physical environments.

The Main Grants Programme is for grants over £10,000 per year to support projects for up to three years.

- Rolling programme with 4 deadlines throughout the year.
- Decisions on Main Grants Programme take around 5 months.

The Small Grants Programme is for grants of less than £10,000 per year to support projects for up to three years.

- Rolling programme with 5 deadlines throughout the year.
- Decision times differ depending on when in the year the application is made

<https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/grants/>

Liz and Terry Bramall Foundation

Who Can Apply: Registered Charities, organisations, individuals

Range of Grant: £1,000 - £500,000

Type of Grant: Projects, start-up costs, recurring costs, running expenditure, core costs

What is Funded:

They will fund the following activities:

- Education/training
- The advancement of health or saving of lives
- Disability
- The prevention or relief of poverty
- Accommodation/housing
- Religious activities
- Arts/culture/heritage/science
- Environment/conservation/heritage
- Economic/community development/employment
- Research projects
- Buildings/facilities/open space

All UK is covered, but emphasis on Yorkshire.

The Trust does not have a website. Further information on applying is available on the [Charity Commission website](#).

The Brelms Trust

Who Can Apply: Small and medium-sized registered charities with a current annual income of less than £500,000, and usually with unrestricted reserves of 6 months or less. **Must be based in or benefit the people of Yorkshire.**

Range of Grant: £1000 - £5000 per year for up to 3 years

Type of Grant: Salaries, volunteer expenses, running costs, associated costs, and projects.

What is Funded:

- Arts, education and sport
- Carers
- Conservation
- Debt and benefits advice
- Domestic abuse and sexual violence
- Excluded young people
- Homelessness
- Older people facing isolation
- Physical and learning disabilities
- Physical and mental health
- Prevention of re-offending
- Refugees, asylum-seekers and ethnic minorities
- Rural isolation
- Substance misuse
- Support in bereavement
- Support for disadvantaged communities

Deadlines are 4 times per year, decisions are made as soon as possible.

[**Apply to The Brelms Trust**](#)

The Bernard Sunley Foundation

Who Can Apply: Most types of structured organisations – see below

Range of Grant; £1,000 - £500,000

Type of Grant: Projects, start-up costs, recurring costs, running expenditure, core costs

What is Funded: One-off grants for capital projects, i.e. new buildings, major refurbishments, transport and equipment.

The Foundation only supports charities registered in England and Wales unless the organisation has 'accepted' status, i.e. churches, schools, scout and guide groups, or 'exempt' status, e.g. housing associations, friendly societies including social housing providers, Co-operative Societies, Community Benefit Societies and Registered Societies (previously known as industrial & provident societies).

“Trustees decide how much to award based on all the information contained in the application. Grants are from £1,000 upwards and the majority (roughly 80%) of grants awarded are under £5,000. There are no formal application deadlines. The Trustees meet on a regular basis and we accept applications via our online form all year round.”

- Community
- Education
- Health
- Social Welfare

<http://www.bernardsunley.org/>

Charles Hayward Foundation

Who Can Apply: Registered Charities only. These are then divided into those whose income is over £350,000 and those whose income is less than £350,000.

Range of Grant: Depends on which funding priority you apply under.

- Social and Criminal Justice (main grant) - £10k-£25k per year for up to 3 years
- Social and Criminal Justice (small grant) – up to £7k
- Heritage and Conservation - £20k-£50k
- Overseas – up to £15k
- Older People – up to £7k

Type of Grant: Capital costs and project funding

What is Funded:

- Criminal Justice
- Heritage and Conservation

- Overseas
- Older People

Large grants are decided quarterly and small grants are decided every 2-3 months.

[Apply to Charles Hayward Foundation](#)

CHK Charities

Who Can Apply: Registered Charities

Range of Grant; up to £100,000 but usually £3,000 - £20,000

Type of Grant: Capital costs and project funding

What is Funded:

Funded charities will be working throughout the UK in a targeted way to improve the lives and prospects of young people aged between 11 and 24 who are “at risk” as a result of:

- poor mental health
- involvement in the criminal justice system
- addictions
- leaving the care system

Preference for West Midlands and National Charities

[More info on CHK Charities](#)

City Bridge Trust – Bridging Divides

Who Can Apply: Registered Charities benefitting Greater London

Range of Grant; No limit stated but a grant cannot amount to more than 50% of an organisation's turnover/income in any one year. £10k limit on small grants and no limit on the large grant scheme.

Type of Grant: Running costs including salaries, project costs, capital costs.

What is Funded:

Their three key funding programmes are:

- [Connecting the Capital](#)
- [Positive Transitions](#)
- [Advice and Support](#)

Each of these programmes is cross-cut by their two over-arching priorities of **Reducing Inequalities** and **Enabling Voice & Representation**. You will need to demonstrate how your proposal sits within one of the funding programmes and how it will:

- Reduce inequality (especially the additional prejudices that those experiencing inequality can face, such as people who are LGBTQI experiencing mental health issues being less able to access the right services and support).
- Enable voice and representation for people who are disadvantaged.

Applications over £5,000 need to be accompanied by a detailed proposal, it is the Trust's usual practice to award salary costs at a level of no more than one full-time equivalent post.

Rolling programme with decisions taking around 4 months.

[Apply to City Bridge Trust](#)

Clothworkers' Foundation

Who Can Apply: Charities that are registered with Charity Commission including CIO; Companies Limited by Guarantee without capital share (CIC); and charities exempt from HMRC Tax.

Range of Grant; For **larger projects** (£100,000+), they generally fund 10% or more of the balance to be raised. For example, if your project cost was £200,000 and you had £150,000 left to raise, the grant award would be at least £15,000. The larger a project, the larger our grant is likely to be.

For **smaller projects** (with a balance of less than £10,000), they generally fund between 50% and 100% of the balance.

Type of Grant: Capital costs only

What is Funded:

Projects addressing issues in these areas;

- Homelessness
- Alcohol and substance misuse
- Disadvantaged young people

- People with disabilities
- Domestic and sexual violence
- Disadvantaged minority communities
- Older people
- Prisoners and ex-offenders
- Visual impairment
- Better Futures
- Care Leavers
- Conservation

Applications can be made for a grant under the small grants programme which is for charitable based organisations with an income of less than £250,000 - There are one off grants for the purchase of specific and pre-determined capital item (s) for a particular project. This includes:

- Fixtures and fittings
- Equipment
- Furnishings
- Vehicles

[Apply to Clothworkers Foundation](#)

Coral Samuel Charitable Trust

The trustees are currently not accepting any further applications for grant funding from other individuals or organisations.

Who Can Apply: Registered Charities

Range of Grant; £250 - £25,000

Type of Grant: Does not state whether they fund capital or revenue

What is funded:

General charitable purposes including:

- Children/young people
- Elderly/old people
- People with disabilities
- Other charities or voluntary bodies
- The general public/mankind

The Trust does not have a website. Further information on applying is available on the [Charity Commission website](#).

Comic Relief

Who Can Apply: Registered Charities, not for profit groups

Range of Grant; £25,000 - £40,000

Type of Grant: Capital or revenue. One off or spread over up to three years.

What is funded:

Funding priorities change with applications only being sought for the current stated priorities, the only open programme for the moment is for an overseas programme. New programmes are announced throughout the year.

Please check the website to establish which priorities are currently open for applications.

<https://www.comicrelief.com/funding/funding-opportunities>

Community Foundations

Who can apply: Registered Charities, not for profit groups

Range of Grant: up to £20,000

Type of Grant: Revenue and capital

What is funded: Most types of activity, dependent upon the funder

Community Foundations are individual registered charities which cover the whole of the UK. They manage small grants programmes for some national funders, but these are only available on a local basis. e.g. Comic relief are a national body, they allocate a certain amount to a Community Foundation to distribute locally. Community Foundations also solicit funds from local businesses and philanthropist's, they agree between them what the funding criteria is. Although they generally support smaller organisations, we are aware of larger organisations who have secured funds. These change throughout the year, it is well worth keeping informed of your local community foundation and the grants they have available.

The following link will take you to al 46 Community Foundations in Britain

<https://www.ukcommunityfoundations.org/>

Culture Ireland

We cannot establish how much they fund as this information is unavailable.

Culture Ireland operates a range of funding programmes to support and promote the presentation of Irish arts internationally. The current initiatives include a Regular grants round, the See Here scheme, Delegate Scheme and a Showcase programme. They offer support to Irish professional artists, arts organisations and international presenters to present work by Irish artists at significant international venues and festivals.

The Regular grants programme operates 3 deadlines a year but does not state how much may be applied for. Please check the website for more information.

Showcase offers funding to support an event and may contribute towards costs which relate directly to the international presentation of the event, i.e. travel and travel related costs such as transport, accommodation and subsistence.

The See Here scheme is specifically designed to support the inward travel of international promoters and programmers to see work in Ireland with a view to booking the work for their venue or festival. Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.

Basic Eligibility Requirements:

1. Application must be in respect of an Irish professional artist/s or arts organisation
2. Application must be in respect of an art form defined under the Arts Act 2003
3. Only international events are supported (i.e., outside the island of Ireland)
4. The event must be accessible to an open public audience and fees must be payable to the artist/s or arts organisation
5. Funding support is limited to travel and travel related costs
6. Grants are only payable to the person/organisation named on the initial application

Application dates are as follows.

Deadline	Timing of project	Decision issued
15 October 2019	Jan. 2020 onwards	December 2019
13 February 2020	May 2020 onwards	April 2020
15 June 2020	Sept. 2020 onwards	August 2020

[More info on Culture Ireland](#)

Davis Foundation

Who can apply: Not stated

Range of Grant: Not stated

Type of Grant: Not stated

What is funded:

Children/young people, Elderly/old people, other charities or voluntary bodies, the general public/mankind

- General charitable purposes
- Education/training
- Arts/culture/heritage/science
- Human rights/religious or racial harmony/equality or diversity

<https://beta.charitycommission.gov.uk/charity-details/?regid=1152998&subid=0>

Directory of Grant Making Trusts (Directory of Social Change)

They are not a funder but a valuable source of information.

The Directory of Grant Making Trusts lists over 2000 of the largest grant making charities in the UK with grants ranging from under £1,000 to over £670m. The information is broken down into: “grant makers by geographical areas; grant makers by field of interest; and type of beneficiary, grant makers by type”. There are other sources of information detailed in the opening page of this document. Access to this directory is available either by purchasing one of their publications through the website, or by a paid-for subscription to trustfunding.org.uk

It is possible and acceptable to approach small funders by describing your activities and simply asking for a contribution to this cause, this is a tried and tested method which can bring results. You can create a standard letter to send to many small funders, make sure however that you take the time to find the named contact and make sure this is who you address your request to. You also need to read their criteria, it is not appropriate for an organisation turning over £400,000 to be requesting say £3,000 just as a contribution.

[Visit The Directory of Grant Making Trusts website](#)

Discovery Grants – Santander Foundation

Who can apply: UK registered charities, Community Interest Companies and Credit Unions

Range of Grant: up to £5,000

Type of Grant: Revenue and capital

What is funded:

Discovery Grants support projects that improve people’s knowledge, skills or which provide innovative solutions to overcome social challenges. They only support projects which fulfil these goals and the three priority areas - Explorer, Transformer and Changemaker.

- EXPLORER Improving people's knowledge
- TRANSFORMER Improving skills and experience
- CHANGEMAKER Innovative solutions to social challenges

Criteria includes:

- Small local projects and lasts for up to 12 months
- Complete projects – they will not part-fund a project
- Any revenue costs must be specific to the project

Rolling programme of applications and decisions take around 6 weeks, this is currently closed but will reopen later in the year.

<https://santanderfoundation.org.uk/pages/home>

Drapers Charitable Fund

Who can apply: UK registered charities, mainly

Range of Grant: up to £15,000

Type of Grant: Revenue and capital

What is funded

- Homelessness
- Prisoners
- Ex-Service men and women
- older people
- Disability
- young people into education
- Textiles and heritage

<https://www.thedrapers.co.uk/Charities/Applying-For-A-Grant/DCF.aspx>

Dulverton Trust

Who can apply: Registered Charities, CIO's but those working across Greater London are excluded and they will not support applications for projects concerned with disabilities.

Range of Grant: £25,000 to £35,000

Type of Grant: Capital and revenue but core costs will not be covered for named posts

What is funded:

The Dulverton Trust is an independent grant-making charity who supports UK charities and CIOs (charitable incorporated organisations) to tackle a range of social issues, protecting the natural world, and preserving heritage crafts.

- Youth Opportunities

- General Welfare
- Conservation
- Traditional crafts and trades

Rolling programme of applications with decisions being reached in February, June and October.

[Apply to Dulverton Trust](#)

Emigrant Support Programme

THIS PROGRAMME WILL REOPEN IN JANUARY 2020, AT WHICH POINT UPDATED INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE.

Who can apply: Registered Charities, most types of Non-Profits

Range of Grant: Unknown, we do know of grants over £100,000

Type of Grant: Revenue and capital

What is funded:

- Advice
- Advocacy
- Welfare
- Culture/arts
- Sport
- Elders
- Heritage
- Housing
- Community Buildings
- Capital

The Emigrant Support Programme funds projects that will:

- Celebrate, maintain and strengthen the links between Ireland and the community in Britain;
- Address the diverse and evolving needs of Irish emigrants in Britain, especially the elderly, disadvantaged and vulnerable;
- Facilitate access to statutory and voluntary services in Britain for vulnerable Irish emigrants;
- Foster a more vibrant sense of community and of Irish identity based on sporting, cultural and community networking;
- Further the outcomes of the Global Irish Economic Forum;
- Research and define the emerging needs of Irish communities abroad;

- Support development of new ways to communicate and connect with the increasingly diverse Global Irish, including business networks, non- traditional diasporas and alumni groups;
- Improve awareness and understanding of the emigrant and diaspora experience
- Support business networks to connect Irish people to each other at home and abroad. Applications are particularly welcome from organisations that have not applied before and/or new projects in geographic areas not previously assisted.

[More info on Emigrant Support Programme](#)

Esmee Fairbairn Foundation

Who can apply: Registered Charities, most types of Non-Profits

Range of Grant: Up to and over £150,000, they fund larger amounts than this, they do not state their upper limit

Type of Grant: Revenue and overheads

What is funded:

Before looking at what is funded, here is the first bullet point of what they don't fund.

“Services that are provided in similar ways in many locations such as refuges, hostels, night shelters and standard services for homeless people, sports associations, playgroups, play schemes, out of school clubs, supplementary schools, playgroups, youth clubs and general capacity building/ professional development”

Here are their preferences, only apply if they match your activities:

- **Arts** - Art with a social impact • Supporting emerging talent • Organisations at a pivotal point
- **Children and Young People** - Improving support for disadvantaged children and young people • The rights of vulnerable children and young people • Addressing the root causes of low educational attainment and challenging behaviour • Empowering young leaders • Young people leaving care
- **Environment** - Connecting people with nature and environment issues • Nature conservation on land and at sea • Countering the effects of damaging activity • Lesser known plants, animals and organisms
- **Social Change** – Participation: marginalised and excluded individuals and groups • Place: revitalising community life • Injustice: systemic change around injustice and inequality
- **Food** - Innovation in alternative approaches • Food and wellbeing • Working towards a more coherent food sector
- **Social Investment** - Social investment in various types of repayable finance with the aim of creating social impact and a financial return

The Esmee Fairbairn fund is INCREDIBLY competitive and only 8% of total applications are funded.

[Apply to Esmee Fairbairn Foundation](#)

Foyle Foundation

Who can apply: Registered Charities except for those operating in London and the South East

Range of Grant: Up to £10,000 for the Small Grants Scheme, more for the other strands, we cannot find an amount.

Type of Grant: Core costs, equipment or project funding

What is funded:

Their Small Grants Scheme is designed to support smaller charities registered and operating in the United Kingdom (with a turnover of less than £150,000 p/a), especially those working at grass roots and local community level, in any field, across a wide range of activities.

The main strands of funding which don't fall into the Small Grants Scheme are arts, learning, and libraries.

They may award grants for core costs where organisation is not in receipt of revenue funding from other sources.

[Apply to Foyle Foundation](#)

Garfield Weston Foundation

Who can apply: Registered Charities; Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIOs); Educational Establishments (including schools and universities); Churches; Housing Associations; Museums and Galleries

Range of Grant: 2 strands: up to £100,000, and over £100,000 - limit not stated.

Type of Grant: Core costs including salaries, capital, and project costs

What is funded:

Whilst they will consider most things, funded activity usually falls into the following categories;

- Arts
- Education
- Youth
- Health
- Community
- Environment
- Museums and Heritage
- Faith
- Welfare

For regular grants - under £100,000 - there is a one stage application process and applicants will know the outcome of their request within four months of applying. They accept applications at any time and applicants are advised as soon as possible if the application is unsuccessful, this saves waiting for a decision as decisions are made as they pass through each stage of the process.

For Major Grants – over £100,000 - they have a slightly different approach as these are considered by the Trustees at one of eight meetings per year. They request an initial letter in the post to outline your project, with information on the objectives, overall cost, current shortfall and timeframes.

[Apply to Garfield Weston](#)

Gosling Foundation

Who can apply: “charitable organisations”

Range of Grant: Most grants are up to £10,000, they have funded significantly higher grants

Type of Grant: Project costs, including salaries

What is funded:

- General charitable purposes
- Education/training
- The advancement of health or saving of lives
- Disability
- The prevention or relief of poverty
- Religious activities
- Arts/culture/heritage/science
- Amateur sport
- Armed forces/emergency service efficiency
- Other charitable purposes

Email: <https://beta.charitycommission.gov.uk/charity-details/?subid=0®id=326840>

Heart Research UK & Subway - Healthy Heart Grants

Who can apply: Registered Charities, Not for Profit

Range of Grant: Up to £10,000

Type of Grant: Project costs, including salaries

What is funded:

The Healthy Heart Grant is for original, innovative heart health projects only, and not for general healthy lifestyle projects. Projects must focus on, and actively promote, heart health or reduce the risk of heart disease for the duration of the project.

The cost of travel may be included in a Healthy Heart Grant application provided it forms a necessary and integral part of the Healthy Heart project. The costs of attending meetings and conferences may also be covered if the necessary supporting documentation is included in the application.

Any equipment bought must be used for the Healthy Heart project only. The cost cannot exceed 50% of the total amount of the grant application or £2,000 in total. There is a rolling programme of application dates based on geography.

[Apply for Healthy Heart Grants](#)

The Henry Smith Charity

Who can apply: Registered Charities: Charitable Incorporated Organisations, Not for Profit

Range of Grant: Up to £20,000 - £60,000 per year for three years. They will fund two further applications, making this potentially a nine-year period of continuous funding.

Type of Grant: Projects and core costs (including salaries) cost of delivering services, they do not fund capital or new activities

What is funded:

They provide grants to reduce social and economic disadvantage and run the following programmes: [Improving Lives](#), [Strengthening Communities](#), [County Grants](#), [Holiday Grants for Children](#), [Christian Projects](#), and [Kindred](#) These are hyperlinked, just click on the words underlined to see the programmes in full. Alternatively, the link at the foot of this section will take you to the main site.

Their main programme is Improving Lives, the majority of funds are allocated through this programme. Through this they fund an extensive range of activities which fall under the following priorities:

- **Help at a critical moment - Helping people to rebuild their lives following a crisis, critical moment, trauma or abuse.**
Services supporting people to overcome a crisis, critical moment, trauma or abuse and move on with their lives. Work that they support in this area is likely to be holistic and reasonably intensive.
- **Positive choices - Helping people, whose actions or behaviours have led to negative consequences for themselves and others, to make positive choices.**
Services that work to reduce harmful behaviours such as offending and/or drug/alcohol misuse. They are looking to support interventions that are relatively intensive and treat individuals holistically while challenging harmful attitudes and behaviours.
- **Accommodation / housing support - Enabling people to work towards or maintain accommodation.**
Helping people who are homeless, at risk of homelessness or who are vulnerably housed. Many organisations working with this client group will also address the underlying reasons for homelessness (e.g. mental health crisis, lack of employment, lack of support networks, lack of financial understanding, substance misuse) and are therefore likely to meet outcomes in a number of our other priority areas.
- **Employment and training - Supporting people to move towards or gain employment.**

They wish to fund support and training for those who are the furthest from the job market giving them the opportunity to build their confidence, identity and self-worth and reach their personal potential to work.

- **Financial inclusion, rights and entitlements - Supporting people to overcome their financial problems and ensure that they are able to claim their rights and entitlements.**

Work that helps people to make the right choices about financial issues. Financial pressures exacerbate poverty and are a key factor in wider social exclusion. Being informed about financial options, money management, debt repayment and saving money all contribute to stable living arrangements and an ability to plan ahead.

- **Support networks and family - Working with people to develop improved support networks and family relationships**

Work that helps people to develop positive social networks and/or family relationships. Helping people cultivate relationships that provide emotional and practical support, increase resilience and foster a sense of connectedness.

They state in their criteria you must have less than 12 months reserves, they include restricted funding in this. Check with them before submitting an application.

Henry Smith Strengthening Communities

This provides the same grant size as their main programme; it is based on community rather than just people and the area funded has to be in the 10% most deprived communities in England

The Charity's three main priorities are as follows:

- **Increasing resilience** - empowering people, encouraging integration and personal independence, helping people to recover and move on.
- **Creating opportunities and life chances** - raising aspiration – equipping people with new skills, unlocking and enabling potential, and providing the means to improve life circumstances.
- **Empowering communities** - strengthening and connecting communities and making people feel valued, providing opportunities for social connections and relationships, encouraging participation and inclusion.

[Apply to Henry Smith Charity](#)

Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF)

Who can apply: Not for profits, Registered Charities

Range of Grant: £3,000 - £5,000,000

Type of Grant: Core costs, equipment or project funding

What is funded

The three most appropriate funds are highlighted below, please see their website for further detail – link at bottom of section.

Grants for Heritage

Who can apply: Registered Charities, not for profits, partnerships

Range of Grant: £3,000 to £10,000

Type of Grant: Core costs, equipment or project funding, consultancy support and training

What is funded:

£3,000-£10,000 available to help research and share heritage, this includes: • people's memories and experiences (often recorded as 'oral history') • cultural traditions (for example, stories, festivals, crafts, music and dance) • nature (for example, habitats, species and geology) • natural and designed landscapes such as parks and gardens • community archaeology • historic buildings, monuments and environments • collections of objects, books or documents in museums, libraries or archives • histories of people and communities or places and events • the heritage of languages and dialects • places and objects linked to our industrial, maritime and transport history

Funds can be used for direct project costs, any application should include all costs that are directly incurred as a result of the project. You cannot include costs for money you have already spent. Some examples of direct project costs are:

- paying someone to manage the project or help with your project accounts
- extra hours for a member of staff
- equipment and materials
- training
- running activities which engage people with heritage
- promoting your project to a wider audience.

There is no deadline and applications are expected to be assessed in eight weeks.

Grants for Heritage £10,000 - £100,000

Who can apply: Registered Charities or not for profits

Range of Grant: £10,000 to £100,000

Type of Grant: Core costs, equipment or project funding, consultancy support and training

What is funded:

This has similar criteria to Sharing Heritage (above), more detailed activities will be required.

Funds can be used for: • people's memories and experiences (often recorded as 'oral history') • cultural traditions (for example, stories, festivals, crafts, music and dance) • nature (for example, habitats, species and geology) • natural and designed landscapes such as parks and gardens • community archaeology • historic buildings, monuments and environments • collections of objects, books or documents in museums,

libraries or archives • histories of people and communities or places and events • the heritage of languages and dialects • places and objects linked to our industrial, maritime and transport history

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- paying someone to manage the project or help with your project accounts
- extra hours for a member of staff
- equipment and materials
- training
- running activities which engage people with heritage
- promoting your project to a wider audience.

Grants for Heritage £10,000 - £250,000

Who can apply: Registered Charities or not for profits

Range of Grant: £10,000 to £250,000

Type of Grant: Core costs, equipment or project funding, consultancy support and training

What is funded:

“People’s memories and experiences (often recorded as ‘oral history’) • cultural traditions (for example, stories, festivals, crafts, music and dance) • nature (for example, habitats, species and geology) • natural and designed landscapes such as parks and gardens • community archaeology • historic buildings, monuments and environments • collections of objects, books or documents in museums, libraries or archives • histories of people and communities or places and events • the heritage of languages and dialects • places and objects linked to our industrial, maritime and transport history”

“At this grant level, we can also fund activities to support organisations who want to build their capacity or achieve significant strategic change. This could include developing new skills or knowledge, exploring new models of governance, leadership, business and income in order to improve the management of your heritage for the long term.”

[Apply to Heritage Lottery Fund](#)

Hilden Charitable Fund

Who can apply: Registered Charities or not for profits

Range of Grant: Average grant £5,000

Type of Grant: Core costs or project funding

What is funded:

Homelessness, minorities, penal affairs, overseas countries, disadvantaged young people 18 – 24. Policy is directed at supporting work at community level, grants are rarely given to well funded national charities.

Very simple application form.

<http://www.hildencharitablefund.org.uk/index.htm>

The Ireland Fund for Great Britain

THIS PROGRAMME IS NOW CLOSED TO APPLICATIONS AND WILL REOPEN IN 2020

Who can apply: Registered Charities or not for profits

Range of Grant: Up to €10,000 for Small Grants and up to €100,000 for Flagship Investments

Type of Grant: Core costs, equipment or project funding, consultancy support and training

What is funded:

There is a “small grants” round and a “flagship investments” round, these are both closed until 2020, follow their website for details.

Some of their priorities listed are: Arts & Culture, Community Development, Education and Peace & Reconciliation. They also provide non-financial support including grant workshops, fundraising advice and training.

[**Apply to The Ireland Fund of Great Britain**](#)

Irish Youth Foundation

Who can apply: Registered Charities or not for profits

Range of Grant: Small grants up to £2,500, larger grants from £2,500 to £10,000

Type of Grant: Core costs, equipment or project funding, consultancy support and training

What is funded:

The Irish Youth Foundation invites applications for grants each year from organisations working with young Irish people in England, Scotland and Wales and Northern Ireland with the exception of large and national charities. **Application forms are available during January with a submission deadline of mid-February, and grant awards are made the following June. Unsolicited applications at other times during the year are not accepted.**

The IYF supports a wide range of projects including: help for the homeless; employment and training schemes; women and children escaping violence; young offenders; Irish Travellers; mental health; drug and alcohol rehabilitation programmes; cross-community initiatives as well as social and cultural activities encouraging young people's awareness of their Irish heritage.

[Apply to Irish Youth Foundation](#)

The Kennedy Leigh Charitable Trust

Who can apply: Registered Charities or not for profits

Range of Grant: £1,000 - £30,000

Type of Grant: Capital and Revenue

What is Funded:

- General charitable purposes
- Education/training
- The advancement of health or saving of lives
- Disability
- The prevention or relief of poverty
- Arts/culture/heritage/science
- Human rights/religious or racial harmony/equality or diversity

Contact: Kennedy Leigh Charitable Trust, Mrs N Shoffman Ort House, 126 Albert Street, London, NW1 7NE, Tel: 02072676500

Landfill Communities Fund – England and Northern Ireland only

Who can apply: Registered Charities or not for profits

Range of Grant: Grants from £2,000 to £100,000

Type of Grant: Capital projects

What is Funded:

The Landfill Communities Fund is a tax credit scheme enabling operators of landfill sites in England and Northern Ireland to contribute money to organisations by way of grants. Under the LCF, Landfill Operators based in England and Northern Ireland are able to pay a proportion of their Landfill Tax liability to not-for-profit organisations which deliver projects for the benefit of communities and the environment in the vicinity of a landfill site.

There are two methods of receiving funding through the Landfill Communities Fund (LCF).

- from an organisation that distributes the monies on a landfill operator's behalf

- directly from a Landfill Operator

They will fund activities for provision or improvement of:

- Village Halls and Community Centres
- Public Play Areas
- Publicly available Multi use games areas, skate parks and BMX tracks
- Sport and recreation grounds including pavilions and clubhouses with full public access
- Churches – community spaces only
- Nature Reserves
- Public gardens, parks, country parks and woodlands with at least dawn to dusk access
- Museums

There are a number of landfill operators such as Veolia, Viridor, Biffa etc, there are also other distributors of the fund such as WREN and local Wildlife Trusts.

[More info on Landfill Communities Fund](#)

Lloyds Bank Foundation

Who can apply: Registered Charities

Range of Grant: Grants from £30,000 to £100,000 for up to 3 years (with potential for continuation funding for up to another 3 years)

Type of Grant: Core running costs and projects

What is Funded:

- Dependency
- Asylum Seekers and Refugees
- Care leavers
- Domestic and Sexual Abuse
- Homeless and Vulnerably Housed
- Learning Disabilities
- Mental Health
- Offending, Prison or Community Service
- Sexual Abuse and Exploitation
- Trafficking and Modern Slavery
- Young Parents

This programme is closed until late 2019, the details above and below are based on last years criteria

Funding is available for longer term core or direct delivery funding for charities and CIOs in England and Wales which are delivering clear outcomes as a result of their work with people experiencing multiple disadvantage at one of the critical points in their life. Organisations must address at least one of the following complex social needs to be eligible.

Funding is available for core organisational costs which are related to the day to day running of the charity. Consideration will only be given to requests for core costs where over 50% of the charity's work and expenditure meets the Foundation's criteria. Funding is also available for costs associated with the direct delivery of the charity's work. Applications may be submitted at any time.

<https://www.lloydsbankfoundation.org.uk/wefund/>

Robert McAlpine Foundation

Who can apply: Not stated

Range of Grant: Grants: Ideas stage £5,000 - £10,000

Type of Grant: Core running costs, including salaries, equipment, buildings

What is Funded: Gives grants to support small charities situated throughout the UK that fall within specific categories - namely children, youth, the elderly, social and medical research. Application is in writing only.

[**More info on Robert McAlpine Foundation**](#)

Mercers Company

Who can apply: Not for profit

Range of Grant: Grants: £20,000 - £50,000 over two years

Type of Grant: Core running costs, including salaries, equipment, buildings

What is Funded:

- Young People and Education
- Older People and Housing
- Church and Communities

[**https://www.mercers.co.uk**](https://www.mercers.co.uk)

The Newby Trust

Who can apply: Registered charities and organisations applying on behalf of an individual

Range of Grant: £2,000 - £10,000

Type of Grant: Core running costs and project costs

What is Funded:

The Newby Trust is a charitable trust which makes grants to registered charities and to organisations for use on behalf of individuals in need. The principal purpose of the Trust is to enable people in the UK to improve their quality of life and fulfil their potential by providing funding for educational opportunities, health and social welfare.

[More info on The Newby Trust](#)

Partnerships (Big Lottery)

Who can apply: Not for profits. England only.

Range of Grant: over £10,000 for up to 5 years

Type of Grant: Project costs, core costs, organisational development and capital purchases,

What is Funded:

Partnerships funding is specifically designed to support leadership and increase collaborative working.

Through our partnerships funding, we make grants 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. We call this generous leadership.

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

We're really interested in hearing your ideas. Whether they're big or small, tell us what you think will improve your community.

What kind of partnerships?

“Partnerships funding is specifically designed to support generous leadership and increased collaborative working, which starts with shared goals and values between different organisations and an understanding of the bigger picture.

We can support you to develop and grow existing partnerships and also to encourage new types of partnership which build on your different skills and strengths.

Our funding can support many different types of partnership, including:

- cross-sector partnerships
- local place-based collaboration
- local and national organisations working together around a particular theme.

You can contact us if you are interested in setting up a new partnership - or if you already have an established partnership.

Our funding priorities

We support ideas that meet one or more of our three funding priorities.

Show us how you plan to:

- 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.”

[More info on Partnerships](#)

Paul Hamlyn Foundation

Who can apply: Not for profits

Range of Grant: Grants from £1000 to £400,000

Type of Grant: Core running costs, including salaries, project activities

What is Funded:

Their mission is to help people overcome disadvantage and lack of opportunity, so that they can realise their potential and enjoy fulfilling and creative lives, they have a particular interest in supporting young people and a strong belief in the importance of the arts. They have several programmes, we have detailed a variety of them here.

Breakthrough Fund

We identify individual grantees at a clear moment of potential breakthrough, through confidential nomination leading to a competitive application process, and then offer engaged and flexible multi-year backing. Support is paid to the organisation or company through which they pursue their Breakthrough plans

Awards for Artists

Supports individuals at a timely moment in their careers, giving them the freedom to develop their creative ideas and contributing to their personal and professional growth. The awards are made every year and come with no strings attached – artists are free to use the money in whichever way they decide. Ten awards of £60,000 each are made annually, five to visual artists and five to composers.

The Youth Fund

The Youth Fund supports 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. The Fund supports organisations which work with young people experiencing disadvantage in a way that recognises and builds on their strengths and potential – we refer to this as an [asset-based approach](#). Such approaches can include ‘strengths-based’, ‘advantaged thinking’, or ‘asset-based community development’ practices.

Organisations may be planning to grow their impact by:

- Replicating a programme or service
- Widening the reach of an idea or innovation
- Spreading a technology or skill
- Advancing policy or enhancing its implementation
- Influencing attitudes

Explore and Test

Who can apply: Not for profits

Range of Grant: Grants: up to £60,000 over two years

Type of Grant: Core running costs (up to 20%), including salaries

What is Funded:

Support for organisations to test, pilot and evaluate new approaches, or, if it’s something you have been working on for a while, to gather evidence about its potential for making a difference. Explore and Test grants are designed to help organisations decide whether this work has promise and, if it has, to help them decide what to do next. These grants are likely to be for small-scale projects, from which you will learn about the effectiveness of the processes and ways of working that you use and the likely outcomes for the people you work with.

[Apply to Explore and Test](#)

Ideas and Pioneers fund

Who can apply: Not for profits, partnerships, individuals

Range of Grant: up to £10,000 or £15,000 in some circumstances

Type of Grant: Project costs

What is Funded:

The Ideas and Pioneers Fund supports people with unusual or radical ideas to improve the life chances and opportunities of people in the UK. Grants of up to £10,000 (and up to £15,000 in exceptional circumstances) are available to individuals, partnerships or small organisations. There is a range of previously funded organisations on their website, this will promote understanding of what they like to fund, and help stimulate ideas.

[Apply to Ideas and Pioneers](#)

More and Better

Who can apply: Not for profits

Range of Grant: up to £400,000 over up to 4 years

Type of Grant: Core running costs, including salaries, project costs, monitoring and evaluation activity

What is Funded:

More and better grants are for activities and programmes which have been successfully piloted or are already established and where there is good initial evidence to show why the work is promising and has a positive impact. A key feature of successful More and Better applications is their evidence base of promising practice that could be more widely shared across the sector. These may include applications from previous Explore and Test grantees.

In addition to specified priorities, they are interested in:

- Supporting strong partnerships and collaborations
- Delivering benefits beyond the individual organisations they support. For larger grants (£250,000+), will want to see specific plans to achieve this (e.g. through sharing learning with others in the same field/community, influencing policy and practice, etc)
- Supporting work that will enable organisations to make good progress in building a strong reputation in your sector and – for larger grants – to be leaders in your field of expertise

[Apply to More and Better](#)

Peoples Postcode Trust

Who can apply: Not for profits

Range of Grant: up to £20,000

Type of Grant: Core running costs, including salaries, project costs

What is Funded:

People's Postcode Trust provides project based funding ranging from £500 - £20,000 to organisations within Great Britain.

The current themes of the Trust are: Poverty Prevention, Employability Programmes and Human Rights through combating Discrimination.

There are two funding rounds per year, these will appear on their website in December 2019

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

The Pilgrim Trust

Who can apply: Not for profits

Range of Grant: Not stated see below

Type of Grant: Core running costs, including salaries, project costs

What is Funded:

We cannot find a grant range, the two largest grants we found in their annual report for social welfare were £55,702 & £46,519

SOCIAL WELFARE A: To improve the life chances of vulnerable women and girls, supporting early interventions that address their needs before their life chances are irredeemably damaged. Trustees are interested in projects that give women and girls greater opportunities and greater control over their lives. These projects will take an early action approach to addressing the social inequalities women and girls face. Trustees welcome applications from organisations who have demonstrable experience and expertise in working with women and/or girls who face two or more disadvantages;

B: Proposals for small research projects that meet the Trust's priority themes and that provide tangible outputs in either policy or practical terms will also be accepted. Projects that link to our priorities are particularly welcome.

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

Porticus

Who can apply: Registered Charities, CIC's

Range of Grant: Majority of grants are between £10,000 and £25,000

Type of Grant: Core running costs, including salaries, project costs

What is Funded:

The Porticus UK Grant scheme is aimed at projects which support disadvantage and marginalised people, particularly in the areas of; strengthening family relationships; enriching education; church renewal; and ethics in practice. Porticus values are based in the Catholic faith, however, they welcome applications from all organisations, whether or not they have a faith basis. The charity not only provides financial assistance for projects, it is also willing to fund the development of policy, advocacy work and research.

<https://uk.porticus.com/en/hom>

Power to Change

Who can apply: Not for profits

Range of Grant: up to £300,000

Type of Grant: Core running costs, including salaries, project costs, capacity building

What is Funded:

Power to Change supports people to start and grow community businesses to revive local assets, protect the services people rely on, and address local needs. Community businesses must:

- Be locally rooted
- Be accountable to the local community
- Be trading for the benefit of the local community
- Have a broad community impact

They have several avenues for funding depending on what stage of development the community business is at.

For Start-up grants and support or access to capital grant, community shares, match funding and loans please use the hyper links below:

[Community Business Bright Ideas](#) [Community Business Crowdfunder](#) [Health and Social Care](#)
[Community Business Bright Ideas](#) [Community Business Crowdfunder](#) [Health and Social Care](#)
[Next Generation Community Energy Programme](#) [CORE Partners](#) [Community Business Trade Up](#)
[Community Business Fund](#) [Blended Funding](#) [Community Shares Booster Programme](#) [More than a Pub](#)
[Homes in Community Hands](#) [Empowering places](#) [Innovation and infrastructure](#)

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

Rayne Foundation

Who can apply: Charitable, Not for profits

Range of Grant: £10,000 - £20,000 per year for 3 years

Type of Grant: Core running costs, including salaries, project costs, capital purchases, small scale refurbishment, organisational development

Average Grant Size: As above

They look for creative ways of tackling entrenched social issues through the arts, health, wellbeing, and education. They support projects that can be replicated and led by people with vision. They particularly welcome applications addressing the three areas of special interest below, within our broader criteria. Young people's mental health, art as a tool to achieve social change, improved quality of life for carers and for older people.

<https://www.raynefoundation.org.uk/grants/uk/apply/guidelines>

Reaching Communities (Big Lottery Fund)

Who can apply: Not for profits, England only.

Range of Grant: £10,000 upwards for up to 5 years.

Type of Grant: Core running costs, including salaries, project costs, capital purchases, small scale refurbishment, organisational development
Average Grant Size: £350,000

Although it is around a 17% success rate at stage 1, there is still a reasonable chance of securing this funding. Many will apply who have not applied before, some will apply even though it may not be a good fit with their activities. Properly researched and prepared there is every reason to apply for this fund.

What is Funded:

They base their teams in areas across the country; these are to work with community organisations to help them develop applications. The current process is to submit a response to six questions they ask:

1. What you want to do and why?
2. What difference do you think your idea will make?
3. How are people and communities involved with your project?
4. What is the background of your organisation?
5. How much money do you need from us and for how long?
6. How does your idea fit in with other local activities?

This is typically up to 4 - 6 sides of A4, this will result in a few further questions so they have a full picture. They then evaluate it this at a staff panel, there may be further questions. The staff panel will determine whether it is rejected or sent to the regional assessment panel. The regional assessment panel will then reject the application or invite the organisation to a stage two application. This is a rigorous and demanding, they will however discuss your second stage application when you have submitted it, for potential, helpful, further revision. There will still be far more applicants than funds available, they currently state that there is less than a 20% chance of success at stage 1 and a much higher chance at stage 2 (believed to be around 60% - 70%).

Funding Priorities:

- 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.

Reaching Communities funds projects that help people and communities who are most in need. This may be as a result of:

- the problems they have – for example, those who need emergency advice and support, or people with problems such as long-term poor mental health or long-term unemployment
- the situations they face – for example, people who are discriminated against, those who are socially isolated and lacking family support, or those who have a difficult life at home
- the barriers they face – for example, people who become isolated from their community because they lack self-confidence or have a serious illness or disability
- where they live – for example, those living in a disadvantaged area.

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

Mrs Smith and Mount Trust

Who can apply: Registered Charities

Range of Grant: Up to £20,000 over two years

Type of Grant: Not stated

What is Funded:

These are two funds combined into one process, they have differing deadline dates. Grants for the Mount Fund are available to registered charities whose beneficiaries are in: Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire, Essex, Kent, Surrey and London

It does not state any geographical preference for the Mrs Smith Fund.

Mount Fund provides funding for the following priority areas:

- Mental health
- Learning disability
- Homelessness
- Health in the community

Support from the **Mrs Smith Fund** should be used towards the purchase of household furnishings and equipment and baby equipment and clothing. This is for individual, leaving care, long stay hospital accommodation; after residential care e.g. the mentally ill, elderly or disabled people or; those who have had to give up their home and were unable to pay furniture storage fees, Individuals who have lost the contents of their homes through fire, theft, flood, or vandalism, Individuals who have had to be rehoused due to circumstance beyond their control e.g. harassment; disablement or ill health; deterioration of property i.e. damp.

<https://mrssmithandmounttrust.org/>

Sport England Community Asset Fund

Who can apply: They welcome applications from all organisations other than profit-making entities

Range of Grant: £1,000 - £150,000

Type of Grant: Core running costs including salaries (though NOT solely core/running costs), project costs, capital

What is Funded:

The Community Asset Fund is a programme dedicated to enhancing the spaces in your local community that give people the opportunity to be active. There are a number of things they want to achieve with this funding, but most importantly they want to help local organisations to create quality and financially sustainable facilities that benefit their community for years to come – which may mean providing help to get things up and running too.

The stated aims of this funding are to:

- Improve and protect existing sports facilities that support the needs of local communities
- Invest in new and different places that meet the needs of local communities, which include our target audiences
- Ensure our capital investment reaches organisations who have not accessed our funding before
- Create a more resilient, sustainable, less grant dependent sport sector

They will not support football-only applications, fund children's playgrounds and play equipment, or provide funding for routine wear-and-tear.

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

Sport England Small Grants Fund

Who can apply: Not for profits

Range of Grant: £300 - £10,000

Type of Grant: Including salaries, project costs, you will have to prove these are additional to normal salaries/costs – project related only

What is Funded:

They want to fund eligible organisations that get more people engaged in sport and meet one or more of the aims in their strategy, which are to:

- Get inactive people to become more active
- Develop lasting sporting habits
- Engender more positive attitudes among young people
- Develop more diverse volunteers
- Improve progression and inclusion in talent development
- Projects working with mixed age groups may still be considered if there is a focus on people aged 14 and over

They will fund the sports they recognise, they do not recognise: Camogie, Gaelic Football, Hurling.

There are other funds, these are only available to the likes of Local Authorities and those who organise major events.

<https://www.sportengland.org/funding/small-grants/>

Triangle Trust

Who can apply: Not for profits

Range of Grant: Up to £80,000 over 3 years

Type of Grant: Core running costs

What is Funded

Rehabilitation of offenders or ex offenders , support the isolated and vulnerable, particularly the elderly, organisational development and sustainability providing you are delivering to the target groups stated.

<http://www.triangletrust.org.uk/apply-funding>

Trusthouse Charitable Foundation

Who can apply: Charitable organisations (including CICs, social enterprises, not-for-profit registered companies and voluntary organisations)

Small Grants

Range of Grant: Between £2000 and £60,000

Type of Grant: General costs including core costs, salaries, projects costs, overheads, one-off capital costs for new buildings, repairs and improvements, purchase of equipment.

Major Capital Grants

Grants of over £10,000 and up to £60,000 for one-off capital costs only. Total cost of the project must be for less than £1m in total. Buildings must be owned by applicant or leased for a minimum of 5 years

Major Revenue Grants

Grants of over £7,500 and up to £20,000 a year for up to 3 years

Village Halls and Community Centres

Capital grants between £1,000 and £50,000 for new builds, repairs, improvements or extensions. Decisions are made quarterly

They fund four main areas, these are:

- Rural issues
- Urban Deprivation
- Community Support
- Arts, Education and Heritage

[Apply to Trusthouse Charitable Foundation](#)

Trust for London

Who can apply: Not for profits

Range of Grant: Up to £150,000 – average value £25,000

Type of Grant: Including salaries, core costs, project costs, small capital items

What is funded: Projects which promote the following:

- Good Homes and Neighbourhoods
- Better Work
- Decent Living Standards
- Shared Wealth
- Pathways to Settlement
- Stronger Voices
- Connected Communities

[Apply to Trust for London](#)

Tudor Trust

Who can apply: They make grants to groups operating under a range of legal structures including registered charities, unincorporated associations, community interest companies and industrial and provident societies (Bencoms).

Range of Grant: There is no maximum or minimum grant, though in practice it is unusual for them to make a grant of less than £10,000. They do fund multi year grants

Type of Grant: Core costs, including salaries, overheads and day-to-day running costs, unrestricted funds, project grants, capital grants for buildings or equipment, organisational development.

What is funded: They do not provide criteria of what activities they fund, they are interested in your organisation as a whole. They first of all look for:

- Organisations that display Positive Organisational Characteristics
- Make a Difference
- Address Marginalisation

There is no requirement (unless you wish to), to state the amount of money you are seeking or the post. They will assess your two sides of A4 application within a month and then decline the proposal, or will talk you to you about developing your idea.

[More info on Tudor Trust](#)

William A. Cadbury Trust

Who Can Apply: Charities: Voluntary Organisations

Range of Grant: Generally, in the region of £10,000 to £20,000

Type of Grant: Project and core costs

What is Funded:

- In Birmingham and West Midlands – Community action; vulnerable groups; advice, mediation and counselling; education and training; environment and conservation; medical and healthcare; the arts; and penal affairs.
- Elsewhere in the UK all applications must have a strong connection to the Quakers and support the work of the Religious Society of Friends
- Projects based in Ireland need to be themed around peace and reconciliation

Improving Your Chances of Success!

“Trust (charitable trusts) fundraising is a great equaliser: your success depends on the quality of what you do and how you do it, rather than, mass mailings, large events or high-profile brand partnerships” – *the directory of grant making trusts*.

The current funding climate is very competitive, reductions in funding to Local Authorities has led them to subsequently reduce the grants they are able to offer. This has then led to greater pressure on Trust and Foundations and others such as the The National Community Lottery Fund, e.g. the Tudor Trust and others state they can only fund 1 in 10 applications.

So, how do you plan for the best chance of success? **Yes, you should plan!**

Some considerations...

Are you writing the application when you have an hour or two to spare here or there, every so often?

Do you have, and are you prepared to commit the time it takes to research and find the best match for your funding requirements

Your organisation and its activities may be amazing, does it show in the funding application. Do you have the skills and experience to make a compelling case for funding?

Is this part of a well thought funding strategy which is part of a business plan?

Here are some **key** points:

- Allow time to find funds in advance of your needs
- Know your subject, who else provides similar services, can you work collaboratively, why is it needed, what evidence do you have
- Prepare a realistic budget, you will need to justify it if a funder is interested
- Research carefully, look for a funder who matches your requirements most closely
- Read their case studies, they will have chosen the ones which exemplify what they want to fund

- Don't ask for the maximum amount unless you can justify it, the average grant size they state means there are organisations that have been offered less, why should they offer you more?
- Ensure accounts, returns to Companies House & the Charity Commission are up to date
- Ensure what you are requesting is reflected in your annual report.
- When it's complete, ask someone else to read it, the application should make sense to someone who doesn't understand funding, also have your punctuation and spelling checked!!
- Do not use abbreviations, no matter how obvious you think they are
- Do not put "refer to section x", never make a funder search for information
- When completing a question with a large word count, use line breaks and subtitles
- Be specific, avoid statements such as "a significant number of people were involved" that could be from two or three, to hundreds. "We expect to start this service shortly", how soon is shortly?
- If you need guidance or advice, give them a ring, particularly if you are unsure regarding your eligibility. They won't help you write your bid, they will help clarify what they require and what the questions mean.

Having a strategic/business plan will help you identify your future programmes, what activities do you want to provide, how much funding do you require, when do you require it. This will help you in your identification of appropriate funders.

Always remember funders believe they are not just giving you funding, they are **investing** in the long term future of your organisation. Look at it from their perspective and think what you would like to see if you were in their position.

Here are some of the things they will consider:

- What is your financial position, they will look at your accounts
- Are your statutory returns up to date, if your Companies House or Charities Commission is overdue some funders will not fund you
- Is the funding you are requesting detailed in the future activities in your annual report, they will look at this
- Is your website up to date, they will look at it and make a judgement of you, an out of date website will create a bad impression
- Are you a registered charity or a not for profit limited company, many funders will require this status
- Do you have quality assured systems e.g. PQASSO or investors in people
- Is this application part of a business plan or strategy?
- Is the bid well researched, can you accurately say why the activities are needed, facts and figures, local examples
- Is the requested amount realistic, many funders limit what they will fund relating to your turnover it is not uncommon for them to restrict funds to 50% of your turnover
- Do you work with partners and have links with local agencies
- What will happen when the funding has finished, funders do not want to invest money in an activity that will disappear when the money has been spent

- Are you an open and accessible organisation, e.g. Awards for all will not fund any organisation if, to become a member someone has to be seconded by another member
- Is it good value, they know the cost of staff, equipment etc, you have to be able to justify your budget
- Are you applying for the maximum amount they offer, bear in mind the excellent value other organisations will offer

Funding Competitions

A number of funders offer funding through a competition between organisations seeking funds, this involves asking others to vote for your activity. The larger organisations who have more staff will be able to dedicate staff time and marketing expertise, if they have large networks and numerous partners they will utilise these. It is also worth considering who the competitors are and if they have obvious public appeal. If you decide to enter one of these competitions you must be prepared to dedicate your staff to garnering votes, you must decide what the odds are on winning and how much this distracts you from your day to day activity.

Below is a statement from the Henry Smith Charitable Foundation, one of the largest funders in Britain. These are real life examples of things to avoid.

“Why we turn down applications

Each year we receive over 1,500 applications to our larger grant programmes.

Around one in five (20%) applications are successful and go on to receive a grant.

Listed below are the main reasons applications were unsuccessful in 2016. Please note this list is not exhaustive and some applications will have been turned down for multiple reasons.

To increase your organisation’s chances of success you need to make sure that you cover all the following areas:

Can you provide evidence of the difference your service is making?

We turned down 658 applications (55%) because they didn’t provide evidence that their service is making a difference to the lives of the people they are supporting. Many applications provided only unsubstantiated or anecdotal information about the outcomes of their work, some provided no outcomes information at all, and others only case studies without any data to back up their claims about impact.

We are looking for work that is tried and tested. Your application should demonstrate that your organisation has experience delivering the work you are asking us to fund, and provide outcomes from that work. Alternatively, if your organisation hasn’t delivered the work before, it must have been delivered effectively elsewhere and you need to provide outcomes evidence to demonstrate that, as well as telling us how your organisation has the ability and capacity which makes it best placed to deliver the work.

We need to see that the work you have done before has been effective in making a difference to the people you help. Your application should ideally be able to provide a range of hard and soft outcomes including some quantified data, to evidence the difference your work is making.

We need to see that organisations value learning about their impact and sharing that data. Your application should show us how you monitor and evaluate to collect and collate outcomes information. Monitoring and evaluation tools might include: Warwick Edinburgh Mental Health Wellbeing, MESH (for Home-Starts), Outcomes Star or SDQ. Please note this list is an example and we are happy for you to tell us which tools you use and why.

Have you clearly described the work you are asking us to fund?

We turned down 278 applications (20%) because it was not clear what services we were being asked to support.

In the application we ask you to describe the work you are asking us to fund. We are looking to understand:

The type of service(s) provided (e.g. information, advice, training, and advocacy)

Who delivers the service(s) (e.g. youth worker, advocate, counsellor or volunteer)

The average length of time you work with individuals (e.g. 6 weeks, 6 months, a year) and the duration of each session (e.g. 2 hours)

The frequency of contact (e.g. daily, weekly, monthly)

Where the service is delivered (e.g. care home, refuge, community centre)

How the services are provided (e.g. group based, one to one)

Do all of your organisation's activities fit our priority areas?

We turned down 292 applications (24%) either because the activities they were delivering did not fit with our priority areas or because they were requesting a running costs grant but were delivering some ineligible activities.

Please ensure you carefully read the full guidelines for the grant programme you plan to apply to before spending time completing an application, so that you understand what we can and cannot support. You are welcome to call us for advice if you have any queries.

If you are applying for a running costs grant you need to ensure all the activities your organisation delivers fit within our guidelines. For example, if your organisation's activities include research, campaigning or lobbying then we will only be able to consider applications towards a specific project, not your whole organisation's running costs.

Can you demonstrate financial need?

We turned down 179 applications (15%) because they did not demonstrate financial need.

We do not support organisations with reserves (net current assets plus investments) covering more than 12 months' expenditure."

Funding and Finance for Larger Organisations

It is difficult to define what a larger organisation is, numerous funders seem to refer to over a £1m turnover as being a larger organisation, some organisations below this figure may fit this criteria in other funders views. Being a larger organisation brings benefits in economies of scale, you may have accredited systems, well developed networks with Local Authorities and agencies. If you are delivering regular services then it is likely to bring in regular income, this however is unlikely to cover all your core costs, how do you fill this gap?

Many funders will only offer funding if you have less than twelve months reserves, this can be alleviated if you have funds designated for special projects, restricted funding etc. They also will only fund the same organisation for so many years, they expect larger organisations to develop their own independent income streams. This could be through tendering for contracts, or setting up a social enterprise. This means setting up an activity where services are paid for and a surplus is made, the surplus is then used to part or wholly fund the charity. It is possible to secure funding for the start up for a social enterprise, and even running costs. If a Charity is "trading for primary purpose", i.e. a young people's project sets up a cafe and then offers training places in the cafe, this allows you to exceed the amount a charity can earn.

Funders are increasingly asking how you are going to generate income to keep the activity going, there is no easy or quick solution. Just to keep submitting funding bids year after year is not a solution. Finding the right enterprise, planning and developing it, funding and financing it can take many years before it makes a significant contribution to the organisation. It may be a blend of funding and finance for the first few years, some funders such as: The Esmée Fairbairn, Tudor Trust and The Henry Smith Charitable Foundation all offer loans as well as funding.

There are also CDFI's – Community Development Finance Institution, they operate to service the finance needs of the Third Sector. They usually offer patient finance, it is not uncommon for part of the amount financed to be offered as a loan and part grant.

We have worked with Supporting Locally to assist one of our members this year to secure an unsecured loan of £95,000 from Big Issue Invest, a CDFI. This has purely been to solve the issue of an interruption to cash flow, a detailed business plan and financial forecasts were required to prove the ability to pay back the loan. A grant of over £15,000 was also secured to pay for the work required for the development of the application, an additional £5,000 grant was secured with the development funding. The organisation is now not only operating normally, but has a well developed business plan to exploit potential opportunities.

Some examples of CDFI's are.

Big Issue Invest <https://bigissueinvest.com/>

The Key Fund - <https://thekeyfund.co.uk>

Charity Bank - <https://charitybank.org>

Responsible finance is the new name for the Community Development Finance Association. They aim to provide access to people and businesses that are often excluded, they aim to “build hope, create opportunity and change lives. <http://responsiblefinance.org.uk>