

Monthly Funding Information February 2023

This document includes information about current grants and funding opportunities primarily for Voluntary & Community Sector Groups and Organisations, Charities and Social Enterprises. Where the Grant title includes an asterisk (*), Local Authorities and other partner organisations may also be eligible to apply for the funding.

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Funding for projects which support Adults

[Veterans' Foundation](#) - NEW GRANT

Summary

The aim of the grant is to help charities and other organisations that support serving and former members of the British Armed Forces, and sometimes their dependants, who are in need.

A potential, qualified beneficiary "in need" is one or all of the following:

- At a disadvantage compared with non-armed forces citizens due to their service.
- Someone who is suffering from challenges such as the following: unemployment, homelessness, mental and physical ill-health, injuries, poor welfare, old age, a child's loss of parent, addiction and lack of education.
- Grants should bring benefit to beneficiaries collectively and/or individually; they provide a hand up, not a handout.

Key Criteria

- Match funding may be required from start-up organisations that are applying for a grant.
- Priority is given to charities and organisations who can demonstrate that they are directly involved in the provision of support to those in need, as well as well-run organisations of low to medium wealth.

Amounts available:

Up to £30,000 (which could be spread over three years)

Up to £40,000 for the exclusive use on salaries (which could be spread over two years)

Grant deadlines: 6th February 2023, 24th April 2023

[Pink Ribbon Foundation](#)

Summary

Grants are available to breast cancer charities in the UK that assist people affected by breast cancer and organisations that work on breast cancer research, prevention, early detection and treatment.

The Foundation will consider applications from general cancer charities if any grant made will be used to benefit at least 50% of patients that suffer from Breast Cancer or for research into, or the dissemination of information about, breast cancer.

Key Criteria

Social enterprises and Community Interest Companies can also apply if they are legally constituted and their proposed project is clearly for public benefit.

Amounts available: Max £6,000

Grant deadlines: 26th May 2023

DWP- Reducing Parental Conflict Challenge Fund 2 *- NEW GRANT

Summary

The key objective of the grant is to produce products or resources which can be utilised by local areas to support a greater number of families at risk of parental conflict, including through digital support offers.

Initiatives should generate evidence in the following two strands:

- Universal Digital Support for Families (Digital Support)
- Support for a diverse range of families who may have additional stressors for conflict (Supporting Diverse Families)

Key Criteria

- Digital Support applicants must be based within the United Kingdom
- For the Support for Disadvantaged Families strand, applicants and activity must be based in England.
- Organisations can apply to each of the two Challenge Fund strands. Initiatives must be distinct and applicants should complete a separate application to each strand of the Fund.
- DWP will not fund activity which is already taking place unless there is a strong case for doing so.

Amounts available: The minimum spend per initiative is £150,000

Grant deadlines: Eligibility checks will be accepted until 8th February 2023

Funding for projects which support Children and Young People

[Country & Land Association \(CLA\) Charitable Trust](#)

Summary

Grants are available for organisations in England and Wales to provide facilities for the disabled to take part in country sports and recreation, and training in agriculture and horticulture. The funding is intended to support projects that focus on the CLA's three main aims:

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

Key Criteria

Applicants must:

- Have a current safeguarding policy
- Not have received a grant from CLACT in the previous three years
- Applications are particularly welcomed for projects for children and young people, disadvantaged financially, physically, mentally, or from areas of deprivation.

Amounts available: Discretionary - average grant £2,500

Grant deadlines: 6th February 2023

[Institute of Physics \(IOP\) - Public Engagement Grant Scheme - NEW GRANT](#)

Summary

The Institute of Physics (IOP) provides funding for projects that improve people's relationship with physics in their family or community groups. In 2023, the funding will focus on physics engagement projects that align with IOP's Limit Less campaign, which aims to encourage young people currently underrepresented in the physics community to carry on doing physics post 16. Projects should prioritise supporting families with young people under the age of 16 that identify with one or more of the following groups:

- Girls and young women
- Disabled young people
- LGBT+ young people
- Young people from disadvantaged backgrounds
- Black Caribbean young people.

Key Criteria

- Projects should start before 2nd October 2023 and completed by 22nd December 2023
- Present physics content in a clear and accurate way.
- Applicants should contact IOP for any restrictions.

Amounts Available: Between £500 and £5,000

Grant deadlines: 27th February 2023

Ogden Trust – Physics Education Grants - NEW GRANT

Summary

Grants are provided to support new or existing projects and activities that improve the teaching and learning of physics by educational establishments and charities in England. Part-funding may be considered for general science projects where there is a clear physics component.

Key Criteria

- Applications should fit with the Trust's strategy and target priority audiences
- The grant scheme does not cover the cost of purchasing IT equipment
- There is one round of funding each term.

Amounts available: Max £5,000

Grant deadlines: 26th March 2023

Family Action – National School Breakfast Programme

Summary

The programme will provide schools with up to three years of support to run a successful and affordable school breakfast provision. As well as providing funding support, the programme will offer:

- Good practice sharing opportunities, resources and the opportunity to learn from a national network of schools
- The opportunity to enhance parental engagement on healthy eating and the importance of having a nutritious breakfast each morning
- A knowledgeable school support team will be on hand to provide remote advice and support.

Key Criteria

- Schools in disadvantaged areas will be eligible for the programme if they have 40% or more pupils in bands A-F of the income deprivation affecting children index (IDACI).
- Schools will need to pay 25% of the cost of the breakfast club provision (food and delivery costs)
- Schools currently receiving support for their breakfast provision from Magic Breakfast, or Gregg's will not qualify for the Programme.

Amounts available: Amounts not disclosed, but the scheme will cover 75% of the costs of the breakfast club provision until the programme ends in July 2024.

Grant deadlines: Open – expression of interest form needs to be submitted

HM Govt. – Senior Mental Health Lead Training *

Summary

Grants are for eligible state-funded schools and colleges to train a senior mental health lead to develop and implement a whole school or college approach to mental health and wellbeing.

Key Criteria

- All state-funded education settings that are in receipt of ESFA pre-16 revenue, high needs block, or 16 to 19 programme funding are eligible for the grant.
- Schools and colleges that claimed a grant in the 2021 to 2022 financial year are not eligible to apply for another grant.
- The training needs to be within the 2022 to 2023 financial year, up to 31 March 2023.

Amounts available: Max £1,200

Grant deadlines: Open

Funding for projects which support broader community outcomes

[Asda Foundation – Cost of Living Grant](#)

Summary

The aim of the grant is to help local community groups cope with the increase in their running costs between September 2022 and February 2023. This includes 'warm banks' where groups are planning to keep their facilities open for longer hours to provide local people with a warm, safe place to be rather than heating their homes or living in a cold property.

The priorities for funding are:

- Rent and utility bills.
- Food costs, such as community cafes, food parcels, delivered meals and soup kitchens

Key Criteria

To be eligible, applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

- They must have a presence in and benefit the local community.
- Their end beneficiaries must be community groups of people.
- There is no minimum timescale for how long the group has been in existence.
- Activities need to take place before 28th February 2023

Amounts available: Between £500 and £2,000

Grant deadlines: Open until the budget cap is reached (estimated to be February 2023)

[VocTech - Activate](#)

Summary

Grants are available for UK organisations across all sectors to fund the development of new ideas that use digital tools and approaches to transform how people in the UK gain skills for work.

Projects that are at a relatively early stage will be funded. The aim is to help prototype ideas and work out the next steps necessary on their route to long-term success.

Key Criteria

- The grant opens on 11th January 2023
- Potential applicants are encouraged to attend a grant workshop before applying to the fund. There are several dates available in January and February 2023

Amounts available: Between £30,000 and £60,000

Grant deadlines: 8th February 2023

National Energy Action - Smart Energy GB Communities Fund *- NEW GRANT

Summary

The funding is available to organisations that can help engage people and communities across Britain with information about how to get and use smart meters. It is especially aimed at projects that can reach those who may face barriers to getting a smart meter.

In 2023, there are three funding streams, each targeting a specific audience:

- Grants for organisations reaching people who are in fuel poverty.
- Grants for organisations reaching people who are lacking basic digital skills.
- Grants for organisations reaching people who are carers.

Key Criteria

Applications will be considered from regionally based organisations preferably with local networks that can deliver support to people in one of the target groups

Housing associations and local authorities are eligible to apply

Amounts available:

- Grants for organisations reaching people who are in fuel poverty: £15,000 to £25,000
- Grants for organisations reaching people who are lacking basic digital skills: £10,000 to £15,000
- Grants for organisations reaching people who are carers: £7,000 to £10,000.

Grant deadlines: 10th February 2023

Sustain - Food for The Planet Grants *- NEW GRANT

Summary

Grants are available for Sustainable Food Partnerships, local authorities and community and campaign groups to support communities to make food in their area better for people and the planet.

Key Criteria

Projects should be completed by end of February 2024

Amounts available: Max £5,000

Grant deadlines: 10th February 2023

Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust – Grassroots Movement Fund

Summary

The programme is intended to provide funding, infrastructure and access to resources and networks to support the sustainability of work taking place within grassroots social justice movements.

Although the programme is unable to fund core costs (e.g., salaries, office rent) for most organisations which are not registered charities, they will include an appropriate amount to cover day-to-day running costs.

Key Criteria

Applying organisations must:

- Be based in the UK with work primarily focused in the UK
- Have systems for making decisions and managing money
- Be not-for-profit organisation (this can include informal groups and collectives).
- Demonstrate they are part of a grassroots movement
- Demonstrate they are working towards transformative change.

Amounts available: Grants between £10,000 and £70,000 for up to 2 years

Grant deadlines: 19th February 2023

National Lottery – Grants for Heritage *

Summary

Grants to support the heritage sector to strengthen its recovery from the coronavirus (COVID-19) in the medium term and to build back for positive change across the UK's heritage.

The funding will continue to support a broad range of heritage projects and activities, such as industrial sites, castles and historic places of worship, to the stories and memories of communities, and through to public parks, natural landscapes and native wildlife.

Key Criteria

- Applicants must contribute at least 5% of project costs for grants up to £1 million and at least 10% for grants of £1 million or more.
- Projects must promote inclusion and involve a wider range of people.
- Projects will need to demonstrate that they are building long-term environmental sustainability into their plans.

Amounts available:

- Grants from £3,000 to £10,000
- Grants from £10,000 to £250,000
- Grants from £250,000 to £5 million

Grant deadlines: For applications over £250,000 the closing date is 23rd February 2023. There are no deadlines for applications under £250,000.

[Leicestershire & Rutland Community Foundation – Reaching People Environmental Fund](#)

Summary

Grants are available to community organisations delivering local environmental activities. Activities or projects need to meet one of the following environmental themes:

- Reduce pollution
- Support wildlife
- Increase recycling and the reuse of materials
- Protect habitats and green spaces
- Raise environmental awareness and understanding

Key Criteria

- Applying organisations must not have an annual income exceeding £1 million
- Funded projects should ideally begin June 2023 and must be completed by June 2024
- Activities can take place in Leicester, Leicestershire or Rutland

Amounts available: Max £5,000

Grant deadlines: 23rd February 2023

[Leicestershire County Council - SHIRE Environment Grant](#)

Summary

Supports new and innovative projects that will meet one or more of the grant scheme outcomes:

- To reduce the amount of household waste produced in Leicestershire
- To reduce the amount of greenhouse gas emissions within communities
- To improve biodiversity and support the creation, protection, enhancement and management of sustainable green spaces
- To raise awareness and understanding on the above outcomes as well as providing necessary training and skills to manage and support projects.

Key Criteria

- The main beneficiaries must be residents of Leicestershire, excluding Leicester City and Rutland
- All relevant permissions and consents necessary to enable the project to go ahead must have been obtained from the relevant authorities before a grant can be offered.
- There are other specific criteria for community building and biodiversity related initiatives

Amounts available: Max £3,000

Grant deadlines: Round 3 closes 24th February 2023

Civic Power Fund – Community Action Fund

Summary

Funding is intended to support community organisers who are tackling injustice and inclusion in their communities. Priority will be given to organisations led by people with lived experience of the injustice they are trying to overcome.

All successful applicants will be offered support beyond funding. This will include the Civic Power Fund Governance Hub and optional, bespoke cohort and capacity building opportunities.

Key Criteria

Applying organisations must:

- Have a turnover of under £250,000
- Be addressing injustice by building the power of their community. For example, through community organising, campaigning, or democratic engagement.
- Be lacking the resources to take their vision to the next level.
- Be seeking to build connection and resist the politics of division.

Amounts available: Between £2,500 and £20,000

Grant deadlines: 26th February 2023 (submission of a short eligibility questionnaire)

Crowdfunder – Co-op Warm Spaces Funding Boost

Summary

The fund is available for local organisations who are supporting their communities through rising costs this winter, by bringing people together into warm spaces.

Each donation is matched up to a maximum of £250 per donation.

The grant can be used to:

- Maintain vital existing services in the face of rising energy costs
- Make the community space that you operate from more welcoming
- Increase opening times or extend services

Key Criteria

- Applicants must have a crowdfunding project to apply for funding.
- The crowdfunding campaign should be run this winter and delivered by 31st March 2023
- Only one donation per supporter will be matched (it will not provide match funding where a supporter is deemed to have made multiple donations).

Amounts available: Max £3,000

Grant deadlines: 28th February 2023

Masonic Charitable Foundation Hospice Grants – Poverty and Deprivation

Summary

The scheme is available for adult and children's hospices to support the provision of palliative and end of life care to people with low socioeconomic status in England and Wales. Projects should create a sustainable change in hospice care. Please note a maximum of 10 grants will be awarded.

Key Criteria

- Applications will be considered from full member adult hospices and children's hospices that are based in England, Wales, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man.
- Hospices awarded a grant in the April 2022 Masonic Charitable Foundation/Hospice UK re-imagining day hospice services programme are not eligible to apply in this round.
- Only one application can be considered from each hospice

Amounts available: Max £35,000

Grant deadlines: 28th February 2023

Lloyds Bank Foundation – Specialist Programme

Summary

The programme can support small specialist charities tackling complex issues and which are best placed to make a genuine difference to people's lives. The programme provides unrestricted grants and capacity building support.

Key Criteria

- Applying Registered Charities or Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIOs) must have an income of between £25,000 and £500,000 and be working with people over the age of 17 years
- The Programme does not fund one-off support where there is no long-term relationship. For example, helplines, drop-in or signposting services.

Amounts available: Max £75,000 spread over three years

Grant deadlines: Programme closes 3rd March 2023

[Angling Trust - Get Fishing Fund](#) *

Summary

The Get Fishing Fund has been established to support organisations delivering a programme of angling activities throughout 2023. These angling activities should aim to help get more people into fishing and retain them within the sport. The funding can be used to help purchase equipment, fishing tackle and resources to run fishing events and activities.

Key Criteria

- Activity that is delivered as a result of receiving funding must be delivered on freshwater fisheries where angling requires a fishing licence.
- Applications will be judged on a weekly basis and as a result, the funds may be allocated before the deadline.
- The grant will give priority to those projects that have secured match funding. It is not a specific requirement although it will assist applications if applicants are able to secure additional investment into the project.

Amounts available: Max £2,500

Grant deadlines: 5th March 2023

[British Ecological Society – Outreach Grants](#) - **NEW GRANT**

Summary

Grants are available for projects that promote ecological science to a wide audience. Ecology is defined by the BES as the scientific study of the distribution, abundance and dynamics of organisms, their interactions with other organisms and their physical environment.

Projects must meet at least two of the following objectives:

- Increase public understanding of, and engagement with, ecology.
- Stimulate discussion about ecology and its implications for society.
- Inspire and enthuse people of all ages about the science of ecology, especially those not previously interested.
- Develop skills in communicating the science of ecology.

Key Criteria

- Grants will not be awarded for purely nature conservation purposes or any activity that does not promote the science of ecology.
- Applications from museums and schools are welcome but projects must involve significant outreach beyond schools
- Applicants are only able to submit one grant application per round, across all grant schemes.

Amounts available: Max £2,000

Grant deadlines: 15th March 2023

[Hilden Charitable Fund](#)

Summary

There are two funding programmes available:

- Asylum Seekers: For organisations working to provide essential services which help meet the needs of asylum seekers and refugees and support their integration into the wider community.
- Penal Affairs: For work "through the door" where organisations go into prisons with projects and support to help prisoners (especially women) cope and/or maintain family bonds and to be better able to resettle positively when released. Post-release projects which support positive settlement and reduce the risk of re-offending are also welcomed.

Key Criteria

- Both core and project funding is available.
- Applying organisations must have an income of less than £250,000 and hold less than twelve months spending in cash reserves

Amounts available: between £5,000 and £7,000 per year for up to two years

Application deadlines: 26th March 2023

[Church Urban Fund - Refugee Support Small Grants](#) - NEW GRANT

Summary

Grants are available to churches and registered Christian charities to support their outreach work with Ukrainian and Afghan refugees in England. Funding is intended to aid refugees by:

- Providing basic needs such as safe accommodation, clothing, food, mobile phones, baby care items and hygiene items.
- Helping with settlement into life in England via UK life courses, befriending, English language classes, baby and toddler groups, welcome parties and drop-in sessions.
- Providing safe spaces and networks of support.

Key Criteria

- Charities must be recognised members of Churches Together in England.
- Churches must be in good harmony with other Christian churches in their locality.

Amounts available: Between £500 and £5,000

Grant deadlines: Open on a rolling basis until 31st March 2023

BME Youth - Together Fund *

Summary

Grants are available to local not-for-profit groups for the delivery of sports and physical activities to culturally diverse communities, disabled people, lower socioeconomic groups and people with long term health conditions to improve their health and wellbeing.

Grants can be used for costs associated with project delivery including equipment, hire of facilities, coach fees and transport and travel.

Key Criteria

- Applications will be reviewed on a first-come-first-served basis until all of the funding has been allocated.
- Applications from NHS/Local Authority or Leisure Trusts will be considered if it can be demonstrated that this is the best way to engage the relevant communities.

Amounts available: Max £10,000

Grant deadlines: 31st March 2023

East Midlands Railway (EMR) - Community Fund

Summary

The aim of this fund is to continue to support Community Rail Partnerships, Station Adoption Groups and other community organisations including charities, schools and youth organisations. Projects or initiatives should have a significant impact in the communities that EMR serves.

All projects must achieve at least one, or more, in each of DfT's Community Rail Development Strategy Key Pillars:

- Providing a voice for the community
- Promoting sustainable, healthy and accessible travel
- Bringing communities together and supporting diversity and inclusion
- Supporting social and economic development

Key Criteria

Projects must:

- Take place within 15km of an EMR managed station
- Be delivered by 31st March 2023
- Clearly support the aims set out in the Community Rail Partnerships, station adoption group or other organisation plan or strategy for this financial year.

Amounts available: The overall Grant value is £280,000. Within that budget there is no upper limit to anyone application/project.

Grant deadlines: The grant scheme is open for the duration of the 2022-23 financial year, however projects should also be delivered by 31st March at the latest.

North West Leicestershire District Council - King's Coronation Grant - NEW GRANT

Summary

The Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III will take place on Saturday 6th May 2023, with an additional bank holiday on Monday 8th May 2023.

The grant can be used to fund commemorative events such as a tea party, social event, exhibition or any other activity that involves the community and has a coronation celebratory theme and.

Celebration packs are also available for groups that are not constituted but are holding street parties or similar celebrations. These will consist of:

- 50 x environmentally friendly cups, plates and cutlery sets
- 6m (20ft) of paper Union Flag bunting.

Key Criteria

- The grant will be open to parish councils, constituted community groups and schools.
- The celebration packs are only available to groups that are not eligible to apply for the King's Coronation Grant and will be given out on a "first come, first served" basis

Amounts available: £250

Grant deadlines: 6th April 2023

Sport England – Small Grants * - NEW GRANT

Summary

Grants are available to help not-for-profit sports clubs, local authorities and schools in England to carry out local community sports projects and encourage more people to be involved in sport.

Sport England is particularly interested in projects which meet one or more of the following aims of Sport England's 'Towards an Active Nation' strategy:

- Getting inactive people to become more active.
- Developing lasting sporting habits.
- Developing more positive attitudes among young people.

Key Criteria

- To be eligible for funding over £10,000 applicants must meet Tier One of the Code for Sports Governance
- Multiple applications can be submitted, but organisations can only have awards of up to £15,000 in any 12-month period.
- Priority is to support projects working with people living in areas of disadvantage as defined by the Indices of Multiple Deprivation areas 1 to 3.

Amounts available: Between £300 and £15,000

Grant deadlines: 30th June 2023

[National Lottery Awards For All - Major Events Funding](#) * - **NEW GRANT**

Summary

Groups applying to the National Lottery Community Fund's Awards for All programme in England can request funding for the following major events in 2023:

- The Coronation of His Majesty the King on 6th May.
- The Eurovision Song Contest in Liverpool from 9th to 13th May, and the UK's role hosting it on the behalf of Ukraine.
- The 75th Anniversary of Windrush on 22nd June, and the contribution the Windrush generation and their families have made to the UK.

This is in addition to the fund's usual guidance, and all projects must:

- Involve people and communities from the start.
- Build on people's strengths.
- Be connected in their community.

Key Criteria

- The Fund prioritises groups with smaller incomes; due to high demand, organisations that have a large annual income might not be able to get funding.
- Apply at least 12 weeks before you want to start the activities or spend any of the money.

Amounts available: Between £300 and £10,000

Grant deadlines: Open

[HM Govt. - Energy Bills Discount Scheme](#) - **NEW Information**

Summary

From 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024, all eligible non-domestic customers who have a contract with a licensed energy supplier will see a unit discount automatically applied to their gas and or electricity bill.

Key Criteria

Eligible customers include voluntary sector organisations and public sector organisations including schools, care homes and hospitals which are:

- On existing fixed price contracts that were agreed on or after 1st December 2021
- Signing new fixed price contracts
- On deemed / out of contract or standard variable tariffs
- On flexible purchase or similar contracts

Amounts available: This is a per unit discount applied to energy bills

Grant deadlines: Customers do not need to apply for their discount. As with the current scheme, suppliers will automatically apply reductions to the bills of all eligible non-domestic customers

British Gas Energy Trust – Grants

Summary

Grants are available to individuals and families across Great Britain to be used to write off their energy debts.

There two funds available:

- Individuals and Families Fund - for any households (other criteria apply)
- British Gas Energy Support Fund - for British Gas customers only (other criteria apply)

Key Criteria

- No cash payments are made instead the householders' account will receive a credit.
- Applicants to either fund must have received support from a money advice organisation and are required to provide the details of the group in question.
- Those applying to the Individuals and Families Fund do not need to be customers of British Gas, though the majority of the funding pot is reserved for customers.

Amounts Available: Max amount of energy debt arrears covered £1,500

Grant deadlines: Open until the funding runs out

Aviva Community Fund – Cost of Living Boost

Summary

Grants are available through this match funding scheme to assist local not-for-profit organisations who are working to help local people in financial need. This is a match-funding initiative delivered in partnership with Crowdfunder and thus not a traditional grant scheme.

The grant can be used for:

- Projects that address the Aviva Community Fund theme of Financial Wellbeing
- Organisations with core missions aligned to the Financial Wellbeing funding area who need funding to cover their usual operational costs

Key Criteria

- Applicants need to set up a crowdfunding campaign on Crowdfunder.
- Aviva will match donations pound for pound up to £250 between 4th October and 31st December 2022 or until the entire £2 million is allocated.
- Match funding will be given on the first donation made to the project by any supporter and not for repeat donations by any supporter.
- The maximum matchfunding per donation is £250

Amounts available: The maximum amount of matchfunding available per organisation is £50,000

Application deadlines: Open. However, applicants should be aware that a crowdfunding campaign typically runs for 28 days with an additional set up period.

Support available for Voluntary, Community & Social Enterprise Sector organisations in Leicestershire

Voluntary Action LeicesterShire

Leicestershire County Council has a contract with [Voluntary Action LeicesterShire](#) (VAL) to provide support to voluntary and community sector organisations in Leicestershire, including help with identifying and securing funding.



If you are a VCS organisation who is seeking to apply for funding, or bid for contracts, please contact VAL's Sector Support Team for assistance, advice, and guidance. VAL can provide assistance with searching for funding opportunities, checking the relevance of the fund to your funding aspirations, and a read and review of your bid.

You can also [sign up for further e-bulletins from VAL](#), including news, events, funding opportunities and updates from the Government and Charity Commission. There are currently two newsletters which you can select to receive by ticking the appropriate box. At present funding and commissioning items are included in the voluntary sector support newsletter.

Training

[Introduction to the Trusted Standard 28th February 2023](#)

This is a quality standard specific for the charity sector.

A free, short online introduction event will explain how organisations can implement the Trusted Charity quality standard. It helps organisations to take a systematic look at what they do, to identify areas where they are doing well, and then decide exactly where improvements are needed. It helps them to plan, budget and allocate the necessary resources for making these improvements over a realistic time period.

[Accounting for Small Charities and CICs 8th March 2023](#)

This is a free 45-minute webinar explaining accounting for small charities and CICs and has been designed in partnership with Voluntary Action LeicesterShire and Community Accounting Plus for local VCSE groups based in Leicestershire.

The session will cover your legal obligations, basic entering of data and reconciling, how to track different funds and reporting.

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CASE – Support for Social Enterprises in Leicestershire



Co-operative and Social Enterprise Development Agency (CASE) is a social enterprise and co-operative which provides advice, guidance, and support to existing and emerging co-operatives, social enterprises and community enterprises in Leicester and Leicestershire. CASE supports co-operatives and social enterprises to develop and grow, through the promotion of co-operative ways of working.

Leicestershire County Council has a contract with CASE to provide support to people currently running (or thinking of setting up) social enterprises in Leicestershire.

Contact Details:

[CASE website](#)

Tel: 0116 222 5010

Email: enquiries@case.coop

Leicestershire & Rutland Community Foundation



The Leicestershire & Rutland Community Foundation is a charity which helps local individuals and companies to give money, in a tax efficient way, directly to local needs. It does this by helping set up new local family and company charitable funds and then supports those donors to give grants to local charitable groups of their choice through the Making Local Life Better Fund (previously the Donor Matching Scheme).

The Community Foundation also administers local and national grant schemes on behalf of those organisations. These vary throughout the year, please check the website for the funds currently available.

Contact Details:

[Leicestershire & Rutland Community Foundation Website](#)

Tel: 0116 262 4916

Email: grants@llrcommunityfoundation.org.uk

Commissioning Opportunities



VCSE organisations are encouraged to explore opportunities to receive income through delivering contracts for services commissioned by the public sector. You can register to receive details of commissioning opportunities through the following websites:

[Source Leicestershire](#)

[Due North](#)

[Gov UK Contract Finder](#)

Easy Fundraising



This is a leading fundraising platform that gives organisations access to an unlimited fundraising source, that helps you to raise FREE cashback donations through online shopping. Register your group/organisation as a good cause with easyfundraising to receive free cashback donations when anyone connected to that organisation shops online with 4,200 retailers including Argos, Amazon, Just eat and Booking.com. It doesn't cost the shopper a penny more so it's an easy way for your community to support your organisation just by shopping online as they usually would.

[Easy Fundraising Website](#)

Leicestershire Communities Website



The Leicestershire Communities website contains a range of useful information to help local people to actively participate in their communities, including information for people involved in community groups, charities and social enterprises. This section of the website provides a range of support, information and resources related to Grants and Funding, including Monthly Funding Bulletins, information from a range of funders, along with details of support provided to voluntary and community sector groups, charities and social enterprises, by other relevant organisations.

[Leicestershire Communities Grants and Funding Webpage](#)