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Funding Available to Capture the Experiences of Women Veterans (UK)

The Ministry of Defence has announced funding for an official oral history project documenting the experiences of women veterans in the UK Armed Forces.

The Office for Veterans' Affairs, within the Ministry of Defence and responsible for delivering the UK Government's Veterans Strategy, is offering up to £250,000 to fund one project over two years. The aim is to create a digitised oral history collection that captures women veterans' experiences from recruitment and service through to transition into civilian life.

UK Higher Education Institutions, registered charities, not-for-profit organisations and UK research institutes can apply. Applicants must be UK-based and have strong financial governance, data management, and project management, as well as experience in research, heritage, oral history, or archival projects.

The project must be delivered in partnership with Imperial War Museums and include at least 40 recorded and transcribed interviews. Funding can support activities such as participant recruitment, interviews, transcription, digital resources, exhibitions, public events, educational materials and a final project report.

Applications will be assessed through a two-stage process, with shortlisted applicants invited to interview and present their proposal. Applications close at 11:59pm on 22 September 2026.

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https://find-government-grants.service.gov.uk/grants/an-official-oral-history-of-women-veterans-in-the-uk-1#summary

Funding Available to Support Veterans and Families (UK)

The Forces in Mind Trust is accepting applications from not-for-profit organisations for projects that support ex-Service personnel and their families as they move into civilian life in the UK.

The Trust is a grant-making charity funded by The National Lottery Community Fund, working to help former members of the Armed Forces make a successful and sustainable transition.

Funding is available for work that benefits serving personnel, veterans or their families and delivers direct impact in the UK. Eligible applicants range from small community groups and charities to larger institutions such as universities. Grant amounts are not specified.

Projects should support one or more of the Trust's priority outcomes under its Housing, Employment, Health, Finance, Criminal Justice, Relationships and Enabler programmes.

Current priorities include understanding the impact of Service life on families, responding to the changing needs of the Armed Forces community, improving collaboration and strengthening awareness of Armed Forces issues in mainstream services.

The Trust will not normally fund capital costs, ongoing costs for established projects, retrospective activity, general fundraising appeals, statutory replacement funding or grants to individuals.

Applications follow a two-stage process. Initial enquiries can be submitted at any time. Shortlisted applicants are invited to submit a full application.

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https://www.fim-trust.org/

Funding Available for Accessible Technology for Blind and Partially Sighted People (UK)

The Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB) has announced that its Technology Grants programme is open for applications. The grants are available to blind and partially sighted people who need support to access useful technology that can help them live independently. RNIB is a UK charity supporting people affected by sight loss through advice, services, campaigning and practical support.

Grants are available to UK residents who are registered as blind or partially sighted, receive an eligible means-tested benefit, have savings of less than £6,000, have been refused local authority funding for the item needed, and have not received an RNIB grant in the last three years.

Funding can be used towards specific accessible technology, including:

- accessible smartphones, tablets and e-readers, up to £400;
- computer accessibility software, braille displays, notetakers and video magnifiers, up to £500;
- DAISY players, smart home devices, wearable technology, talking watches, accessible kitchen equipment and RNIB Penfriend labelling devices.

Applications are accepted at any time by online form, post or email, and must be supported by a professional who knows the applicant's circumstances. RNIB says complete applications can usually be decided within a week.

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https://www.rnib.org.uk/living-with-sight-loss/money-and-benefits/benefits-concessions-and-grants/grants-from-rnib/

Grants Available for Groups Opposing Racial Injustice (UK & Ireland)

The Edge Fund has announced that its 2026 Roots Fund is now open for applications.

The Edge Fund is a grantmaker supporting grassroots groups working for social, economic and environmental justice.

The fund will distribute £40,000 to grassroots organisations in the UK and Ireland opposing the far right, Islamophobia, Afrophobia, racial injustice and the legacies of colonial violence. Decisions will be made by a Funding Working Group made up of six grassroots groups.

The average grant awarded is £1,000.

Eligible groups must be non-profit organisations, including unregistered groups, with work led by the communities directly affected. Edge Fund prioritises groups that struggle to access mainstream funding. It does not fund individuals, commercial activity, political parties, groups with annual income over £20,000, or groups formed within the last six months.

The deadline is 31 August 2026.

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https://www.edgefund.org.uk/apply_for_funding

Holiday Grants for Disadvantaged and Disabled Children (UK)

Schools, youth groups, not-for-profit organisations, and charities can apply for grants of £500 to £3,000 to support recreational trips or holidays within the UK for groups of disabled or disadvantaged children (aged 13 or under).

Applications from the 20% most deprived areas in the UK will receive priority. Funded by the Henry Smith Charity, grants can cover up to two-thirds of the cost of a holiday or trip lasting one to seven days.

Previous visits supported include:

- All Saints Catholic Primary School received a grant of £1,500 towards a two-night trip to Wales for a group of disadvantaged children from Merseyside;
- Bridgewater School, which received a grant of £1,900 towards an overnight trip to London for a group of disadvantaged children from Newcastle; and
- 6th St Helens (Parr) Scout Group received a grant of £1,100 towards a two-night trip to an activity centre in Lancashire for a group of children from a disadvantaged area of Merseyside.

Applications for trips between 1 October and 31 December 2026 can be made until 19 November 2026. Applications must be made at least 6 weeks before the trip.

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https://www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/explore-our-grants-and-apply/holiday-grants-for-children/holiday-grants-for-children-funding-guidelines/

Funding for Leisure Activities for Children with Additional Needs (UK)

The Happy Days Children's Charity is inviting applications for funding towards trips, respite breaks and group activity holidays for disadvantaged children and young people with additional needs.

The charity awards funding for different types of activities to support families with children aged 3-17 who have a disability, a special need or have been abused.

Grants are available for the following activities:

- Family Day Trips - eligible trips include zoos, farm parks, theme parks, the seaside or the theatre
- Family Holiday Breaks - a short break family holiday by the seaside or in the countryside, usually in the United Kingdom. Other destinations will be considered according to cost.
- Group Day Trips and Visiting Theatre - a day trip to a wide variety of destinations, for example, the seaside, a theme park, the theatre, or for a theatre workshop to visit the applicants' premises. Items that can be funded are tickets/passes and transport costs
- Group Activity Holidays - a group activity holiday to a wide variety of destinations such as outdoor activity centres, holiday camps and sailing breaks

Applications for family activities are accepted from parents, guardians, grandparents or siblings, as well as GPs, consultants, nurses or social workers.

Applications for group activities are accepted from organisations such as SEN schools and groups, young carers and women's refuges.

Applications can be made at any time.

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https://www.happydayscharity.org/applications

£5,000 Fund to Help Disabled People Enjoy Greater Independence & Inclusion (UK)

Mobility equipment manufacturer Sunrise Medical has launched a £5,000 community fund to help wheelchair users and disabled people across the UK enjoy greater independence, inclusion and opportunity.

The Sunrise Moments Community Fund supports projects and experiences that remove practical and financial barriers often faced by people with mobility challenges.

Funding can be used for a range of activities, including:

- disability sports clubs, such as wheelchair basketball, rugby or tennis
- accessible community events and activities
- specialist mobility equipment
- accessible days out and experiences
- personal challenges
- local projects improving accessibility and inclusion

The fund is open to individuals, families, community groups, charities, disability organisations and sports clubs. Nominations can also be made for a person or organisation that could benefit from support.

Applications are recommended to be no more than £100 per person and £500 per group.

Applicants must complete an online form explaining what they are planning and how the funding would help. Decisions will be based on the potential impact the funding could have on an applicant's quality of life.

Applications must be submitted by 30 September 2026.

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https://www.sunrisemedical.co.uk/community-fund

Grants to Improve the Lives of Disadvantaged People (UK)

Members and colleagues of the Yorkshire Building Society can nominate UK Charities to apply to the Yorkshire Building Society Charitable Foundation's Small Change Big Difference Fund. The Foundation aims to help alleviate poverty, improve health, and save lives.

Once nominated, organisations can apply for grants of up to £2,500 to support initiatives that benefit vulnerable groups in the UK, including children, the seriously ill, the elderly, the homeless, and people with disabilities.

Funding can be used for projects or items that make a positive difference, such as sensory toys for children with special needs, social activities for the elderly, or staff training for programme delivery.

Priority will be given to organisations with an annual income under £100,000 and those supporting marginalised communities.

The next application deadline is 30 September 2026.

To access the funding, charities should encourage supporters who are members or colleagues of the Yorkshire Building Society to nominate them for potential funding opportunities.

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https://www.ybs.co.uk/your-society/charitable-foundation

Funding for Charities Supporting Vulnerable Communities (UK / International)

The Souter Charitable Trust invites applications from UK-registered charities that work to reduce hardship and improve people's lives in the UK and overseas. The Trust particularly supports organisations guided by Christian values, although charities without a Christian focus are also welcome to apply.

The Trust works with organisations that share its values and aims to support people and communities who are vulnerable or lack access to support. Funding is intended to help charities provide practical help and improve both physical and spiritual wellbeing.

There is no fixed minimum or maximum grant amount, but most awards range from £1,000 to £3,000. The Trust has supported a wide range of projects, including malaria prevention programmes and the provision of daily school meals for children in Africa.

Grants are limited to UK-registered charities. Because of UK legal requirements, the Trustees cannot fund overseas organisations directly, as they are not able to carry out the required checks.

You can apply at any time. Applications are reviewed each month. The next application deadline is 24 September 2026.

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https://www.soutercharitabletrust.org.uk/

Grants of up to £25,000 Available to Prevent People Entering the Criminal Justice System (UK)

UK registered charities working in the areas of Social and Criminal Justice can apply for funding to deliver projects that prevent people from entering the criminal justice system and to support those already in it to rebuild their lives.

Funding is being provided through the Charles Hayward Foundation's Main Grants Programme, which supports projects over one to three years with grants ranging from £15,000 to £25,000 per annum.

The Foundation will fund projects in the following categories:

- Targeted early intervention programmes aimed at reaching the most troubled and vulnerable families in a community.
- Targeted preventative and diversionary projects for young people at risk of offending, including interventions identifying and addressing the particular needs of girls and young women.
- Programmes combining prison-based and community interventions dealing with the rehabilitation of offenders, accommodation and support on release, maintaining family relationships, mentoring, and creating pathways to employment.
- Schemes offering viable alternatives to custody, in particular for women and young people.

Charities with an annual income of between £350,000 and £4 million are eligible to apply.

The next application deadline is 18 September 2026.

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https://charleshaywardfoundation.org.uk/grants/social-criminal-justice/

Grants of up to £3,000 for School Science Projects (UK)

The Royal Society, the world's oldest scientific institution promoting scientific research and knowledge, has announced that its Partnership grants programme has reopened for applications. The programme awards grants of up to £3,000 to primary and secondary schools to support the teaching of STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics).

These projects must be run at a primary or secondary school or college, collaborating with a professional scientist or engineer. Eligible applicants include any UK primary or secondary school teacher or a practicing scientist/engineer, provided that the students participating in the project are aged between 5 and 18.

Applicants are required to establish a partnership before initiating the application. The application should be started by the school partner, serving as the primary applicant, while the secondary partner should be a STEM professional currently working in a related field, such as a researcher or analyst.

The scheme also runs a sub-programme, "Tomorrow's Climate Scientists," which specifically funds schools to research climate change and biodiversity issues. The application process for this extension mirrors that of the main scheme. For additional details regarding this extension, please email the Schools Engagement team at education@royalsociety.org

The next deadline for applications is 30 November 2026.

Projects previously funded:

- What's the Weather Like? - a Partnership Grants project between Mead Community Primary School and Black and Veatch that has enabled pupils to begin predicting their local weather.
- Shooting stars on camera: Colour composition and contrasts: A project between William Perkin C of E High School and the Open University. Students have been determining the origin and elemental structure of meteors under the guidance of academic professional, Professor MonicaGrady.

Useful Links:

Eligibility and judging criteria

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https://royalsociety.org/grants/partnership-grants/

Funding Available for Ultra Long Duration Energy Storage Studies (UK)

Innovate UK has announced that the Ultra Long Duration Energy Storage Project Development Studies competition is open for applications. UK-registered businesses can apply for up to £3 million to support Phase 1 project development studies for electrochemical ultra-long-duration energy storage demonstrators in the UK. Innovate UK is part of UK Research and Innovation and supports business-led innovation across the UK.

Grants of between £350,000 and £700,000 are available for projects lasting three to nine months. Projects must support the development, scale-up, and UK manufacture of technologies that can deliver cost-effective power to the grid for at least 100 continuous hours, with a working life of at least 25 years.

Funding can be used for feasibility studies covering:

- technology assessment;
- engineering design;
- cost and scale-up roadmaps;
- market assessment;
- development, manufacturing and supply chain plans.

Projects must be led by a UK registered business. Collaborators can include UK registered businesses, academic institutions, charities, not-for-profits, public sector organisations and RTOs. Applications close at 11am on 30 September 2026. Applicants will be notified on 2 November 2026, and projects must start by 1 January 2027.

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https://find-government-grants.service.gov.uk/grants/ultra-long-duration-energy-storage-project-development-studies-1

Grants Available to Support Innovative Archive Projects (UK)

The National Archives offers Research and Innovation Grants of up to £10,000 to support research, innovation and transformative projects in the archive sector. The programme focuses on digital transformation, environmental sustainability and inclusive practice.

The National Archives is the official archive of the UK Government and provides leadership, guidance and funding support for the archives sector in England and Wales.

Archivists and heritage professionals working with archival collections in England or Wales can apply. Eligible applicants include public sector bodies, not-for-profit organisations, registered charities and for-profit organisations, including business archives. Private individuals cannot apply.

Funding may support:

- Digital transformation: testing new technologies, tools, devices or products for managing, preserving, accessing or sharing archive collections.
- Environmental sustainability: projects that help archives reduce environmental impact or adapt to climate change.
- Inclusive practice: work that improves diversity, equity and inclusion in collections, audiences, users or archival practice.

Funding can also support seed funding, pilot projects, commissioned research, research trips, dissemination, publishing, events and publication fees. The programme uses a single-stage online application process

The programme uses a single-stage online application process. Applications are assessed on innovation, impact, delivery and management, knowledge sharing and need.

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https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/archives-sector/grants-and-funding/research-and-innovation-grants/

Students Can Apply for Grants of up to £1,000 for Musical Instruments (UK)

Grants of up to £1,000 are available through the Universal Music UK Sound Foundation Individual Funding programme to help eligible students buy musical instruments or equipment. The Foundation is an independent music education charity, supported by Universal Music, working to improve access to music education in the UK and Ireland.

Individuals can apply if they are British, EU/EEA nationals, or overseas applicants ordinarily resident in the UK. Applicants must be in full-time education when funding offers are made and either be in school up to Year 11 with regular music lessons or studying full-time on a certified music course at college, university or conservatoire.

Funding can be used towards instruments or equipment. It cannot support music lessons, tuition fees, exam fees, travel, accommodation, retrospective purchases, deposits, or items bought before an offer is made.

- Applications are submitted online using separate forms for applicants aged 15 and under, and 16 and over.
- A current independent music teacher must submit the reference form directly.

The deadline is 10am on 7 October 2026. Successful applicants will be contacted by email.

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https://www.umuksoundfoundation.com/umuksf-individual-awards/

Grants of up to £25,000 Available Visual Arts Education Projects (UK)

Freelands Foundation has launched the Learning Through Making Fund, which offers grants of up to £25,000 for visual arts education projects in the UK. The fund will support hands-on creative work using different materials and making techniques.

Freelands Foundation supports artists, art education and visual arts learning across the UK.

The fund is open to UK-based visual arts organisations whose work has a charitable or public benefit purpose. This can include registered charities, exempt charities, local authority galleries or museums, charitable organisations based within universities, Community Interest Companies and Community Benefit Societies that meet the fund's additional eligibility requirements. All activity must take place in the UK.

Funding can support projects that help audiences explore making and materials in creative ways. This could include:

- materials, transport, specialist expertise or access to facilities;
- research that tests new ways of working through practical activity;
- workshops, events or new learning activities;
- adding new hands-on making activities to an existing project or programme.

Projects can run from a few days to several months. They must take place between 1 January and 31 December 2027.

The fund is intended to support exploratory work, so applicants do not need to know exactly what the project will produce before it starts.

Applications are made through a one-stage process. Applicants must download the application documents and email the completed form to Freelands Foundation with the subject line "LTM Fund – Application".

The deadline is 12pm on 11 September 2026. Applicants will be told the outcome on 23 November 2026.

Two online application support sessions will take place on 9 July 2026 and 12 August 2026.

Useful Links:

2026-LearningThroughMaking-ApplicationGuidance

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https://freelandsfoundation.co.uk/engage/apply/grants/learning-through-making-fund

Funding to Support the Development of Songwriters & Composers (UK)

To support the development of outstanding songwriters and composers of all genres at different stages of their career, the PRS Foundation is inviting applications to the latest round of the Open Fund for Music Creators.

Grants of up to £5,000 are available to:

- support the creation, performance and promotion of outstanding new music in any genre
- enable the UK's most talented music creators to realise their potential
- reach audiences

The funding can support activities such as touring, music creator time and fees, equipment or software costs for online content, and recording and release costs, etc.

The closing date for applications is 6pm on 7 September 2026.

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https://prsfoundation.com/funding-support/funding-music-creators/all-career-levels/the-open-fund-for-music-creators/

Grants Available for Watersports on the Thames (London, Essex & Kent)

Grants are available through the Active Thames Fund to support organisations developing water sports and activities on the Thames Path National Trail across Greater London, Kent and Essex.

Active Thames is a partnership programme supporting watersports on the tidal Thames and connected inland waterways.

The fund aims to improve access, diversity and inclusion, and raise awareness of the physical activity benefits of blue space. It has awarded more than £770,000 to 73 organisations since 2021, benefiting over 11,922 people.

Applications should support one or more priorities:

- increasing participation among under-represented groups;
- developing coaches, volunteers or administrative teams;
- improving physical or mental wellbeing;
- building stronger community connections.

Formally constituted organisations with a bank account can apply. Individuals and friendship groups are not eligible. Projects must link to the relevant waterways or the Thames Path National Trail. Retrospective costs, marketing costs, unsafe activity and projects creating conflicts of interest are excluded.

Most grants are around £5,000. Higher requests must show they can meet multiple objectives. Funding is expected to be awarded in December, with delivery beginning by spring.

Funding will be awarded in December with delivery expected to commence by the start of Spring.

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https://activethames.co.uk/active-thames-fund

Grants for Community and School Gardening Projects (London)

Community organisations and schools in London can apply for small gardening grants awarded by the Metropolitan Public Gardens Association (MPGA), a charity that preserves and improves gardens, neglected sites and green public open spaces in all 33 London Boroughs.

Grants of up to £1,500 can be used for various projects, including planting, equipment purchase, benches, and churchyard refurbishments.

In the past, grants have been awarded to Libraries, Churchyards, Parks and Gardens, street Scenes, Hospitals and Hospices, Allotments, Community Gardens, Museums, Schools, and Community Centres, many of which benefit the disadvantaged.

The Executive Committee meets four times a year to consider applications. The next application deadline is 17 November 2026.

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http://www.mpga.org.uk/grants.php

£5,000 Grants Available to Boost Walking and Cycling (London)

Community groups across Greater London can now apply for grants of up to £10,000 to run walking and cycling projects through the Walking and Cycling Grants London (WCGL) programme. Funded by Transport for London (TfL) and the London Marathon Foundation, and delivered by Groundwork London, the scheme supports inclusive, community-led initiatives that promote active travel.

The WCGL programme supports projects that encourage more people to walk and cycle regularly, safely, and with confidence.

Eligible applicants include

- constituted community organisations,
- charities,
- CICs,
- and other not-for-profit groups.

The fund particularly welcomes applications from those working with under-represented communities facing barriers such as limited income, poor health, disability, lack of skills, cultural factors, or restricted access to equipment or information.

A second strand, the **Community Ideas Grants** (CIG), is also open for applications. Targeted at grassroots and first-time applicants, CIG offers up to £5,000 for projects delivered over 12 months. To qualify, organisations must have received less than £10,000 in grant funding to date or have an annual income under £50,000.

CIG applicants must choose from a menu of tried-and-tested project templates and receive additional support throughout the application and delivery process. This streamlined approach is designed to help newer or smaller groups get involved in active travel for the first time.

The deadline for both schemes is 10am on 28 September 2026.

Potential applicants can find out more about the grant by registering for Walking and Cycling Grants Workshops:

- Thursday 3rd September, 12pm. Register here
- Wednesday 16 September, 10am. Register here

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https://www.groundwork.org.uk/london/walking-cycling-grants/

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Funding Available for Prisoner Rehabilitation and Early Intervention Schemes (UK)

The Charles Hayward Foundation is inviting UK registered charities to apply for its latest round of Social & Criminal Justice grants. The grants support projects aimed at preventing criminal activity and rehabilitating offenders.

Charities with an annual income between £350,000 and £4 million are eligible for Main Grants of £15,000 to £25,000 per annum, for up to three years. Smaller charities with incomes under £350,000 are encouraged to apply through the Foundation's separate Small Grant programme.

The funding supports programmes that deliver early intervention for vulnerable families, diversionary projects for at-risk youth, particularly girls and young women, and rehabilitation schemes that bridge prison and community life. Priority is given to initiatives supporting victims of domestic abuse and criminal exploitation, as well as those offering viable alternatives to custody.

There is no initial application form. Instead, eligible organisations must submit a proposal of no more than four A4 pages outlining their project's need, delivery method, and budget.

The deadline for this funding round is 18 September 2026

Charities are urged to review full guidelines on the Foundation's website before submitting proposals.

For further information, please visit charleshaywardfoundation.org.uk or contact the Grants Team.

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https://charleshaywardfoundation.org.uk/grants/social-criminal-justice/

Funding for Cultural and Educational Links with Japan (UK)

The Great Britain Sasakawa Foundation has announced that the next application deadline for its grant-making programme is the 15 September 2026.

The Foundation seeks to promote mutual understanding and cooperation through financial support for activities in the following fields:

- Arts and Culture
- Humanities and Social Issues
- Japanese Language
- Medicine and Health
- Science, Technology and Environment
- Sport
- Youth and Education

Standard travel grants between the UK and Japan are £2,000, and up to £2,500 for visits of two weeks or more. This also includes travel for PhD students from UK universities wishing to visit Japan for dissertation research or to complete fieldwork. Applications for longer-term fieldwork of six months or more in Japan can be considered, with grants of up to £5,000.

The Foundation's awards are intended to provide "pump-priming" and not core funding of projects, but even small grants have enabled a wide range of projects to reach fruition, such as:

- Visits between the UK and Japan by academics, professionals, creative artists, teachers, young people, journalists and representatives of civic and non-governmental organisations.
- Research and collaborative studies, seminars, workshops, lectures and publications in academic and specialist fields
- Teaching and development of Japanese language and cultural studies in schools, Further Education colleges and universities
- Exhibitions, performances and creative productions by artists, musicians, filmmakers, writers and theatre groups

Organisations that have successfully applied to the Foundation include:

- Hessle High School and Sixth Form College which received a grant of £3,000 to visit to Japan to create curriculum on Japan in Key Stage 3 Geography lessons.
- Truro College which received a grant of £2,000 for a football exchange programme with Tokai Daigo High School in Japan.
- The Boston & Hakusan City Exchange Programme received a grant of £3,500 for an exchange programme between school children from Boston and Hakusan City.
- Campion School received a grant of £2,000 to support a school trip to Tokyo for students of Japanese.
- Escomb Primary School received a grant of £3,000 for an exchange visit with Ogawara Minami Elementary School.

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http://www.gbsf.org.uk/

Funding for Projects that Have a Positive Impact on Communities, People or the Environment (UK)

The Matthew Good Foundation has opened the next round of its Grants for Good Fund. The aim is to support small charities, not-for-profit groups and social entrepreneurs who are passionate about making a difference to people, their community or the environment.

The Fund will share £15,000 among five shortlisted projects every three months, to be voted on by John Good Group employees. The project that receives the most votes will receive a grant of £5,000, second place £3,500, third place £2,500, with fourth and fifth place both receiving £2,000.

In addition to established projects and charities, the Foundation wants to hear from people with innovative ideas that need funding to get their projects up and running.

To be eligible, applicants must have earned less than £50,000 in the last 12 months.

Funding is awarded every three months and the next deadline for the next funding round is 15 September 2026.

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https://www.matthewgoodfoundation.org/grantsforgood/

Grants to Promote Physics Amongst Under-Represented Young People (UK)

The Institute of Physics is inviting applications for its Public Engagement Grant Scheme. This initiative supports projects aligned with the IOP's Limit Less campaign, which seeks to broaden public engagement with physics, particularly among underrepresented groups in the field.

Projects should engage families with young people under the age of 16 from groups such as

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

The scheme offers grants of £500 to £4,000 per project for events and activities that promote positive relationships with physics and enhance existing engagement efforts across the UK and Ireland.

A wide range of activities are eligible for funding. These include: (not an exhaustive list)

- Community-based projects involving families or youth groups through storytelling, hands-on activities or interactive displays;
- Public events and festivals that present physics in informal and engaging formats, and workshops or demonstrations tailored for specific underrepresented audiences.
- Creative collaborations using theatre, art or digital media to explore physics are also encouraged, as are outreach projects led by universities, museums, or community organisations that extend physics into new community spaces.

Eligible applicants include individuals, researchers, museums, community groups, non-profits, schools, arts organisations, and libraries, etc. Applicants do not have to be members of the IOP to apply, but the IOP will be looking to fund projects involving physicists.

Schools considering applying should design activities that are accessible and appealing to both students and their families, and that align with the IOP's objectives of broadening public engagement with physics.

The deadline for applications is 5pm on 7 September 2026. Applicants will receive notification of the outcome of their application in October.

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Air Ambulances UK Introduces Fund to Enhance Patient and Crew Support (UK)

Air Ambulances UK (AAUK) is inviting applications to its Improving Outcomes Fund.

The fund aims to improve support for air ambulance patients, their families and the medical crews who respond to critical emergencies. It will support essential aftercare services designed to improve long-term outcomes for people affected by serious incidents.

The initiative is backed by founding partners HCC Solicitors and Slater and Gordon Lawyers UK.

Eligible air ambulance charities can apply for grants of between £5,000 and £25,000. Funding is available for:

- patient aftercare services
- dedicated support services for crew members
- dedicated support spaces for patients, crew members or both
- outdoor reflection spaces for patients and crew members
- research projects that support the development of aftercare services for individual charities and the wider air ambulance sector

The deadline for applications is 12pm on 15 September 2026.

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https://www.airambulancesuk.org/aauk-improving-outcomes-fund/

Funding to Support Vulnerable Migrants (UK)

Not for profit organisations and private law firms assisting young migrants can apply for grants from the Strategic Legal Fund (SLF) for Vulnerable Young Migrants.

These grants aim to support strategic legal work that benefits disadvantaged migrant children and young people (under 25 years old) who are living in poverty and facing significant disadvantage or discrimination due to their immigration status.

The SLF only supports strategic legal work carried out in the UK. This is defined as work where the impact is likely to go beyond an individual case, and to result in changes to law, policy and practice that will benefit a wider group of people. Applications must be to fund one of two kinds of strategic legal work:

The SLF funds two types of strategic legal actions:

- the research and development of cases pre-litigation, including gathering evidence to test a hypothesis or research to establish authorities' policy and practice, identifying potential plaintiffs/applicants/appellants, researching whether to proceed, translating relevant material, and evaluating a litigation strategy.
- third party "interventions" in existing cases, which allow a non-party intervener to assist the court in arriving in its decision in a case, acting as an amicus curia, a friend of the court.

The maximum grant amount is £30,000, but applicants are encouraged to request lower amounts due to limited funding. The average grant size is approximately £12,000 - £15,000.

The next application deadline for the next round of grants is 7 September 2026.

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