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# New Funding Opportunities

## **Funding Available for Large-Scale Projects to Reduce Food Insecurity (UK)**

The National Lottery Community Fund has opened applications to its Climate Action Fund – Food Systems, offering funding of up to £7 million for partnership projects that aim to strengthen the UK's food systems and reduce food insecurity.

The funding will support long-term projects that increase access to healthy, affordable food in environmentally sustainable ways.

It will do this by supporting projects that:

- work with nature to create resilient, sustainable and equitable food systems (this is called agroecology)
- address the root cause of long-term problems, not just the symptoms (this is called systems change)

Projects must work towards systems change in the way that:

- community organisations grow and produce food – using agroecological methods
- food gets distributed – aiming for equitable access to healthy, affordable food for all
- offers people and communities different food options – especially those experiencing poverty, disadvantage or discrimination

Grants typically range from £3 million to £5 million for projects lasting between three and seven years, with up to ten projects expected to be funded.

Eligible costs include staff costs, transport, utilities, equipment, and costs that help organisations support communities and smaller partner organisations.

Eligible applicants include not-for-profit organisations working in partnership, such as charities, CICs, CIOs, schools, universities and public bodies.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Decisions can take up to nine months.

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<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/funding-programmes/climate-action-fund-food-systems>

## **Funding to Support Children & Adults Impacted by Adverse Childhood Experiences (UK)**

Grants of up to £25,000 are available to UK-registered charities that support children and young people recovering from Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and parents affected by ACEs, mental illness, or addiction.

The James Tudor Foundation's Mental Health Grants Programme funds evidence-based, trauma-informed approaches.

The programme has two main goals:

- to assist children and young people who have experienced ACEs in overcoming trauma
- to help parents address their own mental health issues to prevent them from harming their children

This could include therapies for children and young people who have experienced sexual abuse or domestic violence, specialist support for bereaved children and young people, whole-family therapies, and support for parents or caregivers to help break intergenerational cycles of abuse.

The deadline for expressions of interest is 8 May 2026.

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<https://www.jamestudor.org.uk/what-we-fund#APPLYFORFUNDING>

## Grants of up to £40,000 Available for Services Supporting Young People at Risk of Homelessness (UK)

The LandAid Charitable Trust has announced its new LandAid Young Futures Fund. LandAid is a UK charity that brings the property industry together to fund and support charities helping young people who are or have been homeless, or are at risk of homelessness

The Young Futures Fund offers one-year grants of £5,000 to £40,000 to not-for-profit organisations supporting 16 to 25-year-olds who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

The programme will distribute £1.178 million raised through this year's StreetSmart campaign.

The fund will support projects that improve access to safe, secure and affordable housing, alongside support that helps young people keep their homes and move towards independent living. LandAid is looking to support organisations delivering frontline services with strong local connections and a clear understanding of young people's needs in their communities.

Key points include:

- applicants must be not-for-profit organisations;
- projects must support young people aged 16 to 25;
- applications are assigned by project postcode to regional funding pots across England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland;
- funded projects are expected to begin from September 2026.

Applications will be made through a two-stage process. Stage 1 expressions of interest close at 5pm on Friday 22 May 2026. LandAid will review EOIs in mid-June, invite shortlisted groups to submit full applications from mid-June to early July, and make final decisions in mid-August. Grants are usually paid in a single upfront instalment once conditions are met, with a six-month progress update and a final report after 12 months. Charitable partners can also access pro bono support from LandAid's corporate network.

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<https://landaid.org/apply-for-funding-support/grants-landaid-offers/landaid-young-futures-fund/>

## **Funding to Support Hospice & Palliative Care in Africa (International)**

Hospices and Palliative Care providers across Africa can apply for grants of up to £5,000 to help increase access to and improve the standard of palliative care in their communities.

The funding, which is being made available through the True Colours Trust Africa Small Grants Programme, can be used to provide:

- palliative care medicines
- equipment for palliative care
- transport for the delivery of palliative care services (fuel, bicycles etc)
- data or mobile technology for the remote delivery of palliative care services
- bereavement support
- training in palliative care delivery for providers, volunteers or home-based care workers

In addition, applications may address any of the following secondary priority areas:

- the provision of food for palliative care patients
- additional costs associated with the delivery of home-based palliative care
- the delivery of psychosocial or spiritual support for palliative care patients and their families
- the delivery of rehabilitation for palliative care patients
- core costs (up to a maximum of £750 per application)

Applications from organisations with an annual income of under \$500,000 that provide palliative care to children and vulnerable people, irrespective of the patient's condition or disease, will receive priority.

Applications close on 26 May 2026.

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<https://africasmallgrants.truecolourstrust.org.uk/how-to-apply-open/>

## Grants of up to £150,000 to Support the Education of Armed Forces Children (UK)

The Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust has reopened its Service Pupil Support Programme, offering grants ranging from £5,000 to £150,000.

The programme funds projects lasting up to two years that address the educational challenges faced by support service children (aged 4-18) and help them reach their full potential.

This year's programme focuses on the following key themes:

- closing the academic gap
- supporting service pupils with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), additional support needs (ASN), or additional learning needs (ALN)
- addressing challenges related to mobility, deployment, and separation
- and assisting schools with low numbers of service pupils

Funding could be used to cover temporary staff, classroom resources, staff training, out of school hours clubs, and refurbishments of existing spaces such as libraries and sensory rooms. Funding will not support work already covered by statutory provision.

Eligible applicants include schools, academies, sixth form and FE colleges, multi-academy trusts, and local authorities across the UK. Collaborative projects involving multiple schools are encouraged to maximise impact.

The deadline for applications is 12pm on 30 September 2026.

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<https://covenantfund.org.uk/programme/the-service-pupil-support-programme/>

# Funding for Projects that Defend Human Rights of Marginalised Groups (UK)

The AB Charitable Trust (ABCT), a grant-making foundation focused on promoting and defending human rights in the UK and supporting marginalised and excluded groups whose rights are at risk or under threat, has announced that its Open Programme is currently accepting applications from UK registered charities that address the root causes of injustice and inequality in the UK.

Through its Open Programme, ABCT offers grants ranging from £10,000 to £30,000 per year, for up to three years. The programme provides both core funding (unrestricted grants) and project funding (restricted grants), enabling charities to deliver essential activities that protect and promote human rights.

The Trust prioritises support for charities operating in the following thematic areas:

## 1. The Human Rights Framework

Funding is available for organisations working to uphold, enhance, and implement the UK's human rights protection frameworks. This includes defending civic space, safeguarding the right to protest, and holding the government accountable for its human rights obligations.

## 2. Access to Justice

ABCT supports work that ensures fair access to legal advice and representation. Grants are available for organisations that promote the rule of law and seek to strengthen the justice system, especially for those facing discrimination or disadvantage.

## 3. The Criminal Legal System and Penal Reform

The Trust funds organisations aiming to create a more just and equitable criminal justice system. This includes advocacy for penal reform and efforts to reduce the harms caused by incarceration.

## 4. Migrants and Refugees

Organisations that support migrants, refugees, and people seeking asylum in the UK are eligible for funding. This includes service provision, policy and advocacy work, campaigning, narrative change, and community organising to promote a fair and humane immigration system.

Applicants must be UK-registered charities with annual incomes between £150,000 and £1.5 million. The next deadline for applications to the Open Programme is 31 July 2026.

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<https://abcharitabletrust.org.uk/our-priorities>

## 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
- Tailored 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
- Programmes of support that alleviate the consequences of domestic abuse

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

The next application deadline is 22 May 2026.

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

## **Financial Support Available for Schools and Youth Groups to Access Outdoor Learning (UK)**

Schools or youth groups can apply for financial support to help young people from across the UK access outdoor education programmes run by The Outward Bound Trust. Through its Adventure Fund, the charity offers bursaries that can cover up to 40% of course fees, aiming to remove financial barriers to participation.

The funding supports young people aged 11–24 who are UK residents and in full-time education. Applications are open to both individuals and organisations, with priority given to those facing financial hardship or disadvantage.

Each year, Outward Bound raises approximately £3.2 million to help thousands of young people build confidence, resilience, and leadership skills through challenging residential courses in wild natural settings.

To apply, groups or individuals must first register for a course and request financial support during the sign-up process. Regional centres then follow up with a bursary application. If the funding offered does not meet the applicant's needs, deposits can be refunded.

Currently, more than 80% of participants receive some level of financial assistance. Outward Bound encourages early applications, as funding is limited and awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

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<https://www.outwardbound.org.uk/come-to-outward-bound/school-residentials/>

## Grants for Healthy Food Projects in Schools and Communities (UK)

Schools, registered charities and not-for-profit organisations can apply for grants of up to £1,500 to help children and young people access more fresh fruit and vegetables.

Tesco Fruit & Veg Grants supports projects that improve access to healthy food, particularly for children and young people who may otherwise have limited opportunities to eat fresh fruit and vegetables.

### Examples of eligible projects include:

- Breakfast and after-school clubs that provide fruit and vegetables for pupils
- Sports clubs that offer healthy food as part of their activities, or provide a much-needed half-time boost
- Growing projects where children can grow their own fruit and vegetables
- Cooking classes that help children and families learn how to prepare healthy meals
- Holiday clubs that provide healthy meals and snacks
- Projects supporting children and young people with SEND by providing healthy snacks or meals
- Youth clubs that provide healthy meals or snacks
- Projects that help tackle holiday hunger when children are not at school
- Healthy eating projects that support families to cook nutritious meals on a budget
- Foodbanks that provide food support to families

This is not an exhaustive list, and other project ideas are also welcomed.

The programme forms part of Tesco's wider work to provide free fruit and vegetables for schools and support healthier diets among children across the UK.

Projects are nominated through local Tesco stores. Shortlisted projects are then put to a customer vote in-store. All shortlisted projects receive funding, but the number of blue tokens each project receives determines the final grant amount: £500, £1,000 or £1,500.

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<https://www.tescopl.com/fruit-and-veg-grants>

## Grants Available to Support Science Projects for Students with Special Educational Needs (UK)

UK primary and secondary school teachers can apply for grants of up to £3,000 to support investigative STEM research projects that are designed for students with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

The funding, made available through the Royal Society's Partnership Grants Scheme, can be used to purchase equipment for projects in science, mathematics, engineering, or computing (STEM).

To qualify for funding, projects need to partner with a practicing scientist or engineer currently working in a STEM-related profession, such as a researcher or analyst. The STEM partner should give students with SEND an experience of the world of work and help develop key skills.

There are three possible application deadlines throughout the year. The next deadline is 10 July 2026.

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<https://royalsociety.org/grants-schemes-awards/grants/partnership-grants/send/>

## 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.

### Examples of previously funded projects include:

- SPIDER Astronomy by Kielder Observatory, which offered interactive astronomy sessions;
- Eclipse Experimentation by The Real Photography Company, combining physics and photography;
- ARC and You's initiative exploring the role of physics in addressing climate change.

The deadline for applications is 5pm on 10 May 2026.

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<https://www.iop.org/about/support-grants/public-engagement-grant-scheme>

## Grants of up to £18,000 available to Social Entrepreneurs (UK)

Social entrepreneurs across the UK who are committed to making a positive impact in their communities can apply for funding through UnLtd, a charity that supports social entrepreneurs.

The funding is available through two distinct funding streams.

The Funding Futures Programme is aimed at young social entrepreneurs aged 16 to 30. It supports those working to improve the financial inclusion of disadvantaged or marginalised people affected by the cost of living crisis.

The Millennium Awards Trust is open to social entrepreneurs aged 16 and over. This stream welcomes applications from people working across all sectors and tackling a range of social issues.

Funding is available through two award levels: Starting Up Awards, offering up to £8,000, and Scaling Up Awards, offering up to £18,000.

In addition to financial support, successful applicants will receive a tailored support package, including:

- a dedicated support manager
- peer learning opportunities
- expert advice
- legal consultancy

In this funding round, UnLtd will accept 650 applications. The closing date is 1 June 2026, or earlier if 650 applications have been received.

### Useful Links:

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<https://www.unltd.org.uk/award/>

## Funding Support for Museum-Based Health & Wellbeing Projects (UK)

The Museums Association, in partnership with the Julia Rausing Trust, is offering grants of £50,000 to £75,000 to museums across the UK. These grants aim to support the development and continuation of health and wellbeing programmes.

The Health and Wellbeing Fund is aimed at established programmes with potential for further development, as well as programmes at risk of ending without additional support.

The health and wellbeing programmes are aimed at people and communities served by museums, rather than at museums themselves.

To be eligible, applicants must demonstrate:

- a proven track record in delivering the programme
- a strategic commitment to health and wellbeing within the museum
- a clear plan for how the work will be developed or sustained

Funded projects may include:

- mental health support,
- creative therapies,
- initiatives to reduce loneliness,
- physical health activities,
- and partnerships with healthcare or community organisations.

Around ten grants will be awarded in this round.

Priority will be given to museums located in Northern Ireland, Scotland, and Wales.

Applicants must be Museums Association members, be working towards accreditation, or be able to make a strong case that they meet equivalent standards where Accreditation is not appropriate.

The application process has several stages. Applicants must first complete a short online eligibility quiz, after which around 30 organisations will be invited to submit a full application.

The closing date for applications is 20 May 2026.

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<https://www.museumsassociation.org/funding/health-and-wellbeing/>

## Funding Available for UK Animal Rescue and Rehoming Organisations (UK)

Animal rescue and rehoming organisations across the UK can apply for funding through the Pets Foundation Rescue Centre Grants Programme. The Pet's Foundation is a UK animal rescue and pet adoption charity, launched by Pets at Home in 2006, which helps abandoned and vulnerable pets get a second chance.

The programme supports organisations whose main activity is the rescue and rehoming of pets in the UK. Grants start from £250, with funding available for a wide range of costs linked to animal welfare, rescue operations and rehoming activity.

Eligible costs can include

- vet bills,
- boarding fees,
- trap and neuter schemes,
- food,
- animal care equipment,
- vehicles,
- building work and utility bills.

The Foundation has previously made significant awards through the programme, with the largest rescue grant last year providing £150,000 towards a kennel build.

One-off grant requests of under £50,000 are reviewed and decided throughout the year. Applications for more than £50,000 will be considered in January 2027.

Organisations that have previously received funding from the Pets Foundation must wait 12 months before applying again. The funding is being provided by the Pets Foundation through its Rescue Centre Grants Programme.

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<https://www.petsfoundation.co.uk/rescue-centres/>

## Funding for Research to Protect Endangered Species (UK / International)

The People's Trust for Endangered Species (PTES) has launched a new round of its Conservation Insight Grants programme.

The grants are open to conservationists and scientific researchers in the UK and around the world that are working on species listed by the IUCN as endangered, critically endangered or extinct in the wild. Projects must be experimental and test new conservation methods.

Grants of £3,000 to £10,000 per year, for up to two years (maximum £20,000), are available for projects that generate scientific evidence to support species conservation. This may include testing a conservation intervention to address a specific threat or answering a key question that will enable conservationists to take critical action.

High priority projects include:

- gathering evidence needed to undertake necessary mitigation work
- using scientific evidence to get changes made to local, national or international policy
- devising and testing a new methodology for monitoring a species or group of species

Recently funded projects include testing simple acoustic reflectors to reduce by-catch of dolphins, trialing orchid translocation to secondary forests, testing wildlife bridge designs and restoring grassland habitats in partnership with local communities.

There is a two-stage application process:

- Stage 1 - Pre-applications. Applicants must complete a short-standardised form. Up to 20 applications are expected to be invited to proceed to the Stage 2 project applications
- Stage 2 – Full project proposal. These proposals will be assessed by PTES trustees at a meeting in October and approximately 5-6 applications will be awarded funding

The deadline for submitting the pre-application form is 23.59 on 28 May 2026.

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<https://ptes.org/grants/apply-grant/worldwide-grant-criteria/>

## Grants Available to Support Commercial Games Development (UK)

UK games development studios can apply for grants of between £100,000 and £250,000 to support the development of commercial games-for-entertainment projects.

The funding is available through the UK Games Fund's Content Fund, which supports UK-registered SME games development companies with PAYE employees working on games development in the UK. Applicants must have UK-based founder-directors who are significant shareholders and should be able to demonstrate a clear growth strategy for building a financially sustainable UK games studio.

Projects must already have a prototype in place and be focused on commercial entertainment games with the potential to reach audiences at scale. Funding can support UK PAYE staff and contractor costs linked directly to hands-on development activity.

Overall project costs must be at least twice the requested grant amount. Successful applicants will receive 70% of the grant in advance, with the remaining 30% paid once additional funding or leverage has been secured and committed to the project.

Expressions of Interest are currently open. The fund is presently supported until 31 March 2029, although it may close earlier if demand is high. The funding is being provided by UK Games Talent and Finance Community Interest Company through the UK Games Fund's Content Fund.

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<https://contentfund.ukgamesfund.com/>

## Grants to Support Projects in Horticulture, Plant Sciences, Fine Art & Art History (UK)

UK charities and charitable organisations, including schools and colleges, are eligible to apply for grants to support projects in the areas of:

- Horticulture (Gardening) and Plant Sciences
- Fine Art and Art History

The Foundation is especially interested in supporting horticultural training through bursaries and apprenticeships.

The sponsoring institution should submit applications; individuals may not apply directly.

The Foundation will consider applications for one-off grants of up to £10,000; however, due to high demand, most grants are currently £5,000 or less. Exceptionally, grants of up to £60,000 are made when funds permit, payable over several years.

The next closing date for applications is 4pm on 10 June 2026.

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<https://www.finnis-scott-foundation.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/>

## Music Grants for Older People (England & Wales)

The registered charity, Concertina makes grants of up to £250 to charitable bodies that provide musical entertainment and related activities for the elderly.

The charity is particularly keen to support smaller organisations which might otherwise find it difficult to gain funding. Concertina has made grants to a wide range of charitable organisations in England and Wales. These include funds to many care homes for the elderly to provide musical entertainment for their residents. Some of the charities that have received grants from Concertina include:

- Theatre Chipping Norton to help fund high calibre music recitals in six Care Homes in the area.
- Sue Ryder Care, Lancashire to fund access to music therapy workshops at Birchley Hall near Wigan and St Helen's.

The next closing date for applications is 31 October 2026.

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<http://www.concertinamusic.org.uk/Grants.php>

## Funding to Help Community Businesses Cut Energy Costs (England)

Community businesses across England looking to lower their energy costs can now apply for support through the Energy Resilience Fund, launched by Power to Change and delivered by Key Fund.

The fund offers investment between £10,000 and £150,000, made up of a grant (up to 40%) and a loan at 6.5% interest, repayable over 12 months to 7 years. It aims to help community businesses reduce energy consumption, lower bills, and improve the environmental performance of their buildings.

Funding can support a wide range of energy efficiency and renewable energy measures, such as:

- installing solar panels or heat pumps,
- upgrading insulation, glazing, and lighting systems,
- replacing inefficient boilers or heating controls, and
- fitting energy monitoring and management systems.

Eligible applicants must own their premises or hold a lease of at least 12 years and must have been declined by a bank for commercial finance. The fund is open to community businesses across England, including social enterprises, community hubs, and development trusts.

Those yet to complete an energy audit can also apply for grants of £500–£2,500 to assess potential improvements and savings.

To apply, interested organisations should visit the Power to Change website to review the full eligibility guidance and complete the online expression of interest form. Shortlisted applicants will then be invited to submit a detailed proposal, including financial forecasts and energy improvement plans.

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<https://www.powertochange.org.uk/our-work/our-programmes/energy-resilience-fund/>

## Grants Available to Support Climate Resilience Projects (London)

Environmental regeneration charity Groundwork is offering £1,000 grants to not-for-profit organisations for projects that help communities across London build resilience to climate risks and extreme weather.

The Climate Connected Communities programme will support 15 organisations in developing and testing creative, innovative ideas that enable Londoners to prepare for, respond to, and recover from climate-related challenges.

Eligible applicants include community groups, creative groups, youth groups, faith groups, and other collaborative or community-led initiatives.

Expressions of interest must be submitted by 10am on 11 May 2026. Shortlisted organisations will be invited to deliver an online pitch, with successful applicants expected to deliver their projects between June and August 2026.

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<https://www.groundwork.org.uk/london-grants/climate-connected-communities/>

## Funding Available to Support Young People Affected by Violence (London)

The Mayor of London's Violence Reduction Unit has launched a £4 million Stronger Futures Programme 3.0.

The aim of the fund is to enable community-led organisations across London to support young people aged 8 to 18 who are at risk of, or affected by, violence, exploitation or grooming during the high-risk hours after-school and in holiday periods.

The fund will support after-school and holiday provision that improves young people's education, employability, and health and wellbeing. Activities may include training, apprenticeships, employment support, enrichment, and other positive opportunities.

Grants of £80,000 to £200,000 are available over two years, with up to 30 grants expected to be awarded. Awards are likely to average approximately £140,000 over two years (£70,000 per year).

### Examples of the types of activities that could be funded include:

- creative and cultural programmes
- mentoring and leadership
- sports and physical activity
- therapeutic and mental health support
- education and awareness
- employability and enterprise training
- safe spaces and community engagement
- life skills & independent living
- digital technology

Applications must include a food offer in all holiday deliveries.

Applicants can apply individually or in partnership with up to two other organisations.

The deadline for applications is 12pm on 11 May 2026.

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<https://londoncf.org.uk/grants/vru-stronger-futures-3-0#:~:text=Grants%20of%20up%20to%20%C2%A3,risk%20or%20involved%20in%20violence>