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Grants Available to Support the Armed Forces Community (UK)

Registered charities and not-for-profit organisations that directly support the armed forces community can apply for funding from the Veterans' Foundation. The grants support serving and former armed forces personnel, operationally qualified seafarers, and their immediate families.

Funding is available for projects that address social care needs, including homelessness, employment support, financial hardship, disability, welfare issues, mental health, and support for older people.

The Foundation offers several types of grants:

Small Grants: £500–£5,000 (rolling applications)

Standard Grants: £5,001–£30,000

Salary Grants: Up to £25,000 per year for up to three years

Major Grants: £100,000–£200,000 over up to three years

There are specific deadlines for some funding streams.

- Applications for Standard and Salary Grants must be submitted by 30 June 2026.
- Applications to the Major Grants programme are currently closed.
- Applications for Small Grants can be made at any time throughout the year.

Examples of projects funded through the Foundation include:

Walking With The Wounded – Head Start Mental Health Support: A major grant of approximately £180,000 was awarded to expand a mental health programme that provides rapid one-to-one private therapy for veterans with varying levels of mental health needs, helping 100 additional veterans access this support.

The Viking Boat Company – Veteran-Led Boat Build: The Foundation provided around £30,000 (part of a total £50,000) to support a veteran-led project in Darlington where ex-servicemen and women built a replica Viking boat, using the activity to improve mental health, confidence and resilience.

Combat Stress Mental Health Services: A grant of £30,000 was awarded to help Combat Stress deliver specialist UK-wide mental health services for veterans, supporting treatment for conditions like PTSD.

Useful Links:

<https://www.veteransfoundation.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/>

Funding to Support Disadvantaged Children (UK)

Charities, schools and community organisations can apply for funding through Cash for Kids to support disadvantaged children and young people across the UK. The charity supports children from birth up to and including 18 years old who are affected by poverty, illness, neglect or additional needs.

Grant programmes currently open are:

- **Impact Grants – Individuals:** Funding of between £1,000 and £3,000 is available to support individual children and young people living in communities affected by poverty, abuse, neglect or those with additional support needs. Grants can help with essential items and support such as clothing, school uniform, sensory equipment, therapy, disability equipment, educational materials, sports equipment, or activities that promote equality, diversity and inclusion.
- **Impact Grants – Groups:** Schools, charities and community organisations can apply for grants, typically between £1,000 and £3,000, to support projects and activities that benefit disadvantaged children and young people. Funding can be used for equipment, resources, activities, and wider support that improves children's wellbeing, inclusion, learning or development.
- **Holiday Hunger Grants:** Funding is available for organisations delivering food and activities for disadvantaged children during the school holidays. Projects should help children access nutritious meals while also encouraging healthier eating, physical activity, and positive engagement during holiday periods.

Applicants need to select their local area on the Cash for Kids website to view further details, check local availability, and find out how to apply.

Useful Links:

[Individual Impact Grant Eligibility Criteria](#)

[Group Impact Grant Eligibility Criteria](#)

[Holiday Hunger Grant Eligibility Criteria](#)

<https://cashforkids.org.uk/grants/>

Grants Available for Community Energy Projects (UK)

Younity, which supports the UK community energy sector by helping community-led renewable energy groups sell their green power and deliver sustainable local energy projects, has announced that its 2026 Powering Communities Fund is open for applications. The funding is available to local community energy groups and organisations across the UK, with grants of up to £5,000 available to support local social and environmental projects.

Projects should deliver impact in at least one of the following areas:

- community engagement (outreach and participation)
- environmental impact
- educational and awareness-raising initiatives
- collaboration and partnerships
- innovation and creativity

Grants can be used for:

- equipment purchases
- local events or workshops
- staff costs
- volunteer training
- project expansion
- support to help an organisation meet a quality standard
- developing local services or venues

The fund is delivered in partnership with Your Co-op Energy.

To be eligible, organisations must have a current or upcoming Power Purchase Agreement with Younity or have used its Kickstart Loan facility.

Applications close at 9am on 1 June 2026.

Useful Links:

[Further Information](#)

<https://www.younity.coop/funding/powering-communities-fund>

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 practising 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 10 July 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 Monica Grady.

Useful Links:

[Eligibility and judging criteria](#)

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

Funding to Promote Science in Schools (UK)

The Royal Institution has reopened its Science in Schools scheme, which supports science education in state-funded primary or secondary schools, academies, and maintained schools across the UK.

Applications are welcome from schools seeking a fully funded Science in Schools Day in the 2026-27 academic year. The programme provides participating schools with free visits from professional presenters valued at £800. These visits are designed for children in Key Stages 1 to 3.

The programme aims to support children's science education, help teachers meet their Continuing Professional Development (CPD) requirements, engage families, and help participating schools raise funds.

A bespoke Science in Schools package includes:

- Two performances of a science show for students, designed to support the curriculum at KS1, KS2 or KS3
- A CPD session for teachers, using interactive demonstrations to build the skills and confidence to inspire children with practical science
- An after-school community show for a family audience, to generate support for science in the home. The community show can also be ticketed to raise funds for future activities

The initiative is supported by several foundations, including G M Morrison Charitable Trust, Bain Capital Europe, Chalk Cliff Trust, Worshipful Company of Founders, and the JS Cohen Foundation.

The closing date for applications is 5 June 2026, for visits taking place between 1 October 2026 and 30 September 2027.

Useful Links:

[Application Guidance](#)

<https://www.rigb.org/learning/free-visits-schools>

Resilience Funding for Freshwater Conservation Charities (UK)

The Charities Aid Foundation has announced that its Building Resilience Programme is open to applications.

The programme offers funding and support to UK social-purpose organisations working to preserve and protect freshwater ecosystems.

Grants of £40,000 to £70,000 over two years are available to help small and medium-sized charities and not-for-profit organisations strengthen their resilience, helping them adapt to challenges, recover from setbacks, and sustain their long-term impact.

Each grant is split between:

- unrestricted funding (50%) - this funding is to be used in ways that best supports your organisation's mission, to create the time and capacity to engage with the programme
- resilience funding (50%) - this funding is to be ring-fenced for work that directly strengthens your resilience

Grants will be paid in two instalments:

- 60% paid following award confirmation and due diligence
- 40% paid on receipt of a light-touch Year 1 progress report

Successful applicants will also benefit from tailored support, webinars, and networking opportunities.

Eligible organisations include registered charities, community interest companies, community benefit societies and other non-profit organisations with an annual income between £250,000 and £1.5 million.

Applications close at 12pm on 15 June 2026.

Useful Links:

[Application Guidance](#)

<https://www.cafonline.org/services-for-charities/funding-for-charities/information-on-grants/building-resilience-fund-freshwater-ecosystems>

Bursaries for Community Heritage Skills Development (UK)

The National Archives has announced its Community Hub Skills Bursaries scheme, offering grants of up to £1,000 for individuals across the UK who want to build their skills in community heritage work.

Open to applicants at any stage of their career, the bursaries can support a wide range of professional development activities. These could include:

- course or workshop fees (in-person or online)
- travel and accommodation expenses related to training
- mentoring or coaching sessions
- attendance at conferences or sector events
- purchase of learning materials such as books or toolkits

costs associated with shadowing/placements in galleries, libraries, archives, and museums (GLAM organisations)

The bursaries are intended to support those who may not have had access to professional development opportunities before.

The scheme will be offered on a rolling basis and will be assessed quarterly.

The next application deadline is 3 August 2026.

Useful Information:

[Further Information](#)

<https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/community-hub/skills-bursaries/how-to-apply/>

Funding for UK Teachers to Visit German Schools (UK)

Grants of up to £1,000 are available for UK teachers to visit a German school and gain insights into the German education system. The grants can cover up to 75% of the costs of a one- or two-week visit during the autumn, spring, or summer term 2025-26.

The UK-German Connection Professional Enrichment Programme will provide teachers with the opportunity to develop their professional skills and knowledge, and will cover the costs of travel, accommodation, insurance and supply teacher cover.

Applicants do not have to be teachers of German to apply, and a matching service is available for those not already in contact with a German school.

The next closing date for applications is 5 June 2026 for visits in the autumn/spring/summer term to host in the summer term.

UK-German Connection are running Q&A webinars for teachers interested in finding out more about the Professional Enrichment Programme on the following dates:

- **Thursday, 7 May 2026**, 4.30 – 5pm
- **Tuesday, 19 May 2026**, 4.30 – 5pm

Useful Links:

<https://ukgermanconnection.org/pp/programmes/professional-enrichment-programme/>

Additional £1 Million in Funding to Help Councils Tackle Antisemitism (England)

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) has announced a further £1 million in funding to help councils and local partners tackle antisemitism and strengthen community cohesion across England.

The additional funding will expand MHCLG's Common Ground programme - which is already providing more than £4 million to communities across the country.

The funding is intended to support communities and places facing the greatest risk of antisemitism, with a particular focus on helping Jewish communities feel safer and better supported.

It aims to support rapid, visible local action, including community safety measures, targeted youth and school initiatives, interfaith projects, and programmes to challenge antisemitic narratives and hate crime.

An immediate £500,000 will also be allocated to Barnet Council following recent serious antisemitic incidents in the borough.

Further information will be made available in due course.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/funding-boost-to-help-councils-tackle-antisemitism>

Grants for Community & Environmental Projects (England)

Not-for-profit organisations in England can apply for funding to deliver projects that improve communities and the environment.

The funding is made available through the SUEZ Communities Fund for projects that improve public amenities, repair religious or historic buildings, or support biodiversity in areas surrounding Suez landfill sites. The maximum grant amount that organisations can apply for is £50,000.

Funding typically covers:

- Materials
- Equipment
- contractors for improvement work

Projects must be located within a funding zone surrounding a qualifying site owned by SUEZ Recycling and Recovery UK. Please use the Post Code Checker to check eligibility.

The next application deadline is 2 September 2026.

Useful Links:

[Criteria for England](#)

[Grants Awarded](#)

<https://grantscape.org.uk/fund/suez-communities-fund/>

Grants to Support Individuals and Families Living in Temporary and Emergency Accommodation (London)

The Stef & Philips Foundation has announced that grants are available to support individuals and families living in temporary and emergency accommodation in London, including single-parent households and care leavers living independently for the first time.

Through personal and project grants, the Foundation provides opportunities for a wide range of support needs. This includes essential items for home or family life, training and education, recreational trips for children, and community projects that promote social inclusion and welfare

The Foundation provides two grants:

Grants of up to £2,000 are available for community organisations supporting individuals or families in temporary or emergency accommodation. Successful applicants will need to demonstrate how funding will enrich the lives and well-being of those supported or offer opportunities to further and realise potential.

Individual grants of up to £200 are available. Applications must be submitted by an outreach/social/care worker or legal professional (the referee), on behalf of the beneficiary.

The next application deadline is 31 July 2026.

Useful Links:

<https://stefphilipsfoundation.com/apply>

Funding to Help Londoners Access Adult Skills and Employment Support (London)

London-based community organisations can apply for grants of between £70,000 and £120,000 to help more Londoners access adult learning and employment support opportunities.

The Skills for Londoners Community Outreach Programme 2026–29 will fund up to 28 organisations to deliver two years of outreach, engagement and support activity between September 2026 and August 2028. The programme aims to reach Londoners who may face barriers to accessing training, skills provision and employment support, and to help build stronger referral pathways into local services.

Funding can support activities such as targeted community outreach, tailored support to address barriers, confidence-building, signposting to services such as childcare, housing, debt advice, health and wellbeing support, and work to develop partnerships with Skills Providers and employment support services. Eligible costs can include staffing, resources, events, venue hire, overheads, outreach and engagement activity.

Applications are open to London-based community, voluntary, faith, cultural and grassroots organisations, including registered charities, social enterprises, Community Interest Companies and other eligible community organisations. Applicants must have an annual income of under £500,000. Projects may operate in one borough, across several boroughs, or across London, but all activity must take place in London with London residents.

The deadline for applications is 12pm on Friday 22 May 2026.

Useful Links:

[Prospectus](#)

<https://www.london.gov.uk/programmes-strategies/jobs-and-skills/funding/skills-for-londoners-community-outreach-programme>

Grants of up to £35,000 Available to Refurbish Youth Service Delivery Areas (London)

Organisations providing services to young people can apply for funding to cover one-off refurbishment costs for the spaces where they deliver services to young people

The funding is made available through the John Lyon's Charity's Refurbishment Fund, which offers two types of grants:

- Small Grants up to £10,000 for projects not exceeding this amount in total,
- Main Grants up to £35,000, typically averaging £15,000, for projects with total costs, including the Charity's contribution, not surpassing £100,000.

Eligible organisations include those with charitable status, operating within the Charity's beneficial area, and primarily delivering services to children and young people up to the age of 25.

Priority is given to smaller organisations with an annual turnover under £500,000. Schools are ineligible to apply. The fund supports various refurbishment activities, including:

- minor or essential maintenance like rewiring, roof repairs, or plumbing;
- upgrades to kitchens, toilets, or communal spaces;
- enhancements to indoor or outdoor activity areas;
- and improvements to accessibility for users.

However, it does not cover equipment purchases or refurbishments of non-service delivery spaces, such as offices.

For Refurbishment Small Grants, applications are accepted on a rolling basis without specific deadlines and are reviewed six times per year.

Applications for the Refurbishment Main Grants have two annual deadlines. The 1st July for consideration by the charity in November; and the 1st November for consideration by the charity in the following March.

For further information on the application process please go to the John Lyon's Charity's Refurbishment Fund web page (link below).

Useful Links:

[Eligible Areas](#)

<https://www.jlc.london/grants/charities/refurbishment-fund/>

Funding Available to Increase Opportunities for Young People in Disadvantaged Areas to Play Sport (Greater Manchester, Greater London Oxfordshire and West Midlands)

Local community groups, sports clubs, and charities in Greater Manchester, Oxfordshire, Greater London, and the West Midlands can now apply for grants of between £2,500 and £5,000 from the Angus Irvine Playing Fields Fund (AIPFF). Larger grants may be possible in some circumstances.

Schools with facilities open to the community are also eligible to apply.

The fund is provided by Access Sport, a charity that works to increase opportunities for young people in disadvantaged areas to participate in sports. The fund is named after Angus Irvine, a former chairman of Access Sport who was passionate about providing young people with access to quality sporting facilities.

The AIPFF is available to organisations based in or serving a borough or ward within the top 20% of the Indices of Multiple Deprivation. Grants can be used for a variety of projects that aim to increase opportunities for young people to play sport, such as:

- The development and improvement of playing fields and other facilities
- The development and training of volunteers, including the provision of qualifications
- The purchase of specialist disability equipment
- The development of long-term sustainability, for example, marketing and finance expertise
- The organising, coaching and other key operational costs of running sports activities

Projects should be focused on including young people (up to the age of 25) who would otherwise be excluded from sport such as:

- Disadvantaged young people
- Women and girls
- Young people from minority ethnic communities
- Young offenders and those at risk of offending.

The AIPFF will not fund 100% of facility builds or renovation projects (capital costs). Clubs requesting funds towards such projects will need to show that some other funding has been secured or be willing to work with the Access Sport team to secure third-party contributions.

Priority will be given to organisations/groups that are already supported by Access Sport and based in or serving a borough or ward within the top 20% [Indices of Multiple Deprivation](#).

Applications that meet the criteria will be considered in January, April, July and October. This grant window closes on 29 June, 1 pm.

Useful Links:

<https://www.accesssport.org.uk/apply-to-aipff>