

# Community Funding Bulletin

## April 2024 Edition



### Climate Action Fund – Our Shared Future Opens for UK Applications

The National Lottery Community Fund (NLCF) has launched its new £20 million 'Climate Action Fund – Our Shared Values' as part of its wider Climate Action programme.



The funding is for **formal partnership** working across sectors, led by community and voluntary organisations or public sector organisations for projects that reach more people by either:

- Linking climate action to the everyday lives and interests of local communities and inspiring them to take action.
- Influencing communities at a regional or national level, for example by linking up groups across locations, or a campaign that inspires change across one country, or the whole UK.

The funding is intended to reach people who are new to climate action by funding other types of organisations and by using other using people's everyday activities and interests as a starting point for climate action.

For example, a project might:

- Involve people who have not had a say. This could be because they are new to climate action, or because they come from communities that experience poverty, disadvantage and discrimination.
- Introduce a climate perspective to a group who came together around another interest or activity.
- Test the best ways to engage different audiences in climate action.
- Spread an exciting local approach to climate action by sharing it nationally.

There is particular interest in projects that involve people, places and communities experiencing poverty, discrimination and disadvantage.

A total of up to 25 projects is expected to be funded. The minimum grant is £500,000. It is expected that most grants will be between £1 million and £1.5 million over three to five years. Some exceptional projects of up to £3 million, for up to seven years, may be funded.

NLCF is holding the following information sessions:

- 16 May 2024 (11:00 to 12 noon) (Welsh and English).
- 21 May 2024 (14:00 to 15:00)

Advanced registration is required and can be done on the NLCF website.

There are currently no deadlines for funding applications.

**Applications will be accepted until at least 31 December 2024. NLCF plan to close to applications in early 2025.**

**For more information, please visit [Climate Action Fund - Our Shared Future | The National Lottery Community Fund \(tnlcommunityfund.org.uk\)](https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk)**

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Read about our Funding Support Services here [Funding support and advice for community groups in Northern Ireland. — Supporting Communities](#)



## Access to Resilience

This programme is supported with money from Dormant Assets NI. Dormant Assets NI is an expansion of the Dormant Accounts Fund NI.

This programme aims to address the gaps in our Dormant Assets investment to date. We want to fund support organisations – sometimes known as network, umbrella, membership or community anchor organisations. We want these organisations to improve access to the help they provide to small, underrepresented community groups in Northern Ireland.

By small community groups, we mean groups with an annual income of around £10,000 up to £100,000.

By underrepresented community groups, we mean groups that focus on representing the needs of:

- older people
- disabled people
- women
- ethnically minoritised people
- faith-based communities
- LGBTQ+ people
- rural communities.

Specifically, we want to fund support organisations so that they can help community groups with things like:

- financial planning and budgeting
- project management
- good governance
- diversity and inclusion
- digital skills
- impact measurement
- strategic planning
- volunteer management
- collaboration
- leadership
- succession planning.

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## Community Cashback is back!

Does your local community group need funding? Spar's grant scheme is aimed at supporting and giving back to the communities that they serve.

**This year, they've got 20 x £1000 grants to give back to local communities.**

Applications for this year's scheme open on Thursday 11th April 2024 and close at 23:59 on 22nd May 2024.



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We want the projects we fund to address existing barriers and achieve meaningful and inclusive participation.

You might be a generalist support organisation that already helps a diverse range of community groups. You might want to improve access to underrepresented community groups who are not currently benefiting from that support.

Or you might be a specialist support organisation that already specialises in helping underrepresented community groups. For example, women, older people or disabled people.

Your aim might be to get more resources to meet the needs of these groups.

**Area:** Northern Ireland

**Suitable for:** Support, network, umbrella, membership or community anchor organisations.

**Funding size:** Up to £150,000, for up to 3 years.

**Total available:** £3 million. We aim to make around 25 to 30 grants.

**Application deadline:** 12pm on Thursday 4 July 2024

For more information, please visit [Access to resilience | The National Lottery Community Fund \(tnlcommunityfund.org.uk\)](https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk)



To apply for a grant please visit [SPAR NI donate £20,000 to local community organisations | SPAR \(spar-ni.co.uk\)](https://www.spar-ni.co.uk)



## Triangle Trust to Open for UK Applications with New Focus for 2024

Following on from its change in funding strategy last year, the Triangle Trust 1949 Fund is focusing its funding in 2024 solely on not-for-profit organisations working with vulnerable young women and girls who have been in the criminal justice system or who are at a high risk of entering it.

The Trust holds two grants rounds per year with grants of up to £80,000 over two years (up to £40,000 can be requested per year):

- The Spring round is for proposals wanting to work with young people who already have a criminal conviction.
- The Autumn round is for proposals focused on targeted work with high-risk young people on the edge of the criminal justice system.

Registered charities, not-for-profit social enterprises and community interest companies that are working within the UK and have a UK office can apply.

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Have previous experience of working with vulnerable young women or girls either on the edge of the criminal justice system or who already have criminal convictions.
- Be requesting funding for a project working exclusively with young women and girls.



- Work solely with women and girls.
- Have a proven track record of running projects working with young women and girls that is both gender and trauma informed.
- Be proposing a project with targets that are specifically linked to either reducing the number of young women or girls who reoffend or reduce the number of young women and girls who receive a first conviction.
- Have an average annual income over the past three years of less than £1.5 million.
- Be a registered charity or an organisation set up with a clear social purpose and appropriate governing documents stating this.

The Trust particularly welcomes applications from organisations working in Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

**The Spring 2024 application window opens on 18 April and closes on 23 May 2024.**

**For more information and to apply, please visit [The Triangle Trust](#)**

## Ultach Fund for Irish Language Community Activities Invites Applications

An annual funding programme available to community organisations in Northern Ireland wishing to use and promote the Irish language is accepting applications.

The Ultach Fund is administered by Community Foundation for Northern Ireland after originally being established with capital from The Iontaobhas Ultach Trust. The fund is accepting applications for projects taking place in 2024/25 from registered charities and constituted grassroots community and voluntary groups based in Northern Ireland.

Funding is intended for projects that promote and encourage the use of the Irish language at community level and demonstrate cross-community aspects. Examples include:

- Irish language classes, courses and other relevant learning opportunities.
- Structured Irish language social events to improve fluency and/or support fluent Irish language speakers, including families.

- Production of Irish language learning or awareness resources, such as innovative publications and relevant digital resources.
- Irish language arts based activities.



Eligible costs include:

- Small capital costs, where essential to the project.
- Running costs may be deemed eligible for Irish language centres.

Grants of up to £5,000 are available.

**The deadline for applications is 7 May 2024 (1pm).**

**For more information and to apply, please visit [An Ciste ULTACH / The Ultach Fund - Community Foundation Northern Ireland \(communityfoundationni.org\)](#)**



## Cultivating Creativity: National Lottery Funding for Northern Ireland Arts Initiatives

An annual programme designed to assist organisations to deliver arts projects which contribute to the growth of arts in the community for new and existing audiences, and which reflect the diversity of Northern Ireland's society and culture, is accepting applications.

The National Lottery Project Funding programme provided by Arts Council of Northern Ireland is inviting applications from a wide range of legally constituted organisations including registered charities, public sector bodies, commercial organisations and partnerships of organisations working together.

Projects must take place between 1 July 2024 and 30 June 2025. Eligible projects and activities include:

- Projects, events and programmes of activity together with related overhead costs associated with the delivery of the project/event or programme.
- Projects which contribute to the growth of the work force and/or artistic development through mentoring programmes or opportunities.
- Projects which promote mental health and wellbeing for all participants.
- Projects which have sustainable development at their core, or which address environmental issues.
- Accessibility costs: these are costs associated with the delivery of a project for people with particular needs as defined under Section 75 of The Northern Ireland Act 1998, eg sign language interpretation, Braille paperwork, transport costs, carer costs.
- Continuation of salaries of existing administrative and/or arts posts.
- New work commissions and productions in all art

forms.

- Research and Development.
- Audience Development - to meet the needs of audiences and to help arts organisations develop ongoing relationships with diverse audiences.
- Touring (in more than one local authority area).
- Presentations or exhibitions (in more than one local authority area) of work by artists and arts organisations, which develop opportunities for audiences to attend international events in Northern Ireland which they might not otherwise see.
- Projects which are planned to reach significant audiences through 'live', 'as live' or recorded digital performance, publication, broadcast, reading, recording, and/or other audience channels.
- Modest requests for capital equipment, website design and upkeep costs and digital platform development will be assessed on a case-by-case basis and these must be integral to project design and/or delivery and/or specific project costs.



Grants of between £10,001 and £75,000 are available. Applicants are required to provide a minimum of 10% of total project costs from non-Lottery, non-Arts Council sources, comprised of cash and/or in-kind funding.

**The deadline for applications is 7 May 2024 (12 noon).**

**For more information and to apply, please visit [National Lottery Project Funding 2024-2025 | Arts Council NI \(arts-council-ni.org\)](https://www.arts-council-ni.org)**

## Breast Cancer Charities have until 31 May to Submit a Grant Application (UK)

The Pink Ribbon Foundation is currently accepting applications from across the UK to its annual grants programme.

Grants of up to £6,000 are available to breast cancer charities in the UK that assist people affected by breast cancer and organisations that work on breast cancer research and prevention. The funding is for projects and initiatives that make a direct impact on individuals with breast cancer in the UK.

For the 2024 grant period and with requests for assistance growing, the Foundation decided to focus in the main on organisations with limited financial resources to deliver their services.

Application should relate to a specific project, not 'business as usual' or core costs. However, the Foundation has 'helped out' with core costs should the need be vital to the continuity of an organisation. Up to 15% of requests can be for unrestricted funding for the organisation to use as it deems necessary.

In most instances, the Foundation will consider funding

delivery for projects that are already up and running. These can also be pilot programmes that are being rolled out to

reach a new or much wider audience or projects that take a new approach in tackling a specific challenge.

Registered charities, community interest groups and social enterprises with a legal constitution and charitable objectives may apply.

The Foundation welcomes applications from all ethnic and minority groups.

Grant applications must be hard copy and reach the Foundation by the deadline.

**The deadline for applications is 31 May 2024.**

**For more information and to apply, please visit [The Pink Ribbon Foundation](https://www.pinkribbonfoundation.org)**



## Comic Relief Launches New Youth Homelessness in the UK Fund

This is a new funding opportunity for UK based not-for-profit organisations that specialise in providing holistic support to young people aged 16-25 in the UK, who are at risk of, or experiencing homelessness.

Comic Relief is offering flexible, core funding in the way of grants of up to £200,000 over a three to five year period to organisations which do both of the following:

- Specialise in the provision of holistic support to young people aged 16-25 in the UK, who are at immediate risk of, or experiencing homelessness. Support services should be tailored, inclusive and accessible, to remove barriers and better meet the multiple and diverse needs of young people at immediate risk of or experiencing homelessness. This work could be delivered by the applicant alone or in partnership.
- Meaningfully involve young people with lived experience of homelessness, or who have been at risk of homelessness. This should include involving young people in the development of the organisation's work and priority areas, and/or in the running of the organisation.

Although not a requirement, there is interest in organisations who work to change public attitudes towards youth homelessness and/or reduce the stigma and discrimination that young people face. This

influencing work can be done either by the applicant or by working in partnership with others to effect change.

To be eligible, applicants must have an annual income of between £250,000 and £10 million and a set of annual accounts.

Comic Relief predominantly funds charities. Organisations that are not a registered charity must have a governing document that outlines the organisation's social purpose, demonstrating that any profit or assets are used for this purpose, and show that an asset lock is in place.

Flexible, core funding is designed to support the good work of organisations, and not just projects. This could mean core funding of the organisation's annual budget to continue its good work, or funding to expand the work, or to add something new that amplifies the work or its results.

**The deadline for applications is 7 May 2024 (15:00).**

**For more information and to apply, please visit [Youth Homelessness in the UK | Comic Relief](#)**



## Fibus Community Fund Open for 2024

Funding is available for community groups and voluntary organisations to address digital poverty in rural communities in Northern Ireland.

The Fibus Community Fund is awarding grants of a maximum of £2,000 to assist local groups and organisations in certain areas to improve digital access for the most marginalised members of the community, with a particular focus on older people, people on low income and people with disabilities.

Examples of the types of projects that could be funded include:

- Projects that provide access to engage with a range of digital devices (laptops, tablets, iPads, smart phones, etc), such as a community loan facility, etc.
- Projects that strengthen the capacity of individuals to use a range of available digital services, such as training workshops or courses.

- Projects that provide access to enhance connections with others, such as a community-use internet hub, or internet café, etc.



The Fibus Community Fund will have one round of funding in 2024. Applications will be accepted from community groups, voluntary organisations and other local, grassroots or community-led organisations with an annual income below £50,000. A detailed list of eligible postcodes can be found on the Community Foundation Northern Ireland website.

**The deadline for applications is 17 May 2024 (1pm).**

**For more information, please visit [The Fibus Community Fund - Community Foundation Northern Ireland \(communityfoundationni.org\)](#)**



## Sports Forum and Capital Grants 2024-2025

Funding is available to clubs through the annual Sports Forum Grant and Capital Grant Scheme. Both grants are managed by Sports Development.

Further information on grants and making an application is available by emailing the team at: [sportsdevelopment@ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk](mailto:sportsdevelopment@ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk)

### Sports Forum Grants

Sports Forum Grants are now available for 2024/2025 to affiliated Sports Forum members.

The various funding streams available include the following:

- **Anniversary** - [Application/Guidelines](#) - Grant value up to £750.
- **Club Travel and Accommodation** - [Application/Guidelines](#) - Grant value up to £500.
- **Coach Education** - [Application/Guidelines](#) - Grant value up to £500.
- **Equipment** - [Application/Guidelines](#) - Grant value up to £1000.
- **Event** - [Application/Guidelines](#) - Grant value up to £1000.
- **Goldcard** - [Application/Guidelines](#) - Access to Council Leisure facilities at reduced rates.
- **Individual Travel and Accommodation** - [Application/Guidelines](#) - Grant value up to £500.
- **Schools Clubs Pathway** - [Application/Guidelines](#) - Grant value up to £500.
- **Seeding** - [Application/Guidelines](#) - Grant value up to £250.

Sports Forum Grants are only available to Sports Forum members who have been affiliated for a minimum of three months prior to application. £45,000 has been allocated for 2024/2025 financial year, application forms and guidance notes for each grant are available:



By emailing [sportsdevelopment@ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk](mailto:sportsdevelopment@ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk)

- Contacting Sports Development on 07741 235231/0300 0133333 ext.40338
- Online at [www.leisureardsandnorthdown.com/sports-development/funding](http://www.leisureardsandnorthdown.com/sports-development/funding)
- Sports Development, Londonderry Park, Newtownards BT23 8SG

### Capital Grant Scheme

The Sports Development Capital Grant Programme provides financial assistance to eligible Sports Clubs for the delivery of capital projects and the purchase of capital equipment. 'Capital Expenditure' is defined as expenditure for purchase, improvement, restoration and construction of an asset directly related to the applicant organisation. It should have 'physical substance' i.e. be a tangible asset that can be listed on an asset register or a company's balance sheet (e.g. equipment, buildings) for use in the delivery of an organisation's activities; and it should have a useful life of more than one year.

The Council has set aside £45,000 for 2024/25 financial year and can award up to 50% of eligible capital costs with a maximum award of £5,000 in respect of any one project. Following grant assessment and allocations and if there is funding remaining, Council may consider awarding grants of more than £5,000 should the need be identified and in merit order.

Capital Grants are now open for 2024/2025. Deadline for submission is July 29th 2024 for assessment.

### Application Process

Download an Interactive form by clicking here - [Capital Grant Form](#) and [Guidance Notes](#)

Please submit forms to [Sportsdevelopment@ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk](mailto:Sportsdevelopment@ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk)

## Material Focus Electricals Recycling Fund

The Electricals Recycling Fund aims to grow existing methods or test new creative and practical ones for recycling small household electricals. If you have a project that would make it easier for the public to repair, reuse or recycle their electricals, apply for funding below!

Almost 80% of people think recycling their electricals is the right thing to do – but only 45% of people think it's easy. We are looking to fund projects that make it easier for the UK to repair, donate or recycle their old electricals.

Funding applications are currently open on a rolling basis, which means there is no deadline for them.

[Submit an application](#)

For more information please visit [Electricals Recycling Fund - Material Focus](#)



## Wellbeing of Women Launches Women's Health Community Fund

Working in partnership with Holland & Barrett, the charity Wellbeing of Women is offering grants of up to £5,000 to small, grassroots organisations and community groups to deliver health information and support to women, girls and people from underrepresented groups in the UK.

The funding is for projects that address the following key points:

- Projects that aim to improve information, education and support for menstrual health, related gynaecological conditions e.g. PCOS, endometriosis, adenomyosis, fibroids, PMDD, and menopause.
- Support people and groups that are often underrepresented in mainstream healthcare, information and services, for example people from Black, Asian and ethnic minority backgrounds (BAME/global majority), LGBTQI+, people living with

disabilities, deaf people, blind and partially sighted people, people experiencing homelessness, addiction, people living in areas of economic deprivation.



Grants of up to £5,000 are available to spend across 12 months. Funds will be distributed in two tranches, 50% at the beginning of the project and 50% upon receipt of a six month report.

**The deadline for applications is 19 May 2024.**

**For more information, please visit [Women's Health Community Fund - Wellbeing of Women](#)**

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## Steel Charitable Trust Accepting Applications for Rolling Grants Programme

Charities, charitable incorporated organisations (CIOs) and municipally funded museums across the UK with an annual income of more than £50,000 can apply for funding to deliver a variety of projects and activities across the following core categories:

- Arts and Heritage
- Education
- Environment
- Health
- Social or Economic Disadvantage

Proposed projects for the health category should have a focus on one of the following:

- Programmes and activities that aim to support, maintain, and improve mental health in any demographic.
- Health care for older people.

Proposed projects for the social or economic disadvantage categories should focus on one of the following:

- Disadvantaged children
- Housing and homeless people.



Funding can be used to cover core costs, capital works, and specific projects.

The minimum grant size is £10,000. Awards of more than £25,000 are rare.

There are typically four application periods throughout the year.

**The next application deadline is 11 July 2024.**

**For more information, please visit [steelcharitabletrust.org.uk](http://steelcharitabletrust.org.uk)**



## Funding for Financial Wellbeing Projects Focused on the Transition to Net Zero

Abrdn Financial Fairness Trust makes around 15 to 20 awards each year and intends to award around £3 million annually to organisations undertaking charitable activities in the UK for projects focused on financial wellbeing. This includes voluntary organisations, think tanks, campaigning groups, research bodies and universities.

Funding is intended for strategic work that has the potential to improve financial wellbeing for those on low to middle incomes and on a national scale, including:

- Policy work
- Campaigning
- Research

New for 2024, the Trust has launched a Climate Change and Household Finances in the UK programme. The programme aims to support projects focused on the household finances of people on low-to-middle incomes in the UK during the transition to Net Zero and adjustment to climate change. The Trust's general funding criteria apply to the programme, and projects must focus on Net Zero and financial wellbeing within one of the main funding programme themes: income, assets and spending.

Eligible projects under the programme may focus on the following areas:

- Transport
- Consumerism
- Energy use



- Labour market transitions
- Other relevant Net Zero and financial wellbeing themes.

Funding is available for UK-wide projects. However, the Trust is keen to support work in Scotland, including UK-wide work with a Scottish element.

There is no minimum or maximum size of grant. Grants typically range between £10,000 and £200,000, with most being between £50,000 and £120,000 in total. The funding may be spread over one, two or three years, and sometimes shorter periods, for example six months.

Project and ongoing costs are eligible for funding, including staff salaries and overheads.

Applicants to the Climate Change and Household Finances in the UK programme must contact Abrdn Financial Fairness Trust before applying.

There are typically two application deadlines per year.

**The second deadline for outline applications is 3 June 2024 (13:00).**

For more information, please visit [Home | abrdn Financial Fairness Trust](#)

## The Small Grants Programme

The PCSP Small Grants Programme has been developed to support community and voluntary organisations to deliver diversionary and detached youth engagement projects which will target areas of anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the Borough.

The Small Grants Programme will open on Thursday 25 April 2024 and application packs will be available below.

The purpose of the Small Grants Programme is to develop community safety awareness amongst young people to tackle ASB in local neighbourhoods and encourage positive lifestyles.

Projects must demonstrate that they can address ASB in hotspot areas where groups gather and engage in a range of negative behaviour including substance abuse, criminal damage, disruption, nuisance, street drinking, trespassing, drug trafficking and rowdy or inconsiderate behaviour.

### Funding Available:

The total amount allocated to the Small Grants Programme is £28,000, and the maximum grant available to each project is £4600.

Prospective applicants should note that all offers of



funding are conditional and subject to the necessary budgets being secured by the PCSP.

### Small Grants Application Pack 2023 2024 (Including guidance notes)

[PCSP Small Grants Application Pack 2024-2025 \(Word doc\) \[745KB\]\(opens new window\)](#)

### Closing Date:

The closing date for receipt of applications is 4pm on Friday 24th May 2024.

Late applications will not be considered. Applications should be emailed in PDF format to [pcsp@ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk](mailto:pcsp@ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk)

### Support Available:

If you require guidance or support, please contact the PCSP team on 07748 148 796 or [pcsp@ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk](mailto:pcsp@ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk)





## The B&Q Foundation supports hundreds of registered charities across the

Providing grants for a wide range of charities who are looking for funding to improve or develop spaces that benefit their local communities.

We know that charities are pushed for time and that is why we work with the team at Neighbourly to make the application process as easy as possible. Follow the three-step process below to apply for a B&Q Foundation grant.

### STEP1

#### Check our grant criteria

Check that your charity and potential project meets our grant criteria:

[Guidance & FAQs](#)

### STEP2

#### Apply for a grant

If your organisation meets the criteria for receiving a grant, please use the link below to apply through



Neighbourly.

<https://www.neighbourly.com/BandQFoundation2024>

### STEP3

#### We'll be in touch

We'll assess your application and one of the team will be in touch. Please note due to the volume of applications it can take up to 2 months after the deadline to be notified with the outcome.

For more information, please visit [Apply For a Grant | B&Q Foundation \(bqfoundation.org.uk\)](#)

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## Screwfix Foundation

The Screwfix Foundation is a **registered charity set up in 2013**. We are passionate about making a difference to communities across the UK. We are a grant giving charity with a clear purpose to support projects that improve, repair and maintain homes and community facilities used by those in need throughout the UK.

The Screwfix Foundation currently offers local registered charities and not for profit organisations funding up to the region of £5,000. All applications are reviewed individually by our team on a quarterly basis, the review dates are in March, June, September and December. Please see our [Full eligibility criteria](#).

How do we raise money? We raise funds throughout the year to support causes that will change people's lives. Look out for raffles and fundraising weeks held within Screwfix stores and you can also round up your pennies when shopping online at [www.screwfix.com](http://www.screwfix.com) or on the Screwfix app.

As well as helping local charities and not for profit organisations, we also partner with Macmillan Cancer Support, donating funds towards their home improvement programme, which helps people suffering from cancer in financial need with minor home improvements.



You can see all of the great charities we have supported [here](#).

Before applying for funding from The Screwfix Foundation, your organisation **MUST**:

- Be a registered charity or not for profit organisation.
- Help those in need. This could be by reason of financial hardship, sickness, distress or other disadvantages in the UK.
- Be looking for funding to support projects that relate to the repair, maintenance, improvement or construction of homes, community buildings and other buildings.

Please see our [Full eligibility criteria](#).

**For more information and to apply, please visit [Screwfix Foundation | Screwfix](#)**



## Openreach Community Fund (previously the Telecommunity Fund)

### Who can apply:

Constituted grass roots community and voluntary groups

### Criteria:

- Priority will be given to applications from small groups, typically with an annual income of less than £200,000, as evidenced in most recent set of accounts.
- Projects must aim to directly support one of the following specific groups:
  - Young people
  - Older people
  - People with disabilities
- The Fund will not support projects targeting all ages.
- Priority will be given to projects that will benefit groups dealing with disadvantage (e.g. rural isolation, low income, social exclusion, reduced access to services), and projects that involve the beneficiaries in their development and delivery.
- In the event of oversubscription, priority will be given to lower income organisations

### Examples of types of projects that may be supported within Fund themes:

- Community education and training opportunities
- Communication and leadership skills
- Local initiatives to improve resources and community facilities
- Creativity and self-expression through drama, music or a range of arts activities
- Inclusion and involvement of disadvantaged communities
- Out of school projects for young people

The Foundation will not fund organisations or activities which promote causes that are contrary to our purposes. Causes and activities that are contrary to our purposes include, but may not be limited to, those outlined in our investment policy. We will not therefore fund organisations or activities which we determine are linked

to the promotion of armaments, alcohol, human rights abuses, tobacco or pornography.

The Fund will also not support organisations who advance religion, including those who have purposes within their governance to advance religion, or who seek financial support for any projects aimed at advancing a particular religion.

### Examples of previously funded projects:

- A 6 week programme of music therapy for children with autism.
- A creative arts and crafts programme for older people.
- The provision of an afterschool homework club in conjunction with a youth club.
- A 12 month drama therapy programme for adults with learning disabilities.
- A six week youth programme to design and produce outside art in the playground.

**Please note that this is a competitive process and that The Openreach Community Fund (previously the Telecommunity Fund) is normally significantly oversubscribed. Under the most recent funding round (January 2024) – 14% of applicants were successful.**

### Applying for The Openreach Community Fund (previously the Telecommunity Fund)

**This round of the Openreach Community Fund (previously the Telecommunity Fund) will close for applications at 1:00pm on Tuesday 28 May 2024.**

It is recommended that you read our [Grant FAQs](#) before starting your grant application. Should you have any further questions please contact the Grants Team on 028 9024 5927.

For more information, please visit [Openreach Community Fund \(previously the Telecommunity Fund\) - Community Foundation Northern Ireland \(communityfoundationni.org\)](https://communityfoundationni.org)



# Lisburn & Castlereagh Policing and Community Safety Partnership – Project Support Programme – 2024/25

The aim of our PCSP is to help make our communities safer by focusing on the policing and community safety issues that matter most across the City. The Partnership is funded by the Department of Justice (DoJ), the Northern Ireland Policing Board (NIPB) through the Joint Committee and Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council.

We have political representatives, statutory organisations and publicly appointed members of the community that play a role in tackling crime and anti-social behaviour.

To help make Lisburn & Castlereagh safer, the PCSP will:

- consult and engage with the local community on the issues of concern in relation to policing and community safety. The Policing Committee has a responsibility to provide views to the relevant district commander and the Policing Board on policing matters.
- identify and prioritise the particular issues of concern and prepare plans for how these can be tackled.
- monitor – a Policing Committee comprising the political and independent members will monitor the performance of the police and work to gain the co-operation of the public with the police in preventing crime.
- deliver a reduction in crime and enhance community safety in the district, directly through its own actions, through the work of delivery groups or through support for the work of others.

The funding specifically aims to obtain the co-operation of the public to work with the police to prevent crime and enhance community safety. Therefore this funding may be used to either improve an existing, or start/develop a new relationship with the police.

Funding is available to local groups, organisations and partnerships wishing to undertake a Policing and Community Safety Project under one of the following objectives:

## Objective 1

To:

- work in partnership with local communities to reduce the number of incidents of anti-social behaviour by promoting local intervention initiatives

- to reduce the harm and effects of drug and alcohol as a contributing factor to crime and anti-social behaviour
- continue to work in partnership to increase reporting of Domestic Abuse incidents and to provide support for victims of Domestic Abuse
- increase the confidence in policing by developing and enhancing opportunities for engagement between local communities and police



## Objective 2

To reduce:

- the fear of crime and help people feel safer, especially vulnerable groups and/or those at risk of becoming victims of crime including addressing hate crime
- road deaths and serious injuries by working in partnership with statutory and voluntary organisations
- the number of burglaries by working in partnership with key statutory and voluntary organisations
- reduce business and retail crime

Projects should have a direct impact on the creation of safer communities with lower levels of crime, fear of crime and anti-social behaviour and/or increased confidence in the police/reporting of crime within our council area during the period up to 28 February 2025.

The project support programme will be allocated in the range of £500 to £5,000.

Lisburn & Castlereagh PCSP is not obliged to accept any or all bids and reserves the right to fund successful applications in part or in full.

Only one application will be accepted from each group/organisation/partnership.

Projects submitted should contribute to and reflect the aim of funding section as outlined in either objectives 1 or 2.

For more information please visit [Guidance Notes for Lisburn & Castlereagh Policing and Community Safety Partnership – Project Support Programme – 2024/25 - Lisburn & Castlereagh \(lisburncastlereagh.gov.uk\)](https://www.lisburncastlereagh.gov.uk/guidance-notes-for-lisburn-castlereagh-policing-and-community-safety-partnership-project-support-programme-2024-25)

## Christmas Festive Fund 2024 & Live Smart Grant is now open for applications

Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council has developed the Christmas Festive Fund to support Community Associations from the towns, villages and hamlets to help celebrate Christmas. Due to a limited funding pot only ONE community group per settlement will be successful.



Projects / events must take place between **Saturday 30th November 2024 and 18th December 2024**. Activities must be cross community and open for all residents offering an opportunity for all within the locality to participate.

Levels of Grant Award are as follows:-

### **FUND A** – Up to £2,500

Applications for settlements with a population of 1,000 and above can apply for a range of costs relating to festive entertainment. Priority will be given to projects that promote wide community involvement for **outdoor events** celebrating this festive period.

### **FUND B** – Up to £750

Applications for settlements with a population between 100 - 999 can apply for a range of costs relating to festive entertainment. Priority will be given to projects that promote wide community involvement for **outdoor events** celebrating this festive period.

You may find it helpful to discuss your application with one of the following officers within the Tourism Events Team before submitting your application:

**Sara Adair** Tel: 07856280307  
[sara.adair@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk](mailto:sara.adair@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk)

**Tracey Freeman** Tel: 07712235746  
[tracey.freeman@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk](mailto:tracey.freeman@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk)

**The Christmas Festive Fund closes for applications on Friday 31st May at 12 noon. For detailed guidance notes please select <https://grants.ccgbcapps.com/>**

**The LiveSmart Community Environment Grant** is now open for applications.

The Borough is known worldwide for its beautiful scenery and amazing visitor experience. Council wants to preserve that for years and generations to come – this requires everyone making a conscious effort to live a more environmentally-friendly lifestyle.

The purpose of the LiveSmart Community Environmental Grant Programme is to provide small grants up to a maximum of £750 to local community and voluntary organisations. The grants are to give financial assistance to allow groups and organisations to:-

1. improve the general cleanliness in their local area, particularly in respect of litter.

2. promote recycling, reuse and waste reduction.
3. look at ways of reducing carbon footprint by taking simple, practical actions such as planting.

Community groups and organisations are being encouraged and supported to keep their local area clean and tidy, promote recycling, reuse and waste reduction and have a positive impact on their carbon footprint. There are a number of specific objectives which applicants must address. Your application can address more than one objective but only one is necessary.

- RecycleSmart: aims to reduce waste by educating, engaging and inspiring us all to buy less, reuse more, recycle and compost.
- LitterSmart: aims to reduce litter through education, encouraging responsible disposal and supporting local people to carry out litter lifts.
- ClimateSmart: aims to reduce our carbon footprint by increasing our knowledge of sustainability and empowering change with simple, practical actions such as planting vegetables, fruit, native shrubs and pollinator plants.
- FoodSmart: aims to prevent/reduce food waste and save money by encouraging and enabling us all to think, shop and eat smarter.
- PlasticSmart: aims to prevent/reduce plastic use and increase recycling with simple, practical actions. • LitterSmart: aims to prevent and reduce litter through education, encouraging responsible disposal and supporting local people to carry out litter lifts.
- ClothesSmart: aims to raise awareness of the impacts of purchasing, encourage lifelong care and reduce waste to landfill by giving unwanted clothes and textiles a new lease of life through donation, repair, reuse and recycling.

Applicants can request a grant up to a maximum of £750. You can only apply for one grant per year. Applications for the LiveSmart Community Environmental Grant Programme should be submitted online at <http://grants.ccgbcapps.com/>

This is a rolling programme and will remain open until all funds are expended.

## National Lottery Community Fund to Close Two Northern Ireland Programmes

The National Lottery Community Fund has announced that two Northern Ireland programmes, People and Communities and Empowering Young People, will close for new applications in May 2024.

Each year, the National Lottery Community Fund awards nearly £30 million to communities across Northern Ireland. When the Fund launched its strategy 'It starts with community' in June 2023, the organisation committed to review its funding programmes in NI. Since then, National Lottery Awards for All has been refreshed and the Fund launched a new environmentally focused programme in Northern Ireland, Sustainable Community Buildings.

Closing People and Communities and Empowering Young People is intended to allow time to prepare for the launch of a new National Lottery grants programme in autumn 2024. Organisations applying before this date should note that demand is expected to be high, and should ensure their project idea strongly fits with the criteria before completing an application.

The following levels of funding are available:



- People and Communities offers grants of between £20,001 and £500,000 for projects lasting between one and five years.
- Empowering Young People offers grants of between £20,001 and £500,000 for projects lasting between one and five years.

Applicants can expect to hear from the National Lottery Community Fund within around six weeks of submitting their application.

**The final deadline for new People and Communities or Empowering Young People applications is 13 May 2024 (5pm).**

For more information please visit [Funding in Northern Ireland | The National Lottery Community Fund \(tnlcommunityfund.org.uk\)](https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk)

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## King Charles III Charitable Fund's small grants programme is now open for applications

We are pleased to share that the small grants programme will open for applications from 9.30am on 1st May 2024 and close on 15th May 2024 at 12 noon.

**We will only be accepting applications from organisations for projects / activities in our environment and countryside funding themes.**

**Environment:** protecting and promoting the environment through efforts including habitat restoration, species conservation, carbon savings and sequestration and circular economies.

**Countryside:** investing in the economic and environmental future of the countryside. This includes support of sustainable and regenerative agriculture, nature friendly farming practices and a brighter future for those who live and work in rural communities.

If your organisation works across our other funding themes, you can learn more about our plans for the small grants programme in 2024/25 [here](#). We will post the precise opening dates for the August and February application windows in due course.

Our small grants programme is open for non-profit organisations with an income of less than £1m per year to apply for funding. The programme provides awards of up to £5,000 per year for up to three years. The average award is £2,000.

**Prospective applicants should review our detailed [eligibility criteria](#) and [guidance notes](#), as well as all the information on our ['Guidance for Grantees'](#) page before applying.**



**Applications will be accepted through our online portal from 9.30am on 1st May 2024 to 15th May 2024 at 12 noon.**

Grant decisions will be communicated to all applicants in mid-July. If your application is unsuccessful, please wait one year from the date of your application before submitting another to any of the Fund's grantmaking programmes. Regrettably, we will not be able to offer specific feedback on applications due to the volumes we receive.

Stay tuned for updates and announcements regarding grant application deadlines, review processes, and funding decisions. Follow us on Instagram and X (Twitter) [@kingcharlesfund](#) to receive the latest news and opportunities.

For more information, please visit [Small grants programme to open in May for environment and countryside - King Charles III Charitable Fund \(kccf.org.uk\)](https://www.kccf.org.uk)

## The Rank Foundation Grants from Hospice UK

This grant programme will support hospices to deliver the Volunteer to Career programme.

The hospice sector is facing a retirement crisis over the next few years. One third of the hospice clinical workforce is aged over 55 compared to less than one fifth in the NHS. The loss of experienced clinical staff all at once would be devastating for the sector.

To help address this impending crisis, Hospice UK has developed a programme in partnership with the charity [Helpforce](#) to create routes into hospice clinical careers at all levels, and to establish a pipeline of new clinical staff through a [Volunteer to Career](#) (VtC) pathway.

Hospice UK's Volunteer to Career will be a clinically led programme, whereby local volunteers considering a career in healthcare are recruited by hospices to undertake 60 hours of certificated training over the course of one year. Volunteers will be supported throughout the year by a dedicated Clinical Lead at each participating hospice.

At the end of the programme, hospices can recruit the volunteers, knowing they represent a talented, compassionate pool of potential employees, who can add real value to their clinical workforce.

In partnership with Helpforce and the Rank Foundation, Hospice UK will:

- Engage 10 hospices, help them identify and build internal capacity to deliver the work and find and match interested volunteers from their local communities.
- Provide a blended learning programme for participating hospice Clinical Leads, who will work within their hospices to mentor the new volunteers. This includes help with project planning and data collection to build evidence of the value of the project.

By the end of their training, volunteers will be supported onto a career pathway aligned to your hospice's identified workforce needs i.e. either via a university course, workplace apprenticeship, or paid employment route into eventually becoming a nursing associate (clinical band 2 or 3).

For full details of the programme please read the Information and Criteria Specification document, which is in the Apply Now section below.

### Information Webinar

We will be running an information webinar on Wednesday, 15 May 2024 from 11am to 12noon to discuss the Hospice UK Volunteer to Career



programme, and the grant application process, with staff from Helpforce and Hospice UK.

This webinar is being hosted by Helpforce.

Please [register your details here to join](#).

If you have any questions or problems, please contact Helpforce.

### Available Funding

Total available funding in this round is £100,000 and we are looking to award 10 grants of £10,000 each.

This is to contribute towards the cost of supporting Clinical Leads to undertake this piece of work. Please note that other expenses arising from the programme (e.g. volunteer expenses) will need to be covered by the hospice.

### Deadline

The deadline for applications is 17:00 on Friday, 7 June 2024. Applicants will be informed whether or not they have been successful in early July 2024.

### Eligibility

Eligible organisations are independent adult and children's hospices that are members of Hospice UK and based in the UK, Isle of Man and the Channel Islands.

### Timetable

An outline timetable for the programme is given below.

- 7 June: Deadline for submission of applications is 5pm
- 15 May: Information Webinar 11am - 12noon
- Early July: Notification of decisions to hospices

For more information and to apply, please visit [Rank Foundation Grants | Hospice UK](#)