

Latest **Grant Funding Opportunities (Date: May 2026 - Issue 2)**

Sector: The Voluntary, Community, Faith and Social Enterprise (VCFSE) Sector

Scope: This funding research focuses on the latest grants available to VCFSE organisations in Suffolk.

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<p>Join the <b>Funding 4 Suffolk Portal</b> that enables Not for Profit organisations in Suffolk (with an annual income below £1 million) to freely search for funding for their projects - <a href="#">register for this free resource</a>. Supported by Suffolk's Local Authorities and Community Action Suffolk.</p>				
<p><b>Suffolk County Council / Suffolk Youth Social Action Programme / National Lottery</b></p>	<p><b><u>Youth Social Action Programme – Supporting Young People to Lead Change in Suffolk</u></b></p> <p>Suffolk County Council and partners are inviting VCFSE organisations, schools, colleges and community groups to register interest in supporting a new Youth Social Action (YSA) Programme for young people aged 11–20 (up to 25 for young people with additional needs).</p> <p>Through a series of youth-led Hackathon events, young people will identify issues that matter to them and develop ideas to improve their communities. Some ideas will progress into funded projects.</p> <p>We are seeking organisations interested in joining a trusted network of supporting partners who may be matched with young people to help develop and deliver youth-led projects. This could include providing practical support, safeguarding, local expertise, venues and acting as the accountable body for grant funding.</p> <p><b>Stage 1 Pre-Application – Open Now</b></p> <p>Interested organisations are invited to complete a simple Stage 1 Pre-Application to express interest and help us understand your organisation, community reach and areas of interest.</p> <p>Please note: Completing the Stage 1 pre-application does not guarantee funding or project allocation but enables organisations to be considered when relevant youth-led opportunities emerge.</p> <p><b>Please email <a href="mailto:YSA@suffolk.gov.uk">YSA@suffolk.gov.uk</a> to find out more and request the Stage 1 Pre-Application form.</b></p>	<p>Project delivery / Youth-led community activity</p>	<p>Typically, £500 – £10,000 (depending on project scope)</p>	<p>VCFSE organisations, schools, colleges and community groups in Suffolk interested in supporting youth-led community action</p>

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<b>Cash for Kids / Bauer Media</b>	<p><b><u>Funding to Support Disadvantaged Children</u></b></p> <p>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. Current programmes include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Impact Grants for individuals, providing between £1,000 and £3,000 for essential items and support such as clothing, school uniform, sensory equipment, therapy, disability equipment, educational materials and sports equipment;</li> <li>• Impact Grants for groups, typically between £1,000 and £3,000, to support projects, resources and activities that improve children’s wellbeing, inclusion, learning or development.</li> <li>• Holiday Hunger Grants (£1,000 and £3,000) for organisations delivering food and activities for disadvantaged children during the school holidays.</li> </ul> <p>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.</p> <p><a href="#">Visit the Cash for Kids web-portal</a></p>	Activities, Equipment, Clothing	See description	Charities, Schools and Community organisations
<b>BlueSpark Foundation</b>	<p><b><u>Children and Young People Development</u></b></p> <p>Schools, colleges and community groups in England can apply for grants to Blue Spark Foundation for a wide range of projects. The Foundation value academic, vocational, artistic and sporting endeavour in equal measure but are particularly keen to support projects which will help enhance the self-confidence, team working skills and future employability of children and young people.</p> <p>Many grants will be under £2,000 and none are more than £5,000.</p> <p>Projects which could be supported include drama, music, sport, art and design, debating, public speaking, academic education, vocational training, community projects, enterprise projects and educational excursions.</p> <p><a href="#">Visit The BlueSpark Foundation website</a></p>	Revenue / Equipment	£500-£5,000	Schools, Colleges, Community Groups, Not for Profits

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<b>Marsh Charitable Trust</b>  (Marsh Christian Trust)	<p><b><u>Funding to support community needs</u></b></p> <p>Registered Charities that have been established for at least one year with accounts can apply for small grants that support the following causes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social welfare</li> <li>• Environmental causes and animal welfare</li> <li>• Healthcare and medical research</li> <li>• Education and training</li> <li>• Arts and heritage</li> </ul> <p>There is no deadline for applications.</p> <p><a href="#">Visit the Marsh Charitable Trust website</a></p>	Revenue	£500-£2,000	Registered Charities that have been established for at least one year with accounts
<b>Hodge Foundation (Jane Hodge Foundation)</b>	<p><b><u>Grants that support welfare, education, medicine and religion</u></b></p> <p>We award grants (around 44 per year) to UK Registered or Exempt charities for the purpose of furthering objectives in the UK or overseas, but with particular emphasis in Wales, working in the areas of welfare, education, medicine and religion.</p> <p>Welfare: supporting the elderly, homeless, disabled, special needs and those with mental health issues.</p> <p>Education: education and learning, both within formal school settings and practical approaches to learning which support young people to fulfil their potential and thrive including those with special needs. Arts engagement interest too.</p> <p>Medical and Research: Cancer, Hospices, Mental Health</p> <p>Religion: supporting facilities in church buildings and inclusive activities for the wider community</p> <p><a href="#">Visit the Hodge Foundation website</a>  <a href="#">How to apply</a></p>	Revenue / Capital	£2,500-£50,000	Registered or Exempt charities

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<b>Bernard Sunley Foundation</b>	<p><b><u>Capital grants for Community, Education, Health or Social Welfare</u></b></p> <p>The Foundation offers three levels of grants. These are large grants of £25,000 and above; medium grants of up to £20,000 and small grants of £5,000 and under. Grants can be used for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capital projects (costed at £10,000 - £5 million) which include new buildings, extensions, refurbishments and recreational spaces.</li> <li>• New minibuses and other vehicles that provide a vital service to those most in need in their local community.</li> </ul> <p>Applications are accepted all year round.</p> <p><a href="#">What We Fund - Bernard Sunley Foundation</a></p>	Capital / Vehicles	£2,000-£30,000	Charities or CIOs, Churches, Exempt organisations, Specialist Schools, Scout and Guide groups, Housing Associations, Cooperatives, and Community Benefit Societies annual income below £10 million
<b>Garfield Weston Foundation</b>	<p><b><u>Grants for Welfare, Youth, Community, Arts, Faith, Environment, Education, Health and Museums &amp; Heritage</u></b></p> <p>The Foundation awards grants for Capital, Project and Revenue costs. Where they already have a funding history with a charity, the Trustees may consider a multi-year request for up to three years, provided you can demonstrate that a longer-term commitment will add value to your organisation's objectives.</p> <p>There are no deadlines for applications under £100,000. Grants above this level are reviewed at one of 8 board meetings a year.</p> <p>Normally, capital grants are no more than 10% of a total project cost. However, for local community projects (e.g. village halls, community centres, places of worship, etc.), grants are unlikely to be over £30,000 regardless of the project size. If your organisation wants to apply for £100,000 or over, they expect your annual income or project to be over £1 million.</p> <p><a href="#">Visit the Garfield Weston Foundation website</a></p>	Revenue / Capital	£2,000-£200,000	Registered Charities, churches, Exempt orgs (Housing Association)

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Benefact Trust	<p><b><u>Grants to support Christian organisations and enable out-reach</u></b></p> <p>The Benefact Trust - Our Community Impact Grants programme awards revenue funding for projects that support Christian mission and deliver social impact across the UK and Ireland.</p> <p>We prioritise funding for projects that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Address social challenges facing communities, such as poverty, homelessness, isolation and loneliness, and addiction or substance misuse</li> <li>• Grow and sustain congregations and Christian communities, such as faith development, youth work, church planting, volunteer training, or staff roles that support long-term sustainability (for example, volunteer coordinators or bookings administrators)</li> </ul> <p>We typically fund projects lasting up to three years and may contribute towards core costs where these are essential to delivering your project.</p> <p>Typically, grant sizes will range between 10% and 30% of your total eligible project costs, before any deprivation uplift is applied, and our total grant will not normally exceed 50% of your total eligible costs. The average size of a Community Impact Grant in 2025 was £23,000.</p> <p>Applications can be submitted at any time.</p> <p><a href="#">Visit the Benefact Trust website</a>  <a href="#">Full guidance document</a></p>	Revenue	See guidance	Christian Charities, Churches and cathedrals or Dioceses and denominational bodies
National Churches Trust	<p><b><u>Grants for Urgent Structural Repairs to Churches</u></b></p> <p>Listed and unlisted Christian places of worship requiring major or urgent structural repairs can apply for grants of up to £50,000. The funding, made available through the National Churches Trust's Large Grants Programme, will cover up to 50% of larger, more complex projects costing over £80,000, including VAT. Funding is also available for projects costing more than £30,000. VAT that improves</p>	Capital	Up to £50,000	Christian Churches

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	<p>facilities such as kitchens and accessible toilets, etc, to enable increased community use. Priority will be given to architecturally and historically significant buildings.</p> <p>There is a two-stage application process.</p> <p><u>The deadline for stage one applications is midnight on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2026.</u></p> <p>Applicants will be informed of the stage 2 deadline if they are successful at stage 1.</p>			
<p><b>Government (DCMS) and Historic England</b></p>	<p><b><u>Announcement on Funding for Places of Worship and Heritage Buildings</u></b></p> <p>The Department for Culture, Media and Sport and Historic England have today (20 May) announced that <a href="#">three heritage funding schemes have opened for applications</a>, aimed at the 14,000 listed places of worship in England as well as the most at-risk heritage sites in our villages, towns and cities. Many places of worship and heritage sites fulfil wide roles in modern communities, from providing services like food banks and warm spaces, to providing affordable housing or workspaces for local entrepreneurs.</p> <p>Awarding up to £23 million this year, the <a href="#">new Places of Worship Renewal Fund</a> will support a range of small to large projects, from urgent structural repairs to physical access improvements and the installation of new facilities to expand community use. A further £69 million will be made available across the course of this parliament.</p> <p>A second round of the <a href="#">Heritage at Risk Capital Fund</a> has opened for Expressions of Interest, backing projects that ensure heritage buildings are fit for the future.</p> <p>The <a href="#">Heritage Revival Fund</a> has also opened applications to its second round, with funding doubling to £10 million per year. The fund – worth £45 million in total – helps communities to rescue and</p>	<p>Capital</p>	<p>See description</p>	<p>See eligibility for each fund</p>

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	<p>repurpose neglected historic buildings and transform them to meet modern needs, focusing on regenerating historic buildings in town centre locations to create new arts and culture venues, workspaces, affordable housing, and more.</p>			
<p><b>Paul Hamlyn Foundation</b></p>	<p><b><u>Schools Arts-Based Learning Fund</u></b></p> <p>Arts organisations and charities working with schools, colleges and other formal education settings can apply for grants of £30,000 to £300,000 to deliver high-quality arts-based learning projects lasting two to four years.</p> <p>The funding aims to improve the lives and achievements of children and young people experiencing inequality, with priorities including support for disadvantaged pupils, expanding access to arts-based teaching in underserved schools, addressing inclusion and racism, developing digital and blended learning, and embedding arts in curricula for the long term.</p> <p>Applications must be made in partnership with schools or other formal education settings, and the fund particularly welcomes organisations led by those most affected by oppression. Applications are accepted year-round.</p> <p><a href="#">Visit the Paul Hamlyn Foundation website</a>  <a href="#">Grants previously awarded list</a></p>	<p>Revenue</p>	<p>£30,000 to £300,000 (1-4 years)</p>	<p>Registered Charities, Community Interest Companies</p>
<p><b>The Radcliffe Trust</b></p>	<p><b><u>Funding to Support Classical Music Performance &amp; Training</u></b></p> <p>chamber music, composition, music education</p> <p>The Radcliffe Trust Music Grants programme generally awards grants in the region of £2,500 to £5,000 and is particularly interested in supporting music for children and adults with special needs, youth orchestras and projects at secondary and higher levels, including academic research.</p> <p>Applications are considered under eight headings: composition and contemporary music; bursaries for courses and summer schools; music therapy/special needs; academic research/projects; youth orchestras; performance projects; educational projects (excluding mainstream primary and secondary schools); and miscellaneous.</p>	<p>Revenue</p>	<p>Between £2,500 to £5,000</p>	<p>Charities and Not-for-profit organisations</p>

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	<p>Two application rounds each year.</p> <p>The next deadline for applications is <u>31<sup>st</sup> July 2026</u>.</p> <p><a href="#">Visit The Radcliffe Trust website</a></p>			
<p><b>Tree Council</b></p>	<p><b><u>Branching Out Fund</u></b></p> <p>The Tree Council is offering grants to eligible organisations to deliver tree-planting projects during the 2026/27 Winter planting season. The Branching Out Fund will support groups to purchase:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bare root, UK-sourced and grown, native trees of an appropriate size (priority will be given to younger trees that will establish better).</li> <li>• UK-sourced and grown, bare-root whips (saplings) and cell-grown (root trainer) stock for hedging projects (between 40-120cm height).</li> <li>• Hedgerow trees.</li> <li>• Orchards, such as fruit trees on semi-vigorous, vigorous, and very vigorous rootstocks.</li> <li>• Cardboard/bioplastic tree/hedge guards.</li> <li>• Non-plastic ties.</li> <li>• Stakes (coppiced material such as chestnut or hazel is preferred, although machined softwood will also be considered).</li> <li>• Mulch.</li> <li>• Non-peat-based soil improvers if needed.</li> </ul> <p>The final application deadline is <u>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2026</u></p> <p><a href="#">Visit the Tree Council Branching Out Fund webpage</a>  <a href="#">Full guidance doc</a></p>	<p>Trees and planting equipment</p>	<p>£250-£2,500</p>	<p>Community groups, Town or Parish Council, Small Charities, Schools, Colleges, Tree Warden Networks</p>
<p><b>Stanley Smith (UK)</b></p>	<p><b><u>Funding to Promote Horticulture and Public Gardens</u></b></p>	<p>Horticulture Capital</p>	<p>Up to £5,000</p>	<p>Registered Charities</p>

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<b>Horticultural Trust</b>	<p>Organisations involved in horticulture, gardening, or botany can apply for grants of up to £5,000 from the Stanley Smith (UK) Horticultural Trust which supports projects that promote horticulture, conserve the environment through biodiversity, develop public gardens, and advance horticultural education.</p> <p>Eligible projects include the restoration of historic gardens, creation of new public garden spaces, horticultural research, publications, and plant study expeditions.</p> <p>There are two applications cycles per year.</p> <p><u>Applications are currently open, and the next application deadline is 15<sup>th</sup> August 2026.</u></p> <p><a href="#">Visit Stanley Smith (UK) Horticultural Trust</a>  <a href="#">Example projects supported</a></p>	Projects / Botanical Research		
<b>Sport England, The Premiere League and The Football Association</b>	<p><b><u>Women and Girls Football: The Lionesses HERe to Play Fund</u></b></p> <p>With the number of girls playing football in England doubling over the last four years and nearly 300,00 women playing every month, it is vital to have more opportunities for women and girls than ever before.</p> <p>Between May and September, the Lionesses HERe To Play Fund will provide two different amounts for organisations to apply for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A. £500 for clubs or organisations looking to provide a women’s and girls’ recreational football opportunity through an England Football Programme.</li> <li>• B. £1,500 for clubs or organisations looking to provide a new affiliated women’s and girls’ team in the 26/27 football season.</li> </ul>	Kit / Equipment, Coaching, Fees, Promotion	(a) £500 (b) £1,500	See main description

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<p><b>Premier League, Football Association, Government DCMS</b></p>	<p><b><u>Football Club – Women and Girls Amenities Improvement Fund</u></b></p> <p>The Lionesses HERE to Play Fund offers up to £25k to transform grassroots facilities into safe, welcoming spaces.</p> <p>Eligible expenditure:</p> <p>Signage, External Lighting / CCTV, Toilets, Shower Improvement, Baby Change &amp; Breastfeeding Facilities, Female Officers and Player Privacy changing Spaces, Changing room Improvements, Clubhouse Improvements, External Covered Spaces.</p> <p>Who can apply?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A not-for-profit football club or voluntary group*</li> <li>• A Local Authority</li> <li>• A County FA</li> <li>• A Professional Club Community Organisation</li> <li>• An educational establishment providing facilities for the community</li> <li>• A registered charity</li> </ul>	<p>Capital</p>	<p>£1,500-£25,000</p>	<p>See main description</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A not-for-profit company</li> <li>• A community interest company (CIC) or other social enterprise</li> <li>• A company limited by guarantee</li> </ul> <p>Grant applications will have to provide 25% match-funding.</p> <p><a href="#">Visit the Women and Girls Amenities Improvement Fund webpage</a></p>			
<b>Dan Maskell Tennis Trust</b>	<p><b><u>Funding to support Disabled Individuals and Groups to Play Tennis</u></b></p> <p>The trust supports the participation in tennis. The grants can be used for coaching with LTA-licensed coaches, court hire, tennis wheelchairs, and equipment like rackets.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individuals can apply up to £600. Applicants seeking sports wheelchairs may be required to make a personal contribution.</li> <li>• Engagement Projects by Groups / Club can apply for grants up to £1,600.</li> </ul> <p>The Trust holds four funding meetings annually.</p> <p><u>The next application deadline is 3rd August 2026.</u></p> <p><a href="#">Visit Dan Maskell Tennis Trust</a></p>	Training, Coaching, Equipment	Up to £600  Up to £1,500	Disabled individuals, disability groups, tennis clubs, schools, and associations
<b>Eric Twiname Trust</b>	<p><b><u>Grants to enable young people to engage in sailing</u></b></p> <p>A small number of grants are available each year for not-for-profit groups and organisations to enable and encourage young people (up to age 25 years) in full time education in the UK to sail or race.</p> <p><a href="#">Visit the Eric Twiname Trust</a></p>	Equipment and/or coaching	£300-£2,000	Not for Profits

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<b>East of England Co-op / Suffolk Community Foundation</b>	<p><b><u>Community Cares Fund</u></b></p> <p>In partnership with the Suffolk Community Foundation, the East of England Co-op Community Cares Fund will award grants to VCSFE organisations of between £1,000-£5,000 to projects with one or more of the following outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved access to social activities for all</li> <li>• Reduction in feelings of isolation and improved wellbeing</li> <li>• Supported people into education or employment</li> <li>• Provided information, advice or guidance to maximise income</li> <li>• Evidence of partnership working or alliance formation</li> </ul> <p><u>Applications open on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026. This fund may close early if oversubscribed.</u></p> <p><a href="#">Visit the East of England Co-op: Community Cares Fund webpage</a></p>	Revenue	between £1,000 and £5,000	<p>Not for Profit (VCSFE organisations)</p> <p>A management committee of at least three members</p>
<b>The Wise Music Foundation</b>	<p><b><u>Supporting Communities</u></b> (Links to Bury St Edmunds)</p> <p>Charity linked to music publishing business with UK distribution centre on the outskirts of Bury St Edmunds. Small grants towards education projects, cultural activities and arts &amp; heritage, health issues, food banks and other worthy causes.</p> <p>Grants: Average: £1,500.</p> <p>Submit applications:</p> <p>End of August – for applications reviewed in September            End of November – for applications reviewed in December            End of February – for applications reviewed in March  <u>End of May – for applications reviewed in June</u></p> <p><a href="#">Visit The Wise Music Foundation website</a></p>	Revenue / Capital	£1,000-£5,000	<p>Preference is to support smaller charities with an annual turnover of up to £500,000</p> <p>(but have funded larger local charities)</p>

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Tesco / Groundwork	<p><b><u>Tesco Fruit &amp; Veg Grants programme</u></b></p> <p>The grants support projects that help children and young people access fresh fruit and vegetables.</p> <p>Examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breakfast/after school clubs that provide fruit and veg for pupils</li> <li>• Sports clubs that provide healthy food as part of the project or a much-needed half time boost</li> <li>• Growing initiatives to grow your own fruit and veg or cooking classes using the food to learn</li> <li>• Holiday clubs that provide healthy meals and snacks</li> <li>• Projects providing SEND provision with healthy snacks/meals</li> <li>• Youth clubs that provide a healthy meal/snack</li> <li>• Addressing holiday hunger amongst children outside of school time</li> <li>• Healthy eating projects that support families to cook healthy meals on a budget</li> <li>• Foodbanks to provide food support to families</li> </ul> <p>Projects are nominated through local Tesco stores. Shortlisted applicants then take part in an in-store customer vote, in which customers use blue tokens. Every shortlisted project receives a grant; with the amount determined by the number of votes it receives.</p> <p><a href="#">Visit the TESCO Fruit and Veg Grants Programme web portal</a></p>	Activities/ Stock	£500, £1,000 or £1,500	Schools, Registered Charities and Not-for-profit organisations