

Latest **Grant Funding Opportunities (Date: June 2026 - Issue 1)**

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>The <b>Stronger Suffolk VCFSE Support Programme</b> has been developed in direct response to the challenges highlighted in the State of the Sector report. These include financial pressures, rising demand, workforce and volunteer shortages, and the need for stronger leadership, governance, and organisational resilience.</p> <p>It brings together coordinated support to strengthen the resilience, leadership, and long-term sustainability of Suffolk’s VCFSE sector. Co-ordinated by Suffolk Community Foundation and delivered in partnership with the Suffolk Funders Network, Community Action Suffolk (CAS) and Cranfield Trust, the programme provides a pathway of funded support based on organisational need. The Support Offer:</p> <p><u>Tier 1</u>: Resilience Support Packages (CAS)  <u>Tier 2</u>: CAS Tailored Community Interest Company (CIC) Support Packages  <u>Tier 3</u>: Leadership &amp; Organisational Transformation (Cranfield Trust – <i>Building Resilient Charities Programme</i>) - there will be information sessions on the 9<sup>th</sup> June and 8<sup>th</sup> July from 1-2pm, please register attendance with <a href="mailto:jess.prosser@suffolkcf.org.uk">jess.prosser@suffolkcf.org.uk</a>.</p> <p><a href="#">Visit the Stronger Suffolk portal</a></p>			
<p><b>Henry Smith Charity</b></p>	<p><b><u>Early Years Parenting Fund</u></b></p> <p>The Early Years Parenting Fund will support organisations that improve the development of children most at risk of poor early childhood outcomes, by investing in effective, culturally grounded parenting support.</p> <p>Your organisation will:</p>	<p>Flexible funding – grants can be used towards general running costs</p>	<p>Up to £56,250 per year for four years (£225,000 total)</p>	<p>Registered Charities / CIOs / Community Interest Companies (with asset lock)</p> <p>Annual income: Between</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work closely with parents with children aged newborn to five from Black (Caribbean or African, Any Other Black), Pakistani, and Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities</li> </ul> <p>and / or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work with parents with children aged newborn to five living in areas ranked within the most deprived 20% nationally (using the relevant national deprivation index for the location of your work)</li> </ul> <p><u>Stage 1: Expression of Interest deadline: 5pm; Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2026</u></p> <p><a href="#">Early Years Parenting Fund - Henry Smith</a> <a href="#">Webinar recording</a></p>			£100,000 and £5 million
<b>The7Stars Foundation</b>	<p><b><u>Funding to Support Vulnerable Young People</u></b> #individuals</p> <p>The7Stars Foundation exists to support the most vulnerable and overlooked young people in the UK (aged 18 and under), providing essential support, skills, and hope for a brighter future.</p> <p>One-off grants up to £500 made via safeguarding professionals to meet a critical need of an individual child in care, facing abuse, addiction, homelessness or carer responsibilities.</p> <p>Who should apply? Safeguarding professionals (e.g. social worker, lawyer, school outreach officer) acting on behalf of a specific child.</p> <p><u>Applications reopen on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026 and the deadline is 13<sup>th</sup> July 2026</u> (decision made in November 2026)</p> <p><a href="#">Visit the 7stars Foundation Individual Funding website page</a> Case Studies</p>	Welfare/ Personal development / Skills	Up to £500	Safeguarding professionals (e.g. social worker, lawyer, school outreach officer)
<b>The Open University</b>	<p><b><u>Undergraduate Scholarship Programme for Care Leavers (UK)</u></b></p>	Fees	Bursary	Individual Care Experienced

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	<p>The Open University's Care Experienced Scholarship, in conjunction with The John Lewis Partnership for 2026/27 academic year, are offering ten undergraduate scholarships to care-experienced young people aged 30 and under.</p> <p>Those who successfully apply for the scholarship can study flexibly, including spreading their learning over more than three years, to accommodate family or existing work commitments.</p> <p>We're now accepting applications for the 2026/27 academic year.</p> <p><u>Applications close at midday on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2026.</u> We'll email you by 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026 to confirm if you're successful.</p> <p><a href="#">Visit the Open University Care Experienced Scholarship Web-portal</a></p>			<p>Young People under 30 years of age before 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026</p>
<p><b>The Access to Justice Foundation</b></p>	<p><b><u>Legal Support Grant 2026</u></b></p> <p>The Legal Support Grant 2026 is a two-and-a-half-year grant programme funded by the Ministry of Justice and delivered by The Access to Justice Foundation across England and Wales. There is a total of £15 million available in funding from 1 October 2026 to 31 March 2029.</p> <p>The foundation has mostly funded free legal advice and representation projects, especially in social welfare law and for people who are unlikely to access paid legal help.</p> <p><u>The Central National Online Support Offer</u> grants between £200,000 to £350,000 per annum, subject to a maximum award of £875,000 over the grant period.</p> <p><u>Organisational Infrastructure Supporting Service Delivery</u></p> <p>Funding to support legal support organisations helping people with social welfare and family law problems, to access timely and appropriate support and resolve problems as early as possible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organisations with an annual income above £250k: Can apply for funding up to £150,000 per annum, with a maximum of £375,000 over the grant period.</li> <li>• Organisations with an annual income below £250k: Can apply for funding up to £100,000 per annum, with a maximum of £250,000 over the grant period.</li> </ul>	<p>Services / Development</p>	<p>See main description</p>	<p>Registered Charities that have a demonstrable track record and experience of delivering social welfare and family legal advice/ support</p>

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	<p><u>Apply now – the application deadline is 12pm (midday) on 25 June 2026</u> Grants due to start 1<sup>st</sup> October 2026.</p> <p>Information webinar: 3pm, 8<sup>th</sup> June 2026 (<a href="#">Register</a>). For those unable to attend the event a recording will be made available on our website shortly after.</p> <p>Organisations should be willing to participate in evaluation and research of their funded work.</p> <p><a href="#">Visit the Legal Support Grant website page</a> For any questions please contact the Grants team at <a href="mailto:grants@atjf.org.uk">grants@atjf.org.uk</a></p>			
<p><b>The Wolfson Foundation</b></p>	<p><b><u>Capital Grants to Charities Working with Older People</u></b></p> <p>The Older People capital grants (from £25,000 to £75,000) programme supports Registered Charities and Local Authorities (CQC Rating of Good) that provide care and services for older individuals, particularly those with neurodegenerative conditions or experiencing social isolation.</p> <p>Projects with total costs exceeding £80,000 are expected to secure at least 25% in match funding before submitting a Stage 2 application. The funding is designated for new buildings, refurbishment work, or equipment purchases that contribute to improved service delivery and organisational stability. Projects should also aim to increase the financial sustainability of the organisation.</p> <p>Applications follow a two-stage process. Open to Stage 1 applications: 14 May 2026 <u>Stage 1 application deadline: 1 July 2026</u> Stage 2 application deadline: 1 September 2026 Funding decision: December</p> <p><a href="#">Visit The Wolfson Foundation – Older People’s Grants Programme web portal</a></p>	<p>Capital (buildings or equipment)</p>	<p>£25,000-£75,000</p>	<p>Registered Charities, Exempt Charity, or Local Authorities</p>
<p><b>The Quaker Trust</b></p>	<p><b><u>Grants and Loans for Social Housing Projects</u></b></p> <p>Grants and interest-free loans are available to Registered Charities (with an annual income below £1.5 million) that provide affordable homes for vulnerable people in need in Britain.</p> <p>We have four priorities:</p>	<p>Project feasibility / Capital</p>	<p>Project Development grants: Up to £6,000</p>	<p>Registered Charities  Applying organisation must have an</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Projects in East of England, Southwest of England as underrepresented in recent award rounds</li> <li>● Projects providing for older people</li> <li>● Organisations working with people with No Recourse to Public Funds</li> <li>● Housing projects that support people from minoritised groups. These include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● LGBTQ+ people</li> <li>● Black and other ethnically minoritised people</li> <li>● People living with disabilities</li> <li>● Refugees and asylum seekers</li> <li>● Prison leavers</li> <li>● Care leavers</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Project Development Grants</b> up to £6,000 are offered to support projects in their early stages of development. This grant is aimed at helping organisations get their projects off the ground.</p> <p><u>Application deadline is 5pm Tuesday 11 August 2026</u></p> <p><b>Capital Loans and Grants Programme</b> awards a mixture of grants and loans up to £50,000 (with maximum grants of £25,000) to fund housing projects. This program is intended to help organisations finance their more established projects.</p> <p><u>The Expression of Interest deadline is 5pm Wednesday 1 July 2026</u></p> <p>Examples of projects funded include:</p> <p><b>Handcrafted Projects</b> (County Durham &amp; Gateshead) helps vulnerable people—such as those dealing with homelessness or addiction—by involving them in renovating derelict homes. QHT supported this with a grant and interest-free loan to purchase and renovate properties. Participants gain both housing and valuable skills, fostering rehabilitation and community integration.</p>		Main Grants: Up to £25,000	annual income below £1.5 million

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	<p><b>Ella's</b> (London) provides safe housing for women survivors of trafficking. QHT funded fire safety upgrades and expansion work in two safe houses. This increased capacity and improved security, allowing Ella's to support more women through recovery and reintegration into society.</p> <p><a href="#">Visit the Quaker Housing Trust website Guidance Document</a></p>			
<p><b>The National Lottery</b></p>	<p><b><u>National Lottery Community Fund: Awards for All</u></b></p> <p>Who can apply? Not for Profits, Parish/Town Council, Schools*, Statutory bodies, with a least two unrelated Trustees/Directors</p> <p>Grants are from £300 to £20,000. And can support your project for up to two years.</p> <p>You can apply for funding to deliver a new or existing activity or to support your organisation to change and adapt to new and future challenges.</p> <p>We can fund projects that'll do at least one of these things:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• bring people together to build strong relationships in and across communities</li> <li>• improve the places and spaces that matter to communities</li> <li>• help more people to reach their potential, by supporting them at the earliest possible stage</li> <li>• support people, communities and organisations facing more demands and challenges because of the cost-of-living crisis.</li> </ul> <p>Application deadline: Ongoing. Apply at least 16 weeks before you want to start the activities or spend any of the money.</p> <p><a href="#">Visit the National Lottery Community Awards for All Grant Portal</a></p> <p>Schools* potential projects should be available to the wider community to access and not duplicate statutory services.</p>	<p>Revenue or Capital</p>	<p>Between £300-£20,000</p>	<p>Not for Profits, Parish/Town Council, Schools*, Statutory bodies, with a least two unrelated Trustees/Directors</p> <p>See full guidance re: Asset Lock policy.</p>

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<b>BUPA Foundation</b>	<p><b><u>Green Community Grants</u></b></p> <p>The Bupa Foundation Green Community Grants programme (up to £2,000) will be administered by GroundWork charity and available to schools, Registered Charities, and Not-for-Profit organisations.</p> <p>Priority will be given to projects that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve existing green spaces or create new ones in cities, especially in priority areas: London, Staines, Brighton, Leeds, Greater Manchester (in particular Salford), Dublin and Glasgow</li> <li>• <u>Take place in areas with the greatest need, meaning areas in the top 20% most deprived, based on official Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) data.</u> Where this data is not available, you must clearly evidence that your project location has high levels of need.</li> <li>• Have not received a Bupa Foundation Green Community Grant before</li> <li>• Clearly show how they improve people’s health and the health of the planet</li> </ul> <p><u>The application deadline is midday, Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026.</u></p> <p><a href="#">Visit the BUPA Foundation / GroundWork Green Community grants website full guidance document</a></p>	Capital / Equipment / Planting	Up to £2,000	Schools, Registered Charities, and Not-for-Profit organisations (established for more than 2 years) Local Authorities Social Housing providers
<b>National Lottery Community Fund</b>	<p><b><u>Reaching Communities: Environment Theme</u></b></p> <p>From April 2025.</p> <p>Our Reaching Communities Grants programme priorities are to fund projects that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support places, people or communities experiencing poverty, disadvantage or discrimination and</li> <li>• support people and communities to shape the decisions that affect their lives.</li> </ul> <p>And your project must achieve one of our missions. Which are to support communities to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Come together</b></li> </ul>	Capital / Revenue	Between £20,001-£500,000 (Revenue serviced based projects can be spread up to five-year period).	Registered Charities (CIO), Not for profit organisations, schools (as long as your project benefits and involves the communities around the school), Parish/Town

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Help children and young people thrive</b></li> <li>• <b>Be healthier</b>, and</li> </ul> <p><b>Be environmentally sustainable.</b> By engaging with climate issues and having a positive environmental impact. And improving access to quality natural spaces.</p> <p>We're looking for projects that help communities take action on climate and nature. Your project should meet one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• empower people to engage with climate issues and adapt to the impacts of a changing climate</li> <li>• support communities to take part in activities to make a positive environmental impact, like reducing carbon emissions or creating space for wildlife</li> <li>• help communities to have access to nature, by increasing the amount and quality of natural space for wildlife. Meaning that people can experience nature around them, and that more varieties of wildlife can thrive</li> </ul> <p>You can apply for costs to deliver activities, or to develop land or buildings. You can also apply to develop your organisation or keep your organisation running.</p> <p><a href="#">Visit the National Lottery Reaching Communities portal</a></p>			Councils and Statutory bodies.
<p><b>The Golsoncott Foundation</b></p>	<p><b><u>Small Grants to Promote Excellence in the Arts</u></b></p> <p>Arts organisations can apply for grants to deliver projects that demonstrate excellence in the arts. The funding aims to promote, maintain, improve, and advance the public's education in the arts, particularly the fine arts and music.</p> <p>The trustees meet four times a year. Applications should be submitted at least three weeks before a scheduled trustees' meeting (late February, May, August, November).</p> <p><u>The next application deadline is late July 2026.</u> However, the fund may close early if the application limit has been reached.</p>	Projects	Up to £3,000 (typically £15,000)	Charities Trusts. Community Music Groups, Orchestras, Festivals

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<b>Suffolk County Council / Suffolk Youth Social Action Programme / National Lottery</b>	<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>	Project delivery / Youth-led community activity	Typically, £500 – £10,000 (depending on project scope)	VCFSE organisations, schools, colleges and community groups in Suffolk interested in supporting youth-led community action
<b>East of England Co-op / Suffolk</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</p>	Revenue	between £1,000 and £5,000	Not for Profit (VCSFE organisations)

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<b>Community Foundation</b>	<p>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>			<p>A management committee of at least three members</p>