

Latest **Grant Funding Opportunities (Date: August 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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Funder Name	Overview	Revenue or Capital	Grant Value	Who can apply?
Morrison's Foundation	<u>Capital grants to improve community spaces</u> The Connecting Communities fund aims to support thriving communities and their shared infrastructure. By investing up to £20,000 per project, they aim to unlock the potential of these local anchor institutions. Our funding aims to reduce social isolation, fosters a deep sense of belonging, and ensures that the physical spaces at the 'heart' of our communities remain resilient, inclusive, and equipped to serve for generations to come. This could be, for example, by: • Renovations and upgrades (community kitchens, accessible toilets and changing facilities, refurbishing a communal room, making internal and external repairs). • Small scale construction (therapeutic and activity sheds, outdoor shelters & seating areas, external secure storage facilities, forest school structures). • Equipment and installations (mobility & adaptive gym equipment, CCTV, secure doors & windows, boilers, heaters and insulation, workroom & large activity items). • Transforming environments (landscaping of community gardens, accessible sensory garden features, inclusive outdoor play areas, community outdoor fitness hubs). <u>There is no fixed deadline</u> to apply for a Connecting Communities grant, we process applications monthly and reply within 8 weeks. Please also review our FAQ page and Grant Policy in full before applying https://www.morrisonfoundation.com/connecting-communities-grant-request	Capital / Equipment	Up to £20,000	Registered Charities

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The Screwfix Foundation	The Screwfix Foundation is open for applications from charities and registered not-for-profit organisations (including specialist schools and Parent Teacher Associations / Friends of groups if they hold a registered charity number) for projects that will fix, repair, maintain, and improve the properties and community facilities of those in need due to financial hardship, sickness, disability, distress, or other disadvantage throughout the UK. Grants in the region of £5,000 are available for a variety of projects, such as: • Improved energy-efficient lighting & heating • Installation of new kitchen, bathroom etc. • Installation of a sensory room • General painting & decorating • Improving the safety and security of a building Applications are reviewed every quarter. <u>The next deadline for applications is 10th November 2026.</u> https://www.screwfix.com/help/screwfixfoundation/GrantsAwarded	Capital / Equipment / Redecoration	Up to £5,000	Registered Charity
Kelly Family Charitable Trust	<u>Grants for Family Support Projects</u> Registered charities that work to tackle family problems or problems facing one or more of its members can apply for grants of up to £5,000. Funding is available for both capital and revenue grants as well as grants for core funding and projects-based grants. The Trust actively encourages applications from relatively new organisations to help them become established. The Trust will consider both capital and revenue grants. The Trust is happy to support requests for core funding as well as project-based grants and actively encourages applications from relatively new organisations to help them become established. The three areas of activity that the charity wishes to support are:	Revenue / Capital / Core	Up to £5,000	Registered Charities whose annual income is below £500,00

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	- Interventions that support families and help them in ways that prevent the fracture of the family unit, eg. practical family support, relationship counselling, mediation. - Families where sexual abuse, physical abuse, domestic violence, alcohol abuse and drug abuse threaten the integrity of the family unit. - Prisoners and in particular their families, during and after the period of imprisonment. The trust prefers to support charities whose income is below £500,000. However, larger charities with pioneering pilot projects will be considered. <u>The next application deadline is Monday 1st September 2026.</u> <u>Visit the Kelly Family Charitable Trust website</u>			
Henry Smith Charity	<u>Maternity Equity Fund – Upcoming</u> This upcoming Maternity Equity Fund will invest in trusted, community-led organisations delivering preventative, trauma-informed and culturally safe support during pregnancy and birth. Your organisation will support improved outcomes for any of the following three groups: - Communities experiencing the greatest maternity inequities including Black, Asian, and Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities. - Communities in geographical areas of highest deprivation, including in rural areas. - People experiencing complex and multiple disadvantages, including existing and antenatal mental health needs. These organisations are close to the communities they serve, helping to break down barriers, improve access to care, and create better experiences and outcomes for families. The fund will strengthen partnerships, share learning, and build evidence about what works so successful approaches can influence maternity care and systems more widely.	Revenue	Up to £61,600 in year one and £61,700 in years two and three	Registered Charities and CIOs Community Interest Companies (CICs) that are not-for-profit with an asset lock Annual income (as shown in your most recent published accounts): must be between £20,000 and £1.5 million

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	The fund opens for Expressions of Interest at 9am, Thursday 3rd September 2026 with a deadline of 5pm, Wednesday 14th October 2026. If your organisation delivers this kind of support, or you know one that does, visit our fund page to find out more, check your eligibility, and register for our launch webinar Wednesday 2nd September at 13:30pm. Visit Henry Smith Charity - Maternity Equity Fund webpage			
Help the Homeless	<u>Help the Homeless Capital Grants</u> Help the Homeless makes grants of up to £5,000 to small charitable organisations (with a turnover of less than £500,000) whose aim is to help homeless people return to the community and enabling them to rebuild their lives. Typically, such organisations may operate residential or training facilities to assist homeless people. The quarterly deadlines for applications for funding each year are: 5pm on 20th March/20th June/20th September/20th December. You will be informed of the Trustees' decision within eight weeks of each deadline. The next application deadline is 5pm on Sunday 20th September 2026. Visit the Help the Homeless website Previously funded projects	Capital / Equipment	Up to £5,000	Small Registered charities whose annual income is below £500,000
The Charles Hayward Foundation	<u>Social & Criminal Justice to Medium / Large Charities</u> We fund projects that prevent criminal justice involvement and support people to rebuild their lives. - Targeted early intervention programmes aimed at reaching the most troubled and vulnerable families in a community. - Targeted preventative and diversionary projects for young people at risk of offending, including interventions identifying and addressing the needs of girls and young women.	Revenue / Services	Grants between £15,000 – £25,000 per annum for one to three years	Registered Charities with an annual income between £350,000 and £4 million

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	- Programmes combining prison-based and community interventions dealing with the rehabilitation of offenders, accommodation and support on release, maintaining family relationships, mentoring, and creating pathways to employment. - Schemes offering viable alternatives to custody, for women and young people. It is a two-stage application process. <u>The next Stage 1 application deadline is Friday 18th September 2026.</u> Visit The Charles Hayward Foundation website			
Parkinson's UK	<u>Grants to help people with Parkinson's to become and stay active</u> Community groups and organisations across the UK can apply for grants of up to £3,000 to help people with Parkinson's to become and stay active. They are particularly keen to support people from marginalised or underrepresented communities, to participate in physical activity and sports. Activities could include walking groups, dance classes, or more accessible initiatives such as arts-based programmes or gardening activities. Grants can cover costs such as equipment, facility hire, maintenance of equipment, coaching fees, and training. Applications can be made at any time until all the funding has been allocated. Visit the Parkinson's UK website Guidance document Area Manager: Ian Rogers; email: irogers@parkinsons.org.uk	Revenue / Activities	Up to £3,000	Not for Profits
Masonic Charitable Foundation	<u>Early Years / SEND / CYP Domestic Abuse Support Grants</u> The Foundation now has rolling grant programmes with no deadlines as follows: - Children: Early Years - Children: Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (SEND) - Children affected by Domestic Abuse Small grants are for Registered Charities whose annual income is between £25,000 - £500,000. These grants are unrestricted. Small grants range from £1,000-£5,000 per year, for up to three years.	Revenue	Small grants £1,000-£5,000 Large multi-year grants:	Registered Charities See main description

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	Large grants are for larger Registered Charities whose annual income is between £500,000 - £5 Million. They must be restricted to a project. Large grants usually range from £10,000 to £60,000. They can be awarded over one to three years. Visit the Masonic Charitable Foundation website		£10,000-£60,000	
Henry Smith Trust	<u>Holiday Grants for Disadvantaged and Disabled Children</u> The Holiday Grants Programme offers one-off grants (£500 – £3,000) for schools, youth groups and non-profit organisations to take <u>children aged 13 and under</u> on UK based recreational day trips or short residential trips (up to seven days). We prioritise fun and new experiences, such as camping, adventure activities, or visits to the seaside. Applications from the 20% most deprived areas in the UK will be given priority. Applications must be submitted at least six weeks before the scheduled trip or holiday. Applications for trips between 1st October and 31st December 2026 are open from 20th August and 19th November 2026. Visit the Henry Smith charity – Holiday Grants for Children webpage	Recreation Scheme costs	£500 – £3,000	Schools Youth groups and UK-based non-profits (with an organisational annual income below £2m)
The Happy Days Children's Charity	<u>Grants for Respite Break and/or Recreation Activity experiences</u> #SEND #Abused #Children #Young People #Families Families must have a household income of £28,500 or under. Respite Break and/or Recreation Day Trips, Theatre Trip or Group activity holidays for disadvantaged children and young people with additional needs, have been abused or who have a life-limiting condition (aged 3-17 years of age). Grant values: upon application.	Activities / Expenses	Upon application	Typically, via Statutory / Service Provider Referral

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	Remarks: Applications for family activities are accepted from parents, guardians, grandparents or siblings, as well as GPs, consultants, nurses or social workers. Applications for group activities are accepted from organisations such as SEN schools and groups, young carers and women's refuges. Visit The Happy Day's Children's Charity (office contact: 01462 530710)			
Visa and Nationwide	<u>Let's Celebrate Towns – Corporate Philanthropy Fund</u> Let's Celebrate Towns is a joint initiative by Visa and Nationwide. Now in its fourth year, the competition highlights towns across the UK that are overcoming challenges to create thriving, resilient communities. Since its launch, the programme has supported 22 towns nationwide, funding community-driven projects that deliver lasting impact, from cultural festivals and high street revivals to heritage restoration. The competition aims to recognise and support local initiatives that are helping towns become stronger, more resilient and vibrant, including projects that support businesses, revitalise high streets and strengthen communities. Towns across the UK have the chance to attend a national awards ceremony at the Houses of Parliament and compete for recognition in one of five categories: • High Street Revival • Backing Local Business • Protecting Valued Places • Connected Places • Community Pride Five winners will each receive a £20,000 grant towards a community project or initiative. Entries are invited from across the UK from MPs and local leaders, local authorities and town councils, and community groups and organisations. <u>Entries open on Monday 17th August 2026 and close at 23:59 on Sunday 25th October 2026</u> The online entry forms can be accessed from the Visa Europe website.	Revenue	Each of the five category winners will each receive a £20,000	MPs and local leaders, local authorities and town councils, and community groups and organisations.

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The Paul Hamlyn Foundation	<u>Teacher Development Fund to Re-open for Applications (UK)</u> The Paul Hamlyn Foundation (PHF) has announced that its Teacher Development Fund (TDF) has reopened. The Teacher Development Fund offers grants of up to £165,000 over two academic years to support arts-based learning and professional development in primary education. The fund supported long-term partnerships between six to ten schools and cultural organisations. Eligible applicants include state primaries, SEND schools for children under 12, and alternative settings. Independent and secondary-only schools are excluded. Projects must combine creative pedagogy, teacher development, and sustainability. Successful applicants will receive funding to begin work in the 2026 academic year. Previously funded projects included: St John’s Stonefold C.E. Primary School with Blue Moose Dance Company was awarded £141,500. This project uses dance and creative movement to help pupils form emotional and kinesthetic connections with academic subjects. It supports teachers in embedding kinesthetic learning throughout the curriculum. The Kemnal Academies Trust (TKAT) with Turner Contemporary was awarded £156,000 through the TDF. This partnership enables teachers in the South East to explore diverse art and design media with a focus on sustainability and creative critical thinking. <u>The closing date for applications is Wednesday 11th November 2026.</u> Visit The Paul Hamlyn Foundation – Teacher Development Fund webpage	Revenue	Up to £165,000 over two years	Primary Education (Groups)
Universal Music UK Sound Foundation	<u>Grants to School Musical Equipment</u> The Universal Music UK Sound Foundation (UMUKSF) has launched a new funding round to enable schools across the UK and Ireland to apply for grants of up to £800 to improve their pupils' access to music.	Equipment	Up to £800	Schools

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	The UMuKSF School Awards will fund schools teaching the national curriculum to improve their music departments by purchasing or upgrading musical instruments and equipment. Schools must apply individually; trusts or academies cannot submit on behalf of multiple schools. Exclusions include music studios, businesses, private music centres, community projects, and staffing costs for teaching or peripatetic lessons. <u>The deadline for applications is 10 am, Wednesday 7th October 2026.</u> For any questions, email the Foundation at umuksoundfoundation@umusic.com. Visit the Universal Music UK Sound Foundation website			
Universal Music UK Sound Foundation	<u>Grants to Students for Musical Instruments</u> The Universal Music UK Sound Foundation (UMUKSF) grants to eligible students (up to year 11) in full-time education in the UK to help purchase musical instruments or equipment. Applicants must meet nationality or residency requirements and be receiving regular music lessons at school or studying a certified full-time music course. Funding cannot cover lessons, fees, travel, accommodation, deposits or retrospective purchases. Applications are online, with a reference required from a current independent music teacher. <u>The deadline for applications is 10 am, Wednesday 7th October 2026.</u> For any questions, email the Foundation at umuksoundfoundation@umusic.com. Visit the Universal Music UK Sound Foundation website	Equipment	Up to £1,000	Students (up to year 11) – see main description
Spot England / National Lottery	<u>Grants for Physical Activity projects</u> Launched in April 2024, the Movement Fund offers crowdfunding pledges, grants and resources to improve physical activity opportunities for the people and communities who need it the most.	Revenue / Equipment	£300-£15,000	Not for Profits

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	If your project aligns with Sport England priorities, they can fund a wide range of costs and items up to £15,000. Their focus is to support projects that match their goal of getting more people active, reducing the number of inactive people and tackling inequalities. Projects providing opportunities for groups facing barriers to activity are of particular interest, such as: • people living on low incomes • disabled people or those with long-term health conditions • older people • people from culturally diverse communities • pregnant women and parents with very young children • girls aged 5-16 • LGBTQ+ people • people who are in foster care • people who provide care without pay Visit the Sport England Movement Fund Portal			
HDH Wills Charitable Trust	<u>Small Community Grants: Community Benefit and Environment</u> Registered Charities – this funder has links to Ousden Village, West Suffolk. Grants can be made for revenue, capital or project expenditure. Applications may be submitted at any time, with decisions being made by the Grants Committee every month. • Community: Grants £1,000-£5,000 to general charities, which are small enough in size or are applying for support for a modest project such that the charity will benefit from a donation. Online applications are preferable and a form can be accessed on the Trust's website. Applications may also be submitted by post or email. Visit the HDH Wills Trust website	Revenue, Capital or project expenditure	£1,000- £5,000	Preference is to support smaller Registered Charities (have funded larger charities though)

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The National Garden Scheme	<u>Grants to Transform Outdoor Spaces – Upcoming</u> The National Garden Scheme 2027 (NGS), with support from the Julia Rausing Trust, has announced its 2027 Community Garden Grants scheme. Grants between £1,500 and £5,000 will support community garden projects. The following is an illustrative, but not exhaustive, list of items that may be eligible for funding: • Plants and containers • Materials for flower or vegetable beds and other hard landscaping • Greenhouses, polytunnels and sheds • Seating • Hand tools and certain garden power tools (e.g. strimmers) • Materials for providing refreshments There is a priority for projects benefiting disadvantaged groups and promoting wellbeing. <u>Applications open on Tuesday 29th September 2026 and close on Friday 30th October 2026</u>, though only the first 300 submissions will be accepted. Awards announced in April 2027. Visit The National Garden Scheme website full guidelines	Equipment / Materials	Between £1,500-£5,000	Community Groups, Registered Charities and Community Interest Companies
Suffolk County Council / DEFRA	<u>Suffolk National Landscapes Funding #East Suffolk</u> Small grants to support the delivery of environmental based impact and engagement projects in East Suffolk: <u>Amenity and Accessibility Fund</u>, apply for up to £3,000 for projects in East Suffolk Coastal https://coastandheaths-nl.org.uk/managing/grants/aaf/ <u>Galloper Wind Farm Fund</u>, apply for up to £3,000 for projects within 5km diameter of Sizewell https://coastandheaths-nl.org.uk/managing/grants/gwff/ Please note these funding geographic areas are specific, see maps for each fund to check for eligibility.	Capital / Activities	Up to £3,000	Community organisation or group, Registered Charity, School or Business

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	Recently funded projects, include: - Wildlife areas in primary schools - Swift projects and woodland regeneration - Accessible paths and mobility scooters - Improving visitor experiences - Photography workshops <u>Apply NOW to – closing for applications is Wednesday 9th September 2026</u> Visit the Suffolk & Essex Coast & Heaths National Landscape grants webpage			

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National Lottery	<u>National Lottery Community Fund: Awards for All</u> Who can apply? Not for Profits, Parish/Town Council, Schools*, Statutory bodies, with a least two unrelated Trustees/Directors Grants are from £300 to £20,000. And can support your project for up to two years. 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. We can fund projects that'll do at least one of these things: - bring people together to build strong relationships in and across communities - improve the places and spaces that matter to communities - help more people to reach their potential, by supporting them at the earliest possible stage - support people, communities and organisations facing more demands and challenges because of the cost-of-living crisis.	Revenue or Capital	Between £300-£20,000	Not for Profits, Parish/Town Council, Schools*, Statutory bodies, with a least two unrelated Trustees/Directors

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	Application deadline: Ongoing. Apply at least 16 weeks before you want to start the activities or spend any of the money. Visit the National Lottery Community Awards for All Grant Portal Schools* potential projects should be available to the wider community to access and not duplicate statutory services.			
The Tree Council / DEFRA	<u>Trees Outside Woodland Fund (England)</u> This fund aims to support projects that establish trees outside of woodlands to create or enhance green spaces, using a range of tree types and planting methods, to increase England’s overall tree canopy from 14.5% to 16.5% of total land area by 2050. The funding is intended for physical items (such as trees) and direct delivery costs (such as contractor fees) required to plant and establish trees, rather than internal staffing or organisational running costs. For the 2026/27 planting season, there is a one-stage application process. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis with a <u>final application deadline of Saturday 31st October 2026.</u> Visit the Tree Council - Trees Outside Woodland Fund webpage Full guidance document	See main description	Between £10,000 and £40,000	Local authorities, Registered Charities with an annual income or turnover of more than £100,000.
<u>Friends of Friendless Churches</u>: We rescue and repair redundant places of worship in England and Wales. We care for and celebrate their rich architectural legacy and history and support their local communities. Visit the Friends of Friendless Churches website				