

Latest Grant Funding Opportunities (Date: September 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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Tesco	<u>Tesco Fruit & Veg Grants programme</u> Keen to encourage applications in / around: Beccles; Brandon; Bury St. Edmunds; Stowmarket; Haverhill; Sudbury. The grants support projects that help children and young people access fresh fruit and vegetables. Examples include: • Breakfast/after school clubs that provide fruit and veg for pupils • Sports clubs that provide healthy food as part of the project or a much-needed half time boost • Growing initiatives to grow your own fruit and veg or cooking classes using the food to learn • Holiday clubs that provide healthy meals and snacks • Projects providing SEND provision with healthy snacks/meals • Youth clubs that provide a healthy meal/snack • Addressing holiday hunger amongst children outside of school time • Healthy eating projects that support families to cook healthy meals on a budget • Foodbanks to provide food support to families 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. Visit the TESCO Fruit and Veg Grants Programme web portal	Activities / Stock	£500, £1,000 or £1,500	Schools, Registered Charities and Not-for-profit organisations

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Post Code Places Trust	<u>Post Code Places Trust: East of England Round</u> <u>Who can apply?</u> Registered Charities, Community Interest Companies (*Asset Lock Schedule 1 & 2 only), and Charitable Community Benefit Societies with an annual income between £10,000 and £1 million, with at least three Trustees/Directors. The applying organisation's <u>mission focus (core purpose and everyday work)</u> is: • Enabling participation in the arts, or • Preventing or reducing the impact of poverty, or • Supporting marginalised groups and/or tackling inequality, or • Improving mental health <u>Priority</u> may be given to organisations that meet one or more of the following: • Applying organisations have an annual income of £250,000 or below • Work in communities located in the top 15% of the English Index of Multiple Deprivation • Organisations whose main activities are focused on supporting marginalised groups. This could include, but is not limited to, disabled people, communities experiencing racial inequity, and LGBT+ people. • Are in areas that have not recently received funding. For this, we will primarily be looking at postcode areas (eg. EHX XXX) that have not received funding in the last 12 months. You can find a list of organisations supported here. <u>Grant values:</u> up to £50,000 in total over the three years, depending on your organisation's income. <u>Grant funding purpose:</u> Unrestricted. <u>Application Round 3: Opens: 9am 24th September – Closes: 12 noon 1st October</u> Visit the Post Code Places Trust – East of England Round web-portal Frequently Asked Questions	Unrestricted	See main description	See main description

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National Deaf Children's Society	<u>Grants to deliver projects that support deaf children, their families and carers</u> In this next funding cycle, the Community Grants Programme will focus on projects that support deaf children in the early years (aged 0 to 5) both directly and indirectly, such as: • play schemes, programmes of days out for families, • skills development and peer-to-peer support for parents or carers, and • schemes to train deaf young people as role models for younger children Proposed projects should also link to at least one of their fund objectives – see website for full list. This is a rolling programme, and applications can be submitted at any time throughout the year. Visit the National Deaf Children's Society grants webpage	Activities / Services	between £1,000 and £10,000	Charities and other Not-for-Profit organisations
Masonic Charitable Foundation	<u>Early Years / SEND / CYP Domestic Abuse Service 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 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. Large grants are for larger 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	Revenue or Unrestricted	Small grants £1,000-£5,000 for up to 3 years Large grants: £10,000-£60,000	Registered Charities
Nuffield Foundation	<u>Research and Evaluation Projects: Employment and Skills to help Young People</u> The Nuffield Foundation's Essential Employment Skills Fund offers grants of up to £500,000 to strengthen support for young people aged 16-24 facing barriers to employment. The programme	Research	Up to £500,000;	UK-based institution or organisation

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	funds partnerships between employers, educators, charities, researchers and government bodies to evaluate and improve employment skills provision, build evidence of effective practice, and help more young people progress into sustainable, good-quality jobs. The deadline for applications is Thursday 10th December 2026. Visit the Nuffield Foundation website		anticipating that most will be between £200k and £400k	
Blue Spark Foundation	<u>Grants to support the development of Children and Young People</u> 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. Many grants will be under £2,000 and none are more than £5,000. 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. Visit The BlueSpark Foundation website	Revenue / Equipment	Between £500-£5,000	Schools, Colleges, Community Groups, Not for Profits
Magdalen Hospital Trust	<u>Small grants to Smaller Registered Charities that help vulnerable children and young adults (male and female and young families)</u> The Magdalen Hospital Trust is a charity founded over 200 years ago to help women and girls. The Trustees still aim to give priority to projects that respond to the needs of today's vulnerable children and young adults (male and female), especially those at risk of sexual and other forms of exploitation, and young parents in difficult situations. What we fund: Examples of projects that we fund will relate to: • out of school and after school support • safeguarding education	Activities / Services	£500 - £2,000	Registered Charities. CIOs with an annual income below of £150,000 per annum

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	- personal development - mental health support and counselling The Trust aims to work with small charities and will rarely support capital projects. There are four application rounds each year. <u>The next application window opens Thursday 1st October and closes on Saturday 31st October 2026.</u> Visit The Magdalen Hospital Trust website			
Government MHCG	<u>Capital grants to develop Community spaces that deliver community cohesion</u> The Common Ground Award 2026 to 2027 will invest capital funding into community sector organisations that bring people from different backgrounds together to build community cohesion and resilience. It will support the cost of constructing or renovating facilities, spaces, and equipment to deliver services. Applicants should read the full Common Ground Award prospectus (especially the section titled: Policy alignment Examples and scoring criteria before making an application: Prospectus document Visit the Common Ground Award website application portal <u>Apply now – application deadline, 2pm, Monday 12th October 2026</u> (decisions in mid-December / payments in January 2027)	Capital (building improvements) or Equipment	between £20,000 to £250,000	Non-profit
Ofcom	<u>Community Radio Fund</u> Grants are available to support core and equipment costs of running Ofcom-licensed community radio stations in the UK that are currently broadcasting. The Equipment Stream offers grants of up to £2,000 for studio, transmission and accessibility equipment to analogue community radio services broadcasting for at least 10 years.	Equipment or Running costs	See description	Community Radio Stations

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	The Sustainability Stream provides up to £100,000 for roles or projects improving long-term sustainability, including management, fundraising, administration and financial management, with some multi-year awards available. The application deadline is 5pm, Wednesday 14th October 2026. Visit the Ofcom Community Radio Fund website			
The AB Charitable Trust	<u>Funding for services that Combat Abuse and Violation of Human Rights</u> Registered Charities with annual incomes of between £150,000 and £1 million that work towards combating abuse and violations of human rights can apply for grants between £10,000 to £40,000 per year and are awarded from one to four years. Applications are particularly welcomed from Registered Charities working to support: • The Criminal Justice System and Penal Reform • Access to justice • The Human rights Framework • Migrants and Refugees There are 4 applications rounds per year. The next application deadline is Friday 23rd October 2026. Visit the A B Charitable Trust website see grants awarded database	Core, Unrestricted or Project funding	£10,000 to £40,000 per year and are awarded from one to four years	Registered Charities whose annual income is between £150,000 and £1.5m
Post Code Lottery / Wildlife Trusts	<u>Grants to purpose led Environmental / Conservation focused Not for Profits</u> Post Code Lottery Green Community Grants Programme offers one-year grants of £10,000–£25,000 to not-for-profit organisations with annual incomes between £10,000 and £1 million. Funding supports projects that contribute to nature recovery, climate action, and improved access to nature-rich spaces, including sustainable activities such as recycling and community clean-ups.	Activities	Between £10,000-£25,000 (subject to	Established Registered Charity / Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) /

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	Priority is given to smaller organisations, deprived communities, marginalised groups, and habitat restoration projects, such as: • Smaller organisations that have an income between £10,000 and £250,000 • Organisations whose objects or purposes within its governing document relate to habitat or species restoration/protection • Deprived Communities: work in communities located in the top 15% of the Index of Multiple Deprivation • Supporting marginalised groups. This could include, but is not limited to, disabled people, communities experiencing racial inequity, and LGBT+ people <u>The next application window is Wednesday 30th September to Wednesday 21st October 2026.</u> Visit the Green Community Grants Programme web-portal Full Guidance doc		income levels)	Community Interest Company (CIC) with an asset lock (Schedule 1&2 only) Also, with an annual income between £10,000 - £1 million
The Gardens Trust	<u>Community grants to support historic designed landscape projects</u> Volunteer groups across the UK have until mid-October 2026 to apply for grants of up to £10,000 to help seed-fund projects that will improve, enhance, and support historic designed landscapes. Priority will be given to: • Seed-funding or pump-priming for a sustainable activity, such as a restoration plan, Friends Group set-up costs, research project, or volunteer training schemes. • Applications that reflect the Trust priorities around conservation, knowledge sharing, and encouraging participation and enjoyment of historic landscapes. • Preference will be given to smaller charities and projects where a grant can have more significant impact, and projects that will be sustainably completed within 18 months of the application. <u>The deadline for applications is Friday 16th October 2026.</u>	Garden restoration, research, volunteer training	Up to £10,000	Charities or Project Groups

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Wembley Stadium Foundation	<u>Grants to Charities for Children or Young People Sports, Physical Activities or Performing Arts.</u> Registered Charities with an annual income between £100,000 and £1 million in the most recent accounting year and who deliver projects engaging children and young people in England and contribute to all three of our outcomes: - Enhanced sense of belonging. - Increased participation in sport, movement or performing arts. - Reduced barriers to participation for young people Priorities: In this round, we are particularly keen to fund projects that meet some of the following priorities. These are not pre-requisites, and we still encourage you to apply if your project doesn't meet all of these. - Targeted interventions designed for young people facing a specific barrier to participation. - Projects delivered outside of London, Birmingham, Newcastle, Manchester & Liverpool. - Projects delivered in community settings rather than mainstream education. - Organisations with a strong track record, a positive approach to collaboration, and delivery that draws on young people's voices and lived experience. - Potential to contribute to strengthening an organisation's capacity beyond the project. Grant values: Project grants of up to £25,000 per year for up to two years. Maximum grant value of £50,000. Year 1: December 2026 to July 2028 (yes, 8 months) Year 2 runs a full 12 months, from August 2027 – July 2028. Visit the Wembley Stadium Foundation Grants webpage	Activity based projects	up to £25,000 per year for up to two years.	Registered Charity. Annual income between £100,000 and £1 million
London Marathon Foundation	<u>Grants to encourage LGBT+ community to get active through Sports and Physical Activities</u>	Activities, Core Costs, Coaching	See description	LGBT+ led / focused Not for Profits

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	The London Marathon Foundation has launched its LGBT+ Get Active Fund which invites applications from community-based LGBT+ sports and physical activity organisations and projects across the UK. A total of £400,000 is available. In 2026, grants range from £5,000 to £25,000 per year for projects running for one or two years. For one-year projects: Applicants can seek £5,000 to £25,000 for a one-year project For two-year projects: Applicants can seek £10,000 to £50,000 in total. Support is intended to increase resources for groups that are under-recognised by funding initiatives and to improve access to physical activity for LGBT+ communities. Physical activity is defined as activity that intentionally and explicitly supports increased movement and wellbeing, with examples including hiking, skateboarding, football, ballroom and vogue, gardening, frisbee, dance and circus skills. Eligible costs include project delivery, training for participants, accessibility measures, core costs, collaborative work and coaching qualifications. <u>The deadline for applications is 12pm, Wednesday 4th November 2026.</u> Visit the Get Active Fund web-portal			
Universal Music UK Sound Foundation (UMUKSF)	<u>UMUKSF School Awards – Grants for Music Instruments and Equipment</u> The UMUKSF School Awards will fund schools teaching the national curriculum to improve their music departments by purchasing or upgrading musical instruments and equipment. A new funding round to enable schools to apply for grants of up to £800 to improve their pupils' access to music. <u>The deadline for applications is 10 am on Wednesday 7th October 2026.</u> Visit the Universal Music UK Sound Foundation website	Equipment or Instruments	Up to £800	Individual Schools
Arts Council England	<u>Music Creators Growth Fund</u> Grants are available to support UK new music artists, bands, composers, DJs, producers, songwriters and creative collectives to develop and advance their careers.	Development	Between £10,000	Individuals; Sole traders ; Micro-entities, Small - Medium sized

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	Grant values: between £10,000 and £20,000. The grant funding will enable eligible applicants to: - strengthen their skills, capacity, and resilience - develop sustainable careers - create and share high-quality work - innovate and diversify income - build professional opportunities. Anyone applying to the fund must find at least 25% of their total budget as cash match funding <u>Round 1: Applications open: 1st October 2026 and with a deadline date: 29th October 2026</u> Rond 2: Applications open: 6th January 2027 and with a deadline date: 3rd February 2027 <u>Visit the Arts Council England Music Creators Growth Fund web portal</u>		and £20,000	companies; Unincorporated groups with a governing document (for example a constitution)								
Arts Council England	<u>Music Growth Fund</u> UK-based music organisations and businesses supporting new music and emerging talent can apply for grants of between £1,000 to £100,000 for projects lasting up to three years. The funding is available to support artist and workforce development, grassroots venues and small-scale infrastructure, audience growth, new markets and opportunities for music businesses. <table><tr><td>Music festivals</td><td>Music promoters</td><td>Music managers</td><td>Record labels</td></tr><tr><td>Recording studios</td><td>Rehearsal spaces</td><td>Music publishers</td><td>Grassroots music venues</td></tr></table> There are two funding strands: <u>Round 2: The £1,000 to £40,000 strand closes at 11.59pm on Thursday 15th October 2026.</u> Anyone applying to the fund must find at least 25% of their total budget as cash match funding.	Music festivals	Music promoters	Music managers	Record labels	Recording studios	Rehearsal spaces	Music publishers	Grassroots music venues	Development	Between £1,000-£40,000 (match funding needed) Or Between £40,001-£100,000 (split up to 3 years)	Micro entities, Small or Medium sized Companies; Sole traders; UK registered charities, CICs, or other not for profits operating on a non-distribution basis (reinvesting objectives) Consortia
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The Elephant Trust	<u>Grants to support New, Innovative Visual Arts Projects</u> The Elephant Trust promotes knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of fine arts in the United Kingdom. Artists can apply for grants of up to £5,000 for new and innovative visual arts projects. Projects with a total budget over £30,000 will not be funded. The funding helps artists, galleries, and small organisations present and complete projects that might not happen without it. <u>The closing date for applications is Sunday 18th October 2026.</u> Visit The Elephant Trust website	Exhibitions	Between £2,00-£5,000	Artists, small organisations, and galleries
The School of Social Entrepreneurs	<u>Social Enterprise: The DPS Social Commitment Programme: Activate - Homelessness</u> A specialist accelerator learning programme and grant funding for early-stage organisations in England and Wales tackling the causes and consequences of homelessness. Visit The School of Social Entrepreneurs – Homeless Theme Social Enterprise Programme	Learning and Development Programmes	Start-up grants	Aspiring or new Social Enterprises
The Churchill Fellowship	<u>Social and Policy Study Bursaries</u> A Churchill Fellowship funds you to explore your passion, learn from experts, and turn insights into impact in the UK. Each bursary offers a unique opportunity to explore global ideas and bring fresh thinking to the UK on some of the biggest issues we face today. If you have an idea to strengthen democracy, civic participation, or community voice in the UK, then do look at this opportunity.	Study / Travel	Based upon proposal	Individuals

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	Applications open from 1st September to 20th October 2026. Now is a great time for potential applicants to explore our programmes and find the one that works best for their idea. The programmes for Fellowships to be awarded in 2027 are: • Building a society that cares • Building prosperous and resilient economies • Caring for our natural environment • Climate change • Civic and democratic engagement • Making space for the arts • Promoting lifelong health • Supporting engagement in education • Tech for all Whether you're an unpaid carer, creative practitioner, community organiser, or policy innovator, these programmes are designed to support changemakers who want to influence real and lasting change. Each grant is calculated individually, based on your project, destinations, and length of learning <u>We are now open for Fellowship applications until 12 (midday) 20th October 2026</u> Visit the Churchill Fellowship website Application Information portal including FAQs and webinars Sign up for news and blog articles			

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Post Code Lottery / Sported	<u>Post Code Lottery – Sport and Physical Activities</u> East of England Not for Profit applicants must have a preferred annual turnover of less than £250,000 and Not have one person with significant control or multiple persons with significant control contributing to the company's governance and decision making. See full guidance. Organisations must show that they are using sport for social purposes, focused on the following programme outcomes: ○ Improving health and wellbeing ○ Reducing inequalities ○ Empowering communities • Demonstrate support to one or more of the following underrepresented groups; ○ People experiencing poverty ○ Women and girls ○ Racially diverse communities ○ Disabled people ○ Rurally isolated ○ Individuals from the LGBTQ+ community. Priority will be given to organisations: • With a turnover of £250,000 or below. • Operating in and supporting people from areas of high deprivation (Indices of Multiple Deprivation 1-3). New organisations operating for less than 12 months may apply but need to provide any income and expenditure to date along with projected figures to cover a full 12-month period. <u>The application window opens 9am, 24th September with a deadline at midday, of 1st October 2026</u> Visit Post Code Lottery – Sport and Physical Activities Fund Portal	Revenue	Up to £25,000 (note: smaller grant requests highly advisable)	Not for Profits with an annual income below £250,000.

