



Funding Opportunities



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Bulletin on a selection of current funding opportunities

The Economy Funding Team provides a project development and advisory service on external funding. This involves researching and identifying opportunities to bid for funding and supporting project applications.

If you are interested in any of the opportunities published here, we will be pleased to provide more information. Where possible we can also provide advice on preparing applications and help to identify potential project partners, if required. We have access to dedicated resources such as GRANTfinder to help find potential sources of funding.

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National Lottery Awards for All - Wales

Details: Since April 2020, the National Lottery Community Fund has been prioritising funding projects and organisations supporting communities through the COVID-19 pandemic. The Fund will prioritise applications from:

- Organisations supporting people who are at high risk from COVID-19
- Organisations supporting communities most likely to face increased demand and challenges as a direct result of measures to prevent the result of COVID-19
- Organisations which connect communities and support them to work together to respond to COVID-19

Grants of between £300 and £10,000 are available.

Who can apply: Applications are welcomed from:

- Voluntary and community organisations, including:
 - Registered charities
 - Constituted groups and clubs
 - Not-for-profit companies and Community Interest Companies
- Schools
- Statutory bodies (including town, parish, and community councils).

What is it for:

- Training costs
- Volunteer expenses
- Staff costs
- Small capital projects
- Transport

- One-off events
- Equipment
- Utilities/running costs

Deadline: No deadline

Further Info: <https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/national-lottery-awards-for-all-wales#section-4>

Be Active Wales Fund

Details: The fund is intended for clubs and community organisations that help people be active and take part in sport in Wales.

The aim of the fund is to support projects that seek to:

- Reduce inequality.
- Create long-term sustainability.
- Introduce new or different ways of operating.
- Grants of between £300 and £50,000 are available.

Who can apply: Applications will be accepted from not-for-profit sport clubs and organisations delivering community sport and physical activity in Wales.

What is it for: The funding is used to meet the cost of purchases and activities including:

- Upskilling volunteers where clubs have gaps in skills or experience.
- Buying equipment that allows more people to take part in sport.
- Developing new or different ways to deliver physical activity.
- Using technology to engage more people.
- Reaching people currently under-represented in sport and physical activity.

Further Info: <https://www.sport.wales/grants-and-funding/beactivewalesfund/>

New Round of Large Grants for Church Repairs

Details: Funding for structural repairs and maintenance work to places of worship. National Churches Trust is now accepting applications for the next round of its Large Grants programme, for projects which align with the main outcomes of its new strategy:

- Preserving heritage.
- Promoting sustainability.
- Inspiring support.

Places of worship of any Christian denomination and age can apply. Applications will be considered from listed and unlisted Christian places of worship across the UK.

Grants of £10,000 to £50,000 are available, though those above £40,000 are extremely limited.

The funding is for urgent and essential structural repair projects (costed at more than £80,000) to buildings that were originally built as churches, or the installation of kitchen and toilets (costed at more than £30,000).

Who can apply: Places of worship of any Christian denomination and age can apply.

Applications will be considered from listed and unlisted Christian places of worship across the UK.

Applications from the Trust's priority areas are encouraged: Northeast England, Northern Ireland, and Wales, though this is not to the exclusion of churches in other areas.

What is it for: The funding is for urgent and essential structural repair projects (costed at more than £80,000) to buildings that were originally built as churches, or the installation of kitchen and toilets (costed at more than £30,000).

The Fund will prioritise:

- Work to architecturally and historically significant buildings
- Applications from regions identified as priority areas: Northern Ireland, Wales and the Northeast of England
- Urgent structural repair projects (as identified in a recent QIR or building survey as required within two years), with a focus on buildings that are at risk
- Installation of kitchens and toilets where a strong need can be demonstrated
- Places of worship that can demonstrate a suitable maintenance system is in place to protect the investment
- Places of worship with regular opening hours
- Places of worship that can demonstrate strong community engagement and sound plans for economic viability.

Deadline: 4 July 2023

Further Info: <https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/get-support/grants/large-grants>

Natural Resources Wales – Peatland Restoration Delivery Grant

Details: The funding is intended to support the delivery of projects designed to restore peatlands located across Wales.

Grant funded projects will ultimately contribute towards the current target of 600ha restoration activity in Wales each year.

Who can apply: Applications will be accepted from organisations and individuals based in Wales. This includes:

- Registered charities.
- Public sector organisations.
- Universities, other higher education institutions and research institutes.
- Third sector organisations.
- Private sector organisations.
- Private individuals.

All projects will need to address one or more of the National Peatland Action Programme (NPAP) priorities:

- Peatland erosion.
- Peatland drainage.
- Sustainable management of blanket peats.
- Sustainable management of lowland peats.
- The restoration of afforested peatlands.
- The gradual restoration of our highest carbon emitting peatlands.

The peatland must also be in Wales - for any cross-border proposals, NRW will consider only the Welsh element.

What is it for: The funding may be used to support costs including:

- Direct project jobs costs, equipment, contractors and consultants, and one-off professional fees directly associated with project related costs.
- Overheads - a flat rate of 15% of direct project staff costs for most projects will be applied, but full cost recovery will be accepted providing it is fully demonstrated and evidenced.
- Staff costs related to delivery of capital restoration work.

Applications may include the following activities:

- Restoration activities that address one or more NPAP priority themes.
- Access improvements to enable machinery access to site up to a ceiling value of 15% of total project cost.

Deadline: 1 July 2023

Further Info: <https://naturalresources.wales/about-us/grants-and-funding/current-grant-funding-opportunities/?lang=en>

National Lottery Community Fund - Climate Action Fund: Energy and Climate

Details: Funding is intended to support projects that:

- Encourage communities to use energy in an environmentally friendly way.
- Bring communities together so that they can explore ways to promote energy efficiency.
- Enable communities to understand and engage with opportunities for clean energy generation, which do not use fossil fuels.

Who can apply: Applications will be accepted from either:

- Place-based partnerships.
- UK-wide partnerships.
- Single voluntary or community organisations.

The organisation must be one of the following:

- Constituted group or club.
- Voluntary or community organisation.
- Registered charity.
- Charitable incorporated organisation (SCIO/CIO).
- Community interest company (CIC).
- Not-for-profit company limited by guarantee.
- school, college, university (providing your project benefits and involves the wider local communities)
- Statutory body (including, town, parish and community council)
- Community benefit society.

What is it for:. Projects are required to do at least one of the following:

- Encourage people and communities to use energy in an environmentally friendly way.
- Bring communities together so that they can explore ways to promote energy efficiency.
- Enable communities to understand and engage with opportunities for clean energy generation, which do not use fossil fuels.

There is a particular focus on activities which engage with communities to:

- Educate, inspire, and start community-led energy action that leads to a reduction in carbon emissions over the long-term. This includes demonstration projects that people can visit in their community.
- Build skills, tools, and resources to enable local action, such as, training community energy champion, exploring cost-effective easy to use solutions such as draft excluders or using LED bulbs.
- Share skills with people in the community so they can get involved in projects where they can generate their own energy through renewables. We will not fund the purchase of solar panels, wind turbines or other generators of renewable energy. However, we can fund groups to engage with communities and help them build their understanding about community energy projects.
- Use data to encourage action and positive behaviour change.

Grants can be used to cover:

- Staff costs.
- Volunteer expenses.
- General project costs.
- Engagement activities.
- Learning and evaluation.
- Utilities or running costs.
- Organisational development and management costs.
- Some capital costs - this could be for buying equipment or buying, leasing, refurbishing or developing land and buildings, or other construction-related work.

It is expected that most funding will go towards revenue costs.

Deadline: The fund is expected to stay open until at least December 2023, depending on volume of interest.

Further Info: <https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/climate-action-fund-energy>

McCarthy Stone Foundation – Winter Warm Spaces Support

Details: The Winter Warm Spaces Support Grant programme supports grassroots community-led organisations in the UK to provide warm hubs for older people to socialise during the cold weather amid the cost-of-living crisis

Who can apply: Grassroot constituted community organisations, charities and other not-for-profit groups in the UK may apply. Groups must be independent and have a bank account in the organisation's name.

Priority will be given to organisations with an annual income less than £100,000 and less than six months of free reserves.

What is it for: Project costs are supported by the grant, such as lunch clubs, coffee mornings or memory cafes.

Further Info: <https://mccarthystonefoundation.org/our-grant-programmes/>