

PROGRAMMES FUNDING NEWSLETTER

October 2017

This month's newsletter contains 14 external funding opportunities totalling over

£85 million



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Comic Relief Launches Thriving Not Just Surviving: Young Men & Mental Health

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The new £1.75 million fund is for work with vulnerable and disadvantaged men, aged between 11 and 20 years, who are experiencing mental health problems..

It is expected that approximately 20 grants will be awarded across the UK. Grants of between £100,000 and £150,000 are available for up to three years' work in the UK.

Priority will be given to applications which:

- Have consulted and plan to co-design activities with young men to ensure their needs and interests are met effectively.
- Are working with young men from Black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) communities or those with co-occurring learning disabilities and mental health problems.
- Use activity based interventions as a tool of engagement and/or that are psychologically informed. Applications using the arts and sports as well as social and cultural activities will be considered.
- Promote and recognise the power of peer support and positive role models and incorporate these into their interventions.
- Ensure activities are carried out in non-stigmatising locations.

Applications will be accepted from specialist mental health and/or youth organisations with particular interest in organisations that are based in the community in which they work. Partnership bids are welcome.

The deadline for applications is 13th October, 2017 (midday).

Arts Award Access Fund – Second 2017 Round Open

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The Arts Award Access Fund is designed to help registered Arts Award centres that are experiencing a lack of funds. The programme is active in arts centres, colleges and schools, community projects, libraries, galleries, local authorities, theatres, youth clubs and youth justice settings.

Grants of between £100 and £1,500 are available.

The grant can be used for the following:

- Discover, Explore or Bronze logs
- Bronze, Silver or Gold guidance booklets
- Fees for workshops with a professional or specialist

- General art materials, printing costs, etc
- Tickets for events
- Travel to and from a venue
- Contribution towards the costs of Gold leadership projects
- Hire of specialist equipment or specialist venue
- Adviser/project management/staff time
- Discover certificates
- Moderation costs for Explore, Bronze, Silver and Gold
- Specific access requirements eg BSL/other translators; assistive technology specifically related to the Arts Award project (where renting is not cost effective)

Applications from all registered Arts Award centres based in England are accepted but priority will be given to the following centres which:

- are working with disadvantaged young people;
- are taking part in Arts Award for the first time;
- are not receiving regular public funding; or
- are using the grant to access an Arts Award Supporter.

The second round for 2017 is now open to applications and closes on 20th October, 2017.

New £4m Connected Communities Innovation Fund

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Working in partnership, the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) and Nesta have set up a new £4 million fund that aims to widen volunteering opportunities for people 50 years and older in England.

The fund is designed to encourage more people to volunteer alongside public services, and inspire new ways of giving for those who have not previously volunteered. The fund has a specific focus on helping those aged 50 and over, those who want to give time infrequently rather than routinely, and those who want to give their time and skills from the comfort of their own home to good causes.

There are two separate funding tracks:

- Early Stage Ideas track - grants of between £50,000 and £75,000, along with non-financial support over 12-18 months to test concepts.
- Growing Great Ideas track - grants of between £100,000 and £250,000, along with two years of non-financial support, are available for innovations already in place and ready to scale.

Applications will be considered from public services, charities, social enterprises or partnerships led by these organisations can apply as long as their projects advance Nesta's charitable objects for public benefit.

The deadline for expressions of interest is 30th October, 2017.

National Churches Trust Relaunches Grant Programmes for 2018

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The National Churches Trust offers funding for projects that are in line with its aims which are:

- To help maintain the UK's heritage of church buildings and to enhance their ability to serve local communities.
- To promote the benefit to communities of church buildings and to inspire everyone to value and enjoy them.

Applications are currently being accepted to the following grants programme:

- **Community Grants** of between £5,000 and £20,000 for projects that have an estimated cost of at least £25,000 (including VAT and fees). The grants are for projects which introduce facilities to enable increased community use of places of worship. All types of community projects will be considered, but should include toilets or catering facilities.
- **Repair Grants** of between £5,000 and £40,000 to help with the cost of urgent and essential structural repair projects with estimated costs of at least £100,000 (including VAT and fees).

In addition there are micro grants of £2,000 for churches awarded a National Churches Trust Community Grant to set up a social action project that meets the needs of local people.

Churches, chapels and meeting houses in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland that are open for worship and which are part of a denomination belonging to Churches Together in Britain and Ireland are eligible to apply.

The next deadlines for applications are 30th October 2017, 5th March 2018 and 2nd July 2018.

AHF Accepting Applications for Project Development Grants for December Meeting

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The Architectural Heritage Fund (AHF) is currently accepting applications for grants of up to £25,000 from registered charities and social enterprises that need some support to cover some of the costs of developing and co-ordinating a building project and taking it towards the start of work on site.

The grants are intended to support project development costs only and not for on-site capital works. Funding is available for any work that is essential for taking the project forward towards the goal of revitalising an historic building.

Applicants must explain how a particular piece of work or activity will enable this.

Applicants are generally expected to cover at least 50% of the cost of the work.

Applications for grants of less than £5,000 can be made at any time and with a decision typically made within six weeks.

Applications for grants of £5,000 or more are considered at quarterly intervals.

The next deadline for applications requesting between £5,000 and £25,000 is 1st November, 2017 to be considered at the mid December Council meeting.

Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund: Setting Up Advanced Therapy Treatment Centres

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Innovate UK intends to invest up to £30 million to establish a network of three advanced therapies treatment centres in the UK.

Through this competition, UK businesses, NHS trusts and research organisations working in partnership can apply for a share of the £30 million to support the creation of a network of advanced therapies treatment centres.

This competition is part of the Government's Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund which has £146 million available over a four-year period to develop first-of-a-kind technologies for the manufacture of medicines with the objective of speeding up patient access to new drugs and treatments.

Projects can be led by a business, an NHS trust, a hospital, an academic health science network or a National Institute for Health Research biomedical research centre. Projects must involve at least one NHS trust or hospital with an intensive care unit and a track record of working with advanced therapies, one SME, one company developing commercial advanced therapy medicines and one supply chain company.

Total project costs can range from £6 million to £9 million and last up to three years. To be eligible, proposals should:

- Increase patient access to advanced therapy medicinal products on a national level.
- Establish best practice for the safe and effective delivery of advanced therapies.
- Establish best practice for the manufacturing and final preparation of advanced therapies.
- Establish robust connected supply chains.
- Create systems to allow for traceability and tracking.

- Establish best practice for patient follow-up and data capture.

The competition is now open with a deadline for receipt of applications of 1st November, 2017 (12pm).

£15 Million for UK Businesses to Fund Innovative Medicines Solutions

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Innovate UK (IUK) is investing up to £15 million in innovation projects in medicines manufacturing to be funded through the Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund (ISCF). Projects should focus on identified technical or commercial challenges. There are two parts to this competition:



- Feasibility projects (lasting up to one year).
- Industrial research and experimental development projects (lasting up to three years).

The competition aims to stimulate the development and implementation of innovative methods/technologies to improve the manufacture of novel medicines for human use. Proposals must offer innovative approaches to medicines manufacturing challenges.

Up to £15 million has been allocated to fund innovation projects in this competition. This is divided up as:

- Up to £1 million for projects lasting up to one year.
- Up to £14 million for projects lasting up to three years.

For feasibility studies total project costs must range in size from £50,000 to £100,000. For industrial research and experimental development projects, total project costs must be up to £2 million.

The competition opened on 4th September, 2017 and closes on 1st November, 2017.

Triangle Trust 1949 Fund Open to Applications

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The Triangle Trust provides funding twice a year through its Development Grants programme: one round is held for organisations working with carers and the other round is for organisations working with the rehabilitation of offenders or ex-offenders.



Applications are currently being accepted for work with the rehabilitation of offenders for ex-offenders.

The Development Grants are to be used to develop sustainable income sources so that the applicant organisation's income will not be reduced when the grant comes to an end.

Grants are available for up to £80,000 over three years with a maximum of £35,000 in the first year. The amount requested each year is expected to taper down as applicants develop other sustainable income streams.

Registered charities, not-for-profit social enterprises and community interest companies that are working within the UK and have a UK office are eligible to apply.

The deadline for applications is 2nd November, 2017 (noon).

Sport England Launches ‘Tackling Inactivity and Economic Disadvantage Fund’

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This fund focuses on two different lower socio-economic groups: inactive people who are in employment and inactive people who are far less likely to have a steady income, or any income at all.

There is a total funding pot of £3.15 million which is to be used for revenue costs (minor capital costs will be considered if essential to the project).

Three levels of funding are available:

- Option A: Grants of between £250,000 and £500,000 for exceptional projects for people who have little take-home pay, some qualifications and are in employment. Beneficiaries will live very ordered lives but find it hard to build physical activity into their lives, or they feel being active is just not for them. A total of £2 million is available.
- Option B: Grants of between £25,000 and £100,000 for people who are less likely to have a steady income, or any income at all and who live less ordered lives with additional challenges such as being at risk of offending or dealing with substance misuse. A total of £1 million is available.
- Option C: Grants of between £1,000 and £10,000 are ring-fenced for smaller scale projects. A total of £150,000 is available. Applicants to Option C only need to be supporting one of two groups as described in options A and B.

Applications will be considered from charities, community interest companies, local authorities, universities, and companies limited by guarantee.

Applicants do not need to be sport groups or have previously offered sport activities but they must have strong relationships and a track record of working with disadvantaged and inactive individuals.

There are two different application processes. Applications for larger amounts of money require an expression of interest. Applications for small grants have a more streamlined one stage application form.

The deadline for both expressions of interests (Option A/B) and full applications for small grants (Option C) is 6th November, 2017 (5pm).

IUK Launches £7.9 Million Accelerating Innovation in Rail – Round 5

The integration of new technologies into the railway has the potential to address numerous challenges faced by the industry.

In recognition of this, the UK's Innovation Agency, Innovate UK, has launched Round 5 of the Accelerating Innovation in Rail Funding Competition, providing up to £7.9 million of funding to support growth in national and international rail markets. The focus will be on improving the potential that exists in UK industry to innovate in the rail and light-rail domains.

For this competition, proposals will be sought that address the following two competition themes:

- Minimal disruption to train services
- Intelligent trains

A portfolio of projects will be funded, including industrial research and experimental development.

Lead applicants must be a UK-based business of any size that will carry out the project in the UK and work collaboratively, including with at least one UK-based SME.

The total budget is up to £7.9 million, with £3.95 million allocated to each of the main themes. It is anticipated that individual projects will range in size from total costs of £150,000 to £1.5 million.

Proposals will be assessed on the potential for successful exploitation in a railway environment.

The competition is now open with a deadline for the receipt of applications of 15th November, 2017.

COSME Innovation Procurement Broker Call for Proposals

COSME is the EU programme for the Competitiveness of Enterprises and Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs). It runs from 2014 to 2020 with a planned budget of €2.3 billion.

A Call for Proposals has been launched to support one pilot for the co-financing of one Innovation Procurement Broker to develop and

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implement a sustainable method for the successful facilitation of public procurement of innovation.

The specific objectives of the Call are to:

- Create adequate links between public administrations, research institutions and the private sector in order to exploit the procurement potential of large buyers or other aggregators of public procurement. Here the main goal remains to create new opportunities for SMEs and/or start-ups to develop new products, services and to grow or scale up their operations.
- Develop and implement a sustainable method for the successful facilitation of public procurement of innovation within the broad area of topics related to sustainability and energy efficiency within the European Single Market.
- Support the growth and development of innovative SMEs and start-ups by making it easier for them to address public demand through participation in public procurement of innovation.
- Ensure the European dimension of the solutions to be brokered.

Applicants must be consortia formed of legal entities established in EU Member States and/or participating in the COSME programme.

The total budget earmarked for the co-financing of projects is €600,000 and EASME expects to fund one proposal. The grant will be limited to a maximum reimbursement rate of 90% of eligible costs. The budget can be used for all operational purposes (eg networking activities, engaging with stakeholders, travelling for broker's activities in meetings required for the preparation and facilitation of public procurement procedures etc.).

The deadline for submissions is 21st November, 2017.

Veolia Environmental Trust Accepting Applications for 2018 Projects

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The Veolia Environmental Trust offers grants of between £10,000 and £75,000 for projects located within the proximity of a qualifying Veolia site in England or Wales. Match funding of at least 20% is required, and applicants requesting grants of £40,000 or more require a Third Party Contribution.

The funding is available for capital improvement projects at a single site with discrete start and end dates.

Projects should fall under one of the following categories:

- Community buildings and rooms, including community centres, village halls, community spaces within religious buildings, and Scout or Girl Guiding buildings.

- Outdoor spaces, including public parks, nature reserves, community gardens, footpaths, bridleways and cycle-paths.
- Play and recreation, including play areas, skateparks, multi use games areas, sports grounds, pavilions and changing rooms.

Constituted not-for-profit organisations can apply as long as their project is located within five miles of a Veolia Environmental Services facility. This could be a landfill site or a civic amenity site, or a transfer station or depot - as long as it is operated by Veolia.

The closing dates are:

- **30th November, 2017 for projects taking place between 26th March, 2018 and 25th June, 2018.**
- **1st March, 2018 for projects taking place between 26th June, 2018 and 23rd September, 2018.**

Access to Employment Call Open in Sheffield City Region

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A new Access to Employment Call is open to applications under the European Social Fund (ESF) stream of the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) for the Sheffield City Region Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) area.

Grants are available to run a project to support unemployed individuals at high risk of long-term unemployment across the Sheffield City Region. The focus of the project should be on co-ordinating and delivering integrated wrap-around employment support activities. These should provide a mechanism for engaging with appropriate unemployed individuals early in their benefit claim and clear referral routes from and to key local partners.

Eligible individuals will present with severe and/or complex challenges to work that together put them at high risk of long-term unemployment, with integrated support resulting in them finding and keeping paid work.

The project must cover the Sheffield City Region and be completed no later than 15th July, 2021.

The Managing Authority does not intend to allocate less than £1 million of European Social Funding to any single project covering the Transitional area of the City Region and £500,000 to the More Developed Region. Applicants will need to have eligible match funding for the balance of costs, which must be from a source other than the European Union.

The total budget for the Call is £6 million (approximately 85.5% - £5,130,000 allocated to the Transition Region and approximately 14.5% - £870,000 allocated to the More Developed Region).

The deadline for applications is 15th January, 2018.

Communities Across England to Benefit from £22.8m Support Package

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The Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) says that it will make available funding of around £5.5 million each year from 2018 until 2022 to support local neighbourhood planning groups who want to have more of a say over development in their area.

Neighbourhood Plans gives local communities a real say in the development of their area including where homes, shops, green spaces and offices should be built and how they should look.

This renewed funding commitment is good news for local town and parish councils, neighbourhood forums and prospective neighbourhood forums that are preparing a neighbourhood development plan or neighbourhood development order and who may not be able to make the final deadline of 31st January, 2018 when the current programme draws to a close.

Applications are still being accepted to the current Neighbourhood Planning Grants and Support Programme 2015-2018 which is being delivered by Locality, a national network of community-led organisations.

Two forms of support are available:

- Grants of between £1,000 and £9,000 for groups writing a neighbourhood plan or neighbourhood development order. The additional funding can be used to fund the completion of their neighbourhood plan.
- Specific packages of technical support where needed, and a further £6,000 in grants, for groups facing more complex issues.

There is a total grant ceiling of £15,000 for the period 2015-2018.

The final deadline for applications to the current programme is 31st January, 2018.