

PROGRAMMES FUNDING NEWSLETTER

September 2018

This month's newsletter contains 20 external funding opportunities totalling over

£15 million



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Skills & Opportunities Fund Opens for Final Round

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This fund is making grants of up to £35,000 available to not-for-profit organisations (charities, social enterprises, community groups, schools and colleges) with a project or project idea focused on providing opportunities for people to develop their financial capability skills or the skills to start or develop a new business now or in the future in our local communities.



As a general guide, the funding has been awarded to projects that offer training, support, qualifications, work placements, employment, self-employment, career guidance and enterprise opportunities.

Groups that are considering applying should note that once the fund opens for application, they will have a window of about two weeks to submit their application.

A selection of organisations will be shortlisted, and voting will then be opened to the public to help decide the winners, who will be announced in December 2018.

Applications will be accepted from 3rd September to 21st September, 2018.

Funding to Showcase Good Practice in Healthcare

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NHS England is inviting applications from voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) organisations that have done 'some amazing patient, service-user or carer involvement work that has improved healthcare services in their community.



Grants of up to £2,500 (an increase of £500 from last year) are being made available to VCSE organisations that would like to share their good practice in a creative way with the NHS. This can be in a wide variety of ways, such as with videos, photo or audio books, leaflets and posters, graphics or other formats.

Applicants will need to explain how they have involved patients and citizens in a healthcare project and how they plan to use the grant to share and showcase their work in a creative way.

The funding can be used to cover the full cost of the project output or to part fund the work.

The deadline for applications is 20th September, 2018 (midnight).

Building Connections Fund Youth Strand Accepting Applications

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The £2 million fund, offers grants of up to £80,000 for projects that benefit any groups of young people within the most deprived 30% areas of England.

The Youth Strand is open to UK based not-for-profit organisations with existing youth-focused activities that could be effective at helping young people avoid long-term loneliness.

Grants can also support projects based anywhere in England that mainly benefit young people with one or more of the following circumstances:

- Being a carer.
- Being unemployed or precariously employed.
- Experiencing bereavement.
- Having a disability or long-term health condition.
- Having been in the care system.

Organisations can apply for up to £80,000, as follows:

- Up to £10,000 (to be spent between December 2018 and March 2019) to engage young people in co-designing innovations to improve the impact of existing provision on tackling loneliness
- Up to £70,000 (to be spent between April 2019 and March 2021) to implement and evaluate these innovations.

The deadline for applications is 26th September, 2018 (5pm).

Rosa Invites Applications to 'Now's the Time' Programme

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'Now's the Time' is part of the Justice and Equality Fund, which aims to make workplaces and other contexts just, safe and equitable for all and ensure that anyone who has been subjected to harassment and abuse, including sexual violence at work, is better able to access support and justice.

The Now's the Time programme will award up to £1 million through a Challenge Fund which asks: 'What would you do toward ending sexual harassment?'

The Fund is looking for ideas, solutions, the best next steps to support the following:

- Prevention work (including education and other initiatives)
- Awareness-raising activities
- Grass-roots activism
- Influencing



- Work with groups and communities who might face additional barriers to getting their voices heard, or might be at higher risk of sexual harassment and abuse, to amplify those voices
- Work that tries out new ideas
- Innovative uses of tech/arts/sports/etc
- Work that replicates tried and tested approaches in new settings
- Work that others can learn from.

Up to £1 million will be awarded through this programme.

Two levels of grants are provided:

- Grants of between £5,000 and £25,000 for one year. (Women's organisations can apply by themselves or in partnership.)
- Grants of £25,000 and £100,000 for over one to three years. (Women's organisations will need to apply in partnership with at least one other organisation.)

Applications are currently being accepted for the smaller grants. Larger grant applications will be accepted from 24th September, 2018.

The deadline for smaller grant applications is 27th September, 2018.

Funding to Create Positive Change Using Arts and Creativity

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The programme is aimed at communities that can show need, for example, having higher levels of unemployment, the decline in local industry, a high proportion of children in poverty or lower levels of health compared to the general population.

The programme aims to:

- Enable people to shape the places they live through creative methods
- Give overlooked communities an opportunity to work in partnership with arts and cultural organisations
- Test a new way of working and model of delivery
- Give access to resources to support culture and creative led change
- Create resources on community led commissioning of creative projects
- Establish new networks and connections amongst individuals and organisations interested and delivering in this space.

At least 10 communities will be selected to receive grants of between £50,000 and £300,000 as well as mentoring, coaching and peer-to-peer support, networking and guidance to communities to create change based on their vision for their local area.

The deadline for returning the information during the community call out phase is 28th September, 2018.

Funding for Local Projects that help the Armed Forces Community

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Grants of up to £20,000 are available for UK-based projects that respond to the local needs of the armed forces community and improve recognition of the Armed Forces Covenant.

Proposed projects must:

- Help integrate armed forces and civilian communities across the UK, and/or
- Deliver valuable local services to the armed forces community.

And should identify one of the following as their focus:

- Health and wellbeing.
- Education and employability.
- Events and commemorations.

Applications are invited from registered charities, community interest companies, local authorities, schools, and armed forces units with a UIN (Unit Identification Number).

Applications are assessed four times per year.

The deadline for the third round is 30th September, 2018 (12pm).

Controlling Migration Fund Reopens

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Following a pause in its delivery, the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) element of the Controlling Migration Fund has re-opened to bids.

The fund consists of two streams – both of which may be applied for separately or simultaneously as part of a single project –and is designed to support local areas dealing with the negative impacts associated with particularly high levels of migration from outside the UK.

The two streams are as follows:

- **Local service impacts** - funding is available to local authorities and communities in England to mitigate any negative impacts on the provision of local services brought about by high and unforeseen levels of immigration.
- **Enforcement funding** – funding is available to local authorities to take direct action against individuals in the UK illegally and who are putting pressures on local services.

Proposals will need to be led by a local authority, but may be in partnership with other local authorities, other public bodies, and/or the voluntary and community sector.

Proposals should be proportional to the overall size of the Fund.

The deadline for bids is 1st October 2018.

Funding for New Local Projects that Fight Litter

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The overall aim of the programme is to find new ways of reducing and preventing litter through new methods and interventions, that have not been tried and tested before, and can be delivered and show meaningful results within six months.

Grants of up to £10,000 are available to support innovative research projects. A minimum of 10% match funding is required, and this can be either in-kind or monetary.

Projects may take a range of approaches, such as:

- Incentives, eg, exploring the use of packaging (including plastics), use of rewards, new
- nudge techniques.
- Working together, eg, promoting a collaborative approach to tackling litter with a genuine partnership.
- Technology, eg, technology pilots - apps or product design.

A wide range of organisations can apply, including charities, development trusts, faith groups, educational institutions, local authorities, registered social landlords, and small to medium enterprise.

There is a two-stage application process.

The deadline for Expressions of Interest is 5th October, 2018 (5pm).

Charities Can Apply Now for an Invest Grant

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The Foundation offers two grants programmes to charities and the Invest Programme provides grants of between £30,000 and £100,000 for work delivered across three years.

Funding is available for core organisational costs which are related to the day to day running of the charity.

The Charity's work should address the following complex social issues:

- Domestic abuse
- Sexual abuse and exploitation
- Mental health
- Homelessness and vulnerably housed
- Offending, prison or community service
- Care leavers
- Learning disability
- Addiction and dependency on alcohol, drugs, substances and/or gambling
- Trafficking and modern slavery
- Young parents under the age of 21 years whose health, education, finances and opportunities are significantly affected by parenthood.
- Asylum seekers or those who have been granted refugee status in the last two years.

Stage 1 applications will be accepted from 28th August, 2018 until 5th October, 2018.

Masonic Charitable Foundation Launches Later Life Inclusion Grants Programme

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The Foundation has set out new target areas for its grant-making programme which includes the Reducing Isolation in Later Life Grants programme.

Depending on their annual income level, registered charities that support disadvantaged and vulnerable older people over 50 years of age can apply for either:

- Large grants, which are for projects and can be used for salary costs, activities, materials, etc, start from £10,000.
- Small grants, which are for core funding, are between £500 and £15,000.

All grants can be over one, two, or three years.

The funding will help people who face social isolation or loneliness due to reasons such as financial hardship, care responsibilities, a decline in physical or mental health, or life transitions including retirement or bereavement.

The support will help to provide a range of services to support the physical and emotional needs of people as they age, including community-based programmes and access to healthcare, transport and technology.

There are two different deadlines:

- **5th October, 2018 for large grants applications (first stage).**
- **26th October, 2018 for small grants applications.**

Masonic Charitable Foundation Launches Early Years Opportunities Grants Programme

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The Foundation has set out new target areas for its grant-making programme which includes the Early Years Opportunities Grants programme.

Depending on their annual income level, registered charities that are working to create the best start in life for disadvantaged children and young people can apply for either:

- Large grants, which are for projects and can be used for salary costs, activities, materials, etc, of between £10,000 and £150,000 for up to three years.
- Small grants, which are for core funding, are between £500 and £15,000.

All grants can be over one, two, or three years.

The funding is for activities such as:

- Additional educational opportunities such as improving literacy and numeracy.
- Individual interventions, ie. parent education, home visiting or mentoring.
- Encouraging healthy behaviours with regards to diet, activity and wellbeing.
- Psychological interventions for domestic abuse and behavioural issues etc.
- Provision of vital adaptive technologies and equipment removing barriers
- Alternative methods or specialist therapies to help children and young people integrate into the mainstream education system.

There are two different deadlines for applications:

- **5th October, 2018 for large grants applications (first stage).**
- **26th October, 2018 for small grants applications.**

Power to Change's Community Business Fund Opens for Round 6

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Power to Change, an independent trust, supports people to start and grow community businesses to revive local assets, protect the services people rely on, and address local needs.

Grants of between £50,000 and £300,000 are available from the Community Business Fund to a range of community businesses. So

far, these have included community libraries, bakeries, pubs, farms, hubs, transport, energy schemes, art centres and construction organisations, and many others.

Groups can also sign up now for the free 'Is the Community Business Fund right for you?' webinar which will take place from 2pm to 3pm on 13th September, 2018.

Round 6 will open for applications on 11th September with a deadline of 12 noon on 9th October, 2018 (noon).

New ESIF Call for Technical Assistance – Smart Specialisation

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A Technical Assistance - Smart Specialisation call for proposals has opened to applications under the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) strand of the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) for various Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) areas throughout England.

The Call is for Technical Assistance looking for applications from organisations who can deliver smart specialisation activities to support the delivery of research and innovation activities. The specific objectives to be addressed are:

- To provide the National Growth Boards Priority Axis 1 sub-committee with advice and assurance on proposed investments for Priority Axis 1 to ensure that plans from LEP areas avoid duplication and missed opportunities to collaborate and represent an efficient use of ESIF.
- To facilitate access to the programme and communicate the impact that ESIF has, including by providing robust support to the Priority Axis 1 subcommittee and high-quality advice and information to local and national partners involved in the design and delivery of projects within Priority Axis 1.
- To promote the principles of Smart Specification as beneficial to the development of all place-based strategies for science and innovation driven growth, and so to encourage, inform and facilitate LEP strategies and ensure alignment where possible with other local and national strategies.

This project activity must build upon the work undertaken during phase 1 delivered during 2015-18; adopting the data and analyses framework for LEP profiles, hosting these and other publications until they are superseded or no longer required.

The total budget for the call is £500,000. It is anticipated that funding will be awarded for up to three years.

The deadline for outline applications is 12th October, 2018.

Funding for Service Delivery Projects Benefiting the Armed Forces Community

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Grants of up to £50,000 are available to fund specialised projects or services delivering welfare support directly to serving and ex-service personnel and their families. The funding is provided through the Service Delivery funding stream of the Royal British Legion's External Grants scheme.

Priority is given to projects or services supporting the following areas of need:

- Employment and training.
- Support for families.
- Homelessness and outreach.
- Supporting the elderly.

Applications are invited from UK-based, not-for-profit and charitable organisations that have been operating for at least two years.

Applicants should be able to demonstrate that projects:

- Will not duplicate, or risk duplicating, support already provided by the Royal British Legion.
- Are in demand within the Armed Forces community.
- Will achieve positive impact (outcomes) for the beneficiaries.

The next deadline for stage one applications is 26th October, 2018.

DCMS Announces £1 Million Digital Skills Innovation Fund for Under - Represented People

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Launched by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport (DCMS), the new Digital Skills Innovation Fund aims to pilot or scale-up innovative programmes that address local or regional digital challenges.

The funding will be used to help women, disabled people, individuals from minority backgrounds or those living in lower socioeconomic areas to succeed in digital fields. This includes data analysts, programmers, cyber security specialists, software developers and marketers.

The Fund also aims to encourage collaborative working between Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs), local government, the voluntary sector, youth organisations, charities, employers and

training providers to address local skills challenges and share good practice.

The Fund has an overall budget of £1 million available for distribution. Grants of between £200,000 and £500,000 will be available.

Applications must be submitted by 23:59 on 28th October, 2018.

Local Charities Still Have Time to Apply for a Magic Little Grant

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Localgiving and the Postcode Community Trust have joined together to offer grants of £500 for small charities and community groups to run projects that encourage people to take part in physical activity.

Grants can be used to support the general running costs of new and existing sports and physical activities. For example, this could include: facilities hire, kit & equipment, coaching qualifications, other volunteer expenses etc.

As part of the grant, recipients will also be awarded 12 months membership with Localgiving to support them with fundraising online throughout the year.

Applications will be accepted at any time until 31st October, 2018.

Funding to Connect People With Others in Their Local Communities

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The Barchester's Charitable Foundation aims to make a difference to the lives of older people and other adults (aged 18+ years) with a physical, learning or mental disability.

The funding is awarded both to individuals as well as small local community groups and small local charities.

For 2018, the focus is on connecting or re-connecting people with others in their local community. Applications that combat loneliness and enable people to be active and engaged will receive highest priority.

Support is mainly available to individuals:-

- Older people (over 65 years old).
- Adults (aged 18+) with a physical disability.
- Adults (aged 18+) with mental health problems.

All applications for an individual must be supported by a third party sponsor (eg a health or personal care professional, social worker, charity or support group representative).

Grants range from £100 to £5,000.

Applications may be submitted at any time.

Funding Available to Deliver Projects Using Sport and Sporting Facilities

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The aim of the fund is to invest in organisations that make a difference by developing people and communities through sport, helping them to become financially sustainable. Loans are provided to help organisations, either now or in the future, to:



- Deliver community-based services to meet the needs of local people, either using sport as a tool, or using a community sports setting to deliver services.
- Have a sustainable business model that generates revenues through trading that support the organisation's activities.

Funding can be used for a wide range of projects that use sport, or sporting facilities, to benefit local communities including:

- Equipment to support revenue streams.
- Recruitment, training and deployment of staff and volunteers.
- Equipment to support business functions including finance, project management and governance.
- Other operating costs.

A total of £3 million is available and the funder expects to invest into around 30 projects until June 2020.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

Charities Can Apply Now for an Enable Grant

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The Foundation offers two grants programmes to charities, one of which is the Enable Programme which provides smaller short-term grants to strengthen charities working with people aged 17 years and older who are facing one or more of the specified complex social problems covered under the Enable Programme.



Grants are available for up to a total £15,000 across one or two years and can fund opportunities for charities to develop, or trial new approaches to service delivery, so they can become more effective in their work. This could be, for example, to improve their capability in areas such as business development and planning, monitoring, leadership and governance and communications.

Their work should address the following complex social issues:

- Domestic abuse
- Sexual abuse and exploitation

- Mental health
- Homelessness and vulnerably housed
- Offending, prison or community service
- Care leavers
- Learning disability
- Addiction and dependency on alcohol, drugs, substances and/or gambling
- Trafficking and modern
- Young parents under the age of 21 years whose health, education, finances and opportunities are significantly affected by parenthood.
- Asylum seekers or those who have been granted refugee status in the last two years.

Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.

Creative England Investments

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Creative England is supporting SMEs in the creative sector by providing competitive loans to digital businesses in order to make their growth plans a reality.

Loans from £50,000 - £250,000 are available with repayment terms ranging from 3-36 months. Interest rates range from 5% - 10%, depending on the risk profile of the applicant.



The loans are offered to established companies to enable them to realise their growth potential. They can support:

- labour costs;
- external specialist costs;
- capital equipment and materials costs where these assets are used solely for the project; and
- other costs, including production costs not covered above.

Digital companies based in the English regions, outside of Greater London may apply. Examples of what is meant by 'digital' include digital media and web (eg creative software development, digital media, web design, digital content), games (eg gaming and app development), e-commerce and software solutions.

Applications may be made online at any time.