Cash4Clubs

Maximum value £ 2,000 Application deadline 01/01/2027

Unrestricted grants are available for community and voluntary sports groups across the UK and Ireland, delivering activities for a social purpose to under-represented communities.

Background

Set up in 2008, Cash4Clubs is a grant programme funded by Flutter UK & Ireland, part of Flutter Entertainment, the global sports betting, gaming and entertainment provider. For this reason, groups must have adult members (18+) in order to be eligible for funding.

Cash4Clubs is working with Sported, the UK's largest network of community sports groups, to get the funds to the clubs who need it most.

Objectives of Fund

Since Cash4Clubs aims to get vital funds to clubs that need it most, priority will be given to applications from groups working in areas of high deprivation and engaging adults from specific under-represented groups. That means those who:

- Are supporting adults living in an area of high deprivation. (Using Government Indices of Multiple Deprivation and the Pobal HP Deprivation Index).
- Increase access to sport for one or more under-represented groups, including women, people from racially diverse communities, people with disabilities and people from the LGBTQ+ community.
- Encourage adults who would not usually engage in sport to take part. Examples include activities that support physical and mental wellbeing or tackle issues such as loneliness and rural isolation.
- Address broader social issues for the local community, for example tackling crime and anti-social behaviour or supporting community cohesion.

Value Notes

There is a total of £500,000 for the new round.

Grants of £2,000 (€2000 in Ireland) are available.

The funding should be spent within a six-month period.

Who Can Apply

Applications are accepted from not-for-profit organisations, including charities, community groups and traditional sports clubs.

To be eligible for funding, applicants must:

- Be either registered charities or clubs with a structured governance and constitution.
- Demonstrate that they are using sport for wider social purposes and aiming to increase participation of adults from underrepresented groups. There is particular interest in reaching groups working in areas of higher deprivation.

Location

United Kingdom and Ireland.

Restrictions

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Organisations who work with young people aged under 18.
- Projects which are aimed at or support young people aged under 18.
- Trips abroad.
- Costs associated with elite sport or talent development.
- Individuals.
- Organisations/clubs that run junior activities.

Eligible Expenditure

The funding is unrestricted and can be used for anything that will support the organisation to continue and/or grow their sports activities for adults.

Typical examples of costs might include a contribution towards:

- Venue hire

- Utilities such as heating or lighting
- Coaching costs
- Volunteer expenses
- Equipment
- Kit
- Marketing and communications
- Training and qualifications
- Insurances and affiliations

How To Apply

The fund accepts applications from **1 October until 1 January 2027.**

The guidelines, frequently asked questions, and information on the application process are available on the Cash4Clubs website.

A member of the Sported team will contact applicants by the end of January 2027 to let them know if their application has been successful – or to request further information.

Contact the Sported team for further information.

Documents & Links

Cash4Clubs | Home

Funder Contact Home - Sported

Educational Opportunity Foundation

Maximum value £ 105,000 Application deadline 06/01/2027 Grants are available for UK registered charities to advance educational opportunities for vulnerable or deprived children and young people in the UK and around the world

Background

The Educational Opportunity Foundation – formerly known as the British & Foreign School Society (BFSS) – supports charitable organisations working to improve access to education or the quality of education for children and young people under the age of 25, both in the UK and internationally.

Objectives of Fund

The foundation gives grants to UK charities for educational activities. The funding is intended for the purpose of advancing educational opportunity in the UK and developing countries.

There are two funding streams available:

- **UK projects** – supports work that reduces the disadvantage of care experienced young people under the age of 25 through education and training.
- **International projects** – supports projects to improve the quality, sustainability and access to education for young people up to age 25 within international marginalised and vulnerable communities worldwide.

Value Notes

Funding is for one to three years.

The following funding is available:

- UK projects – £30,000 to £105,000 (maximum £35,000 per year for multi-year projects).
- International projects – £30,000 to £70,000 (maximum £35,000 per year for multi-year projects).

Annual grant payments cannot exceed 50% of an organisation's three-year average income.

The Foundation will fund overhead contributions up to 20% of the total grant.

Match Funding Restrictions

The foundation will fund between 25% to 100% of the total project costs, but will give preference to projects with some degree of matched funding.

Who Can Apply

Applications are accepted from UK registered charities. To be eligible, applicants must:

- International projects – Be UK registered charities with an income normally between £100,000 and £1.5 million.

- UK projects – Be UK registered charities with an income normally between £100,000 and £2.5 million.
- Have at least three years of continuous accounts submitted to the relevant UK Charity Commission or Regulator.
- Be financially sound and registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales, Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator or the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland.
- Be directly involved in the provision of the project activities. The foundation does not fund organisations whose primary purpose is fundraising.
- Be committed to minimising their impact on the environment and be able to evidence how they have considered climate change adaptation and/or mitigation in their projects.
- Have their own safeguarding procedures that comply with the relevant Charity Commission guidance as a minimum, and include any additional legal or regulatory requirements specific to their work.

Location

United Kingdom & Worldwide

Restrictions

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Organisations whose primary purpose is fundraising.
- Long-term projects.
- Services available through the state-sponsored education system.
- Summer camps.
- Bursaries, school fees or scholarships.
- Expeditions.
- Volunteering trips and conferences.
- International travel.
- Projects where uniforms, salaries, transport or running costs are the main expense.
- In the UK, the foundation will not fund projects that are not designed specifically for the needs of care experienced young people.

Eligible Expenditure

Funding is available for new or pilot projects, or projects which have started in the past 12 months.

UK Projects

Funding is for projects which support care experienced young people (under the age of 25 and living in the UK), including unaccompanied young refugees, to achieve any of the following:

- Improve attendance, engagement and attainment in school, alternative education or further education.
- Access and successfully complete higher education.
- Improve employability through training outside of the formal education system.

International Projects

Funding supports work that aims to improves the quality, sustainability and access to education for young people up to the age of 25 within marginalised and deprived communities worldwide.

Grants can be used for projects which:

- **Improve access to education** – including increasing the number of educational opportunities, especially for girls, (including construction of classrooms or latrines); increasing the number of qualified teachers trained in inclusive, non-discriminatory practices; and improving community attitudes to educating children who are often excluded or overlooked.
- **Improve quality of education** – including enhancing the quality of teaching and learning, improving access to extracurricular support, increasing child friendly resources, and increasing access to aspirational vocational training opportunities including STEM, IT and the green economy.
- **Improve the sustainability of education projects** – including educational projects with integrated community management or ownership, self-generating income, and minimising of environmental impact.

How To Apply

There is a two-stage application process.

Applicants must initially submit a stage 1 application using the application form that can be downloaded from the foundation's website.

The next stage 1 rounds are:

UK projects:

- Applications open 30 November 2026 and close on 6 January 2027

International projects:

- Applications open 1 March 2027 and close on 23 March 2027
- Applications open 31 May 2027 and close on 21 June 2027

Those who are successful will be shortlisted and invited to submit a stage 2 application.
Full details are available on the Educational Opportunities Foundation website.
Documents & Links

- Educational Opportunity Foundation
- Educational Opportunity Foundation Grants

Funder contact
Educational Opportunity Foundation

Veolia Environmental Trust

Maximum value £ 75,000 Application deadline 07/01/2027
Grants for constituted, not-for-profit organisations and local authorities for projects that make improvements to community facilities and the natural environment that are located near a qualifying Veolia site in England
Background
This report details a funding programme which is available through the Landfill Communities Fund (LCF), an initiative which allows landfill operators to release tax credits to environmental and community groups. The scheme broadly aims to benefit local communities in the vicinity of a landfill site. Interested parties are advised to refer to the introductory report Landfill Communities Fund - Overview where in-depth information concerning Landfill Tax Regulations can be found.
The Trust, originally known as the Onyx Environmental Trust, was set up in 1997 under the Landfill Communities Fund (formerly the Landfill Tax Credit Scheme) and awards monies derived from landfill tax to support a wide range of environmentally focused projects in England.
The Trust is a charity and an Environmental Body registered under the Landfill Tax Regulations established to protect, preserve and improve the environment for the benefit of the public.
Objectives of Fund
The Trust currently offers the following grant schemes:

- Community Grants are for constituted, not-for-profit organisations and local authorities to create or improve community buildings or outside spaces for the benefit of the community.
- Habitat and Biodiversity Grants are for constituted, not-for-profit organisations that are enrolled with ENTRUST to support structural improvements to a single habitat, such as a waterway, woodland, or nature reserve.

The funder is looking for projects that:

- Protect and enhance biodiversity and natural habitats
- Inspire the creation of a sustainable carbon neutral space.
- Promote community action and wellbeing.
- Are inclusive and accessible to everyone and anyone to use.

Value Notes
Community grants of between £10,000 and £75,000 for:

- Projects with a total cost of no more than £350,000 (including VAT and professional costs).
- Projects where the 10% Contributing Third Party (CTP) payment has been secured.

Habitat and Biodiversity Grants of between £10,000 and £75,000 for:

- Projects with a total cost of no more than £350,000 (including VAT and professional costs).
- Projects where the 10% Contributing Third Party (CTP) payment has been secured.

Grants will be paid by BACS transfer in three separate payments.
Match Funding Restrictions

Match funding of at least 10% is required for projects before the full application is submitted.
For all awards, an independent third party contributor will need to reimburse the landfill operator the 10% shortfall to release the grant. This contribution can be made by another funder, a local council or an individual.
Who Can Apply
Community grant applications will be accepted from:

- Constituted not-for-profit organisations with governing documents that state members or directors receive no financial benefit, have a minimum of two directors, and have been established for a minimum of two years.
- Environmental bodies that are registered with ENTRUST.
- Local authorities.

Applicants must use the Postcode Checker to check that their project is located within the proximity of a qualifying Veolia site.
Habitat and Biodiversity Grant applications will be accepted from:

- Constituted not-for-profit organisations with governing documents with at least two unrelated trustees that has been established for a minimum of two years.
- Local authorities.

Location
Within the proximity of a qualifying Veolia site in England.
Restrictions
The following are not eligible for funding from the Community Grant scheme.

- A hospital, hospice, care home, theatre, museum, art gallery, educational organisation including a pre-school, school, university or organisation with an affiliation to a school, including PTA.
- A project that will take place in a theatre, museum, art gallery, school, library, medical centre, hospital, hospice, zoo, shop, cafe, allotment, graveyard, crematoria area, road, car park or where there is on-site accommodation.
- Historic building restoration, statues, monuments or memorials.
- Purchase of land or a building.
- Project sites with restricted access, eg prevents use by any person or user group defined by age, gender, disability, race, religion or belief.
- Projects where the amenity will only be used by a single user group.
- Costs which have already been incurred (eg design fees, planning application fees).
- Furniture and equipment (e.g. kitchen and electrical appliances, sports equipment, lawnmowers, computers, audio and visual equipment, CCTV and Wifi).
- Running costs (eg staff salaries, rent and maintenance fees).
- Projects for the purpose of income generation.
- Art, statues, sculptures, or musical installations.
- Car parks, roads or public highways
- A project that forms part of a larger project.
- A project that has already started or is anticipated to start before formal agreements are signed.
- A project that intends to generate an income for use other than for the upkeep of the project site.

The following are not currently eligible for funding from the Habitat and Biodiversity Grant scheme:

- Projects that take place across multiple sites.
- Projects that will take place on the grounds of educational establishments, eg, school, pre-school, nursery, college, university, office.
- Organisational overheads and site running costs (eg staff salaries, rent, and maintenance fees).
- Costs for planning, feasibility or costs which have already been incurred (eg, surveys, design fees, planning application fees).
- Project elements which primarily benefit people (all elements must benefit nature)
- Projects for income generation
- The purchase of Biodiversity Net Gain credits.
- Projects that intend to generate income for use other than the upkeep of the project site.
- Projects that form part of a larger project.

- Projects that have already started or will start before formal agreements are signed.

Eligible Expenditure

Community Grant Funding is available for capital improvement projects at a single site with discrete start and end dates. Funding can be used for the construction and/or improvement of buildings or outdoor spaces, such as:

- Physical improvement to a building or outdoor space with public access.
- Construction/installation and/or improvement of buildings or outdoor spaces.
- Fixed items, including kitchen cupboards and worksurfaces, boilers and radiators, windows and doors, toilets, and fencing.

Funded projects must be completed within 12 months of the start date.

Habitat and Biodiversity Grant Funding is for projects resulting in structural improvements for a single habitat, such as woodland or a nature reserve, to improve natural habitats and help native species thrive.

Funding can be used for:

- Physical improvement works that result in habitat improvements and/or increase biodiversity.
- Staff costs that directly relate to completing the physical improvements at the project site.
- Equipment required for project delivery.
- Cost of land purchase and associated legal fees (excluding preliminary surveys).

Funded projects must be completed within 12 months of the start date.

How To Apply

There are usually four funding rounds each year. It is important that groups apply at the right time, as only one grant application may be submitted per project site, in a 12-month period.

The next application windows are:

- 20 August 2026 to 1 October 2026 (noon).
- 26 November 2026 to 7 January 2027 (noon).
- 25 February 2027 to 1 April 2027 (noon).

Applicants should refer to the current guidance notes/criteria which are available to download from the Trust's website. Please note the criteria is reviewed quarterly. Applicants need to read the criteria that is current at the time that they are making an application to ensure their grant request remains eligible.

Community grant applications will be reviewed against the following:

- How much the project will benefit the general public
- What evidence has been provided that the project is needed
- The opportunities for volunteering and community involvement that will be created or maintained by the project.
- The effect the project will have on the environment.
- The financial viability and sustainability of the project.
- Index of Multiple Deprivation

Limited funding is available each round and grants are awarded to the projects which most closely match the Trust's funding priorities. Approximately 25% of the organisations who apply are awarded a grant.

Contact Veolia Environmental Trust for further information.

Documents & Links

Veolia Environmental Trust Funding - Veolia Environmental trust

Funders Contact Veolia Environmental Trust

The Forrester Family Trust

Maximum value Discretionary Application deadline 17/01/2027

Grants are available for registered charities which work with the rehabilitation of imprisoned and formerly-imprisoned offenders in England and Wales.

Background

The Forrester Family Trust, a registered charity, was formed from the merger of the Donald Forrester Trust and the Gwyneth Forrester Trust in 2020.
The Trust's five-year strategy (2021 to 2026) sets out its priorities as it works towards a just and equitable society. It supports 'excellent' charities who are working to help people facing significant disadvantage in England and Wales.
The Trust will 'look for interventions in places where people and communities are suffering multiple disadvantages, and target [its] giving in the gaps between state provision and the commercial sector'.
Objectives of Fund
The Trust offers grants to registered charities who are working towards a just and equitable society through three separate programmes:

- Themed Grants (closed)
- Small Grants (applications accepted 5 January to 17 January 2027)
- Three Year Grants (closed to applications until 2027).

To be eligible for the themed grants (July 2026 round), applicants must:

- Have unpaid carers at the heart of their purpose, mission, vision and operational delivery
- Be actively delivering local or national carer service provision

For this funder, 'carer' mean one or more individuals caring for an individual (the "recipient") who would otherwise be unable to live independently owing to mental or physical incapacity. The carer may be a relation, a neighbour or a friend, but must be unpaid. Normally the recipient will be living in his or her own home, but may be staying or living with the carer, or may be in a nursing home or other institution at which the carer provides care which is not provided by the institution.
Value Notes
A total of £1.6 million is being made available in the year ending 31 March 2027.
Who Can Apply
Charities registered in England and Wales may apply.
To be eligible, applicants must:

- Have an income of less than £5 million a year if applying for a themed grant.
- Have an income less than £250,000 a year if applying for a small grant.
- Have a track record of doing good work or have a fantastic new idea.
- Be able to articulate the difference they will make (either through a formal Theory of Change or by answering the Trust's application questions).
- File their accounts on time and be able to demonstrate good governance.

Location
England and Wales
Eligible Expenditure
Unrestricted grants to support project costs.
How To Apply
Application windows are as follows:

- Themed Grants: closed for 2026
- Small Grants: Applications open 5 to 17 January 2027
- Three Year Grants: closed until 2027

The Trust aims to distribute their grants within three months of the closing date for applications.
The guidelines and the online application form can be found on the Forrester Family Trust website.
Details of successful applicants are posted on the Trust's website.
The Trust advises that given the number of applications received every year, they are unable to enter into discussion or to provide feedback on unsuccessful applications.

Documents & links
Apply for a grant – Forrester Family Trust
Funders Contact Forrester Family Trust

Army Benevolent Fund – Grants to Organisations

Maximum value Discretionary Application deadline 19/01/2027

Grants are available to charities and organisations that support the Army community, which includes soldiers, former soldiers and their immediate families.

Background

ABF The Soldier's Charity reverted to its original name, the Army Benevolent Fund, on 1 November 2023.

The charity provide grants to charities and organisations that provide lifetime support to soldiers, veterans and their immediate families when they are in need.

Objectives of Fund

The funding is intended to support charities and organisations with projects and activities that directly benefit the Army community in six key areas: independent living, elderly care, education and employability, mental fitness, families and housing.

Value Notes

Funding is at the discretion of the Grants Committee. The charity has not set a minimum or maximum amount.

Grants to new partners are likely to be below £20,000.

Typically grants are made for a single year; however, the Charity's Trustees may consider making a grant spread over a number of years at their discretion if they feel this would be appropriate.

Up to 100 charities can be supported each year.

Match Funding Restrictions

The charity will not fund the full cost recovery of any project, but will contribute to the overall costs. Applicants will need to evidence as to how the remaining funds will be found or covered by reserves.

Who Can Apply

All registered charitable organisations and community interest companies which support the Army community, which includes veterans, serving soldiers, their families and immediate dependants, may apply.

The Fund supports a broad range of charities, with a preference for charities and organisations which are members of the Confederation of Service Charities (COBSEO) or Veterans Scotland.

The Charity prefers to support those organisations working directly with beneficiaries at a grassroots level.

Any charity that has not been supported by the Fund in the previous 24 months must contact the Fund before making a formal submission.

Charities or organisations providing mental health services to members of the Army family would normally be expected to be a member or at least signed up to the Quality Network for Veterans Mental Health Services (QNVMHS) run by the Royal College of Psychiatrists on behalf of the sector.

Location

United Kingdom

Restrictions

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Organisations that do not support serving soldiers, veterans and their immediate families, and/or the wider Army community.
- Requests made within 12 months of the outcome of a previous application, whether a grant was received or not.
- Government bodies and/or Councils.

- Research projects, sporting activities, expeditions and similar projects.
- Specific (ie named) posts and salaries.
- An organisation's core operating costs.
- Umbrella organisations.
- Requests for full cost recovery of a project or provided service.

Eligible Expenditure

Grants can be used for a wide range of projects and activities from helping soldiers to adapt to life after service, to assisting elderly veterans maintain their independence.

How To Apply

The Main Grants Committee normally sits three times a year (June, November and February).

Applications from **organisations that have not been previously supported, or have not been supported in the last two years**, are considered at the February committee.

- The application window will open 8 December 2026 and close 19 January 2027 for consideration at the February 2027 meeting.

The Scottish Committee (dealing with requests for activities and **charities/organisations based solely in Scotland**) is held in April.

- The application window will open 2 February 2027 and close on 16 March 2027.

The application window for Main Grants **for organisations that have received an ABF grant in the last two years** is:

- 16 March 2027 to 27 April 2027 for consideration at the June 2027 meeting.

Application forms can be found on the Army Benevolent Fund website and must be submitted by email.

Contact the Army Benevolent Fund for further information.

Documents & links

Grants to charities and organisations - Army Benevolent Fund

Funders Contact Army Benevolent Fund

National Lottery Community Fund – Community Power Fund

Maximum value £ 2,500,000 Application deadline 20/01/2027

Grants are available for charities, registered voluntary and community groups, and other not-for-profit organisations across England to deliver projects and activities that help to build community power.

Background

The Community Power Fund is provided and administered by the National Lottery Community Fund.

Objectives of Fund

This fund aims to support organisations helping to build community power, giving local people influence to make changes to:

- Places they live.
- Services they use.
- Decisions that affect their lives.

Funded organisations will help shift communities towards equitable sharing of power between local people, organisations, and institutions.

Value Notes

Grants of between £500,000 and £2.5 million are available.

Who Can Apply

The following can apply:

- Not-for-profit companies that are limited by guarantee.

- Registered charities.
- Charitable incorporated organisations (CIOs).
- Community interest companies (CICs).
- Faith-based organisations.
- Community benefit societies registered with the Financial Conduct Authority.
- Co-operative societies registered with the Financial Conduct Authority.

Groups must have at least two board or committee members who are unrelated.

Groups must already:

- Have a proven track record of building community power.
- Have experience of convening partners and collaborating across sectors.
- Work at scale across a range of issues, rather than focusing on a single issue or population group.
- Work across a wide local area, such as a town, city, district, or borough.
- Be accountable to local people.
- Work with communities that face the greatest barriers.

Location

England.

Restrictions

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Individuals.
- Sole traders.
- Organisations not based in the UK.
- Companies that pay profits to directors, shareholders, or members (rather than reinvesting them for charitable purposes).
- Organisations that have funding for the same work.
- One organisation applying on behalf of another.
- Colleges or universities.
- Statutory organisations.
- Unregistered voluntary or community groups.
- Retrospective costs.
- Alcohol.
- Contingency costs, loans, endowments, or interest.
- Paying someone to write the application.
- Fundraising and for-profit activities.
- Reclaimable VAT.
- Religious activities.
- Activities that help children or young people with schoolwork during school hours.
- Travel outside of the UK.
- Cash given directly to individuals.
- Large capital projects.

Eligible Expenditure

Funding can be used for core or project costs, including:

- One-off events.
- Staffing, including volunteer expenses.
- Development work, for example, staff training, governance, or leadership support and improving IT.
- Equitable access, including translation costs.
- Learning and evaluation.

- Minor capital costs for land or building work.

Some political activity and campaigning can be supported if:

- The activity is not party political (ie, it is about policy, practice, or legislation rather than opposing or supporting a political party).
- The activity is meant to help the cause of the organisation and benefit the public/society.

How To Apply

This fund will open for applications between 25 November 2026 and 20 January 2027.

Further information will be provided at webinars on the following dates:

- 10 November 2026 (10:00 to 10:45).
- 18 November 2026 (13:30 to 14:15).

Guidance notes and links to attend an information webinar are available from the NLCF website.

Documents & links

Community Power Fund | The National Lottery Community Fund

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