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FUNDING CONTACTS

Your local Support and Development Officer, based at your local Support and Development Organisation/Council for Voluntary Service, has a wealth of experience and information about funding support. Give them a call to find out more about:

- funding information
- making funding and grant applications
- developing a funding strategy
- planning and costing your project
- contracts, commissioning and tendering support

To go to the contact details of local [Support and Development Officers](#) click on the link, or visit the information on the charities, people and businesses part of the website [North Yorkshire & York Forum](#).

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GENERAL

New this issue:

The Bernard Sunley Foundation

The Foundation awards grants to organisations for [capital projects benefitting disadvantaged people](#). There is a preference to support projects related to the fabric of a building, rather than small, non-durable items subject to wear and tear such as furniture, appliances, musical instruments and tablets/laptops. Projects with a total budget of under £3,000 should not apply. Applications throughout the year.

On-going from the last issue:

Richmondshire Communities Opportunity Fund

The District Council's [Communities Opportunity Fund](#) (COF) provides funding for projects in Richmondshire. Projects include: support for Village Hall refurbishments; Flood prevention works; Community noticeboards; Sport's and play park equipment and Defibrillator projects. The funding is limited (£500,000) and will close if the funding is all allocated before the deadlines. Deadlines: Projects over £5,000 15 December 2015. Projects under £5,000 31 January 2016.

GALAXY Hot Chocolate Fund

Eighty [awards of £300](#) over a 17 week period from the beginning of November will be made to community projects and people. Deadline: 28 February 2016

Comic Relief Local Community Programme

Comic Relief funds projects supporting five core themes: Better Futures, Safer Lives, Healthier Finances, Fairer Society and Stronger Communities. Community Foundations manage [Comic Relief's Local Communities Programme](#). Deadline: 22 March, 10 May 2016

The Grassroots/ Richard Weare Endowment

This fund provides up to £3,000 to projects: [Supporting personal development, education or training](#) and funding to Assist groups providing [care and support services to reduce social isolation](#). Applications throughout the year.

Community First Whitby and Scarborough Fund

The fund will support voluntary organisations, community groups, small charities and other types of not for profit organisation based in and/or supporting communities in the Scarborough Borough Council area. It is aimed at [projects working with older people and/or young people](#). Awards are £200 to £1,000. Applications throughout the year.

Moss Family Fund

The Fund supports [a range of community activities](#), community groups and small charities based in and serving the communities of Kirkbymoorside, Applications throughout the year.

Awards for All — BIG Lottery

[Awards for All from BIG Lottery](#), supports projects which help people to take part in art, sport, heritage and community activities, and projects that promote education, the environment and health in the local community, for a range of purposes, including creating or upgrading facilities, buying equipment and hiring or training staff. Grants of between £300 and £10,000. Applications throughout the year.

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Warburton's Local Communities Fund

[Warburton's financial giving programme](#) supports projects, activities and organisations that have charitable aims and directly benefit local communities. They work with the Charities Aid Foundation to ensure that organisations they support are charitable in nature and to accurately record their social impact. They offer community grants up to £250 and project grants of £1000 and £10,000 within 15 miles of their bakery or depot sites. Applications throughout the year.

Screwfix Foundation

The retailer Screwfix has set up a [charity](#) to raise funding which gives grants to registered charities to fix, maintain and improve facilities for those in need in the UK. It raises money through staff fundraising events as well as from collection boxes placed in its stores, and its partnership with Pennies, the electronic charity box which enables customers to round up their payments to the nearest pound with all money donated going direct to The Screwfix Foundation. Applications throughout the year are considered on a case by case basis.

Norman Collinson Charitable Trust

The Norman Collinson Charitable Trust gives financial support by way of [grant to charities](#) and charitable causes. Upgrades to improve facilities for disabled access to a building or increased community use will be considered. The support is mainly in respect of projects benefitting the residents of York and the surrounding areas (25 miles radius). Grants rarely exceed £5,000 and are often in the range of £200 to £2,000. Applications considered throughout the year at monthly meetings..

Yorkshire Building Society Charitable Foundation

The Foundation [supports registered charities and causes in communities](#) across the UK where Society employees and members live and work. In particular it helps people with special needs, people who are elderly or vulnerable, people suffering hardship and animal causes. Applications throughout the year.

Charles Hayward Foundation

[Foundation funds voluntary and charitable organisations](#) supporting projects in the areas of social and criminal justice, heritage and conservation and support for older people, including capital projects. Up to £5,000 for charities with an annual turnover of less than £350,000; for other programmes grant sizes are from £1,000 to £20,000 for one-off grants. Applications throughout the year and considered every 2 to 3 months.

Esmée Fairbairn Foundation

Registered charities or non-profits organisations which propose work to benefit the UK's cultural life, education and learning, arts, the natural environment or enable people who are disadvantaged to participate more fully in society, can apply for [Esmee Fairbairn Foundation funding](#). The average grant size is around £80,000 and loan funding is also available. Applications throughout the year.

Garfield Weston Foundation

Funding for projects under £10,000 and grants of up to £250,000 for larger organisations is provided [to support projects](#) in the areas of the arts, community, education, welfare, medical, social, religion, youth and environment. Applications throughout the year.

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Trusthouse Charitable Foundation

The Trusthouse Charitable Foundation's grants programme supports projects in the UK which address issues in [rural communities and/or areas of urban deprivation](#). Within these themes, the Foundation is interested in 3 areas : Community support, Disability and healthcare and Arts, education and heritage. It awards around 300 grants totalling roughly £2 million each year. The Foundation awards Fast Track Grants of £5,000 and under, Small Grants up to £10,000 and Large Grants up to £30,000. The Foundation also funds hospices, including extensions or alterations to existing premises; refurbishment projects; purchase of new or upgraded equipment which improves the quality of life for resident and day patients; minibuses. Hospices must raise at least 50% of the funds. Applications throughout the year and considered in late February, late April/early May, mid July and late October/early November..

Yorkshire Housing

Yorkshire Housing Community Engagement Grant Aid Fund encourages local projects and initiatives that involve our customers, to [meet needs within the communities](#) where they live. The Grant Aid can be used to support local volunteering and provide support to those customers who are actively seeking work and training opportunities to reduce social exclusion and promote community well-being. Themes are Education, Learning and Development; Health and Well Being; Business Enterprise and Financial Inclusion; Community Safety and Children and Young People. Maximum of each grant is £500. Applications are considered quarterly.

Foyle Foundation

The Foundation now operates a Main Grants Scheme supporting charities whose core work covers [Arts](#) and [Learning](#) and a Small Grants Scheme covering small charities in all fields and capital projects. One-year grants of between £1,000 and £10,000 are available. Consideration may take 4 months for a decision and up to 6 months for capital projects seeking more than £50,000 Deadlines: throughout the year.

The Freemason's Grand Charity

The [Freemason's Grand Charity](#) provides minor grants of between £500 and £5,000 to smaller charities whose annual income does not exceed £1million and major grants of £5000 and £50,000 to larger national charities for a specific purpose. The average major grant size is between £10,000 and £25,000. Charities can apply for grants in the following areas: medical research, support for vulnerable people and youth opportunities. Applications are considered monthly.

Two Ridings Community Foundation

Grant schemes run by the Foundation [help small voluntary and community organisation](#), and local charities in North Yorkshire, East Yorkshire, York and Hull. Each grant has its own criteria and geographical area. Information about Grants currently open is on their website.

Morrisons Foundation

Morrison Foundation has a new online process for grants to support projects that [benefit the local community](#) including: Health, Education, Arts and culture and the Community. Previous grants have ranged from £5,000 to £20,000. Applications throughout the year.

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

New in this issue:

Kusuma Trust UK Small Grants Programme

The Kusuma Trust UK has launched a small grants programme for registered charities to support [young people in secondary and higher education](#) from the most disadvantaged backgrounds. Grants of up to £10,000 can be used for a range of outcomes, including improvements in student attainment, teaching quality and community engagement, and an increased number of young people going on to higher education and gaining employment. Deadline: 12 February 2016

On-going from the last issue:

British and Foreign School Society

Grants are available for [advancing educational opportunity](#) through training of young people up to 25yrs. The Society gives a total of around £500,000 in any one year. Research projects are considered, where there is a direct impact on educational service development. Applications considered quarterly. Deadline: 18 December.

Shackleton Foundation

Funding up to £10,000 of seed funding and support to [enable aspiring leaders and social entrepreneurs](#) to establish their own ventures. Projects should provide solutions to social problems faced by disadvantaged and socially marginalised young people. Deadline: 31 December.

BBC's Children in Need

The Main Grants programme is open to charities and not-for-profit organisations applying for grants over £10,000 per year for up to three years. They give grants for projects supporting children and young people of 18 years and under, [experiencing disadvantage](#). Deadline: 15 January 2016.

Starbucks Youth Action

UK Youth and Starbucks are inviting groups working with young people to apply for grants of up to £1,000. The Fund aims to inspire and [support 16 to 24 year olds](#) to make a positive impact in their community. Two young people need to lead the project. Although the primary focus is on young people not in education or employment, strong applications from other applicants are considered. Deadline: February 2016.

Erasmus+ Programme for Youth

The [Youth stream of the Erasmus+](#) Programme supports: Mobility projects for young people (Youth Exchanges and European Voluntary Service) and youth workers; Large-scale European Voluntary Service events; Strategic Partnerships; Capacity Building in the field of youth; Meetings between young people and decision-makers in the field of youth. Various deadlines begin February 2016.

Nuffield Foundation's Children and Families Grant Programme

Through Children and Families programme funds research and innovation projects relating to [child welfare and development](#), and [child protection](#). Also funding for [early years education and childcare](#). Deadline: 3 March.

Henry Smith Trust

The Trust runs a Holiday Fund to provide disadvantaged children under 13 in the UK with a [recreational holiday or day trip](#) they would not otherwise be able to go on. The children should be from areas of high deprivation, experiencing disadvantage, or have a disability. Schools, youth groups and charities are all eligible to apply for grants between £500 and £2,500. Deadlines vary depending on the date of the trip.

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Inspired Cashpoint

Funding to [solve a problem in the community put forward by young people aged 14-25](#). It has a simple application, offers up to £500 and help to get the project off the ground. Cashpoint allows you to run your project the way you want to. Applications throughout the year.

DM Thomas Foundation for Young People

DMTFYP provides funding for organisations which work [to improve the lives of children and young people](#). Grants focus on providing equipment, training and support to children and young people, particularly those with disabilities, are in hospital, homeless or at risk of homelessness and those who are life limited (requiring palliative care). Deadlines: February, May, July, October 2016.

Two Ridings Community Foundation - grants for young people in York and Selby

A new small grants scheme is open for [young people in York and Selby](#) – The Community First Prime Opportunities Fund, which will award grants of up to £250 to support groups helping young people to take opportunities that may not otherwise be available to them. Applications throughout the year.

Dulverton Trust

The Dulverton Trust Funds the activities of registered charities working in eight major areas of need, with priority given to [Youth and Education, specifically aiding disadvantaged youth](#). Minor grants has a maximum of £5,000, major grants between £5,000 and £25,000. Grants awarded June and October.

Hedley Foundation

Hedley Foundation supports [young people.\(11 - 25 yrs\) people with a disability and people who are terminally ill](#) to better in their lives. Grants are for between £1,000 and £5,000. Applications considered bi monthly.

Childcare Business Grants Scheme

The Grants Scheme encourages and supports the [starting up of new childcare services and businesses](#) by providing a flat rate start-up grant. The scheme offers grants of £500 to prospective child minders or £1000 to those looking to start up nurseries/out of school clubs in England. Applicants are required to contact their local authority before applying for this grant. Applications any time.

Young Philanthropy

Charities and social enterprises are invited to [join Young Philanthropy syndicate, for an opportunity to receive funding and business skills](#) from its YP Teams. Teams have been set up in major employers across the UK. Charities addressing issues tackling NEETs, women's empowerment, homelessness, human trafficking, have benefited from over £250,000 and 4,500 volunteer hours provided. Applications throughout the year.

Youth Charity Ambition

Ambition, has launched Ambition Giving, a grant scheme available for not-for-profit groups working to deliver [activities to young people](#) (aged under 24 years) within their community. Applications throughout the year.

National Foundation for Youth Music

Provides young people with the opportunity to make music, helping them to overcome the challenges they face in their lives. The [music projects support young people](#) to develop their creative and social skills, make contributions to their community and improve their wellbeing. Applications throughout the year.

Youth Social Action Fund

A new £1 million Youth Social Action Fund has been set up by the Government to [encourage youth participation in social action](#). The fund addresses gaps in participation identified in a Ipsos Mori Youth Social Action Survey. Applications throughout the year.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE

New in this issue:

Rosa's Voices from the Frontline Grants

Rosa's Voices from the Frontline Programme is designed to support women's organisations [to promote gender equality](#) through charitable advocacy work, focusing on leadership and representation, safety, health and wellbeing and economic justice. Grants of between £500 and £2,000 are available. Funding can be used to cover costs relating to increasing the skills, capacity and credibility of women who wish to challenge gender inequality and promote awareness and change. Deadline: 11 January 2016.

Marie Curie Research Grants

This research fund of £1.425 million aims to improve the [quality of life of people with terminal illnesses and their carers, families and friends](#) by addressing one of a number of research themes set out for 2016. The grants will pay the directly incurred costs of research. There is no upper limit to the funding, however, applicants should keep the overall funding envelope of £1 million in mind when applying. Scientists, clinicians or healthcare workers in universities, medical schools, hospitals and some research institutions can apply. Deadline for initial submission 14 January 2016.

Royal British Legion Grants Programme

The Royal British Legions offers funding for [projects or services for serving and/or ex-Service personnel](#) and/or their families. The priorities are: Employment and training; Family support; Homelessness and outreach; Supporting the elderly. Grants are not likely to exceed £50,000. Deadlines 2016: 26 February, 31 May, 31 August and 30 November.

Care and Wellbeing Fund

Big Society Capital and Macmillan Cancer Support have joined together to launch the new £12 million Care and Wellbeing Fund to provide loans and other [investment to develop and scale-up community care services](#), solving community problems for people with long term illness. The website and further details are expected to be issued shortly.

On-going from the last issue

Henry Smith Trust

Henry Smith, offers Main grants and County grants [supporting a wide range of groups](#) including carers, community service, disability, healthcare, mental health, young and older people. Applications throughout the year, Trustees meet quarterly in June, September and December to consider applications.

Wallace & Gromit Children's Charity

Registered charities working to improve the [quality of life for children in hospitals and hospices in](#) the UK may apply now for funding to this annual grant scheme. Deadline: 11 December.

Help the Homeless

Grants for projects that [help homeless people rebuild their lives](#) and re-enter society. Funding is targeted at projects focused on helping disadvantaged individuals return to the community through training or residential facility provision, rather than merely providing short term shelter. Deadline: 15 December.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE

Scott Bader Commonwealth Global Charity Fund

The Fund provides grants to [help young or disadvantaged people](#), especially anyone suffering deprivation and discrimination, such as poor, homeless and vulnerable women and children; or minority communities, particularly where people are affected by poverty, a lack of education, malnutrition and disease. Deadline: 8 January 2016.

Aged Veterans Fund

HM Treasury has allocated £5 million a year, for five years to the Aged Veterans Fund. It is to fund projects aimed specifically at supporting older veterans who may require [additional support in health and social care](#), areas such as the provision of services to assist individuals with paperwork, projects to build or enhance access to centres and avoid the isolation. Funding is for non-core health, wellbeing and social care needs of veterans born before 1 January 1950, and residing in the UK. Families and carers may indirectly benefit. Grants of up to £1,000,000 will be awarded to a lead organisation, responsible for a number of projects, run by the lead and other organisations. The next deadlines will be announced early 2016. Anyone interested in putting together or being involved in a portfolio bid for Aged Veterans funding in York and North Yorkshire, may wish to circulate their intention via Forumnetwork, contact North Yorkshire and York Forum.

North Yorkshire Reward Grant Fund

The fund supports projects which help communities to meet priorities in the North Yorkshire Community plan. This year the Reward Fund is aimed at groups providing activities that aim to reduce smoking and/or alcohol misuse in North Yorkshire [reducing the risk of ill health and increasing wellbeing](#). In addition it will support projects aimed at education and reducing the use of 'legal highs'. Deadlines: March, May, August, November.

Big Lottery Heroes Return Fund

Funding to help World War II veterans who saw active service and are resident in the UK or the Republic of Ireland, [to take part in commemorative visits](#) (within the UK and overseas) to mark the anniversary of events that led to the end of WWII. Applicants can apply for between £165 and £8,140, depending on the number of people taking part and the destination. The final deadline: 31 December.

Triangle Trust 1949 Fund

The Triangle Trust Development Grants programme is open twice yearly, for projects which support the [rehabilitation of offenders or ex-offenders](#). Grants of up to £40,000 available. Deadline: 28 April 2016.

Innovative Medicines Initiative Call 6

The Innovative Medicines Initiative (IMI) is Europe's largest public-private initiative aiming to speed up the [development of better and safer medicines](#) for patients. Research and Innovation Action Call has an indicative budget of approximately €94 million. There are six Call topics, including: information on the patient perspective, diabetic kidney disease, inflammation, cognitive impairment, models of patient engagement and early identification of Alzheimer's disease. Deadline: 12 January.

Global Fund for Women

Grants of between \$5,000 and \$30,000 are available to organisations that advance the [human rights of women and girls](#). Funding is available for work in the areas of: Zero Violence to end gender based violence; Economic and Political Empowerment: Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights. The Fund supports campaigns, service delivery, advocacy and education to influence attitudes and achieve policy change that secures women's and girls' full access to sexual and reproductive health and rights. Grants are available for General Support, Travel Grants and Organising Meeting/Event Grants. Deadline: 31 January 2016.

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Santander Foundation

The Santander Foundation has [three grants programmes](#) to help disadvantaged people in the UK - Community Plus (up to £5,000); Learn and Grow (up to £10,000); Money Skills (up to £10,000). Applications throughout the year and considered monthly.

Accelerating Ideas Pilot Projects

BIG Lottery funding is available for pilot projects that broaden the impact of tested approaches to increase resilience, reduce isolation, and improve engagement and the influence of [older people in the UK](#). There is no funding limit and it is expected that five to ten projects will receive funding. Open until April 2016.

Crash: Support for Homeless People

The construction and property industries' charity for homeless people [provides support](#) to organisations that help homeless people. To be eligible for support, organisations must be registered charities, have legal hold on the building in question and the building must be used to deliver services to homeless people or a high percentage of people who are homeless or be related to the charity's administrative functions. Crash offers help in 3 ways — Professional expertise. Building materials and cash grants. Applications throughout the year.

Lloyds Bank Foundation

The Foundation's new grant programmes - INVEST and ENABLE - help charities [supporting people to break out of disadvantage](#) or prevents cycles of disadvantage. INVEST - long term core funding programme for organisations delivering clear, targeted outcomes for disadvantaged people (Grants up to £25,000 per annum and minimum of £10,000 between two and six years); ENABLE - smaller and shorter grants for organisations with development needs (Grants up to a total of £15,000 over two years). Applications throughout the year.

Boshier-Hinton Foundation

The [Boshier-Hinton Foundation](#) provides grants for work with children and adults with special educational or other needs. Typical grants range from £500 to £2,000. Applications throughout the year.

North Yorkshire Reward Grant Scheme

This year, the fund will concentrate on [health inequalities](#) and within this the fund will focus on projects working to reduce smoking and alcohol misuse, and to reduce the use of legal highs. Panels meet four times a year.

Community First Whitby & Scarborough Fund

The Community First Whitby & Scarborough Fund is open to applications from [projects supporting younger and older people](#). Projects must aim to address local needs and support/increase social action at a local level. Priority is given to projects aimed at supporting the most deprived communities. Applications throughout the year.

Hospital Saturday Fund

The [Hospital Saturday Fund](#) gives grants up to £10,000 for registered health charities such as hospitals, hospices, medical organisations who are in need of grants for medical projects, care, research or support of medical training. Applications closed and will reopen January 2016.

CULTURE, ARTS AND HERITAGE

On-going from the last issue:

War Memorials Trust

Groups that are seeking funding to [protect and conserve a war memorial](#) can apply to the War Memorials Trust, the offer of grants has been extended to throughout the centenary year of World War I. Deadline: 31 December.

Youth Music's grants programme

Youth Music's vision is for life [changing music-making](#) is available to all children and young people. Three grants are provided for: small and medium grants for high quality music-making projects; and grants for strategic programmes to help embed sustainable, inclusive music-making across a local area. Each grant has its own deadlines. Deadline for small and medium grants: 22 January 2016.

Arts Touring Fund

The tenth round of the Arts Council England's [Strategic Touring Programme](#) is open to applications. £35million is available 2015—18. Six funding rounds per year. Deadlines: 22 January and November

Theatres Protection Fund

Programmes support [theatre building projects](#). The UK Small Grants Scheme awards grants of up to £5,000. Applications are reviewed twice a year and run until 2017. Deadline Round 8: 3 February 2016.

Arts Council England 2016 Fund

Arts Council England's new £17.5 million [Catalyst: Evolve programme](#) aims to support arts and cultural organisations with a limited track record in fundraising to enable them to attract more private giving. The Catalyst: Evolve fund aims to enable more private giving to arts and culture. It will do this by supporting organisations that have recently begun to fundraise to achieve step change in their ability to earn philanthropic income. Due to open early 2016

HLF Places of Worship Fund

The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) provides the [Grants for Places of Worship](#) programme to support projects that involve urgent structural repairs to public places of worship listed at Grade I, II* or II. Grants of £10,000 to £250,000 are available to formally constituted faith groups and denominations which are responsible for maintaining and repairing their place of worship. Deadlines: 23 February 2016 and 24 May 2016.

Film Festival Fund

The British Film Institute (BFI) [Film Skills Fund](#) open for new applications for training programme. Digitisation funds available. Rolling deadline for applications until 31 March 2016.

Sharing Heritage Fund

The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) has launched [Sharing Heritage](#). The programme aims to help people across the UK explore, conserve and share all aspects of the history and character of their local area. £3 million is set aside for the fund each year, with grants of between £3,000 and £10,000 available to groups who want to discover their local heritage. Sharing Heritage will take account of the outcomes for heritage, people and communities. Applications throughout the year—considered monthly by the local HLF office.

CULTURE, ARTS AND HERITAGE

Software for Faith-based charities

UK faith-based charities can now [receive donated Microsoft products](#) via CTXchange, following a change to Microsoft's eligibility criteria for its global donations programme. They can request donations from a range of more than 250 Microsoft products, discounted by around 95% off the retail price. Products available include graphic design software, server and the latest Office suites, as well as multiple licenses. CTXchange enables charities and charitable housing associations to receive hardware and software products, donated by leading brands, including Microsoft, Norton, Cisco, Symantec and Adobe. Applications throughout the year

Arts Council England 2015-18

Arts Council England has set out their total [investment approach over a three-year period 2015-18](#) to allow individuals and organisations to plan for the longer term. Government funding is confirmed for 2015-16. This funds a wide range of activities – from theatre to digital art, reading to dance, music to literature, crafts to collections. Funding programmes currently open include: Arts and Creative Professionals, Libraries, Museums and Organisations. Deadlines vary according to the grant.

First World War Heritage

Heritage Lottery Fund provides help to groups, communities and organisations to mark the centenary of the start of the First World War by [exploring, conserving and sharing the heritage of the First World War](#), from memorials, buildings and sites, to photographs, letters and literature. Grants are from £3,000 - £100,000 and upwards. Apply anytime up to 2019—monthly meetings by local HLF Offices assess applications.

Paul Hamlyn Foundation New Grants

One of the UK's largest independent grant-making foundations has launched its new strategic plan which will run from 2015 to 2021 and increased its funding to £25 million per year, in [a range of VCS activities](#) including the arts. See Miscellaneous for relevant Funds.

ENVIRONMENT

New in this issue:

Conservation Insight Grants

[People's Trust for Endangered Species](#) (PTES) Grants give priority to projects that are: gathering evidence to undertake mitigation work, using scientific evidence to get changes made to local, national or international policy or devise and test a new methodology for monitoring a species or group of species. Applications will only be considered from those working in countries classified by the World Bank as low and middle-income. Deadline: 12 February 2016.

Woodland Creation Planning Grant

The Forestry Commission Forestry Grant supports the [preparation of plans to design multi-purpose woodlands](#) in England. It will contribute towards the costs of gathering and analysing the information needed to consider proposals take account of any impacts on: Forestry and the natural environment; Landscape; Water; The historic environment. Deadline: 15 February 2016

Horizon 2020 Societal Challenge

Horizon 2020 Societal Challenge - [Climate Action, Environment, Resource Efficiency and Raw Materials](#) has issued two calls for bids: The Call for Greening the Economy has an objective of taking a systemic approach to moving towards a more resource efficient, greener and more competitive economy, and addresses the priority areas of climate services; Smart and Sustainable Cities Call - aims at bringing together cities, industry and citizens to demonstrate solutions and business models that can be scaled up and replicated, and that lead to measurable benefits in energy and resource efficiency, new markets and new jobs. Deadline: 8 March 2016.

On-going from the last issue:

Stanley Smith Horticultural Trust

Grants are available for projects in [support of horticultural](#) research, the creation, preservation and maintenance of public gardens, publication of books on horticulture, study visits, plant collecting expeditions and training schemes for gardeners. There are normally two grant cycles a year, April and October. Deadline: 15 February 2016.

EIP-Agri Grant

The European Innovation Partnership for Agricultural Productivity and Sustainability (EIP-Agri) Grant provides support to projects which show innovation in [linking research with farming or forestry practices](#). The initiative provides grant funding to operational groups to help projects that aim to improve productivity and sustainability. Deadline: 31 March 2016.

Rusholme Wind Farm Fund

Funding for [environmental projects](#) in communities surrounding the Rusholme Wind Farm in between Selby and Goole, which aim to reduce carbon emission, encourage sustainable energy use and energy efficiency, general environmental projects and community benefit and enhancement projects. Funding from £200 to £5,000, and for exceptional projects that demonstrate significant community benefit may apply for up to £15,000. Applications throughout the year

Urban Community Energy Fund

A new fund from the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) has been launched, giving community groups the opportunity to bid for grants of up to £20,000, or loans of up to £130,000 [for their community energy projects](#). Deadlines: last Friday every other month May to November.

ENVIRONMENT

BIFFA Award Building Communities Transforming Lives

BIFFA new criteria for Small and Main Grants commenced 1 April. BIFFA is inviting organisations to apply for Small Grants between £250—£10,000 for projects with a total cost of £30,000. The Main grants are between £10,000 and £50,000 to projects of regional significance that focus on one of 4 themes of [Rebuilding Biodiversity, Community buildings, Recreation and Cultural Facilities](#). Applications throughout the year.

Rural Community Energy Fund (RCEF)

Rural communities across England that aspire to [generate their own clean green power](#) are being offered the RCEF of up to £20,000 in Stage 1 to carry out feasibility studies into renewable energy projects, and funding in Stage 2 of up to £130,000 the costs of applying for planning permission. Funding can be used for projects across the renewable and low carbon energy spectrum including wind, solar, biomass, heat pumps, anaerobic digestion, gas Combined Heat and Power and hydro. Applications throughout the year.

Green Energy Fund

[ReEnergise SmartEnergy Finance](#) is a new multi-million pound loan fund to help small and medium-sized businesses cut the cost of their energy through green and energy-saving measures. The Fund targets businesses that want to improve their energy efficiency or invest in renewables but have been unable to identify and secure appropriate finance or independent advice. Applications throughout the year.

SPORT

New this issue:

Sport England's Inspired Facilities Fund to Pause After Round 9

Sport England has announced that it will pause applications to its [Inspired Facilities Fund](#) after Round 9 closes to applications on 11 January 2016. Voluntary and community groups, parish and town councils, local authorities and statutory bodies that are seeking funding by next spring to refurbish and improve existing sports facilities, or develop an existing building for sports use in the community, should apply for a grant before the Fund is paused in mid-January 2016.

Football Association Offers New Season Funding for Leagues

The Funding for Leagues Scheme is inviting applications for the 2015/16 season. Funding is available for football leagues (outside of the [National League System or below Step W4 in the Women's Pyramid](#) of Football) for the purchase of equipment that assists in the administration of the league. Deadline: 2 May 2016.

On-going from the last issue:

Erasmus+ Programme for Sport

Call for Proposals for the Erasmus+ Programme for education, training, youth and sport for the period 2014-2020. The maximum grant is €500,000. Open to not-for-profit organisation or public institution active in sport and physical activity. Projects should lead to increased levels of participation in sport, physical activity and voluntary activity. Deadlines: Collaborative partnerships related to the European Week of Sport 2016: 21 January 2016; Collaborative partnerships not related to the European Week of Sport 2016: 12 May 2016; Small collaborative partnerships: 12 May 2016.

Sport England

Sport England's Small Grants uses lottery funding to make awards of between £300 and £10,000 to not-for-profit organisations to help more people play sport. To find out more and how to apply visit the Sport England [website](#)

Community Sport Activation Fund

Sport England's Round 4 of its [Community Sport Activation Fund grant scheme](#) opened for applications on 20 January. Grants of between £50,000 and £250,000 will be available to sports clubs, school, local authorities and other not for profit organisations to support grassroots sports at a very local level. Deadlines: Round 5 opens spring 2016.

The Premier League and FA Facilities Fund

The Fund provides grants for building or refurbishing grassroots facilities, such as changing pavilions and playing surfaces for community benefit, with money provided by the Premier League, The FA and the Government (via Sport England) and delivered by the Foundation. Plus the small grants scheme awards grants up to £10,000. [A number of schemes](#) are in place.

SOCIAL ENTERPRISES & BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

On-going from the last issue:

First Steps Enterprise Fund

A [loan-grant fund](#) from the Asda Foundation and Social Investment Business Foundation has been launched. Packages up to £30,000 are available to grow services and become more sustainable. Deadline: 11 December.

Power to Change - Initial Grants Programme

Grants of between £50,000 and £500,000 are available to help community businesses seeking to become [more sustainable or looking for final funds to allow the organisation to start trading](#) within six months of a grant. Capital and/or revenue funding is available, for a community business controlled by people living in the community, involves local people closely in its activities, and operates for the community's social, economic and environmental benefit. The next round of grant applications will open in early 2016.

Access: The Foundation for Social Investment Growth Fund

The Foundation is a new charitable organisation developed in partnership with the UK Cabinet Office, Big Society Capital and Big Lottery Fund. The [Growth Fund](#) will help early stage charities and social enterprises access social investment. Applications throughout the year.

Key Fund

Key Fund is offering [access to finance of up to £150,000](#). If you are an established Social Enterprise, the Key Fund wants to help you unlock your business potential and take you to the next stage. Mark your application 'Growth Fund North'. Or call 0845 1401400.

Community Investment Fund/Third Sector Loan Fund

The Community Investment fund expects to invest about £5 million per year in [loans and equity investment to community](#) based, locally led charities and social enterprises that are providing health and social care, education, training and employment support, and children's services across England. Funding will be between £250,000 and £1m. The Third Sector Loan Fund invests between £250,000 to £3m to charities and social enterprises focusing on improving social and economic wellbeing. Applications throughout the year.

Crowdfunding – inspiring examples

Crowdfunder, one of the UK's crowdfunding platforms, provides examples of some of the [best charity crowdfunding projects](#) on Crowdfunder.

MISCELLANEOUS

New in this issue:

Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Bursary Scheme

With support from the Education and Training Foundation the TSNLA is operating a [CPD bursary](#) scheme to enable staff in the third sector to access appropriate CPD opportunities. If you or your staff need to go on a course but do not have the funds to pay this scheme funds up to £350 per individual.

Urban Communities Set Up Shop Funding

The Plunkett Foundation's Our [Urban Shop Grant](#) pilot programme is offering funding and other resources for communities in urban areas to develop and run a community-owned shop that will stock food and other basic provisions. Deadline: 18 December.

UK Aid Match Fund

Through UK Aid Match, Department for International Development (DFID) will [match UK public donations to appeals](#) made by not-for-profit organisations for work that is carried out to reduce poverty in any of the 26 countries specified by DFID. The funding can be used in up to three counties. Deadline: 14 March 2016

Armed Forces Community Covenant Fund

Funding for local projects which strengthen the ties or the [mutual understanding between members of the Armed Forces Community and the wider community](#) in which they live. The funding is for one-off projects, which have lasting impact, and clear exit or sustainability strategies. Projects must address: Community integration; The coordination and delivery of support to the Armed Forces community - support for serving armed forces personnel, veterans, and their families; Former service personnel in the criminal justice system. Deadline: 17 December 2015

Impact Readiness Fund

The Cabinet Office has launched a second round of the Impact Readiness Fund (IRF) provides grants of between £25,000 and £100,000, to social ventures to [understand and improve their social impact](#) and demonstrate improvements to investors and commissioners. Deadline: 8 January 2016.

BIG Lottery Accelerating Ideas Pilot Projects

The Big Lottery Accelerating Ideas Pilot Programme supports [projects which will address some of the most complex and challenging social issues](#); Adopt and adapt tried and tested approaches across borders, issues and communities; Increase the impact of projects funded by Big Lottery Fund or other funders. Instead of an application form BIG Lottery want to have a conversation with organisations to explore ideas. The pilot is intended to be open until April 2016.

Polden-Puckham Charitable Foundation

The Foundation offers grants of £5,000 and £15,000 per year for projects that address [Peace and Security, and Environmental Sustainability](#). The funding is available for practical projects, with potential for influencing national policy. They may be single issue groups working to achieve a particular change or organisations with a broader remit. Deadline: 15 February 2016.

MISCELLANEOUS

Baring Foundation

This programme is a collaboration with the Legal Education Foundation. Funding is available through two pilot funds:

- [training, education and capacity building](#) –up to £30,000 to support organisations to understand how their objectives can be achieved through the use of law or human rights based approaches
- [applied projects](#) –up to £150,000 to create new capacity for work that addresses specific discrimination or disadvantage and safeguards the freedom of purpose, action and voice of the sector.

Deadline: 18 December 2015.

On-going from the last issue:

Money Saving Expert Financial Literacy

The MSE Charity addresses the problem of financial illiteracy by funding relevant guidance and education for individuals and groups. Grants are up to £5,000 to constituted groups and charities, to [promote financial literacy](#), including consumer and debt issues. Deadlines: 31 January.

Erasmus+

The [Programme Guide](#), has been published by the European Commission - this provides high-level details on programme eligibility, criteria, budgets and deadlines. Projects in scope include learning mobility, innovation in good practice, knowledge alliances, sector skills alliances and capacity building in the area of young people. Deadline: 2 February 2016.

Fernhurst Trust

The Trust offers grants of £1,000 to £5,000 to registered charities working at the heart of communities in North Yorkshire and the City of York. It aims to [help young people](#) to develop their skills, capacities and capabilities; to [advance education, training and re-training](#) among unemployed people; and to provide training and employment opportunities to unemployed people through help in setting up their own business, or through help to existing small businesses. Trustees meet twice a year to review applications. Deadline: 15 April 2016.

Paul Hamlyn Foundation New Grants

One of the UK's largest independent grant-making foundations has launched its new strategic plan which will run from 2015 to 2021 and increased its funding to £25 million per year. The Foundation which closed to applications last October has reopened with a new strategy which focuses on six new priorities relating to the changes it wishes to see in the UK. Funds currently open, with various rounds and closing dates are:

[Access and Participation Fund](#)

[Youth Fund](#)

[Arts-based Learning Fund](#)

[Shared Ground Fund](#)

[Ideas and Pioneers Fund](#)

BIG Lottery - Reaching Communities Buildings

The buildings strand of Reaching Communities [provides funding for land and buildings projects](#) costing more than £100,000. It can also provide revenue funding to help to get the building running and deliver project activities. Applications throughout the year.

MISCELLANEOUS

Good Neighbours Scheme

Rural Action Yorkshire has grants of £300 for each [community wanting to set up a Good Neighbours Scheme](#). They will also provide support and guidance to assess the level of need in your community, set up a group of core volunteers and provide information toolkits which include volunteer guidelines, funding advice, insurance help and much more. Applications throughout the year.

The Allen Lane Foundation

The Allen Lane Foundation provides grants for up to three years, of £500-£15,000, the average grant is around £6,000. Funding is focused on activities which: make a [lasting difference to people's lives](#); aims at reducing isolation, stigma and discrimination, and encourages or enables excluded groups to share in the life of the whole community. Examples includes: advice or information; advocacy; arts activities for therapeutic or social benefit; befriending or mentoring, social activities or drop-in centres and strengthening the rights of particular groups. Applications throughout the year.

Lloyds Bank Foundation Enable Funding

The Lloyds Bank Foundation for England and Wales would like to see more applications for development funding from registered charities and CIOs in England and Wales as it still has £2.5 million to award in 'Enable' grants for 2015. Enable grants are for up to £15k over two years. Grants are awarded to charities that meet the same basic criteria as the Invest programme (charities addressing issues of multiple disadvantages at points of transition) but have also identified clear [development areas which will support their growth](#).

Locality First Steps Programme

Community groups in deprived areas that want to develop a [community action plan can apply now for a package of support and grants](#). First Steps is part of the Community Rights Programme, funded by the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG). The First Steps programme is being managed by Locality and its delivery associates on behalf of the Government. Applications throughout the year.

COMA Support Programme

The [Community Ownership and Management of Assets](#) (COMA) Programme is accepting applications from individual community groups (or consortia) parish councils or local public bodies that want to be lead applicants for a partnership area application. Applications throughout the year.

Neighbourhood Planning Grants and Support Programme

The new Programme (2015-2018) supports local communities that want to draw up a [neighbourhood plan](#) for their area. Town and parish councils, neighbourhood forums and prospective neighbourhood forums may apply. Two types of grants: between £1,000 and £8,000 is available for writing a neighbourhood plan or neighbourhood development order; Specific packages and a further grant of £6,000 for groups facing more complex issues. Applications throughout the year.

IBM UK Trust

The Trust focuses on [community engagement and corporate service programs](#), including the environment, community economic development, education, health, literacy, language and culture. The three initiatives include ICT and other support, through Citizenship, Volunteer support and IBM grant programs.

MISCELLANEOUS

BIG Potential

The new funding, will run over three years and aims to improve the sustainability, capacity and scale of voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) [organisations who want to prepare themselves for social investment](#). The Big Lottery Fund is delivered by the Social Investment Business, Charity Bank, Social Enterprise UK, Locality and the University of Northampton. The £20 million Big Potential offers the following application routes:

- **Breakthrough** - provides VCSE organisations with access to specialist one-to-one support from the Big Potential programme partners before making an application for grants between £20,000 and £75,000 to undertake more in-depth investment readiness work with one of Big Potential's approved providers.
- **Advanced** - is for VCSEs that are clear about how social investment could work for them and can describe a potential deal or interest from investors and need help to close that deal. The Advanced route is also available to organisations that need help securing a contract. Grants of between £50,000 and £150,000 are available.

Applications throughout the year.

Localgiving

Localgiving works with community groups, charities, social enterprises, CICs, etc to help them fundraise online. Match fund campaign for North Yorkshire and York groups enables access to unrestricted match funding of up to £500. The charity has to be a member of Localgiving, membership is free. For information contact Nick Dodd, North Yorkshire and York Coordinator nick.dodd@localgiving.com

Business Grant Programme

Support is available for [inspiring businesses looking to grow](#) within York, North Yorkshire and East Riding. The Business Grant Programme operated by the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP), means that groups may be eligible for a grant of between £5,000 and £1 million to cover between 10-20% of the costs of a project within York, North Yorkshire and East Riding. Grants available towards capital investment in land, building, plant, machinery and equipment or research and development. The project must create new, permanent jobs. Applications throughout the year.

Churchcare

Churchcare provides funding for [Anglican church projects](#). The grants support PCCs in the conservation of listed church buildings and their historic contents. Separate funds for a range of features, such as organs, books, bells or stained glass. In addition to financial support, they provide expert conservation advice to ensure that repairs follow best practice.

SIB Finance for Charities and Social Enterprises

Local Impact Funds are a new type of social investment model that will bring national investors, like the SIB Group and [Big Society Capital](#), together with local investors such as local authorities, community foundations and individuals, to provide funding and support to local charities and social enterprises. Local Impact Funds will be led by local sector bodies, bringing together local and national partners and investors.

MISCELLANEOUS

Medical Research Funding

A partnership of six leading UK [medical research charities](#) has created the £12 million Charity Open Access Fund (COAF) to make sure the research they sponsor can be made available immediately and is free. It is administered by The Wellcome Trust.

Google for Charities and VCS organisations

Charities registered in England and Wales can now access online collaboration tools, free Adwords advertising YouTube branding and Google Apps. The programme offers non-profit organisations [access to free or discounted tools](#) that will enable them to find new donors and volunteers, work efficiently and get supporters to take action.

tt-exchange

Formerly known as CTXchange, this programme enables eligible UK-based charities to request [donated technology products](#) (including operating system software, server software and hardware products such as switches, routers, wireless equipment and firewalls) from Partners such as Microsoft, Symantec and Cisco. Charities are required to pay an administrative fee per product to cover the costs of delivering the programme.

FM Global Fire Prevention Fund

FM Global is accepting applications from organisation that is [working to combat fire](#). Funding supports work to combat fire including fire prevention, preparedness and control efforts. Examples of eligible costs are: Pre-fire planning (eg computer software programs, laptop computers), fire/arson prevention and investigation, Fire prevention education/training programmes. Applications reviewed three times a year.

Tudor Trust

Tudor Trust helps smaller, community-led groups which are [supporting people at the margins of society](#). Funding can cover core costs of running an organisation, including salaries, overheads and day-to-day running costs. The Trust also provides project grants, capital grants for buildings or equipment and grants to help strengthen an organisation. No minimum or maximum grants. Applications throughout the year.

Government Cultural Exchange Fund

The Government announced in January a £1.5 million lottery fund to build [creative connections between the people of England and India](#). The scheme provides grants of £15,000-£100,000 to support projects which for example will showcase UK and Indian arts, reach beyond major cities, build skills and use digital technology.

Ove Arup Foundation

The funds are allocated to commission [research](#) or instigate new teaching initiatives that [enhance new thinking in engineering education](#). The Foundation does not support individuals. Applications throughout the year.

CAFOD Funding to Promote Global Justice

The Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (CAFOD) has opened its "Large Grants" programme. The average grant is between £3,000 and £5,000. Funding streams include; [Justice and Peace; Development Education; Justice and Spirituality Funding; and Youth](#). Deadline: 30 September each year for large grants; small grants of less than £3,000 applications any time.

MISCELLANEOUS

Goldman Sachs Gives (UK)

The program is an important part of the growing involvement in nonprofit groups. The funds contribute to a [diverse range of communities and programs](#) focuses on: Increasing Educational Opportunities, Building and Stabilizing Communities, Honoring Service and Veterans and Creating Jobs and Economic Growth. Applications throughout the year.

St James's Place Foundation

The Small Grants Programme is available to smaller UK Registered Charities working nationally, regionally or locally in the UK with an annual income of up to £750,000. Maximum grant £10,000. Supports charities under the following themes: [Cherishing the Children: Combating Cancer: Supporting Hospices](#). Applications throughout the year.

Congregational and General Charitable Trust

[Support to churches](#), in particular those of the United Reformed and Congregational denominations or other Protestant churches. Grants are for the overall care, upkeep, building or property projects to churches extension of churches. Deadlines twice a year: 31 July and 31 January 2016.

BIG Assist - Infrastructure support

Big Assist can provide [infrastructure organisations](#) with £2,000-£7,000 in vouchers to buy organisational support. This includes support to develop the organisation's training and development, financial sustainability, innovation, trading arms, marketing strategies, writing business plans and make positive improvements in the way impact is demonstrated. To access the programme an online self-assessment questionnaire is completed and assessed on a quarterly basis.

Horizon 2020 EU Framework Programme

Research and innovation (R&I) investment: in health and care systems to create [better health for all](#), aims to keep older people active and independent for longer and supports the development of new, safer and more effective interventions; in Food, Security, Agriculture, Marine and Bioeconomy resources to satisfy the demand of consumers and a wide range of industries. Various deadlines.

Lloyds Bank Foundation

The Foundation has reopened its applications and announced that it is changing to a 'grant round' approach from 2016. [Three grant rounds](#) will operate in 2016 with decisions at the end of March, July and November. The Foundation has two development programmes Invest and Enable, and an Issue Based Programme. Particular issues and direct funding for support, has included work within the criminal justice system (with young offenders and those with mental health issues) and work with older people.

Power to Change Initial Grants Programme

The Grants programme is designed to help existing community businesses that are in a position to [significantly improve their long-term sustainability](#) within six months of receiving a grant. Applications are currently accepted from existing organisations, which already have business plans in place and are ready to start work quickly on their proposals. The longer term funds, which will launch in early 2016, will include opportunities for new and early stage organisations to apply for funding. Applications will open in early 2016.

AWARDS and UPDATES

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Water Efficiency Awards 2016

The UK [Water Efficiency Awards](#) are presented to those organisations in the public, private and voluntary sectors in the UK that, through water-saving activities, are helping to conserve precious resources. The 2016 Awards include six categories and four exemplar project categories. Deadline 31 December.

Charity Governance Awards

Entries are now open to for the inaugural UK awards that recognise and reward good [charity governance](#). The six categories focus on impact, board diversity, turnarounds and embracing risk. Each category has a £5000 cash prize. Deadline: 15 January 2016.

The National Recycling Awards

The [National Recycling Awards](#) are intended to reward and support the work and achievements across all sectors in recycling and waste management. Deadline: 28 January 2016.

UPDATES

BIG Lottery

- **Webinars-** 'hints and tips' for successful applications. BIG Lottery webinars: Awards for All and Evidencing Need. Email webinars@biglotteryfund.org.uk to register
- **Funding Advice Blogs.** The Big Lottery Fund is offering groups '[top tips](#)' Blogs on how to complete a Big Lottery Fund application.

Comic Relief/Red Nose Day Programmes

Comic Relief is currently revising its Grants Strategy and it is not open for grant applications. Funding for small UK grants up to £10,000 remains available through the [UK Community Foundation network](#). The revised strategy is due early 2016.