



Funding Opportunities Issue 50 ~ February 2019



Bulletin on a selection of current funding opportunities

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

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

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AquaFund National Grant Scheme

Details: The AquaFund is designed to support UK-based private and public sector organisations in establishing greater efficiencies in their water consumption and to help realise significant water savings. The AquaFund provides the financial assistance, resources and expertise necessary to reduce water usage and save costs. Typical grant allocations are £150,000 to £600,000.

Who can apply: All UK private and public sector organisations, including Local Authorities.

What is it for: Site surveys, installation and maintenance of water saving equipment, legal and administrative resources to optimise tariffs, investigate water consumption anomalies and potential leaks, ensure consumption reductions are maintained.

Deadline: No deadline, this is a rolling programme.

Further Info: www.asdm.com/service/aquafund

Music for All – Music in the Community

Details: Administered by Music for All, the Music in the Community grants programme aims to give a helping hand to projects and initiatives across the UK that are seeking to bring music to their community. The funding is for groups that need assistance to fulfil their potential in developing truly sustainable music programmes.

Who can apply: UK-based groups, schools and organisations that are bringing music to their communities.

What is it for: Funding is discretionary but previous grants have typically been around £2,500.

Deadline: 1st July for funding requirement in September.

Further Info: <http://www.musicforall.org.uk/apply-for-funding/>

On-Street Residential Chargepoint Scheme

Details: This scheme provides grants to local authorities in the UK to help with the costs of procurement and installation of on-street charging points for residential use in streets where off-street parking is not available. The Office for Low Emission Vehicles (OLEV) has allocated £4.5 million for 2018/19 and 2019/20 for on-street residential projects, in an effort to ensure that having off-street parking is not a pre-requisite for realising the benefits of owning a plug-in electric vehicle.

The scheme will provide up to 75% of capital costs to an expected limit of £100,000.

Who can apply: Local authorities in the UK are eligible for funding though they must have the explicit support of the relevant highways authority with responsibility for the residential streets before submitting an application.

What is it for: Funds can only be used for the installation of new chargepoints.

Deadline: No deadline. Applications are considered on a monthly basis.

Further Info: Contact the Energy Saving Trust by email in the first instance for guidance on preparing an application. onstreetchargepoints@est.org.uk
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/grants-for-local-authorities-to-provide-residential-on-street-chargepoints>

Workplace Charging Scheme

Details: The Office for Low Emission Vehicles (OLEV) is providing a voucher scheme to give eligible applicants support toward the upfront costs of buying and installing electronic vehicle chargepoints, for use by staff or fleet vehicles.

The maximum grant available is £10,000 for 75% of the purchase and installation costs up to a maximum of £500 for each socket, up to a limit of 20 sockets per company and paid in arrears.

Who can apply: Organisations must meet all of the following criteria:

- Are a registered business, charity or public sector organisation.
- Can declare a need for electric vehicle charging equipment or an intent to encourage uptake among their staff or fleet.
- Are located in England, Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland.
- Have dedicated off-street parking for staff and/or fleets.
- Own the property or have consent from the landlord for chargepoints to be installed.

What is it for: Costs associated with eligible projects.

Deadline: No deadline.

Further Info: Applications must be submitted to the scheme administrator, the Driver and Vehicle Licencing Authority (DVLA). Vouchers will be valid for four months from the date of issue.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/workplace-charging-scheme-guidance-for-applicants-installers-and-manufacturers>

Local Full Fibre Networks (LFFN) Challenge Fund

Details: The Challenge Fund is a government capital grant programme that aims to help deliver the fastest and most reliable digital communications network available. The fund will support projects that can stimulate more commercial investment delivering increased gigabit capable connectivity. Projects should also maximise the availability and benefit of gigabit capable broadband services to public sector, business and residential users while also improving commercial investment conditions.

Wave 3 of the fund has £95million available with an average expected cost per project of £4.75million. Match funding isn't required.

Who can apply: Any public sector body, or group of bodies in the UK.

What is it for: Public Sector Anchor Technology, where the public body is the long-term 'anchor' tenant. Gigabit Voucher Schemes, to help businesses buy gigabit capable connectivity, which may subsequently extend the fibre 'footprint'. Public Sector Building Upgrade, direct tactical funding of connectivity to specific public sector locations. Public Sector Asset Reuse, support for capital costs associated with the re-use or development of public sector infrastructure assets.

Deadline: No fixed date for formal submissions. An informal expression of interest should be submitted in the first instance to LFFN@culture.gov.uk

Further Info: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/local-full-fibre-networks-challenge-fund>

Curiosity Fund – BBC Children in Need

Details: Grants are available to not-for-profit organisations in the UK for projects which engage children and young people in science based activities with the aim of making wider changes in the lives of children and young people experiencing disadvantage. Applicants don't have to be experts in science or even have delivered science activities before.

This is Round 2 of the one-off scheme. Two types of grant are available, Small of up to £10,000 per year and Large of up to £40,000 per year (both for up to three years).

Who can apply: Not-for-profit organisations in the UK that have a track record of working with disadvantaged children and young people aged up to 18. Schools can apply if in partnership with another organisation such as a community based organisation.

What is it for: Funding can support exciting and engaging science activities to create change for children and young people experiencing disadvantage. Projects should be about exploring new questions and answers together and developing skills, knowledge, experience and confidence in children.

Deadline: 12th April 2019

Further Info: Enquiries, BBC Children in Need, PO Box 648, Salford, M5 0LB, email: cin.curiosity@bbc.co.uk
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/FHBGfSZRhxbpcWGY8Rj0xh/curiosity-round-two>

Country Houses Foundation

Details: The Country Houses Foundation aims to preserve the nation's historic buildings and offers substantial grants to the most deserving of qualifying projects. Organisations or individuals can apply for grants for repairs and restoration work required to prevent loss of or damage to historical buildings, their gardens, and any outbuildings, located in England or Wales. Grants range between a minimum of £1,000 and a maximum of £250,000. Match funding isn't a requirement but there is an expectation that applicants will make some contribution from their own resources or other sources of funding.

Who can apply: Organisations or private individuals, having legal responsibility for the repair of an historic building.

What is it for: The repair and conservation of historic buildings and structures, including where appropriate their gardens, grounds and outbuildings.

Deadline: Pre-applications can be submitted at any time. Full applications are considered at quarterly meetings in February, May, August and November.

Further Info: <https://www.countryhousesfoundation.org.uk/>

Wales – People and Places

Details: The People and Places programme is provided by the National Lottery Community Fund which supports people working together to make their communities stronger and better places to live. Applications will be accepted from organisations based anywhere in the UK, but projects must benefit people in Wales. Projects should embrace the following key approaches:

- **People-led** – the people who will benefit from the project should be meaningfully involved in all stages.
- **Strengths-based** – projects should make the most of the skills and experiences of people and the communities.
- **Connected** – the applicant must have good local knowledge and working relationships with other relevant groups.

Medium grants range from £10,001 to £100,000, and **Large** grants range from £100,001 to £500,000 both for projects lasting up to five years.

Who can apply: Community and voluntary sector groups and statutory groups including town, parish and community councils.

What is it for: Funding will support capital and revenue costs of projects which fit with the above approaches. Costs can include staff salaries, training, volunteer expenses, management costs, equipment, premises costs, monitoring and evaluation, overheads, and capital works.

Deadline: No deadline.

Further Info: wales@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk
<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes?min=10000&location=wales>

Wales – Rural Programme

Details: Also provided by the National Lottery Community Fund, the Rural Programme is for projects that will make a positive impact on the lives of people and communities living in poverty in rural Wales. Round two of the programme has recently opened and it is looking to fund partnerships that show an understanding of the connection between the causes and effects of poverty,

and propose solutions and services which use a joined-up approach to tackle the core of the problem. Grants are available for up to £500,000 to cover revenue and capital costs.

Who can apply: Applications must come from the lead partner of a project, which can be made up of voluntary or community organisations, registered charities, constituted groups or clubs, schools, social enterprises, community interest companies, or statutory bodies.

What is it for: Grants can be used for most costs associated with delivering the project such as staff salaries, training, volunteer expenses, equipment, capital work and overheads, among other costs.

Deadline: 12:00pm noon on 1st October 2019.

Further Info: <https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/rural-programme#section-1>

UK-German Connection – Flexible Funding

Details: The UK-German Connection is funded by the UK and German governments, the British Council and the Pädagogischer Austauschdienst and aims to bring young people from the UK and Germany together to facilitate an exchange of ideas, joint learning and open discussions on a range of topics. Projects can be virtual or include travel on one or both sides. The nature and format of the activities is open and flexible to be tailored to the interest, contexts and realities of the participating institutions. Grants range from £500 to £5,000 and can cover up to 75% of eligible costs.

Who can apply: Schools, FE colleges and youth groups in the UK and Germany.

What is it for: Eligible costs include: travel, transport, accommodation, subsistence, and project-related costs.

Deadline: There is no deadline, but applications must be made at least six weeks before the start of the project or event.

Further Info: <http://www.ukgermanconnection.org/ww1projects>

Timber Business Investment Scheme (TBIS)

Details: The TBIS is provided by the Welsh Government Rural Communities – Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 and is designed to help forest owners with investments that will enhance the forestry's potential or add value to forestry products. The grant will support activities that address at least one of the Programme's focus areas of promoting resource efficiency and

supporting the shift towards a low carbon and climate resilient economy, and promoting social inclusion poverty reduction and economic development in rural areas. The grant ranges between £2,400 and £5 million for any individual investment project and will provide up to 40% of total investment cost.

Who can apply: Private forest owners, local authorities, and certain other public sector forest owners and small/medium-sized (SMEs) or forestry contractors in Wales.

What is it for: Funding is available for capital investments that add value to forests in Wales by enabling woodland management activities, timber harvesting and/or timber processing. Eligible activities can include: small to medium investments that enhance forestry potential, particularly involving environmentally friendly technology; developments in the marketing and processing of wood and wood products; investments related to the use of wood as a raw material and energy source; and small forest nursery related developments.

Deadline: 28th April 2019

Further Info: <https://beta.gov.wales/timber-business-investment-scheme>

Comic Relief – Tech for Good

Details: Comic Relief and the Paul Hamlyn Foundation have joined forces again to support not-for-profit organisations that are using technology to deliver new ideas and make their services more effective. The next round of this programme will open on 11th February 2019. Grants of up to £48,000 are available for nine months and recipients will also receive expert support and advice.

Who can apply: This programme is specifically targeted at not-for-profit organisations that already have some technical expertise and capacity to enact social change using digital technologies.

What is it for: Projects can be at any stage in development and should address one of four core issues: Children Survive and Thrive, Global Mental Health Matters, Fighting for Gender Justice, and A Safe Place to Be

Deadline: Fund opens 11th February and closes on 25th March 2019.

Further Info: <https://www.comicrelief.com/funding/funding-opportunities/tech-good-2019>