

UK Funding and Grant sources

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Abbey Charitable Trust

FUNDING: £250 - £20,000 (most grants between £1,000 and £4,000)

FUNDER: The charitable arm of the former Abbey National Building Society, now part of the Santander Group. The trust was set up in 1990 with an endowment from the company, from which it also receives annual grants.

AIM: To fund and support disadvantaged people in local communities based on the following three priorities: Education & training, Financial advice and Community regeneration.

WHO CAN APPLY: Only projects with charitable status. The trust favours small, local charities and also prefers to fund a complete project rather than make a partial donation to a fundraising campaign.

DEADLINE: Ongoing

CONTACT: T: 0870 608 0104

W: www.abbeynational.com

E: communitypartnership@abbeynational.co.uk

The Alec Dickson Trust

FUNDING: Up to £250

FUNDER: The trust was formed in 1994 as a memorial to Alec Dickson, the founder of Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO). The trust awards grants to individuals who can demonstrate that, through volunteering or community action, they can enhance the lives of others. The trust welcomes applications for innovative projects, devised by young people and projects that are unlikely to be funded elsewhere.

AIM: The trust aims to fund projects that use volunteering or community service to support young people, particularly the most marginalised.

WHO CAN APPLY: Applicants must be under the age of 30 and involved in volunteering or community action projects in the UK.

DEADLINE: Applications accepted all year round

CONTACT: E: thealecdicksontrust@talk21.com

The ASDA Foundation

FUNDING: Dependent on project

FUNDER: The ASDA Foundation is a charitable trust that was set up in 1988. It supports local good causes chosen by ASDA employees and is funded by profits from the mid-week National Lottery.

AIM: The foundation aims to give something back to the communities that support ASDA stores. Each ASDA store will support its own local community.

WHO CAN APPLY: The foundation will assist any charity in the UK, as well as people and projects who require financial assistance, providing they have the support of local ASDA employees.

DEADLINE: Ongoing – contact your local ASDA store

CONTACT: T: 0845 300 1111
W: www.about-asda.co.uk/communities/asda-foundation.asp

Awards For All: UK

FUNDING: £300 - £10,000

FUNDER: Part of the BIG Lottery Fund. Awards For All funds projects that allow communities to take part in art, sport and community activities. They also fund projects that promote education, the environment and health within the local community.

AIM: The programme aims to bring improvements to communities by funding projects that bring people together to enjoy a wide range of charitable, community, educational, environmental and health-related activities.

WHO CAN APPLY: Applicants must be a voluntary, community or statutory organisation and have a governing body with at least 3 unrelated members.

DEADLINE: Ongoing

CONTACT:

England: T: 0845 4 10 20 30
E: general.enquiries@awardsforall.org.uk

Wales: T: 0845 4 10 20 30
E: enquiries.wales@biglotteryfund.org.uk

Scotland: T: 0870 240 2391
E: scotland@awardsforall.org.uk

N. Ireland: T: 028 9055 1455
E: enquiries.ni@biglotteryfund.org.uk

Biffaward

FUNDING: £250 - £50,000

FUNDER: Biffaward is a multi-million pound fund which awards grants to community and environmental projects across the UK. Biffaward is managed by the Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts (RSWT).

AIM: The programme supports as many projects across the UK as possible. It aims to enhance community spaces, cultural facilities and places for outdoor recreation.

WHO CAN APPLY: Eligible projects must benefit local people of all ages and must be no more than 10 miles away from either a Biffa site or any landfill site. 2009 applications for grants of less than £5,000 are currently closed.

DEADLINE: Ongoing

CONTACT: T: 01636 670051
W: www.biffaward.org
E: cleverseidge@rswt.org

The BIG Lottery Fund

FUNDING: Dependent on project

FUNDER: The BIG Lottery Fund is the largest distributor to good causes of National Lottery funds. The BIG Lottery Fund replaces The Community Fund and The New Opportunities Fund.

AIM: The BIG Lottery Fund aims to bring improvements to communities and the lives of people most in need. Areas targeted include health, education, environment and charitable purposes.

WHO CAN APPLY: Organisations in the public, private and third sectors can apply for Lottery funding. Full criteria can be found at www.biglotteryfund.org.uk.

DEADLINE: Applications received all year round

CONTACT: T: 020 7211 1800
W: www.biglotteryfund.org.uk

Breathing Places

FUNDING: £300 - £10,000

FUNDER: Breathing Places is a BBC led campaign that tries to inspire and motivate schools to create and maintain green areas in their community. The scheme is much more than just funding and it plays a large part in any project it supports.

AIM: Breathing Places is primarily concerned with getting children closer to nature and enjoying the great outdoors.

WHO CAN APPLY: Applications can be made by and on behalf of any school in the UK. All applications must be made via the 'Contact Us' form on the Breathing Places website.

DEADLINE: Ongoing

CONTACT: W: www.bbc.co.uk/breathingplaces

B&Q 'One Planet Living' Awards

FUNDING: £2,000 - £10,000

FUNDER: The B&Q One Planet Living® Awards (in partnership with sustainability experts BioRegional) promotes the need to reduce our impact on the planet and it's natural resources.

AIM: The relevant area of this scheme aims to enhance local communities and supports projects that try to save energy, conserve nature and support local culture & heritage.

WHO CAN APPLY: Any community-based organisations such as environmental groups, charities, schools, local sports clubs, disability and youth groups are eligible to apply from the UK and Republic of Ireland.

DEADLINE: Each March

CONTACT: T: 0845 300 1001
W: www.diy.com/awards

Community Foundations

FUNDING: Share of £70 million each year

FUNDER: Community Foundations manage and allocate funds donated by individuals, statutory bodies and charitable trusts. Funds are targeted at projects that make a genuine difference to local communities.

AIM: Through their network of UK charities, Community Foundations aim to strengthen local communities, create opportunities and tackle issues of disadvantage and exclusion.

WHO CAN APPLY: Only local community groups and voluntary organisations can approach Community Foundations for funding. All grant-making is done by local community foundations.

DEADLINE: Ongoing

CONTACT: T: 020 7713 9326
W: www.communityfoundations.org.uk
E: network@communityfoundations.org.uk

Fields In Trust

FUNDING: Dependent on project

FUNDER: Previously the National Playing Field Association, Fields In Trust (FIT) is the only independent UK wide organisation dedicated to protecting and improving outdoor sports and play spaces and facilities. A large part of their work involves joining forces with partner organisations to enhance local communities through improved facilities and activities.

AIM: To improve the quality of life and health of everyone throughout the UK, through protecting and developing high quality, well-used local facilities for outdoor sport and play.

WHO CAN APPLY: Applications for funding and other support are welcomed by any organisation that seeks to improve their local sports and play facilities. Funding may come from partner organisations and not FIT themselves.

DEADLINE: Ongoing

CONTACT: T: 0207 264 2400
W: www.fieldsintrust.org
E: info@fieldsintrust.org

The Football Foundation

FUNDING: Up to £150,000

FUNDER: Although the Football Foundation is mainly involved with promoting football at a grass roots level, they also provide grants to organisations that aim to push social change, address social exclusion and tackle inequalities in education. The foundation also runs a range of specific grant schemes dedicated to giving support to clubs and communities.

AIM: The relevant grants offered by the Football Foundation aims to improve facilities, create opportunities and support community projects in England.

WHO CAN APPLY: Community groups and charities that meet the foundation's criteria are able to apply for funding.

DEADLINE: 2010 applications received from October 2009

CONTACT: T: 0845 345 4555
W: www.footballfoundation.org.uk
E: enquiries@footballfoundation.org.uk

The Foyle Foundation

FUNDING: £10,000 - £50,000

FUNDER: The Foyle Foundation is an independent grant making trust that funds UK charities whose core work is in the areas of Arts and Learning. The Foyle Foundation was set up to implement the terms of the will of the late Christina Foyle.

AIM: The foundation prioritises applications that cater for those with special educational needs and learning difficulties. The foundation also aims to support projects that have a long term strategic impact.

WHO CAN APPLY: Only registered UK charities are eligible. Organisations must meet strict criteria and must prove their projects will provide a direct benefit or service to the public. State funded schools must prove all other funding options have been exhausted.

DEADLINE: Ongoing

CONTACT: T: 020 7430 9119
W: www.foylefoundation.org.uk
E: info@foylefoundation.org.uk

Green Space

FUNDING: Up to £50,000

FUNDER: Green Space is a registered charity set up to help those committed to the planning, design, management and use of public parks and open spaces. Green Space works closely with Government Departments, Agencies and Non-Governmental organisations involved in parks and public spaces.

AIM: Green Space aims to help implement a UK network of easily accessible, safe, attractive and welcoming parks, gardens and green spaces. These spaces must contribute to the social, economic and environmental well-being of the people they serve.

WHO CAN APPLY: Support is given to those groups that demonstrate a genuine willingness to improve the green spaces in their local environments.

DEADLINE: Ongoing

CONTACT: T: 0118 946 9060
W: www.green-space.org.uk/
E: info@green-space.org.uk

Groundwork

FUNDING: £1,000 - £100,000

FUNDER: Groundwork is a leading UK environmental regeneration charity. It supports communities in need, working with partners to help improve the quality of people's lives, their prospects and the places where they live, work and play.

AIM: Amongst other aims, Groundwork strives to build safer and stronger communities, promote health and well-being, provide young people with something to do, somewhere to go and promote environmental sustainability.

WHO CAN APPLY: Anyone can approach Groundwork for help and support providing the project shares the aims of the charity.

DEADLINE: Ongoing

CONTACT: T: 0121 236 8565
W: www.groundwork.org.uk
E: info@groundwork.org.uk

Learning Through Landscapes (LTL)

FUNDING: Dependent on project

FUNDER: LTL is the national school grounds charity. They believe school grounds play a vital role in every child's learning and development. They are unique spaces, providing safe and diverse opportunities for understanding, achievement, healthy exercise and play.

AIM: LTL aims to help schools and early years settings make the most of their outdoor spaces for play and learning.

WHO CAN APPLY: Applications are invited from LEA maintained Nursery, Primary, Secondary or Special Schools looking for help to fund projects to improve their outdoor spaces for pupils.

DEADLINE: Ongoing

CONTACT: T: 01962 846 497 (England & Wales), 01259 220887 (Scotland)
W: www.ltl.org.uk
E: programmes@ltl.org.uk

NCPTA - LEAPP Awards and Gold Star Rewards

FUNDING: £1,000

FUNDER: The NCPTA runs 2 grant schemes for schools. The LEAPP (Learning, Education And Parental Partnership) awards and the Gold Star Rewards. The LEAPP awards provides funding to get parents more involved in education. The Gold Star Rewards provides funds to School PTA's by rewarding their fundraising achievement, general good practice and innovation.

AIM: The primary aim of the NCPTA is to get parents more involved with their children's education.

WHO CAN APPLY: Applications are accepted from individual schools or their PTA's.

DEADLINE: Ongoing

CONTACT: T: 01732 375460
W: www.ncpta.org.uk

Parks for People

FUNDING: Up to £5 million

FUNDER: The Parks for People scheme is run by the Heritage Lottery Fund and offers grants for projects involving urban or rural green spaces. Grants can be used for projects that aim to get local people more involved in their parks.

AIM: The scheme aims to help provide everyone in the UK with access to a local park for enjoyment and recreation. It seeks to bring improvements to local environments by making a lasting impact on the lives of local people and the places where they live.

WHO CAN APPLY: The scheme invites applications from local authorities, not for profit organisations and partnerships between local authorities and others. Private businesses may also apply providing that public benefit exceeds private gain.

DEADLINE: 2 per annum - March and August

CONTACT: T: 020 7591 6000
W: www.parksforpeople.co.uk
E: enquire@hlf.org.uk

The Paul Hamlyn Foundation

FUNDING: £5,000+

FUNDER: The Paul Hamlyn Foundation is one of the largest independent grant-making foundations in the UK. The foundation prefers to support projects that others may find hard to fund, may be risky or unpopular.

AIM: The Paul Hamlyn Foundation aims to maximise opportunities for individuals to experience a full quality of life, particularly concentrating on children, young people, and others who are disadvantaged.

WHO CAN APPLY: Organisations of any size may apply for any amount provided the proposal meets the aims of the grants scheme. The foundation does not fund individuals or projects that have already started.

DEADLINE: Ongoing

CONTACT: T: 020 7227 3500
W: www.phf.org.uk
E: information@phf.org.uk

Play England

FUNDING: Up to £19,000

FUNDER: Play England (along with the Department for Children, Schools and Families) manages a funding programme for the refurbishment of adventure playgrounds throughout England. Playgrounds must be run by the voluntary or community sector.

AIM: Play England aims for all children and young people in England to have regular access and opportunity for free, inclusive, local play provision and play space.

WHO CAN APPLY: Eligible organisations must be voluntary and must aim to provide an all weather play environment that welcomes both disabled and non-disabled children.

DEADLINE: 2009 scheme now closed. Please enquire about 2010 applications

CONTACT: T: 020 7833 6838
W: www.playengland.org.uk
E: adventureplay@ncb.org.uk

Play Scotland

FUNDING: Dependent on project

FUNDER: Can be used as a third party to access funding opportunities through its GRANT-net system. Play Scotland does not issue funding directly.

AIM: Play Scotland aims to promote the importance of play for all children and young people, and campaigns to create increased play opportunities in the community.

WHO CAN APPLY: Community and voluntary groups, sports and other clubs, schools, social enterprise and small businesses can all look to Play Scotland for funding help and advice.

DEADLINE: Ongoing

CONTACT: T: 0131 440 9070
W: www.playscotland.org
E: info@playscotland.org

Play Wales

FUNDING: Dependent on project

FUNDER: Play Wales offers advice and guidance to anyone wishing to promote or provide play environments for children in Wales. As well as this, the organisation is responsible for allocating National Lottery funds to organisations who share their values and purpose.

AIM: Play Wales aims to raise the profile of playing and how play contributes to the wellbeing and resilience of human beings - particularly young ones.

WHO CAN APPLY: Community and voluntary groups, sports and other clubs, schools, social enterprise and small businesses can all look to Play Wales for funding help and advice.

DEADLINE: Ongoing

CONTACT: T: 029 2048 6050
W: www.playwales.org.uk
E: mail@playwales.org.uk

Playboard (Northern Ireland)

FUNDING: Up to £2,500

FUNDER: Playboard is the leading agency for the development and promotion of children and young people's play in Northern Ireland. It believes that free, imaginative play is crucial for normal social, emotional and cognitive development. As well as offering help and support, funding is offered through 'The Big Deal' small grants programme.

AIM: Since its interception in 1985, Playboard has campaigned, lobbied, raised awareness and developed partnerships in order to achieve its main aim of putting play on the agenda of policy makers and resource providers.

WHO CAN APPLY: Individuals and groups of children and young people under 25 living in Northern Ireland can apply to The Big Deal small grants programme for a funding award. The programme does not directly fund clubs, centres or organisations.

DEADLINE: Ongoing

CONTACT: T: 028 9080 3380
W: www.playboard.org
www.thebigdealni.com
E: info@playboard.co.uk

The Prince's Trust

FUNDING: Up to £5,000

FUNDER: As part of its commitment to developing underprivileged 14–30 year olds, the Prince's Trust offers Community Cash Awards to help youngsters set up projects that will benefit their community. The grants available can be used for an extremely wide range of projects.

AIM: The Prince's Trust aims to provide UK youngsters with the financial support, advice and training that will enable them to start projects that benefit the people running the project as well as their local community.

WHO CAN APPLY: Applicants must be 25 or under and must use the funds for a project that clearly benefits the local community.

DEADLINE: Ongoing

CONTACT: T: 0800 842 842
W: www.princes-trust.org.uk

RBS Supergrounds

FUNDING: Up to £4,000

FUNDER: Supergrounds is a community based programme set up by the Royal Bank of Scotland. It focuses on the importance of learning through play within primary and secondary schools. Schools must be nominated by RBS Group employees.

AIM: The scheme strives to develop 'fantastic outdoor playing and learning spaces for, and with, pupils'. It also aims to get each schools local community involved in any projects.

WHO CAN APPLY: Applications cannot come directly from schools and must be initially made by RBS employees.

DEADLINE: Ongoing

CONTACT: T: 020 8850 3112
W: www.rbssupergrounds.com
E: supergrounds@tfl.org.uk

Reaching Communities: England

FUNDING: £10,000 - £500,000

FUNDER: Part of the BIG Lottery Fund. By funding individual projects, Reaching Communities helps people and communities who are most in need or hard to reach.

AIM: Reaching Communities strives to achieve 3 goals:
Strong communities, with more active citizens, working together to tackle their problems,
Improved rural and urban environments, which communities are better able to access and enjoy, healthier and more active people and communities.

WHO CAN APPLY: Funding is available for registered charities, charitable or not for profit companies, statutory bodies, social enterprises and schools.

DEADLINE: Ongoing

CONTACT: T: 0845 410 20 30
W: www.biglotteryfund.org.uk
E: general.enquiries@biglotteryfund.org.uk

SITA Trust

FUNDING: Up to £50,000

FUNDER: Enhancing communities is a funding programme for projects that enhance, enrich and engage local communities. Run by the recycling and resource management company, SITA, the scheme offers funding to communities in close proximity to qualifying SITA sites.

AIM: The SITA Trust aims to make lasting improvements to the natural environment and to community life. It does this by funding community involvement projects and projects that aim to improve and increase green spaces.

WHO CAN APPLY: Eligible applicants are limited to Charities, Local Authorities and Parish Councils that meet the criteria set by SITA.

DEADLINE: Ongoing

CONTACT: T: 01454 262910
W: www.sitatrust.org.uk
E: sita.trust@sita.co.uk

Swansea Development Fund (Wales)

FUNDING: £100 - £15,000

FUNDER: The Swansea Development Fund (SDF) awards grants to voluntary and community sector groups in the City & County of Swansea to strengthen their organisation or develop new services. An interest free loan scheme is also currently in place.

AIM: In terms of recreation, the SDF aims to help with the development of playgrounds, promote quality play opportunities, provide play training and allocate funds to community groups.

WHO CAN APPLY: Any voluntary or community organisation can apply for funding providing all criteria is met. Priority, however, is given to specific areas identified for regeneration.

DEADLINE: Ongoing

CONTACT: T: 01792 635486
W: www.swansea.gov.uk/fundseeker
E: andrea.clenton@swansea.gov.uk or anthony.richards@swansea.gov.uk

Tesco Charity Trust Community Awards

FUNDING: £500 - £4,000

FUNDER: Run by Tesco, these awards support charities and non-profit organisations that support children's educational needs as well as general community projects.

AIM: The Tesco Charity trust aims to support the initiatives of local charities that seek to address a specific need in and around the communities served by Tesco stores. The scheme also aims to offer financial support to Special Needs Schools.

WHO CAN APPLY: Anyone representing a charity or non-profit organisation can apply for funding by filling in the forms online. Tesco staff can also apply to increase any agreed funding by up to 20%.

DEADLINE: 4 deadlines throughout the year

CONTACT: T: 0845 612 3575.
W: www.tescopl.com/tescocharitytrust

Welsh Assembly Government (Wales)

FUNDING: Dependent on project

FUNDER: The Welsh Assembly Government offers a wide range of grants to organisations across Wales such as Local Authorities, Community Safety Partnerships and the voluntary sector. Grants cover areas such as housing & community, environment & countryside, culture & sport and health.

AIM: Grants and funds have many differing aims but all support schemes and initiatives that are in line with the Welsh Assembly Government's agendas.

WHO CAN APPLY: Funds are targeted at Local Authorities, businesses and voluntary organisations. Individuals can also apply for funding providing they meet the prescribed Criteria.

DEADLINE: Ongoing

CONTACT: T: 0845 010 3300
W: wales.gov.uk/funding/fundgrantareas
E: webmaster@wales.gsi.gov.uk

Woodenspoon

FUNDING: £20,000 - £100,000

FUNDER: Woodenspoon is the children's charity of the rugby world. With support from the Rugby Football League and Rugby Union, Woodenspoon offers grants to local and national projects. All funding must directly benefit disadvantaged children and a strong emphasis is placed on those with Special Needs. Grants are considered for Playgrounds and Playrooms.

AIM: Woodenspoon aims to "enhance the quality and prospect of life for children and young people in the United Kingdom and Ireland who are disadvantaged physically, mentally or socially".

WHO CAN APPLY: Eligible applicants must be able to prove long term benefits to disadvantaged children. Funding is capital rather than revenue.

DEADLINE: Ongoing

CONTACT: T: 01276 410 180
W: www.woodenspoon.com
E: charity@woodenspoon.com