Latest **Grant Funding Opportunities (Date: April 2025 – Issue 1)**Sector: The Voluntary, Community, Faith and Social Enterprise (VCFSE) Sector  
Scope: This funding research focuses on the latest grants available to VCFSE organisations in Suffolk.  
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| Community Action Suffolk: Zoom **Webinar: Funding4Suffolk and Easy Fundraising** Introduction: 17th April 2025 (10am - 11.30am) [More and to Book](https://cas.aidecrm.co.uk/booking/training-booking?event_id=3653) | | | | |
| National Lottery Community fund: **Reaching Communities Strategy** from April 2025 has new priorities which deliver its missions and create fairer, stronger, more resilient futures for communities across England. Projects must achieve one of the NLCF missions, which are to support communities to: (1) Come together; (2) Help children and young people thrive; (3) Be healthier and/or (4) Be environmentally sustainable. [Visit the NLCF Reaching Communities web-portal for more](https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/reaching-communities-england). | | | | |
| **Suffolk Local Authorities/ Community Action Suffolk** | **Local Food Grants** #Suffolk  Each Borough / District in Suffolk has a fund available to support community food projects. The CAS Community Food Team are working closely with the communities’ teams at Borough / District Councils to support projects to apply for the funding.  Grants range from £250-£10,000 dependant upon location. See CAS webpage for Borough/District Council guidance.  [Visit the CAS Local Food Fund webpage](https://www.communityactionsuffolk.org.uk/district-food-funds/) | Revenue / Capital | £250-£10,000 | Not for Profits |
| **Childwick Trust** | **Health issues and Horseracing community** #Suffolk  A grant awarding trust whose geographic eligibility includes Suffolk / Norfolk / Cambridgeshire within their South / South-East England area definition. Grants awarded (prefer revenue but capital eligible) circa £5,000-£20,000.  **Health** The Trust has a strong emphasis on helping charities which offer care and support for people who are terminally ill, or have a serious illness, older people, adults and children who have mental health problems or a learning disability. The Trust gives help to both children and adults with physical disabilities. Organisations who offer care and support for ex-servicemen and women who have been injured or traumatised from past and recent conflicts can also be funded.  The funding can be used towards specialist equipment, respite care, holidays, education and core costs. The Trust will consider funding towards some building and refurbishment costs but only once the appeal has reached at least half of the total budget.  **Horseracing community** Funding is available for the welfare of those in need within the racing industry. This is generally aimed at older people, people who are retired or injured and those on a low income plus young people who need support.  Application window opens on 1st April 2025 and closes on 30th April 2025.  [Visit the Childwick Trust website](https://childwicktrust.org/who-we-fund/) | Revenue / Core, but small capital projects considered | between £5,000-£20,000  Multi-year funding will be considered from charities whom we have previously funded. | Registered Charities  (preference is to support charities that have not had a grant in the previous 2 years and typically have an annual income of less than £5million) |
| **Air Ambulance UK** | **Air Ambulance: Improving Outcomes Fund**  AAUK air ambulance charity members will soon be able to apply to the AAUK Improving Outcomes Fund. The fund is committed to improving outcomes for patients, their loved ones and air ambulance crews following an incident.  Applications will be welcomed for a minimum of £5,000, up to a maximum of £25,000.  Eligible projects:   * Patient aftercare support services * Dedicated crew support services * Dedicated support spaces for patients and/or crews * Outdoor reflection spaces for patients and crews   More information on how to apply, and application dates, will be updated here as soon as possible.  [Visit the Air Ambulances UK Improving Outcomes Fund](https://www.airambulancesuk.org/aauk-improving-outcomes-fund/) | Revenue / Capital | Between £5,000-£25,000 | Air Ambulance UK members |
| **Persimmon Homes: Community Champions Fund** | **Community Champions Fund**    Persimmon Homes has 30 offices across the UK and awards around £6,000 every quarter to support community projects.  Not for profits groups or organisations and Schools can apply for Revenue or Capital grants, typically £1,000, but grants of £2,000 and £3,000 have been awarded too.    [Visit the Persimmons Community Champions Fund webpage](https://www.persimmonhomes.com/community-champions-2023) | Revenue or Capital | Typically, £1,000 | Not for profits groups or organisations and Schools |
| **The Hobson Charity** | **Capital or Equipment Grants**  A broad range of issues or themes (youth, disadvantaged, deprived, disabled, elderly, the environment). supported under eligibility:   * The relief of poverty, suffering and distress of those in need in the United Kingdom, including the provision of facilities for recreation and leisure in the interests of their social welfare; * The advancement of education amongst the inhabitants of the United Kingdom;   [Visit The Hobson Charity website](http://www.hobsoncharity.org.uk) | Capital / Equipment | Typically, between £2,000-£10,000. | Registered Charities |
| **Bernard Sunley Foundation** | **Capital grants for Community, Education, Health or Social Welfare**  The Foundation offers three levels of grants. These are large grants of £20,000 and above; medium grants of up to £20,000 and small grants of £5,000 and under. Grants can be used for:   * Capital projects which include new buildings, extensions, refurbishments and recreational spaces. * New minibuses and other vehicles that provide a vital service to those most in need in their local community.   Applications are accepted all year round.  [What We Fund - Bernard Sunley Foundation](https://bernardsunley.org/grants/what-we-fund) | Capital | Typically, between £2,000-£30,000 | Charities or CIOs, Churches or Exempt organisations such as Specialist Schools, Scout and Guide groups, Housing Associations, Cooperatives, and Community Benefit Societies |
| **Garfield Weston Foundation** | **Grants for Welfare, Youth, Community, Arts, Faith, Environment, Education, Health and Museums & Heritage**  The Foundation awards grants for Capital, Project and Revenue costs. Where they already have a funding history with a charity, the Trustees may consider a multi-year request for up to three years, provided you can demonstrate that a longer-term commitment will add value to your organisation’s objectives.  There are no deadlines for applications under £100,000. Grants above this level are reviewed at one of 8 board meetings a year.  Normally, capital grants are no more than 10% of a total project cost. However, for local community projects (e.g. village halls, community centres, places of worship, etc.), grants are unlikely to be over £30,000 regardless of the project size. If your organisation wants to apply for £100,000 or over, they expect your annual income or project to be over £1 million.  [Visit the Garfield Weston Foundation website](https://garfieldweston.org/) | Revenue / Capital / Core funding | £2,000-£200,000 | Registered Charities, churches, Exempt orgs (Housing Association) |
| **Nineveh Charitable Trust** | **#Oudoors: Natural Environment and Countryside project grants**    UK based schools and not for profit organisations can apply for funding to the Nineveh Charitable Trust for a broad range of projects and activities that promote a better understanding of the environment and countryside, whilst facilitating improved access, education and research.    Previous projects supported include:     * Busby Primary School which received a grant of £2,000 to build a 'vertical garden' for environment enhancement as well as the children's educational value; * a grant of £1,400 to Bickleigh-On-Exe Primary School to create an all-weather school and community gardening area with poly-tunnel and shed; * Castlemilk Day Nursery which received a grant of £5,000 to build a multi-function shelter with provision for special needs teaching; and * St Joseph's Specialist School & College, which received a grant of £4,000 towards a community garden expansion.     Applications can be submitted at any time.  [Visit the Nineveh Trust website](https://www.ninevehtrust.org.uk/how-to-apply/)   [Grants awarded list](https://ninevehtrust.org.uk/grants-awarded/) | Revenue / Capital | Between £1,000-£5,000 | Schools and Not for Profit organisations |
| **The Fidelio Trust** | **Grants for Arts and Music Projects** #music #dance  The Fidelio Trust is offering grants of up to £5,000 to talented early-career individuals and groups in the arts, particularly music, who couldn't pursue their project or activity without financial support. An appropriate institution, college, Arts Festival or similar organisation must recommend Individuals and groups. Funding is available towards special tuition or coaching costs, to participate in external competitions, support for a specially arranged performance, and to receive support for a musical composition.  The application deadline is 12pm Monday 12th May 2025 or Wednesday 1st October 2025.  [Visit The Fidelio Trust website](https://www.fideliocharitabletrust.org.uk/) | Training, Coaching, Activities | Up to £5,000 | Individuals, Not for Profits |
| **Government / Architectural Heritage Fund** | **Funding to protect local heritage**  The government announced that [communities in England can now apply for a share of almost £20 million to help care for historic buildings and heritage sites in their local area](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/local-heritage-to-be-protected-with-20-million-of-funding).  The new £4.85 million Heritage Revival Fund is currently accepting applications for projects that will help to rescue and repurpose neglected historic buildings, like theatres, department stores and former banks. It will do this by supporting community organisations, charities and social enterprises in England to take ownership of these sites for community uses.  The programme will be delivered by the [Architectural Heritage Fund](https://ahfund.org.uk/grants/england/) and will run from 1 April 2025 until 31 March 2026.  This is in addition to the £15 million [Heritage at Risk Capital Fund](https://historicengland.org.uk/advice/grants/our-grant-schemes/heritage-at-risk-capital-fund/) opening today for Expressions of Interest from individuals or organisations, focusing on the most deprived areas to rescue at risk historic sites and buildings. This funding will support projects which seek to repair and enhance a variety of heritage buildings to benefit the local public and community, like shops, pubs, parks, and town halls. | Development / Capital | See guidance for each programme | Not for Profits, Local Authorities |
| **Social Investment Business** | **Energy Resilience Fund** #loan #grants #blended-finance  The Energy Resilience Fund provides a blended funding package of loan (60%) and grant (40%) to bolster the energy resilience of eligible charities and social enterprises in England.  Investments can be for many different reasons, for example reduced carbon emissions, energy cost savings, upgrading energy efficiency ratings to meet future regulations, increased use or comfort of buildings, replacing older vehicles and equipment with modern energy efficient versions.  [Energy Resilience Fund - Social Investment Business](https://www.sibgroup.org.uk/funds/energy-resilience-fund/) | Capital / Equipment | £25k - £250k  (40% grant) | Registered Charity and Social Enterprises |
| **Social Investment Business** | **Community Builders Fund** #loan #finance  The Community Builders Fund provides access to loans of between £100k to £1.5m to charities and social enterprises who are tackling key societal challenges and nature and environmental work, to help grow their organisation, invest in assets and adapt to changing needs.  The Community Builders Fund is available to Charities and Social Enterprises across the UK.  This could be for many different reasons, for example reduced carbon emissions, energy cost savings, upgrading energy efficiency ratings to meet future regulations, increased use or comfort of buildings, replacing older vehicles and equipment with modern energy efficient versions.  [Community Builders Fund | Funding | Social Investment Business](https://www.sibgroup.org.uk/funds/community-builders-fund/) | Capital / Equipment | Loans between £100k to £1.5m | Registered Charity and Social Enterprises |
| **Social Investment Business** | **Reach Fund** #social-investment-development  The Reach Fund helps Charities and Social Enterprises raise investment. The grant is aimed at helping these organisations provide the final information that investors need before they can invest. The programme offers grants on average of between £5,000 and £15,000.  Applicants can only apply for a grant through this programme following a referral from an access point. Access points are social investors approved by the Reach Fund who refer organisations they are working with to apply for grants – Groundwork are an access point for the Reach Fund.  [Reach Fund | Funding | Social Investment Business](https://www.sibgroup.org.uk/funds/reach-fund/)  [Reach Fund – GroundWork Charity – Access Point Partner Gateway Expression Of Interest](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfYRm4zbCvO3C-36P8pUcx6vPYUJttVeXzIrV3busDogJlK9Q/viewform) | Development | between £5,000 and £15,000 | Registered Charity and Social Enterprises |
| **The School of Social Entrepreneurs** | **Trading for Good: Community Business Programme 2025**  The School of Social Entrepreneurs Summer Cohort Programme.  This programme is for people in the early stages of setting up a social enterprise, charity or social impact project that plans to grow through trading (selling products and services).  Your project:   * Is aiming to make a social or environmental impact. * Is based in England. * Is aiming to grow its trading income in the next year   The scheme is a business development learning programme and match trading grant are available to support locally rooted community businesses in England to become stronger and more sustainable.  For more and to register.  [Visit the SSE Trading for Good web-portal](https://www.the-sse.org/courses/trading-for-good-social-enterprise/) | Revenue / Equipment | You receive £800 at the start of the programme.  When you increase your trading, we grant award you in increments of £800 per quarter up to a maximum of £4,000. | Start-up Social Enterprises / Charity (trading) |
| **Government DCMS** | **DCMS Create Growth Programme competition four (via Innovate UK)** [#creative](https://www.linkedin.com/search/results/all/?keywords=%23creative&origin=HASH_TAG_FROM_FEED) [#industries](https://www.linkedin.com/search/results/all/?keywords=%23industries&origin=HASH_TAG_FROM_FEED)  The aim of this competition is to provide a package of targeted support to high growth creative businesses to scale, build investor networks and reach their potential. This funding is designed to help creative businesses explore new innovation projects as a stimulus for growth.  The Create Growth Programme Competition 4 is split into 2 strands;  Strand 1: DCMS Create Growth Programme Competition 4: small projects (this strand)  This strand is focused on small scale creative projects of costs between £20,000 and £50,000 and is 100% funded.  Strand 2: DCMS Create Growth Programme Competition 4: large projects  This strand is focused on larger, more ambitious scale creative projects with total eligible costs between £50,000 and £200,000. This strand requires match funding.  Registration Closes: Thursday 29th May 2025  [Visit the DMCS / Innovate UK Creative Industries web-portal](https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/dcms-create-growth-programme-competition-four-small-projects/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery) | Revenue / Equipment | between £20,000 to £50,000 (small)  between £50,000 to £200,000 (large) | Creative Industry SME businesses |
| **Shackleton Foundation** | **Shackleton Foundation Leadership Award (Community Leaders / Social Entrepreneurs)**   Seed funding grants and support are available to inspirational leaders and early-stage social enterprises in the UK to establish their own non-profit ventures with the potential to provide solutions to intractable social problems faced by disadvantaged and socially marginalised young people.  We have re-opened for applications and the next deadline is Monday 28th April at 5pm.  Our other application dates for 2025 are: 4th August 5pm or 31st October 5pm  [Visit the Leadership Award webpage](http://shackletonfoundation.org/?page_id=44) | Revenue | Up to £15,000 | Individuals |

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| **The Tudwick Foundation** | **Education, Community welfare, Cost of living, health and wellbeing** #Suffolk #Essex  A grant-giving body that awards grants typically between £300-£3,000 to communities and charitable organisations in Essex and Suffolk. Includes preservation and protection of physical and mental health. Preference is to support smaller organisations with an annual income below £500,000.  Types of donations include core funding and project-based grants, and the trustees greatly encourage new organisations to apply.  [Visit The Tudwick Foundation website](https://www.tudwickfoundation.org.uk/grant-applications) | Specific and well-defined projects or Core funding | between £300-£3,000 | Small Community Groups, Registered Charities and Community Interest Companies  (annual income below £500,00) |
| **National Lottery** | **National Lottery Community Fund: Awards for All**  Who can apply? Registered Charities (CIO), Not for profit organisations, schools (as long as your project benefits and involves the communities around the school), Parish/Town Councils and statutory bodies.  Grants are from £300 to £20,000. And can support your project for up to two years.  You can apply for funding to deliver a new or existing activity or to support your organisation to change and adapt to new and future challenges.  We can fund projects that’ll do at least one of these things:   * bring people together to build strong relationships in and across communities * improve the places and spaces that matter to communities * help more people to reach their potential, by supporting them at the earliest possible stage * support people, communities and organisations facing more demands and challenges because of the cost-of-living crisis.   Application deadline:Ongoing. Apply at least 16 weeks before you want to start the activities or spend any of the money.  [Visit the National Lottery Community Awards for All Grant Portal](https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/national-lottery-awards-for-all-england) | Revenue or Capital | Between £300-£20,000 | Not for Profits, Parish/Town Council, Schools, Statutory bodies, with a least two unrelated Trustees/Directors |