Latest **Grant Funding Opportunities (Date: February 2025 – Issue 2)**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.
Visit our [webpage](https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/community-and-safety/communities/community-funding/funding-for-charities-community-organisations-and-social-enterprises) to learn more about our service and how to access support[Our privacy policy](https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/about/privacy-notice/external-funding-team/)

| **Funder Name**  | **Overview**  | **Revenue or Capital**  | **Grant Value**  | **Who can apply?**  |
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| **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 |
| **Asda Foundation**  | **New: Small Grants to support individual young people: Young Futures Fund**Are you a local grassroots community group or charity (annual income below £250,000) focused on improving mental health for young people? The following list provides some examples of the kinds of items and services that our funding could be used for. This list is not exhaustive, but any items and activities that we fund must still fit within our general criteria as detailed on ‘Who Can Apply’.* Intervention and prevention programmes to address social issues.
* Essential items for crisis support, e.g. clothes, food and hygiene items for a homeless shelter focusing on young people.
* Delivery of specialist support or services or speakers.
* Group drop-in and talking sessions.
* Workshops to upskill and deliver life skills (cooking, finance, employment, CV writing).
* Resources for recreational activities. E.g. craft materials, board games
* Sports kit and/or equipment (cap £500).
* Volunteering costs (cap £100 per person).
* Peer support events, and activities that bring people together.

The Young Futures Fund opens on Thursday 27th February 2025.[Visit the Asda Foundation Young Future Fund webpage](https://asdafoundation.org/our-grants/young-futures-fund/) Read the criteria here <https://shorturl.at/QUqJv> | Individual items / equipment / Service support fees | £500-£1,000 | Small Registered Charities and Not-for-Profit organisations that benefit local people aged 13-21 years that have an annual income of £250,000 or below |
| **The Weavers’ Company** | **Grants to Support Disadvantaged Young People and Offenders**Grants are available to Registered Charities (CIOs) and in exceptional circumstances Community Interest Companies, working to support ex-offenders, young offenders, or young people at risk of offending, either locally or nationally. Project or core funding grants are available.Funding priority is given to projects that support offenders into work and projects that work with less popular groups in society. A secondary priority is given to supporting projects that work with young people from disadvantaged and socio-economically challenged groups. The Company operates two funding streams:* A Small Grants Programme provides a grant of up to £5,000
* A Main Grants programme which has no maximum grant limit

Applicants must show they have investigated other sources of funding and made plans for future funding.The next closing date for applications is Thursday 14th March 2025.[Visit the Worshipful Company of Weavers website](https://weavers.org.uk/charity/charitable-grants/)[Application Guidelines](https://weavers.org.uk/charity/charitable-grants/guidelines/)[Examples of Projects Funded](https://weavers.org.uk/charities/) | Project or Core funding | Typically, up to £5,000 | Registered Charities (CIOs) and sometimes, Community Interest Companies |
| **Help the Homeless** | **Help the Homeless Capital Grants**Help the Homeless makes grants of up to £5,000 to small charitable organisations (with a turnover of less than £500,000) whose aim is to help homeless people return to the community and enabling them to rebuild their lives. Typically, such organisations may operate residential or training facilities to assist homeless people.The next application deadline is 5pm on Saturday 15th March 2024.[Visit the Help the Homeless website](http://www.help-the-homeless.org.uk/applying-for-funding/)[Previously funded projects](https://www.help-the-homeless.org.uk/recent-grants) | Capital / Equipment | Up to £5,000 | Small Registered charities whose annual income is below £500,000 |
| **The Sackler Trust** | **Medical Science / Healthcare / Education, Heritage or The Arts Project Grants** The Trust supports charitable activities in the fields of medical science, healthcare, and access to education and the arts (widen access to the visual and performing arts), as well as supporting community organisations, heritage sites and projects which promote social good. Larger grants for heritage / culture capital projects.Grants are typically around £5,000 but have been more (occasionally multi-year awards).[Visit the Sackler Trust website](https://www.sacklertrust.org/) | Revenue or Capital  | Typically, up to £5,000 | Registered Charities, Community Interest Company, Universities or Exempt organisations  |
| **The Albert Hunt Trust** | **Health and Wellbeing Support grants**Small Registered CharitiesHealth and Wellbeing core funding for areas such as family support e.g. Home Start, children and young people counselling services, suicide prevention, specific carers support, cancer support, prisoner support and rehabilitation, community centres, food banks and debt advice. Typical grant sizes range from £1,000-£5,000. [Visit The Albert Hunt Trust website.](http://www.alberthunttrust.org.uk) | Revenue Project costs or Core funding | See main description for each theme | Registered Charities with ann annual income below £150,000 |
| **Screwfix Foundation (UK)** | **Capital grants for improving buildings**The Screwfix Foundation has re-opened for applications from charities and not for profit organisations for projects that will fix, repair, maintain and improve the properties and community facilities of those in need by reason of financial hardship, sickness, disability, distress or another disadvantage throughout the UK.Grants of up to £5,000 are available for all kinds of projects, from repairing buildings and improving facilities in deprived areas, to decorating the homes of people living with sickness and disabilities.There are four application review panels each year.The next application window is open and the deadline is Friday 9th May 2025 for June Trustee meeting.[Visit the Screwfix Foundation webpage](https://www.screwfix.com/help/screwfixfoundation/)[Guidance document](https://media.screwfix.com/is/content/ae235/Content%20Management/PDF%20downloads/SF_Foundation_Eligibility_Criteria_2024.pdf) | Capital | Up to £5,000 | Not for Profit organisations |
| **Team Grassroots and Utilita** | **Support for Grassroots Football Clubs, Leagues and Volunteers**The Utilita Football Re-booted initiative, in partnership with Team Grassroots, is making funding available to support grassroots football clubs, leagues, or volunteers. Utilita is a UK-based energy company. The Grassroots Fund is open to both clubs and leagues that are FA accredited and in need of financial assistance to make a big difference. Support will be tailored to meet the needs of each application, such as vouchers for building materials to fix up a club house, contributions towards the cost of tradespeople, gifts to show appreciation to volunteers, new kit, or support to recover from crime and vandalism. Multiple applications can be made for grants or gifts. Likely £300-£500 grant levels.Applications can be submitted at any time and funding decisions are usually made within 28 days. The fund is limited, and early application is recommended.[Visit the Utilitia Football Rebooted Grassroots Fund webpage](https://www.teamgrassroots.co.uk/fund/) | Revenue / Capital  | Typically, £300-£500 | FA affiliated community football clubs |
| **The England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB)** | **Cricket ECB County Grants****The England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) has announced that its County Grants Fund has re-opened for applications. The aim of the Fund is to support affiliated cricket clubs in broadening participation in the sport, enhancing facilities, and addressing the impacts of climate change.****Eligible clubs can apply for grants ranging from £1,000 to £10,000 per application.** **Projects eligible for funding include providing enhanced facilities and playing opportunities for women's and girls' cricket and/or disability cricket and tackling climate change.** **Applications can be submitted until the 30th November 2025. All projects must be completed and the grant claimed by the 31st January 2026.**[Visit the ECB County Grants webpage](https://www.ecb.co.uk/news/2189581/ecb-county-grants-fund) | Revenue or Capital  | £1,000-£10,000 | ECB Affiliated Cricket Clubs  |
| **The Dan Maskell Tennis Trust** | **Disability Tennis Grants for Individuals and Groups / Clubs** The trust awards grants of up to £600 for individuals and up to £1,600 for groups, clubs, or projects. These grants aim to facilitate access to tennis for people with various disabilities, including physical impairments, deafness, learning disabilities, and visual impairments.The Trust holds four funding meetings annually and the next closing date for applications is Sunday 13th April 2025.[Visit The Dan Maskell Tennis Trust website](https://www.danmaskelltennistrust.org.uk/)[Case Studies](https://www.danmaskelltennistrust.org.uk/case-studies/) | Equipment  | Up to £1,600 | Individuals or Groups/clubs |
| **The Art Society** | **Project Grants for Arts, Crafts, Heritage engagement**Grants (up to £2,000) are available for UK-based charities to deliver projects and activities that engage people in the arts, promote skills development in the arts and heritage sector, and support local and regional arts organisations and museums.The application deadline is Monday 31st March 2025.[Visit The Art Society Charity Grants webpage](https://theartssociety.org/charity-grants) | Activity costs | Up to £2,000 | Registered Charities whose main activity is in the arts, crafts and heritage sectors with a turnover of less than £3 Million |
| **The Elephant Trust** | **Grants to Help New, Innovative Visual Arts Projects** The Trust offers grants to artists and for new, innovative visual arts projects. It aims to make it possible for artists and those presenting their work to undertake and complete projects when confronted by a lack of funds. The Trust supports projects that develop and improve the knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the fine arts. Priority is given to artists and small organisations and galleries making or producing new work or exhibitions. The Trust normally awards grants of up to £2,000, but larger grants of up to £5,000 may be considered.The next deadline for applications is Sunday, 20th April 2025.[Visit The Elephant Trust website](https://www.elephanttrust.org.uk/) | Revenue | Typically, £2,000. | Priority is given to artists in the fine arts and small organisations and galleries |
| **Heritage Crafts** | **Grants for Individual Craftspeople** Heritage Crafts invites craft practitioners and organisations in the UK to apply for small grants to fund projects that support endangered crafts (the craft must be listed as [endangered](https://www.heritagecrafts.org.uk/categories-of-risk/) or [critically endangered](https://www.heritagecrafts.org.uk/categories-of-risk/) on the current [Red List of Endangered Crafts](https://www.heritagecrafts.org.uk/categories-of-risk/))Grants can support: * Implementing changes that will ensure the longer-term viability or survival of heritage craft skills (for example: developing new approaches and equipment purchase)
* Direct and indirect skills transfer (taking on an apprentice, sharing learning)
* Continuous Professional Development

Application deadline is Friday 25th April 2025 at 5pm.[Visit the Heritage Crafts website](https://www.heritagecrafts.org.uk/) | Revenue / Equipment  |  | Individual Craftspeople |
| **UnLtd** | [**Social Entrepreneurs**](https://www.unltd.org.uk/awards/)Grants plus business support are available to social entrepreneurs that are looking to start or grow an existing social venture. The funding is being made available through the UnLtd the leading provider of support to social entrepreneurs in and around the UK. There is additional focused support for social enterprises linked to: * [Healthy Ageing](https://www.unltd.org.uk/awards/healthy-ageing)
* [Access to Employment](https://www.unltd.org.uk/awards/access-to-employment)
* [Movement for Good](https://www.unltd.org.uk/awards/movement-for-change) (physical activity)
* [Millennium Awards](https://www.unltd.org.uk/awards/millennium-awards-trust)

UnLtd are committed to providing 50% of their awards to Black, Asian and minority ethnic social entrepreneurs, and/or disabled social entrepreneurs. To be eligible applicants need to be aged 16 or over, living in the UK and are looking to fulfil a clear social need and demand. [Visit UnLtd Awards webpage](https://www.unltd.org.uk/awards/)[Frequently Asked Questions](https://www.unltd.org.uk/awards?utm_source=test&utm_medium=web&utm_campaign=promotion&utm_content=does-plausible-work#faq)*Social entrepreneur is a person who has started, or is looking to start a social venture, someone who is driven by their passion to make a difference.**Social venture is a business which has a social mission at its heart, often described as a profit for purpose business. It is essential to have a financially sustainable business model to continue making a difference.* | Revenue / Capital | [Starting Up – up to £8,000](https://www.unltd.org.uk/awards/forming-i-have-an-idea)[Scaling Up – up to £18,000](https://www.unltd.org.uk/awards/ive-been-trading-for-1-year-or-more) | New or developing Social Enterprises |

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| **Educational Opportunity Foundation**  | **Grants that improve the educational outcomes of care experienced children and young people** Who can apply? Charities with an annual income normally between £25,000 and £2.5 millionPurpose: To enhance access to or the quality of education for care experienced children and young people under 25, which improve their educational outcomes and life-chances.The application process is conducted on a rolling basis, with the Grants Committee reviewing submissions regularly throughout the year. Stage 1 decisions are made within 4 to 8 weeks of receipt of application. Successful applicants will then be invited to submit a Stage 2 application, with final decisions communicated within 4 to 8 weeks of the Stage 2 submission deadline.[Visit the Educational Opportunity Foundation - UK Main Grants webpage](https://educationalopportunity.org.uk/home/grants/main-fund/uk-criteria-and-eligibility/)[Previously Funded UK Projects](https://educationalopportunity.org.uk/home/our-funded-projects/funded-projects/?project_region%5B%5D=uk) | Revenue | £30,000 to £90,000 per project (maximum £30,000 per year for multi-year projects) | UK registered charities with an income normally between £25,000 and £2.5 million |
| **Simon Gibson Charitable Trust**  | **Grants to support young people, the elderly, heritage and the natural environment** #Suffolk This grant awarding trust has links to Suffolk which is one of 8 counties geographically eligible. Registered Charities and Community Interest Companies are eligible to apply.The Trustees have a bias towards smaller organisations that support the development of young people, support the elderly or conservation and environmental projects. Grants typically between £3,000 to £10,000. Applications submitted between 1st January and 31st March for Trustees meeting in June each year.   [Visit the Simon Gibson Charitable Trust website](https://www.sgctrust.org.uk/)   | Core funding or specific project funding  | between £3,000 to £10,000 | Charities and Community Interest Companies  |