

Latest **Grant Funding Opportunities (Date: January 2024 – 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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<p>Announcement: Community Action Suffolk and the Suffolk Community Foundation: State of the Voluntary, Community, Faith and Social Enterprise Sector in Suffolk Survey 2024/25. To complete it in full it should take 30 minutes – bonus prize. The response deadline is 9.00 a.m. Monday 3rd February 2025. State of the Sector Survey 2024/25</p>				
<p>The Mount Fund</p>	<p><u>Mental Health, Homeless, Youth and Refugee and Refugee & Asylum Seeker support grants</u> #open</p> <p>Areas: Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire, Essex, Kent, Surrey and London.</p> <p>As from 1st April 2023 the Fund has the following priority areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental Health • Homelessness • Community Youth Services • Refugee and Asylum Seekers <p>Small grants – up to £5,000. Charities with an annual income below £500,000 – housing focused charities see guidance notes. Grants are given for projects; general running costs/core funding; salaries; advice services; counselling; organisational development. * Only building refurbishment or alterations are considered.</p> <p>Large grants – generally between £15,000-£25,000 per year and multi-year up to three years. Charities with an annual income below £1 million – housing focused charities see guidance notes. Grants are given for the strategic development of services.</p> <p>The Trustees meet March, July and November.</p>	<p>Revenue and Capital*</p>	<p>Small grants up to £5,000</p> <p>Large grants between £15,000 - £25,000 per year, up to three years</p>	<p>Charities below £1million</p> <p>See descriptions</p>

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	<p>The next meeting of the Trustees is due to take place March 2025. Applications for this meeting are now open and will close once enough applications have been made.</p> <p>Visit the Mount Trust: How to Apply webpage (Am I eligible quiz)</p>			
<p>One Stop Shops</p>	<p><u>Community Partnership Programme</u></p> <p><i>Website states available funds: Beccles / Lowestoft / Oulton Board / Ipswich (Gainsborough / Ipswich (Maidenhall) / Kesgrave / Claydon / Bury St Edmunds (Priors Estate)</i></p> <p>Community groups and other not-for-profit organisations within a two-mile radius of a One Stop shop can apply for grants of up to £1,000 through the One Stop Community Partnership programme.</p> <p>This programme is designed to support community groups or organisations operating within two miles of a One Stop store and which are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tackling food poverty • Supporting the vulnerable • Supporting the elderly • Supporting low-income families • Supporting local sports teams • Improving the local environment • Reducing Waste in the community <p>The programme provides partnership and financial assistance. Alongside a grant of up to £1,000, the One Stop Community Team and One Stop Store Team and create a long-term tailored support programme for successful applicants. Grant recipients then partner with the One Stop Store Team at their local shop to deliver this programme.</p> <p><u>The next application deadline is 24th January 2025.</u></p> <p>Applicants are encouraged to visit their local One Stop store for more information.</p> <p>Visit the Groundwork – One Stop Shops Community Grants Portal</p>	<p>Revenue / Equipment</p>	<p>Up to £1,000</p>	<p>Voluntary and Community organisations, Registered Charities, Social Enterprises, Community Interest Companies, Schools, Health Bodies, Parish/Town Councils</p>

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Simon Gibson Charitable Trust	<p><u>Grants to support young people, the elderly, heritage and the natural environment</u> #Suffolk</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The Trustees have a bias towards smaller organisations that support the development of young people, support the elderly or conservation and environmental projects.</p> <p>Grants typically between £3,000 to £10,000.</p> <p><u>Applications submitted between 1st January and 31st March for Trustees meeting in June each year.</u></p> <p>Visit the Simon Gibson Charitable Trust website</p>	Core funding or specific project funding	between £3,000 to £10,000	Charities and Community Interest Companies
The Michael Bishop Foundation	<p><u>Grants for Arts/Culture/Heritage and Education, Humna Rights/Social Justic and Health</u></p> <p>The Michael Bishop Foundation awards large grants to a small number of Registered Charities. The trustees review applications twice a year in April and October.</p> <p>Please read the eligibility section before making an application. Our five main areas of focus for grants are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arts, Culture or Heritage • Education • Human rights and Social Justice • Advancement of Health and Medicine <p><u>Please submit your application in either March or September using the online form.</u></p> <p>Visit The Michael Bishop Foundation website</p>	Revenue or Capital	Typically, large grants £20,000-£50,000	Registered Charities
Home Instead	<p><u>Elderly People Activity and Engagement Grants</u></p> <p>Home Instead Charities awards grants for well-being events, activities, or pastimes that prevent</p>	Activity costs	Up to £1,500	Community Groups, Small Registered Charities

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	<p>social isolation and loneliness among adults over 55. Eligibility Criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • small grass roots organisations can apply for funding up to £500 • small local registered charities can apply for funding up to £1,500 <p>Eligible projects may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • regular weekly or monthly events and activities • a one-off activity such as a day trip or a Christmas lunch • activities such as yoga or a guest speaker for your group, such as a local historian <p>Applications will also be considered from groups, associations, and charities that do not directly service the over-50s but the project they require funding for does, e.g., a local school wishes to hold a special afternoon tea for its local care home residents.</p> <p>Applications can be submitted four times per year in January, April, July and October.</p> <p>Visit the Home Instead Charity Grants web-portal</p>			
A B Charitable Trust	<p><u>Funding for Projects that Combat Abuse and Violation of Human Rights</u></p> <p>Registered Charities with annual incomes of between £150,000 and £1 million that work towards combating abuse and violations of human rights can apply for grants between £10,000 and £30,000 through the A B Charitable Trust.</p> <p>Applications are particularly welcomed from charities working to support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • migrants and refugees • criminal justice and penal reform • human rights, particularly access to justice <p>There are 4 applications rounds per year.</p> <p><u>The next application deadline Friday 31st January 2025 for decisions in April 2025</u></p> <p>Visit the A B Charitable Trust website see grants awarded database</p>	Revenue	£10,000 to £30,000 per year and are awarded from one to three years	Registered Charities whose annual income is between £150,000 and £1.5m

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<p>The Royal Countryside Fund</p>	<p><u>Rural Communities Grants</u></p> <p>The Royal Countryside Fund has launched a new funding programme supports innovative solutions that will “power up, not prop up” rural communities, inspiring change and encouraging economic vibrancy.</p> <p>Community Not for Profits with an annual income of less than £500,000 can apply.</p> <p>Grants up to £25,000 (over 2 years) will be awarded to community-led projects that have the potential to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep young people in the countryside • Power up rural communities • Increase environmental sustainability • Build emergency resilience in rural areas <p>The Expression of Interest application window is open (<u>the deadline is 21st February 2025</u>). Please complete the form and submit a short video via The Royal Countryside fund web-portal.</p> <p>Full guidance document</p> <p>Successful applicants will then be asked to submit a full application.</p>	<p>Project costs</p>	<p>Up to £25,000 over 2 years</p>	<p>Community Not for Profits with an annual income of less than £500,000</p>
<p>The Newby Trust</p>	<p><u>Grants for Education, Environment, Health, Social Welfare (including refugees and asylum seekers)</u></p> <p>Working nationally within the United Kingdom, to promote medical welfare, education, training and research, and the relief of poverty.</p> <p>Under the Education, Health and Social Welfare categories, the Trust is more likely to fund smaller or medium-sized charities with an annual income of around £1 million or less.</p> <p>Grants: £1,000-£10,000 (typically £5,000).</p> <p>The Trustees consider applications at two meetings, usually in March and November and its advisory that applications at least two months in advance.</p>	<p>Revenue / Capital</p>	<p>typically, £5,000</p>	<p>Registered Charities</p>

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	<p>There is no application form. Project proposals submitted by email.</p> <p>Visit The Newby Trust website</p>			
<p>Joanies Fund</p>	<p><u>Young People Education, Training and Employment Project Grants</u></p> <p>Registered Charities and CIC's can apply for grants for projects that lead to the employment, accreditation, further education, training and integration of young people. The Fund looks for innovation and entrepreneurship. The panel looks for strong evidence of how closely applicants consult young people in developing their service, and for any community involvement or local financial support.</p> <p>This fund is managed by Herefordshire Community Foundation, but eligibility is England-wide.</p> <p><u>The next application deadline is Sunday 9th March 2025 but may close early.</u></p> <p>Visit the Joanies Fund webpage</p>	<p>Revenue / Equipment</p>	<p>Typically, between £2,000-£3,000</p>	<p>Registered Charities or Community Interest Companies</p>
<p>Austin Hope-Pilkington Charity</p>	<p><u>Small Grants The Arts: Improving Access projects (Small /Medium charities)</u></p> <p>Grant Round 1: The Arts: Improving Access: 1st - 28th February: £1,000</p> <p>This grants round will focus will be on performing arts projects that improve audience access and participation. We won't consider applications from non-performing arts projects, or projects focussing on performers.</p> <p>Visit the Austin Hope-Pilkington Charity website</p>	<p>Revenue</p>	<p>£1,000</p>	<p>Registered Charities with an annual income between £100,000 to £1 million.</p>
<p>The Children's Alliance</p>	<p><u>Grants to get Children and Young People swimming</u></p> <p>Registered Charities, Constituted Community groups, Community Interest Companies (CICs) and Schools.</p> <p>Grants are available for not-for-profit organisations across the UK to give children and young people a better start in life through projects involving the medium of water.</p>	<p>Revenue / Equipment</p>	<p>Up to £15,000 (most are under £10,000)</p>	<p>Registered Charities, Community groups, Community Interest</p>

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	<p>To be eligible projects must support children under the age of 18 years to have access to water in the form of swimming lessons, transport to lessons, swimwear and water play equipment.</p> <p><u>Applications can be submitted at any time and are considered twice a year in March and September.</u></p> <p>An application form is available to download from the Children’s Alliance website and once completed should be submitted by email.</p> <p>Visit The Children’s Alliance website</p>			Companies, Schools.
The Angling Trust	<p><u>Fisheries Improvement Grants Programme</u></p> <p>Grants (typically below £5,000) for projects to improve habitat and facilities for anglers is made available through the Fisheries Improvement Programme, which comes directly from sales of coarse and trout fishing licences in England and therefore is ring-fenced for use in England on coarse and trout fisheries.</p> <p>Projects must be in England and involve a form of angling covered by an Environment Agency non-migratory trout and coarse fishing licence.</p> <p><u>The deadline for applications is Friday 31st January 2025.</u></p> <p><u>Visit the Fisheries Improvement Programme - Angling Trust webpage</u></p>	Capital	Typically, below £5,000	Angling clubs, Fisheries, NGOs, Local Authorities
Sport England / National Lottery	<p><u>Grants for Physical Activity projects</u></p> <p>Launched in April 2024, the Movement Fund offers crowdfunding pledges, grants and resources to improve physical activity opportunities for the people and communities who need it the most. If your project aligns with Sport England priorities, they can fund a wide range of costs and items up to £15,000.</p> <p>Their focus is to support projects that match their goal of getting more people active, reducing the number of inactive people and tackling inequalities.</p>	Revenue / Equipment	Up to £15,000	Not for Profits

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	<p>Projects providing opportunities for groups facing barriers to activity are of particular interest, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • people living on low incomes • disabled people or those with long-term health conditions • older people • people from culturally diverse communities • pregnant women and parents with very young children • girls aged 5-16 • LGBTQ+ people • people who are in foster care • people who provide care without pay. <p>Visit the Sport England Movement Fund Portal</p>			
UnLtd	<p><u>Grants to Social Entrepreneurs</u></p> <p>UnLtd grants and business support are available to social entrepreneurs looking to start or grow an existing social venture. The grants are being made available through two funding streams:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grants of up to £18,000 to grow an existing social enterprise that has been operating between 1 and 4 years. • Grants of up to £8,000 for social businesses not yet established or been running under a year. <p>UnLtd will provide 50% of their awards to Black, Asian and minority ethnic social entrepreneurs, and/or disabled social entrepreneurs.</p> <p>To be eligible applicants need to be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aged 16 and over • Living in the United Kingdom • Willing to participate in a learning experience • Working to benefit people living in the United Kingdom • Have a real social impact • Fulfil a clear need and demand 	Revenue / Capital	Up to £8,000 (start-ups) Up to £18,000 (established and growing)	Social Entrepreneurs and Social Enterprises

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Have clear outputs and goals <p>In addition to the Awards, UnLtd has two focus areas where they think social entrepreneurs can make a big difference. UnLtd has dedicated teams and specialist support available to social entrepreneurs with ideas to help people in the areas of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Healthy Aging</u> - aims to improve the health and wellbeing of marginalised older adults, whilst reducing health inequalities across the UK. • <u>Access to Employment</u> - aims to address the challenges faced by individuals who experience systemic barriers to employment such as disabled people, refugees, care leavers, ex-offenders and single parents. • <u>Movement for Change</u> - in partnership with Sport England, the Movement for Change programme aims to support social entrepreneurs who are helping to unlock the advantages of sport and physical activity for the most marginalised communities. <p>Funding Future Programme - Aims to harness the power of youth to find solutions for marginalised and minoritised communities affected by the pandemic and the cost-of-living crisis.</p> <p><u>The next closing date for applications is 24th March 2025.</u></p> <p>Visit the UnLtd Awards Grants webpage and sign-up to their newsletter</p>			
<p>The Prospectory</p>	<p><u>“I’ve got an Idea” Fund</u></p> <p>Individuals or small groups or organisations in the UK who have a novel technical idea which they want to try out can apply for grants of between £250 and £3,000. Schools and groups of school children can also apply if the idea is technically inventive and novel and, if it worked, delivers either an environmental or social benefit.</p> <p>The fund has been set up in memory of Peter Williams by his family. Peter spent his life generating a diversity of technical ideas and experimenting to see if they might work. The process always involved others and was always part of the fun. Some of his ideas worked and some of them didn’t but they all left the world a better and more interesting place. The fund is being run in that spirit of imagination, potential impact and fun.</p>	<p>Revenue / Capital</p>	<p>between £250 and £3,000</p>	<p>Individuals, Groups, organisations, Schools</p>

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	<p>The fund is looking for ideas that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• are based on a technical idea or innovation;• could deliver a social or environmental benefit;• are intriguing, inventive and have an element of fun. <p>Applicants will be informed within 4 weeks of submission if their application has been successful.</p> <p>Visit the Idea Fund webpage</p>			