Latest **Grant Funding Opportunities (Date: July (2) 2024)**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/)

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| **SCC VCFSE Grant Alert – Customer Survey 2024**. Thank you to those that have completed the online survey so far. The deadline for survey completion is 1pm, Wednesday 31st July 2024. [Grant Alert – Customer Survey link here](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=7GqcEEZQlUqPPIT2O6GK9MaXY53-qGlDvHFtmf--B9hUNjQ0RFFSVEdNVjU5WU9RSlFaNlhGTFdBOSQlQCN0PWcu) |
| **The Fore Trust** | **Development and Capacity Building grants programme**The Fore's mission is to support the development of exceptional small charities (and CICs) that are supporting marginalised groups by awarding unrestricted grants of up to £30,000 for projects and activities that can potentially have a transformational impact on their organisation.Registered Charities, CIO’s, Community Interest Companies (CICs) limited by guarantee, or Community Benefit Societies whose annual revenue is less than £500,000 can apply.Registration will be open for one week from 12pm (midday) on Wednesday 24th July to 12pm (midday) on Wednesday 31st July 2024.All those who submit a registration will be emailed with confirmation as to whether they have been accepted to move to Stage 2. They will then be invited to submit a complete application. Their website hosts resources on how potential applicants can strengthen their application.[Visit the Fore Trust website](https://thefore.org/apply-for-funding/) | Unrestricted | Up to a maximum £30,000, spread over one to three years | Not for Profits with an annual revenue below £500,000. |
| **Suffolk Community Foundation**  | **Sizewell Community Fund (East Suffolk)** The Sizewell C Community Fund aims to reduce the impact of the development of Sizewell C at Leiston by awarding grants to projects that address the economic, environmental, and social needs of local residents and enhance their quality of life and wellbeing.Small Grants: Up to £10,000 (maximum £30,000 over 3 years).Large Grants: Over £10,000 a year, up to 3 years (no maximum amount)We have Meet the Funder webinars scheduled for the coming months with the first being on the 7th August which can be booked [here](https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/7da71280-e85d-4209-8e7f-e08543849a9d%4094413088-b514-45ff-b37e-a3ad3d76238a). [Visit the Sizewell C Community Fund webpage](https://www.suffolkcf.org.uk/sizewell-c/). | Revenue / Capital  | Small and Large Grants (multi-year basis) – see guidance. | Not for Profit groups / organisations. Town or Parish Councils. |
| **West Suffolk Council**  | **Grants for Communities 2025/2026**The West Suffolk Council Thriving Communities Fund replaces the Community Chest Grants Programme and is split into two distinct awards:* Community grants of between £2,000 and £8,000 are available for one-off projects by community groups, that will support residents in a small part of the district such as an estate or village.
* Larger grants of between £8,001 and £20,000 – will fund work to support residents across the whole of West Suffolk or big parts of the district such as a town. Although organisations can apply for this level of funding, the council retains its discretion to take each application on its merits and may grant a smaller amount.

The fund will support the work of community groups, charities and voluntary organisations in supporting the health and wellbeing of residents across West Suffolk.The next Online information webinar via MSTeams will take place from 1.30pm-3pm, Thursday 12th September 2024. [Register here](https://cas.aidecrm.co.uk/booking/network-event-booking-form?event_id=3526).The deadline for applications is 12noon on Friday 27th September 2024.[Visit the West Suffolk Council Community Grants Web-portal](http://westsuffolk.gov.uk/community/community-grants.cfm). | Revenue / Capital  | Community Grants (£2,000-£8,000)Large Grants (£8,001-£20,000) | Voluntary, Community, Faith and Social Enterprise (VCFSE) Sector  |
| **Footwork Trust** | **Community Innovators: People & Place 2025**Footwork’s aim is for People and Place to create strong locally led projects that will have a lasting impact on communities. In early 2024, they awarded grants to 10 individuals / groups who wanted to deliver community action. Successful applicants received 1-2-1 support, an unrestricted £5,000 grant and access to a peer network of community innovators. In 2025, they seek to support a further 10 projects from across England and Wales.The deadline for applications is Monday 9th September at 11:59pm.[Visit the Footwork Trust website](https://buff.ly/3Wg4I00) | Unrestricted | Up to £5,000 | Individuals / Groups |
| **Consortium and National Lottery Community Fund** | **Grants to support Not-for-Profit LGBT+ organisations** Not-for-profit organisations led by and for underrepresented groups within the LGBT+ community in England can apply for a share of £500,000 in funding to help them remain well-resourced, sustainable, and resilient.The LGBT+ Futures: Equity Fund will award grants of up to £25,000 to intersectional organisations working with:* D/deaf, Disabled, Neurodivergent LGBT+ people
* LGBTQIA+ Women
* LGBT+ People of the Global Majority
* Older LGBT+ People
* Trans and Non-Binary People

Applications will be considered on a rolling basis until the 21st November 2024.[Visit the Consortium Equity Fund webpage](https://www.consortium.lgbt/grantgiving/equityfund/) | Organisational running costs, projects and organisational / leadership development | Up to £25,000 | Not for Profits led by LGBT+ community |
| **The Charles Hayward Foundation** | **Main Grants: Social and Criminal Justice** Registered Charities with an annual income of between £350,000 and £4 million.Our funding in the social and criminal justice area is to prevent people entering the criminal justice system and to support those already in the system to move on and rebuild their lives. The Foundation also looks to alleviate the consequences of domestic abuse and criminal exploitation of vulnerable persons.The trustees will fund projects over one to three years with grants of £15,000 – £25,000 per annum. They may invest up to £25,000 in a pilot project. Main Grants is a two-stage application process. The next Stage 1 application deadlines are 16th August 2024 and 8th November 2024.[Visit The Charles Hayward Foundation website](http://www.charleshaywardfoundation.org.uk/criminal-justice/) | Revenue  | between £15,000 – £25,000 (multi-year)  | Registered Charities with an annual income of between £350,000 and £4 million. |
| **The Allen Lane Foundation**  | **Grants to support marginalised, vulnerable or disadvantaged communities** Charities/Not for profits (Community Interest Companies)We support smaller organisations working with adults, across a local area such as a village, estate or town, to be eligible you will need to have an income of less than around £100,000. Charities who work across the whole of the UK you will need to have an income of less than around £250,000.Grants to fund activities that support: * [Asylum seekers and refugees](http://allenlane.org.uk/asylum-seekers-and-refugees/)
* [Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities](http://allenlane.org.uk/gypsy-and-traveller-communities/)
* [Offenders and ex-offenders](http://allenlane.org.uk/offenders-and-ex-offenders/)
* [Older people](http://allenlane.org.uk/older-people/)
* [People experiencing mental health problems](http://allenlane.org.uk/people-with-mental-health-problems/) \*not counselling or therapy
* [People experiencing violence or abuse](http://allenlane.org.uk/people-affected-by-violence-or-abuse/)
* Young People

Average grant: £5,000-£6,000 (maximum £15,000).Deadline and Decisions: applications submitted up until early August will be considered at the October grants committee meeting.[Visit The Allen Lane Foundation website](http://allenlane.org.uk/) | Revenue | Average grant: £5,000-£6,000 | Charities; Not for Profit (Community Interest Companies) |
| **The Toy Trust**  | **Disabled or Disadvantaged Children grants**Grants of up to £5,000 are available to small, registered charities (see guidance) to fund equipment and services to support disabled and disadvantaged children under the age of 13 across the UK.The Toy Trust:* helps disadvantaged children and their families to alleviate suffering;
* supports children through awful experiences;
* encourages achievement through adversity;
* purchases vital equipment;
* provides care;
* bolsters existing initiatives;
* initiates brand new projects;
* and satisfies basic needs.

Groups that have carried out some form of effective fundraising by themselves are particularly encouraged to apply.Apply by mid-August for September trustee meeting or mid-November for December meeting.[Visit the Toy Trust website](https://www.toytrust.co.uk/) | Services or Equipment | **Up to £5,000** | Charities with an annual income of less than £200,000 or of less than one year’s income |
| **The Robert McAlpine Foundation** | **Grants to support Children, Youth, the Elderly, Social**The Foundation awards grants between £2,500 and £10,000 that support Children, Youth, the Elderly and Social outcomes. Grants will only by awarded to Registered Charities whose annual income of less than £1 million.Applications can be submitted either by post or email and received by Thursday 31st August 2023 for it to be considered at the November Trustee meeting.Applications should consist of a maximum of two A4 pages outlining:Who the charity is / Charity number / What work the charity does / Details of the specific project for which applicants require funding / Grant amount / Contact details and website address.[Visit The Robert McAlpine Foundation website](https://www.robertmcalpinefoundation.org/who-we-help-1) | Revenue or Capital  | £2,500 and £10,000 | Registered Charity whose annual income is less than £1 million |
| **Youth Music**  | **Music Engagement:** **Youth Music Trailblazer Fund** The Youth Music Trailblazer fund offers grants of £2,000 to £30,000 to organisations in England to run projects for children and young people (25 or under) to make, learn and earn in music. The project should trial work for the first time, test a new way or working, or disrupt the status quo. Your work must meet one of our themes:   * Early years
* Disabled, d/Deaf and neurodivergent young people
* Youth justice system
* Young people facing barriers
* Young adults
* Organisations and the workforce

 A minimum of 10% match funding is required.  Organisations under one year old can apply for a maximum grant of £15,000.The next deadline for applications is 30th August 2024 for projects starting between January and March 2025. [Visit the Youth Music Trailblazer Fund webpage](https://youthmusic.org.uk/trailblazer-fund) [guidance notes](https://youthmusic.org.uk/sites/default/files/2022-06/Trailblazer%20Fund%20Application%20Guidance%20PDF%20version%201.1%20UPDATED%20JUNE%202022.pdf)   | Revenue / Equipment  | £2,000 to £30,000  | Charity, Community Interest Company  |
| **The Theatres Trust** | [**Capital Grants for Theatre Improvements**](https://www.theatrestrust.org.uk/how-we-help/grants-funding/theatre-improvement-scheme) **#environment**Theatre operators can apply for grants of up to £20,000 to reduce their theatres' environmental impact. This might range from building management systems to more efficient water heaters, or a green roof to new windows. The funding is being made available through the Theatres Trust in partnership with the Wolfson Foundation.The next application deadline is 12 noon on Friday 6th September 2024. [**Visit the Theatres Trust website**](https://www.theatrestrust.org.uk/how-we-help/grants-funding/theatre-improvement-scheme) | Capital / Equipment | Up to £20,000 | Not for Proft Theatre operators including local authorities or Town and Borough Councils (see guidance) |
| **Grand Plan Fund** | **Grants for People of Colour in Arts**Through the Grand Plan grants up to £1,000 are available to UK-based individuals, aged over 18, who and identify as a person of colour who want to create and deliver a new cultural project.The programme supports creativity in all its forms, including poetry, paintings, fashion, zines, music, food, flowers, photographs, workshops, events, or something else completely.Grants can cover the cost of equipment, courses, applicant's time, materials, travel, etc.Applications are open to UK-based individuals, aged over 18, who and identify as a person of colour (Black, Asian, Brown and/or part of the Global Majority).The deadline for the current round is 6pm, Wednesday 7th August 2024.<https://www.grandplanfund.co.uk/> | Project costs | Up to £1,000 | Individuals |

**Selected Grants from previous Grant Alert**

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| **McCarthy Stone Foundation** | **Community Grants that support older people reduce isolation and loneliness**The McCarthy Stone Foundation has announced that its Community Grants Programme will re-open for applications on the 26th July 2024. The programme has previously awarded grants of up to £7,500 to grassroots charitable organisations such as Registered Charities, Community Groups, and Community Interest Companies for projects that tackle loneliness amongst older people. The Foundation will run a [pre-application Webinar on the 16th July 2024 – register here](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/autumn-community-grants-2024-pre-application-webinar-tickets-934227779437?aff=oddtdtcreator). The closing date for applications is 23rd August 2024.[Visit the McCarthy Stone Foundation Community Grants webpage](https://mccarthystonefoundation.org/our-grant-programmes/) | Revenue | Up to £7,500 | Community organisations, Registered Charities and other groups (including CICs limited by guarantee) |
| **Home Instead** | **Small Grants to Reduce Social Isolation for Over 55s**Founded by homecare provider Home Instead, their grant funding programme will support local community events that enhance and enrich the lives of people over the age of 55 to combat loneliness and sometimes isolation. There are two levels of funding:Grants of up to £500 for small grass roots organisations.Grants of up to £1,500 for small local registered charities. The grants can be used for:* Regular weekly or monthly events and activities such as weekly cinema club, weekly knit and natter or Thursday lunch club.
* One off activities, such as a day trip or a Christmas lunch.
* Activities such as yoga or a guest speaker for the group such as a local historian.

There are four application windows per year: January, April, July and October.The next deadline for applications is 31st July 2024.[Visit the Home Instead Grants website](https://www.homeinstead.co.uk/charities/how-we-do-it/apply-for-a-grant/) | Activities | Up to £500 or Up to £1,500  | Community Group, Registered Charities |
| **TESCO / Groundwork** | **Tesco Stronger Starts – Activity for All Grants**Our Activity for All Fund will offer £1,000 grants to 150 not-for-profit grassroots organisations which provide sports activities to youngsters throughout the summer and provide more equipment opportunities, providing access to holiday clubs and/or providing healthy, nutritious food to keep active.The application window is open and will close on Monday 5th August 2024.[Visit the Tesco Stronger Starts – Activity for All Grants webpage](https://tescostrongerstarts.org.uk/activityfund/) | Activities | £1,000 | Grassroots Not for Profits |