

Latest Grant Funding Opportunities (Date: November (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.

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Funder Name	Overview	Revenue or Capital	Grant Value	Who can apply?
Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils	<p><u>Capital Grants for Communities</u> #Babergh #Mid-Suffolk</p> <p>Capital Grants are now open for applications for community groups looking to make improvements or repairs to social infrastructure in Babergh and Mid Suffolk. This may include village halls, play areas, sports clubs or recreational facilities.</p> <p>Up to £10,000 can be applied for, up to 100% of project costs. Successful applicants will be required to deliver their project within 8 months of an offer being accepted and provide three quotes for the proposed works. Capital Grants are competitive, with applications assessed against a scoring matrix once the application window closes.</p> <p><u>The application deadline is Sunday 12th January 2025.</u></p> <p>More information and application forms can be found:</p> <p>Babergh District Council - Funding Opportunities and Support webpage</p> <p>Mid Suffolk District Council - Funding Opportunities and Support webpage</p>	Capital	Up to £10,000	Constituted community groups
Persimmon Homes: Community Champions Fund	<p><u>Community Champions Fund</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p>Visit the Persimmons Community Champions Fund webpage</p>	Revenue or Capital	Typically, £1,000	Not for profits groups or organisations and Schools

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The 7 Stars Foundation	<p><u>Funding to Support Challenged & Vulnerable Young People</u></p> <p>Grants of up to £2,500 are available to charities (annual turnover of less than £1.5 million) that support challenged and vulnerable young people under the age of 16 in area of deprivation or socio-economic disadvantage.</p> <p>Funding for offered across the following streams:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project grants to cover the costs of projects that respond to one or more of the funding priorities of the 7stars Foundation. • Shine Bright funding for registered charities to purchase items and resources to protect and support the children they serve through the cost-of-living crisis. • Direct grants funding to individuals affected by the Foundation's priorities, supported by outreach/social/care workers or legal professionals. (Applications must be submitted by the supporting professional/organisation.) • Social Impact funding for three charities across the year for projects that align with awareness days across the year. <p>The trustees typically meet four times a year to review grant applications.</p> <p><u>Applications reopen in December 2024.</u></p> <p>Visit the 7stars Foundation website</p>	Revenue	Up to £2,500	Charities with an annual income of below £1.5m
Masonic Charitable Foundation	<p><u>Children and Older People Grants</u></p> <p>The Foundation now has rolling grant programmes with no deadlines as follows:</p> <p><u>Children:</u> Early Years (0-5) with a focus on poverty and neglect <u>Children:</u> Children affected by domestic abuse <u>Children:</u> Children with Special Education Needs or Disabilities <u>Older People:</u> Improving the health and wellbeing of older people with dementia and their carers</p> <p>Small grants are for smaller charities whose annual income is between £25,000 - £500,000. They are to fund overhead costs. Small grants range from £1,000-£5,000 per year, for up to three years.</p>	Revenue	Small grants £1,000- £5,000 Large grants: £10,000- £60,000	Registered Charities (annual income levels see guidance)

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	<p>Large grants are for larger charities whose annual income is between £500,000 - £5million. They must be restricted to a project. Large grants usually range from £10,000 to £60,000. They can be awarded over one to three years.</p> <p>Visit the Masonic Charitable Foundation website</p>			
Barchester's Charitable Foundation	<p><u>Grants to support Older People or Adults with a Disability</u></p> <p>Grants of up to £2,500 are available to charitable organisations for projects that tackle loneliness amongst older people and adults with a disability. This could include activity projects, equipment and materials, member transport, and day trips.</p> <p>The foundation also offers grants of up to £1,000 to help individuals with mobility issues. Grants can be used to purchase wheelchairs, scooters, bikes, or car adaptations – via social worker. There are no deadlines and applications can be submitted at any time.</p> <p>Visit the Barchester Health Foundation website</p>	Projects costs / Equipment	Up to £2,500	Registered Charities
Hedley Foundation	<p><u>Grants for Youth Support, Disabilities (including physical and wellbeing), Support to the elderly</u></p> <p>The Hedley Foundation awards grant of up £5,000 to small-to-mid-size registered charities helping to improve the quality of life of people who are disadvantaged and vulnerable. Each year the foundation makes around 250 grants for initiatives which benefit the lives of young people, disabled people, elderly people, the terminally ill and otherwise disadvantaged people and their carers.</p> <p><u>The next application deadline is Wednesday 11th December 2025.</u></p> <p>Visit the Hedley Foundation website Guidance</p>	Project Revenue or Equipment	Typically, between £3,000 and £5,000	Small / Medium sized Registered Charities (annual income below £1million)
Strategic Legal Fund	<p><u>Funding to Support Vulnerable Migrants</u></p> <p>The Strategic Legal Fund (SLF) will award grants to Not for profit organisations and private law firms working with vulnerable young migrants living in poverty and who face significant</p>	Revenue	Up to £30,000 (typically £12,000)	Not for profit organisations and private law firms

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	<p>disadvantage or discrimination because of their immigration status. The average grant size is around £12,000.</p> <p>The application deadline is <u>Monday 27th January 2025</u>.</p> <p>Visit the Strategic Legal Fund website</p>			
Do it Now Now	<p><u>Funding to Support Black & Global Majority-led Charities & Social Enterprises</u></p> <p>The ' Make It Big with Pathway Fund ' will provide eight Black and Global Majority-led Charities and Social Enterprises organisations with £25,000 grant funding, bespoke support, and training, to build their financial resilience and operational readiness, raise social investment and, in some instances, prepare for asset acquisition.</p> <p>The fund will focus on two impact areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poverty Alleviation • Racial Equity <p>It aims to address the pressing needs intensified by the cost-of-living crisis, helping organisations enhance their impact within their communities.</p> <p>The deadline for Expressions of Interest is <u>Tuesday 14th January 2025</u>.</p> <p>Visit the Do It Now Now - Pathway Fund webpage</p> <p>Guidance</p>	Revenue	Up to £25,000	Black and Global Majority-led charities and social enterprises
OFCOM	<p><u>Funding for Community Radio Stations – Round 2 : 2024/2025</u></p> <p>Ofcom, the UK’s telecommunications regulator has announced that the Community Radio Fund has reopened for applications. For Round 2 there is a budget of around £195,000 to help support the core costs of running licensed community radio stations. Grants can be awarded to support:</p>	Operating costs	Between £2,000-£17,000	Registered Community Radio Stations

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	<p>Management ; Fundraising to support the station ; Administration ; Financial management & reporting ; Community outreach ; Volunteer organisation and support.</p> <p>Grants can only be made to community radio licensees in the UK who broadcast under a community radio license. Grants awarded in the past have ranged from £4,000 up to £33,717, with the average grant being £18,600.</p> <p>These awards included £16,500 for a Deputy Station Manager/Promotions Manager at GTFM, Pontypridd, £7,504 for a fundraiser at Eden FM, Penrith, and £2,160 for a Listener survey at KCR, Keith.</p> <p><u>The next application deadline is 5pm on Sunday 8th December 2024.</u></p> <p>Visit the OFCOM Community Radio Fund web-portal</p> <p>For further information, please get in touch with the Community Radio Fund team at communityradiofund@ofcom.org.uk</p>			
<p>National Churches Trust</p>	<p><u>Medium Grants: Urgent Maintenance Works and Small Repairs to Christian Churches</u></p> <p>Grants up to £10,000 to listed and unlisted Christian places of worship are available for project development and investigative work up to RIBA planning stage 1. This support is for churches preparing for a major project and developing their project to the point at which they can approach a major grant funder. Grants will never exceed 50% of the net project costs for this phase.</p> <p>The National Churches Trust's Medium Grants Programme can now offer grants of up to £10,000 for urgent and essential maintenance and repair projects costing between £20,000 and £80,000. Grants cannot exceed 50% of the net project costs.</p> <p><u>The application deadline is midnight on Tuesday 17th December 2025.</u></p> <p>Visit the National Churches Trust - Small Grants Scheme webpage</p>	<p>Development work and surveys</p>	<p>Between 5,000-£10,000</p>	<p>Christian places of worship</p>
<p>National Churches Trust</p>	<p><u>Small Grants for Urgent Maintenance Works and Small Repairs to Christian Churches</u></p> <p>Grants to listed and unlisted Christian places of worship are available for urgent maintenance</p>	<p>Capital – urgent repairs</p>	<p>Between £500-£5,000</p>	<p>Christian places of worship</p>

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	<p>works and small repairs identified as high priority within a recent Quinquennial Inspection, Building Survey or Condition Report.</p> <p>This could include improvements to rainwater systems, removing vegetation growth from buildings, replacing gutter systems, addressing lost, damaged or slipped roof tiles, internal repairs to ceilings and walls, and electrical work.</p> <p>Project costs should be up to £20,000 incl. VAT and awards will never exceed 50% of the costs.</p> <p><u>The application deadline is midnight on Thursday 28th February 2025.</u></p> <p>Visit the National Churches Trust - Small Grants Scheme webpage</p>			
Arts Council England	<p><u>Funding for Artists to Develop their Artistic Practice</u></p> <p>Arts Council England has announced that its Developing your Creative Practice programme is open for applications. Grants of up to £12,000 are available to support the development of independent creative practitioners working in dance, theatre, music, visual arts, literature, combined arts or museums practice. The aim is to offer practitioners the time and space to work on ambitious and innovative research and development opportunities to make a step-change in their practice.</p> <p><u>The next deadline for applications is 12 midday on Thursday 12th December 2024.</u></p> <p>Visit the Developing your Creative Practice programme webpage</p>	Development	Up to £12,000	Cultural and Creative Practitioners

Selected Grants from Previous Grant Alert:

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Lloyds Bank Foundation	<p><u>Specialist Communities of Interest Grants for small charities</u></p> <p>In early 2025, the Lloyds Bank Foundation for England and Wales will re-open its specialist grants programme and award unrestricted grants of up to £75,000 over three years to small, local, specialist Registered Charities with an annual income between £25,000 and £500,000.</p>	Unrestricted	Up to £75,000 over 3-years	specialist Registered Charities with an annual income

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	<p>The grants support the development and growth of specialist charities and that must address one of the foundation's open themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Addiction * Asylum seekers and refugees * Care leavers * Domestic abuse * Homelessness * Offending * Sexual abuse and exploitation * Trafficking and modern slavery <p>The deadline for applications is 5pm on Thursday 23rd January 2025.</p> <p>Visit the Lloyds Bank Foundation Specialist Grants Programme web-portal</p>			<p>between £25,000 and £500,000</p>
<p>The Alzheimer's Society</p>	<p><u>Funding for Innovations that Improve the Lives of People Affected by Dementia</u></p> <p>Grants of up to £100,000 are available to develop new products and services that will improve the lives of people affected by dementia in the UK.</p> <p>The Alzheimer's Society's Accelerator Programme supports 'innovators' such as engineers, designers, developers, and entrepreneurs to turn their products or services into reality. This could include a simple product that makes an everyday task easier for a person living with dementia, or an innovative idea for a new service or way of working for care home staff.</p> <p>Applicants will also receive a year of business support from the Society's innovation team, as well as being given the opportunity to test their product or service with people affected by dementia. The Society particularly welcome applications from underrepresented groups.</p> <p>The deadline for applications is Friday 6th December 2024.</p> <p>Visit The Alzheimer's Society – Research Accelerator Grants Programme webpage</p>	<p>Research and Development</p>	<p>Up to £100,000</p>	<p>Entrepreneurs, Engineers, R&D specialists</p>
<p>Suffolk County Council</p>	<p><u>Suffolk Smokefree Generation Fund</u></p> <p>This new fund has been developed to reduce tobacco smoking rates and uptake in support services in key identified groups across Suffolk. The funding has been made available by Suffolk County Council in partnership with the Suffolk Community Foundation.</p>	<p>Revenue</p>	<p>Up to £7,000</p>	<p>Not for Profits</p>

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	<p>Revenue grants up to £7,000 are available to support projects.</p> <p>Free training and support will be available to support understanding of smoking risks and to help staff/volunteers to support service users wherever they are in their stop smoking journey.</p> <p><u>The next application deadline is Friday 6th December 2024.</u></p> <p>Visit the Suffolk Smokefree Generation Fund webpage</p>			