

Monthly Funding Information September 2021

This document includes information about current grants and funding opportunities primarily for Voluntary & Community Sector Groups and Organisations, Charities and Social Enterprises. Where the Grant title includes an asterisk (*), Local Authorities and other partner organisations may also be eligible to apply for the funding.

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<u>Visit Britain - Domestic Support Fund</u>	Open
<u>Foyle Foundation – Small Grant Scheme</u>	Open

Funding for projects which support Adults

Grant:	<u>Walkers and Comic Relief – Smiles Fund</u>
Summary:	Funding for between 18 and 30 months to support early intervention and community-based approaches which use participation in the arts and comedy to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote positive outcomes for mental wellbeing. • Promote positive social connections. • Help to build resilience to tackle life's everyday challenges
Key Eligibility Criteria:	Applying organisations should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have an annual income of between £75,000 and £10 million • Be working with adults over 18 years old only. • Have previous experience of using the arts or comedy in the context of social change • Have robust governance and high safeguarding standards
Min/Max Funding Available:	Between £100,000 and £300,000
Deadline for Applications:	15 th September 2021

Grant:	<u>Money Saving Expert (MSE) Charity – Life Changing Transitions</u>
Summary:	The MSE Charity gives grants to not for profit organisations that deliver activities which make a lasting impact on how people think, behave and manage their money. The September 2021 round is targeting and supporting groups who provide and deliver practical financial life skills to those particularly going through a life changing transition.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	Applying organisations must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on building financial capability skills for those who are experiencing bereavement, redundancy, retirement, relationship breakdown, homelessness, resettlement or are offenders • Demonstrate how the project they are seeking funding for has a lasting impact on the people taking part • Have an annual income under £500,000
Min/Max Funding Available:	Max grant £7,500
Deadline for Applications:	30 th September 2021

Grant:	<u>Thomas Wall Trust – Grants for Registered Charities</u>
Summary:	The grant scheme will support registered charities for specific projects or core activities that equip disadvantaged people aged 18 and over with the necessary communication skills for employment. It is possible to get annual repeat funding for up to 3 years.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	Applying organisations should have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A turnover under £500,000 • Been registered with the charities commission for at least 3 years
Min/Max Funding Available:	Max grant £5,000
Deadline for Applications:	November 2021 (for expressions of interest)

Grant:	<u>Barchester's Charitable Foundation</u>
Summary:	The Barchester's Charitable Foundation will fund individuals and small community groups and charities in England, Scotland and Wales who work to help to tackle isolation, loneliness and enable people to be active and engaged.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	Grants are available for projects supporting the following groups of people: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People aged over 65+. • People aged 18+ with a physical or learning disability. • People ages 19+ with mental health problems. Funding is available for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activity projects • Equipment and materials for use by members. • Member transport. • Day trips, outings and group holidays in the UK
Min/Max Funding Available:	Groups can apply for a grant from £100 - £5,000 to fund:
Deadline for Applications:	No deadline advertised

Grant:	<u>Lloyds Bank Foundation</u>
Summary:	Unrestricted funding with tailored support offered over 2 years for small and local charities that work in the following service areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • addiction and dependency • asylum seeker and refugees • care leavers • domestic abuse • homelessness • learning disabilities • mental health • offending • prison or community service • sexual abuse and exploitation • trafficking and modern slavery and young parents
Key Eligibility Criteria:	Applying organisations must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have an annual income of between £25,000 and £1 million • Have a proven track record • Generally, be working with people aged 17 or over
Min/Max Funding Available:	Max £50,000
Deadline for Applications:	Open

Funding for projects which support Children and Young People

Grant:	<u>Dept. for Education – Trust Capacity Fund (TCaF) *</u>
Summary:	<p>The grant scheme supports both Academy Trusts and Local Authority maintained schools and has two strands:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strand A - For projects in which Trusts will take on at least one additional inadequate or requires improvement school from one of the areas listed in the guidance. (Leicester is listed in the guidance) • Stand B - For all other Trust capacity building projects.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<p>All activity must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focused on strengthening your trusts' central capacity and not improving individual schools. • Completed by 31st March 2022 • Be linked to a clearly defined growth project that has been approved by a Regional Schools Commissioner (RSC)
Min/Max Funding Available:	<p>Strand A between £50,000 and £310,000 Strand B between £50,000 and £100,000</p>
Deadline for Applications:	17 th December 2021

Grant:	<u>BBC Children In Need – Emergency Essentials</u>
Summary:	<p>Supports individual children and young people living with severe poverty, a lack of the basic facilities and additional pressures such as domestic violence, disability, or poor health in the family. The scheme generally provides critical items such as cookers; fridges; freezers; children's beds and clothes.</p> <p>Additional items also now include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting access to education resources through grants for digital devices. This includes laptops and tablets. • Grants for toys and games.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	Applications must be completed by a registered referrer who is part of an organisation that is supporting the family or young person and capable of assessing their needs.
Min/Max Funding Available:	No value stated – it provides the required items
Deadline for Applications:	Open

Grant:	<u>True Colours Trust – UK Small Grants</u>
Summary:	Grants for charitable organisations to deliver activities which support disabled children and children (aged 0-25 years) with life-limiting conditions and their families. Eligible organisations must have annual income of less than £350,000.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	Funding available for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities for disabled children, children with life-limiting conditions and their families. • Activities which support siblings of disabled children or siblings of children with life-limiting conditions. • Bereavement support for children and young people. • Family support / parent-led peer support for parents of disabled children. • Respite which supports the whole family. • Support for disabled children and children with life-limiting conditions who are shielding or unable to return to school due to Covid-19. • Equipment and Materials
Min/Max Funding Available:	Maximum £10,000
Deadline for Applications:	Open to applications all year round. Decisions are made within 6 weeks

Funding for projects which support broader community outcomes

Grant:	<u>Soil Association Food for Life Get Togethers - Small Grants</u>
Summary:	The funding is for food-based community projects that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are focused on a Cook and Share activity and happen within Cook and Share Month (16 October -16 November 2021). • Have potential to be long term. • Are community led. • Include people from disadvantaged and diverse communities. • Bring people together. • Reduce experience of loneliness or social isolation. • Encourage a positive attitude to ageing and diversity
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The funding is to purchase food, tools and materials to enable the Get Together Activities • Activities can be virtual or in person • Applying groups will first need to register their Food for Life Get Together on the Soil Association website
Min/Max Funding Available:	Max £150.00
Deadline for Applications:	8 th September 2021

Grant:	<u>NHS Blood and Transplants - Community Investment Scheme</u>
Summary:	<p>Grants for community and faith and beliefs organisations for projects that positively engage Black, Asian, Mixed Race and minority ethnic communities in living kidney donation as well as projects focused on addressing health literacy and other capability barriers across the general population.</p> <p>There are two options for funding depending on the idea, the geographical reach, and the project duration.</p>
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<p>Applying organisations must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be based in the UK • Be established and have reputable links to their target audience • Demonstrate experience of delivering activity in the targeted geographical area and with the specified community/communities. • Demonstrate why they are the most appropriate organisation in the area to deliver this project • Organisations applying for the larger grants must have previous experience of working with either a governmental department (ministerial or non-ministerial) or a public body.
Min/Max Funding Available:	<p>Either up to £7,499 or Between £7,500 and £15,000</p>
Deadline for Applications:	12 th September 2021 (expression of interest stage)

Grant:	<u>The Prince's Countryside Fund</u>
Summary:	<p>There are two grants available to support rural communities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting Rural Communities (larger grants) - for innovative projects that will create a long-term difference in remote rural areas of the UK. • Project Village Survival (small grants) - for projects that are addressing rural community resilience and ensuring their village's future viability and "thrivability".
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<p>Applying organisations must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have an annual turnover of under £500,000 • Secure some other funding <p>Projects (small grants) should achieve one of more of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect or boost community assets and enterprises. • Reinvigorate service provision. • Strengthen the sense of community, therefore tackling isolation in the countryside.

Min/Max Funding Available:	Supporting Rural Communities - up to £25,000 over two years Project Village Survival - up to £10,000 over one year
Deadline for Applications:	17 th September 2021

Grant:	<u>Kings Fund - GSK IMPACT Award and Grow Programme</u>
Summary:	The scheme provides funding and free training for charities working to improve people's health and wellbeing.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impact Award applying organisation must have income between £120,000 and £3 million • Grow Programme applying organisation must have income between £20,000 and £120,000
Min/Max Funding Available:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IMPACT Award - between £4,000 and £50,000 plus £9,500 of free training • Grow Programme max £10,000 plus £3,200 of free training
Deadline for Applications:	20 th September 2021

Grant:	<u>Veolia Environmental Trust *</u>
Summary:	<p>The Trust provides three different grants to communities with projects near qualifying Veolia Trust sites:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Grants - to support the creation or improvement of community buildings, facilities, and outside spaces. • Habitat and Biodiversity Grants - to support structural improvements to single habitats, such as woodland, waterway or nature reserve. • Environmental Improvement Grants - for landscape scale improvement projects such as habitat creation or management and species protection
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grants are for capital costs only • Total eligible cost must be under £250,000 • Applying organisation must be enrolled with ENTRUST • A 10% Contributing Third Party (CTP) payment must be secured before the full application is submitted
Min/Max Funding Available:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Grants between £10,000 and £75,000 • Habitat and Biodiversity Grants between £10,000 and £75,000 • Environmental Improvement Grants Min £75,000
Deadline for Applications:	30 th September 2021

Grant:	<u>HM Govt. - Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund *</u>
Summary:	<p>The grant fund is open to registered providers of social housing in England. The Fund aims to upgrade a significant amount of the social housing stock delivering warm, energy-efficient homes, reducing carbon emissions and fuel bills, tackling fuel poverty, and supporting green jobs.</p> <p>The initial focus will be on applications that cover social homes with an EPC rating of Band D, E, F or G. Homes both on and off the gas grid are eligible for funding.</p>
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applying organisations should contribute at least a third of total eligible costs • For the first wave of grants, applications must be led by a local authority • Private registered providers of social housing (including housing associations), must apply as part of a consortium with a lead local authority in England. • Funded projects must be completed by March 2023
Min/Max Funding Available:	Grant levels awarded will vary according to the EPC band(s) of the homes being upgraded and the number of homes involved in each bid.
Deadline for Applications:	15 th October 2021

Grant:	<u>Leicestershire County Council – SHIRE Community Grant</u>
Summary:	<p>A range of grants available for community-based projects and activities that will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve the lives, health and wellbeing of vulnerable or disadvantaged people and communities in Leicestershire • Provide community-based early intervention and prevention solutions which help to reduce demand on Council and other public services • Complement existing services already being delivered
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<p>Applying organisations must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be a VCSE organisation, or Town/Parish Council • Provide services for vulnerable/disadvantaged people who are residents of Leicestershire (not Leicester City) • Have an income of under £10 million
Min/Max Funding Available:	<p>There are grant minimum/maximums as follows:</p> <p>Small Grants – maximum £3,000</p> <p>Large Grants – minimum £3,001, maximum £10,000</p> <p>Capital Grants – minimum £1,000, maximum £10,000</p> <p>Match Funding Grants – minimum £3,000, maximum £10,000</p> <p>Partnership Grant – minimum £5,000, maximum £25,000</p>
Deadline for Applications:	<p>Round 2: Opens 1st Sept 2021, deadline 27th Oct 2021</p> <p>Round 3: Opens 1st December 2021, deadline 26th Jan 2022</p>

Grant:	<u>Leicestershire County Council - SHIRE Environment Grant</u>
Summary:	<p>Supports new and innovative projects that will meet one or more of the grant scheme outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To reduce the amount of household waste produced in Leicestershire • To reduce the amount of greenhouse gas emissions within communities • To improve biodiversity and support the creation, protection, enhancement and management of sustainable green spaces • To raise awareness and understanding on the above outcomes as well as providing necessary training and skills to manage and support projects.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The main beneficiaries must be residents of Leicestershire, excluding Leicester City and Rutland • All relevant permissions and consents necessary to enable the project to go ahead must have been obtained from the relevant authorities before a grant can be offered. • There are other specific criteria for community building and biodiversity related initiatives
Min/Max Funding Available:	Max £3,000
Deadline for Applications:	29 th Oct 2021, and 25 th Feb 2022

Grant:	<u>Culture Recovery Fund For Heritage - Continuity Support *</u>
Summary:	This grant scheme is for those heritage organisations that are in need of and have already received support from the Culture Recovery Fund. Further funding will help them transition back into full operation as the country begins to emerge from the pandemic.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<p>Applying organisations must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heritage organisations and businesses in England that own, work with or manage heritage in England who have received funding through the previous two rounds of the Culture Recovery Fund. • On track to spend 90% of the most recent grant they were awarded under the Culture Recovery Fund for Heritage by 29th October 2021. • At risk of ceasing to trade viably by 31 March 2022
Min/Max Funding Available:	Between £10,000 and £1 million
Deadline for Applications:	29 th October 2021

Grant:	<u>The National Lottery Community Fund – Together For Our Planet</u>
Summary:	The grant will support local communities to take action on climate change. The project should reflect what matters to your community and can be small in scale. It could be for projects relating to food; energy; transport, waste or the natural environment.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<p>All projects must be about developing a community-led climate action project. The project will also need to meet at least two of these criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It supports the development of longer-term climate action within communities (that is, taking place after the <u>COP26 event in November</u>). • It encourages communities to plan for the climate emergency - to consider what climate action could mean to them and why it matters. • It celebrates the importance of community-led climate action and encourages more people to get involved. • It builds resilience in communities that are hardest hit by climate change. • It provides jobs, skills or training opportunities for communities which support climate action.
Min/Max Funding Available:	Between £1,000 and £10,000
Deadline for Applications:	18 th November 2021

Grant:	<u>Harborough District Council – Community Grant</u>
Summary:	<p>The aim of the grant scheme is to enable a healthy, inclusive, and engaged community.</p> <p>The grant focus is on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve spaces and places that are important to the community. For example, improvements to parks and community spaces and facilities. • Projects that support young people aged 11+ around mental health issues related to anxiety and self-image and projects that help combat childhood inactivity or provide a diversionary activity.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This year the grant will not be funding benches, noticeboards, bins, repairs and maintenance • Applications should be match funded by at least 25% of total project • Funding can go towards expanding existing projects or new projects.
Min/Max Funding Available:	Max grant £2,500
Deadline for Applications:	26 th November 2021

Grant:	<u>Energy Saving Trust - eCargo Bike Fund *</u>
Summary:	Organisations across all sectors can access grants towards the purchase of eCargo bikes for their delivery staff in England. Cargo bikes are cycles specifically designed to carry cargo. They come in a variety of configurations and can be custom-built. A cargo bike with the addition of an electric motor, which assists the rider whilst pedalling, is known as an ecargo bike.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grants will be calculated to cover the purchase costs, including necessary manufacturer options which are essential for commercial use, such as load boxes. • Grant funding will be capped at 40% of the gross cost • Applications will be capped at five bikes per organisation • Organisation should have been operational for a minimum of 12 months.
Min/Max Funding Available:	Max £2,500 for two-wheel models Max £4,500 for three-wheel models
Deadline for Applications:	14 th December 2021

Grant:	<u>HM Govt - Community Housing Fund Revenue Programme *</u>
Summary:	Grants are available for community organisations to help cover the revenue costs for the latter stages of pre-development of project-specific activities that will support the development of community led housing proposals across England. Eligible costs include paying for searches, administration costs or legal advice, design work and planning applications.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects must be completed by 31st March 2022 • Local authorities or Registered Providers may apply on behalf of community groups and, in those cases, the lead bidding organisation will remain directly accountable for the funds, where appropriate • The grant programme is not suitable for groups who are just forming or are at an early stage of pre-development
Min/Max Funding Available:	Not disclosed
Deadline for Applications:	31 st December 2021

Grant:	<u>HM Govt. – Hong Kong British Nationals Overseas BN(O) Welcome Programme *</u>
Summary:	Local authorities in England can apply where they are providing support for BN(O) status holders and their families to help them to successfully settle in their new communities. There is a particular focus on those who need help with English language or are destitute or at risk of destitution.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding is available for support provided to BN(O) status holders and their dependents who are on the BN(O) route. It does not cover those who have entered the UK through other immigration routes. • It is expected that local authorities making claims for this funding will build upon existing ESOL infrastructure in place within their local area - through collaborating and working with community groups and ESOL providers already established within their local area. • Funds will be allocated on a quarterly retrospective basis
Min/Max Funding Available:	Max £800 per adult for access to English language classes Max £2,720 per household for destitution support
Deadline for Applications:	No deadline disclosed

Grant:	<u>Severn Trent Community Fund *</u>
Summary:	Supports projects based on community wellbeing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People: Projects that help people to lead a healthier life and gain new skills • Places: Projects that help to create better places to live in and use • Environment: Projects that will help look after the natural environment, give people greater access to that environment or help look after water
Key Eligibility Criteria:	The project must be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • located in the Severn Trent region • benefiting Severn Trent customers • a new project, not existing work
Min/Max Funding Available:	There are 3 grant sizes: £2,000 to £10,000 £10,001 to £75,000 £75,001 to £200,000
Deadline for Applications:	Open (but quarterly panels in March, June, September and December)

Grant:	<u>Garfield Weston Foundation</u>
Summary:	For community organisations to support a wide range of projects in the areas of welfare, youth, community, arts, faith, environment, education, health, and museums and heritage. Grants can be used towards capital, revenue (core costs) and specific project costs
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is recommended that applicants have around half of their funding identified before applying • A grant is unlikely to be for more than around 10% of the total costs of the budget. • Organisations applying for £100,000 or more are expected to have an annual income in excess of £1 million.
Min/Max Funding Available:	Regular Grant - Max £100,000 Major Grant - over £100,000
Deadline for Applications:	Open

Grant:	<u>Near Neighbours - Small Grants</u>
Summary:	The grant scheme can provide funding for local groups and organisations who are working to bring people together encouraging social action and interaction.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	Applying organisations must be working: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To develop relationships across two or more faiths and or ethnicities in order to improve their communities. • With people who live very locally (same street or estate) • In an area supported by one of the eleven Hubs (Leicester is our closest Hub)
Min/Max Funding Available:	Between £250 and £3,000
Deadline for Applications:	Open – deadline not disclosed

Grant:	<u>Lush – Charity Pot</u>
Summary:	The scheme supports small organisations working in Animal Rights, Environmental Protection and Human Rights that have campaigns to achieve long-term change.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	Applying organisations should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have an income under £250,000 • Be entirely run by volunteers
Min/Max Funding Available:	Between £100 and £10,000
Deadline for Applications:	Open – but decisions take 3 months

Grant:	<u>Morrisons Foundation</u>
Summary:	Grants are available to registered charities for new projects which directly improve the lives of local people or communities, especially those that are vulnerable or disadvantaged
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applying Charities should have been registered for a minimum of 1 year • Funding can cover 100% of the eligible costs
Min/Max Funding Available:	Max £25,000
Deadline for Applications:	Open

Grant:	<u>Forestry Commission – England Woodland Creation Offer *</u>
Summary:	The scheme supports landowners, managers and public bodies to establish new woodland, including through natural colonisation, on areas as small as 1 hectare. Payments can cover a range of costs including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planting the new woodland • Maintenance payments for 10 years to help establish the young trees • Contribution towards installing infrastructure to facilitate management or recreational activity
Key Eligibility Criteria:	The planting site needs to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be under full management of the applying organisation • Not already be classed as woodland • Not subject to any existing legal requirement or obligation to create woodland
Min/Max Funding Available:	Not disclosed
Deadline for Applications:	Open

Grant:	<u>The National Lottery Community Fund – Awards For All</u> *
Summary:	<p>The main aims of the fund are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p>Grants can also be accessed by organisations helping people and communities most adversely impacted by COVID-19. This will support organisations to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • continue to deliver activity - whether your community needs crisis response, recovery or business as usual activity. • change and adapt, becoming more resilient to respond to new and future challenges.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grants can fund a wide range of activities and costs • Projects should clearly show how the community has been involved
Min/Max Funding Available:	Between £300 and £10,000
Deadline for Applications:	Open

Grant:	<u>The National Lottery Community Fund – Reaching Communities</u> *
Summary:	<p>The main aims of the fund are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p>Grants can also be accessed by organisations helping people and communities most adversely impacted by COVID-19. This will support organisations to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • continue to deliver activity - whether your community needs crisis response, recovery or business as usual activity. • change and adapt, becoming more resilient to respond to new and future challenges.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grants can fund a wide range of activities and costs • Projects should clearly show how the community has been involved • Grants are for up to 5 years
Min/Max Funding Available:	Minimum Grant £10,001
Deadline for Applications:	Open

Grant:	<u>Biffa Award</u>
Summary:	Supports projects based on one of three themes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rebuilding Biodiversity – for example habitat improvement works, tree planting, and scrub removal 2. Community Buildings – for example extensions, renovations, replacement floor and roofs 3. Recreation - for example play areas, outdoor gyms and nature trails
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The criteria vary for the different types of project. • One of the key criteria is the proximity of the project site to a Biffa operation or an active landfill site. There is a post code checker to confirm the eligibility of the project location • The organisation and project must both be eligible for enrolment and registration with the Landfill Communities Fund scheme regulator, ENTRUST • Maximum project cost is £200,000 (including VAT)
Min/Max Funding Available:	Between £10,000 and £75,000
Deadline for Applications:	Open

Grant:	<u>Visit Britain – Domestic Support Fund</u>
Summary:	Grants available for UK not-for-profit organisations/charities, to hold business events and to showcase that the UK has adapted to new ways of meeting in a COVID-19 secure environment.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial support is based on the number of delegates attending a live event, or the live component of a hybrid event. • The event organisation can apply for £30 per delegate (cash including VAT) attending an event. • Support is available for events from 100 to 500 people, to a maximum value of £15,000 support.
Min/Max Funding Available:	Maximum £15,000
Deadline for Applications:	No deadline advertised, but all activities need to take place within the dates 21 st June to 17 th December 2021 and evidence provided by 1 st March 2022

Grant:	<u>Foyle Foundation – Small Grant Scheme</u>
Summary:	To support registered charities which are currently delivering services to the young, vulnerable, elderly, disadvantaged or the general community either directly or through online support if possible.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	Applying organisations must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have an annual turnover under £150,000 • Show how any grant will make a significant difference to their current work. • Apply for core costs or essential equipment only
Min/Max Funding Available:	Between £1,000 and £10,000
Deadline for Applications:	Open

Support available for Voluntary, Community & Social Enterprise Sector organisations in Leicestershire

Voluntary Action LeicesterShire	
<p>Leicestershire County Council has a contract with <u>Voluntary Action LeicesterShire</u> (VAL) to provide support to voluntary and community sector organisations in Leicestershire, including help with identifying and securing funding. If you are a VCS organisation who is seeking to apply for funding, or bid for contracts, please contact VAL's Sector Support Team for assistance, advice, and guidance. VAL can provide assistance with searching for funding opportunities, checking the relevance of the fund to your funding aspirations, and a read and review of your bid. You can also <u>sign up for further e-bulletins from VAL</u>, including news, events, funding opportunities and updates from the Government and Charity Commission. There are currently two newsletters which you can select to receive by ticking the appropriate box. At present funding and commissioning items are included in the voluntary sector support newsletter.</p> <p>Contact Details: Website: <u>www.valonline.org.uk/contact</u> Tel: 0116 2575050 Email: <u>helpline@valonline.org.uk</u></p>	

CASE – Support for Social Enterprises in Leicestershire	CASE
<p>Co-operative and Social Enterprise Development Agency (CASE) is a social enterprise and co-operative which provides advice, guidance, and support to existing and emerging co-operatives, social enterprises and community enterprises in Leicester and Leicestershire. CASE supports co-operatives and social enterprises to develop and grow, through the promotion of co-operative ways of working.</p> <p>Leicestershire County Council has a contract with CASE to provide support to people currently running (or thinking of setting up) social enterprises in Leicestershire.</p> <p><u>Contact Details:</u> Website: http://case.coop/ Tel: 0116 222 5010 Email: enquiries@case.coop</p>	

Leicestershire & Rutland Community Foundation	
<p>The Leicestershire & Rutland Community Foundation is a charity which helps local individuals and companies to give money, in a tax efficient way, directly to local needs. It does this by helping set up new local family and company charitable funds and then supports those donors to give grants to local charitable groups of their choice through the Making Local Life Better Fund (previously the Donor Matching Scheme).</p> <p>The Community Foundation also administers local and national grant schemes on behalf of those organisations. These vary throughout the year, please check the website for the funds currently available.</p> <p><u>Contact Details:</u> Website: https://www.llrcommunityfoundation.org.uk/ Tel: 0116 262 4916 Email: grants@llrcommunityfoundation.org.uk</p>	

Commissioning Opportunities			
<p>VCSE organisations are encouraged to explore opportunities to receive income through delivering contracts for services commissioned by the public sector.</p> <p>You can register to receive details of commissioning opportunities through the following websites:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Source Leicestershire: http://www.sourceleicestershire.co.uk/ • Due North: https://procontract.due-north.com/Login • Contract Finder: https://www.gov.uk/contracts-finder 			

Easy Fundraising	
<p>This is a leading fundraising platform that gives organisations access to an unlimited fundraising source, that helps you to raise FREE cashback donations through online shopping. Register your group/organisation as a good cause with easyfundraising to receive free cashback donations when anyone connected to that organisation shops online with 4,200 retailers including Argos, Amazon, Just eat and Booking.com. It doesn't cost the shopper a penny more so it's an easy way for your community to support your organisation just by shopping online as they usually would.</p> <p>Website: https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/leicestershirerutlandsport</p>	

Leicestershire Communities Website	
<p>The Leicestershire Communities website contains a range of useful information to help local people to actively participate in their communities, including information for people involved in community groups, charities and social enterprises.</p> <p>This section of the website provides a range of support, information and resources related to Grants and Funding, including Monthly Funding Bulletins, information from a range of funders, along with details of support provided to voluntary and community sector groups, charities and social enterprises, by other relevant organisations.</p> <p>Website: www.leicestershirecommunities.org.uk/grants</p>	