

Funding Opportunities

[Funding for Projects that Have a Positive Impact on Communities, People or the Environment \(UK\)](#)

- The Matthew Good Foundation has opened the next round of its Grants for Good Fund. The aim is to support small charities, not-for-profit groups and social entrepreneurs who are passionate about making a difference to people, their community or the environment.
- The Fund will share £15,000 between five shortlisted projects every three months, which will be voted for by John Good Group employees. The project that receives the most votes will receive a grant of £5,000, second place £3,500, third place £2,500 with fourth and fifth place both receiving £2,000.
- As well as established projects and charities, the Foundation wants to hear from people with innovative ideas that need some funding to get their projects up and running.
- To be eligible, applicants must have earned less than £50,000 in the last 12 months.
- Funding is awarded every three months and the deadline for the next funding round is the **15th March 2025**.

[Project Funding to Restore Peatlands \(Wales\)](#)

- Natural Resources Wales' Peatland Restoration Grant Scheme is offering grants between £10,000 - £250,000 for projects that restore Welsh peatlands.
- Projects can include those that address issues such as peatland erosion, peatland drainage the sustainable management of lowland peats, or the gradual restoration of high carbon emitting peatlands.
- 100% of the project cost can be covered by the funding but match funding will be viewed favourably.
- Applications close on the **18th March 2025**.

[Funding Available for Creative Youth-led Nature Projects \(UK\)](#)

- Grants of £500 are available for youth-led projects that celebrate UK native wildflowers, plants and fungi in exciting and engaging ways.
- The funding is made available through Grow Wild's Youth Grants programme to support young people to deliver a wide range of creative projects that will inspire communities and help people connect to each other and nature.
- Grants can be used for anything project-related, from basic materials and equipment to resources or training. Young people aged 14 to 25 can apply directly as an individual or as a group of up to 6 people, but will need to nominate a youth, community or education-focused organisation to support them with their project.
- The deadline for applications is **3pm on the 19th March 2025**.

[Funding Available to Support Vulnerable Energy Consumers \(England, Scotland & Wales\)](#)

- Charities and community energy groups across England, Scotland, and Wales can now apply for a share of £40 million in grants to support vulnerable households facing cold homes and high energy bills.
- The funding also targets projects promoting a just transition to net zero and mitigating the climate impacts of energy consumption.

- This initiative is part of the Ofgem Energy Industry Voluntary Redress Scheme, and the funds are sourced from voluntary payments by companies that may have breached Ofgem's regulations.
- Applications are open until **5pm on 20th March 2025**. Organisations not yet registered must do so at least **10 working days before** the deadline to allow for eligibility checks.

[Heat Network Efficiency Scheme Round 9 open to applicants \(England & Wales\)](#)

- The Heat Network Efficiency Scheme (HNES) opened to applicants in February 2023. It is a £32 million grant support programme spanning 2023-2024 (Year 1) and 2024-2025 (Year 2).
- The scheme will provide funding to public, private and third sector applicants in England and Wales to support improvements to existing district heating or communal heating projects that are operating sub-optimally and resulting in poor outcomes for customers and operators.
- APSE Energy has published a briefing on the HNES guidance, if you would like to be sent a copy of this briefing, please email jjefferson@apse.org.uk
- Round 9 is now open to applications and will close on **28th March 2025**.

[EV Charging Scheme for Schools & Education Institutions \(UK\)](#)

- To boost the Electric Vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure, the government has extended the Workplace Charging Scheme to support state-funded schools and education institutions to install EV chargepoint sockets at their sites.
- Eligible institutions in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland can receive 75% off the cost of purchasing and installing chargepoints, up to £2,500 per socket.
- There is a limit of 40 sockets per institution. Successful applicants will receive a voucher that is valid for 180 days from the date of issue. The installation must be completed by an authorised installer within this time. The closing date for applications is the **31st March 2025**.

[New Fund Launched for Community Organisations to Enhance Energy Efficiency \(England\)](#)

- Community organisations in England can apply for a share of £250,000 of funding to reduce energy usage and carbon footprint. The funding is being made available through the Energy Efficiency Sharematch fund.
- It can be used to install on-site energy generation measures like solar panels and heat pumps, improve building energy efficiency through insulation and LED lighting, and upgrade operational equipment to more energy-efficient alternatives.
- The application process requires an initial expression of interest, followed by a formal application through the Crowdfunder platform for eligible projects. The fund's application closing date is **March 2025**, and the goal is to allocate all funds before this deadline.

[New fund launched to support community organisations to enhance energy efficiency \(England\)](#)

- Energy Efficiency Sharematch has been launched to support co-operative Societies, community Benefit Societies and charitable community benefit societies to undertake activities to reduce their energy usage or identify alternative sources of energy that lead to a reduction in the organisation's carbon footprint.
- The fund can be used for installations such as: new on-site energy/heating generation measures and energy efficiency measures in a building (e.g. insulation, LED lighting, double glazing, draft-proofing, improved doors).
- Organisations can apply for a share of £250,000 to fund the measures. Most grants are expected to be awarded in the range of £10,000-15,000, with the minimum grant being £5,000.
- The deadline to apply to the fund is **March 2025**.

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- Funded by Access – The Foundation for Social Investment using Dormant Assets Scheme funds, this grant is administered by Crowdfunder in partnership with Co-operatives UK. Most grants will be £10,000-15,000.
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[Grants for Community and Environmental Projects \(England\)](#)

- The Veolia Environmental Trust has announced the launch of its latest funding round, which provides grants to support community and environmental initiatives.
- Available grants include Community Grants and Habitat and Biodiversity Grants, ranging from £10,000 to £75,000. Eligible applicants include not-for-profit organisations and local authorities.
- The funding is intended to assist in developing or enhancing community buildings and outdoor spaces, as well as the conservation, restoration, and improvement of threatened habitats and biodiversity. Additionally, for larger landscape-scale projects focused on habitat creation, management, and species protection, Environmental Improvement Grants exceeding £75,000 are also available.
- The deadline for applications is **12:00 midday on 3rd April 2025**

[£288 Million Government Fund for Green Heating Projects \(England\)](#)

- Public, private and third sector organisations in England can now bid for capital funding to help new and existing heat networks move to low and zero carbon technologies.
- The funding, which is being made available through the Government's £288 million Green Heat Network Fund, will support the rollout of low-carbon technologies like heat pumps, and solar and geothermal energy, to help networks deliver clean heating to homes, offices, commercial and public buildings.
- Grant levels for individual projects will vary, however, there will be an upper limit of £1 million for commercialisation support.
- There will be quarterly funding rounds until the scheme closes in 2025. Round 9 is currently open and will close on the **11th April 2025**.

[Funding for School Climate & Biodiversity Projects \(UK\)](#)

- The Royal Society's Tomorrow's Climate Scientists Programme, as an extension of their Partnership Grants Programme, is offering grants of up to £3,000 for UK primary and secondary schools with projects tackling climate change and biodiversity.
- To qualify for the funding, schools must partner with a STEM professional from academia or industry. The grants are primarily intended to cover the cost of necessary equipment for these projects.
- The grant applications open on the 3rd February 2025. The application process for the Partnership Grants scheme involves two stages, with the first stage applications due by the **30th April 2025**.

[Funding to help communities to tackle climate change \(UK-wide\)](#)

- The Climate Action Fund is providing grants of up to £1.5 million to organisations who are working in formal partnership with organisations working across sectors, including local authorities.

- The partnerships should link climate action to the everyday lives and interests of local communities, with the aim of inspiring them to take action or should influence communities at a regional or national level, for example: connecting groups from across different locations.
- The Climate Action Fund is particularly interested in funding projects that involve people, places and communities experiencing poverty, discrimination and disadvantage.
- Applications will be accepted until **spring 2025**.

[Funding Available to Involve More People in Tackling Climate Change \(UK\)](#)

- Grants between £50,000 - £1.5 million are available through the National Lottery's Climate Action Fund - Our Shared Future programme, to support community-led initiatives that integrate climate action into the everyday lives of local communities.
- Eligible projects may include using other community engagement activities such as the arts and sports to tackle climate change, policy influence, and innovative approaches to involving underrepresented groups in tackling climate change.
- Up to 25 projects will be funded, and applications must come from partnerships, including a mix of organisations, such as charities, not-for-profits, and public sector bodies.
- Applications will be accepted until **Spring 2025**. The final deadline will be announced nearer the time.

[Grants for Community Recycling, Biodiversity & Public Amenity Projects \(Scotland\)](#)

- The FCC Scottish Action Fund is providing grants of between £2,000 and £40,000 to fund community recycling and biodiversity projects as well as improvements to public amenities, parks and historic buildings.
- Not-for-profit organisations such as registered charities, community councils, community groups and local authorities can apply.
- To be eligible most projects must be within 10 miles of an eligible licensed landfill site or transfer station.
- The deadline for applications is **5pm on the 14th May 2025**

[National Lottery Grants for Heritage - Grants of up to £10 Million Available \(UK\)](#)

- Not-for-profit organisations across the UK can now apply for grants of between £250,000 and £10 million from the National Lottery Heritage Fund for projects connecting people and communities to UK heritage.
- The funding can support a broad range of activities and project costs such as volunteer expenses, capital works, repairs, maintenance, conservation costs, professional fees, event costs, and the acquisition of heritage. All projects must also consider long-term environmental sustainability.
- Partnerships are encouraged. Up to 10% match funding is required.
- The next closing date for expressions of interest for National Lottery Grants for Heritage is **12 pm on the 28th May 2025**.

[Funding of up to £100,000 Available for Community & Environmental Projects \(East Midland, West Midlands, South West England\)](#)

- Local charities, community groups, schools, colleges, and local authorities within the Severn Trent Water region can apply for grants between £2,000 and £100,000 to support new community projects.
- These grants, provided through the Severn Trent Community Fund, focus on three key areas: People (healthier lifestyles and skills development), Place (improving community spaces), and Environment (enhancing natural environments and water preservation).
- Projects should be completed within 24 months.

- The next application deadlines are **31st July 2025** for grants between £20,000 and £100,000. The deadline for grants between £2,000 and £20,000 passed on the 28th February 2025.
- Additionally, the Core Cost Funding stream, supporting essential running costs, is scheduled to **reopen in May 2025**.

Free Trees for Schools & Community Groups (UK)

- The Woodland Trust are giving away hundreds of thousands of trees to help the UK reach its 2050 carbon net-zero target.
- Schools, nurseries, colleges, universities, outdoor learning centres, and other groups such as resident associations, sports clubs, parish councils, scouts and guides from across the UK are among the organisations eligible to apply for up to 420 saplings to improve their local environment.
- Applications can be made for up to four separate tree packs as long as the total does not exceed 420 trees. The Woodland Trust are currently taking applications for tree packs to be delivered in November 2025. Applications are expected to close in **August 2025**.

Funding to support businesses and social enterprises transition to net zero (Scottish Highlands and Islands)

- Highlands and Islands Enterprise is offering grants of up to £250,000 to businesses and social enterprises to support the transition to net zero.
- The funding should cover between 10% and 40% of total project costs, with the minimum grant award being £20,000. Therefore, projects with a total project cost of £50,000 or less are unlikely to receive funding.
- Projects can include anything that helps businesses and social enterprises to reduce emissions and work towards net zero. This can be through energy efficiency measures, renewables or waste management.
- The fund is currently accepting expressions of interest, **no deadline** has been announced.

Funding Available to Retrofit Buildings with Energy-Generating or Saving Technologies (England)

- Community businesses can apply for financial support ranging from £10,000 to £150,000 to help stabilise or reduce energy costs, supporting the transition to more sustainable energy practices.
- The funding, made available through the Power to Change Energy Resilience Fund, can be used for various projects, including retrofitting buildings with energy-generating or saving technologies. Up to 40% of the total funding can be provided as a grant, with additional energy audit grants available between £500 and £2,500.
- The grant is available to community businesses in England that own a building or have a long-term lease of 12 years or more. The programme is funded by Power to Change and delivered by the Key Fund. To find out more please contact Sarah Dennis on 07889 881459 or email Sarah.Dennis@thekeyfund.co.uk
- **No deadline** has been announced.

Funding to build healthier ecosystems in urban and rural environment (UK Wide)

- The John Ellerman Foundation is offering grants of between £10,000 and £50,000 per year for up to 3 years to UK-registered charities with an income of between £100,000 and £10m.
- The fund will prioritise projects that can make a national impact or local initiatives that have the potential to be upscaled to a country level.
- Eligible organisations should take an evidence-based approach to improve the natural environment and understand the significance of habitats on both human wellbeing and the impact that people have on nature.
- There is **no deadline** for applications to this fund.

[Grants to help community groups in Wales take action on climate change \(Wales\)](#)

- The National Lottery Community Fund is providing grants of up to £15,000 to support community groups in Wales who are starting to take action on climate change.
- Eligible applicants include registered charities, community organisations, and town councils that have completed Egin mentoring and possess a UK bank account.
- Applications are welcomed from projects that relate to a range of areas including food, transport, energy or waste and consumption, however the main focus should relate to engaging with climate change and living in a more sustainable way.
- Grants can be used to fund revenue costs such as staff salaries, volunteer expenses and transport costs, the funding can also be used to cover capital costs such as buying equipment and refurbishing or developing land.
- Applications to the fund are accepted at **any time**.

[Grants and loans for charities and social enterprises to improve energy efficiency \(England\)](#)

- The Energy Resilience Fund (ERF) is providing a blended funding package of loan (60%) and grant (40%) to improve the energy resilience of eligible charities and social enterprises in England.
- Incorporated voluntary, community or social enterprise organisations that are looking to install energy saving measures or generation technology to buildings/ land, and/ or to purchase energy efficient or environmentally friendly vehicles or equipment are invited to apply for the fund.
- If required, the fund will arrange an energy audit before continuing with the application process.
- Applicants must be able to demonstrate that they are unable to access mainstream bank lending for the work.
- There is **no deadline** for applications.

[Funding to improve access to bikes for young people \(Scotland\)](#)

- Cycling Scotland are providing funding of up to £50,000 to improve access to bikes for children and young people.
- The fund is open to schools, local authorities, community organisations and third sector organisations.
- The fund aims to support independent travel, reduce inequalities, and improve health.
- To find out more about the Access to Bikes for Young People fund, contact Cycling Scotland at: cyclingfriendly@cyclingscot
- There is **no deadline** to applications.

[New fund to help create stronger, greener and more sustainable local communities \(West Midlands and Yorkshire\)](#)

- The npower Business Solutions Fund is offering grants of up to £100,000 to help create stronger, greener and more sustainable local communities.
- Applications are being accepted from not-for-profits and educational institutions that are at least two years old and are located within a 50-mile radius of npower Business Solutions' offices in Solihull and Leeds.
- **No application deadline** is given for the fund.

[Grants to Encourage Young People to Connect with Nature \(Gloucestershire, Swindon & Bristol\)](#)

- The Ernest Cook Trust's Communities Grant scheme is providing grants of £500 to support charities and not-for-profit organisations in Gloucestershire, Swindon, and Bristol to support projects that encourage young people between 11-19 from underserved communities to connect with nature and enjoy the outdoors.
- The grants could be used to create outdoor learning areas, enhance biodiversity, purchase outdoor learning resources, support travel costs to outdoor learning centres and fund outdoor clothing.

- Applications will close when a sufficient number have been received.

[Funding for Projects that Promote a Better Understanding of the Environment and Countryside \(UK\)](#)

- UK based schools and not for profit organisations can apply for funding to the Nineveh Charitable Trust for a broad range of projects and activities that promote a better understanding of the environment and countryside, whilst facilitating improved access, education and research.
- Applications can be submitted at **any time**.

[Funding for community-led sustainability projects \(UK-wide\)](#)

- The Stobart Sustainability Fund is providing funding to support the transformation of local communities through projects that tackle climate change, reduce emissions or protect and enhance the environment.
- Applications are welcomed from non-profit organizations, community groups, small businesses and educational facilities.
- **No application deadline** is provided.

[Funding available for facilities damaged by extreme weather \(England\)](#)

- Sport England's Movement Fund is supporting community organisations that have been affected by the impact of Storms Bert and Conall.
- Grants of up to £15,000 are available for community organisations to cover costs such as: skip hire to remove sediment and rubbish, minor electrical works to restore power, decontamination works or clearing of blocked drains, cleaning work to get showers and changing rooms back up and running and securing buildings.
- Grants are available to not-for-profit organisations, including sports clubs, charities, schools and local authorities.
- The fund has been open since April 2024 and there is **no application deadline** given.

[Grants of up to £150,000 Available to Protect Water and Land Environments \(UK\)](#)

- The John Ellerman Foundation's People and Planet funding scheme is offering grants of between £10,000 and £50,000 per year for three years to UK charities and non-profit organisations working to protect, restore, or sustainably manage the natural environment.
- The scheme prioritises projects that enhance ocean health through stronger marine protected areas, community engagement, and reduced overfishing; build healthier ecosystems on land and in freshwater through sustainable management, habitat restoration, and landscape-scale conservation; and address the impact of human activities like climate change and pollution on air, land, and water.
- The focus is on the UK and UK waters. However, the Foundation is also keen to support land and marine-based work in the UK Overseas Territories (UKOTs).
- There are **no deadlines** and applications can be submitted at any time.