

Community Funding Bulletin

April 2023 Edition



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The ARN Foundation Tackling Isolation Fund

The ARN Foundation is an independent Charitable Trust set up with the intent of supporting good causes across Northern Ireland.

The ARN Foundation's Tackling Isolation Fund will support organisations to deliver projects in support of older people affected by the cost of living crisis; and will be managed by the Community Foundation for Northern Ireland.

In June 2022 the Community Foundation met with a number of key stakeholders and called for the formation of an Executive to address the cost of living crisis.

As part of the Foundation's commitment to being flexible and responsive we have agreed to review some of our funds with a view to supporting communities at this time.

Among the hardest hit by the cost of living crisis are older people. Older people are often on fixed income, and the rising cost of food and fuel has often led to having to choose between eating or heating.

The latest cost of living research from Age UK found around 65,000 households aged 60+ in Northern Ireland will have insufficient income to cover their essential spending this year.

Around 25,000 (almost 40%) of pensioners here are currently living in poverty or just above the poverty line.

There are concerns that over the next few months and into the winter that older people will suffer further. In recognition of the needs of older people, the ARN Foundation has developed a new Fund, the Tackling Isolation Fund, with a particular focus on food and fuel.

Groups supporting older people can access up to £10,000 of financial support.

Eligibility

To be eligible to apply your project must target at least three of the key priorities detailed below:

- Supporting older people to keep warm.
- Supporting older people to access a nutritious meal.
- Reducing isolation and vulnerability of older people through supporting participation in activities.
- Enabling older people to access technology, and to potential benefits and entitlements that they may not be aware of.
- Beneficiaries who are rurally isolated.

Examples of projects could include, but are not limited to:

- Supporting older people through delivery of services to live an independent and well-nourished way of life in their own home and as part of the community.
- Providing opportunities for older people to be involved in the design, delivery and ongoing management of community-based initiatives.
- Overcoming social isolation through social contact with other older people building on food activities, such as cooking from scratch and sharing meals, and other activities involving the wider community.
- Promoting intergenerational activities by involving older and younger people in food-based and social activities.
- Providing choice in meeting nutritional needs, including delivery of shopping by volunteers or accompanied shopping, and befriending support.
- Increasing affordability of, and access to, basic foodstuffs and/or fuel.

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Closing date for applications is 26th May 2023. For more information and to apply, please visit [The ARN Foundation Tackling Isolation Fund - Community Foundation Northern Ireland \(communityfoundationni.org\)](https://www.communityfoundationni.org)

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Read about our Funding Support Services here [Funding support and advice for community groups in Northern Ireland. — Supporting Communities](#)



Open College Network NI (OCN NI): Centre Learning Grants Programme

Open College Network NI (OCN NI) plans to award a share of £85K to education, voluntary and charitable training providers locally via their Centre Learning Grants Programme, now in its second year.

The Centre Learning Grants Programme, with a closing date for applications of Friday 12th May 2023, was created by the OCN NI Board of Trustees to help fulfil its charitable objectives. Particular emphasis will be given to help those who may be particularly disadvantaged and would not otherwise have had opportunities to engage in education.

This is the first learner funding scheme of its kind in Northern Ireland created by an awarding organisation, explained Martin Flynn, CEO, OCN NI.

“This is the second year of our Centre Learning Grants Programme and if last year is anything to go by, we are expecting another huge response from our very deserving centres. The grants programme provides a unique opportunity for education, voluntary and charitable training providers to apply for much needed additional funding that will help them to innovate and enhance their current offering to support disadvantaged learners locally.

“We will be awarding grants of up to £3,000 for specific projects or activities that advance the mission and vision of OCN NI in a way that provides robust evidence of how learning positively impacts on individuals, families and communities.”

Last year, grants were given to the North West Play Resource Centre which received £3,000, the Clanrye



Group was awarded £2,945, People 1st secured a grant worth £2,200, Sacred Heart College received £1,000, Parenting NI received £1,695, Loughan EOTAS received a £2,700 grant and Fermanagh Women's Aid was awarded a Centre Learning Grant of £3,000.

Paul Donaghy Chair of OCN NI, said: “OCN NI is once again delighted to be in a position to ‘give back’ to learners and training providers through the extension of our Centre Learning Grants Programme.

Over the last 12 months OCN NI has consolidated its position as the leading awarding body in Northern Ireland so being able to fund and deliver this programme for another year is a key element of charitable function, which aims to ensure the advancement of education for public benefit.

“We have already seen the positive impact from last year's programme to help engage, enrich and equip learners for life, so I would encourage centres to apply as soon as possible for the 2023 programme.”

[To apply for funding from the Centre Learning Grants Programme visit https://ocnni-centre-learning-grants.grantplatform.com/](https://ocnni-centre-learning-grants.grantplatform.com/). The closing date for applications is Friday 12th May 2023

Slieve Rushen Wind Farm Fund

Is your community project located within 12 km of Slieve Rushen Wind Farm in South West Fermanagh? If Yes your group may be eligible to apply for a Slieve Rushen Wind Farm Fund Grant.

For further information see [GUIDELINES](#) and [APPLICATION FORM](#)

Closing date for applications Friday 9th June 2023 at 12 noon.

Any queries please email: gemma@fermanaghtrust.org



The Fermanagh Trust will not discuss, or fund applications submitted by professional fundraising consultants on behalf of local groups. We are committed to building the capacity of grass roots organisation's and are here to help voluntary committee members directly.



Ulster-Scots Summer Schools Grant 2023

The Agency has opened its Ulster-Scots Summer Schools Grant scheme.

It is for programmes delivered from 1 July to 31 August 2023 and aims to support community and voluntary groups who wish to deliver a five-day Ulster-Scots Summer School to children aged 7-16 years. There are two options available for groups:

Standard Summer School

These provide up to 10 different Ulster-Scots workshops and activities. There will be a maximum eligible funding of two hours for each Ulster-Scots activity (maximum of 20 hours' activity).

Drama Summer School

Drama tutors may be funded to deliver a week-long programme, finalising in a drama production. In addition, groups may provide a maximum of five Ulster-Scots workshops and activities.

Please note: All summer schools must deliver an Ulster-Scots language workshop.



Groups are encouraged to read the guidelines and eligible costs before completing an application form.

Applications close at 12 noon on Friday 5th May 2023. Late or incomplete applications will be rejected.

For further information, contact the Agency's Community Development Officer Derek Reaney on reaneyd@ulsterscotsagency.org.uk or 078 4327 9912.

For more information and to register for Summer Schools, click [here](#).

Tesco Community Grants

Tesco Community Grants helps to fund thousands of local projects across the country. Since 2016 the scheme has supported over 50,000 community groups with more than £100 million in grants. The scheme aims to make a positive difference – because where our communities thrive, our business and our colleagues thrive too.

Who is eligible to apply?

Grants will be awarded to schools, voluntary or community organisations (including registered charities/companies), health bodies (e.g. Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs), NHS Hospital Trust, Foundation Trust), Parish/Town Councils, local authorities and social housing providers.

This list is not exhaustive and there will be many other types of organisations that will be funded.

Applications are **not eligible** from:

- Individuals
- Community Interest Companies with shares (CIC's)
- Community Interest Companies with guarantee that are less than two years old
- Profit-making organisations

What types of projects will Tesco Community Grants fund?

Applications are open to all local good causes, but we are currently prioritising helping projects that support children's food security and health and local store nominated good causes.



This is not an exhaustive list and other project ideas also welcomed.

Examples include:

- School Breakfast clubs
- Holiday clubs
- Play areas
- Food banks
- Counselling and support services for children
- Equipment or non-statutory services for nurseries or schools e.g. forest schools, library books
- Equipment for Brownie, Guide or Scout Groups e.g. camping equipment, badges
- Services or equipment to support children and young people's health
- Equipment/kit for youth sports teams

For more information, please visit [Apply for a grant – Tesco Community Grants](#)



Community Grants

Together with our members, we're supporting communities with grants for local housing projects. Applications open on Tuesday, 25 April 2023.

Supporting people and communities is at the heart of everything we do. That's why we set up our Community Grants programme five years ago. Together, our members and colleagues are finding local solutions to the housing crisis and helping the most vulnerable people and communities across the UK.

This year we've increased our grant limit to £60,000.

If you're a local organisation with a great housing solution, you can apply for a Community Grant of up

to £60,000. Your project will need to support one of our three aims: helping people into a home, preventing them from losing their home, or supporting them to thrive at home.

We'll look at all applications and give a shortlist to our Community Board members, who'll discuss and decide which projects will receive grants in their local area.

Please visit [Nationwide Grants \(nationwidecommunitygrants.co.uk\)](https://nationwidecommunitygrants.co.uk)



Partners for Social Care and Health Improvement Fund

The Hospital Saturday Fund

The Hospital Saturday Fund is a registered charity whose aims are to provide assistance through its charitable funds for: registered health charities, hospices, and medical organisations who are in need of grants for medical projects, care, research or support of medical training within the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland.

McCall Foundation

The McCall Foundation was established by Mervyn McCall and Wilma McCall. In recent years the fund has focused on supporting projects addressing challenges in social care, as well as providing an annual bursary for engineering students through Queens University, Belfast.

Aim of fund

This is a partnership fund between the Hospital Saturday Fund and the McCall Foundation. The aim of the fund is to support the development of new and innovative processes, policies, products or programmes that increase the quality, impact, efficiency and/or affordability of social care.

Amount of funding available

Grants of between £5,000 to £10,000 will be available

Priorities

We are particularly interested in innovative ideas that might address any of the following current healthcare challenges:

- Social care provision
- Poorly connected care pathways
- Availability of a skilled workforce
- Underfunding of health and social care
- Poor access to services, particularly in rural areas

Eligibility criteria

- Organisations must be registered as a charity with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland
- The project must only be of benefit to people living within Northern Ireland
- Organisations must have access to a current account in the name of the applicant organisation
- Organisations must be able to provide all relevant policies, including safeguarding and equality policies, unless they have provided these documents to the Foundation within the last twelve months

What we can fund

- Capital costs
- Running costs, providing clearly linked to the development of the health innovation
- Medical care
- Research
- Medical training

Application process

- A call for applications will open on **Monday 3rd April 2023**
- Applications must be submitted online through the Community Foundation's website by **1pm on Monday 8th May 2023 - [Partners for Social Care and Health Improvement Fund - Community Foundation Northern Ireland \(communityfoundationni.org\)](https://communityfoundationni.org)**
- Panel shortlisting will be held on **Tuesday 16th May 2023**
- Shortlisted applicants will be invited to present to a panel on **Tuesday 13 June 2023**, exact times tbc



Women and Girls Match Fund

Equality is essential for women and girls to dream freely, achieve proudly and live boldly. That's why we're working with amazing charities committed to serving the women and girls in our communities. The Women and Girls Match Fund is here to multiply generosity, tackle gender inequality and stop discrimination.

Eligibility criteria:

1. Be a UK-registered charity with a Charity Commission number or tax-exempt status and an annual income of at least £25,000 (as per last filed accounts).
2. Charities which are registered on BigGive.org (free to register).
3. Charities seeking to raise either £2,500, £5,000 or £10,000 in public donations (to be doubled by the match funds). Charities are able to use the campaign to raise unrestricted funds.
4. Charities working to improve the lives of vulnerable, disadvantaged or underrepresented women and girls within the UK and internationally.
5. Charities that are led by, for and with women and girls. *To assess this, we will look at whether your governing documents specifically mentions*



women/and or girls, whether you have a majority female board, who your beneficiaries are and your web presence (if your organisation has one).

6. We would encourage applications from charities that are led by Black and minoritised women and girls, LGBTQI women and girls, or Disabled women and girls. These applications will be prioritised in our assessment process.

Sign-up process:

Log in or sign up, head to Big Give Campaigns, and click on Apply now for the Women and Girls Match Fund

Timeline

- 23 June: Applications close
- 3 August: Offer deadline
- 11- 18 Oct (midday): Campaign

For more information and to apply, please visit [Women and Girls Match Fund – The Big Give](#)

New 'Food hubs' grant funding available for Community Fridges

Community Fridges bring people together around good food. Across the UK they are reducing social isolation, increasing access to skills, sharing knowledge and repurposing fresh (surplus) food. We know that many groups want to do more, and so in partnership with Starbucks we're offering £7,000 (per group) in funding for up to 50 Community Fridges to develop additional food initiatives.

These additional activities could be skills workshops, growing initiatives, gardening schemes or cooking (to name a few)! So, if you're already running an **open** Community Fridge feel free to apply.

What the funding is for:

The funding aims to support the development of new activities relating to cooking, growing, budgeting and using surplus food that fit into one of four themes:

Skills – To up-skill your community and raise awareness of sustainable, affordable, and healthy living. E.g. workshops, events, cookbooks, or how-to-guides.

Affordable food – To try out new ways to increase access to local and affordable food. E.g. food cooperatives, food box schemes or food markets.

Community connection – To provide opportunity for the community to come together around shared food.



E.g. community meals, coffee and chats, youth activities, and recipe shares.

Growing – To support community growing and increase the amount of edible food grown and shared locally. E.g. community gardens, greening projects and seed or plant sharing.

Timings

Applications close 31st May 2023 at 11.59pm.

For full information please read the below:

- Application guidance: [Here](#)
- Q&A webinar: [Here](#)
- Funding Eligibility: [Here](#)
- Terms & conditions: [Here](#)
- FAQs: [Here](#)
- Preview application questions: [Here](#)

To speak with us and hear more about the funding, please sign up to our online Q&A session on 20th April 2023 at 2.00pm: [Here](#)

[APPLY NOW](#)



The Brian Conlon Foundation

The Brian Conlon Foundation is an independent Charitable Trust set up in Brian's memory to continue his legacy by supporting causes that were close to his heart and that he was passionate about.

Grants will be awarded to community associations and groups in the Newry area, who are working to advance education, amateur sport, provide opportunities for young people, and assisting communities in the local area.

Grants up to £3,500 will be open for applications. The Brian Conlon Foundation will support the provision of support for projects based in **Newry City** – [view boundary map here](#)

The fund will focus on the following priorities:

- Advancement of Education
- Advancement of Amateur sport
- Opportunities for young people from the local area
- Assistance for communities in disadvantaged areas
- This might include

- Educational activities supporting people from disadvantaged areas
- Projects that provide enhanced sporting opportunities for people who are particularly disadvantaged
- Projects that will directly benefit those disaffected from mainstream education
- Early years intervention, particularly in disadvantaged areas, within Newry city



Awards will be available of up to a maximum of £3,500 to support small community projects. We anticipate, however, that the average grant will be around £2,000.

Closing date for applications is 19th May at 1pm. For more information and to apply, please visit [The Brian Conlon Foundation - Community Foundation Northern Ireland \(communityfoundationni.org\)](http://The Brian Conlon Foundation - Community Foundation Northern Ireland (communityfoundationni.org))

Road Safety Trust

The main aim of the Small Grants Programme is to improve road safety at a local level.

The programme has been designed after reviewing our first four years of funding and listening to the views of stakeholders. This told us that there was a need for funding for smaller, local projects with a practical focus.

We are looking for measurable interventions that link to local priorities and show a proposed link to reducing casualties either directly or through clear interim measures.

Eligible projects

Eligible projects are pilots/trials, expanding successful trials across a new area, and/or the evaluation of interventions. Projects should have the potential for being brought to scale - with the ultimate goal of reducing deaths and injuries both locally and across the UK.

Who can apply

Local Authorities, Police Forces, Fire and Rescue Services or UK-based registered charities, legally

constituted not-for-profit social enterprises or community interest companies can apply.

What's available

The maximum project length under this grant programme is 24 months. In 2023, the minimum amount is £10,000 and the maximum is £50,000 over two years in total. All small grants projects should have other sources of funding, cash or in-kind.

In making decisions, we will take a strategic approach so that a range of different types of project are funded that have the potential to improve road safety outcomes. All projects are expected to produce a report and describe how it will be shared and promoted.

For more information and to apply, please visit [Small Grants — Road Safety Trust](#)



Community Facilities Fund

The Community Facilities Fund (CFF) is a grant scheme to support minor capital works, repairs and/or implementation of digital solutions to enable groups and organisations to improve income opportunities, make changes to the facility use and/or make the facility more accessible and inclusive to further engage the local community. Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council recognises the vital role that community facilities play in providing local access to a range of important services in communities, hence the inclusion of this Fund as an integral part of the council's Local Investment Plan 2023/24.

The closing date for receipt of applications is 1.00pm on Monday 8 May 2023.

The aims of the programme are:

- to improve, upgrade and/or refurbish community facilities to offer activities and services which help to increase opportunity, reduce inequality and broaden community engagement;
- to provide better access to existing community services and create a wider range of services within local communities;
- to improve the ability to respond to community needs and improve community links and networks.



Lisburn & Castlereagh
**Strategic Community
Planning Partnership**

The Community Facilities Fund spend must align to the principles of the Community Plan which includes sustainability, development, equality and participation. All applications to this fund must ensure that they fall within the legal powers of the council.

[Click here to read the Community Plan](#)

The Community Facilities Fund has £40,000 available for each of the seven District Electoral Areas (DEA) and applicants can apply for a minimum of £5,000 up to a maximum of £10,000. This is part of our Local Investment Plan 2023/24.

Groups who were successful in receiving funding from this scheme in 2021 are not eligible to apply.

For more information and to apply, please visit [Community Facilities Fund \(lisburncastlereagh.gov.uk\)](https://lisburncastlereagh.gov.uk)

Impact Programme

Supporting social entrepreneurs to take their organisation to the next stage.

Overview

The Impact Programme is a nine-month accelerator programme that will provide you with specialised support to help you to bring your project or organisation to the next level, with a view to becoming a highly impactful, effective, scalable, and sustainable organisation.

Five social entrepreneurs led organisations will be selected to participate in the Impact Programme. As an Impact Programme Awardee your organisation will receive support in key business areas and direct funding worth over €20,000. You will join Ireland's largest network of social entrepreneurs working across the country to solve Ireland's social problems quickly and effectively.

Training & Support

Throughout the nine months, you will work with the Programme Manager to support you in key areas of need. We provide one-to-one support, coaching and consultancy as well as group training, in areas such as leadership development, communications, governance, strategic planning, fundraising, and resilience.

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Impact Programme Awardees receive support and



mentorship from a large number of extremely experienced social entrepreneurs currently driving social change across the country, along with Ireland's leading business experts. Awardees also become members of the SEI Community where you can continue to avail of support after the Impact Programme ends.

Funding Available

Impact Awardees receive unrestricted funding of €20,000 to support them to build strong foundations for their organisations and grow their impact, in addition to all non-financial supports mentioned above.

Important Information & Announcements

- Applications to the Impact Programme open once per year
- We will open for applications for our 2023 programme on the 18th April.

For more information, please visit [Impact Programme - Social Entrepreneurs Ireland](#)



Chances for Children

What are Chances for Children grants?

Individually tailored grants of up to £2,200 for children and young people who have experienced a crisis that has recently had a significant and enduring impact on their wellbeing and educational engagement.

We fund items and activities to help improve children and young people's wellbeing and increase their capacity to engage in education and learning.

Who can make an application to Buttle UK?

We only accept applications from frontline professionals working for a registered charity, housing association or public sector organisation who:

- are working directly with the children/young person
- have made a full assessment of the child's or young person's needs
- have carried out at least one home visit (optional for schools and colleges)

If successful, the professional will need to manage the funds, upload receipts within 8 weeks of receiving the grant, and complete an evaluation survey.

Who does Buttle UK help?

Children and young people must meet the following criteria:

Aged from 2 to 18 (including 18 year olds)
if living with parent or carer

OR

Aged 20 and under
if living independently with little or no support from their family

- Accessing education, learning or training



- Living on a low income and experiencing financial hardship
- Have experienced a crisis that has recently had a significant and enduring impact on:
 - their wellbeing
 - their development and education
- The family or young person has recently taken action to improve their situation, are actively engaging with support and are moving on from the crisis.

What does Buttle UK fund?

We fund holistic packages of support for children and young people that can include, but are not limited to:

- Items and activities to support learning and development such as laptops, books, wi-fi, educational toys, tuition, etc.
- Clothing and school uniforms
- Social, sporting and leisure activities
- Family activities
- Items for children's or young people's bedrooms
- Household items that are not available from other sources and which directly address the children's needs

For children who are unable to stay in their family home, we also fund boarding school places. Please click here for more information on [Support For Boarding](#).

For more information and to apply, please visit [Chances for Children: Grant Criteria - Buttle UK](#)

The Ireland Funds

The Heart of the Community Fund is an open grant round designed to meet the needs of not-for-profit organisations delivering vital services and supports to people across the island of Ireland.

The Ireland Funds recognises the challenges organisations face in securing funding to build their capacity or meet their core costs, so the **Heart of the Community Fund 2023** will provide Organisational Investment Grants with a fund of at least **€500,000**.

Funding Levels

The Heart of the Community Fund 2023 will provide grants between **€5,000 – €25,000**.

Applications

The Heart of the Community Fund 2023 will accept applications online until Tuesday, 9th May 2023.



THE IRELAND FUNDS

[START APPLICATION](#)

For more information please visit [Grants - The Ireland Funds, Progress through Philanthropy](#)



Climate Action Fund - Energy and Climate



This funding aims to inspire and support communities across the UK to address the energy and climate crisis. We're looking for projects that show how communities can address climate change while tackling the energy challenges through community-led climate action.

We want to fund projects that:

- encourage communities to use energy in an environmentally friendly way
- bring communities together so that they can explore ways to promote energy efficiency
- enable communities to understand and engage with opportunities for clean energy generation, which do not use fossil fuels.

All projects should consider how everyone in the community can get involved with climate action. They must also address any reasons why some people might be left out.

We're looking for projects that will bring a range of benefits to communities, including:

- improving health and well-being
- creating local 'green' jobs, such as jobs providing low-carbon heat for homes, community energy champions and energy advisors
- reducing carbon emissions
- supporting communities to be more resilient.

We want to fund projects that aim for long term

change. And projects that have the potential to have a positive impact beyond the communities they're directly working with.

Area: UK-wide

Suitable for: Community and voluntary organisations

Funding size

Projects can apply for up to £1.5 million over 2 to 5 years, with most projects over £500,000. Minimum grant £500,000. We aim to fund around 8-12 projects.

Total available

£10m including £1.5m for a Learning Network.

Application deadline

You can apply when you're ready. We expect the programme to remain open until at least December 2023 but it will depend on when and how many others apply for our funding.

There will be virtual information sessions on the following days:

- 16 May, 12:00 to 12:45
- 20 June, 12:00 – 12:45

For more information and to apply, please visit [Climate Action Fund - Energy and Climate | The National Lottery Community Fund \(tnccommunityfund.org.uk\)](https://tnccommunityfund.org.uk)



ONGOING FUNDING AVAILABLE

Community Grants Programme

The overall aim of the Halifax Foundation is:

To support charitable organisations within Northern Ireland to enable people, who are disadvantaged or with special needs, to participate actively in their communities.

The Foundation has two main target areas to which it seeks to allocate funds:

- Social and Community Needs
- Education and Training



Types of costs funded include - materials and equipment, contribution towards salary costs, overheads, transport costs, volunteer expenses, training/tutor costs, activity costs and refurbishment costs.

For more information and to apply, please visit [Funding Opportunities 2023 | Halifax Foundation NI](#)

The Foyle Foundation

Small Grants Scheme Guidelines

These guidelines were last updated on 8 March 2022. Guidelines and application forms are updated regularly throughout the year – please ensure you download the most recent guidelines to read through and to use the most recent application form links.

The Foundation understands that charities are now operating in different circumstances due to the pandemic. We are keen to be as flexible as can be in our support of small charities following this difficult and constantly changing period, while maintaining a focus on those who can demonstrate a clear (usually local) need for their services and financial viability over the twelve months from the date of their application.

Who Can Apply

Our Small Grants Scheme is designed to support charities registered and operating in the United Kingdom, especially those working at grass roots and local community level, in any field, across a wide range of activities. Please note we are not able to support individuals. School PTAs and Friend groups are not eligible to apply. We are unlikely to support newly set up charities without a track record.

Online applications can be accepted from charities that have an annual turnover of less than £150,000 per annum. Larger or national charities will normally not be considered under this scheme. We take into consideration your latest complete financial year, however, if you expect your turnover to exceed £150,000 in your current financial year, you are unlikely to be supported.

Please note that competition is intense; we receive many more applications than we are able to fund.

What the Foundation will Fund

Our focus will be to make one-year grants only, to cover core costs, projects, essential equipment or building projects.



Our priority will be to support local charities still active in their communities which are currently delivering services to the young, vulnerable, elderly, disadvantaged or the general community.

If applying for funding towards a capital project please apply towards the end of your fundraising campaign, when the majority of funding has been raised and you have an estimated start date for the works. We are unlikely to consider a request if the lease is less than 10 years. If your application is successful, the pledged grant offer is only valid for 12 months. Please note that the Foundation does not fund feasibility studies.

The Foyle Foundation does not fund religious activity or activities promoting religion. If applying from a religious organisation and/or place of worship we will expect to see a clear division in both your accounts and application between your religious and non-religious activity.

Applicants must show how any grant will make a significant difference to their current work.

How Much Can You Apply For

Charities can apply for between £2,000 and £10,000. Please note that if successful, the Trustees may award less than the amount requested.

When Can You Apply?

There are no deadlines - online applications can be submitted at any time. Once received, it will take up to four months, occasionally longer, to receive a decision from Trustees.

For more information and to apply, please visit [Small Grants Scheme - \(foylefoundation.org.uk\)](#)



Funding in Northern Ireland

The National Lottery Community Fund is the largest community funder in the UK. Each year we distribute millions of pounds of funding raised by National Lottery players to community groups and charitable projects across Northern Ireland.

Our priority is to keep money flowing to support communities across Northern Ireland.

We are here to help and want to talk to you about your ideas to support local communities. We have a range of open funding programmes and are happy to chat to you about these.

Contact us if you have an idea on 028 9055 1455 or at enquiries.ni@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk

National Lottery Awards for All Northern Ireland £300–£10,000

- Projects bringing local people together to make positive changes in their community.
- No deadline, so groups can apply any time.
- Applying is quick and simple.
- Applications welcome from constituted voluntary or community organisations, schools, and statutory bodies.
- If we funded you within the last two years, we may have to give priority to other groups that have not recently been funded through this programme.
- This funding is for projects that will run for 12 months or less

People and Communities £10,000–£500,000

- Project ideas should come from the community. Talk to the people you want to help and get them

involved in shaping and planning the project.

- Your project should make good use of the skills, knowledge, resources and energy of people within your community; making it stronger and ready for the future.
- Understand the need for your project and how it fits with the work of other organisations. Build relationships and work together on shared goals.
- Applications welcome from constituted voluntary or community organisations, and social enterprises.
- This funding is for projects that will run for between 1 and 5 years.



Empowering Young People £10,000–£500,000

- This funding is for projects that work with young people (8 – 25 years old), and which will run for between 1 and 5 years.
- Projects will help young people to: have the skills they need for the future; have better relationships with their support networks and communities; and/or have improved health and wellbeing.
- Young people must be involved in the planning and delivery of the project. They must be able to develop the skills to help themselves, and their support networks and communities need to be involved too.
- Applications welcome from constituted voluntary or community organisations, and social enterprises.

Apply here - [Funding in Northern Ireland | The National Lottery Community Fund \(tnlcommunityfund.org.uk\)](https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk)

Community Solutions to Housing and Homelessness

The programme supports the development, testing, and delivery of new ideas and collaborations. Addressing the root causes of housing issues and homelessness, by working with a range of organisations and giving voice to individuals with lived experience across Northern Ireland.

Expressions of interest are now open! We also have a number of online information workshops so you can find out more about the programme and ask your questions. [Sign up here.](#)

Expected outcomes:

- New collaborations emerge amongst organisations working on housing issues and homelessness
- New solutions to specific challenges within housing

and homelessness are developed and tested, placing the insights and voices of people with lived experience at the centre

- New opportunities to influence decision making and public services relating to housing and homelessness
- Enhanced knowledge and skills in creative problem solving for participating individuals and organisations

For more information please visit [Community Solutions to Housing and Homelessness - Community Foundation Northern Ireland \(communityfoundationni.org\)](https://www.communityfoundationni.org)



Grants for Northern Ireland

Before you apply

- Are you a charity or waiting to be called forward by the Charity Commission (have received a password) ?
- Do you produce annual accounts (if over one year old)?
- Do you have a written set of rules?
- Do you have a bank account in the name of the group which requires at least two unrelated signatories?
- Does your project fall within the criteria?

We accept requests for up to 3 years of funding when running costs are required. Preference is given to organisations seeking funding for projects which fall within the Foundation's target areas for giving which are:

- **core running costs**
- **volunteer out of pocket expenses**
- **education and training costs**
- **venue and travel costs**
- **one-off project costs**
- **small items of equipment (if part of a wider project)**

Trustees will continue to review the Foundation's grant making policy at regular intervals.

No grants are made to individuals, nor are grants made for capital building projects or for work that clearly falls



under statutory responsibility. Please see [What We Do Not Fund](#) for a complete list of our exclusions.

The size of grant varies, but we prefer to give smaller grants to a larger number of projects. Applications may be refused where we feel that the organisation concerned is already well funded or has large reserves. If your group is not a registered charity, you may apply for funding as long as the work you do is charitable in law.

The types of organisations / projects that we like to support

Those that are:

- trying to build and strengthen communities
- working in partnership with others
- carrying out trust building initiatives
- addressing previously unmet needs
- providing advice and support
- trying to change attitudes and broaden horizons

For more information, please visit [Grants for Northern Ireland - John Moores Foundation \(jmf.org.uk\)](http://jmf.org.uk)

BBC Children In Need

At BBC Children in Need, children and young people are at the heart of what we do. After the events of the last few years, we have developed a new charitable ambition and grantmaking strategy. This strategy focusses on our principles of:

- Sharing power with children and young people
- Acting flexibly
- Using our voice to build awareness and empathy around issues
- Building partnerships to bring communities and investors together

As part of this, we have made some significant changes to our grantmaking model:

- We will continue to offer project based funding, similarly to how we have in the past.
- We will be offering funding for core (organisational) costs as a separate grants stream.
- In spring 2023, we will launch a funding stream for smaller, emerging organisations. This stream is

aimed at organisations who may need greater support to access our funding.



Organisations will only be able to apply for one of these streams per year. Your organisation should choose which stream is most suitable to your work and we will provide more detailed information about them, over the coming months. We will also give more details about our funding priorities at a local and regional level.

Funding currently open for applications are -

- **[Project Grants Funding Stream - Project Costs Funding Stream - BBC Children in Need](#)**
- **[Core Grants Funding Stream - Core \(Organisational\) Costs Funding Stream - BBC Children in Need](#)**