

**Guide to local
funders and grant
programmes**

A group of four diverse school children are running and laughing joyfully outdoors. They are wearing school uniforms: light blue polo shirts and white button-down shirts, paired with dark grey trousers. The child on the far right is holding a clear water bottle. The background shows a green metal fence and some foliage. A white rectangular box is superimposed over the center of the image, containing the text 'we can move' in a bold, white, sans-serif font.

**we
can
move**

A handy guide to local funders and grant programmes

A

Active Gloucestershire – regular funding alert with current funding opportunities that support projects involving physical activity and health.

<https://confirmsubscription.com/h/j/C88EBDB0A97FEEDD>

Andy Fanshawe Memorial Trust

<http://www.andyfanshawe.org>

This grant making trust awards funding to disadvantaged young people to develop an existing interest in adventurous outdoor activities. This includes walking, climbing, cycling, kayaking, sailing, and horse riding, either self-planned or for residential courses at an outdoor centre.

B

Boost Charitable Trust

<https://www.boostct.org/get-involved>

Charities and non-profit making organisations that encourage people with disabilities to overcome challenges through sport can apply for grants up to £500. Applications can be made at any time.

C

CLA Charitable Trust:

<https://www.cla.org.uk/events/cla-charitable-trust>

The CLA Charitable Trust is dedicated to helping those who are disabled or disadvantaged benefit from access to the countryside, to take part in educational activities they would not have otherwise been able to enjoy.

Registered charities or community interest companies can apply for funding.

Comic Relief Community Fund

<https://www.groundwork.org.uk/national-grants/comicrelief-community-grants/>

Look into the Children Survive & Thrive programme if your idea supports children under the age of 5 to reach their potential and have the best start in life.

Fighting for Gender Justice programme provides grants for ideas and projects that improve equality for women, girls and the LGBTQI+ community and initiatives that help people affected by domestic violence, abuse or exploitation due to their gender.

Have a look at the Mental Health Matters programme if your project supports good mental health in communities, improves access to support and tackles stigma and discrimination.

Your group must have an income of less than £250,000. The fund provides capacity building grants up to £500 and grants of up to £4,000 for the cost of the delivery of your idea.

F

Forest of Dean District Council Community Grants

<https://www.fdean.gov.uk/residents/communities/community-grants-funding/>.

If you believe your idea helps to develop a stronger and more cohesive community within the Forest of Dean, you might be able to apply for a community grant. Your project must address one or more of the council's priorities:

- support, strengthen and empower communities
- deliver activities involving and for children and young people
- tackle an ageing population/healthy ageing.

You must either be a constituted not-for-profit voluntary or registered charitable organisation, a community interest company or a group of people (minimum of

three) who have come together for a specific project/activity and have a plan of action.

Applications open on a first come, first served basis until 31 March 2020.

G

Gloucestershire County Council – county-wide funding programmes

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/business-property-and-economy/finance-funding-and-grants/>

Gloucestershire County Council: Growing our Communities Fund

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/businessproperty-and-economy/finance-funding-and-grants/growing-our-communitiesfund>

Applications are welcomed from the following:

- community or voluntary groups
- registered charities
- community interest companies
- town or parish councils
- sport groups
- schools

If you deliver activities that bring wider community benefit to residents in Gloucestershire, you can apply for a grant from this fund. Applications will not be received after 1 January 2021.

Your activity must do one or more of the following:

- promote healthy lifestyles
- contribute to identifying and reducing social isolation
- develop self-supporting hubs
- digital/virtual support networks
- support safer neighbourhoods

Councillors have £30,000 to allocate to one project or across several in their division. The Council aims to process applications under £5,000 within one month of receipt and over £5,000 within two months.

If you're interested in this funding you must approach your local councillor to discuss your application.

Find out who your local councillor is below:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/find-your-councillor/>

Gloucestershire Community Foundation

<https://www.gloucestershirecf.org.uk/Pages/Category/our-grant-programmes>

Depending on the grant programme you apply for – Gloucestershire Community Foundation have grants available from £250 up to £10,000. Your project must be based in Gloucestershire and should support opportunities for those who experience disadvantage.

Gloucestershire Community Foundation prioritise funding to projects that do one or more of the following:

- add value to existing community provision
- enable people to take up opportunities that would otherwise not be available to them
- encourage local volunteers to engage with their communities.

Please visit their website to look at the application deadlines and different grant programmes available.

Gloucestershire Disability Fund

<http://www.glosdisabilityfund.org.uk/>

Individuals and organisations can apply for a grant from the Gloucestershire Disability Fund.

Funding of up to £750 for individuals and up to £2,500 for eligible groups and organisations is available.

H

Henry Smith Strengthening Communities:

<https://www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/explore-ourgrants-and-apply/strengthening-communities-grants/strengtheningcommunities-overview>

Community-led charities and not-for-profit organisations can apply if they operate in one of the 10% most deprived areas in the UK. Funding is available for running costs which may include salaries, project costs, and small capital costs.

Applications can be made at any time.

L

Lord's Taverners Outdoor Play Programme

www.lordstaverners.org/outdoor-play-spaceslords-taverners

The Lord's Taverners provides grants to SEN Schools to enable them to purchase a range of outdoor playground and gym equipment (generally award grants of up to 80% (of the NET cost) to a maximum level of £25,000.

M

Mayfield Homes Trust

www.mayfieldhometrusterust.ltd.uk

The Trust provides grants to individuals with learning disabilities, or families with a member who has learning disabilities to purchase items which would improve the life of the beneficiary, support personal development, or items to develop the hobbies or interests of the beneficiary.

P

Persimmon Community Champions Fund:

<http://www.persimmonhomes.com/charity>

The Persimmon Community Champions Fund programme makes donations and grants of up to £1,000 to local groups and charities who have already raised vital funds themselves. Applications can be made at any time.

Persimmon Postcode Community Trust

The Postcode Community Trust supports projects which improve community health and wellbeing; arts and physical recreation and reduce isolation.

Voluntary and community organisations, community interest companies, not-for-profit organisations and social enterprises can apply for funding up to £2,000.

Registered charities can apply for up to £20,000.

Deadline: 4 February 2020.

More for information go to <http://www.postcodecommunitytrust.org.uk/>.

R

Robin Greaves Sports Foundation

<https://sapca.org.uk/funding-opportunities/robingreaves-foundation/>

The Robin Greaves Sports Foundation provides grants to charitable and not-for-profit groups who promote sports and recreation to people living in Berkshire, Gloucestershire, Hampshire and Oxfordshire.

Rotary in Gloucester Community Awards

<https://www.rotary-ribi.org/clubs/page.php?PgID=567636&ClubID=602>

These awards are organised by the four Rotary Clubs in the city – Gloucester, Rotary@ Kingsholm, Gloucester Severn, and Gloucester Quays.

The aim of the Community Awards programme is to support organisations within the city area with a small grant which 'will make a real difference'. This is a small grants programme with awards of up to a maximum of £500. No application is being considered as too small.

Priority will be given to specific projects promoted by small groups/organisations that aim to:

- improve or expand a current activity
- replace or enhance current equipment
- offer value for money by involving a good number of people
- work with vulnerable or disadvantaged children or adults
- work in a deprived Gloucester community

For other income generation and fundraising ideas, please visit Sport England's Club Matters page:

<http://www.sportenglandclubmatters.com/club-finances/generating-income/>

S

Supermarkets

- **Asda**

<https://www.asdafoundation.org/what-wefund/significant-local-community-projects>

You should first approach your local store to see if your project is something that the store's Community Champion would be willing to support.

- **Greggs**

<https://www.greggsfoundation.org.uk/grants/localcommunity-projects->

The Greggs Local Community Projects Fund helps organisations based in local communities to deliver projects or provide equipment to people in need. All projects must support a 'community of interest', these include people who are; disabled or suffering chronic illness,

people living in poverty, voluntary carers, people who are homeless or isolated. The Foundation is more likely to make grants to organisations near Greggs shops.

Grants are made up to the value of £2,000. The next deadline is 23 February 2020.

- **Morrisons Foundation**

<https://www.morrisonsfoundation.com/>

Morrisons will match fund money that Morrisons colleagues raise for their chosen charities.

- **Tesco Bags of Help**

<https://tescobagsofhelp.org.uk/tesco-community-grants/>

Tesco's Bags of Help, administered by Groundwork, funds local projects that benefit the community. These could cover, for example, purchase of sports kit; litter pickers; camping equipment; improvements to buildings; the development of outdoor spaces such as a play area or woodland; running a community event or supporting seasonal activities.

Voluntary or community organisations (including registered charities/companies), schools, health bodies (e.g. Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs), NHS Hospital Trust, Foundation Trust), Parish/Town Councils, local authorities and social housing providers can apply for up to £2,000.

A public vote determines which groups will receive a grant. In 2020 projects that receive the most votes will receive a maximum grant of £2,000, second place will receive up to £1,000 and third place a grant of up to £500. Three projects from each local area will be shortlisted to go to the public vote every three months. Applications can be made at any time.

Sport England Community Asset Fund

<https://www.sportengland.org/funding/community-assetfund>

This is a capital fund (a fund that will help to purchase assets such as equipment, furniture or buildings) dedicated to enhancing the spaces in your local community that give people the opportunity to be active.

Take a look at their website which gives you guidance on how to make your application or speak to the team at Active Gloucestershire who will be happy to help.

Applications can be made at any time.

Sport England Small Grants

www.sportengland.org/funding/small-grants

The small grants programme supports projects that help everyone to take part in physical activity, formal sport and informal activity to help people lead more active lifestyles. Some people and communities face barriers to getting active; this funding can support your project to run activities that help overcome these barriers and isn't just for formal or traditional sports.

If you're part of a not-for-profit, voluntary or community club or organisation, a registered charity, community interest company, social enterprise, school or statutory body, you can apply for funding up to £10,000. The total cost of your project must not be higher than £50,000. Applications can be submitted at any time.

Swimathon Foundation

<https://swimathonfoundation.org/swimathongrants/grants-scheme-information>

This scheme offers funding between £500 and £2,500 to groups who provide and promote swimming in their local community; in particular to groups that would otherwise not take part.

You might be a community groups, swimming club, a senior or youth club, scout group or healthy living group (for a full list, visit their website) but you will need to be supported by pools participating in Swimathon.

T

The Archer Trust

<http://www.archertrust.org.uk>

The Trust awards grants to small charities working in areas of high unemployment and deprivation who provide support to those with physical or mental disabilities. Grants available are between £500 and £4,000.

The Baily Thomas Charitable Fund

www.bailythomas.org.uk

The Baily Thomas Fund makes grants to charities and organisations for research into learning disability and to aid the care and relief of those affected by learning disability.

Projects can be for children or adults. Grants can cover capital projects and core costs to include staff costs, general running and office costs at charitable organisations, schools and centres.

The Barbara Ward Children's Charity

<http://www.bwcf.org.uk/>

This charity provides funding to charities and organisations helping children who are disadvantaged in some respect.

Funded ideas include educational projects, holidays, care and respite, health and wellbeing, sport, play and leisure.

The Barnwood Trust

<https://www.barnwoodtrust.org/grants/>

If your idea involves anyone with a disability, Barnwood Trust offers different grant programmes that can help. Individuals and organisations can apply for a grant from Barnwood Trust. There are more funding pots available than mentioned below – take a look at their [website](#).

- **Small Sparks** grants help fund start-up costs or equipment so you can do things together with people where you live. **Grants of up to £250** are available and there is no formal application form.
- **Small grants of up to £1,000** are available to organisations in Gloucestershire that work directly to benefit the quality of life of people with disabilities and mental health challenges. Grants could be for new projects, pilot schemes or specific equipment.
- **Equipment grants of up to £5,000** to purchase sports-related equipment for organisations in Gloucestershire who work to benefit people with disabilities and mental health challenges. Examples are rugby wheelchairs and wheelchair accessible bikes.
- **The Family Leisure Grant is a one-off grant of £50 per person per household.** The purpose of this grant is to encourage families to visit attractions within Gloucestershire with the aim of continuing to self-fund visits in the future. This is available for families where one or more person within the household has a physical disability or a long-term mental health condition.
- **The Community Spaces Capital Grants** aim to support communities or organisations that would like to develop inclusive community spaces; places where everyone is welcome to meet and do things together.

The Bruce Wake Charitable Trust

<https://brucewaketrust.co.uk/index.php/grants/>

This trust awards funding to organisations who provide leisure activities for people with physical disabilities with a focus to support wheelchair users.

The Football Foundation

www.footballfoundation.org.uk/looking-for-funding

The Football Foundation is the Premier League, The FA and Government's charity that helps communities improve their local football facilities. If you are a football club, school, district council or local sports association and need some funding support with your football-related facilities such as changing rooms, kit or storage, visit their website to start your application or email support@gloucestershirefa.com for more information.

Applications can be made at any time.

This Girl Can Community Fund

<https://www.thisgirlcan.co.uk/community-fund/>

This fund aims to support women aged 16+ to get active by offering National Lottery grants to local projects that will contribute to overcoming barriers some women face in getting active: from a lack of opportunities offered in their local area, to cost and availability of childcare.

Community groups, schools, not-for-profit organisations, clubs or charities can apply for grants of up to £10,000.

You must submit your application by 25 February 2020 and should find out if you are successful within 8 weeks. Take a look at the website for more information or contact Louisa at your local Active Partnership:
louisahancox@activegloucestershire.org.

The National Lottery Community Fund – Awards for All

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/under10k>

Grants are awarded for community activity projects that improve local communities. Projects must meet at least one of the following three priorities:

- bring people together and build strong relationships in and across your community
- improve the places and spaces that matter to your community
- help people to fulfil their potential by working to address potential issues at the earliest possible stage.

You can apply if you are part of a voluntary and community organisation, registered charity, social enterprise, schools, parish and town councils. Grants between £300 and £10,000 are available and applications can be made any time. Decisions take about 10 weeks.

The Summerfield Charitable Trust

<http://www.summerfield.org.uk>

The Trust will consider funding your activity if it involves education, sport or recreation, or community work. Charities and organisations based in the six district councils of Gloucestershire can apply.

The Trust awards between 70 and 80 grants each year ranging from £500.

Applications reopen from

- 6 February – 9 March
- 4 May – 5 June
- 27 July – 25 September 2020

U

Ulverscroft Foundation

<https://www.ulverscroft-foundation.org.uk/>

The Ulverscroft Foundation supports charities and community groups that help visually impaired people.

V

VCS Alliance Gloucestershire – free funding opportunities bulletin

<http://www.glosvcsalliance.org.uk/external-funding-opportunities-bulletin/>

Village Hall Improvement Grant

<http://acre.org.uk/our-work/village-hall-improvementgrant%20fund B>

The Government has launched a £3 million fund to improve village halls. The funding they award will help to fund the updating and refurbishment of village halls, so they are fit for purpose and provide activities which seek to achieve one or more of the following outcomes for their communities:

- improved health and wellbeing/reduction in loneliness
- support for the local rural economy

Who can apply?

- Registered Charities
- Charitable Trusts
- Charitable Incorporated Organisations
- Community Associations which are registered Charities
- Multipurpose Church Halls and Scout and Guide buildings are eligible where they are open for the whole community, there is no alternative village hall and they are clearly advertised as multipurpose.

Funding up to £75,000 is available but will only fund up to 20% of eligible costs.

Deadline: 31 March 2020 or until the funds are fully committed.

Y

Your Gloucester Small Grants

<https://www.gloucester.gov.uk/community-living/community-grants/yourgloucester-small-grants/>

Your activity will need to kick start or enhance community-based activities to benefit groups, young people or adults in Gloucester City. Grants are available to individuals* (up to £250) and groups (up to £500) to residents who are not currently involved in local community activities.

Individuals must have the support of a constituted group and applications can be made at any time.

For more information please contact Louisa Hancox at louisahancox@activegloucestershire.org or [sign up](#) to get regular funding alerts direct to your inbox.

