

C3SC BRIEFING: Funding and Support Update November 2025

Welcome to this month's Briefing on Funding and Support. C3SC is the infrastructure charity for Cardiff – we support, develop, promote and represent the voluntary sector and volunteers across the city. This monthly bulletin features new and existing funding opportunities across a range of themes to support community and voluntary groups with the aim of helping you stay updated with the latest news on funding and support to sustainably deliver your voluntary services and activities. As well as details of how to contact us for advice and help, this month's briefing includes opportunities -

To strengthen communities -

- [Welsh Government - Equality & Inclusion Grant Programme](#)
- [The Kristina Martin Charitable Trust](#)
- [The Clothworkers' Foundation - Open Grants Programme](#)

Support young people -

- [The National Lottery Community Fund - Meithrin Natur Programme](#)
- [Paul Hamlyn Foundation - Youth Fund](#)
- [Thomas Wall Trust - Grants for Registered Charities](#)
- [The True Colours Trust - Small Grants UK](#)

Support projects focused on older people -

- [Home Instead Charities Grant](#)
- [Charles Hayward Foundation Small Grants - Older People](#)

Enhance the environment -

- [WCVA Funding - Landfill Disposals Tax Communities Scheme](#)
- [Grass Pitch Maintenance Fund](#)
- [The Stobart Sustainability Fund](#)

Support business and enterprise -

- [Community Asset Loan Fund](#)

- **Community Builders Fund**

Explore the full bulletin – compiled by Thoria at C3SC (email thoria.m@c3sc.org.uk) - for details of the latest opportunities to apply for funding, and visit our website at <https://c3sc.org.uk/support/funding-and-advice> for more information on these and other current funding options and to subscribe to our mailing list.

Every year, C3SC helps hundreds of local voluntary groups and organisations to plan and apply for funding and resources, and through our small grant schemes. Contact our friendly team to find out more about how we can help - e-mail enquiries@c3sc.org.uk or find our contact details [here](#).

‘Our relationship with the C3SC team has had a tangible impact on our sustainability and we appreciate their time, knowledge, and enthusiasm.’

- One of the local community groups C3SC supported to set up and find resources.

Funding opportunities – UPCOMING DEADLINES:

New Welsh Government St Davids Day 2026 - Pilot Support Fund for activities aimed at bringing communities together to celebrate Wales’ patron saint Dewi Sant. **Application deadline: 14th November 2025, 12pm.**

Welsh Government - Equality & Inclusion Grant Programme Revenue grants to help raise awareness and support equality and inclusion within communities. **Application deadline 16th November 2025.**

The National Lottery Community Fund - Meithrin Natur Programme This funding aims to improve the health and wellbeing of children and their caregivers in Wales. **Application deadline 1st December 2025, 12pm.**

Cash4Clubs A small grants scheme set up to support local sports clubs. **Application deadline: 8th December 2025.**

New The Kristina Martin Charitable Trust Providing grants to UK registered charities whose work supports those with mental health issues. **Application deadline: 12th December 2025.**

New [Weston Loan Programme - Art Fund](#) Grants that enable short-term loans of important works of art and artefacts to museums and galleries across the UK. **Application deadline: 12th December 2025.**

New [WCVF Funding - Landfill Disposals Tax Communities Scheme](#) Funding for projects focused on one or more of the following themes of biodiversity, waste minimisation, or wider environmental enhancement. **Application deadline: 12th December 2025.**

New [Gale Charitable Trust](#) Funding for organisations promoting education, community outreach and legal advocacy relating to refugees, people seeking asylum and migrants. **Application deadline: June 2026.**

Funding opportunities - ROLLING DEADLINES/MULTIPLE ROUNDS:

[Warburtons Community Grants](#) Small grants of up to £400 to support charitable organisations towards broader activities which improve health, place or skills for families. **Quarterly rolling programme – Next application deadline: 4th November 2025.**

[Thomas Wall Trust - Grants for Registered Charities](#) Grants for projects for people who want to improve their employment prospects, self-confidence, resilience, and life chances. **Application deadline: 1st stage application - 22nd December 2025.**

[Ashley Family Foundation](#) Applications are open to organisations based in and working with people in Wales for arts, crafts and education focused projects particularly benefiting those who are isolated or most in need in their community. **Rolling Programme - The next application deadline is 31st December 2025.**

[Arts Wales Funding - Create](#) Funds the development and creation of high-quality arts experiences that help creative individuals and organisations engage and connect with the public. **Rolling programme – Next application deadline: 14th January 2026, 1pm.**

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Arts Health and Wellbeing Lottery Funding Grants for partnerships from across the arts, health, social care and voluntary sectors to provide high-quality creative projects that deliver health and wellbeing benefits for the people of Wales.

Rolling Programme – The next funding window will close on 21st January 2026.

Toy Trust Providing grants for the benefit of children across the UK. **Quarterly rolling programme – Application deadline mid-November 2025.**

The Joseph Rank Trust Grants Capital grants for Church property schemes and three-year grants for core costs. **Rolling programme.**

National Grid - Community Grant Programme Grants aimed at community organisations and charities in areas where National Grid work is impacting local people through their operations and construction activities. **Quarterly rolling programme – Next application window opens in October 2025 and January 2026.**

The Kelly Family Charitable Trust Grants of up to £5,000 are available for registered charities working on activities involving family members including in early intervention, mediation, prison services and services for families affected by sexual abuse, physical abuse, domestic violence, and other challenges. **Rolling twice a year - Next application deadline: 1st March 2026.**

New Sea-Changers Main Grants One-off grants to UK-based charities and not-for-profit organisations carrying out marine conservation related activities. **Application deadline: 31st March and 30th September each year.**

New Home Instead Charities Grant Funding for groups who support the mental, physical, and emotional wellbeing of ageing adults. **Quarterly rolling programme - January; April; July and October**

New David Riddell Grants The trustees will make discretionary grants of between £5,000 and £25,000 where they believe that their contribution will make a real difference to suicide awareness or prevention. **Rolling programme.**

Paul Hamlyn Foundation - Migration Fund for projects to create a better future for people who are migrants where everyone is free to move, and no one is forced to move.

Paul Hamlyn Foundation - Youth Fund Supporting organisations whose main purpose is working with and for young people (aged 14-25) who face complex transitions into adulthood. **Rolling programme.**

Funding opportunities – NO APPLICATION DEADLINE:

New [The Clothworkers' Foundation - Open Grants Programme](#) Funding capital costs that support the infrastructure needs of small and medium-sized charitable organisations working with disadvantaged and marginalised people and communities.

[Community Facilities programme](#) Grants of up to £300,000 to increase opportunities, create prosperity for all and develop resilient communities.

[Viridor - Project Green](#) Funding for projects based around sustainability, local need, community involvement, value for money and education.

[A Place for Sport - Crowdfunder](#) A match funding scheme for not-for-profit clubs and community groups looking to raise money for 'off field' improvements.

[Aviva Community Fund](#) help for local causes to build stronger communities across the UK, helping create a better future for tomorrow.

[Barchester's Charitable Foundation – grants for small organisations](#) to help reduce isolation and loneliness, promote group activities, and generally improve people's independence, mobility, and quality of life.

[Bernard Sunley Foundation Grants](#) Funding to raise the quality of life and offer greater opportunities for people who are young, elderly, with disabilities, and who are disadvantaged.

[Cardiff Council - Period Dignity Grant 2024-2025](#) to ensure menstrual dignity for individuals from low-income households within the Cardiff area. Eligible applicants can apply for a maximum of £2,000.

[Charles Hayward Foundation Small Grants - Older People](#) Providing grants of up to £7,000 for projects focusing on older people.

[Community Builders Fund](#) Loans of between £100k and £1.5m to charities and social enterprises who are improving people's lives, or the environment they live in.

Garfield Weston Foundation Grants to support a wide range of charities working in different sectors in the UK - including welfare, youth, community, environment, education, health, arts, heritage, and faith - that make a positive difference.

Grass Pitch Maintenance Fund Tackling inequalities by providing improved access to safe, quality cricket facilities.

The Hargreaves Foundation Applications are open for organisations seeking funding to support people through the mediums of sport and education who are under the age of 18 and living with a mental health problem, physical disability or growing up in poverty.

Heritage in Need: Places of Worship Funding to help places of worship across the UK tackle heritage challenges systemically

The Martin Geddes Charitable Trust Offering grants for projects tackling and preventing addiction to drugs of any description or other addictive substances.

Material Focus – Electricals Recycling Fund Funding to support recycling, reuse or repair organisations that test creative and practical methods for collecting unwanted electricals.

Moon Dance Foundation - General Funding provides grants to organisations and causes that provide transformational changes in communities in Wales and beyond.

The Morrisons Foundation Supporting registered charities delivering projects which help to improve people's lives.

The National Lottery (TNL) Community Fund Wales Open to all applications that meet the criteria, including supporting people and communities most set back by the pandemic. Three main funding programmes are open for applications – National Lottery Awards for All, People and Places: Medium Grants and People and Places: Large Grants - with the priority of keeping money flowing to support communities across Wales.

National Lottery Heritage Grants - £10,000 to £250,000 Funding projects that connect people and communities to national, regional, and local UK heritage.

Noson Allan - Night Out The Arts Council of Wales Night Out scheme works with communities around Wales to bring performing arts to local halls and community venues.

Percy Bilton Charity Grants Capital grants for registered charities working with disadvantaged/underprivileged young people, people with disabilities or mental health challenges, and older people.

The Persimmon Charitable Foundation - Community Champions 2024

Supporting local charities, sports clubs, and worthy causes across the country.

The Stobart Sustainability Fund Supporting community-led sustainability and environmental projects and initiatives to help them transform their local community.

Sustainable Steps Wales Egin Grants Funding to help groups who are receiving support from the Egin mentoring programme to kickstart their ideas.

Swire Charitable Trust Funding Grants to charities supporting some of the UK's most vulnerable people, and to charities protecting the environment and heritage.

The True Colours Trust - Small Grants UK of up to £10,000 are available to small charities and projects working to support disabled children and their families.

Tuvida Carers Financial Wellbeing Support provides grants, financial support and education to unpaid carers living in Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan.

The Wakeham Trust Funding to help small groups of people who are getting together to make a difference in their communities.

Funding opportunities with MULTIPLE STAGE APPLICATIONS - please use the links to visit their websites for more details

The National Churches Trust Grants Awards of medium and large grants to churches, chapels, and other places of worship in the United Kingdom for the conservation of decorative features and monuments. **Deadline for applications for the large grant - 1st November 2025; for the medium – 16th December 2025.**

Sport Wales Funding - Be Active Wales Fund Providing National Lottery funding to help sports clubs and community groups in Wales to get more people active. **Deadline for expression of interest: 9th January 2026, 9:00am.**

New Aim Museum Fundamentals This grant will allow small and medium sized museums to create projects based on their collection needs. **Expressions of interest: 6th February 2026 and 7th August 2026, 5pm.**

Energy Industry Voluntary Redress Scheme Funding to support energy consumers, from making a home more energy efficient, to providing advice that helps consumers keep on top of their bills. **Quarterly 1st stage application.**

Benefact Trust Funding for churches and Christian charities to care for heritage and engage with communities.

CLA Charitable Trust Grants Helping people who are disabled or disadvantaged to visit and take part in learning experiences about the countryside. **No deadline for expressions of interest.**

Community Asset Loan Fund the Welsh Government Community Asset Loan Fund offers loan finance to groups looking to bring property into community ownership.

Esmee Fairbairn Foundation Grant Funding to improve our natural world, secure a fairer future, and strengthen the bonds in communities in the UK.

The Rayne Foundation Grants Funding of between £10,000 - £30,000 in the fields of arts, health, wellbeing, and education. **No deadline for expressions of interest.**

Tesco Community Grants The scheme is open to all registered charities and notfor-profit organisations; priority given to projects that provide food and support to young people.

Windrush Justice Programme Small grants of £22,000 (for two years) offered to Windrush groups providing advocacy support to victims of the Windrush scandal.

The Yapp Charitable Trust Grants for core funding for small UK registered charities with a total annual expenditure of less than £40,000 and running for a minimum of 3 years and undertaking work that focuses on specific priority groups.

Other support and resources:

C3SC is the umbrella charity for the voluntary sector in Cardiff. We provide information and advice to volunteers and not-for-profit groups and opportunities to network, learn and exchange ideas.

C3SC's Membership Directory is our free searchable online directory of over 1,200 local community and voluntary groups in Cardiff to help you find and connect with relevant local voluntary services and activities and for signposting. Our members can sign up to the directory free of charge and update their details. To find out more about becoming a member of C3SC, email us at membership@c3sc.org.uk.

C3SC's Cost of Living Information Hub is a one-stop-shop for local individuals, groups, and organisations for up-to-date advice and information on coping with hardship and the cost-of-living crisis.

C3SC Contacts - our helpful and friendly team at C3SC can help you to find and apply for funding and resources to sustainably develop and deliver your local voluntary and community services. If you are looking for free, impartial and confidential advice and information on applying for funding and resources, income generation, training, commissioning and partnership opportunities, business planning, C3SC's grant schemes, setting up a CIC/social business or anything else, e-mail enquiries@c3sc.org.uk or find all our contact details [here](#).