

C3SC BRIEFING: Funding and Support Update January 2026

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 -

- [**Macmillan Care Grants**](#)
- [**Arts Health and Wellbeing Lottery Funding**](#)
- [**Tuvida Carers Financial Wellbeing Support**](#)

To support young people -

- [**Weavers Company Charitable Grants**](#)
- [**The7 Stars Foundation**](#)
- [**Masonic Charitable Foundation - Early Years Grants**](#)

To support projects focused on older people -

- [**Bernard Sunley Foundation Grants**](#)
- [**Home Instead Charities Grant**](#)

To enhance the environment -

- [**Grass Pitch Maintenance Fund**](#)
- [**The Stobart Sustainability Fund**](#)

To 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 funding opportunities 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](#).

A local community group who C3SC supported into successfully applying for The National Lottery funding bid to build their community hub so more people benefit from a new cultural heritage hub in Cardiff told us, *'The application process was completed quickly because the funding requirements were followed with advice, guidance and support given by C3SC's Third Sector Development Officer. With utmost gratitude, we would like to express our appreciation for the opportunity to deliver this cultural heritage project to constituents and beneficiaries in Cardiff.'*

Funding opportunities – UPCOMING DEADLINES:

New [Earth Raise](#) Gives environmental charities the opportunity to have donations doubled for seven days, starting on World Earth Day (22–29 April 2026).
Application deadline: 16th January 2026.

[D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust](#) Grants to registered charities working in the areas of the advancement of the arts, health and medical welfare and environmental protection or improvement. **Application deadline: 21st January 2026.**

[Macmillan Care Grants](#) The Care Grants programme supports community organisations across the UK to tackle unfairness in cancer care. **Application deadline: 23rd January 2026.**

New [Perthyn Funding For Community Groups 2026](#) provides local early-stage support to developing social enterprises, co-operatives, community-led housing or community land trusts through the medium of Welsh. **Application deadline: 31st January 2026, 10pm.**

New [The 7 Stars Foundation](#) Grants for charities to deliver innovative, long-term solutions that support vulnerable young people aged 18 years old and under.
Application deadline: 1st February 2026.

New [Short Breaks Scheme Wales - 2026-2029](#) The scheme aims to increase the availability of short breaks for unpaid carers to improve wellbeing and to strengthen resilience. **Application deadline: 2nd February 2026; 10am.**

New [Fund for Wales](#) Open to small, local, community led charities with an annual income of less than £100,000. The fund aims to improve people's chances in life, build stronger communities, improve rural and urban environments, encourage healthier and more active people and communities, and preserve heritage and culture. **Application deadline: 9th March 2026, 12pm noon.**

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

Funding opportunities - ROLLING DEADLINES/MULTIPLE ROUNDS:

[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 January 2026.**

[Arts Wales Funding - Create](#) Funds for 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.**

[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.**

[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 [Weavers Company Charitable Grants](#) Provides support to young offenders and ex-offenders, as well as young people involved in the Criminal Justice System. **Rolling programme - 12th March, 2nd July and 12th November 2026.**

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

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

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

Toy Trust Providing grants for the benefit of children across the UK. **Quarterly rolling programme – Application deadline will be announced in 2026.**

Funding opportunities – NO APPLICATION DEADLINE:

New Storm Impact and Preparedness Funding With funding from the Welsh Government, Cardiff Third Sector Council is offering a discretionary funding opportunity to support organisations affected directly or indirectly by recent storms. This funding is intended to help groups recover, strengthen resilience, and continue providing vital services to their communities, with all expenditure to be spent by the end of March 2026.

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.

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.

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.

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 to 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

Masonic Charitable Foundation - Early Years Grants Funding for targeted interventions that support children who are living in the most disadvantaged circumstances.

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

[Moon Dance Foundation - General Funding](#) provides funding 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.

[National Deaf Children's Society - Community Grants](#) Providing funding of between £1,000 and £10,000 for projects supporting deaf children and their families.

[The National Lottery \(TNL\) Community Fund Wales](#) Open for 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](#) - up to £10,000 is 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.

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

[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

New [Quaker Housing Trust](#) Provides advice, support, loans and grants to organisations to ensure that homes are available, safe, decent, and affordable. **For the main grant and loans - Deadline of expression of interest: 29th January 2026, 5pm; for Best Practice Grant & Quaker Asset Grant programme - Application deadline: 26th March, 5pm.**

[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 – 3rd March 2026; for the small and medium – 14th April 2026.**

[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.

[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.**

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

Tesco Community Grants The scheme is open to all registered charities and not-for-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 people across the voluntary sector and wider community to find and connect with relevant local voluntary services and activities. Members can sign up for free and keep their details updated. To find out more about membership, email us at membership@c3sc.org.uk.

C3SC's Cost of Living Information Hub provides a one-stop-shop for up-to-date advice and information for individuals, groups and organisations on helping to cope with the cost-of-living crisis and other hardships.

C3SC Contacts Our helpful and friendly team at C3SC are here to help you 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](#).