

C3SC BRIEFING: Funding and Support Update March 2026

Welcome to this month's Funding and Support bulletin from C3SC, the infrastructure charity for Cardiff. We support, develop, promote, and represent the voluntary sector and volunteers across the city. This monthly bulletin aims to help you to sustainably deliver your voluntary services and activities by providing the latest news and updates on funding and support, including the following new and existing funding opportunities across a range of themes to support voluntary, community and faith groups, including

Strengthening communities -

- [Arts Health and Wellbeing Lottery Funding](#)
- [Volunteering Wales Strategic Grant Scheme](#)
- [Tuvida Carers Financial Wellbeing Support](#)

Supporting young people -

- [Weavers Company Charitable Grants](#)
- [Henry Smith Foundation Grants - Holiday Grant Programme](#)
- [Masonic Charitable Foundation - Early Years Grants](#)

Supporting projects focused on older people -

- [McCarthy Stone Foundation Dementia Grant Programmes](#)
- [Bernard Sunley Foundation Grants](#)
- [Home Instead Charities Grant](#)

Enhancing the environment –

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

Supporting 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 provides support 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](#).

C3SC recently helped a local arts and community group with tailored advice and to successfully apply for a National Lottery People and Places Grant. They shared some great feedback - *'Thomas helped us clarify our governance arrangements, strengthen our case for support, and think through the implications of different legal structures...A key lesson learned was the importance of having clear governance, financial oversight, and long-term planning in place before scaling further. This work has had a positive impact on our Board, staff, freelancers, and the communities we serve - it has increased our organisational resilience and funding success.'*

Funding opportunities – UPCOMING DEADLINES:

New [McCarthy Stone Foundation Dementia Grant-programmes](#) Grants to dementia clubs and memory cafés supporting people living with dementia and their carers within local communities. **Application deadline: 13th March 2026.**

New [Carers Trust Carers Support Fund Programme 2026-29](#) Minimum grants of £20,000 available to organisations who support unpaid carers based in Wales or working in Wales. **Application deadline: 10am, 23rd March 2026.**

New [The Fore: Summer 2026 Funding Round](#) Grants of up to £45,000 unrestricted funding over 1 to 3 years to fund small charities to create a step change in their organisation such as increasing staff capacity, and supporting growth, structure, sustainability, and efficiency. **Registration will open for one week from 12pm (midday) on Wednesday, 25th March 2026, to 12pm (midday) on Wednesday 1st April 2026.**

New [Volunteering Wales Strategic Grant Scheme](#) Open for projects looking long-term at volunteering and improving volunteering practices in Wales. **Application deadline: 11:59pm, 22nd May 2026.**

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.**

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 November 2026, 12pm noon.**

Funding opportunities - ROLLING DEADLINES/MULTIPLE ROUNDS:

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.**

New Henry smith Foundation Grants - Holiday Grant Programme One-off grants to schools, youth groups and not-for-profit organisations to support recreational day trips or short residential breaks for children aged 13 and under, with priority given to groups supporting disabled children and those with limited access to holiday funding. **Application deadlines: 19th March (for trips between 12th Jan & 30th April). For trips between 1st May and 30th Sept, applications are open from 20th March to 19th Aug 2026.**

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 Wednesday 27th May 2026; 1:00pm

New Sport Wales - The Be Active Fund This National Lottery-backed fund provides grants between **£300 and £50,000** for not-for-profit sports clubs and community organisations in Wales with the aim of increasing local participation in sports and physical activity. **Application deadline for expression of interest: 9:00am, 1st June 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 - deadline: 1st September 2026.**

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**

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.**

Funding opportunities – NO APPLICATION DEADLINE:

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.

New Arts Wales Creative Communities Grants of up to £1,500 for one-off arts projects for organisations to deliver activity with a focus on participation.

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 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, living with disabilities, and who are disadvantaged.

Cardiff Council - Period Dignity Grant 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 to make a positive difference. - including welfare, youth, community, environment, education, health, arts, heritage, and faith.

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 challenge, 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 programs are open for applications with the priority of keeping money flowing to support communities across Wales – National Lottery Awards for All, People and Places: Medium Grants and People and Places: Large Grants.

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 to support 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 transform their local community.

[Sustainable Steps Wales Egin Grants](#) Funding to help groups who are receiving support from the Egin mentoring program 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 supporting 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

[Benefact Trust](#) Funding for churches and Christian charities to care for heritage and engage with communities.

New [Brit Trust Grants](#) Grants for improving lives through the power of music and the creative arts. **Application deadline: 30th April 2026.**

[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.

New [Ellerman Foundation Grants](#) Funding to advance wellbeing for people, society and the natural world.

[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.

Quaker Housing Trust provides advice, support, loans and grants to organisations to ensure that homes are available, safe, decent, and affordable. **Application deadline: 5pm, 26th March.**

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 small and medium grants – 14th April 2026.**

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 of small UK registered charities with a total annual expenditure of less than £40,000, 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 organisations, and opportunities to network, learn and exchange ideas.

C3SC's Membership Directory is our free searchable online directory of over 1,300 local community and voluntary groups in Cardiff which helps 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 to help with coping 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 and/or training on funding and resources, income generation, commissioning and partnership opportunities, business planning, C3SC's grant schemes, setting up a CIC/social business, or anything else about volunteering and voluntary action, please e-mail us enquiries@c3sc.org.uk or find our contact details [here](#).