

C3SC BRIEFING: Funding and Support Update April 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 -

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

To support young people -

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

To support projects focused on older people -

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

To enhance the environment -

- [Grass Pitch Maintenance 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 we recently supported to setup told us, 'Thomas from C3SC advised the group on how to constitute as a small charity and create three essential policy documents and supported the group to finalise these documents. During this process, the group were also supported to apply for an Unpaid Carers grant with C3SC, an application which was successful in October 2025'.

Funding opportunities – UPCOMING DEADLINES:

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.**

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.**

Volunteering Wales Strategic Grant Scheme Open for projects that will look long-term at volunteering and improve volunteering practices in Wales. **Application deadline: 22nd May 2026.**

New [Ynni Cymru capital grant funding scheme 2026 to 2027: guidance | GOV.WALES](#) Ynni Cymru are pleased to announce that the application window for the 2026/27 capital grant scheme for Smart Local Energy System (SLES) projects is now open. Successful SLES projects will combine renewable energy generation technology, data and controls and energy storage to power general operations, heat, or transport. **Application deadline: 7th May 2026, 12pm noon.**

Funding opportunities - ROLLING DEADLINES/MULTIPLE ROUNDS:

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 program.**

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 Brit Trust Grants Grants for improving lives through the power of music and the creative arts. **Deadline 30th April 2026.**

New Henry Smith Foundation Grants - Holiday Grant Programme One-off grants to schools, youth groups and non-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 open 20th March to 19th Aug 2026.**

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. **Rolling programme.**

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 program - 12th March, 2nd July, and 12th November 2026.

Rolling program – The next funding window will close on Wednesday 27th May 2026; 1:00pm

New Sport Wales - The Be Active Fund supported by the National Lottery, this fund is for not-for-profit sports clubs and community groups across Wales. You can

apply for grants from £300 to £50,000 to get more people taking part in sport.
Application deadline for expression of interest: 1st June, 9:00am.

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

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 deadline: 1st September 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 program.**

Funding opportunities – NO APPLICATION DEADLINE:

Arts Wales Creative Communities The fund will offer 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 help 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, 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 their local environment.

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 the people and communities most set back by the pandemic. Three main funding programs 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 who work 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 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 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

[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; large grant – Closed.**

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

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

[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 organisations, 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](#).