

C3SC BRIEFING: Funding and Support Update May 2026

Welcome to May's Briefing on Funding and Support. This is C3SC's monthly update for Cardiff's voluntary sector. It brings together new and current funding opportunities across various themes to help voluntary organisations and community groups sustain their services and activities, alongside information on how to contact us for advice and support with planning and applying for funding and running voluntary services.

This month's highlights include opportunities -

To strengthen communities -

- [**DWF Foundation Grant Giving**](#)
- [**Community Care Fund**](#)

To enhance the environment –

- [**Grass Pitch Maintenance Fund**](#)
- [**Landfill Disposals Tax Communities Scheme \(LDTCS\)**](#)

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 the latest funding opportunities or visit our [**funding page**](#) for more information and to subscribe to our mailing list.

Each year, C3SC helps hundreds of local voluntary groups with funding, planning, and small grant schemes. Get in touch with us at enquiries@c3sc.org.uk or find our [**contact details here**](#).

A local community group who we recently supported to set up and secure funding told us, *'The support I received through C3SC has been absolutely invaluable. I genuinely wouldn't have been able to achieve what we have without (their) advice and guidance. Thanks to this support (we) were awarded the maximum funding, and the impact on our community has been huge.'*

Upcoming C3SC small grants:

New [‘Women’s Health Matters’ Grant](#) Cardiff Third Sector Council (C3SC), with funding from Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (C&V UHB) is inviting Cardiff-based third sector organisations and community groups who are members of C3SC and work directly with women and girls to engage in a community project. Six grants of £1,250 is available. **Deadline for Expressions of Interest: 29th May 2026, 5pm.**

Funding opportunities – UPCOMING DEADLINES:

New [A B Charitable Trust](#) support work that promotes human dignity and defends the human rights of the most marginalised and excluded people. **Application deadline 31st July 2026.**

New [Barclays Community Sport Fund](#) support the delivery of football, cricket or tennis activities. **Application deadline: 27th May 2026, 5pm.**

New [Comic Relief Cwtch Communities’ Scheme](#) Funding focused on strengthening the work of grassroots organisations in Wales and supporting them to deliver social change. **Application deadline: 22nd May 2026, 11:59pm.**

New [Community Care Fund](#) Supporting community projects across the UK that bring people together and make a positive difference. Nominate your local project to receive a £3,000 grant. **Application deadline 31st May 2026, 11:59pm.**

New [Doyly Carte Charitable Trust](#) Funding three areas of work: participation in the performing arts, creative health interventions, and heritage crafts and skills. **Application deadlines: small charity grants - 1st June 2026; large charity grants - 8th May 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.**

[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.**

New [Home Office Community Engagement Fund](#) Supporting grassroots and community groups to engage communities and raise awareness of and address any misinformation about the Windrush Compensation and Windrush Schemes.

Application deadline: 12th May 2026, 4pm.

New [National Windrush Day Grant 2026](#) Supports organisations across Wales to deliver events and activities celebrating the contributions of the Windrush Generation. **Application deadline: 10th May 2026, 11:59pm.**

[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.**

[Ynni Cymru capital grant funding scheme 2026 to 2027: guidance |](#)

[GOV.WALES](#) Ynni Cymru is 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: 21st 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 [Codi Trust Microgrant Scheme](#) provides small, flexible grants to help communities deliver practical, local projects that make a positive difference. **Application deadline: End of May and September.**

New [DWF Foundation Grant Giving](#) Grants are given to initiatives that develop and improve local communities. **Application deadline: 30th June and 30th September 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 Aug 2026 for trips between 1st May and 30th Sept.**

New [Landfill Disposals Tax Communities Scheme \(LDTCS\)](#) Funding for projects driving positive change in communities with a focus on biodiversity, waste minimisation and the reduction of waste to landfill and wider environmental enhancements. **Rolling programme - 5th June 2026 and 17th July 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 - 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 to take part in sport. **Application deadline for expression of interest: 1st June 2026, 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**

New [The National Archives projects Grants](#) Up to £30,000 to support collaborative projects between at least one GLAM (Galleries, Libraries, Archives and Museums) or Heritage organisation and one community group. **Application deadlines: 15th June 2026, 12pm; and 16th November 2026, 12pm.**

[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 medium grants – 18th 2026; large grant – 7th July 2026.**

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.

New Forte Charitable Foundation Major Grants Helping to address disadvantages and deprivation in communities in the UK.

New Masonic Charitable Foundation - Early Years Grants Supporting children in the early years age group who are living in the most disadvantaged circumstances.

New The Triangle Trust 1949 Fund Funding for organisations to work with young women and girls who have been in the criminal justice system or who are at a high risk of entering it.

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 have over 1,300 members, and we provide information and advice to volunteers and not-for-profit groups and organisations, and opportunities to network, learn, influence and exchange ideas.

C3SC's Membership Directory is our free searchable online directory of hundreds of local community and voluntary groups in Cardiff, helping 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 C3SC membership and our directory, 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 groups, organisations and individuals in the community or working/volunteering in the Voluntary Sector 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. Email us at enquiries@c3sc.org.uk or find all our contact details [here](#) for free, impartial and confidential advice and information, to help voluntary sector organisations and groups -

- setting up a charity, community group, CIC/social business,
- planning and running voluntary services and activities,
- applying for funding and resources,
- income generation,
- C3SC's grant schemes,
- learning, training and development opportunities,
- commissioning and partnership opportunities,
- volunteering
- or anything else