

C3SC BRIEFING: Funding and Support Update August 2026

Welcome to the August edition of C3SC Members' Briefing on Funding and Support – the monthly update for Cardiff's voluntary third sector. It brings together new and current funding opportunities across a range of themes, shared with you as part of our role in helping voluntary organisations and community groups sustain their services and activities. Get in touch with us at enquiries@c3sc.org.uk or find [contact details here](#) to discuss any of the following opportunities, and for advice and support on planning and applying for funding and running your not-for-profit community activities and services.

This month's highlights include the following opportunities -

Strengthening communities -

- [Fund for Wales](#)
- [Lloyds Bank Foundation - New Beginnings Fund](#)

Enhancing the environment –

- [The Cardiff Local Nature Partnership Packs](#)
- [The Dulverton Trust](#)

Supporting arts, health and wellbeing -

- [Arts, Health and Wellbeing Lottery Funding](#)
- [Tesco Sustainability Communities Fruit & Veg grants](#)

Explore the bulletin – compiled by Thoria at C3SC (email thoria.m@c3sc.org.uk) - and visit the [funding page](#) on our website for the complete list and more information on the latest funding opportunities, and to subscribe to our mailing list.

Each year, C3SC helps hundreds of local voluntary groups to plan for and secure funding and resources including through our small grant schemes. We recently received some lovely feedback from a local community group we supported to develop their service and apply for National Lottery Community Funding -

'As someone still in the early stages of building [our group], having people willing to share their experience and challenge my thinking in a constructive way is invaluable. I came away from our meeting with pages of notes, new ideas, and a much clearer understanding of how to strengthen both this application and the organisation more

broadly. Thank you for all of your encouragement, advice and the connections we've made through C3SC.'

Funding opportunities – UPCOMING DEADLINES:

A B Charitable Trust supports work that promotes human dignity and defends the human rights of the most marginalised and excluded people. **Application deadline 23rd October 2026.**

Codi Trust – Help Them Grow Campaign is designed to provide community groups, small charities and grassroots organisations the opportunity to invest in the tools they need to grow, reach more people and make an even bigger difference. **Application deadline: 31st August 2026.**

Fund for Wales is 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.**

Learning Through Making Fund supports UK-based visual art organisations to bring opportunities into art education. **Deadline: 11th September 2026, 12pm.**

New Lloyds Bank Foundation - New Beginnings Fund Funding for community organisations who support people at key turning points in their lives when the risk of homelessness is highest. **Application deadline: 9th September 2026, 5:00pm.**

Quaker Housing Trust provides advice, support, loans and grants to small charitable organisations to ensure homes are available, safe, decent and affordable. **Application deadline: 11th August 2026, 5pm.**

New RPB Integration and Rebalancing Capital Fund The Health and Social Care Integration and Rebalancing Capital Fund (IRCF) is a programme set up to support the development of 50 integrated health and social care hubs to rebalance residential care. **The scheme ends on 31st March 2027.**

Sport Wales - Be Active Fund funds equipment and coaching courses for not-for-profit sports clubs or community groups in Wales. **Application deadline: 11th September 2026, 9:00am.**

New [The Austin Hope Pilkington Trust](#) Funding for projects providing therapeutic support to unpaid carers. **The next round opens on 1st September 2026 with an application deadline of 30th September 2026.**

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 programme.**

[Arts Wales/Create-and Engage](#) Funding for the development and creation of high-quality arts experiences that help creative individuals and organisations engage and connect with the public. **Rolling programme.**

[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. **Rolling programme – Next application rounds open in October 2026.**

[Cash For Kids Grants](#) Up to £3,000 to help the children that need it most across the UK. **Note: Ability to grant depends on donations received; applications will close when capacity is reached.**

[DWF Foundation Grant Giving](#) Grants are given to initiatives that develop and improve local communities. **Application deadline: 30th September 2026.**

[Fidelio Charitable Trust](#) Grants in support of the arts - particularly for music, including opera, Lieder, composition and dance. **Rolling programme - Next application deadline: 25th September 2026; 12:00 noon.**

[Grants For Good](#) A fund that invites local charities, voluntary groups, or social enterprises that have an average annual income of less than £50,000 to apply for funding. **Rolling programme.**

[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 deadline: 19th November 2026 for trips between 1st October and 30th December.

New [Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust](#) Supporting charities that rescue, rehabilitate, release, and rehome animals in need. **Rolling programme – Next application round opens on 1st December 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 programme – Next application deadline: 12th November 2026.**

[The Clothworkers Foundation Small and Large Grants](#) Capital grants to support the infrastructure needs of small and medium-sized charitable organisations working with disadvantaged and marginalised people and communities. **Rolling programme.**

[The Dulverton Trust](#) Supporting UK charities and CIOs tackling a range of social issues, protecting the natural world, and preserving heritage crafts. **Rolling programme.**

New [The Giving Machine - Small Unrestricted Grants](#) Eight £250 unrestricted grants, chosen at random.

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

[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 September 2026.**

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. **Rolling twice a year – Next application round opens 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 programme.**

Funding opportunities – NO APPLICATION DEADLINE:

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.

Arts Council of Wales PYST x S4C Music Video Fund - Round 4 Offers £500 of financial support to new artists to create their first Welsh language music video.

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.

Aviva Community Fund - Help for local causes to build stronger communities across the UK, helping create a better future for tomorrow.

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 ensures 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 improving people's lives or their local environment.

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.

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

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

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.

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 Cardiff Local Nature Partnership Packs - Designed to support school and community-based projects target, protect, and enhance local biodiversity.

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

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.

The Persimmon Charitable Foundation - Community Champions 2024
Supporting local charities, sports clubs, and worthy causes across the country.

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.

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

[Tuvida Carers Financial Wellbeing Support](#) provides financial support and education to unpaid carers living in Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan.

**Funding opportunities with MULTIPLE STAGE APPLICATIONS -
Please visit the links for more details**

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

[Community Asset Loan Fund](#) Welsh Government Loan Fund offering loan finance to groups looking to bring property into community ownership.

[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.

[Forte Charitable Foundation Major Grants](#) Help to address disadvantage and deprivation in communities in the UK.

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

[Tesco Sustainability Communities Fruit & Veg grants](#) Invites applications for up to £1,500 for schools, registered charities and not-for-profit organisations who support children and young people to access healthy, nutritious food.

[The Fore - Autumn 2026 Funding Round](#) offer unrestricted funding to have a transformational impact on your whole organisation, supporting growth, structure, sustainability or efficiency. **Registration of interests will be open for one week from 8th July, 12:00pm - 15th July, 12:00pm.**

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.

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 volunteers and not-for-profit groups and organisations with the information, advice and opportunities to network, learn, influence and exchange ideas, helping to make bigger positive differences in our communities.

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 set up, run and grow your charity, community group, CIC or social business, including

- planning for and applying for funding and resources,
- generating income,
- learning, training and development opportunities,
- responding to consultation, commissioning and partnerships opportunities, and
- supporting more people into volunteering