

C3SC BRIEFING: Funding and Support Update September 2026

Welcome to the September edition of C3SC Members' Briefing – the monthly update on Funding and Support 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, running your not-for-profit community activities and services, and for help with managing any difficulties around funding and sustainability.

This month's highlights include the following opportunities -

Strengthening communities -

- [Lloyds Bank Foundation - New Beginnings Fund](#)
- [Morrisons Foundation - Connecting Communities Grants](#)

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 more information on the latest funding opportunities and to subscribe to our mailing list.

Each year, C3SC helps hundreds of local voluntary groups to set up, plan and secure funding and resources, including through our small grant schemes. We recently received some fantastic feedback from a local community group we supported to grow their charity and apply for National Lottery Community Funding - *'Through one-to-one advice and critical reflection, Thomas helped us clarify our case for support...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:

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.**

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.**

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.**

New Reveal and Respond Programme Grants to enable access to appropriate mental health and wellbeing support for specific underrepresented groups within the armed forces community. **Application deadline: 28th October 2026, 2:00pm.**

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.**

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 across the arts, health, social care & voluntary sectors to provide high-quality creative projects that deliver health and wellbeing benefits for people in 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 children who 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.**

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 purpose is working with young people who face complex transitions into adulthood. **Rolling programme – Next application deadline: 12th November 2026.**

New The Cooks Charity Grants Supporting food, cookery, hospitality and catering education, training and welfare projects in England & Wales. **Rolling Programme.**

The Clothworkers Foundation Small and Large Grants Capital grants to support the infrastructure needs of small and medium-sized charities working with disadvantaged and marginalised people and communities. **Rolling programme.**

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

The Giving Machine - Small Unrestricted Grants of £250 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 for registered charities involving family members affected by sexual or physical abuse, domestic violence, and other challenges in early intervention, mediation, prison services, and services for families. **Rolling – Next application deadline: 1st March 2027.**

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 deadline: 16th November 2026; 12pm.**

New [The Toy Trust](#) Grants for children's charities that support disadvantaged young people and deliver activities that improve their welfare, opportunities and quality of life. **Rolling programme - Next application deadline: 15th December 2026.**

[Weavers Company Charitable Grants](#) - support for young offenders, ex-offenders, and young people involved in the Criminal Justice System. **Rolling programme.**

Funding opportunities – NO APPLICATION DEADLINE:

New [Albert Gubay Charitable Foundation](#) Funding to support communities that are in need in England, Wales, the Isle of Man and the Republic of Ireland.

New [Architectural Heritage Fund - 50th Anniversary Loan](#) Funding to support the purchase, conservation, and sustainable reuse of historic buildings in Wales.

[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 offers grants of up to £1,500 for one-off arts projects for organisations to deliver activities 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 opportunities for disadvantaged people who are young, elderly or with disabilities

New [Boost Charitable Trust Awards](#) Grants for small and medium-sized charities and non-profit organisations for outstanding sports and physical activity initiatives.

[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 that 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.

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.

New Morrisons Foundation - Connecting Communities Grants support capital projects providing place-based services to an entire community or specific groups.

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 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.

New Sustainable Steps Wales - Egin Grants Funding to support community groups in Wales acting on climate change and living in more sustainable ways.

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 Three main funding programs are open – National Lottery Awards for All, People and Places: Medium

Grants and People and Places: Large Grants - with the priority of supporting people most impacted by the pandemic and supporting communities in Wales.

[The Persimmon Charitable Foundation - Community Champions 2024](#)

Supporting local charities, sports clubs, and worthy causes.

[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.

New [Gambling Harms Prevention - Voluntary Sector Grant Fund](#) will support voluntary organisations across Wales to develop and deliver innovative, community-led approaches to preventing gambling-related harm. **Stage 1 deadline: 19 Oct 26.**

National Deaf Children's Society - Community Grants Funding of between £1,000 and £10,000 for projects supporting deaf children and their families. **Open for expressions of interest.**

Tesco Sustainability Communities Fruit & Veg grants Invites applications for up to £1,500 from 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 organisation, supporting growth, structure, sustainability or efficiency. **Registration open from 25th Nov – 2nd Dec, 12:00pm.**

The Triangle Trust 1949 Fund Funding 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.

Other support and resources:

C3SC is the umbrella charity for the voluntary sector in Cardiff. We have over 1,500 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 on helping to cope with the cost-of-living crisis and other hardships - for groups, organisations and individuals in the community or working/volunteering in the Voluntary Sector.

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

- setting up and running your charity or social business

- planning for and applying for funding and resources
- generating income
- responding to funding and sustainability challenges
- opportunities for learning, training and development
- networking and responding to consultation, commissioning and partnerships opportunities,
- supporting people into volunteering, and
- developing safe and accessible volunteering schemes and finding volunteers

'C3SC genuinely cares about and uplifts small charities like mine, and your support has made a significant difference... Thank you for your generosity, patience, and continued support.'