

C3SC BRIEFING: Funding and Support Update October 2026

Welcome to the October edition of C3SC Members' Briefing – the monthly update on Funding and Support for Cardiff's voluntary third sector we share as part of our role supporting voluntary organisations and community groups to grow and sustain your services and activities. It brings together new and current funding opportunities across a range of themes. Please get in touch with us at enquiries@c3sc.org.uk or find [contact details here](#) for a free, confidential discussion on the following opportunities, for advice and support on applying for funding and diversifying income, running your activities and growing your services, or for help with managing any difficulties around funding and sustainability.

This month's opportunities include the following -

Strengthening communities -

- [Volunteering Wales Grant Scheme](#)
- [The WCIT Charity Grant](#)

Enhancing the environment –

- [The Cardiff Local Nature Partnership Packs](#) - supporting school and community-based projects target, protect, & enhance local biodiversity.
- [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, and we are always delighted to receive your ongoing great feedback, including –
'Your input has been very valuable, and we are grateful for the time and encouragement you provided. This funding will enable us to continue strengthening

our community-based work and providing much-needed support to the people and communities we serve.'

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.**

New Essential Employment Skills Fund Funding to build evidence on how to support young people facing significant barriers to work to develop essential employment skills and access good jobs. **Application deadline: 10th December.**

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.**

New National Churches Trust Grants provide essential funding to repair, restore, and improve church buildings. **Application deadlines - medium grant: 15th December 2026; Large grant: 3rd November 2026.**

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 for equipment and coaching courses for not-for-profit sports clubs or community groups in Wales. **Application deadline: 8th January 2027, 9:00am.**

New The WCIT Charity Grant provides grants of up to £15,000 to UK-registered charities for innovative technology projects. **Application deadline: 3rd Nov 2026.**

New Volunteering Wales Grant Scheme Funded by Welsh Government to promote and improve volunteering in Wales. **Application deadline: 30th November 2026.**

Funding opportunities - ROLLING DEADLINES/MULTIPLE ROUNDS:

New [Art Fund - The Acquisition Grants Fund](#) This programme helps museums and galleries purchase works of art and objects for their collections so members of the public can experience and enjoy them. **Rolling programme.**

[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 highquality 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.**

[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.**

[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.**

[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.**

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.**

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.**

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.**

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.**

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:

Albert Gubay Charitable Foundation Funding to support communities that are in need in England, Wales, the Isle of Man and the Republic of Ireland.

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 offers grants of up to £1,500 for one-off arts projects for organisations to deliver activities with a focus on participation.

New Asda Foundation - Foodbank Fundamentals Fund for organisations whose core purpose is to distribute food and alleviate food poverty in their local community.

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

Boost Charitable Trust Awards Grants for small and medium-sized charities and non-profit organisations for outstanding sports and physical activity initiatives.

New Cardiff Atlantic Wharf Growth Fund will support businesses within the Butetown ward to relaunch, develop, grow and maximise the opportunity provided by increased footfall, spend and visibility generated by the Atlantic Wharf redevelopment.

New Cardiff Growth Fund will support businesses to relaunch, develop and grow. The funding provides an opportunity to kick-start and grow the economy with the focus on creating a fairer, greener and prosperous future for Cardiff businesses.

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.

Morrisons Foundation - Connecting Communities Grants support capital projects providing placed-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.

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

The National Lottery (TNL) Community Fund Wales National Lottery Awards for All, People and Places: Medium Grants and People and Places: Large Grants - supporting people most impacted by the pandemic and 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.

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

[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.

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

[National Deaf Children's Society - Community Grants](#) up to £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. **Open midday 25th Nov to midday on 4th December.**

[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. **Application deadline: 15th October 2026, 2pm.**

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 develop, 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

'(Our) group has developed massively since we met C3SC – we now feel much better informed on how to run a charity.'