C3SC BRIEFING: Funding and Support Update November 2026

Welcome to the November 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**
- **Climate Action Fund - Food Systems**

Enhancing the environment –

- **Ashley Family Foundation**
- **The Cardiff Local Nature Partnership Packs**
- **The Dulverton Trust**

Supporting arts, health and wellbeing -

- **Music For All - Schools and Community Groups**
- **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 hear from the groups we help, including –
'*Thoria has supported, helped and guided (us) along the right direction through many key stages of our community focused work. Her consistent hard work and dedication have made a real difference to our team, our sessions and the young people and local residents we serve.'*

Funding opportunities – UPCOMING DEADLINES:

New **Ashley Family Foundation** supports funding in arts, crafts and education for the benefit of all, with a focus on those who are isolated or most in need in their community. Applications are open to organisations based in and working with people in Wales with a focus on the environmental and sustainability. **Application deadline: 18th December 2026.**

New **Cash4Clubs** is a small grants scheme set up to support local sports clubs. **Application deadline: 1st January 2027.**

New **CIPS Foundation Grants** aims to build ethical supply chains that are committed to reducing environment impacts and improving the lives of communities and citizens globally. **Application deadline: 20th November 2026.**

New **Essential Employment Skills Fund** Funding to build evidence on how to support young people facing significant barriers to employment to develop essential 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 **Music For All - Schools and Community Groups** Grants to help disadvantaged music makers experience the joys and far-reaching benefits of making music. **Application deadline: 4th December 2026, 12:00 noon.**

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.**

New **Pink Ribbon Foundation Grants** Funding for projects supporting people suffering from or affected by breast cancer or to advance the understanding of breast cancer. **Application deadline: 28th May 2027.**

New **Rosa's Voices from the Frontline Fund** Grants to organisations to support campaigning and influencing work that enables women and girls to use their voice to achieve change. **Application deadline: 16th November 2026, 4:00pm.**

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 Theatres Trust Small Grants** for small projects that make a big impact on a theatre's resilience. **Application deadline: 15th January 2027, 12:00 noon.**

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 **UEFA Euro 2028 Innovation Programme** Funding to design, test and validate solutions that enhance the EURO 2028 tournament experience while delivering sustainable and lasting benefits for volunteers and communities.
Application deadline: 15th November 2026.

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

New **Wales and Africa Grant Scheme** Welsh Government's scheme enables community groups and organisations in Wales to access funding for small-scale projects that contribute to Wales' delivery of UN Sustainable Development Goals and deliver benefits to Wales and Africa.
Application deadline: 21st December 2026, 5:00 pm.

Funding opportunities - ROLLING DEADLINES/MULTIPLE ROUNDS:

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 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 January 2027.**

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, and 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.**

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.

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.

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.

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.

New **Climate Action Fund - Food Systems** Funding for partnership projects that strengthen our food system and reduce food insecurity for people and communities.

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

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 Grants - supporting communities in Wales and people most impacted by the pandemic.

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.

New **DPS Social Commitment Programmes** includes grants up to £10k and a free specialist learning programme for organisations tackling the causes and consequences of homelessness across England and Wales. **Expression of interest deadline: 16th November 2026; 12:00 noon.**

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.**

New **Esmee Fairbairn Foundation - Collections and Communities Fund** Grants to support work by museums and community organisations to strengthen communities, using collections. **The next deadline for expressions of interest is 20th January 2027.**

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 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 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, 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 and generating income
- responding to funding and sustainability challenges
- opportunities for learning, training and development
- networking and responding to consultation, commissioning opportunities,
- supporting people into volunteering, and finding volunteers

'C3SC's support has been amazing and very helpful. Thomas was easy to get hold of and to meet in person.'