

Latest Grant Funding Opportunities (Date: January 2024 – Issue 2)

Sector: The Voluntary, Community, Faith and Social Enterprise (VCFSE) Sector

Scope: This funding research focuses on the latest grants available to VCFSE organisations in Suffolk.

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<p>Announcement: Community Action Suffolk and the Suffolk Community Foundation: State of the Voluntary, Community, Faith and Social Enterprise Sector in Suffolk Survey 2024/25. To complete it in full it should take 30 minutes – bonus prize. The response deadline is 9.00 a.m. Monday 3rd February 2025. State of the Sector Survey 2024/25</p>				
<p>Announcement: Ageing Well in Suffolk a Public Health Report 2024. Very informative and lots of recent data. Read the Report here.</p>				
<p>Babergh District Council</p>	<p><u>Babergh: Well People, Healthy Places Fund</u></p> <p>Grants up to £5,000 for community-led projects to promote better wellbeing, healthier lifestyles and healthier places in Babergh where parishes have either a Neighbourhood Plan, People & Place Plan, Parish Infrastructure Plan, or similar. View map.</p> <p><u>Application deadline Monday 10th February 2025</u></p> <p>Visit the Babergh District Council Community Grants web-portal</p>	<p>Revenue or Capital</p>	<p>Up to £5,000</p>	<p>Voluntary and Community Groups and Not for Profits including Sprots Clubs</p>
<p>Mid Suffolk District Council</p>	<p><u>Mid Suffolk: Well People, Healthy Places Fund</u></p> <p>Grants up to £5,000 for community-led projects to promote better wellbeing, healthier lifestyles and healthier places in Mid Suffolk where parishes have either a Neighbourhood Plan, People & Place Plan, Parish Infrastructure Plan, or similar. View map.</p> <p><u>Application deadline Monday 10th February 2025</u></p> <p>Visit the Mid Suffolk District Council Community Grants web-portal</p>	<p>Revenue or Capital</p>	<p>Up to £5,000</p>	<p>Voluntary and Community Groups and Not for Profits including Sprots Clubs</p>

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The Sylvia Waddilove Foundation	<p><u>Capital Grants: Disability Support / Access Grants / Housing / Homeless Support</u></p> <p><u>Relief of disability and severe illness.</u> A grant is awarded for capital costs only. Applying Registered Charity / CICs / Exempt orgs. annual income should be less than £500,000 – unless a hospice.</p> <p><u>The accommodation of those in need.</u> A grant will be awarded for capital costs only (building work, equipment, IT hardware). Applying Registered Charity / CICs / Exempt orgs annual income should be less than £3 million.</p> <p><u>The application window is open with a deadline of 14th February 2025.</u></p> <p>Visit The Sylvia Waddilove Foundation webpage</p>	Capital	between £1,000-£5,000.	Registered Charity, Community Interest Companies, Registered societies
The Charles Hayward Foundation	<p><u>Main Grants: Social and Criminal Justice</u></p> <p>Registered Charities with an annual income of between £350,000 and £4 million.</p> <p>Our funding in the social and criminal justice area is to prevent people entering the criminal justice system and to support those already in the system to move on and rebuild their lives. The Foundation also looks to alleviate the consequences of domestic abuse and criminal exploitation of vulnerable persons.</p> <p>The trustees will fund projects over one to three years with grants of £15,000 – £25,000 per annum. They may invest up to £25,000 in a pilot project.</p> <p>Main Grants is a two-stage application process. The 2025 deadlines for the submission of applications for Stage 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 31st January 2025 (for the March Grants Committee meeting) • 23rd May 2025 (for the July Grants Committee meeting) • 19th September 2025 (for the November Grants Committee meeting) <p>Visit The Charles Hayward Foundation website</p>	Revenue	between £15,000 – £25,000 (multi-year)	Registered Charities with an annual income of between £350,000 and £4 million.

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The Toy Trust	<p><u>Disabled or Disadvantaged Children grants</u></p> <p>The Toy Trust will award grants of up to £5,000 to small, Registered Charities (see guidance) to fund equipment and services that support disabled and/or disadvantaged children under the age of 13 across the UK.</p> <p>Groups that have carried out some form of effective fundraising by themselves are particularly encouraged to apply. The trustee's meet 4 times a year to review requests.</p> <p><u>The next application deadline is mid-February 2025 for the March trustee meeting.</u></p> <p>Visit the Toy Trust website</p>	Services or Equipment	Up to £5,000	Charities with an annual income of less than £200,000 or of less than one year's income
Eastern Counties Educational Trust Limited	<p><u>Grants to support Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs</u></p> <p>Support of education, training care and welfare of people with special educational needs, particularly those under 25 with emotional and behavioural difficulties. Revenue and capital grants typically between £2,000 to £5,000 (sometimes more).</p> <p>Email: ecet.secretary@yahoo.co.uk</p> <p>Visit the Charity Commission Record Link</p>	Revenue or Capital	Between £2,000-£5,000	Registered Charities and Community Interest Companies and Schools
Shelia Coates Foundation	<p><u>Grants to support Young People with autism</u></p> <p>Mainstream Secondary Schools, Colleges, or other educational provision, that work with young people with autism can apply for project funding up to £5,000, that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • help autistic young people fully take part in mainstream activities where statutorily funded support is not enough • help autistic young people participate in after-school or outside-college activities or study support • improve autistic young people's mental health and well-being. <p>Awaiting next application deadlines: subscribe to our mailing list by completing this quick form.</p>	Activities, Equipment or Capital	Up to £5,000	Mainstream Secondary Schools, Colleges, or other educational provision

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	<p>Visit the Shelia Coates Foundation website example projects</p>			
<p>TESCO UK</p>	<p><u>Children and Young People Development – small grants</u></p> <p>Tesco UK Stronger Starts supports thousands of local community projects and good causes across the UK with grants of up to £1,500. The scheme is open to all Schools, Registered charities and Not-for-Profits with priority given to projects that support young people.</p> <p>Examples of eligible applications with a focus on food security, children and young people could be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a school providing pupils with food for breakfast clubs or snacks throughout the day. • a school wanting to buy equipment for outdoor or indoor activities. • a voluntary organisation working with families to run a food bank. • a healthy eating project that supports families to cook healthy meals on a budget. • a Uniformed or other community group needing funding for new play equipment or activities. <p>The Tesco Stronger Starts scheme is a rolling programme, allowing groups to apply at any time. There is a rolling deadline but if applications are submitted before the end of April they have a higher chance in the upcoming round of July, August and September round.</p> <p>Whilst organisations in Suffolk are eligible to apply, they are keen to see applications from communities in rural areas.</p> <p>To apply for a grant, please visit the TESCO Stronger Start Grant Portal</p> <p>You can nominate a project, and they will get help with their application https://tescostrongerstarts.org.uk/nominate/</p> <p>If you have any questions, please contact Alice Browne: alice.browne@groundwork.org.uk</p>	<p>Revenue or Capital</p>	<p>Up to £1,500</p>	<p>Schools, Registered Charities and Not-for-Profits</p>
<p>City and Guilds Foundation</p>	<p><u>Skills and Training Development Grants</u></p> <p>The Local Community Skills Fund aims to support a wide range of initiatives that will make</p>	<p>Capital and / or Revenue</p>	<p>Up to £10,000 but typically, £6,000</p>	<p>Registered charities (annual income below £1million)</p>

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	<p>a positive impact on communities across the UK. Registered Charities and Social Enterprises (annual income below £1 million) and FE Colleges / C&G Providers.</p> <p>One key focus is to fund innovative local and community-led projects that may not be eligible for traditional funding sources. This could include anything from setting up a community garden to running a digital skills workshop. The fund also seeks to help disadvantaged people develop the skills they need to find employment by providing training and support.</p> <p>Two stage process: Expressions of Interest can be made at any time.</p> <p>Visit the City and Guilds Foundation website</p>			<p>Social Enterprises (annual income below £1 Million and have an Asset-Lock)</p> <p>Colleges, FE providers and other City & Guilds customers</p>
<p>Woodward Charitable Trust</p>	<p><u>Children’s Summer Play Scheme</u></p> <p>Summer 2025 Recreation play schemes - a minimum of 2 weeks, 10 full days or 20 half days Children and Young People from disadvantaged backgrounds between the ages of 5-16 year including those that are isolated or have been in the care system Grant values: between £250-£1,000 (up to 50% of the total cost of a scheme) Remarks: Applications open February/March 2025 and will be considered in May.</p> <p>Visit the Woodward Charitable Trust – Summer Play Scheme webpage</p>	<p>Recreation Scheme costs</p>	<p>£250-£1,000</p>	<p>Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIOs) and Community Interest Companies (CICs) with an income below £100,000</p>
<p>Henry Smith Trust</p>	<p><u>Holiday Grants for Disadvantaged and Disabled Children</u></p> <p>Recreational trips or holidays within the UK lasting from one to seven days. Disadvantaged or disabled children 13 years old or younger. Applications from the 20% most deprived areas in the UK will be given priority. Grant values: £500 to £2,750 (up to two-thirds of the total cost). Remarks: Applications must be submitted at least six weeks before the scheduled trip or holiday. See website for trip and application cycles.</p> <p>Visit the Henry Smith charity – Holiday Grants for Children webpage</p>	<p>Recreation Scheme costs</p>	<p>£500 to £2,750</p>	<p>Schools, Youth Groups, Non-profit organisations</p>
<p>Three Guinea's Trust</p>	<p><u>Childrens and Young People Holiday Scheme Grants</u> #autism #focus</p>	<p>Recreation Scheme costs</p>	<p>Typically, between</p>	<p>Not for Profits</p>

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	<p>Summer 2025 Recreation Play schemes (Day Activities not Residential) For autistic Children and Young People, and their sibling. Grant values: up to £15,000. Grants are usually for part of the costs. Remarks: Open for applications on Monday 3rd February until 6pm, Friday 28th February 2025. Grant decisions are made week commencing 24th March 2025.</p> <p>Visit the Three Guinea's Trust Holiday Scheme webpage</p>		£8,000-£15,000	
<p>The Happy Days Children's Charity</p>	<p><u>Grants for Respite Break and/or Recreation Activity experiences</u> #SEND #Abused #Children #Young People #Families</p> <p>Families must have a household income of £28,500 or under.</p> <p>Respite Break and/or Recreation Day Trips, Theatre Trip or Group activity holidays for disadvantaged children and young people with additional needs, have been abused or who have a life-limiting condition (aged 3-17 years of age). Grant values: upon application. Remarks: Applications for family activities are accepted from parents, guardians, grandparents or siblings, as well as GPs, consultants, nurses or social workers. Applications for group activities are accepted from organisations such as SEN schools and groups, young carers and women's refuges.</p> <p>Visit The Happy Day's Children's Charity (office contact: 01462 530710)</p>	Activities / Expenses	Upon application	Typically, via Statutory / Service Provider Referral
<p>KFC Foundation</p>	<p><u>Young People Community Support Grants</u></p> <p>Charities and grassroots community groups and associations (with an annual turnover of less than £300,000) who support young people aged 11-25 years in communities where KFC restaurants are located.</p> <p>Grants of up to £2,500 for projects that address young people needs through early intervention, and empowering young people to fulfil their potential through the provision of safe social spaces, mentoring, work, and social skills development.</p> <p>There is a two-stage application process. Applicants must first submit a two-minute video about their organisation, along with an expression of interest form, before submitting a full application.</p>	Revenue / Equipment	Up to £2,500	Charities, Community Interest Companies and Clubs or Associations with an annual turnover of less than £300,000

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	<p>Are local to a KFC restaurant? (Find A Local KFC)</p> <p>The next deadline to submit an expression of interest is Friday 14th February 2025</p> <p>Visit the KFC Foundation webpage</p>			
<p>The Paul Hamlyn Foundation</p>	<p><u>Funding to support Youth organisations</u></p> <p>The Paul Hamlyn Foundation Youth Fund awards grants of up to £150,000 spread over three years to assist young people who face complex transitions to adulthood. Not for profit youth organisations supporting disadvantaged young people (aged 14 – 25) can apply.</p> <p>The Foundation provides core funding to organisations that aim for sustainability, growth, and impact. The Foundation will prioritise work that takes place outside of London.</p> <p>There are no deadlines, and applications can be submitted at any time.</p> <p>See webpage for most recent webinar.</p> <p>Visit the Paul Hamlyn Foundation webpage</p>	<p>Core funding</p>	<p>Maximum up to £150,000 spread over three years</p>	<p>Not for Profit youth organisations with an annual income of above £30,000 but under £3.5 million</p>
<p>Asda Foundation</p>	<p><u>Outdoor Community Spaces Fund</u></p> <p>Grants up to £3,000 are available for grassroot groups to improve or transform outdoor community spaces where people can meet and be together, building pride in the local area.</p> <p>Eligible projects could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transform an outdoor area, creating greener and more engaging community spaces. • Create or enhance community growing projects. • Enable community clean ups (Grants for community clear ups only will be capped at £500). <p>The fund is designed to create greener and more engaging community spaces, with a focus on increasing access for marginalised or vulnerable groups. Applicants are encouraged to propose projects that bring local communities together and make a lasting difference to outdoor spaces.</p>	<p>Capital, Materials, Equipment</p>	<p>£500 to £3,000</p>	<p>Registered Charities and Not-for-Profit organisations</p>

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	<p>The application deadline is Tuesday 11th February 2025 but may close if sufficient applications have been received.</p> <p>To apply, organisations must first complete an online Eligibility Check through the Asda Foundation's Grant Management System. If eligible, they can then submit a full application, which will be reviewed within eight weeks.</p> <p>Visit the Asda Foundation – Outdoor Community Spaces Fund webpage</p>			
Nature Save	<p><u>Grants to Increase Green Travel and Transport</u></p> <p>Environmental charity Naturesave Trust has announced that its next funding round is focused on supporting projects that actively promote sustainable and eco-friendly approaches to travel and transport.</p> <p>This can include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vehicles: clean fuel, batteries, or both. This can include electric vehicles, hybrid power systems, and fuel cells. • Infrastructure: such as public transportation systems. • Energy source: Using renewable energy sources instead of fossil fuels like coal. • Activity: Walking, cycling, or using a scooter instead of driving. <p><u>Applications are open until 12 noon on the 27th February 2025.</u></p> <p>Visit the Naturesave Trust website</p>	Revenue / Capital	Up to £5,000	Not for Profits
Bernard Sunley Foundation	<p><u>Capital grants for Community, Education, Health or Social Welfare</u></p> <p>The Foundation offers three levels of grants. These are large grants of £20,000 and above; medium grants of up to £20,000 and small grants of £5,000 and under. Grants can be used for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capital projects which include new buildings, extensions, refurbishments and recreational spaces. 	Capital	£2,000-£30,000	Charities or CIOs, Churches or Exempt organisations such as Specialist Schools, Scout and Guide groups, Housing Associations,

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New minibuses and other vehicles that provide a vital service to those most in need in their local community. <p>Applications are accepted all year round.</p> <p><u>What We Fund - Bernard Sunley Foundation</u></p>			Cooperatives, and Community Benefit Societies
Garfield Weston Foundation	<p><u>Grants for Welfare, Youth, Community, Arts, Faith, Environment, Education, Health and Museums & Heritage</u></p> <p>The Foundation awards grants for Capital, Project and Revenue costs. Where they already have a funding history with a charity, the Trustees may consider a multi-year request for up to three years, provided you can demonstrate that a longer-term commitment will add value to your organisation's objectives.</p> <p>There are no deadlines for applications under £100,000. Grants above this level are reviewed at one of 8 board meetings a year.</p> <p>Normally, capital grants are no more than 10% of a total project cost. However, for local community projects (e.g. village halls, community centres, places of worship, etc.), grants are unlikely to be over £30,000 regardless of the project size. If your organisation wants to apply for £100,000 or over, they expect your annual income or project to be over £1 million.</p> <p>Visit the Garfield Weston Foundation website</p>	Revenue / Capital	£2,000-£200,000	Registered Charities, churches, Exempt orgs (Housing Association)
Music Venue Trust	<p><u>Music Sector Support Upcoming Grants</u></p> <p>Funding is available to UK grassroots music venues, artists and independent promoters to support projects that foster development and growth.</p> <p><u>If you want to stay updated, please sign up to their enewsletter / social media below.</u></p> <p>Visit the Music Venue Trust website</p>	tba	tba	tba
Shackleton Foundation	<p><u>Shackleton Foundation Leadership Award (Community Leaders / Social Entrepreneurs)</u></p>	Revenue	Up to £10,000	Individuals

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	<p>Seed funding grants and support are available to inspirational leaders and early-stage social enterprises in the UK to establish their own non-profit ventures with the potential to provide solutions to intractable social problems faced by disadvantaged and socially marginalised young people.</p> <p>We have re-opened for applications and the next deadline is Monday 17th February at 5pm.</p> <p>If you wish to apply later our dates for 2025 are as follows: 28th April 5pm; 4th August 5pm or 31st October 5pm.</p> <p>Visit the Leadership Award webpage</p>			

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Simon Gibson Charitable Trust	<p><u>Grants to support young people, the elderly, heritage and the natural environment</u> #Suffolk</p> <p>This grant awarding trust has links to Suffolk which is one of 8 counties geographically eligible. Registered Charities and Community Interest Companies are eligible to apply.</p> <p>The Trustees have a bias towards smaller organisations that support the development of young people, support the elderly or conservation and environmental projects.</p> <p>Grants typically between £3,000 to £10,000.</p> <p><u>Applications submitted between 1st January and 31st March for Trustees meeting in June each year.</u></p> <p>Visit the Simon Gibson Charitable Trust website</p>	Core funding or specific project funding	between £3,000 to £10,000	Charities and Community Interest Companies
Joanies Fund	<p><u>Young People Education, Training and Employment Project Grants</u></p> <p>Registered Charities and CIC's can apply for grants for projects that lead to the employment, accreditation, further education, training and integration of young people. The Fund looks for</p>	Revenue / Equipment	Typically, between £2,000-£3,000	Registered Charities or Community

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	<p>innovation and entrepreneurship. The panel looks for strong evidence of how closely applicants consult young people in developing their service, and for any community involvement or local financial support.</p> <p>This fund is managed by Herefordshire Community Foundation, but eligibility is England-wide.</p> <p><u>The next application deadline is Sunday 9th March 2025 but may close early.</u></p> <p>Visit the Joanies Fund webpage</p>			Interest Companies
Sport England / National Lottery	<p><u>Grants for Physical Activity projects</u></p> <p>Launched in April 2024, the Movement Fund offers crowdfunding pledges, grants and resources to improve physical activity opportunities for the people and communities who need it the most. If your project aligns with Sport England priorities, they can fund a wide range of costs and items up to £15,000.</p> <p>Their focus is to support projects that match their goal of getting more people active, reducing the number of inactive people and tackling inequalities.</p> <p>Projects providing opportunities for groups facing barriers to activity are of particular interest, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • people living on low incomes • disabled people or those with long-term health conditions • older people • people from culturally diverse communities • pregnant women and parents with very young children • girls aged 5-16 • LGBTQ+ people • people who are in foster care • people who provide care without pay. <p>Visit the Sport England Movement Fund Portal</p>	Revenue / Equipment	Up to £15,000	Not for Profits

