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Welcome to your **GRANTfinder** Update Bulletin.

GRANTfinder is Europe's leading provider of funding information. It is supported by an in-house team of researchers and keeps the UK's public, private and voluntary sectors up-to-date on the latest changes and trends in funding. The team researches funding changes each and every day to ensure that you have access to the information you need at the touch of a button. The most important changes are showcased in this bulletin.

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Arts, Culture and Heritage

Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust Announce Themes for 2022 Funding

Fund ID: S31948

The Trust has announced the themes for 2022 and 2023 for which it will offer funding.

In 2022, the focus is on the Arts.

- Given the 'devastating effect of Covid-19 on all areas of the arts', there will be a specific focus in the first two rounds on people in the early stages of their career, specifically performers and creatives.
- In recognition that Black Lives Matters has highlighted the under-representation of BAME people in all sections of the arts, the third and fourth rounds will focus on projects and organisations that are working to change this with both employees and audiences.

In 2023, the first two rounds will be focused on rehabilitation of prisoners, ex-prisoners, and those at risk of offending. The third and fourth rounds on children and young people in care and care leavers.

The Trust awards grants of either £1,000 or £5,000 depending on the grant round. The first round of 2022 offers grants of £1,000.

Organisations registered with the Charity Commission (England, Wales and Northern Ireland) or OSCR, or exempt from registration, can apply.

The level of grant awarded is determined by the income of the charity:

- Grants of £1,000 are available for charities with an operating income of between £100,000 and £2 million (the maximum income is for 2022 only; normally it is £1 million).
- Grants of £5,000 are available for charities with a minimum operating income of £1 million. There is no maximum level.

There will be four grant rounds in 2022.

Round 1 will open on 1 February 2022 and close on 28 February 2022.

(This report was the subject of a GRANTfinder Newsflash.)



Business Support

HSBC Creates £500m Fund to Help SMEs Decarbonise ****NEW****

Fund ID: S47466

HSBC UK has announced a new £500 million Green SME Fund to help businesses transition in a low carbon economy. The bank believes that access to funds should not be a barrier for firms working to achieve lower carbon emissions. Through the Fund, small and medium-sized businesses (SMEs) are being targeted to invest in a range of green solutions and initiatives.

The Fund offers 1% cashback on loans, starting at £1,000 to help firms invest in green activities. The bank says this is the first green offering for small businesses with a cashback proposal in the UK.

SMEs with a turnover of less than £25 million will be eligible for support.

Ian Stuart, CEO of HSBC UK, said:

'We want to help businesses seize the opportunities and growth potential that environmental sustainability offers and the Fund, along with our new and expanding suite of tools and resources, will make it easier for small businesses to take practical steps to cut their emissions and help their customers to cut theirs too.'

The Fund will launch in January 2022, at which point the full eligibility criteria will be made available.

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Museums in Scotland Invited to Apply for COVID-19 Recovery Funding

Fund ID: S46609

Applications are being invited to a national fund that covers small-scale project and non-project activity by museums in Scotland as they recover from the impact of COVID-19 on visitor numbers.

Any organisation based in Scotland that runs an accredited museum may apply. Applications from partnerships are eligible; however, these should be submitted by a partner organisation that runs an accredited museum. In each case, accredited museums should be the key funding beneficiaries.

Activities must deliver outcomes in one or more of the following areas:

- Building organisational resilience.
- Re-engaging with audiences.
- Critical repairs and maintenance.
- Environmental sustainability.

Grants of between £300 and £15,000 are available, and cover activity for up to one year from the date of award.

The deadline for applications is 28 January 2022 (17:00 BST).

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Community Development

Funding to Host Armed Forces Day Events in 2022

Fund ID: S40012

The Ministry of Defence (MoD) provides funding each year to help organisations and individuals in the UK host an Armed Forces Day event.

Armed Forces Day has been marked annually since 2009 with events large and small throughout the UK. In 2022, it will be celebrated on Saturday 25 June 2022 with a major national event to be held in Scarborough. Local events will be held across the UK.

Local councils, voluntary and community organisations, schools, ex-service organisations and individuals in the UK are eligible to apply.

A maximum grant of £10,000 is available per application, provided that MOD funding accounts for no more than 50% of the total cost.

This grant is match funded and can cover up to half the total cost of the event. For example, if the total cost of the event is £10,000 and £5,000 has been raised, the grant could cover up to £5,000.

In the past grants have ranged from a few hundred pounds for a street party to thousands of pounds for larger events.

Groups need to register their event before they can access the funding criteria.

The deadline for applications for event funding in 2022 is 1 March 2022.

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Education, Employment and Training

Condition Improvement Fund Opens for 2022-23

Fund ID: S41210

The Condition Improvement Fund (CIF) is provided by the Department for Education. Funding is intended to improve school buildings and expand academies and sixth-form colleges rated Good or Outstanding by Ofsted.

CIF's core priority is to support condition projects and the focus of the fund is to keep school and college buildings safe and in good working order. Most CIF funding aims to address building issues with significant consequences that revenue or Devolved Formula Capital (DFC) funding cannot meet. These include issues with poor building condition, building compliance, energy efficiency or health and safety.

The highest priority will be given to condition projects that address compliance and health and safety issues. These include fire protection systems, gas safety, electrical safety or emergency asbestos removal. Priority will then be given to projects that ensure weather tight buildings and continuous heating and water supply. CIF also supports a small proportion of expansion projects where Ofsted has rated the school either good or outstanding and which need to expand their existing facilities and/or floor space to either:

- Increase the number of admissions in the main year of entry, or
- Address overcrowding, including cases of recently approved age-range expansion and sixth form expansion.

To be eligible to apply for CIF funding, applicants must have been by 1 September 2021 either a:

- Stand-alone academy
- School in a multi-academy trust (MAT) with fewer than five schools or fewer than 3,000 pupils as counted in the Spring 2021 census or 2020/21 Individualised Learner Record (ILR)
- Voluntary Aided (VA) school in a VA body or VA group with fewer than five schools or fewer than 3,000 pupils as counted in the Spring 2021 census or 2020/21 ILR
- Sixth-form college
- School with a signed academy order as of 1 September 2021 that the department expects will convert by 1 April 2022.

Applicants can submit up to two projects per academy or college, only one of which may be an expansion project.

Applications from free schools must confirm that the CIF project did not form part of the original free school project.

An initial proposal can be submitted for works expected to cost more than £20,000 (for primary and special schools) and £50,000 (for Secondary, allthrough and sixthform colleges) for initial approval prior to further development and final approval at a later stage. The maximum project cost for all schools is £4 million.

In addition to grants, CIF Loans are available to applicants for all or part of the project costs.

Applications must be submitted by the deadline of 16 December 2021.

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Funding for Skills Development and Sustainability Projects Across the UK ****NEW****

Fund ID: S47458

Ocado Foundation for Good is offering grants of up to £10,000 to charities, charitable companies, and local authorities to support skills and education development and promote sustainability in communities across the UK.

The fund aims to support 'the many not the few' and to help develop a sustainable strategy for the future based on the Foundation's three pillars of corporate responsibility:

- Skills for the future.
- Natural resources.
- Responsible sourcing.

Applications will be accepted from a range of organisations including:

- Charitable incorporated organisations (CIOs).
- Community interest companies (CICs).
- Charitable trusts.
- Academic institutions.
- Local authorities.
- Charitable companies.

Proposals should align with the UN Sustainable Development Goals adopted by this programme. These are:

- Good health and wellbeing.
- Quality education.
- Decent work and economic growth.
- Reduced inequalities.
- Responsible consumption and production.
- Climate action.

Volunteer support is also available, as well as certain in-kind goods on request. Owing to COVID-19 restrictions, only applications for digital volunteering activities will be accepted.

The deadline for applications is 31 December 2021.

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Energy

£10m Fund to Support England's Natural Environment - Second Round Now Open

Fund ID: S46238

The Natural Environment Investment Readiness Fund has been established to fund nature projects in England which tackle climate change, create and restore habitats, or improve water quality.

The scheme aims to stimulate private investment and market based mechanisms that improve and safeguard the natural environment by helping projects become investment ready. The intention is to establish a pipeline of projects for the private sector to invest in, and develop new funding models that can be replicated elsewhere.

From an overall budget of £10 million, grants of between £10,000 and £100,000 are available.

Projects must protect or enhance the domestic natural environment in line with one or more of the Government's 25 year environment plan goals in the context of the following natural capital asset types:

- Urban or areas of transition from rural to urban land uses (peri-urban).
- Enclosed farmland.
- Mountain, moor and heathland.
- Freshwaters and wetlands.
- Woodland.
- Coastal margins.
- Marine.
- Semi-natural grassland.

All costs must be directly associated with developing the investment readiness proposal to be eligible for funding.

Applications are accepted from not-for-profit organisations in England, including charities, community interest companies and environmental non-governmental organisations. Public bodies such as local councils, national park authorities and academic institutions are also eligible, as are businesses, including sole traders.

The deadline for applications for the second and final round is 3 February 2022.

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Environment

Groundwork Announces New Round of Funding for London Greening Projects

Fund ID: S43935

The Our Space Award is now open to non-profit community groups, charities and schools for projects taking place in disused, open spaces in Greater London.

Groups may consist of three or more people who meet regularly. They do not need to be formally arranged or constituted to be eligible to apply.

The following grants are available:

- Small grants of £500 to £2,000.
- Standard grants of £2,000 to £5,000.
- Flagship grants of £5,000 to £20,000.

Flagship grants are primarily intended for organisations who have previously delivered a successful Our Space Award project.

Activities should contribute to a number of wider social and environmental objectives, including:

- Tree planting (it is hoped that each project will plant at least one tree).
- Climate resilience and adaptation to climate change.
- Improvements to water quality and drainage through planting and reducing hard surfaces.
- Ecological and biodiversity benefits.
- Climate education alongside physical improvements.
- Improving air quality.
- Reducing health inequalities and isolation.

Funding can cover a variety of items related to projects including materials, sessional worker fees, plants, tools and storage.

The Award aims to ensure funding is available for groups who may not have accessed grant funding previously as well as those with a track record of project delivery.

There will be an online workshop on 30 November 2021 to answer any questions about the fund.

The deadline to apply is 15 December 2021 (12 noon).

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Health and Social Welfare

Funding for Local Authority Family Hubs in England

Fund ID: S47453

The Family Hubs Local Transformation Fund is a key part of the government's commitment to championing family hubs and is funded through HM Treasury's Shared Outcomes Fund.

The Department for Education (DfE) are seeking applications for transformation funding from local authorities (LAs) that do not currently have family hubs, and that wish to transform to a family hub model of service delivery, with a commitment to open family hubs by March 2024.

The Fund will fund at least 12 LAs and is worth approximately £12 million over the next two financial years.

LAs in England that do not currently have family hubs are eligible to apply.

A maximum of one application form per LA can be submitted.

LAs can apply for up to £1 million transformation funding, with up to £833,000 available for programme expenditure and up to £167,000 available in capital expenditure per local area.

Applications must be submitted by the 17 December 2021 (11:59pm).

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Housing

Home Building Fund - Extension of Fund Availability

Fund ID: S42793

The Home Building Fund is a flexible source of funding administered by Homes England on behalf of the Government. It provides two types of finance, which can be tailored to circumstances.

Development loans

These are for meeting the development costs of building homes for sale or rent. They can be taken out over five years and drawn down to 31 March 2025 (extended by two years from an original draw down date of March 2023).

Infrastructure loans

These are to prepare sites for the infrastructure needed for housing to progress and land to be prepared. They can be taken out over 20 years. Infrastructure projects must ultimately lead to the development of new housing.

According to the Government, loan funding of at least £624 million will now be available for house builders to improve the infrastructure needed to kick-start new housing projects, with a particular focus on transforming unsightly and derelict brownfield sites.

Loans of £250,000 to £250 million are available with smaller loans considered for innovative housing solutions and serviced plots for custom builders. Loans can be tailored to individual circumstances and eligible costs will be discussed with each applicant and depend on the type of funding requested.

Applications are being accepted from private sector businesses that build new homes or prepare sites for housing development. Small builders, community builders, custom builders and innovative housing developers businesses in England are eligible.

Support can be accessed at any time.

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Research and Development

IUK Launches Sustainable Smart Factory Competition

Fund ID: S47452

Through the Made Smarter Innovation programme, Innovate UK (IUK) is investing £147 million to accelerate the development of game changing digital manufacturing ideas.

The aims of the Sustainable Smart Factory competition are to deliver a resilient, flexible, more productive, and environmentally sustainable UK manufacturing sector, as well as to develop new technologies that can be exploited commercially across manufacturing worldwide. The competition is split into two strands:

- Strand 1 - Digital innovation with manufacturing data.
- Strand 2 - Digital innovation in manufacturing processes.

To lead a project or work alone the organisation must be a UK registered business of any size, collaborating with other UK registered organisations and involving at least one SME. Consortiums must:

- Involve a single factory or multiple factories.
- Include both manufacturing and digital technology capabilities.
- Be applicable to at least one manufacturing sector.

Grant funding of up to £20 million is available to fund innovation projects in this competition.

A project's total eligible costs must be between £1 million and £8 million.

- For Strand 1, the total grant funding for the project must not exceed 50% of the total eligible project costs.
- For Strand 2, the total grant funding for the project must not exceed 40% of the total eligible project costs.

Businesses could get funding for their eligible project costs of:

- Up to 70% if they are a UK registered micro or small organisation.
- Up to 60% if they are a UK registered medium-sized organisation.
- Up to 50% if they are a UK registered large organisation.

Projects must start by 1 September 2022 and last between 12 and 24 months.

The deadline for applications is 26 January 2022 (11:00 GMT).

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Keeping up to date

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