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# **New Funding Opportunities**

## BBC Children in Need – Small Grants Programme (UK)

Not for profit organisations such as schools; registered charities; voluntary organisations; churches; and community interest groups; etc. can apply for grants of up to £10,000 per year for up to 3 years for projects that help children and young people overcome the effects of illness, distress, abuse or neglect; disability; behavioural or psychological difficulties; and poverty and deprivation.

Projects supported in the past include:

* Trewirgie Junior School which received a grant of £9,760 to provide after school sailing sessions to disadvantage children aged 7-11;
* Corley Special School in Coventry which received a grant of £6,000 to provide lunchtime horse riding sessions for children with disabilities; and
* Horton Park Primary School which received a grant of £10,000 to deliver a series of holiday activities for young people.

The closing date for applications is the 2nd September 2018.

[www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/4fJVTzz5QmQx5rx0S4NVg0Q/small-grants](http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/4fJVTzz5QmQx5rx0S4NVg0Q/small-grants)

## BBC Children in Need Main Grant Programme (UK)

The next closing date for applications to the BBC Children in Need Main Grants programme is the 13th September 2018. Grants of over £10,000 per project are available to schools and other not for profit organisations that work with young people who are experiencing disadvantage through illness, distress, abuse or neglect; any kind of disability; behavioural or psychological difficulties; and / or living in poverty or situations of deprivation. Schools can also apply for funding, but the project must be additional to their statutory duties.

Examples of projects that recently received funding include:

* St Joseph's School and Community Steering Group, which received a grant of £61,480 to provide an after school and holiday clubs to engage disadvantaged young people living in Workington in physical and healthy living activity;
* Stepping Stones Pre-School Portslade, which received a grant of £ £9,397 to provide additional 1-1 support to children who display emotional/behavioural/communication difficulties to develop coping strategies, social communication skills and help them to overcome anxiety; and
* Clapham Manor Primary School received £9,300 to provide children with complex needs and their siblings with two hours of stay and play twice a week for five weeks in the summer holiday in Lambeth.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/3XW7FvN20PD3xr2c1T62Xly/main-grants>

## Funding for Schools to Purchase Musical Equipment (UK)

Schools, teachers and individuals in full time education in the UK, that wish to purchase musical instruments and equipment can apply for funding of up to £1,500 through the EMI Music Sound Foundation's Instrument and/or Equipment Awards.

To date the Foundations has made awards to over two thousand schools, individual students and teachers improve their access to music through the purchase or upgrade of musical instruments and equipment. The funding has to be made for music education that is beyond statutory national curriculum music teaching. The Foundation cannot fund retrospectively, and schools are not eligible for financial assistance under this scheme if they have already purchased their instruments or if they do so before their application has been approved. The Foundation also fund courses and training opportunities for music teachers who work within schools.

The closing date for applications is the 29th August 2018.

<http://www.emimusicsoundfoundation.com/awards/>

## Royal Society of Chemistry – Outreach Fund Small Grants Scheme Re-Opens for Applications (UK)

Individuals and organisations such as researchers, museums, schools, community groups, not-for-profit organisations, arts groups and libraries can apply for grants of up to £2,000 to run chemistry-based events and activities for public audiences and in schools. These can be both for one-off events or a larger programme of activities. Priority will be given to projects that raise awareness of the place of chemistry in people's everyday lives, especially those not already interested in chemistry, and/or develop the science communication skills of people who are already highly trained in chemistry.

Previously funded projects include "Cool chemistry at the seaside" where the Society awarded a grant of £2,000 to volunteers in Ramsgate who transformed an empty town-centre shop into a makeshift theatre, delivering free chemistry demonstrations to anyone.

The closing date for applications is 12 noon on the 10th September 2018.

<http://www.rsc.org/awards-funding/funding/outreach-fund/#about>

## Rowing Foundation Grants Programme (UK)

The Rowing Foundation has re-opened its grants programme. The purpose of the Foundation is to promote the participation in rowing of young people (those under 18 or still in full time education) and the disabled of all ages. The Foundation gives grants of £500-£3,000 (up to 50% of the cost of the project) to help British rowing organisations, clubs and schools for rowing equipment and whose requirements may be too small or who may be otherwise ineligible for an approach to the National Lottery or other similar sources of funds. Previous organisations supported include:

* St Breock Primary School which received funding towards the purchase of four oars;
* Monmouth Comprehensive School BC towards a double scull; and
* Stratford upon Avon BC for 'Project Oarsome Refurbishment'.

The next closing date for applications is the 8th October 2018. Applications for Refurbishment Grants close on the first day of each month.

<http://www.therowingfoundation.org.uk/>

## Funding for Projects that Support Disadvantaged Young People (UK)

The next deadline for applications to the Wessex Youth Trust is the 1st November 2018.

The Trust awards grants to registered charities (including schools pre-schools and PTAs) that help, support and advance the wellbeing of disadvantaged children and young people up to the age of 21 years. Applications from self-help organisations and charities requiring seed corn funding or pump priming for the development of more extensive fund-raising initiatives are preferred, as are specific project funding requests rather than contributions to broader appeals.

Friends of Castledon School, the School-Home Foundation are among organisations that have received funding in the past. Another example of a project that received funding is 'Debate Mate for students in Southwark and Lambeth' - two grants have been made to Debate Mate which have facilitated five debating clubs in schools across deprived areas of Greater London. Some 125 young people have participated and enjoyed learning new life skills and improving their communication and self-esteem.

<https://wessexyouthtrust.org.uk/grant-applications.php>

## Grants to Support Children’s Health and Education (UK)

Registered charities and schools (as long as they apply through a registered charity) can apply for grants of up to £30,000 per year charities for projects that improve education and health for children and young people with disabilities; those who are sick in hospital; and those who are life limited (requiring palliative care). Grants can be made for up to two-years. The grants are awarded through the DM Thomas Foundation Central Grants Programme and the closing date for applications is the 24th July 2018.

Previous projects supported include:

* Arundel CE Primary School, which received a grant of £379 for new playground markings helping stimulate learning through play;
* Brookfields School Association which received a grant of £2,022 to purchase adaptive tricycles to support the needs of disabled children; and
* Farney Close School which received a grant of £2,500 for laptops for students with a variety of learning disabilities to help them to continue their assignments/modules at college.

<https://dmthomasfoundation.org/what-we-do/grants/dmtf-central-grants/>

## Grants to Enhance the Teaching of Mathematics (UK)

The London Mathematical Society has announced that Mathematics Teachers in the UK can apply for grants of up to £400 to attend specific one or two-day conferences/events organised by professional mathematical organisations. The aim of the grant is to facilitate mathematical professional development to allow teachers in UK schools/educational institutions to develop their subject knowledge. The grant can contribute to the costs of registration for the course and a proportion of the travel and subsistence expenses of attendees. Any application for a grant under this scheme must be made by a teacher of mathematics or ITE provider based in the UK. The grants are open to teachers of mathematics from primary school to A-Level or equivalent (inclusive of STEP/AEA).

The next closing date for applications is the 31 August 2018. The closing dates thereafter will be 30 November and 31 January.

<https://www.lms.ac.uk/grants/teacher-cpd-grants>

## WHSmith Community Grant (UK)

Voluntary organisations, charities schools and pre-schools can apply for grants of up to £500 from the WHSmith Trust. The WHSmith Trust is an independent registered charity that uses the proceeds of the compulsory carrier bag charges across the UK to offer the grants to support good causes in the local communities where WHSmith operates.

There are two application rounds each year. The deadline for the current funding round is the 30th September 2018. Applications can be submitted via an online applications form.

<https://blog.whsmith.co.uk/community-grants-application/>

## Wolfson Foundation Secondary Education Programme (UK)

The next deadline for stage 1 application to the Wolfson Foundation's Secondary Education Programme is the 10th June 2018. Through its Secondary Education Programme, high-achieving (in receipt of an outstanding Ofsted assessment or regional equivalent) state-funded schools and sixth form colleges can apply to the Foundation for funding for capital or equipment projects relating to the teaching of science and technology; or projects involving libraries, languages, music or the arts. Grants do not normally exceed £50,000 for schools or £100,000 for sixth form colleges. Applicants successful at the stage 1 of the application process will be invited to submit a stage 2 application.

Examples of schools that have received funding through the Foundation include:

* Cheadle Hulme High School, Cheshire, which received a grant of £46,000 for A Level science equipment;
* Alun School, Mold, Flintshire, which received a grant of £50,000 for the refurbishment of a chemistry laboratory; and
* Greenhead College, a high-achieving Sixth Form College in Huddersfield, which received a grant of £100,000 which enabled them to refurbish three chemistry laboratories and two technician's rooms.

<http://www.wolfson.org.uk/funding/education/secondary-education/>

## Funding for Developmental Music Making Projects for Children and Young People (England)

Youth Music, England's largest children's music charity, which provides funding for music-making projects, has announced new application deadlines for its grant making programmes. Grants are available to fund developmental music-making projects for children and young people up in challenging circumstances as well as projects that support the development of the workforce, organisations and the wider sector.

Youth Making's funding programme is made up of three separate funds. These are:

* Fund A which offers small grants (£2,000 to £30,000) for high quality music-making projects;
* Fund B offers medium-sized grants (30,001 - £100,000 per year for up to two years) for larger programmes of work; and
* Fund C offers grants (£100,000 to £160,000) for strategic programmes to help embed sustainable, inclusive music-making across a local area.

Examples of projects that have received funding are:

* East Midlands-based arts organisation OPUS Music is one of the leading UK providers of music-making in healthcare settings. OPUS’s musicians are experts at engaging patients, visitors and hospital staff in music-making.
* A team of young musicians, creatives and activists at a Youth Music project have developed an exciting social action campaign called ‘Hack A Heckle’ – using music to challenge gender-based harassment in Bristol and beyond. The group, aged 18-25, formed through ‘Change Creators: The XLR Collective’, a project run by Knowle West Media Centre in Bristol which took place over nine months in 2017.

The types of organisations that are eligible to apply include charities, not for profit organisations and schools. Schools will however have to justify how to activities to be funded do not duplicate Department of Education funding. The closing dates for applications to Fund A is 5pm on the 24th August 2018 and Fund B the 9th November 2018. Fund C is currently closed to new applications.

<https://network.youthmusic.org.uk/i-need-funding>

## YHA Challenging Places Support Programme Opens for Applications (England)

Organisations working with children and young people who live in deprived areas can apply for a 2-night break package through the Youth Hostel Association's (YHA) Challenging Places Support Programme.

Applications can be submitted by schools, registered charities, community and voluntary organisations on the behalf of any individual or group of young people who meet the YHA's criteria. Schools and groups can reapply annually as long as the application is for a different group of young people. To be eligible the children or young persons must be between the ages of 8 and 18 and must live in an area recognised as deprived (please see the YHA website for further details about which areas qualify).

Applications can be submitted at any time.

<https://groups.yha.org.uk/challenging-places-support-programme>

## Battlefield School Visits Grant (Scotland)

As part of the WWI Commemorative Programme, secondary schools can get help with the cost of making a visit to any First World War Western Front battlefield site. Grants of up to £2,000 per visit are available up to and including the 2018-19 school year. The aim is to help pupils develop their understanding of the causes of the First World War and its impact on people's lives. Any Scottish secondary school can apply for a subsidy. Funding is limited, however, and priority will be given to schools in areas with high indicators of multiple deprivation. The scheme aims to provide a one-off subsidy payment to a school for a single battlefield visit (normally in term time). Applications for a second subsidy won't normally be accepted. Remote schools with greater travel costs may get a further subsidy. Applications can be submitted at any time.

<https://www.historicenvironment.scot/learn/schools/battlefield-school-visits-subsidy/>

## Funding to Support Breaks for Disadvantaged Young People (Scotland)

Youth Groups, Schools, Colleges, and other registered Charities are all eligible to apply for funding to support a trip away to any Scottish youth hostel for young people aged 8 to 25 years in receipt of free school meals, young carers, young people with disabilities, care experienced young people, disadvantaged young people who have never had a residential experience. Groups can choose to go to any Scottish youth hostel within the Hostelling Scotland network (not affiliate hostels) and leaders are required to choose a location in partnership with the young people they work with.

Funded by Hostelling Scotland's Explorer Fund, awards cover accommodation (including any catering provided) with successful groups required to pay a contribution of £15 per person per night.

<https://www.syha.org.uk/charity-programmes/hostelling-scotland-explorer-fund/>

# **Funding Reminders**

## Funding to Develop the Classics in Primary and Secondary Schools (UK)

Classics for All, which aims to develop the teaching of classics such as Latin, Greek, classical civilisation and ancient history in UK state schools has opened its 2018 grants programme. In 2018 the funding focus remains on supporting the development or introduction of Classics in schools or consortia of state schools especially in areas where there is limited or no access to school provision.

Classics for All aims to reach 200 new schools.  Previous grants awarded have ranged in size from £100 to £15,000 supporting everything from the establishment of an after-school Classics club to training for teachers in 20 schools to introduce Latin or Classical Civilisation at Key Stage 2 and 3, GCSE or A level. Classics for All have also supported a number of schools already teaching Classics to develop the scale and ambition of their Classics offer. Schools that have received funding in the past include: Kelmscott School, Walthamstow, London; Sidney Stringer Academy, Coventry; and Greig City Academy, Haringey London.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

<https://classicsforall.org.uk/get-involved/schools/application-forms/>

## Heart of Experian Charity Fund (UK)

Schools, charities and community groups can apply for grants of up to £5,000 for projects with a charitable purpose which benefit the community as a whole. The Fund is particularly interested in supporting projects whose aims relate to financial inclusion, financial education, entrepreneurship or developing skills useful in business. The funding must also make the project or group more sustainable.

To be eligible to apply for funding the applicant organisation must have had a gross income of £500,000 or less in the most recent full financial year; have a written constitution and a management committee; and have unrestricted reserves that are less than 6 months' running costs.

For example, the Heart of Experian Charity Fund granted Tiny Tickers £5,000 in August 2015. This has helped them to develop and improve their training model for sonographers who conduct the 20-week anomaly scans for mothers to be, so that they are better equipped to spot serious heart problems as early as possible.

Applications can be submitted at any time and are reviewed by Trustees on a quarterly basis.

<http://www.charityfund.org.uk/who-we-are/>

## Society for the Promotion of Roman Studies (UK)

The Society for the Promotion of Roman Studies has announced the next closing date for applications is the 1st July 2018. The Society makes grants to schools to help promote Latin and Roman studies. Most of the grants are awarded for the purchase of textbooks and other books on Roman topics. The Committee also makes awards to groups and schools and museums organising lectures or study days on Roman themes and has recently made money available for archaeology fieldwork bursaries. Schools that have recently been awarded funding include:

* Hereford Cathedral School that received funding to run weekly Latin masterclasses; and
* the Sir Robert Hitcham CEVAP School Robert which received a grant to help Year 4 pupils study aspects of the Roman invasion and its impact.

Applications from schools planning to start courses in Latin are particularly welcome. Grants usually range from £50 to £500.

<http://www.romansociety.org/grants-prizes/funding-for-schools.html>

## Grants for Community Music Groups and Educational Organisations (UK)

Community groups, schools and individuals have until the 1st July to apply for a grant to support music making projects that offer experiences for people of all ages and backgrounds. Recent awards include:

* the Inspiring Community project in West Yorkshire, a non-profit group that gives young people the chance to learn new skills, received help to purchase keyboards that could be used to teach the children; and
* Alderman Richard Hallam Primary School in Leicester received support to purchase thirty brass instruments manufactured in plastic to encourage the children to take up music.

<https://musicforall.org.uk/>

## Funding for Disability Tennis Wheelchairs and Equipment (UK)

Grants of up to £1,500 are available to special schools, disability groups and associations, etc for equipment and specialist wheelchairs to enable disabled people to play tennis. Individuals can apply for grants of up to £500. Individuals can receive support for sports wheelchairs, tennis rackets, coaching lessons with a Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) licensed coach or course fees for official LTA development/coaching courses.

Groups can apply for: Wheelchairs; Court hire; Coaching fees; and equipment packages which will include rackets, balls, mini net and coaching aids such as: cones and throw down marker lines. In the case of wheelchairs, a deposit will be required; for individuals, the amount of deposit required will depend on the wheelchair type requested, clubs will need to raise a deposit of £250.

Past projects funded include:

* the East Regional Visually Impaired Tournament held at Hills Road, Cambridge; and
* Newtown Tennis Club in South Wales have run a very successful tennis programme for children at a special school - Ysgol Cedewain with a range of learning disability where tennis is now embedded at a core school sport with the Club still involved delivering weekly tennis sessions to pupils.

The next closing date for applications is the 2nd July 2018.

<http://www.danmaskelltennistrust.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant.html>

## B&Q Community Re-Use Scheme for Schools and Community Groups (UK)

DIY store B&Q operates a community re-use scheme through all its branches across the UK. The scheme donates unsellable products and materials for re-use by local schools, other educational institutions and community groups, for the benefit of the local community and the environment. All items are donated on the understanding that they will be re-used or disposed of responsibly if they aren't used. Eligible groups include: Schools and colleges; Child minders, playgroups and nurseries; Allotment associations, community gardening projects; Youth groups including scouts, guides and cadets; Registered charities; Hospices; Conservation groups including The Conservation Volunteers and Forest Schools; Community projects organised by local churches and other religious groups; Women's Institute, Lions Clubs, Rotary, Townswomen Guilds; Royal British Legion; Adult education projects, University of the Third Age and other local community groups. B&Q also works with Community Repaint, a network of schemes that collects any surplus, re-usable paint and redistributes it within their communities to individuals and families on low income, charities and community groups. For more information please contact your local store directly and speak to a duty manager.

Applications can be made at any time.

<https://www.diy.com/corporate/community/waste-donation/>

## Teacher Training Scholarship Re-opens for Applications (England)

The Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC) has announced that it has re-opened its Teacher Training Scholarships for applications.

During the 2018/19 academic year, tax free funding of £28,000 tax-free funding will be available to 140 individuals entering chemistry teacher training in England. Scholars also get free membership of the Royal Society of Chemistry for two years. Applications are now open and will close on 31 July 2018. The RSC are run a rolling application process; however 31 July 2018 is the final date for applications for the next academic year. Individuals can apply at any time in the year, but the number of scholarships are limited, so it may benefit individuals to apply earlier.

<http://www.rsc.org/awards-funding/funding/teacher-training-scholarships/>

## Grants to Improve Teaching in Secondary Schools – New Funding Round (England)

A new funding round for high-potential, cost effective projects to improve outcomes for disadvantaged children and young people aged 3 - 18 in schools and education settings across England has just opened for applications. Schools, colleges and other organisations working in educational settings have until 5pm on the 5th July 2018 to apply to Round 14 of the Education Endowment Foundation's grant programme. No minimum or maximum size of grant is set, however, past EEF grants have ranged from £90,000 to £1.5m.

Grant requests should be commensurate with the nature and scale of the project and with the applicants’ organisations capacity to ensure its successful delivery. This Round seeks applications from proposals that cover:

* improving teaching in secondary schools, in particular those aiming to improve pedagogy in Key Stage 3 or English and Maths teaching;
* evidencing the impact of popular programmes i.e. those programmes widely used by schools with the aim of changing or improving practice in certain areas;
* improving Level 2 outcomes for 16-18-year olds in English and maths; and
* proposals from researchers about how best to evaluate the impact of widespread school practices for which there is currently limited evidence.

<https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/projects-and-evaluation/how-to-apply>

## Grants of up to £10,000 to Encourage People to Play Sport (England)

Schools as well as formally constituted not for profit organisations, local authorities and governing bodies of sport are eligible to apply for grants of between £300 and £10,000 through Sport England's Small Grants Programmer to cover capital and revenue costs for projects that help more people regardless of age, background or ability, to play more sport or to be more active more often. The focus of the Grants Programme is on adults and young people aged 14 or over. Projects working with mixed age groups may be considered if there is a particular focus on people aged 14 plus. The maximum project size is £50,000 and applications can be submitted at any time.

Recent grants awarded include a grant of £9,984 to Folkestone Academy for their Padded American Football Team. Also, Thornton Steward Sailing Club was awarded a £10,000 to buy new boats.

<http://www.sportengland.org/funding/small-grants/>

## Funding to Support Armed Forces Children in School (Wales)

Schools in Wales that have service children in them are invited to bid for funding through a new £200,000 fund to support the children of Armed Forces Personnel.  Schools can submit individual applications or in a cluster bid with other schools.  The funding should be used to help Service children overcome the challenges they face in education as a result of mobility and deployment.

All maintained schools in Wales with at least one current Service child enrolled are eligible to apply for the grant.  Examples of what can be funded include: staff training; literacy and numeracy resources to boost children’s skills; educational resources including ICT; service families specific information on websites; library books for Service children; counselling provision for a cluster of schools For more information on what can be funded please [click here.](http://www.sscecymru.co.uk/home.php?_dds=true&fileID=31&inline=true)

The closing date for applications is the 30th June 2018.

<http://www.sscecymru.co.uk/home.php?page_id=49&_act=true>

## Funding for Young People to Develop Social Enterprises (England)

UnLtd, in partnership with Sports Relief and the Spirit of 2012, has announced that young people who want to start, grow or build their social enterprise idea can apply for funding of up to £15,000. Young people can apply for a Test it Award of up to £500 or a Build it Award of up to £15,000.

Awards can be applied for by an individual or small group of up to four people aged 11-30. Test it Awards provide young people with the chance to unlock their potential and make a positive difference in the community. UnLtd will also scale up successful projects by providing Awards of £15,000 to young people who are ready to build their ideas into sustainable social.

Examples of projects funded in the past are:

* FoodCycle is a venture set up by Kelvin Cheung which combines young volunteers, surplus food and free kitchen space to create nutritious meals for people affected by food poverty; and
* The Misfit Movement - making a positive impact through a street football project.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

<http://www.sportrelief.com/schools/youth-groups/carry-on-your-good-work>

## Funding for Links with Japan (UK)

Grants of £2,000 - £7,000 are available to promote and support interaction between the two countries. Daiwa Foundation Small Grants can cover all fields of activity, including educational and other projects and events. New initiatives are especially encouraged.

Projects that have received funding in the past include:

* Beckfoot School (Bingley) which received a grant of £3,000 to support a two-week curriculum-based school exchange visit by ten students and two teachers to Hiroshima Kokusai High School; and
* Dene Magna School which received a grant of £4,000 to support a school exchange visit by three teachers and nine pupils to enhance links established in 2002 with two partner schools in Okinawa and to consolidate Japanese as part of its curriculum.

The next closing date for applications is the 30th September 2018.

<http://dajf.org.uk/grants-awards-prizes/daiwa-foundation-small-grants>

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