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**1) Bupa UK Foundation Announces New Funding Round**  
Projects that focus on supporting and improving the health and wellbeing of older carers will be able to apply for funding through the Bupa Foundation. The Foundation's purpose is to help people live longer, healthier, happier lives. The Foundation fund practical projects to help carers in health and social care and make a direct impact on people's health and wellbeing. The maximum level of funding available for each grant awarded within this funding programme is £20,000. The closing date for applications is midnight on Friday 5 October 2018.  
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**2) MSE Charity Open for Applications**  
The MSE Charity has announced that its grants programme has re-opened for applications under the 'Building and Developing Resilience theme'. In this round, applications will be accepted for projects focusing on building financial capability skills and assisting community and voluntary groups who support mental health, well-being, cook well for less, training others, independent living skills, peer mentoring. Grants of up to £5,000 are available. Preference is given to projects that show innovation and that are replicable. The closing date for applications is the 30 September 2018 or when 40 applications have been received.  
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**3) Local School Nature Grants Scheme**  
Learning through Landscapes has announced that the next deadline for schools to apply to the Local School Nature Grant Scheme is the 30 November 2018. The scheme offers schools the opportunity to apply for up to £500 worth of equipment from the product catalogue on Learning through Landscapes website to help schools undertake environmental improvements. The scheme is only open to schools; learners must be aged 5 and upwards. Successful applicants will have demonstrated that they are passionate about making environmental improvements and, ideally, will have included the children and their local community in decision making about the project and the choice of equipment. There is a list of 72 projects to choose from including items such as bird boxes, bee hotels and den making kits. Awards include a two-hour training session to help schools get the most out of the equipment provided. Applicants must be employed by the school, they are unable to accept applications on behalf of the school from PTAs, Governors, 'Friends of Friends' groups etc.  
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**4) New Funding to Develop Artistic Practice**  
Independent creative practitioners working in dance, theatre, music, visual arts, literature, combined arts or museums practice can apply to a new initiative aimed at giving them the time and space to work on ambitious and innovative research and development opportunities. The term 'creative practitioners' includes dancers, choreographers, writers, translators, producers, publishers, editors, musicians, conductors, composers, actors, directors, designers, artists, craft makers, and curators. Grants of £2,000 - £10,000 are being offered by Arts Council England through Developing your Creative Practice. The closing date for applications is 12pm (noon) on 14 November 2018.  
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**5) The Radcliffe Trust**  
The Radcliffe Trust has announced that the next deadline for applications to its grants programme is the 31 January 2019. Through its music grant making programme, the Radcliffe Trust supports classical music performance and training especially chamber music, composition and music education. Particular interests within music education are music for children and adults with special needs, youth orchestras and projects at secondary and higher levels, including academic research. Applicants must be a registered charity or an exempt charity. Grants are generally in the region of £1,000-£5,000. Applications for grants in excess of £10,000 as a one-off payment will generally not be considered.  
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**6) Grants for Helping Disadvantaged People Make the Most of Their Future**  
Santander Foundation awards Discovery Grants of up to £5,000 to help disadvantaged people make the most of their future. Grants will support projects that improve people's knowledge, skills or which provide innovative solutions to overcome social challenges and that fall into one or more of three priorities:  

- Explorer – To improve people's knowledge, for example, Money Management workshops helping disadvantaged people learn how to budget.
- Transformer - In improving skills and experience, for example, training to help socially isolated people develop skills to get back into work or volunteering opportunities for disadvantaged young people.
- Changemaker - Innovative solutions to social challenges, for example, a new social networking program for visually impaired young people to access the internet.

Project beneficiaries may be: people on restricted income or who are rurally isolated or disabled and can include people anywhere part in day-to-day deprivation, who are excluded or who face barriers to taking part in just activities. Funding is available for small complete local projects lasting up to 12 months and can cover part-time salaries, equipment or materials specific to the project. Grants are awarded to registered charities, Community Interest Companies and credit unions with at least one year's accounts. Applications can be made by customers, organisations and Santander staff at any time. There are no deadlines. To apply, simply fill out the application form found in any local Santander branch and post it in the Discovery Grants post box at any branch.  
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**7) Research Placement Scheme Reopens for Applications**  
Nuffield Research Placements offers students in the first year of a post -16 science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) course the opportunity to work alongside professional scientists (including quantitative social scientists), technologists, engineers and mathematicians. Open to candidates on a regional basis, students in their first year of A-levels, AS-levels, BTEC, Scottish Highers, or the International Baccalaureate studying all areas of science, technology, engineering and maths, are eligible to apply. They particularly encourage students who don't have a family history of going to university or those students from low-income households. Nuffield Research Placements offer students participation in authentic, hands-on research projects within host organisations. Students have a defined project to work on and are well supervised but expected to work independently and use their own initiative. Applications for summer placements 2019 will open in October 2018.  
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**8) Funding to Help Regenerate Historic Buildings**  
The Architectural Heritage Fund (AHF) supports the conservation and regeneration of historic buildings, has announced that the next closing date for applications to its Project Development Grant scheme (up to £30,000) is 9am the 29 October 2018. Charities, not for profit companies, CICs, Parish and Town councils can apply for funding to assist with the costs of developing and coordinating a project which helps to find a sustainable use for a historic building and takes it towards the start of work on site. They generally expect applicants to cover at least 50% of the cost of the work, i.e. you must normally be able to match our grant offer with your own funds or with funds raised from other sources. The grants are intended to support project development costs only and not on-site capital works. The AHF also makes Project Viability Grants (PVG) of up to £7,500 to fund studies to look at potential uses for a building and at its current condition.  
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**9) Lloyds Bank Foundation Announces Next Funding Round for its "Invest" Programme**  
The Lloyds Bank Foundation provides core funding to charities for projects to help people break their cycle of disadvantage and has announced that its "Invest" grants programme will close for applications on the 5 October 2018. "Invest" is a flexible, long term core funding programme for charities helping disadvantaged people. To be eligible the applicant organisation must be a registered charity with an income between £25,000 and £1 million, that works to support people aged 17+ who are facing one or more of the Foundation's specified complex social problems. Amongst other things this can include people affected by:  

- Long term unemployment
- Lack of qualification
- Homelessness
- Addiction
- Offending.

Invest grants are from £30,000 up to maximum of £100,000 for projects lasting three years, with the opportunity for continuation funding for a further period - up to six years in total. Invest grants fund core running costs such as rent, heating, lighting and management costs etc., as well as project delivery costs such as salaries, recruitment, volunteer expense and training, etc. The Foundation also runs a smaller "Enable" programme which provides grants of up to £15,000 for up to 2 years for activities relating to organisational development such as leadership and governance, improved systems and demonstrating outcomes. Applications to the "Enable" programme can be made at any time.  
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**10) Women's Mental Health Peer Support Programme Launched**  
Mental Health charity Mind and Agenda have announced the launch of their £1.3m women's mental health peer support grants programme. Grants are available to fund a broad range of voluntary, predominantly women's sector, organisations. All applicants will therefore need to demonstrate a track record of delivering services and programmes developed specifically for women facing complex social issues. Around 30 grants of up to £25,000, and around 50 grants of up to £10,000 will be available to facilitate peer support and disadvantage, particularly multiple disadvantage. 'Women's Peer Support Hubs' - women's organisations working to improve the capacity of individuals and community based capacity building to lead effective peer support activity delivered for and by women. Five organisations 'Hub' grants of up to £50,000 will be available. These grants will go to women's organisations with specialist expertise of women with, or at risk of developing, mental health problems and experiencing multiple disadvantage. The closing date for applications is the 15 October 2018.  
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**11) Masonic Charitable Foundation Launches Early Years Opportunities Grants Programmes**  
Charities in England and Wales can apply for Early Years Opportunities Grants through the Masonic Charitable Foundation. The Early Years Opportunities programme is open to charities that help disadvantaged children and young people (up to the age of 25 years) overcome the barriers they face to achieve the best possible start in life. Grants can be offered to charities that provide:  

- Mental and physical health support
- Learning and development, including language and communication skills, social and emotional etc.
- Parental Support, including whole family approach
- Pastoral and advocacy projects

The programme offers both small grants of up to £15,000 to charities with an annual income of up to £500,000 for projects lasting up to three years; and grants of between £10,000 and £150,000 to charities with an annual income of above £500,000 for projects lasting up to three years. Applicants can only apply for one grant programme at any time. The closing date for applications is the 26 October 2018 for the small grants programme and the 5 October for the large grants programme.  
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**12) New £1 Million Fund Launched to Enhance the Digital Skills of Disadvantaged Groups**  
The Government has launched a new £1 million fund to help people from underrepresented groups gain the skills they need to work in digital roles. The fund is open to bids from Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) and combined Local Authorities, which will be used to help women, disabled people, people from minority backgrounds or those living in lower socio economic areas to succeed in digital roles such as data analysts, programmers, cyber security specialists, software developers and marketers. The fund also aims to encourage collaborative working between LEPs, local government, voluntary sector, youth organisations, charities, employers and training providers to address local skills challenges and share good practice. The funding which is being made available through the Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport's Digital Inclusion Fund will provide grants of between £200,000 and £500,000. The closing date for applications is the 28 October 2018. The Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport will also be launching a £400,000 Fund to help older and disabled people get life-changing digital skills.  
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**13) Charity Website Grants: Summer / Autumn Application Round Now Open**  
Applications for charity website grants of up to £18,000 are now being accepted for the Summer / Autumn round of the Transform Foundation's 2018 Charity Website Grant Programme. The programme, which is run by the Transform Foundation, offers charities a grant to enable them to redevelop their website to ramp up their online income and increase their charitable impact. Successful applicants typically have an annual income of between £350,000 and £30m, but charities of any size with the ambition to grow – or with a single project in mind – are warmly encouraged to get involved. The £18,000 grant covers the bespoke strategy, design, build, training and launch of a new, mobile optimised website and winners must cover ongoing support fees for a minimum of 12 months. The website will be built by Raising IT, who are the technology partner for the programme. The Transform Foundation believes non profit projects should be able to make a difference to the greatest number of people.  
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**14) Funding For Charities to Become Financially Sustainable**  
The Social Investment Business has launched a new 2-year pilot funding programme to help Charities and Social Enterprises in England to grow their activities and become more resilient and sustainable. The Pioneer and Prosper programme will provide repayable grants of between £10,000 - £25,000 through a Revenue Participation Agreement to support enterprise activity and enable the organisation to become more resilient and sustainable. In addition, the programme will provide:  

- Business support from skilled and experienced Relationship Managers (e.g. putting together a cashflow forecast, marketing plan or writing your business plan)
- Pro Bono legal support where this is essential to the application
- Follow-on funding from other Social Investment Business programmes.

The programme is open to charities and social enterprises that operate in England and:  

- Have an income between £10,000 and £10,000,000 and have been established for 12 months or more
- Have the ambition to grow the proportion of their income from trading activities
- Deliver social impact and seek to grow and scale over the coming years
- Have a clear social mission and mainly reinvest surpluses into pursuing this mission
- Are looking to implement a social mission lock or have an asset lock in place
- Distribute less than 50% of post-tax profits.

The closing date for applications is 12pm on the 21 September 2018.  
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**15) Funding for Development Music Making Projects For Young People in Challenging Circumstances**  
Schools as well as other not-for-profit organisations can apply for grants to fund developmental music-making projects for children and young people in the challenging circumstances as well as music projects that support the development of workforce organisations and the wider music making sector. The funding is being made available through Youth Music, England's largest children's music charity, which provides funding for music-making projects. 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 - £150,000) per year for up to two years for larger programmes of work
- Fund C offers grants (£50,000 to £160,000) for strategic programmes to help ensure the sustainability of music-making projects across a local area.

In applying for funding schools will have to justify how the activities to be funded do not duplicate Department of Education funding. The closing dates for applications to Fund A is 5pm on the 7th December 2018 and Fund B the 9th November 2018. **Fund C is currently closed to new applications.**  
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**16) First Steps Enterprise Fund (SEF) Launched to Support Community Organisations**  
SEF is a £300,000 pilot fund to support community organisations and they manage this fund on behalf of the ASDA Foundation. The Fund is available to community organisations (charities and social enterprises) based in England that are looking to take on their first loan to help them grow and become more sustainable. Preference is given to organisations that work in the following areas:  

- Older people
- Health and wellbeing
- Employment for young people.

Funding packages of up to £30,000 are available (90% loan and 10% grant). The loan element is charged at 5% (fixed) to be repaid over a period of 4 years with an optional capital holiday for the first year. Up to £50,000 is available for exceptional cases. This programme is open to community organisations that:  

- Are based and work in England
- Have been operating for at least one year
- Can provide evidence of need for and benefit to their local community.

If you would like to discuss the fund please contact Christian Stannard: [christian.stannard@sibgroup.org.uk](mailto:christian.stannard@sibgroup.org.uk) to arrange an initial telephone conversation.

**17) Grants to Support Children's Health and Education**  
The next deadline to apply to the DM Thomas Foundation Central Grants Programme is 5:30pm 9 October 2018. Grants of up to £30,000 are available to registered charities for projects in improve education and health for young people in three key areas:  

- Children and young people with disabilities
- Children and young people who are sick in hospital
- Children and young people who are unwell (requiring palliative care).

The Foundation offers small grants to help charities to grow their activities to over £30,000 (per year). Funding will be requested for one-off projects or for up to 2 years work. Applications from schools and hospitals are welcomed as long as they are made through an appropriate registered charity.  
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**18) Funding Available to Bring Fibre Broadband to Remote Communities with a School**  
As part of its commitment to make fibre broadband available throughout the UK, BT has made available a £2 million grants scheme for communities with an Ofsted registered school. The Community Fibre Partnerships programme is aimed at the final 5% of the UK not covered by fibre broadband rollout plans. Through the programme communities can apply for a match-funded grant of up to £30,000 towards the cost of their new fibre infrastructure, if that new infrastructure could also serve their local community. To access the grant scheme, communities need to register their interest in having a community fibre partnership. The scheme will provide 50% towards the cost of installing fibre broadband. The community will need to raise the additional 50%. In order to achieve this BT has teamed up with the crowdfunding website "Spacehub", where communities can post their fibre broadband project to raise donations towards the costs involved. Applications can be made at any time until the £2 million has been allocated.  
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**19) Grants of up to £30,000 Available to Support Disadvantaged and Neglected Children**  
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, poverty, distress, abuse or neglect, disability, behaviour or psychological difficulties, and illness and deprivation. The funding is being made available through the BBC Children in Needs small grants programme and the next closing date for applications is 2 December 2018.  
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**20) Grants of up to £2,000 for Projects Tackling Disadvantage and Deprivation**  
The next application deadline for the Greggs Foundation Local Community Projects Fund is the 28 September 2018. The Local Community Projects Fund makes grants of up to £2,000 to not for profit organisations with a turnover of less than £300,000 a year who work to reduce the disadvantage of the most deprived people in the community. This should include one or more of the following communities of interest, i.e. people who are:  

- Living or suffering chronic illness
- Disabled in poverty
- Voluntary carers
- Homeless people
- Isolated older people
- Other demonstrable significant need.

The Foundations are more likely to make grants to local organisations based near Greggs shops. Please use the shop locator on the Greggs website to find their nearest shop.  
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**21) Funding to Support Disadvantaged Young People and Offenders**  
The Weavers Company, a textile-related, charitable and sociable organisation, has announced that the next closing date for its grants programme is the 30 November 2018. Small registered charities can apply for grants of up to £15,000 for projects working with:  

- Young offenders
- Prisoners and ex-prisoners
- Young disadvantaged people at risk of criminal involvement.

To be eligible for funding local organisations such as those working in a village, estate or small town should normally have an income of less than £100,000. Those working across the UK or in larger areas should normally have an income of not more than £250,000. Grants are usually granted for one year. Applicants must show that they have investigated other sources of funding and made plans for the future, which should include replacement funding if appropriate.  
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**22) Grants for Families Facing Financial Hardship Whilst Caring for a Child with a Serious Illness**  
Marvellous Family Grants are awarded to families facing financial hardship whilst caring for a child with a serious illness. Grants of up to £1,000 can fund a variety of essential items and services including (but not limited to) specialist equipment, creative therapies, hospital travel expenses, everyday items to improve the child's quality of life, attending medical/supervisory group conference, social activities and memberships. Marvellous Family grants are open to any family with a child who has a serious illness that could be life-limiting as described by the following criteria:  

- Group 1 - Life threatening conditions for which curative treatment may be feasible but can fail. (e.g. epilepsy, irreversible organ failures of heart, liver, kidneys.)
- Group 2 - Inevitable, where premature death is inevitable. (e.g. cystic fibrosis.)
- Group 3 - Progressive conditions without curative treatment options. (e.g. Batten disease, mucopolysaccharidoses, muscular dystrophy.)
- Group 4 - Irreversible but non-progressive conditions causing severe disability leading to susceptibility to health complications and likelihood of premature death. (e.g. sickle cell disease, cerebral palsy, multiple disabilities such as brain or spinal cord injury.)
- Group 5 - Syndromes without a name (SWAN) causing severe, chronic disability or illness.

Applications must be completed by health or social care professionals on behalf of the family and are considered at monthly meetings. The deadline for the next meeting is 5pm on the 17 September 2018.  
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**23) New Fund Launched to Boost Construction Skills**  
The UK Government has announced a new £22 million fund to help tackle the construction skills shortage. The Construction Skills Fund will bring training to construction sites thus allowing learners to apply their knowledge in a real-world environment. The aim of the fund is to help meet the needs of employers while also supporting those who want to join the industry, particularly adult learners. The scheme will run for 18 months, is funded by the Department for Education and will be administered by the Construction Industry Training Board (CITB). The fund aims to support:  

- 20 on-site training hubs
- Work experience and placements for people working to join the industry
- Entry pathways for those currently unemployed
- Pathways for career switchers.

Funding will be awarded to bids being able to deliver an on-site training hub; it is likely that a lead organisation will apply to receive the funding on behalf of a collaboration that may include:  

- Employer with large infrastructure or housing projects
- Local authorities
- Combined authorities
- LEPs
- Housing associations
- Other clients (e.g. HS2)
- Federations
- Training groups
- Colleges
- Higher education
- Private training.

Funding will only support on-site training provision, and access to live construction projects is essential to qualify. Grants could support, for example, the establishment of the hub's training facilities, a skills coordinator for each project, and the cost of training delivery and qualifications. The closing date for expressions of interest is eight weeks from the launch date of 17 September 2018.  
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**24) Funding to Help Develop Community Businesses**  
Disadvantaged and under-represented communities that want to develop successful community businesses by issuing community shares, can apply for development grants of up to £10,000 and equity investments of up to £100,000. The funding is available to both new and existing community businesses. The funding is however not suitable for newly formed community groups that are in the early stages of developing a community business proposal. The funding is being made available through the Community Shares Booster Programme and funding will be in the form of equity held on equal terms with other community shareholders. The programme is run by the Community Shares Unit, a joint initiative between Co-operatives UK and Locality and applications can be submitted at any time.  
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**25) Funding for Sensory Equipment for Schools that Cater for Pupils with Special Education Needs Schools**  
SEN Schools can apply for grants of up to £5,000 to enable them to purchase a range of sensory equipment to help enhance the pupils' experience at school. To be eligible schools need to cater for young people under the age of 19 who have a physical/ sensory/ learning disability. Schools that cater for socially disadvantaged children or mainstream schools for children with behavioural problems are unable to apply. The funding is being made available through the Local Governors' Schools are required to pay a self-funding contribution of around 25% of the total cost of the package. There are no application deadlines and applications can be submitted at any time.  
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**26) Funding for Projects that Encourage Learning from the Land**  
The Ernest Cook Trust has announced that from 2019, its grant making will be concentrated on inspiring young people to achieve better educational, literacy and STEM by learning from the land. Projects that fall within the categories of arts, literacy and STEM in schools, but must demonstrate a clear link to learning from the land in their application. Schools and not for profit organisations can apply for grants of up to £12,000 for projects that encourage young people's interest in the countryside and that link in with either the National Curriculum or with recognised qualifications. Funding is available via two funding streams:  

- The small grants programme awards up to £4,000 to support state schools and small registered charities which require a small amount of pump-priming in order for projects to take place. Most awards are for £1,500 to £2,500. This is a rolling programme with decisions made at meetings taking place at roughly two-monthly intervals throughout the year
- The large grants programme, for grants of £4,000 up to £12,000, is aimed at larger-scale education programmes. The Trustees meet twice a year in the Spring and Autumn to applications for this programme.

Applications for the Spring meeting 2019 must be received by 31 January 2019.  
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**27) Global Access to Reliable Energy**  
Innovate UK has up to £10 million to invest in innovative, market-focused energy technologies through the Energy Catalyst funding programme. A share of up to £10 million is available to help bring clean, affordable and secure energy to sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia. Round 6 of the programme will support energy innovations across all technologies, sectors and international markets to help address the global need for reliable energy. Funding is available through three strands to reflect different stages of development:  

- Early-stage project funding is designed for feasibility studies exploring the technical potential of an idea. Projects can have total costs of £50,000 to £300,000 and last from 6 to 12 months
- Mid-stage funding is aimed at research and development. Projects costs can be £50,000 to £1.5 million lasting 12 to 24 months
- Late stage funding will be awarded to projects that are ready to proceed with prototyping and pilot testing. Project costs can be £50,000 to £3 million lasting 12 to 30 months.

All projects must start by 1 April 2019 and end by 30 September 2021. Applications for mid-stage or late-stage funding will require some of the research, testing or demonstration to be carried out in sub-Saharan Africa or South Asia by either a UK or international partner. Eligible applicants to all three strands must be:  

- A business, academic organisation, charity, public sector organisation or research and technology organisation (RTO)
- Part of a collaboration with a UK organisation if based in sub-Saharan Africa or South Asia
- Planning to use the results to help deliver clean energy access in these regions
- Involving at least one micro, small or medium-sized enterprise.

The competition opens on 20 August 2018; deadline for applications is midday, 14 November 2018.  
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**28) ERDF—Sustainable Urban Development (Low Carbon and Climate Change): call for projects in the North East (OC25R18S 0783)**  
This call is looking to support the shift towards a low carbon economy and to promote climate change adaptation, risk prevention and management and specifically:  

- Promoting the production and distribution of energy derived from renewable resources
- Promoting energy efficiency and renewable energy use in enterprises
- Supporting energy efficiency, smart energy management and renewable energy use in public infrastructure, including in building, and in the housing sector
- Promoting low-carbon strategies for all types of territories, in particular for urban areas, including the promotion of sustainable multimodal urban mobility and mitigation-relevant adaptation measures
- Promoting research and innovation in, and adoption of, low-carbon technologies
- Promoting investment to address specific risks, ensuring disaster resilience and developing disaster management systems.

Up to £8,100,000 (£6,000,000 for Priority Axis 4 and £2,100,000 for Priority Axis 5) of funding is available through this call. A minimum value of £500,000 of funding can be applied for. The outline application deadline is 31 January 2019.  
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**29) Grants for Organisations to Help Develop Film Audiences**  
The Audience Fund offered by the British Film Institute (BFI) is designed to support a range of audience orientated activities such as film festivals, distribution releases, multi-platform distribution projects, touring film programmes, large scale and ambitious film programmes. The objectives of the Fund are to:  

- Grow the diversity of audiences engaging with film
- Develop the 16+ to 30-year-old audience for film
- Increase access to independent British and international film for audiences, especially those outside London
- Enhance confidence, best practice and capability of the sector
- Increase access to the UK's screen heritage via the BFI's National Archive of film and TV, and those of the regions and nations
- Increase engagement with BFI-supported activities and cultural programmes across the UK, and enhance the quality and cultural depth of audience experience.

Organisations with proven sector experience of film distribution, exhibition and audience development offering a range of year-round activity that meets the objectives of the fund can apply for up to £50,000 and £200,000. The size of the Award will depend on the scale and ambition of the proposal with multi-year funding available subject to an annual performance review and ongoing availability of National Lottery funds. Priority is given to proposals that demonstrate national reach, significant cultural ambition, value for money and inclusivity. Eligible applicant organisations include:  

- Limited liability companies or partnerships
- Community interest companies registered
- Local authority or statutory bodies
- Charities or trusts registered with the Charity Commission (including UK universities).

The closing date for Organisational Award applications for the 2019-20 financial year is 11:59pm, 5 November 2018.  
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**30) Funding to Tackle Isolation and Health in Sparsely Populated Areas**  
The Princes Countryside Fund's Rural Fund - Sparately, Collaborate, Create and Champion - project is a dedicated programme of support for community projects. Charities, Community Benefit Societies, Community Interest Companies, Companies limited by guarantee, not for profit organisations, Social enterprises and Unincorporated associations with proven success of the community working together and a governance structure in place are eligible to apply. The Rural Fund project aims to:  

- Reinvigorate community networks by assisting with rebuilding community assets
- Improve the health and well-being of 200 socially isolated people through providing access to improved community assets and a network of support
- Create a lasting legacy of support and community spirit in the areas supported.

Grants will be awarded to projects with a particular focus on tackling isolation and improving the health and wellbeing of people living in sparsely populated areas. Funding of up to £25,000 for up to 10 projects per year is available and applications are welcome at any time.  
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**31) Funding To Help Fuel Poor Households Heat Their Homes**  
The Warm Homes Fund is worth £115 million and funded by the National Grid and administered by Affordable Warmth Solutions (AWS). The fund aims to help make households warmer, healthier and cheaper to heat. Running over 3-years and providing capital funding for the installation of affordable heating solutions in fuel poor households who do not use mains gas as their primary heating fuel. This can include:  

- Condensing Gas
- Oil and LPG boilers
- Air and Ground Source Heat Pumps
- Bio Mass Boilers; etc.

The Fund is open to bids from local authorities, housing associations and their partners and is split in to three categories focusing on urban, rural and health-related solutions. This funding round will focus on rural homes and communities – some of the most severely fuel poor households are those without a mains gas connection in rural locations. Successful proposals will highlight:  

- The number of fuel poor households supported
- Strategic fit with the Governments Fuel Poverty Strategy
- Value for money
- The benefit created i.e. energy efficiency increases and bill savings
- Strength of delivery plans, project management and assurance of delivery.

The closing date for applications is the 28 September 2018.  
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**32) Funding to Tackle Youth Loneliness**  
Charities and other not for profit organisations have until 5pm on the 26 September 2018 to apply for grants of up to £80,000 to tackle youth loneliness in the 30% most deprived part of England. Successful applicants will receive funding to explore youth loneliness in greater depth, test youth-led innovations within their existing provision, and share their learning as part of a national network. The funding is being made available through the Big Lottery Fund's Building Connections Fund Youth strand and will be delivered by the Co-op Foundation. Grants can also support projects that mainly benefit young people with any one or more of the following circumstances:  

- Being a carer
- Being unemployed or precariously employed
- Experiencing bereavement
- Having a disability or long-term health condition
- Having been in the care system

Organisations can apply for up to £80,000, as follows:  

- Up to £10,000 to be spent between December 2018 and March 2019) to engage young people in co-creating innovations to improve the impact of existing provision
- Up to £70,000 to be spent between April 2019 and March 2021) to implement and evaluate these innovations.

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**33) New Fund to Provide Move-On Accommodation for Rough Sleepers and Victims of Domestic Abuse**  
The fund is part of a package of measures that has been announced through the Government's new Rough Sleeping Strategy. The Fund aims to free up hostel and refuge spaces by increasing the availability of affordable move-on, or second stage housing, for rough sleepers and those in hostel accommodation, and victims of domestic abuse currently living in refuges who are ready to leave this type of provision but might otherwise not be in a position to access the next stage of housing. The fund will provide capital grants contributing towards the costs of developing move-on accommodation for the target cohort. Revenue funding will also be made available to be accessed by successful bidders for the on-going tenancy support and facilitation costs to ensure that those accessing the accommodation are able to sustain their housing. There is no fixed bidding window and the programme will remain open to receive new applications throughout the funding period. Bidding for the Move On Fund will go live from mid-September 2018, and will remain open to receive new applications until 30 September 2020 or until funding is fully committed, whichever occurs first.  
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**34) War Memorials Grant Schemes**  
The War Memorials Trust is providing grants for the repair and conservation of free-standing war memorials in England. These grants are intended to help those who are responsible for the upkeep of war memorials. The grants support the care and preservation of war memorials to a high standard, and to prevent the decay of this important part of our built heritage. Grants will normally be for up to a maximum of 75% of eligible costs, with a maximum grant of £30,000. The fund is open to anyone to apply, individuals or organisations, including councils. The next closing date for applications is the 30 September 2018.  
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**35) NatWest Skills and Opportunities Fund**  
The NatWest Bank has announced that its £2 million Skills and Opportunities Fund will close for Round 2 applications on midday Friday 21 September 2018. Charities, social enterprises, community groups, state-funded schools and colleges are able to apply for funding of up to £35,000 to help people in disadvantaged communities develop create or access the skills and opportunities they need to help themselves and skills that will enable them to get into work or start a business. When all applications have been received in each region, the NatWest will publish a list of projects being considered for funding in each region and will then be open to the public. The outcome of the public vote will be taken into consideration by regional judging panels.  
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