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#### Fund Details:

**1. Lord Taverners Accessible Minibuses Grant Programme**  
The Lord's Taverners has re-opened its Accessible Minibuses grant programme. Schools, clubs and youth organisations that cater for young people under the age of 25 who have a physical sensory/learning disability can apply to the Lord's Taverners for specially-adapted, wheelchair-accessible minibuses. These vehicles give young people with disabilities access to new places and experiences. Lord's Taverners minibuses are based on the current Ford Transit model, with a diesel engine. The average cost to the charity of an accessible minibus is over £61,000. Please note that the Lord's Taverners are unable to support schools that cater for socially disadvantaged children, or mainstream schools for children with behavioural problems. Applications to the programme can be submitted at any time and are reviewed at the end of each quarter. To be redirected to the funders website click [here](#)

**2. Funding for Adults & Children with Physical Disabilities**  
The Paul Bush Foundation Trust supports registered charitable organisations whose objectives are solely related to the provision of services to people with an acquired disability as a result of an accident or birth injury. Grants of up to £10,000 for one year only are awarded at twice yearly meetings held in April and October. Preference is given to discrete projects with defined outcomes and spend-funding will be considered. For example, grants may be awarded for:  

- Projects or items related to improving the health and well-being of individuals suffering as the result of an acquired physical disability.
- Projects or services aimed at providing education to disabled people, their families and professionals regarding the difficulties they face.
- Projects or services that assist individuals or families to overcome social deprivation related to disability.

Funding is also available to assist those individuals with a disability to improve their physical, psychological and emotional well-being. Applications for funding for individuals must be supported and completed by a third-party sponsor, for example, a health/personal care professional, social worker or charity/support group representative. The Trustees meet twice yearly in April and October with successful applicants being advised by 1 November and 1 May each year. To be redirected to the funders website click [here](#)

**3. Funding for Communities to Purchase their Local Pub**  
Communities in England looking to take responsibility for and ownership of their local pub, through purchase or long-term lease can now apply for financial support through the Community Pub Business Support Programme. An total of £3.62 million is available over two years and the support package includes business development support, advice and loan and grant funding. The financial support includes flexible bursary awards of up to £2,500 to fund pre-feasibility costs such as public consultation and valuations and combined loan and grant funding up to £100,000. The programme supports pubs where they advance a charitable purpose to benefit their communities by, for example:  

- Providing regeneration through access to public services and amenities to those who are socially excluded;
- Promoting employment, education and training in areas of high social need;
- Encouraging volunteering, citizenship and community development as a hub for community groups.

Although the programme is aimed primarily at communities considering taking responsibility for and ownership of their local pub, in some cases existing community-owned or managed pub-based businesses may be considered, if they are looking to diversify for community benefit and can demonstrate a clear economic case. The programme has been extended and is now open for applications until the end of March 2019. To be redirected to the funders website click [here](#)

**4. First Steps Enterprise Fund (FSEF) Launched to Support Community Organisations**  
FSEF is a £300,000 pilot fund to support community organisations managed on behalf of the ASDA Foundation. The Fund is available to community organisations (charities and social enterprises) 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:  

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

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**5. Funding for Projects that Support the Education and Development of Children and Young People**  
Schools, colleges and community groups can apply for grants to BlueSpark Foundation to support the education and development of children and young people through educational, cultural, sporting and other projects. BlueSpark is particularly keen to support projects which will help enhance the self-confidence, team working skills and future employability of children and young people. In most cases grants will be made on a relatively small scale. Many grants will be under £2,000, most will be under £5,000 and only in a few cases will grants exceed £10,000. Funding provided by BlueSpark for a project must be crucial to the project rather than marginally incremental to its funding. The funding available can be for physical assets (such as iPads, sports equipment, or lighting for stage productions) or for services or facilities (such as sports coaching or music or drama tuition) or simply for the provision of experiences (such as theatre visits). Applications can be submitted at any time and must be made online. To be redirected to the funders website click [here](#)

**6. Society for Microbiology – Science Education and Outreach Grants**  
The Society for Microbiology provides grants to support the teaching of microbiology. The scheme is open to Full, Concessionary or Postgraduate Student Members, including those working in schools to support relevant science teaching or promotion initiatives, or to support developments likely to lead to an improvement in the teaching of any aspect of microbiology. The maximum grant available is £1,000. Activities funded can include:  

- Talks, workshops, demonstrations, posters, leaflets, broadcasts, activities at science festivals and audio-visual or computer-based packages;
- Activities that take place as part of a National Science and Engineering Week event at the applicant's place of work;
- Running a school- or college-based science week activity (e.g. hands-on or programme of talks).

Supporting microbiology activities in an out-of-school science club;  

- Buying materials and equipment outside of normal department resources to support a microbiology activity (no more than £500 can be used toward large equipment such as microscopes and incubators);
- A class visit to a microbiology laboratory to carry out activities; and
- Organising a visit to or from a working microbiologist.

The deadline for applications is 1 April 2019. To be redirected to the funders website click [here](#)

**7. Funding to Make Community Spaces More Sustainable**  
The Co-op Foundation is offering interest free loans for enterprising ideas to improve community spaces. Community organisations that manage community buildings and outdoor spaces such as parks and community centres, etc. which are for the use of the whole community can apply for loans to grow their trading activities to generate more sustainable income. The Co-op Foundation can offer:  

- Interest-free loans of up to £50,000 towards viable business ideas that will benefit the whole community – particularly those facing greater challenges.
- No repayments for the first year, while your trading activities are developing.
- If you are based in a more deprived area, or your work mainly benefits more disadvantaged members of the community, we might also be able to offer some grant funding alongside a loan.

Applications can be submitted at any time. To be redirected to the funders website click [here](#)

**8. Funding to Support Arts Projects**  
The Fidello Trust has announced that the next closing date for applications is the 1 February 2019. The Trust offers grants of up to £5,000 in support of the Arts, in the particular Music, including:  

- Opera
- Lieders
- Composition
- Dance.

The Trustees aim to help individuals and groups such as:  

- Colleges
- Arts Festivals
- Other arts organisations who would not be able to carry out a project or activity without financial support.

Funding is available towards:  

- Tuition or coaching costs
- To participate in external competitions
- To be supported for a specially arranged performance
- To receive support for a special publication, musical composition or work of art.

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**9. Grants for Projects that Promote Inclusion and Diversity within the Chemical Sciences**  
The Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC) believes that for chemistry and the chemical sciences to prosper the subject must attract, develop and retain a diverse community of talented people. The Inclusion and Diversity Fund has been created to provide financial support of up to £5,000 to members, professionals, network groups, volunteer groups, institutions and organisations to enable them to develop innovative products, activities and research projects which promote inclusion and diversity in the chemical science community. All applications should clearly show that the proposed project:  

- Is centred on diversity and inclusion in the chemical sciences community
- Is relevant to RSC's inclusion and diversity strategy
- Has a clearly defined target audience
- Has a clearly defined intended impact
- Is deliverable and includes clear evaluation plans
- In addition, applicants should show that the requested funding will make a significant difference to their ability to deliver the project.

The closing date for applications is the 16 June 2019. To be redirected to the funders website click [here](#)

**10. Funding for Projects that Support Disadvantaged and Disengaged Young People**  
Registered charities can apply for funding for projects that benefit disadvantaged and disengaged young people. Priority is given to programmes designed to help disadvantaged and disengaged young people in the age range of 14 to 30, to pursue pathways to Education, Training and Employment with the ultimate aim of helping them to become financially independent. There is no minimum or maximum amount and projects can be funded for more than one year. However, the Peter Cruddas Foundation will be looking to the applicant to demonstrate that they can manage the amount they have applied for and how they intend to continue after the funding has been spent. The next closing date for application is the 15 March 2020. To be redirected to the funders website click [here](#)

**11. EDF-ER Green Rigg Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund**  
Community and voluntary groups, schools or other such organisations based within ten miles of the Green Rigg Wind farm can apply for funding for:  

- Capital items that will have a long-lasting benefit;
- Play equipment, items for leisure activities and community groups;
- Biodiversity and habitat conservation;
- Energy conservation and increased use of renewables;
- Community trips and events;
- Start-up costs for new groups.

This list is not exhaustive!  
Grants of between £250 and £5,000 are available, with up to £9,000 in exceptional circumstances. For further information please contact Pete Barrett at the Community Foundation (0191) 222 0945. The closing date for applications is 29 January 2019. To be redirected to the funders website click [here](#)

**12. L'Oréal Launches Corporate Venture Capital Start-up Fund**  
L'Oréal has announced the launch of 'Business Opportunities for L'Oréal Development' (BOLD) – a corporate venture capital fund that will take minority stakes in innovative start-ups with high growth potential. The Fund will invest in new business models in marketing, research and innovation (R&I), digital, retail, communication, supply chain and packaging and support the start-ups with L'Oréal's expertise, networking and mentorship. Innovative start-ups with high growth potential are being targeted. Applications can be made any time. To be redirected to the funders website click [here](#)

**13. UKRI - Innovate UK**  
Latest research and innovation funding opportunities for businesses. To be redirected to the funders website click [here](#)

**14. Funding to Celebrate Armed Forces Day**  
The Ministry of Defence (MoD) is offering funding for community celebration events and activities taking place on or around Saturday 29 June 2018 - Armed Forces Day 2019. Grants of up to £10,000 to cover up to 50% of the costs involved in running an event may be awarded. Event organisers should in the first instance register their event on the Armed Forces Day website. Local councils, community organisations, schools, ex-service organisations and individuals in the UK are eligible to apply for funding that:  

- Are held within 2 weeks of the Armed Forces Day, including the weekend, between Saturday 22 June – Sunday 7 July 2019
- Have 'Armed Forces' in the event title
- Are relevant to today's serving Armed Forces
- Have free access to members of the 'Armed Forces Family' – Serving personnel, Veterans, Cadets and their Families (though charges may be made for parking, programs etc.)
- Are not centred around Fundraising or Recruitment

The Armed Forces Day website provides ideas, inspiration and resources including posters and decoration ideas; there is a dedicated resource page for schools that includes assembly kits. The deadline for submitting applications is Monday 1 March 2019. To be redirected to the funders website click [here](#)

**15. Grants for Projects that Open Employment Opportunities for Women on Low Incomes**  
Charities, social enterprises and other not-for-profit organisations can apply for grants of between £5,000 and £10,000 for projects which enable women on low incomes to access new skills, training, confidence building and employment opportunities. This funding is available for existing projects that can identify and document good practice in achieving positive outcomes for women that can be replicated. The funding is being made available through the Smallwood Trusts and the closing date for applications is 5pm on the 4 March 2019. To be redirected to the funders website click [here](#)

**16. Funding to Use Digital Technologies for Vocational Training**  
The Ufi Charitable Trust aims to raise the skills level of the workforce through digital solutions for vocational learning and the Votech Impact Fund will offer grants of up to £50,000 for projects lasting up to 12 months that will help to achieve this aim. The programme focuses on new learning tools which use genuinely innovative methods. To raise the skills levels for a significant number of learners. Registered charities, community interest companies, social enterprises, not for profits, companies, community associations, FE colleges and public bodies are all eligible to apply, however, projects for, or targeted at, schools or universities are not supported. Stage 1 opens on the 15 January 2019 and will close at 5pm on the 8 February 2019. Applicants successful at this stage will have until the 5 April to submit a stage 2 application. To be redirected to the funders website click [here](#)

**17. Research Placement Summer 2019 Programme Now Open**  
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, 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. Nuffield Research Placements offers students have a defined project to work on and are well supported but expected to work independently and use their own initiative. Applications for summer placements 2019 are now open with closing dates varying from region to region. To be redirected to the funders website click [here](#)

**18. Grants for Projects that Improve the Wellbeing of Children**  
Grants of up to £1,000 are available to registered charities and non-profit organisations who work to improve the education and physical and emotional wellbeing of children. Applicants applying for funding may focus on one or more of these areas:  

- Living in Poverty
- Physical & Mental Health Problems
- Health & Wellbeing
- Living With Disability.

The next closing date for applications is 5pm on the 30 April 2019. To be redirected to the funders website click [here](#)

**19. Funding of up to £5,000 Available to Strengthen Family Ties**  
Registered charities whose activities support and encourage the family to work as a cohesive unit in tackling problems they face one or more of its members can apply for grants of between £1,000 and £5,000 but trustees can consider requests for higher amounts through the Kelly Family Charitable Trust. The Trust will consider both capital and revenue grants and is happy to support requests for core funding as well as project-based grants, and actively encourages applications from relatively new organisations to help them become established. The three areas of activity that the charity wishes to support are:  

- Interventions that support families and help them in ways that prevent the fracture of the family unit, e.g. practical family support, relationship counselling, mediation.
- Families where sexual abuse, physical abuse, domestic violence, alcohol abuse and drug abuse threaten the integrity of the family unit.
- Prisoners and in particular their families, during and after the period of imprisonment.

The trust prefers to support charities whose income is below £500,000. However, larger charities with pioneering pilot projects will be considered. The closing date for applications is the 1 March 2019. To be redirected to the funders website click [here](#)

**20. Funding to Support the Development of Small Charities and Social Enterprises**  
The Fore Trust has announced that the next funding round to support the development of small charities, social enterprises and community interest companies will close for registrations on the 7 January 2019. The Trust is offering development funding of up to £30,000 and business support to develop and expand the capacity of small charities, social enterprises and community interest companies. To qualify applicant organisations will need to have a turnover of less than £500,000 per year. Numbers for each funding organisation must register at the start of each funding round. Applicants for each round are capped and registrations are accepted on a first come, first-serve basis. Once the cap is reached, the round is closed. Once successfully registered, organisations are invited to submit a proposal as soon as possible. To be redirected to the funders website click [here](#)

**21. Funding to Support the Core Costs of Youth Organisations**  
Not for profit youth organisations that support young people (aged 14 - 25) facing disadvantage can apply for grants of between £10,000 and £60,000 through the Paul Hamlyn Foundation Youth Fund. The funding is available for up to two-years and will support the core operating costs of the applicant organisation. Examples of what can be funded include part-funding the salary of a key individual, whether the Chief Executive or a post such as:  

- A Head of Operations/Finance
- Policy work
- Additional fundraising or income generation capacity
- Upgrading IT systems or website to reach young people online; etc.

There is a two-stage application process. Stage 1 applications can be submitted at any time by completing an online application form answering a standard set of questions. Applicants that are invited to second stage, will be asked to submit further information and the Paul Hamlyn Foundation will arrange a meeting, visit or phone call with the applicant organisation's Chief Executive. To be redirected to the funders website click [here](#)

**22. Funding Available to Support Local Good Causes**  
The Morrison's Foundation awards grants to community projects that improve people's lives. Applicants must demonstrate how the project will deliver public benefit, who in the community will specifically benefit and how it will bring about positive change. Grants may be applied for by any charity which is registered with the Charity Commission and have financial information dating back to 2012. Applicants must also have raised some funding towards the project from elsewhere. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis can be submitted at any time and there is no specific grant amount that can be applied for. To be redirected to the funders website click [here](#)

**23. YHA Educational Support Programme Re-Opens for Applications**  
The Youth Hostel Associations (YHA) is a registered charity with a clear mission "To help all", especially young people of limited means, to a greater knowledge, love and care of the countryside" has announced that its Educational Breaks Programme has re-opened for applications. Through the Educational Breaks Programme schools, registered charities, community and voluntary organizations can receive a 50% discount on residential breaks for up to 10 individuals where members of the group are eligible for pupil premium and where children and young people (aged 8-18) face additional social challenges. The YHA is particularly keen to support groups of young people who have not undertaken a residential activity previously. The closing date for applications is the 31 January 2019. To be redirected to the funders website click [here](#)

**24. Funding for Football Equipment and Facilities**  
Grants of up to £10,000 are available to schools, grass roots football clubs, local authorities and professional and semi-professional football clubs and their associated community organisations that are seeking to refurbish their existing or develop new football facilities. The funding is available through the Football Foundation's Premier League & the FA Facilities Fund Small Grants Scheme and can be used to buy capital items such as portable floodlights, storage containers and other equipment; or to refurbish/improve existing facilities. The aims of this scheme are to:  

- Support the growth of football clubs and activity
- Prevent a decline in football participation
- Make improvements to facilities to address any health and safety issues.

The grants awarded cannot exceed 50% of the total project cost. The Football Foundation strongly recommend that applicants use the pre-application advice offered on our behalf by the FA and the network of County FAs around England. This will normally involve completing the FA's Football Facilities Enquiry Form (FEF) first, which will help the FA to learn more about a project and determine the best way to support the applicant organisation. Applications can be submitted at any time. To be redirected to the funders website click [here](#)

**25. Grants for Community Projects**  
The Sir James Knott Trust is an independent grant making charitable trust based in Newcastle upon Tyne. The Trust supports community projects with the aim of helping to improve the conditions for people living and working in the North East of England and welcomes applications from most charitable organisations. Grants are awarded at two levels, under £1,000 and over £1,000 with the latter awarded at meetings held three times a year. Payments can only be made to registered charities, therefore smaller charitable organisations are recommended to approach their local Council for Voluntary Service (CVS) who can administer or process a grant payment on their behalf. The Trust acts as a 'support funder' and prefers to award:  

- Initial grants acting as leverage to access larger funds from other sources
- Shortfall funding i.e. where there is a shortfall for particular elements of the project
- Grants where the project budget is too small to fit the criteria of other funders

For the 'Under £1,000' scheme the average grant is £700 and for the 'Meeting' grants the average is £4,500. The Trustees meet three times a year and the deadline for receiving completed applications for the next meeting is 4pm on Friday 8 February 2019. Applications for grants of below £1,000 can be submitted at any time. To be redirected to the funders website click [here](#)

**26. Involving People in Health Research and Innovation**  
The Wellcome Foundation's Public Engagement Fund is open to commercial and not-for-profit organisations and individuals working in the arts, culture, entertainment media, heritage, leisure, education, research, informal learning or other fields for projects that focus on health. The Foundation seeks creative ideas about how to engage the public in health research that promotes diversity and inclusion and engages people and communities who are affected by social and economic disadvantage is particularly welcomed. Funded projects will offer creative approaches to engage the public by:  

- Empowering people
- Improving health research
- Helping people to value and think critically about science, health research, innovation and the role these play in society
- Projects funded will be innovative or a new way of working; a development of an already successful activity that can be scaled up, made sustainable and cost-effective; or an existing activity that can be replicated with a new audience, e.g. a different demographic, or location.

Grants of £25,000 to £30,000 are awarded to projects taking place in the UK, Republic of Ireland or low and middle-income countries in Sub-Saharan Africa, South Asia, East Asia and the Pacific region for work lasting up to 3 years. Applications for grants under £25,000 are considered through a single stage application process four times a year – the next deadline is 5pm on the 11 January 2019. Grants over £25,000 are considered throughout the year following the submission of an expression of interest – apply at any time. To be redirected to the funders website click [here](#)

**27. Funding for Projects that Work with Disabled Children and their Families**  
Through the True Colours Trust Small Grants Programme charities and projects with a charitable purpose can apply for funding that supports disabled children and their families. Grants of up to £10,000 are usually available for; hydrotherapy pools, multi-sensory rooms, mini buses, young carers projects, sibling projects and bereavement support. Applications can be submitted at any time. To be redirected to the funders website click [here](#)

**28. Reforms and Extension to the Plug-in Car Grant**  
For the last seven years, the Plug-in Car Grant (PiCG) has provided a discount to the price of over 160,000 new ultra-low emission vehicles. The changes to the grant will mean that the grant rate for category 1 vehicles will move from £4,500 to £3,500 and category 2 and category 3 vehicles will no longer be eligible for the grant. These changes reflect the on-going success of the PiCG in increasing uptake of electric vehicles, a key part of the government's Road to Zero Strategy. The grant is available to individuals and businesses, vehicles must be pre-approved and registered in the UK. In addition, grant funding of up to 75% towards the cost of installing electric vehicle charge points at domestic properties is available through the Electric Vehicle Homecharge Scheme (EVHS). To be redirected to the funders website click [here](#)

**29. New £9 Million Fund Announced to Help EU Citizens with Their Immigration Status**  
The Home Office has announced grant funding of up to £9 million to support EU citizens who might need additional help when applying for their immigration status through the EU Settlement Scheme. The Home Office has been working closely with voluntary and community organisations representing the needs of potentially vulnerable EU citizens. The grant will help voluntary and community organisations to both inform vulnerable individuals about the need to apply for settled status and support them to complete their applications to protect their status as the UK exits the EU. Organisations working with people who might be affected and require additional support can apply for project funding from the end of November. To be redirected to the funders website click [here](#)

**30. Grants for Small Organisations Making Good Use of Volunteers**  
Charities, social enterprises and community interest companies have until the 31 January 2019 to apply to the Woodward Charitable Trust to have their project considered at the next Trustees meeting. Grants from £200 upwards are awarded for projects covering the Arts, Community and Social Welfare; Disability and Health; Education and Summer Schemes. Preference is given to small to medium-sized charities with an income of less than £300,000 where small grants can have more impact. Priority is given to projects that make good use of volunteers, encourage past and current users to participate and ensure that funds awarded are being well used. To be redirected to the funders website click [here](#)

**31. Charity Partner Sought by Fundraisers**  
Small and growing charities with an income of between £500,000 and £2.5 million per annum are invited to apply to be a charity partner with the October Club. The goal of the Club is to help innovative fledgling charities achieve the next level. Previous support has enabled charities to kick-start ground-breaking research, raise their profile and supported brave expansion plans. One charity is supported each year, and the average amount raised in recent years for charity partners has been £500,000. Applications are open until the 12 February 2019. To be redirected to the funders website click [here](#)

**32. Local Communities Projects Fund: 2019 Round 1 Now Open**  
Not-for-profit organisations developing local community projects are being offered the opportunity to apply for a grant of up to £2,000. Any not-for-profit organisation working to reduce disadvantage experienced by the most deprived people in the community such as the disabled, those living in poverty, voluntary carers and isolated older people can apply. Larger organisations with a turnover in excess of £300,000 are unlikely to be successful with those located near to a Gregg's shop most likely to receive awards. Apply to the Gregg's Foundation Local Community Projects Fund by the 28 February 2019. To be redirected to the funders website click [here](#)

**33. Funding for Customs Intermediaries and Traders**  
Customs intermediaries, traders and small to medium sized businesses completing customs declarations can now apply for grants to support training and IT improvements thanks to new investment from the UK Government. Following extensive consultation with providers, an £8 million one-off investment will support broker training and increase automation which will help increase capacity of the sector ahead of March 2019. This call will allocate £5 million to businesses, based in, or with a branch in, the UK. Grants representing 50% funding for employee training and IT improvements are available. Applications will close on 5 April 2019, or earlier once all the funding is allocated. To be redirected to the funders website click [here](#)

**34. Grants Available for the Creation and Refurbishment of Pocket Parks**  
Community groups in England have until the 25 January 2019 to apply for funding to establish new pocket parks or to refurbish existing parks. Pocket parks are small plots of land, often about the size of a tennis court, and mostly seen in urban spaces. A total of £1,000,000 is available and community groups can bid for grants of up to £15,000 to build new pocket parks and up to £25,000 for renovating existing parks. The funding is being made available through the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government. To be redirected to the funders website click [here](#)

**35. £15 Million Available for Projects that Support Vulnerable Women and Girls**  
Grants of at least £1 million are available for projects that support victims of domestic violence or work to reduce rough sleeping and homelessness among women. Funding is also available to programmes that help vulnerable women through music therapy, encourage them to participate in sport to improve their physical and mental wellbeing or charities that make onward grants to smaller organisations, so they can deliver tailored services to support women. Eligibility Criteria:  

- The fund is open to charitable, benevolent and philanthropic organisations from across the United Kingdom
- Applications should be for £1 million or more
- The value of the grant requested must not represent more than 50% of the applicant's or consortia's collective annual income
- Applications should focus on 1 of 4 categories: homelessness and rough sleeping, violence against women and girls, music, or the general programme
- Grants may be for 1 or 2 year projects
- All project activities must be concluded and funds must be spent by 31 March 2021
- Applicants must include a copy of their safeguarding policy, along with a statement that confirms the applicant has effective and appropriate safeguarding procedures that protect employees, beneficiaries or volunteers from harm, and that explains how any concerns and incidents are managed.

The closing date for applications is the 20 January 2019. To be redirected to the funders website click [here](#)

**36. Funding for Arts Projects that Work with Children and Young People**  
Not for profit organisations in the arts and cultural sector can apply for grants of up to £50,000 for projects that work with children and young people up to the age of 18 using the arts and creative media. Preference will be given to innovative projects which have a deep commitment to listening to children and allow the perceptions and feelings of children themselves to be better understood. Organisations can apply for both one-off short-term projects and for projects lasting up to three years. The funding is being made available through the Ragdoll Foundation's Open Grants programme. Applications can be submitted at any time. To be redirected to the funders website click [here](#)

**37. D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust**  
The Trust gives grants to registered charities in support of causes connected with the arts, medical welfare and the environment. Grants generally range from £500 to £5,000 for one-year periods, however longer-term grants are sometimes awarded. The Trustees will consider applications for core costs or projects, and they also consider applications for matched funding. Projects falling into the following themes will be considered:  

- Bursaries for arts education establishments
- Hospice care
- Autism, the deafblind, respite care and care for carers,
- Preservation of the countryside and heritage conservation.

The Trustees usually consider applications three times a year in March, July and November. The next deadline to apply is the 7 February 2019. To be redirected to the funders website click [here](#)

**38. Funding for Projects Benefiting Rural Communities**  
Calor Rural Community Fund offers rural off grid communities the chance to gain funding for projects that will improve local life. Applications for funding are divided into three categories: £1,000, £2,500 and £5,000. There are 5 x £5,000 grants, 6 x £2,500 grants and 10 x £1,000 grants available to off-grid community projects. Funding applied for must equate to 50% or more of the total project cost. Winners from each category are carefully selected following a three-stage process:  

- Organisations must first submit a proposal application and which will be screened by Calor to check that it has met the eligibility criteria.
- The general public will vote for the application that they would like to see win a grant. Applications with the highest number of votes from each grant category at the end of the voting period will be deemed as finalists, and
- The winners from each grant category will be selected by an independent panel of judges with the highest score based on a number of criteria.
- Projects supported can be anything from schools, community centres, village halls and sporting venues to youth clubs and scout groups, or initiatives to support the elderly.

The Fund re-opens on the 20 March 2019 – interested groups should register their details to receive a notification with funding dates for 2019. To be redirected to the funders website click [here](#)

**39. New £3 Million Fund to be Launched to Support Grassroots Community-Led Organisations**  
Intermediary funders with experience of grant making are being invited to apply to a new £3 million fund to make support and make grants to community-led organisations (with an annual income of less than £250,000) with the aim of helping them to support grassroots organisations in order to bring about lasting social change. Comic Relief are inviting proposals from intermediary funders to help invest across all four of their strategic themes:  

- Children Survive & Thrive
- Fighting for Gender Justice
- A Safe Place to Be
- Global Mental Health Matters

Applicants should have a strong track record with previous experience of grant making and be able to demonstrate their capacity to deliver this kind of work at scale. The Intermediary Fund should have an in-depth understanding of the context and specific needs across England and be able to manage their grantees across a broad geographical range, reaching both rural and urban communities. Comic Relief will consider organisations working in partnership to deliver this programme if they can evidence how that partnership would benefit the delivery and outcomes. One organisation will need to be identified as the lead organisation. The closing date is midday on the 8 January 2019. To be redirected to the funders website click [here](#)

**40. Funding Available to Create Employment Opportunities for Ex-Offenders and People Recovering from Addiction**  
The Forward Enterprise Fund is £2m social investment fund that supports individuals, charities and social enterprises run by, or creating employment opportunities for, ex-offenders and people in recovery from addiction. This fund is aimed at individuals, charities and social enterprises that prioritise creating employment opportunities for people breaking the cycle of crime and addiction. The Fund provides access to unsecured loans between £25k - £150k for revenue and for capital projects (typical interest rate 7.5%) for up to a 5-year term. Eligible organisations will also have access to grants to pay for up to 10 days of pre-investment business support. Organisations who receive investment will also be able to apply for post-investment business support. Individuals or start-up enterprises with a bright idea can also access Crowdfunder support with match funding available from The Forward Trust. Eligible applicants will be:  

- A business or organisation must be within England.
- A business or organisation working with or intending to work with ex-offenders or people in recovery from addiction, creating employment opportunities for people from these communities

And/or  

- Led by ex-offenders or people in recovery from addiction.
- Organisations wishing to raise start-up money via a campaign on Crowdfunder can also apply for match funding of up to £5,000.

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