

Funding Bulletin

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Welcome to TAWS Funding Bulletin!

This month's Funding Bulletin is packed full of funding opportunities and financial support for community groups, local, regional and national organisations and individuals.

Funding for organisations or groups are highlighted in **orange** and funds for individuals are shown in **green**.

Please note: The Active Wellbeing Society is not a grant-giving organisation. We cannot offer grants directly, either to organisations or individuals.

We're here to bridge the gap and ensure vital resources find their way to those in need. And while we can't write your applications for you, we're very happy to share tips and suggestions on how to boost your chances of making a successful application.

The information in this bulletin is accurate as of 5 February 2024.

Should you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please feel free to get in touch with TAWS Funding Team and we'll do our best to help. Write to funding@theaws.org.

Please note: although some of these funds have been publicly announced they may not necessarily be open for applications and full guidance may not yet be available. We'll try to provide updates but those interested should regularly check the relevant websites.

The following also list funding and financial support available:

Birmingham Voluntary Service Council (BVSC)

www.bvsc.org

Grants Online

www.grantsonline.org.uk

Turn 2 Us

www.turn2us.org.uk

Small Grants Programme (The Leathersellers)

Amount available: Grants up to £5,000.

Deadline: The next application window opens 5 February and will remain open until 45 applications are received.

Eligibility: Applications are open to charities and charitable incorporated organisations (CIOs) only. Organisations must operate in a geographical area of deprivation, deliver activities to meet an identified need and have planned expenditure of less than £200,000 in 2024.

Aims: Activities that address a clear need and improve the lives of those living in deprived and underserved communities.

How to apply: See the following link for [more information](#) or to [download an offline form for preparation purposes only](#). Online application forms will be available after 5th Feb.

Website: www.leathersellers.co.uk

Funding to Support Delivery of Financial Skills (Money Saving Expert Charity)

Amount available: £8,000.

Deadline: 16 February.

Eligibility: UK-registered charities, charitable community groups, community interest companies and not-for-profit companies with an annual income less than £750,000.

Aims: Projects that improve and deliver personal financial life skills to people living with long term challenges, such as dementia, autism, learning or physical disabilities, caring responsibilities, mental illness or brain injury or stroke.

How to apply: See the following link to [check eligibility and begin an application](#).

Website: www.moneysavingexpert.com/site/mse-charity-fund

Youth Social Action Fund 24 25 (Ormiston Trust)

Amount available: Grants up to £5,000.

Deadline: 22 February.

Eligibility: Primary and secondary schools and academies in England.

Aims: Support for youth-led projects and activities that improve the lives of young people and make a positive difference to their communities. The programme targets five key areas: equality, diversity and inclusion; environment and climate justice; health and wellbeing; mental health, and poverty.

How to apply: See the following link to [view grant guidelines and download an application form](#). Completed application forms should be emailed to fionagregory@ormistontrust.co.uk. Successful applicants will be notified by 11 March 2024.

Website: www.wewillormiston.co.uk

Funding for Community Health & Wellbeing Projects (The Happiness Fund)

Amount available: £5,000.

Deadline: 29 February.

Eligibility: Not-for-profit businesses with an annual turnover of less than £50,000.

Aims: Enable and support projects that improve mental health and wellbeing, promote inclusion and support learning and skills development in local communities.

How to apply: See the following links for [more information](#) and to [begin an application](#).

Website: www.laughology.co.uk

Grants for Charity and Community Organisations (Delamere Dairy Foundation)

Amount available: Grants from £1,000 to £5,000.

Deadline: 29 February.

Eligibility: Charities, community groups, social enterprises and other not-for-profit organisations that can demonstrate a clear community benefit.

Aims: Priority aims include the advancement of agriculture and environmental protection; projects that support the physical, social and emotional development of young people; relief of financial hardship; advancement of education, and relief of sickness.

How to apply: See the following links to [check eligibility](#) and to [begin an application](#).

Website: www.delameredairyfoundation.org.uk

Funding for Projects that Address Severe Learning Disabilities (Baily Thomas Charitable Fund)

Amount available: Smaller grants from £250 to £9,000; larger grants greater than £9,000.

Deadline: Deadline for larger grants is 1 March. Applications for grants less than £9,000 are received on an ongoing basis.

Eligibility: UK charities, parent-teacher associations and schools. The fund does not currently accept applications from community interest companies.

Aims: Support for children and adults suffering severe learning difficulties.

How to apply: See the following link for [more information on grant criteria and types of funding applications](#).

Website: www.bailythomas.org.uk

Grants for Good (Matthew Good Foundation)

Amount available: Grants from £2,000 to £5,000.

Deadline: Q1 applications close 15 March. Successful applicants will be notified by May 2024.

Eligibility: UK-registered community groups, charities, voluntary groups or social enterprises with an average income of less than £50,000 in the past 12 months.

Aims: Unrestricted support for smaller charities and local organisations that are just starting out and can demonstrate innovative solutions that have the potential for scalable impact.

How to apply: See the following link to [see more information and download an application form](#). For further info contact: info@matthewgoodfoundation.org.

Website: www.matthewgoodfoundation.org

Social Entrepreneur Award (UnLtd)

Amount available: Grants up to £18,000.

Deadline: 31 March.

Eligibility: Social entrepreneurs who aim to start or scale an existing venture that addresses a clear need and can show potential to be financially sustainable and grow as a result of award funding.

Aims: Funding, mentoring and education to create community and social leaders who can drive innovative and scalable change. Healthy ageing and access to employment are a particular focus.

How to apply: See the following link for [more information and to begin an application](#).

Website: www.unltd.org.uk

Grants to Support Young Adults with Learning Difficulties (Margaret Dobson Further Education Trust)

Amount available: Grants up to £5,000.

Deadline: 31 March.

Eligibility: Registered charities, charitable incorporated organisations or community interest companies with an annual turnover less than £1 million.

Aims: Support for charities that promote education, training, recreation and rehabilitation for young adults aged 18 to 25 in the UK, and delivers practical skills to help them to lead independent lives.

How to apply: See the following links for [guidance](#) and to [begin an application](#).

Website: www.margaretdobsontrust.org

Grants to Support Music Making (Music For All)

Amount available: Grants up to £2,000.

Deadline: 1 April.

Eligibility: Individuals and a wide range of organisations including groups operating in caring settings, community groups, formal and informal educational settings, and choirs. Applicants must supply contact info for one witness able to confirm musical competence.

Aims: Assistance for a range of projects, including community projects supporting those with learning and cognitive challenges, those with degenerative conditions and projects supporting underprivileged secondary school aged children.

How to apply: See the following link to [learn more and begin an application](#).

Website: www.musicforall.org.uk

Grants for Registered Charities (Thomas Wall Trust)

Amount available: Grants up to £5,000.

Deadline: Expressions of interest are invited until 29 April 2024.

Eligibility: UK-registered charities with an annual turnover less than £500,000 that run projects equipping disadvantaged young adults with skills for employment. Projects must be based on a proven model and operate in partnership with other local organisations.

Aims: Activities that support people experiencing multiple deprivation or other groups demonstrably facing major hurdles to employment, especially women, people with physical, mental, or learning disabilities and refugees.

How to apply: See the following link for [more information and to submit an expression of interest](#).

Website: www.thomaswalltrust.org.uk

National Lottery Heritage Fund Grants

Amount available: Smaller grants from £10,000 to £250,000, or large grants of between £250,000 and £10 million.

Deadline: Ongoing.

Eligibility: Not-for-profit organisations or partnerships that are committed to supporting the four core National Heritage principles of saving heritage, protecting the environment, supporting greater inclusion, access and diversity, and providing organisational stability.

Aims: Support for projects that connect people and communities to the national, regional and local heritage of the UK.

How to apply: See the following link for [more informational about the National Lottery Heritage Fund](#).

Website: www.heritagefund.org.uk

Masonic Charitable Foundation Charity Grants Programme

Amount available: Small grants of 1,000 to £5,000 and large grants of £10,000 to £60,000.

Deadline: Ongoing.

Eligibility: Smaller grants are aimed at charities with an annual income between £25,000 and £500,000. Larger grants are for charities whose annual income is between £500,000 and £5 million.

Aims: Four priority areas includes support for people with dementia and their carers; support for children affected by domestic abuse; projects that support the physical, social and emotional development of early years children (ages 0-5), and support for children with special educational needs and disabilities.

How to apply: See the following links for [more information](#) and to [check eligibility](#). For additional support contact help@mcf.org.uk.

Website: www.mcf.org.uk

Positive Futures Fund (Heart of England Community Foundation)

Amount available: Grants up to £5,000.

Deadline: Ongoing.

Eligibility: Community and voluntary organisations and registered charities working with disadvantaged young people aged 13 to 25 years old in Birmingham and the Black Country.

Aims: Projects that deliver education, learning and training for young people, particularly employability skills, mentoring and mental health support for those at risk of falling into crime and young people leaving care.

How to apply: See the following link to [learn more and begin an application](#).

Website: www.heartofenglandcf.co.uk