Grants for East Sussex Organisations

We have created this guide to provide a taster of grants available to charitable organisations based in East Sussex. Please bear in mind it only offers a sample of grants available.

Some grant funders accept applications from community and voluntary groups; others only accept applications from registered charities.

We can help:
East Sussex County Council’s funding team’s expertise is varied and over the years we have worked with a wide range of community groups, charities and enterprises get funding for different types of projects and from different funders.

Working with you on:
1. Finding the right grant, from the many hundreds available
2. Working with you on making a good case to those grant givers
3. Supporting you on projects you are developing with other organisations

Supporting you with:
• What to consider before you start making applications for funding
• Checking through your draft applications before you submit them
• 1:1 discussion on funding options
• Linking you with organisations who can help you

Resources:
• East Sussex 4 Community, a free grant search engine
• Funding News, our free monthly funding guide
• You are welcome to contact us about your project, and we will carry out a funding search on your behalf

Contact
Tel: 01273 482205  E-mail: external.funding@eastsussex.gov.uk

With our sincere best wishes,
The External Funding Team
East Sussex County Council
The funding landscape changes all the time. Information about all the grants listed in this guide are correct at the time of publishing, however please make sure that you check funders’ websites to ensure you have the latest details.

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**Trusts and Foundations**

**Bernard Sunley Charitable Trust**

Bernard Sunley Charitable Trust provides grants to Registered Charities seeking to raise the quality of life particularly for those who are:

- Young
- Disadvantaged
- Deprived
- Disabled or
- Elderly

Under the following themes:

- Community
- Education
- Arts
- Health
- Social welfare
- Amateur sport
- Emergency and armed services
- Environment
- Animal welfare

Note that they only fund capital projects and support the need for village halls in rural areas. As a rough guide they will provide 10% of the capital costs but this depends upon the total project cost. Most grants are under £5,000 but they do award a few grants over £25,000.

Written applications should be sent providing: details of your charity and its objectives; the need and purpose of your project; how much it will cost; the size of grant requested; how much has already been raised and from whom, and how you plan to raise the shortfall. You should also include your annual report and accounts and any other documentation you feel will help to support your appeal.

Tel: 020 7408 2198  
E-mail: office@bernardsunley.org

**Bexhill Trust**

The Bexhill Trust awards small grants to charitable organisations undertaking projects that advance education and reduce poverty in Bexhill, East Sussex.

The application process is ongoing and interested applicants may apply in writing at any time.

Please note, the Trust does not maintain a website or an email address.

To find out about applying contact Anthony William John Lee, The Bexhill Trust, Town Hall, Bexhill on Sea, East Sussex, TN39 3JX

Tel: 01424 210578
**The Bothwell Charitable Trust**
This Trust provides grants of £1000-£2,500 to registered charities towards:

- Health
- Disability
- Environment
- Heritage
- Conservation
- Accommodation/housing
- Older people’s causes

Awards are made annually in February or March. Apply in writing to: Paul James, Chair of Trustees, 25 Ellenbridge Way, South Croydon, Surrey, CR2 0EW. Please be mindful that they are a small trust so when applying do not overload them with multiple documents, detail who you are, what you would like the money for and who will benefit.

Tel: 0208 657 6884

**The B V MacAndrew Trust**
The Trust funds people in need who live in East and West Sussex through one-off grants in the range of £50 and £100 for a variety of needs including emergencies and household appliances.

Their aims include offering young people, boys in particular, the opportunity to develop their education and self-confidence through sea training and to extend their knowledge of other countries. They support poor and deserving young people to get a better start in life and to support elderly people in very difficult financial circumstances.

Applications can be made in writing at any time including the amount required and the name of the person the cheque is to be made out to. Applications can be made either through a third party such as a social worker or through an organisation such as Citizens Advice or other welfare agency. Applications are usually considered a month following receipt.

Mr. Roger Heber Clow, 4th Floor, Park Gate, 61-163 Preston Road, Brighton, East Sussex, BN1 6AF.

Tel: 01273 562563

**The Chalk Cliff Trust**
The Chalk Cliff Trust is a foundation set up to provide grants and donations to registered charities in East Sussex. A range of grants is available but most are in the region of £3,000 - £5,000.

The Trust considers awarding grants to organisations involved in a range of activities including:
• Youth schemes and activities, e.g. youth centres, clubs, arts-focused projects
• Concerns involved in children’s activities, e.g. playgroups, kids clubs or children’s education, and the relief of poverty
• Activities for people with learning difficulties or disabilities
• Activities concerned with the care or preservation of the environment
• The care of the elderly, e.g. events and activities for elderly people, or transport needs.
• Regional arts, music, literature and cultural projects, especially related to the groups mentioned above

E-mail: chalkclifftrust@yahoo.co.uk

The Chapman Charitable Trust
The Chapman Charitable Trust focusses their grants in two areas:

• Activity, health and well-being, including research
• Culture, the natural environment and heritage
• They also make grants for care, the community and counselling.

Most grants are between £1,000 and £2,000. The trustees meet twice a year, usually around the end of March and the end of September, when all applications received by the 1st of those months will be considered. They do not acknowledge receipt of applications and applicants should assume that if they have not heard within six months then they have been unsuccessful. You can see a list of grants awarded.

Contact Roger Chapman

Tel: 020 7782 0007 E-mail: cct@crouchchapman.co.uk

Charles Hayward Foundation
Charles Hayward Foundation runs both a main and small grant programme, and currently award grants to Registered Charities in the following categories:

Main grant programme themes:

• Social & Criminal Justice, Heritage & Conservation (for charities with an income of more than £350,000).
• Overseas (for charities with an income between £150,000 and £5,000,000).

The main grants have a two stage application process:

Stage 1: A Grant Committee meets on a quarterly basis. The Committee’s role is to put applications forward to stage 2.

Stage 2: Applications recommended by the Grant Committee are considered at one of the Trustees’ meetings which take place on a quarterly basis and are usually held in: February, April, July and November.
Small grant programme
This is a rolling grant programme, awarding grants up to £7,000 and applications are considered every two to three months. The programme is open to charities with an income of less than £350,000.

The funding priorities are:

- Social and Criminal Justice
- Heritage and Conservation
- Older People

Within all of the above categories they fund project costs and capital expenditure. For guidance on the types and size of grants made refer to specific category guidelines.

Overall priorities
They value projects that develop, expand and replicate a tried and tested approach but are also interested in supporting creative solutions to problems which seem to be entrenched and elude resolution. They also value projects that are preventative and provide early intervention, are in response to strong research and clear need, demonstrate value for money and have a clear understanding of short-term effects and long-term impact of the intervention they propose.

Tel: 020 7370 7063

Comic Relief Local Grant Giving
Comic Relief Local Communities Fund is administered by Sussex Community Foundation.

This fund awards grants between £1,000 and £10,000 to organisations supporting people who are excluded or disadvantaged through their income, rural or social isolation, age, disabilities, race, sexuality, or gender. Priority is to be given to small locally-based groups in areas of disadvantage that have a clear understanding of the needs of their community.

Comic Relief aims to empower local people enabling them to create lasting change in their communities. The following can apply:

- Community groups
- Resident associations
- Community centres
- Social enterprises/Community Interest Companies, and
- Credit unions

Under the programme, organisations can apply for funding to:

- Increase local services
- Build skills of local people
- Increase community cohesion
- Respond to local economic needs
- Increase access to sport and exercise for people who face social exclusion and isolation
This is just one of the many grants managed by Sussex Community Foundation. Check for the latest guidelines and deadlines here.

Tel: 01273 409440  E-mail: info@sussexgiving.org.uk

C M Keyser Charitable Trust
The CM Keyser Charitable Trust offers small grants to registered charities operating in East Sussex, Kent and Surrey covering a wide range of charitable purposes and activities.

Mrs Anne Marion Greenaway, Crabtree Farm, Willingford Lane, Burwash Weald, Etchingham, TN19 7HR

The Dorothy Haybolton Charitable Trust
The Trustees' grant making policy is to favour causes supported by the settlor during her lifetime and other charities selected by the Trustees where they provide help for children, young people and the elderly, particularly involving those with sight and/or hearing difficulties.

Grants are usually in the region of £250-£3,500.

Applications should be sent to F W Stephens, 3rd Floor, 124 Chiswell Street, London, EC1Y 4YX

Tel: 020 73821820  E-mail brian.carter@fwstephens.co.uk

Downlands Educational Trust
Downlands Educational Trust is a small trust with one part time member of staff giving out approximately £25,000 year. The Trust’s area of interest includes Sussex.

The Trust makes grants to non-state funded schools and registered charities working with children with special needs towards the cost of particular items of equipment and other specific projects, including training courses. The average grant size is usually £1800. Please note that repeat organisations are unlikely to be funded annually. The trust recommends around two years between applications.

More details about how to apply are found on their web site. The Trust’s application deadlines each year are 10th January, 10th May or 10th September for consideration the following month. Contact: Mr J C Kirk.

Tel: 01903 523206  E-mail sec@downlandsedtrust.org
**East Sussex Farmers’ Union Benevolent Fund**
The fund offers grants to people in need who are farmers, farmworkers or their dependants, with priority for those who live in the county of East Sussex.

Application is in writing or by telephone to the correspondent.

Contact: Farthings, North Road, Ringmer BN8 5JP
Tel: 01273 812406

**Ernest Kleinwort Charitable Trust**
Ernest Kleinwort Charitable Trust is passionate about conservation of wildlife and the natural environment and youth enterprise and outdoor activity. They awards grants to Registered Charities to carry out work in the following areas:

- Wildlife and Environmental Conservation (UK and International)
- Care of the elderly
- Treatment and care of disabled
- General welfare
- Hospices
- Youth care
- Medical charities operating in the county of Sussex
- And to a much lesser extent charities working in the field of Family Planning

Small grants range from £100 - £2,000 and are awarded quarterly. Large grants of over £10,000 are only awarded usually once the Trust has built up a relationship with the charity.

There are no application forms. Organisations wishing to apply should complete an application letter of **no longer than two A4 sides**, incorporating a **short (half page) summary**.

Applications should also include a detailed budget for the project and the applicant’s most recent audited accounts. If accounts show a significant surplus or deficit of income, please explain how this has arisen.

Charities to be considered for support must also complete the Trust's **Accounts Summary form**. They provide details of organisations and activities that are **not funded**.

Contact Scott Rice.

Tel: 020 3207 7337 E-mail: ekctadmin@kleinworthbenson.com

**The Hart Charitable Trust**
The trust provides some very small grants between £100 - £750 to individuals and to small groups and organisations in East Sussex who they feel deserve a little extra help.
Apply using application form available from: Gaby Hardwicke, 2 Eversley Road, Bexhill on Sea, East Sussex, TN40 1EY

**Hastings Youth Trust**
The Hastings Youth Trust offer grants for recreational and vocational purposes for organisations and individuals under 25 residing in the Borough of Hastings or within 5 miles of the Borough boundary.

You can apply at anytime.

C. M. F. Langdon, Hastings Youth Trust, Langham House, Albert Road, Hastings East Sussex, TN34 1QT

Tel: 01424 437878

**Henry Smith Charity**
The Henry Smith Charity makes grants for revenue and capital projects. Priority is given to work with groups experiencing social and/or economic disadvantage, for example, people with disabilities; and work that tackles problems in areas of high deprivation (in the bottom third of the National Indices of Deprivation).

Through the Main Grants Programme and the Small and County Grants Programmes they make grants for projects covering a wide range of disadvantage.

The **Main Grants Programme** offers grants of £10,000+ for larger organisations.

- **Capital Grants** - One off grants for purchase or refurbishment of a building or purchase of specialist equipment
- **Revenue Grants** – Grants up to three years for things like core costs (including salaries and overheads), or the running costs of a specific project (including staffing costs)

The **Small Grants Programme** is for grants of under £10,000 per year.

**County Grants** - Grants of £500 - £20,000 for small organisations working in the counties with which we have an historical association, which includes East Sussex. To be eligible to apply for a County Grant, your annual income must be below £250,000, unless you are working county-wide, in which case your income must be below £1 million.

Tel: 020 7264 4970

**Hilden Charitable Fund**
The Hilden Charitable Fund supports work at community level for activities less likely to gain support from public subscriptions. Charities, community organisations with charitable aims are eligible to apply. Average grants are £5,000. Hilden will consider funding for more than one year. Areas covered include:
- Homelessness
- Penal affairs
- Asylum seekers and refugees
- Community based initiatives for disadvantaged young people aged 16 to 25

Applications are accepted at any time, but are considered at Trustee meetings. The dates of these meetings, and the final date that you can submit an application for consideration at a meeting, are published on the website.

There is also a fund for up to £1,000 for Summer Playschemes, benefitting children from refugee and ethnic minority backgrounds. Deadline is usually June.

IMPORTANT DEAR APPLICANTS: When applying, please say what you actually do. Please do not apply with lots of information on 'need' by regurgitating statistics (e.g. we are 15th most deprived ward in the UK).

If you feel you need to present statistics please ensure you give a) sources and b) actual numbers especially if percentages are quoted.

Tel: 0207 6031525          E-mail: hildencharity@hotmail.com

**Ian Askew Charitable Trust**

The Trust awards small grants of £500-£1,000 to charitable bodies with a preference for Sussex. Applications are considered every other month and they fund projects covering a wide range of charitable activities.

Apply in writing to the trustees c/o Baker Tilly, 18 Mount Ephraim Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN1 1ED.

Tel: 01892 511944          E-mail: paul.hodge@bakertilly.co.uk

**Isabel Blackman Foundation**

This trust was set up for voluntary groups active in Hastings and St Leonards.

Funding should be used to help with the costs of charitable projects that relate to one of the following priorities: education, culture and recreation, health, social services, law and advocacy, environment and youth clubs and organisations.

Funding is at the discretion of the Trustees. As a guide, £184,661 was spent in total on grants in the financial year ending April 2015, and of the 148 applications received, 110 qualified for consideration and of these 100 were granted fully or in part.

Applications for grants are more likely to succeed where it can be shown that the applicants are helping themselves as well as seeking assistance.

Applications should be sent by letter to: Stonehenge, 13 La ton Road, Hastings, TN34 2ES

Tel: 01424 431756          E-mail: ibfoundation@uwclub.net
**The JC Robinson Trust 3**
The Trust assists individuals and organisations who promote the welfare of the elderly or disadvantaged and to encourage the training and community spirit of young people. Donations range from between £300-£500 from a total grant pot of around £25,000

E-mail: JCrobisontrust3@outlook.com

**The JC Robinson Trust 4**
The Trust supports work for sick children, disabled people and hospices in the Lewes area with grants of £100 to £750.

Apply to: Sutton House, Iford, Lewes, BN7 3EU

Tel 01273 476847

**Jephcott Charitable Trust**
The Jephcott Charitable Trust makes grants for charitable purposes in the following areas:

- Population control
- Natural environment
- Education
- Health
- Conservation and heritage

Total grant giving amounts to around £120,000 pa.

E-mail: jct@adep.eclipse.co.uk

**The John Jackson Charitable Trust**
The John Jackson Charitable Trust welcome applications for funding projects or needs which benefit the community of Eastbourne from local charities, clubs and community groups, particularly in the fields of education, heritage, social welfare, disability, animal welfare, community sports, and community arts.

Tel: 01323 417876 E-mail: info@johnjacksoncharitabletrust.org.uk

**The Keith Baker Charitable Will Trust**
The Keith Baker Trust makes grants to individuals or organisations who work around Seaford and within broader East Sussex. Their total annual grant giving is in the region of £220,000. Funding is provided for the following:
The relief of sickness and preservation of health to people residing permanently or temporarily in the United Kingdom who are suffering from mental or physical illness of any description or in need of rehabilitation as a result of such illness through the provision of financial assistance to persons, bodies or organisations whose activities focus in this area.

To relieve financial hardship, sickness and poor health amongst elderly people residing permanently or temporarily in the United Kingdom through the provision of financial assistance to persons, bodies or organisations whose activities focus in this area.

The relief and assistance of people in any part of the world who are the victims of war or natural disaster, trouble or catastrophe through the provision of financial assistance to persons, bodies or organisations whose activities focus in this area.

To relieve the suffering of animals that are in need of care and attention by reason of sickness, maltreatment, poor circumstances or ill usage.

Tel: 01323 896 969  E-mail: stuart.barrett@barwells.com

The Mrs A Lacy Tate Trust

The Trust awards grants of £100-£5,000 to charities in East Sussex for general charitable purposes, including to relieve cases of need, hardship and distress; education for school children (including social and physical training) and relief of suffering of animals.

There are no deadlines, apply in writing to:

Ian MA Stewart, Herringtons Solicitors, 39 Gildredge Road, Eastbourne, East Sussex, BN21 4RY.  Tel: 01323 411020

The Lady Vernon (Newick) Educational Foundation

The Foundation gives grants for educational purposes to Newick residents of both sexes up to 25 years of age.

Meetings are held twice yearly, in April and October, during which the Trustees discuss applications made by or on behalf of Newick residents and appropriate grants are made.

Tel: 07850 366745  E-mail: colin.andrews@btconnect.com

Miss Pannett Charitable Trust

This trust supports a wide range of causes, especially focusing on medical care and support activities and with a preference for East Sussex.

Phone to discuss your proposal first and apply in writing to the trustees who meet every 3-6 months to consider applications.  Apply in writing to: Mr Ian Dixon, Brambles, Dern Lane, Waldron, East Sussex, TN21 0PN.

Tel: 01435 810443  E-mail: info@focusedfinancialservices.co.uk
**The Peter Harrison Foundation**

**Peter Harrison Foundation** is open to Registered Charities. Grants are made under the following programmes:

- **Opportunities through Sport** is aimed at supporting sporting activities or projects which provide opportunities for people who are disabled or otherwise disadvantaged to fulfil their potential and to develop other personal and life skills. Grants will often be "one off" grants for capital projects. They will, however, also consider revenue funding for a new project or if funding is key to the continuing success or survival of an established project.

- **Special Needs and Care for Children and Young People** - this Programme is for charities in the South East of England and applications are accepted only from charities in: Berkshire; Buckinghamshire; Hampshire; Isle of Wight; Kent; Oxfordshire; Surrey; West Sussex and East Sussex.

  Tel: 01737 228000  
  E-mail: enquiries@peterharrisonfoundation.org

**The Ranmore Charitable Trust**

The Ranmore Charitable Trust’s principal object is to provide for the needs of poor and old people.

Total annual grant giving has varied hugely over the last few years but this is primarily a small grant giving charity focusing on East Sussex Surry and Kent.

  Tel: 01322 287 181  
  E-mail: mary@atlantatrust.co.uk

**The Raymond and Blanche Lawson Charitable Trust**

This trust gives to local voluntary organisations in East Sussex or Kent for:

- The preservation of buildings
- Local hospices
- Care in the community
- Assistance for people who are disabled
- Armed forces
- And benevolent funds in East Sussex

Grants range from £500-£5,000 and total grant giving each year is in the region of £100,000.

Apply in writing to: Philip Thomas, Raymond and Blanche Lawson Charitable Trust, Riverside Business Centre, River Lawn Road, Tonbridge, TN9 1EP

  E-mail: enquiries@lawsontrust.co.uk
**Roy Hudson Trust**

The Roy Hudson Trust offers grants to charities operating within the county borough of Eastbourne and Hastings only. Contact Mr Ian Stewart, 39 Gildredge Road, Eastbourne, East Sussex BN21 4RY

Tel: 01323 411020

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**Southover Manor General Educational Trust Ltd**

This Trust awards grants to schools and establishments for educational purposes for the benefit of people under 25 years old in Sussex.

Applications should set out the educational benefits, how the costs have been calculated and how benefits from any grant will be measured.

Applications should be sent to:
The Secretary, Old Vicarage Cottage, Newhaven Road, Iford, Lewes, East Sussex, BN7 3PL

E-mail: southovermanor@btinternet.com

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**The Sussex Community Foundation**

Sussex Community Foundation manages grants on behalf of philanthropists. Trusts and foundations, who want to help small grass roots groups that benefit the community in East Sussex and surrounding areas.

All applicants need:

- A constitution or a set of rules
- A set of their annual accounts
- To show that they are a non-for profit group, but not necessarily a charity, and
- To demonstrate that the organisation can manage money well and that they will use money for agreed purposes

The majority of grants will be in the region of £1,000 to £5,000 per year. In exceptional cases larger grant applications may be considered. Small applications of less than £1,000 are encouraged.

The latest closing dates are listed on their website.

Tel: 01273 409440 E-mail: info@sussexgiving.org.uk

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**The Sussex Historic Churches Trust**

The Sussex Historic Churches Trust gives grants or interest-free loans for essential repairs and restoration of places of worship of architectural or historic interest throughout Sussex. Over the years the Trust has helped more than 500 churches. Contact
The Ted Baker Trust
The Ted Baker Trust provides grants to local charities, in particular but not exclusively for those charities established for the advancement of health and religion in and around Rye and Camber.

Their total grant giving each year is around £30,000.

Tel: 01323 411020 E-mail: ray.robinson@gmpaccountants.co.uk

Tesco’s Bags of Help
Tesco’s Bags of Help supports projects that promote community participation in the development and use of outdoor spaces.

The fund supports all sorts of community organisations, including community groups, charities, schools, health bodies, NHS trusts, local authorities, parish councils and social housing providers.

You can apply for up to £5,000 for a project which delivers a physical environmental improvement or encourages the use and long term sustainability of outdoor spaces.

Examples of eligible projects are:

- Developing nature trail in a local park or nature reserve
- Purchasing bee hives and seeding wildflower meadow on a community allotment
- Providing forest school sessions in a primary school for 12 months
- Developing a garden in a hospice, purchasing plants, benches and pergola
- Supporting artist in residence to work with the community to develop an art trail.
- Setting up a growing project for sheltered accommodation residents
- Supporting a gardening project which helps local isolated residents form a gardening club
- Supporting practical training for young people learning horticultural skills
- Funding a series of summer events in a local park
- Funding a programme of beach clean-up events
- Repainting swings and play equipment in a park
- Supporting community run summer sports and leisure activities in parks.
- Helping to set up Britain in Bloom local group, purchasing plants, planters, forks, spades and compost
- Developing a community garden or orchard
- Supporting local football club with the purchase of nets, balls and coaching sessions for under 12’s

Each month three projects in each region will be awarded a grant based on the number of votes received: first place receives up to £5000, second place up to £2000 and third place up to £1000.

To apply, first you need to take the eligibility quiz on their website. Then you will be directed to an online application form. You can save your form as you go along, and then submit it when you are happy with it.

You will need the postcode of your nearest Tesco store when you apply. You can use their store finder for this.
Ben Smitton, Community Enabler, Groundwork South (Sussex and Surrey)

Mobile: 07736132698
Tel: 01273 022320
E-mail: Ben.Smitton@groundwork.org.uk

**The Tudor Trust**

The Tudor Trust makes grants, and provides other types of support, to voluntary and community groups. They particularly want to help smaller, community-led organisations working directly with people at the margins of society.

They operate a two stage application process and have a flexible approach to areas that they fund. About 10% of applications are successful. They are looking for:

- A focus on building stronger communities by overcoming isolation and fragmentation and encouraging inclusion, connection and integration
- Organisations embedded in and have developed out of their community
- High levels of user involvement
- Work which addresses complex and multi-stranded problems in unusual/imaginative ways
- Organisations which are thoughtful in their use of resources and foster community resilience in the face of environmental, economic or social change

They are more likely to fund groups with an annual turnover of less than £1 million.

Tel: 020 7727 8522

**The Valerie Emily Munday Day Centre Trust**

The Trust only makes grants to activities and organisations operating within East and West Sussex.

They provide grants to day care centres for the elderly and to other organisations that support the elderly within East and West Sussex.

Tel: 01273 477071
E-mail: lewes@mayowynnebaxter.co.uk

**Woodward Charitable Trust**

Registered charities, schools and churches can apply to Woodward Charitable Trust for funding for small scale local initiatives to support:

- Disability and Health
- Arts
- Environment
- Education
- Community and Social Welfare
- Summer Schemes
Only 15% of charities are successful. Applicants are strongly encouraged to check carefully through their guidelines and grants awarded before applying or contacting the Trust.

Grants range from £100 to £5,000. Please check their website for deadlines.

Contact Mrs Karin Hooper

Tel: 020 7410 0330 E-mail: contact@woodwardcharitabletrust.org.uk
Town and Borough Council grants

Town and Borough Councils grants can be available to support a wide range of community projects. The summary provided here does not cover them all, and each council develops their own grant giving criteria, and deadlines vary.

Contact your local council to find out what is available in your area.

**Eastbourne Borough Council Community grants:** Every year the council awards grants to voluntary and community organisations for services and activities which benefit Eastbourne and its residents. For full information visit Eastbourne Borough Council’s Community Grants

Tel: 01323 415909  E-mail: funding@eastbourne.gov.uk

**Rother District Council Community grants scheme** is aimed at properly constituted groups who need funds to pump prime new projects and can show how their idea will be sustainable after grant end. Contact for more information

Tel 01424 787864  E-mail: communitygrants@rother.gov.uk

**Wealden District Council Community Grants** The scheme will open in the Autumn for applications by the end of November. Decisions are made in March the following year for spend April to April.

Tel: 01323 443520  E-mail: communitygrants@wealden.gov.uk

**Lewes Town Council Financial Grants** - applications are invited for under £2,000 (assessed four times a year) or over £2,000 (assessed once a year)

**Seaford Town Council Grants Scheme**: small grants under £500 and larger grants over £500

**Hailsham Town Council** awards grants to a wide range of community and voluntary groups (attended by Hailsham residents) that aim to introduce new or improved facilities, activities or projects, for the benefit of the town. For an application form, please write to: The Town Clerk, Hailsham Town Council, Inglenook, Market Square, Hailsham, BN27 2AE.

Tel: 01323 841702 19

**Hastings Borough Council** operates various grant schemes to support local community and voluntary organisations carry out projects and local events and generally help communities to help themselves.

Grants are available at different times throughout the year. To keep up to date, you can register with Hastings Borough Council. Once your registration has been approved, you'll receive regular updates and have access to the online grant applications as they become available - you must be a member of a community or voluntary group, or a social enterprise to register. Grant Application Registration form

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Arts Council England

The Arts Council funds arts activities that engage people in England or that help artists and arts organisations carry out their work. Funding supports their ten year strategy Great Art and Culture for Everyone, supporting a range of activities across the arts, museums and libraries – from theatre to digital art, reading to dance, music to literature, and crafts to collections. They run a wide range of funding programmes including

Grants for the arts offer awards from £1,000 to £100,000 for activities carried out over a set period and which engage people in England in arts activities, and help artists and arts organisations in England carry out their work. There is no deadline.

Grants for the arts library fund aims to inspire ambitious, innovative partnerships between libraries and arts organisations, and encourage library users and those living locally to take part in artistic and cultural activities.

The maximum grant is £100,000 and the scheme runs until March 2018.

Big Lottery Awards for All

The Awards for All programme provides grants of between £300 and £10,000 to fund a specific project or activity for people and communities most in need. Project must meet one or more of the following outcomes:

- People having better chances in life – with better access to training and development to improve their life skills
- Stronger communities – with more active citizens working together to tackle their problems
- Improved rural and urban environments – which communities are better able to access and enjoy, and
- Healthier and more active people and communities

Eligible costs include:

- Putting on an event, activity or performance
- Buying new equipment or materials
- Running training courses
- Setting up a pilot project or starting up a new group
- Carrying out special repairs or conservation work
- Paying expenses for volunteers, costs for sessional workers or professional fees
- Transport costs

There is a rolling deadline but allow at least 4 months for application process.

Tel: 0845 410 20 30 E-mail: general.enquiries@biglotteryfund.org.uk
**Big Lottery Reaching Communities**  
Reaching Communities awards between £10,000 - £500,000 to enable people to improve their communities by using their local knowledge, strengths and assets to test and implement the ideas that matter most to them, as well as sharing learning about what went well, and what didn’t.

Reaching Communities can also fund up to £100,000 for small scale capital work, such as refurbishment, the purchase of vehicles, land or buildings.

The most important thing is that you tell BIG Lottery about your ideas to make positive changes in your community. They particularly want to hear about projects that support:

- Lasting and sustainable changes to places and spaces
- Communities to develop happier and stronger relationships with each other
- Taking action to focus on the root causes of social problems to tackle them at the earliest possible stage

Please note, Reaching Communities Buildings which awarded over £100,000 for projects to improve land or buildings is closed whilst the Big Lottery considers how they can improve their capital offer and more effectively support ideas that centre on places and spaces.

Not for profit organisations are eligible to apply. Big Lottery is keen potential applicants discuss their ideas with them before applying so they can offer advice early on.

This is a rolling programme. Stage One applications can be submitted anytime.

Tel: 03454 10 20 30

**Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF)**  
HLF offer a range of grant programmes, awarding grants upwards of £3,000 supporting innovative as well as tried-and-tested approaches, and welcome proposals that are pioneering in concept and delivery.

The following programmes are available:

**Sharing Heritage** (£3,000 to £10,000)  
The Sharing Heritage programme is for any type of project related to national, regional or local heritage in the UK

**First World War: then and now** (£3,000 to £10,000)  
First World War: then and now provides grants for communities to mark the Centenary of the First World War.

**Start-up grants** (£3,000 - £10,000)  
Start-up grants are for anyone thinking about creating a new organisation to look after or engage people with heritage, or existing groups taking on new responsibilities for heritage.

**Young Roots** (£10,000 to £50,000)
The Young Roots programme is for projects that engage young people with heritage in the UK.

**Our Heritage** (£10,000 to £100,000)
The Our Heritage programme is for any type of project related to national, regional or local heritage in the UK.

**Transition funding** (£10,000 to £100,000)
Transition funding is available to organisations in the UK who want to achieve significant strategic change in order to become more resilient and sustain improved management of heritage for the long term.

**Heritage Grants** (Grants of over £100,000)
This is their open programme for grants over £100,000, for any type of project related to the national, regional, or local heritage in the UK.

**Heritage Enterprise** (£100,000 to £5million)
Heritage Enterprise supports enterprising community organisations across the UK to rescue neglected historic buildings and sites and unlock their economic potential.

**Townscape Heritage** (£100,000 to £2million)
The Townscape Heritage programme is for schemes which help communities improve the built historic environment of conservation areas in need of investment across the UK.

**Parks for People** (£100,000 to £5million)
Parks for People is for projects related to historic parks and cemeteries in the UK.

**Landscape Partnerships** (£100,000 to £3million)
The programme is for schemes led by partnerships of local, regional and national interests which aim to conserve areas of distinctive landscape character throughout the UK.

**Grants for Places of Worship** (£10,000 to £250,000)
The Grants for Places of Worship programme is for projects that involve urgent structural repairs to places of worship that are at risk. As part of a repair project we can also fund work to encourage greater community use and engagement.

Tel: 020 7591 6042/44  
E-mail: enquire@hlf.org.uk

**Sport England**
Sport England focuses its investment on organisations and projects that will grow and sustain participation in grassroots sport and create opportunities for people to excel at their chosen sport.

Following publication of their strategy *Towards an Active Nation* in May 2016, Sport England is changing the way they invest their money.

Their new funds are not open yet, as still being developed. They will start opening at some point soon. **Not for profit groups and clubs can contact Sport England right now though, to discuss specific project ideas.**
“If you have an idea to help tackle inactivity - Maybe it’s an exercise class in a care home, an inner city basketball project or a new combined leisure centre, GP surgery and library in the heart of a rural community. Whatever it is, if you’ve got a great project idea, we’d like to hear about it and discuss whether it’s something we could potentially fund”.

Meanwhile, their Small Grants scheme is open all year, and awards grants between £300 and £10,000 to not for profit organisations to increase the number of 14 – 25 year olds playing sport once a week, a reduction in drop off rate at ages 16, 18, 21 and 24 and the growth in the number of disabled people playing sport.

Tel: 08458 508 508  E-mail: funding@sportengland.org