**Funding opportunities**

If you want to check out the latest funding opportunities, you can't go far wrong with the **Borough Council**'s excellent updates (.pdf), which can be viewed & downloaded from [here](http://www.blackburn.gov.uk/Lists/DownloadableDocuments/Funding-Opportunities.pdf). We are grateful to the Council for sharing this information with the Sector.

**Possible sources of grant funding**

[**ACT Foundation**](http://www.theactfoundation.co.uk/index.php/apply-for-a-grant)

ACT provides grants to individuals and charities for the enhancement of quality of life for people in need (specifically the mentally and physically disabled).

[**Alcohol Research UK**](http://alcoholresearchuk.org/grants/)

Alcohol Research UK supply a range of grants to charities for work around alcohol awareness.

[**Allen Lane Foundation**](http://www.allenlane.org.uk/guidelines.html)

The Foundation is interested in funding work which benefits people in the following groups, or generalist work which includes significant numbers from more than one such group:  asylum-seekers and refugees (but not groups working with a single nationality); gay, lesbian, bi-sexual or transgender people; Roma and Travellers; migrant workers; offenders and ex-offenders; older people; people experiencing mental health problems; & people experiencing violence or abuse.

[**Anchor Foundation**](http://www.theanchorfoundation.org.uk/)

The Foundation support Christian charities to conduct work aimed at social inclusion, with a special reference to healing & the arts.

[**Architectural Heritage Fund**](http://www.ahfund.org.uk/finance.html)

The Fund give grants to charities for the use of listed buildings.

[**Austin & Hope Pilkington Trust**](http://www.austin-hope-pilkington.org.uk/ah_how_to_apply.htm)

The Trust awards grants to registered charities for projects working in the categories of: addiction; child exploitation; disability; homelessness; prisoners & ex-offenders; refugees & asylum seekers; and sexual & domestic abuse.

**[Awards for All](http://www.awardsforall.org.uk/england/apply.html%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank%22%20%5Co%20%22Awards%20for%20All) ♦**

Awards for All offers lottery grants of between £300 and £10,000 to charities for projects which work towards improving communities & enhancing the lives of the denizens therein.

[**Baring Foundation**](http://www.baringfoundation.org.uk/)

The Foundation offers a variety of programmes: the Strengthening the Voluntary Sector programme; the International Development programme; and the Arts programme.

[**Big Issue Invest**](http://www.bigissueinvest.com/loan_finance.aspx)

The Big Issue Invest supply finance to social enterprises & charities who are finding business solutions that create social and environmental transformation.

[**Caron Keating Foundation**](http://www.caronkeating.org/about/)

The Foundation awards grants & support to groups for cancer causes.

[**Cash 4 Clubs**](http://www.cash-4-clubs.com/apply-for-a-grant/)

Cash 4 Clubs awards grants to grassroots community sports groups.

[**Church Urban Fund**](http://www.cuf.org.uk/act/cuf-funding)

The Fund awards grants to community groups working to enhance social inclusion, especially in the poorest areas of England.

[**Community Radio Fund**](http://stakeholders.ofcom.org.uk/broadcasting/radio/community-radio-fund/)

The Fund offers grants to Ofcom-licensed community radio stations.

[**Co-operative Community Fund**](http://www.co-operative.coop/membership/local-communities/community-fund/)

The Community Fund is the Cooperative Charitable Foundation's grant scheme that offers betwen £100 & £2,000 to groups for work aimed at improving the lives of communities. The Fund is financed by the Co-operative Group's membership who donate part or all of their share of the profits.

[**Dulverton Trust**](http://www.dulverton.org/application.htm)

The Trust provides single-year grants to charities for work in a variety of areas including: youth opportunities; conservation; preservation; peace & humanitarian support; & general welfare.

[**Esmée Fairbairn Foundation**](http://esmeefairbairn.org.uk/apply-for-funding/)**♦**

The Foundation provides grants in the fields of: arts; education & learning; environment; social change; & a food strand; as well as a Merger Fund to organisations in the early stages of planning a merger. All groups are eligible provided the aims of the project being funded are legally charitable.

[**Fidelio Charitable Trust**](http://www.fideliocharitabletrust.org.uk/)

The Trust provides grants to groups & individuals in support of the Arts.

[**Freemasons' Grand Charity**](http://www.grandcharity.org/pages/grants_to_charities.html)

The Charity give a range of grants to registered charities for work in the fields of medical research, vulnerable people and youth opportunities.

[**Giving World Online**](http://www.givingworldonline.com/)**♦**

GWO is a free giving scheme set up to encourage businesses to publicise surplus stock online and donate the goods directly onto charities and community projects working to help people in need.

[**Hedley Foundation**](http://www.hedleyfoundation.org.uk/)

The Foundation give grants to registered charities for specific projects. Their current overarching objective is young people. Grants in this field have been allocated 70% of the Foundation's budget.

[**Henry Smith Charity**](http://www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/how-to-apply.html)

The Charity make grants in several programmes totalling approximately £25 million each year to up to 1,000 organisations and charities for initiatives and projects that address social inequality and economic disadvantage.

[**Heritage Lottery Fund**](http://www.hlf.org.uk/inyourarea/NorthWest/Pages/Welcome.aspx)

The Fund supply funding in numerous programmes to groups and consortia for work around heritage. [How to apply](http://www.hlf.org.uk/HowToApply/Pages/starthere.aspx).

[**Hilden Charitable Fund**](http://www.hildencharitablefund.org.uk/application%20notes.htm)

The Fund offer grants to groups with a particular emphasis on work around: homelessness; asylum seekers & refugees; community-based initiatives for disadvantaged young people (16-25); penal affairs; and overseas development.

[**Jill Franklin Trust**](http://www.jill-franklin-trust.org.uk/applying.html)

The Trust gives grants to groups for the support of people with a mental illness or learning difficulties and their carers (parents etc.), refugees & asylum seekers & for respite care. They also have a programme funding the restoration of architecturally-important churches.

[**Kelly Family Charitable Trust**](http://www.kfct.org.uk/apply.html)

The Trust funds charities for work aimed at strengthening families.

[**Media Trust**](http://www.mediatrust.org/get-support/free-professional-support/)

The Trust offers investment to small organisations to facilitate volunteer involvement in filmmaking.

[**Peter Cruddas Foundation**](http://www.thepetercruddasfoundation.org/how_to_apply.htm)

The Foundation awards grants to charities for the benefit of disadvantaged & disengaged young people.

[**People's Postcode Trust**](http://www.postcodetrust.org.uk/apply-now.aspx)

The Trust operate a Small Grants Programme offering grants of between £500 & £10,000 for work in the areas of: prevention of poverty; promote, maintain, improve and advance health; advance citizenship or community development; advance public participation in sport; promote, improve and advance human rights, conflict resolution or reconciliation; and promote and advance environmental protection or improvement.

[**Rayne Foundation**](http://www.raynefoundation.org.uk/LookingForHelp.aspx)

The Foundation administers Rayne Grants, which fund work in the following areas: arts; education; health & medicine; & social welfare & development.

[**Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity**](http://www.roalddahlcharity.org/CMS/Uploads/30.pdf)

The Charity provides grants to organisations working with children rare, life-limiting & underfunded conditions with particular reference to haematology & neurology.

[**Sainsbury Family Charitable Trusts**](http://www.sfct.org.uk/applying.html)**♦**

The Trusts provide grants to charities & for charitable works in diverse fields.

[**SITA Trust**](http://www.sitatrust.org.uk/apply-for-funding)

The Trust supplies funding to improve the natural environment & lives of communities. The Trust run five funding programmes.

[**Skinners' Company**](http://www.skinnershall.co.uk/charities/charities.htm)

The Company oversee four grant-making charities which provide financial assistance to groups & individuals for the relief of poverty & disadvantage.

[**Trusthouse Charitable Foundation**](http://www.trusthousecharitablefoundation.org.uk/app.html)

The Foundation offer a variety of grant packages to charities for work addressing issues of rural communities & urban deprivation.

[**Veolia Environmental Trust**](http://www.veoliatrust.org/apply/)

The Trust offers a variety of funding schemes to support community and environmental projects.