# Funding Insight Newsletter (24.10.22)

This insight outlines a range of funding opportunities open to the public sector, businesses, community groups etc. Regular funding opportunities are also available via the websites below:

* [Arts Council Funding Finder](http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding/funding-finder)
* [National Lottery Grant for Heritage](https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/funding/national-lottery-grant-heritage)
* [Big Lottery Fund](https://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/)

Community groups can now access potential grant funding opportunities through the free Blackburn with Darwen Open4Community online search tool.

[Register and find out more](https://www.blackburn.gov.uk/Pages/funding-opportunities.aspx)

## For all Blackburn with Darwen Council funding bids

Please check whether match funding is required, if it is please contact and inform your Finance colleague**.**

## Funding opportunities over £100,000

### Funding for Green Social Housing Upgrades

As part of the effort to make England’s homes greener and more energy efficient, the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy is making £800 million in funding available to improve the energy performance of social housing in England.

The funding will be available to registered providers of social housing, including private, and local and combined authority providers, to support the installation of energy performance measures that will help to deliver warm, energy-efficient homes, reduce carbon emissions, tackle fuel poverty, support green jobs, and improve the comfort, health and well-being of social housing tenants.

Non-registered providers can apply within a consortium led by a registered provider.

Further submission details will be made available in October 2022 when Wave 2.1 of the Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund opens to applications.

[Find out more here](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/social-housing-decarbonisation-fund-wave-2)

## Funding opportunities between £25,000 and £100,000

### Funding to Support Education in Disadvantaged Areas

Grants are available to support schools and registered charities that wish to undertake educational projects with children and young people under the age of 25 in marginalised communities within the UK and internationally.

The British & Foreign Schools Society (BFSS) normally makes grants totalling about £900,000 in any one year.

For UK projects the focus is on projects to improve the educational outcomes and life chances of Young Carers and Children Looked After. Grants of between 30,000 and £100,000 are available (maximum £30,000 per year for multi-year projects).

For UK projects, the funding is available to UK registered charities with an annual income of between £5,000 and £2.5 million, and at least three years of continuous accounts. UK based and state-funded schools, academies, colleges and other educational establishments regardless of their income size are also eligible providing they can demonstrate a network effect beyond one individual school.

For international projects the focus will be on improving the quality, sustainability, and access to education for young people within international marginalised and deprived communities. Grants o between £5,000 and £60,000 are available. (maximum £30,000 per year).

For international projects the BFSS funds small to medium sized organizations with an annual income of between £5,000 and £2.5 million. Organisations must have UK charitable status. The society does not fund non-UK based organisations, Community Interest Companies (CICs) or individuals. Grants of between £50,000 and £60,000 are available for projects lasting up to 3 years (maximum £30,000 per year).

The Society also offers a small number of specific grants for organisations and individuals through its [Subsidiary Trusts](http://www.bfss.org.uk/grants/subsidiary-trusts).

There is a two stage application process and the next closing date for stage 1 applications is the 16th January 2023.

[Find out more here](https://bfss.org.uk/grant-giving/)

## Funding opportunities under £25,000

### Grants of up to £5,000 Available to Increase Employment Opportunities for Disadvantaged Adults

Grants of up to £5,000 are available to registered charities to support projects that equip people (18 or older in order) from disadvantaged groups with critical life skills necessary for employment.

Priority will be given to projects that target people experiencing multiple deprivation or other groups facing major hurdles to employment, especially; women, people with physical, mental, or learning disabilities, refugees and asylum seekers.

The funding is being made available through the Thomas Wall Trust. and to be eligible the applicants must:

* Be a UK charity that has been registered with the Charity Commission for at least 3 years
* Be a project or running costs for a charity that equips people (aged 18 and over) with the skills ready for employment
* Have an annual turnover of less than £500,000

The deadline for stage 1 applications is the 23rd January 2023. Applicants successful at this stage will be invited to submit a stage 2 application.

[Find out more here](https://www.thomaswalltrust.org.uk/grants-for-registered-charities-2/)

### Funding for Children’s Sports Kit & Equipment

Grants of up to £750 are available to local children's sports clubs or organisations in the UK to purchase new kits.

Applications will be considered for any kind of team sport, from football to netball, hockey to volleyball. The funding is being made available through the Poundland Foundation’s Kit 4 Kids grant scheme, which is open to registered charities, community interest companies, and unregistered organisations with an income of under £10,000.

Last year the Foundation awarded 250 grants to provide equipment and kit to help children get active again after the Coronavirus pandemic.

Money for the Foundation comes from in-store fundraising, carrier bag donations and micro-donations through chip and pin machines.

No deadline is given.

[Find out more here](https://poundlandfoundation.org.uk/apply-for-support/)

### Funding for School Climate & Biodiversity Projects

The Royal Society is inviting applications to their Tomorrow's Climate Scientists Programme to give students across the UK the opportunity to take action to address climate and biodiversity issues. The Tomorrow's Climate Scientists Programme is an extension to the Royal Society’s Partnership Grants programme.

Grants of up to £3,000 are available to UK primary or secondary schools to run a STEM investigation project for students aged between 5 and 18. There needs to be two project partners to the scheme with the lead applicant being a school and the second partner being a STEM professional from academia or industry. Funding should predominantly be used to buy equipment.

The third and final submission deadline in 2022 is the end of November.

[Find out more here](https://royalsociety.org/grants-schemes-awards/grants/partnership-grants/tomorrows-climate-scientists/)

### Funding for Primary School Breakfast Clubs

Grants are available for UK primary schools interested in opening free breakfast clubs. The Greggs Foundation will provide an initial start-up grant for equipment such as chest freezers to store food items or toys and activities for the club.

The average club costs £3,000 to set up and run for a year based on 65 children. Schools should be able to attract adult volunteers to help run the scheme which must be able to show that at least 40% of their pupils qualify for free school meals and that the school serves a disadvantaged community.

The breakfast club must be offered for free to ensure all pupils can attend

Payments are also made each term towards other food items and Greggs plc donates bread from the nearest shop.

Although applications can be made at any time, there is currently a waiting list for funding.

For more information please call a member of the Greggs Foundation team on 0191 2127830.

[Find out more here](https://www.greggsfoundation.org.uk/breakfast-clubs)

### Funding to Support Small Not-for-Profit LGBT+ Organisations

The LGBT+ Futures: Equity Fund has opened its ‘Really Small Grants Programme’ to attract applications from smaller not-for-profit organisations led by and for under-represented groups within the LGBT+ community in the UK.

The programme will award grants of up to £1,000 to intersectional organisations for projects that prioritise:

* d/Deaf and/or Disabled LGBT+ people;
* LBT+ women;
* LGBT+ people of colour or LGBT+ people from Black, Asian and Minoritised Ethnicities;
* Older LGBT+ people;
* and Trans and Non-Binary people.

The funding is made available by the Consortium of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Voluntary and Community Organisations, in partnership with the National Lottery Community Fund, and is intended to be as flexible as possible.

Applications will be considered on a rolling basis until the 30th October 2022.

[Find out more here](https://www.consortium.lgbt/equityfund/)

### Grants to Help People of Colour Develop & Deliver Creative & Cultural Projects

Grants of £1,000 are available to support people of colour in the UK to develop and deliver a wide range of creative and cultural projects.

The funding is made available by the Grand Plan, which awards ten grants every two months to support projects for which £1,000 would make a huge difference, ranging from poetry, paintings, fashion, zines, music, food, flowers, and photographs to workshops or events.

It can be used to cover costs such as equipment, courses, time, materials or travel – anything needed to create and deliver a new cultural project.

The next application window will open on the 1st November 2022.

[Find out more here](https://www.grandplanfund.co.uk/)

### Esmée Fairbairn Foundation Re-opens Fairer Future Fund

The Esmée Fairbairn Foundation has announced that their Fairer Future grants stream has opened for applications.

The funding supports projects that tackle injustice and structural inequality to create a more inclusive society, with a focus on five priority areas:

* arts and creativity making change;
* children and young people's rights;
* racial justice;
* gender justice;
* and migrant justice.

The Foundation are keen to work with those with experience of the issues being addressed.

The majority of grants are for three years or longer and can cover project and core costs. Registered charities can also apply for unrestricted grants.

No application deadline has been indicated and applications can be submitted at any time.

[Find out more here](https://esmeefairbairn.org.uk/our-aims/fairer-future/)

### Grants & Loans for Social Housing Projects

Grants and interest free loans are available to registered charities and small organisations providing affordable homes for vulnerable people in Britain who are in desperate need of housing.

The Quaker Housing Trust will provide support via two separate programmes for housing projects that meet the needs of people who are at points of transition in their lives such as people seeking asylum, recovering from addiction, leaving prison, or moving from domestic abuse.

Best Practice Grants of up to £6,000 are available to support projects in the early stages of development.

The Main Grants and Loans Programme will award a mixture of grants and loans of up to £50,000 to fund projects that create homes. (Maximum grants made are £25,000).

The next deadline for applications is the 27th January 2023.

[Find out more here](https://www.qht.org.uk/apply-for-funding)

### Funding for Churches Supporting Refugees Arriving from Ukraine & Afghanistan

Grants of up to £5,000 are available to Christian churches and registered Christian charities offering activities and services to welcome and support refugees arriving in England from Ukraine and Afghanistan.

This could include services and activities such as:

* supplying accommodation, clothing, food, mobile phones, and baby care items;
* befriending support;
* English language classes;
* and toddler groups;
* welcome parties;
* drop-in sessions;
* and expenses for volunteers or facilities.

The funding is made available by the Church Urban Fund in partnership with the Benefact Trust, through the Refugee Support Small Grants Programme.

Applications can be submitted at any time until the 9th December 2022, but may close earlier if all funding is allocated before this date.

[Find out more here](https://cuf.org.uk/supporting-refugees-in-england)