

February 2022 Funding Gazette



Welcome to the latest edition of the Cumbria Youth Alliance Funding Gazette. This is a fast changing environment so always check out the websites before applying for any of the funding listed in this edition as things close and re-open depending upon funding available and do watch out for deadlines approaching.

Stay safe and keep up the wonderful work!



Welcome to our February Funding Gazette

CYA would like to acknowledge a wide range of sources of information. We regularly look at funding information from NAVCA, Active Cumbria, NCVO, Merseyside Funding Portal, Get Grants and Focus on Funding from Cumbria CVS. CVS will do a search for funding for your specific project via Grantfinder. Contact: cvsfunding@cumbriacvs.org.uk

There are significant opportunities to apply for grants and trusts but now more than ever the competition is stiff and you need to take time to read the guidelines carefully for each of the charitable trusts and foundations and only apply to those where you do meet the criteria.

Funders tell us that over 30% of the applications they receive don't meet their criteria and they waste time reading through them and rejecting them but more importantly the organisations have wasted their time compiling the application and the supporting documents only for them to be consigned to the bin.

Cumbria Youth Alliance can help you with your funding applications -we can supply you with up to 10 potential funding sources that are a good match for your organisation. We can assist by being a second pair of eyes to read through your applications before you send them away and we can be a referee for your application if we have worked together and we are aware of your work.

If you and your team need help with fundraising and you work with children, young people or families here in Cumbria then give us a shout juan@cya.org.uk or ring us on 01900-603131 to book a zoom call for some one-to-one support.

Don't forget you are not alone Cumbria Youth Alliance can help with all sorts of aspects of your fundraising thanks to support from Cumbria County Council under the Infrastructure Support Contract to support organisations working with children and young people.

- We can source 5 big and 5 small charitable trusts that will give you a good match for what you want funded
- We can deliver fundraising training - how to apply to foundations and trusts -we can deliver this at a time and place to suit your needs and it can include staff, volunteers and /or trustees
- We can check your bids and see if we can add anything or help it with additional information
- We can act as a referee for any big bids you are submitting
- We can help you set up systems to manage your grant so you can report accurately to funders

If you want to access any of these services email juan@cya.org.uk or ring 01900 603131, mob 07859092981

This funding news gazette is part of Cumbria Youth Alliance's Infrastructure Support to the youth sector, in conjunction with Cumbria County Council.



- CYA Infrastructure Support for the sector includes:-
- Free training for staff and volunteers including over 80 online modules
- Free Outcomes and Impact measurement tools and training in how to use them and follow up support
- **Fundraising support eg workshops tailored to your needs and research into which funders will fund your project; how to write better bids; proof reading your bids; acting as a referee**
- **Monthly funding gazette with news from local and national funders**
- Governance health check your policies and procedures and help or advise on how to review and improve them
- Free access to a national quality kite mark, SQP, for which CYA is the Cumbria franchise holder
- Weekly and monthly newsletters which all groups can contribute to; advertise your project or your vacancy here; or find out what is going on around the county
- We chair the Voluntary Sector Reference Group which brings together the statutory sector stakeholders eg local government and health agencies together with local and national funders; you can attend virtual meetings or just have the minutes sent for each meeting
- Recruitment of Volunteers; we have a database of people who have registered as wanting to volunteer and we put them in touch with groups needing volunteers
- These activities are all free as funded by Cumbria County Council

For more information contact juan@cya.org.uk

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Cumbria Youth Alliance
Organisational Member of the Institute of Fundraising



Barrow Funding Fair

Thursday 24 February 2022

10.00 am – 3.00pm at The Forum, 28 Duke Street, Barrow

This event provides a fantastic opportunity for local groups to once again directly engage (face to face) with local and national funders and support groups regarding projects/funding requirements.

Funders attending include:

- Natioan Lottery Heritage Fund
- Francis C Scott Trust
- The Hadfield Trust
- All Churches
- Cumbria Community Foundation
- Cumbria Action for Sustainability (Cafs)
- Cumbria Social Enterprise Partnership
- Cumbria Youth Alliance
- Freida Scott Trust
- Charity Bank
- Action with Communities in Cumbria (ACT)
- Orsted Grantscape Walney Extension Community Fund

The event will run from 10am – 3pm. Groups will have the opportunity to attend ONE session during the day – either 10am – 12noon OR 1p – 3pm.

For the last few places available please book by contacting us: **01768 800350** or email: info@cumbriacvs.org.uk

West Cumbria Funding Fair

Wednesday 30th March 2022 at Whitehaven Golf Club.

This event provides a fantastic opportunity for local groups to once again directly engage (face to face) with local and national funders and support groups regarding projects/funding requirements.

The Funding Fair will run from **10am – 3pm** with the option to book on one of the two sessions (either **10am – 12noon** OR **1pm – 3pm**). You can book your place here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/west-cumbria-funding-fair-tickets-239253271977>

Details of funders to be confirmed. Please hold the date, we hope to see you there!

Cumbria CVS

ADDITIONAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Additional Funding Opportunities Now Open

Cumbria Community Foundation – manages over 100 different grant making funds.

Cumbria County Council: Community Grants – range of grant funds used to invest in communities to bring about a positive and lasting change for the benefit of the whole community.

Food for Life Get Togethers – Small Grants – for community events and gatherings that enable people of different generations to get together through good food.

Shake Climate Change Programme – to identify innovative solutions for tackling climate change, linked to activities aligned to the UK's agri-food sector.

Ashden Awards – for climate solutions projects in the UK and the developing world, promoting the widespread use of local, sustainable energy for environmental, social and economic benefits.

Real Farming Trust - Loans for Enlightened Agriculture Programme (LEAP) – loan finance and grant funding for cooperatives, social enterprises and community businesses working in the UK's agriculture and food production sector to support and develop their work, helping to increase their social impact.

Landscape Recovery Scheme – Now Open (Part of the Environmental Land Management Scheme) – to support landowners or managers with radical changes to land-use and habitat restoration in England.

Tudor Trust – Announces its closing to new applications for financial year 2022/23 on 31 March 2022 – for community-led support for people at the margins of society, encouraging independence, inclusion and integration.

Cash For Kids - Merseyside, North West, and North Wales (Radio City) – for projects that benefit disadvantaged children under the age of 18 years living in Merseyside, North West or North Wales.

DCMS Youth Investment Fund – for small-scale capital projects which create and improve youth provision services in left-behind areas across England.

Blagrove Charitable Trust - Funding Young People in Policy Making – to support young people to influence government policy and decision-making in England.

Money Saving Expert (MSE) Charity – for projects the delivery of financial skills to different defined groups.

Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust – for work with communities for projects that relate to variety of need.

Garfield Weston Foundation – for a wide range of projects in the areas of welfare, youth, community, arts, faith, environment, education, health, and museums and heritage.

National Garden Scheme - Community Gardens Award – for amateur gardeners from community groups in to create a garden or similar project with horticultural focus for the benefit of their local community.

Get Fishing Fund – The Angling Trust – for angling clubs, fisheries, charities, schools and local authorities to deliver angling events and activities to get more people into fishing and retain them in the sport.

Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust - Rights and Justice Programme – to promote racial justice and equality of opportunity as a basis for a harmonious multi-racial, multi-ethnic society in the UK.

Tech Lending Community Fund – for tablet loaning services in temporary housing to prevent digital exclusion.

The Westmorland Arts Trust – for Community Art Projects

Lloyds Bank Foundation – welcomes applications for unrestricted funding – for small local charities tackling complex social issues to recover and renew beyond COVID-19.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR FEBRUARY

Aware UK

This charity provides families with online support whilst working to increase the awareness surrounding autistic spectrum disorder (ASD). **Autism Aware UK** has helped fund specialist playgrounds, and could offer financial support to buy equipment. Autism Aware UK operates to increase awareness of autistic spectrum disorder (ASD) and to support families through online support. It also purchases specialist equipment for schools and groups to help educate and support people with Autism. The charity has previously funded purpose built playgrounds for a school.

Schools, groups and organisation requiring assistance with funding equipment that benefits people with ASD should contact the charity direct.

www.autismaware.co.uk

The Fred Foundation

This autistic charity is one of the smallest in the UK and, as such, is only able to help a few children. However, the **foundation** could provide invaluable support, and has recently funded programmes for Applied Behaviour Analysis, so it could be a good grant source. The website is currently inactive. For further information email: thefredfoundation@googlemail.com <http://www.thefredfoundation.org>

The John and Lorna Wing Foundation

If you have an older child who needs help with higher education needs, the John and Lorna Wing Foundation could be ideal. They operate in England and Wales, and provide group and individual autism funding for both research and educational support. Though they don't have a website, you can contact them by writing to Dr. J.A. Gould at 43 Barnfield Wood Road, Beckenham, Kent BR3 6ST.

Caudwell Charitable Trust

This charity is seen as a leading expert in autism diagnosis. If your child has a disability, you could be granted funding from the **Caudwell Charity**. Though they do not fund building projects, clothing or household appliances, they can help with sensory room equipment and soft play toys. Applications must be supported by an Occupational Therapist or healthcare professional. We can provide 70% to 80% of the total cost of equipment. You will need to put some money towards it or find another charity or funder who can help with the cost.

Music for Autism

Sensory play and learning can be extremely important for children with autism; a fact recognised by Music for Autism. This organisation put on interactive concerts for kids to enjoy, and hosts a number of events across the UK. A programme of concerts can be found on the website at a number of locations around the UK. It also supports special units and schools for children with Autism.

www.musicforautism.org.uk

Nihal Armstrong Trust- focus on Cerebral Palsy

The Nihal Armstrong Trust is a small charity which helps children under 18 years with Cerebral Palsy. It is able to provide funding (under £1,000) towards essential equipment, communication aids, and other specific services not provided by statutory services. The charity prefers applications to be completed on-line and sent direct from the website. Supporting evidence from an appropriate professional is required.

www.nihalarmstrongtrust.org.uk

The Shepard Street Trust- South Cumbria and Barrow

Educational grants for young people under 21 years old who live within 50 miles of Preston Town Hall. Grants are to pay for outfits, clothing, tools, instruments, equipment which will help to further education or entry into a profession, trade or calling.

Examples of successful applications are: grant to help a young person with autism achieve PADI diver certification and a grant to enable a young person attend residential course with the National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain.

Eligibility: Young people under the age of 21 who live within 50 miles of Preston city centre.

How to apply: You can download an application form from the charity's website:

<http://www.shepherdstreettrust.co.uk>

Applications must be supported by a professional, for example a social worker, a teacher, or a religious leader.

Address and contact details: Sheppard Street Trust Co Uk, PO Box 658 Longridge, Preston PR3 2WJ. Telephone: 01200 427625 Email: enquiries@shepherdstreettrust.co.uk Web:

<http://www.shepherdstreettrust.co.uk>

Local support for individuals and families

Other ways of getting financial support for things like specialist equipment or holidays or help towards special household needs can be to write to organisations like:

- Rotary Club
- Scroptomists
- Round Table

Put your request in writing to them stating what it is you need and why you need the support - it helps if you can get support from a local charity or a local social worker or professional who will support the application - these are usually small grants but they are easy to access and often the turnaround from application to receiving the money will be quicker than applying to the national charities. Cumbria Youth Alliance Funding Booklet Disability CCC July 2019 24

The Coalfields Regeneration Trust

is keen to encourage more small-medium sized charitable organisations based in Allerdale and Copeland to join our Practical Support membership programme. We have a **range of free benefits and services** available to charitable organisations summarised below:

- **Critical Friend** – face to face/virtual meetings, telephone and email support from the team. 98% of our members, that responded to the annual membership survey last year, indicated they found meetings with the Regional Development Managers to be very useful.
- **Local Area Profiling** – each member receives 2 detailed local statistical reports every year and any bespoke reports as required which can be used to support business plans, funding applications or to improve local knowledge and evidence local needs
- **Support applying for funding/finance** – we provide feedback on draft applications for any funder including CRT. Last year 75% of our funding was awarded to our member organisations, who only accounted for 30% of the applicants, the vast majority of member organisations that applied received support from the team to improve their application.
- **Identifying Sources of Funding/Finance** – we use GrantFinder to provide detailed information on sources of funding for your organisation
- **Organisational Diagnostic Tool** – analysis of organisational need
- **Networking & information sharing** – you will be joining a network of over 400 organisations and we are keen for organisations to work together and share information and resources, including access to development funding and our member-only Facebook page.
- **Online information resource library** of nearly 1,000 reports, studies, how-to-guides and other useful information
- **Regional information and training events** – our recent membership survey highlighted a series of training needs that we are planning to deliver online
- **Signposting** - to partner organisations and other sources of support at this critical time

If you are interested in becoming a member please contact me. All members have to complete a short 10-15 minute survey and we will send you the link if you meet our eligibility criteria, please see the attached information for more details.

Steve Abson - Development Manager (England)

Phone: 07792 556825

Web: <http://www.coalfields-regen.org.uk>

The Henry Moore Foundation

The Henry Moore Foundation is aware of the challenges and complications that organisations face in light of the coronavirus (Covid-19).

[Find out more about how we will continue to support Grants recipients during this difficult time.](#)

Henry Moore changed the way we understand sculpture. His Foundation continues to do so today. In addition to our own programmes at our bases in Hertfordshire and Leeds, we support the growth and development of sculpture through our Grants programme. Henry Moore Grants continue Moore's legacy by supporting sculpture across historical, modern and contemporary registers and seeking to fund research that expands the appreciation of sculpture.

Applications will be assessed by the Grants Committee at quarterly meetings during the year.

Application Deadline dates 2022: 22 February, 24 May, 2 September, 6 December.

Chapman Charitable Trust

A grant-giving charity for arts, health and wellbeing, and nature conservation.

We are a UK grant-giving charity focused on organisations which promote physical and mental wellbeing, conserve our natural environment, and increase the accessibility of the arts.

The Chapman Charitable Trust's (CCT) trustees meet twice a year to distribute the income of the charity. To see the guidelines for the charities that the CCT supports, and details of how to apply, click [Guidelines](#).

- For more details, follow the link to the [Charity Commission](#), where more information is available on all charities. The CCT can be found using our charity number: **232791**.
- Please review our grant making guidelines to see where we focus our efforts and more information - [Guidelines](#)
- Have a quick read of how it all started back in 1963 - [History](#)
- Take a look at our previous grants to find out more about the kinds of projects we have helped - [Historical Grants](#)
- A few links to our regular donees - [Links](#)

The Baily Thomas Charitable Fund

The Baily Thomas Charitable Fund is a well-known funder of projects that positively benefit people with learning disabilities, which has been their sole beneficiary group since 2001 offering over £2.5 million in grants most years. With the vast majority of grants given by the charity below £10,000.

Only supporting organisations that are registered charities they make grants twice a year within three grant programmes:

- General Grants – appeals over £10,000
- Small Grants – grants of up to £5,000
- Research Grants – a small amount of grants are supported in this programme, with no limit to the amount applicants can request.

The type of projects supported within their general grants programme are:

- Capital building, renovation or refurbishment works for residential, nursing and respite care, and schools
- Employment schemes
- Play and play therapy schemes
- Day and social activities centres including building costs and running costs
- Support for families, including respite
- Independent living schemes

Applications have to be completed via the Baily Thomas [website](#), where the charity also offer a fairly comprehensive [guidance notes](#).

The Inman Charity

The directors of the corporate trustee ('the directors') operate a grant giving policy with a view to making annual distributions of £350,000. They support a wide range of UK Registered Charities.

The directors are particularly interested in supporting the following areas of charitable work:-

- Medical research
- Care of the elderly
- General welfare
- Hospices
- The Deaf and Blind
- Care of the physically & mentally disabled
- The Armed Forces

If you are a charity working in any of these fields and would like to request financial assistance, please read our [Application Guidelines](#).

Directors' Meetings are held in April and October each year. Details of the directors can be found in the [Annual Report and Accounts](#) .

Applications must be received by the end of February or the end of August to be sure of consideration at the Spring or Autumn Meetings. Details of the most recent grants made can be found under [Grants Awarded](#) and in the [Annual Report and Accounts](#).

Application Guidelines:

All applications should be sent to: **The Inman Charity BM Box 2831, London WC1N 3XX**

Requests for support should be made by letter confirming the registered Charity Number, the aims and objectives of the Charity, and any other relevant factors.

In order for the appeal to be considered, the applicant must provide a copy of their latest annual report and a set of the most recent audited accounts.

The directors will support specific projects. In this case please provide details of the total amount required, contributions received to date and proposed timing to completion.

The directors do not acknowledge applications and will only contact those to whom grants are awarded.

Ragdoll Foundation

The open grants programme will close to new applicants after the current round

To date, the Ragdoll Foundation has directed its resources and funding through three strands:

- **Open Grants Scheme** – supporting arts and cultural organisations in their work with children and young people, through main and small grants
- **Legacy** – supporting projects that continue the work and vision of Anne Wood, who established the Foundation in 1999 (not open to application)
- **Advocacy** – supporting initiatives that support the voices and rights of children and young people (not open to application)

During 2022 the Ragdoll Foundation is refocusing its grant-making. The open grants scheme will close after the spring main grants round. A new priority area is being researched and developed, currently articulated as:

‘supporting gifted young women from disadvantaged backgrounds to develop their talents and skills in the arts and creative media, with a view to achieving their full potential.’

We do not yet know whether the new programme will include an open grants element, but in this final main grants round, eligible organisations can apply to either priority – please note the different deadlines:

CYP – Innovative, high-quality arts engagement projects that put the voices of children or young people at the heart. The deadline for stage one applications that address the CYP priority is Monday 28 February, for projects where delivery begins in September 2022 or later.

NEW – Initiatives that support gifted young women from disadvantaged backgrounds to develop their talents and skills in the arts and creative media, with a view to achieving their full potential. The deadline for stage one applications that respond to the NEW priority is Thursday 31 March, for projects where delivery begins in September 2022 or later.

Details of eligibility criteria, timescale, and how to apply are in the guidance documents in the left-hand column above. Please download and read either the CYP or NEW guidance notes before applying. Please also visit our [FAQ](#) and [Grants Awarded](#) pages to understand more about the kinds of projects we support.

The application form cannot be filled in online: you must download and save it to a laptop or desktop, complete using Adobe Acrobat DC, save, and send.

As a small foundation, we keep administrative costs to a minimum to focus resources on grant giving. We are not able to discuss prospective applications or to give extensive pre-application advice.

Thank you for your interest in the Ragdoll Foundation.

Patagonia

Supports environmental organizations with bold, direct-action agendas and a commitment to long-term change. We support innovative work that addresses the root causes of the environmental crisis and seeks to protect both the environment and affected communities. We focus on places where we've built connections through outdoor recreation and through our network of retail stores, nationally and internationally. We encourage work that brings underrepresented communities to the forefront of the environmental movement and defend communities whose health and livelihoods are threatened by environmental exploitation.

We fund work that

- builds an equitable, inclusive and diverse environmental movement
- confronts systemic bias, discrimination and injustice in environmental policy or outdoor spaces
- is action-oriented
- focuses on root causes
- has a clear strategy
- identifies specific goals and objectives that can be effectively measured to evaluate success
- builds public involvement and civic engagement
- works to build an inclusive and diverse environmental movement
- takes place within the following countries: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Chile, Czechia, Denmark, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Korea, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the United States.

We do not fund

- organizations that perpetuate systemic biases and discrimination based on ethnicity, race, religion, color, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, age, national origin, ancestry, citizenship, veteran, or disability status
- organizations without 501(c)(3) status or a comparable fiscal sponsor
- trail creation, maintenance or restoration
- any dam renovations, human-assisted fish passage infrastructure or hatchery programs
- conservation easements or land acquisition
- research, unless it is in direct support of a developed plan for specific action to alleviate an environmental problem
- projects that are solely focused on environmental education
- environmental conferences, event sponsorships or film festivals
- endowment funds
- political campaigns
- green building projects
- bike advocacy, unless the project is in direct support of a climate change solution

We accept one proposal per group in a given fiscal year (May 1–April 30). Our typical grant size ranges between \$5,000 and \$15,000. Proposals are reviewed and grants decisions are made by an employee grants council in Europe.

There are three annual deadlines for this process:

- **July 31st** (applications received in July will receive a response by the end of September)
- **September 30th** (applications received in September will receive response by end December)
- **January 31st** (all applications received in January will receive a response by the end of May)

Application Procedure: To begin the application process, click “Apply” to take the eligibility quiz and find out if your work fits within our guidelines. If your work is eligible, you will then be directed to the grant application form. [Apply](#)

Kelly Family Charitable Trust

Application Criteria

The trust has decided to prioritise its funding in favour of charities whose activities involve all or most family members where possible, in initiatives that support and encourage the family to work as a cohesive unit in tackling problems that face one or more of its members. The objective is to reinforce the benefit and support that family members as a unit can give to each other.

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, eg 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 trust will consider both capital and revenue grants. The trust 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.

We do consider repeat funding requests, on receipt of satisfactory progress reports. Applications should be supported by annual accounts where available.

Exclusions:

The following will not be considered:

- Non-registered charities
- Individual requests for grants
- National charities (only regional projects will be considered)
- General appeals
- Organisations with specific religious or political agendas

For more information about the Kelly Family Charitable Trust, please contact the grants administrator, [Stuart Armstrong](#).

Peter Cruddas Foundation

The Peter Cruddas Foundation gives priority to programmes designed to help disadvantaged and disengaged young people between the ages of 14-30, to pursue pathways to Education, Training and Employment with the ultimate aim of helping them to become financially independent. The foundation focuses on three main funding streams, which are:

- Pathways/support for young disadvantaged or disengaged people in the age range of 14 to 30 into education, training or employment
- Work experience/skills projects for young people aged 16 to 30
- Youth work in London particularly evening work for disadvantaged young people aged 16 to 30

The Foundation only supports registered charities and offers grants of generally between £500 – £25,000. In order to apply, you must be a registered charity. The application form and guidelines can be found [here](#), with the Foundation operating around 2 annual application deadlines.

National Lottery Heritage Fund

National Lottery Heritage Fund award funding to a broad range of projects that connect people and communities to the national, regional and local heritage of the UK. Heritage can be anything from the past that you value and want to pass on to future generations.

The Heritage Fund has revised its approach to what it will fund due to the impact of the pandemic. Details are in a supplementary guidance document that sets out [priorities for National Lottery Grants for Heritage for 2021-22](#).

Heritage fund prioritises heritage projects that meet at least one or more of the following outcomes:

- [A wider range of people will be involved in heritage](#) (This is a mandatory outcome. Every project we fund must achieve our mandatory outcome as a minimum.)
- [people will have greater wellbeing](#)
- [people will have developed skills](#)
- [the local area will be a better place to live, work or visit](#)
- [the local economy will be boosted](#)
- [the funded organisation will be more resilient](#)

Every project will need to achieve the fund's mandatory inclusion outcome, 'a wider range of people will be involved in heritage' – **Young people are currently underrepresented in heritage and therefore are a priority for National Lottery Heritage Fund.**

The Heritage Fund will also expect all projects to demonstrate that they are building long-term [environmental sustainability](#) into their plans, as appropriate.

Application and Advice:

[National Lottery Grants for Heritage](#) is their open programme for all types of heritage project in the UK and awards range from £3k - £5 Million.

You can access advice on applying for Their National Lottery Grants for Heritage **For small grants of between £3k - £10k book onto a 'Helping you apply' webinar here**. These free online sessions will include the following: How heritage can be used to transform places and change lives.

- What a well-planned project looks like.
- How to write a strong funding application to The National Lottery Heritage Fund.
- The opportunity to share your project ideas and ask any questions you may have.

For medium grants of between £10k - £250k you can [submit a Project Enquiry via their application portal](#). You will be contacted within 10 days by an engagement manager who can offer bespoke advice and guidance. This does not form part of the formal application process.

For large grants of between £250k - £5m you can contact your local office to discuss submitting an Expression of Interest (which is a compulsory step in an application at this level).

Cumbria Community Foundation

Exists to address disadvantage by making life-changing grants and promoting philanthropy. We are also here to respond to emerging need, having managed four disaster appeals as well as the recent Cumbria COVID-19 Response Fund.

We provide philanthropic services to individuals, families and organisations and manage more than 100 grant making funds, supporting more than 500 community projects per year on behalf of our fundholders. Since 1999, we have invested more than £50m into almost 4,000 groups and 8,000 individuals.

We provide a simplified approach to effective charitable giving. As one of the UK's leading, accredited community foundations, we have the expertise and local knowledge to help individuals, families, companies, charitable trusts and public-sector bodies invest in their communities.

[Sellafield invests £1.8m to transform community mental health support](#)

A new partnership designed to revolutionise mental health provision in west Cumbria has been launched. The West Cumbria Mental Health Partnership is part of a £1.8m investment by Sellafield Ltd's Social Impact Multiplied (SIX) programme. It will operate under the Transforming West Cumbria programme, led by Cumbria Community Foundation (CCF.) The announcement coincides with Blue ...

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Winter Warmth Appeal supported by victims of Storm Arwen

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Community Foundation's annual Winter Warmth Appeal making a real difference to elderly

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NHS hospital discharge support fund to benefit Cumbria

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Our funds have been created by our donors and each have their own criteria or area of interest. Most support locally based community and voluntary groups and a number of funds also support individuals.

The application form is the same for most of our funds. We will decide which fund best fits your application.

Most of our grants panels meet every 10 weeks. Please make sure you submit your paperwork well in advance, and at least three months before your project start date, as we are unable to fund activities which have already started. Check the [application deadline dates](#) prior to submitting your application.

Please make sure you read each of the fund guidelines carefully and review whether [you are eligible](#) before applying and take a look at our [FAQs](#) if you have any queries.

If you want to apply to a particular fund it is important that you read the criteria on the Fund pages very carefully before applying to make sure you are eligible.

[Group Application Forms](#)

[Individual Application Forms](#)

Countywide funding to increase number of youth workers

Grants of up to £25,000 to community organisations providing youth work opportunities!

Cumbria's High Sheriff, David Beeby, is encouraging people to think about a career in youth work by offering fully funded training and grants to support salary costs.

Better Tomorrows is a three-year programme which aims to substantially increase the number of young people having access to support from youth workers to help them reach their full potential.

The unique initiative provides accredited training via Cumbria Youth Alliance and offers grants of up to £25,000 to community organisations setting up or providing new youth work opportunities for local people.

The Better Tomorrows Fund

Administered by Cumbria Community Foundation, is now open for applications.

Better Tomorrows aims to invest £1 million over the next three years into quality youth work training and provision. Funding has been secured from individuals, businesses and funders, including Cumbria Community Foundation, Francis C Scott Charitable Trust, Four Acre Trust, LLWR, Cumbria's Police and Crime Commissioner, BAE Systems, CCL Secure, Carr's Group, CGP Publications, Iggesund, James Walker and Lloyd Motors.

The training can also be accessed for existing staff and volunteers via Cumbria Youth Alliance, and will lead to Level 2 and Level 3 qualifications in Youth Work and around 150 people are expected to access the learning, which will be delivered through a mix of online and face-to-face sessions. Participants will be supported during and after their training as well as in their youth work settings.

For more information, visit: www.cya.org.uk or email Cath Corkill on cathcorkill@dzyp.co.uk

For more information on the Better Tomorrows Fund: www.cumbriafoundation.org/fund/better-tomorrows-fund

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