

March 2024 Funding Gazette



Welcome to the March 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.

Keep up the wonderful work!



Welcome to our March 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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UPCOMING GRANT DEADLINES

- 12/03 Army Benevolent Fund <https://armybenevolentfund.org/need-our-help/charity-grants/>
- 13/03 Bloomberg Philanthropies <https://digitalaccelerator.bloomberg.org/apply/>
- 13/03 Hedley Foundation <https://www.hedleyfoundation.org.uk/>
- 14/03 Weaver's Company Benevolent Fund <https://www.weavers.org.uk/>
- 15/03 Arts Council England <https://www.artscouncil.org.uk/our-open-funds/cultural-investment-fund>
- 15/03 Co-op Carbon Innovation Fund <https://www.coopfoundation.org.uk/how-we-fund/carbon-innovation-fund-3/>
- 15/03 Esmée Fairbairn Foundation Youth-Led Creativity Funding <https://esmeefairbairn.org.uk/latest-news/youth-led-creativity-funding/>
- 15/03 Help the Homeless Grant Scheme <https://www.getgrants.org.uk/help-the-homeless/>
- 15/03 Ulverscroft Foundation <https://www.ulverscroft-foundation.org.uk/>
- 17/03 KFC Youth Foundation Community Grants Programme <https://www.kfc.co.uk/kfc-foundation-community-grants>
- 17/03 Ogden Trust – Physics Education Grants <https://www.ogdentrust.com/funding/physics-education-grants/>
- 19/03 Grow Wild Youth Grants <https://growwild.kew.org/apply-grant/youth>
- 20/03 Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust <https://www.jrct.org.uk/funding-priorities>
- 22/03 Heat Network Efficiency Scheme (HNES) <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/heat-network-efficiency-scheme-hnes>
- 22/03 McCarthy Stone Foundation <https://mccarthystonefoundation.org/our-grant-programmes/>
- 25/03 Petplan Charitable Trust <https://petplancharitabletrust.org.uk/>
- 29/03 Fat Beehive Foundation <https://www.fatbeehivefoundation.org.uk/>
- 31/03 Adamson Trust <https://www.theadamsontrust.co.uk/>
- 31/03 Ashley Family Foundation <https://www.ashleyfamilyfoundation.org.uk/>
- 31/03 British Gas Energy Trust <https://britishgasenergytrust.org.uk/grants-available/>
- 31/03 Hinrichsen Foundation <https://www.hinrichsenfoundation.org.uk/>
- 31/03 Innovation for All <https://www.kilburnstrode.com/about-us/innovation-for-all-foundation>
- 31/03 Ironmongers' Company <https://www.ironmongers.org/supporting-iron-projects>
- 31/03 James Tudor Foundation <https://www.jamestudor.org.uk/>
- 31/03 Margaret Dobson Further Education Trust <https://www.margaretdobsontrust.org/>
- 31/03 Sea-Changers Grant Programme <https://www.getgrants.org.uk/sea-changers/>
- 31/03 The DPO Centre – Charity and Community Fund <https://www.dpocentre.com/cc-fund/>
- 31/03 UnLtd - Awards for Social Entrepreneurs <https://www.unltd.org.uk/awards>
- 31/03 Vinci UK Foundation Grants <https://www.vinci-uk-foundation.co.uk/>
- 31/03 William and Jane Morris Fund <https://www.sal.org.uk/what-we-do/grants/our-grant-programmes/>
- 01/04 IOP Public Engagement Grant Scheme <https://www.iop.org/about/support-grants/public-engagement-grant-scheme>
- 01/04 Ironmongers' Company – Charitable Grants for STEM Projects <https://www.ironmongers.org/supporting-stem-projects>
- 01/04 Music for All - Community Project Funding <https://www.musicforall.org.uk/>
- 03/04 Hospital Saturday Fund <https://hospitalsaturdayfund.org/>
- 04/04 Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) Fund <https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/projects-and-evaluation/apply-for-funding>
- 05/04 Rees Jeffreys Road Fund <https://reesjeffreys.co.uk/>
- 05/04 Woodward Charitable Trust - Children's Summer Playscheme Grant <https://woodwardcharitabletrust.org.uk/>
- 07/04 Elephant Trust <https://www.elephanttrust.org.uk/>
- 07/04 Impetus Connect Fund <https://www.impetus.org.uk/youth-employment-grant-round-2024>

EDEN FUNDING FAIR AND WORKSHOPS

Eden Funding Fair - Wednesday 24th April 2024

Cumbria LEP Conference Centre, Eden Rural Enterprise Centre, Redhills, Penrith, CA11 0DT

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

Attending funders and support organisations include:

- Cumbria Community Foundation
- Cumbria Action for Sustainability
- The David Snowdon Trust
- The National Lottery Heritage Fund
- Francis Scott Trust
- Frieda Scott Trust
- The Hadfield Trust
- The National Lottery Community Fund
- Action with Communities in Cumbria
- Cumbria Waste Management Environment Trust
- Penrith Lottery
- Active Cumbria
- Cumbria Youth Alliance
- Cumbria Social Enterprise Partnership
- Holiday Activity and Food Programme

Tickets are free, and attendees can choose to book a morning (10am-noon) or afternoon (1pm-3pm) slot. We ask that organisations attend with a maximum of two representatives as spaces are limited. To book a place, please click on the Eventbrite link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/eden-funding-fair-tickets-852065118707>

Design for Wiser Action Funding Bid Writing Workshop (on-line)

Tuesday 9th April 2024 – 10am – 12.30pm

A 2.5 hour online facilitated funding bid writing workshop using the Design for Wiser Action collaborative planning tool. The workshop is the first module in a three-part program of support. The second module will be the Eden Funding Fair on 24th April. To book a place, please click on the Eventbrite link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/design-for-wiser-action-funding-bid-writing-workshop-tickets-852067225007>

Eden Funding Fair Post Event Reflection Workshop (on-line)

Tuesday 30th April 2024 – 10am – 12.30pm

A 2.5 hour online facilitated reflection and consolidation workshop where participants will finalise their funding bid application based on the feedback received during the funding fair. This will also an opportunity to get some further peer support and extra support and funding bid hints and tips from CVS facilitators. By the end of this session participants should have a finalised funding bid narrative. The workshop is the final module in a three part program of support. The first is an online Design For Wiser Action funding bid writing workshop on 9th April. The second module will be the in-person Eden funding fair on 24th April and this session will complete the program. To book a place, please click on the Eventbrite link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/eden-funding-fair-post-event-reflection-workshop-tickets-852091327097>

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR MARCH

National Lottery Heritage Fund

The National Lottery Heritage Fund provide different levels of funding to heritage of all shapes and sizes. Their grants range from £3,000 up to millions of pounds. Current programmes include National Lottery Grants for Heritage - £3,000 to £10,000; £10,000 to £250,000; £250,000 to £5 million.

The impact of coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic means the Fund will prioritise heritage projects that:

- promote inclusion and involve a wider range of people (a mandatory outcome)
- boost the local economy
- encourage skills development and job creation
- support wellbeing
- create better places to live, work and visit
- improve the resilience of organisations working in heritage

Full information on all National Lottery Heritage Fund programmes is available on their website.

<https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/>

7Stars Foundation

7Stars Foundation is offering grants of up to £2,500 for registered charities with an annual turnover of less than £1.5 million across the UK to deliver projects and activities that support young people aged 16 years and under across the priority themes of abuse, addiction, child carers, and homelessness.

Funding is offered across the following streams:

- Project grants of up to £2,500 to cover the costs of projects that:
 - Enable young people to have the best start in life and aim high.
 - Have a direct impact and respond to a need in an immediate manner.
 - Are hosted in geographical areas of deprivation and socioeconomic disadvantage.
 - Respond to one or more of the funding priorities of the 7stars Foundation.
 - Address a lack of provision (due to a lack of funding from alternative sources).
- Provide immediate support, not just in the short-term but with long-term benefits too.
- Shine Bright grants of up to £1,500 for registered charities to purchase educational, well-being, or recreational items for young people, aged 16 years old or under.
- Social Impact funding for three charities across the year for projects that align with various awareness days (such as Race Equality Week, PRIDE month, World Homeless Day or Black History Month).

The trustees typically meet four times a year to review grant applications.

The next deadline for applications is 30 April 2024.

<https://the7starsfoundation.co.uk/apply-for-funding>

Grow Wild

Invites Young People to Apply for £500 for a Nature Project

Grow Wild is once again offering grants of up to £500 to young people in the UK aged 14-25 to bring their nature project to life this summer.

Individuals or groups of up to six people can apply for a grant to support an innovative project idea to celebrate why UK native plants and/or fungi are so special.

Organisations supporting young people with their project must be established, relevant and charitable in purpose or not for profit. This includes voluntary, youth or community groups, education bodies, arts or environmental charities, local authorities, other council bodies or health authorities.

Grant recipients will receive:

- £500 grant for the project which can be used for anything needed such as materials, equipment, resources or helpful training.
- Support and online training from Grow Wild.
- Opportunities to connect with a community of young nature enthusiasts completing projects across the UK.
- The chance to complete Kew's Young Environmental Leader Award designed to work alongside their Grow Wild project and recognise their achievements.

There is particular interest in applications from people who don't know much about UK native species. Successful projects can be started in May 2024 and must be completed by the end of October 2024.

The deadline for applications is 19 March 2024 (15:00).

<https://growwild.kew.org/apply-grant/youth>

The Peter Harrison Foundation

Offering opportunities through sport and physical activity

Creating access to opportunities for sport and physical activity at a grassroots level that enable people across the UK who are physically, mentally, socially or economically disadvantaged to develop personal and life skills to fulfil their potential.

The Trustees welcome applications for physical activity initiatives that:

- Provide a focus for skills development and confidence building
- Have a strong training and/or educational theme
- Provide specialised sporting equipment or facilities required to open opportunities
- Have a high degree of involvement from beneficiaries and those with lived experience
- Have a plan for sustainability and seek to deliver a lasting legacy

They accept applications for this programme from charities and CASCs throughout the United Kingdom. They will consider applications for capital, revenue or project funding. They provide two levels of funding: Major grants: between £5,001 and £30,000.

Application Deadlines: 1st April 2024, 1st July 2024 and 1st October 2024.

<https://peterharrisonfoundation.org/opportunities-through-sport>

The Barclays Community Football Fund

Delivered in partnership with Sported, helps to reduce inequalities in football, with grants made available annually to sports groups that wish to start or expand their football offering to underrepresented audiences.

The innovative programme focuses on groups operating in areas of high deprivation and supporting young people from one of the following underrepresented groups: women and girls; racially diverse communities; lower socio-economic groups; people with disabilities; and people from the LGBT+ community.

The Barclays Community Football Fund will be open for applications in 2024 between:

- Monday 12th February 2024 – Friday 12th April 2024
- Monday 15th July 2024 – Sunday 15th September 2024

Community sports groups can apply to receive:

- £1000 grant to spend on increasing underrepresented young people's access to play football
- Access to Equality, Diversity and Inclusion training and resources
- Exclusive opportunities to apply for Premier League and Barclays Women's Super League tickets and mascot places
- Opportunities to access further funding, including female coaching grants and Deep Impact grants up to £5000 (subject to eligibility)

You can find out more via Barclays or Sported websites – please note that you will need to be a Sported member to apply.

<https://home.barclays/who-we-are/sponsorship/Barclays-Community-Football-Fund/>

<https://thehub.sported.org.uk/barclays-community-football-fund.html>

Aviva Community Fund

Has partnered with Crowdfunder to support small charities and community groups with innovative ideas that benefit their communities and are looking to raise up to £50,000. The Aviva Community Fund will match each donation given, up to the value of £250.

The fund has two key focus areas:

- Financial wellbeing: Helping people take control of their wellbeing by giving them the tools to be more financially independent and ready for anything.
- Climate action: Promoting healthy, thriving communities by preventing, preparing for and protecting against the impacts of climate change.

<https://www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk/>

Greene King's Proud to Pitch in Fund

Open throughout the year and offer grants of up to £4,000 to grassroots and community sports clubs across the UK. Grants will be distributed regularly throughout the year. To be eligible for funding, projects must be located in the United Kingdom and project beneficiaries must be aged 18 or over.

<https://www.actionfunder.org/proud-to-pitch-in/>

Skipton Building Society Charitable Foundation

Aims to improve the wellbeing, welfare and education of children and adults in communities throughout the UK by making donations of up to £6,000 to registered charities.

Who can apply? UK registered charities whose purpose is to:

- benefit children and adults particularly those living in socially deprived areas, through education to develop core skills and support wellbeing and mental health
- benefit the wellbeing and welfare of children and adults by preventing or reducing poverty and homelessness in the community
- support the elderly and improve their wellbeing by reducing isolation, helping reduce the effects of Dementia and Alzheimer's and support later life/palliative care

Application requirements

- Application should provide full details of the work carried out by the charity, the funding request including a breakdown of how the donation will be spent, identifying clear benefit to the beneficiaries plus information on the number of people who will benefit
- Applications must fund items or activities that have tangible benefit to the beneficiaries
- Charities must be registered UK charities that have submitted their trustee annual report, annual return and latest audited accounts to the Charity Commission
- Donations requests should be up to a maximum of £6,000
- Following a successful application, a charity must wait for a minimum of three years before reapplying. If a charity has been unsuccessful, a charity must wait for two years before reapplying

<https://www.skiptoncharitablefoundation.co.uk/>

Stef & Philips Foundation

Improves the lives and well-being of individuals and families living in temporary and emergency accommodation. They offer grants for organisations and individuals and provide vital support to Londoners facing homelessness.

Grants for organisations supporting those residing in temporary or emergency accommodation, available for up to £2,000. The Grant programme has 4 deadlines a year, see their website for upcoming deadlines. The Stef & Philips Foundation provides support through personal and project grant funding. From the simplest of household items, to education and training courses, or a community initiative that promotes well-being and inclusion. Our funding provides hope and an opportunity for a brighter future.

Many of our grants are used to provide personal support in the form of bedding sets, clothing, baby bottle warmers or courses that promote mental and physical health. While others contribute to projects such as developing playgrounds, libraries and other community initiatives.

<https://www.getgrants.org.uk/stef-philips-foundation/>

The True Colours Trust Small Grants Programme

Offers funding to programmes which provide opportunities for disabled children and young people, including those which give access to play and leisure activities.

Grants are of up to £10,000.

<https://www.truecolourstrust.org.uk/uk-small-grants>

Travel Actively

Active Cumbria's new programme aimed to provide a wide range of cycling and walking interventions to help attract people into new ways of travelling actively in Barrow and Carlisle. Use the link below to find out more about the Travel Actively Fund which supports the programme. This includes the targeted audiences, application guidance and FAQ's.

<https://www.activecumbria.org/behealthybeactive/travel-actively/travel-actively-fund>

Help The Homeless

Help The Homeless provides grants to small to medium registered charities wanting help with projects focusing on helping the homeless return to mainstream society. Organisations reaching out for help from the charity may run small to medium sized projects, or residential/ training facilities that focus on helping the homeless rebuild their lives.

The charity will not offer grants to organisations or projects with a turnover of more than a million pounds per year and grants will generally be £5,000 pounds and below. The charity will not fund projects relating to offering shelter to homeless people, or offering any other forms of sustenance.

The charity receives a large amount of applications which relate to the funding of technology like computers or laptops but these are rarely supported. It regularly however supports charities with requests for capital costs of equipment such as furniture or building costs.

The grants provided by the charity are distributed four times a year on the 15th of March, June, September and December. Only one application will be accepted for consideration by the charity once every 2 years, regardless of the outcome of the application.

<https://www.getgrants.org.uk/help-the-homeless/>

The Ironmongers' Company

The Ironmongers' Company aim to provide support for projects surrounding disadvantaged young people and children to help them achieve their potential. Grants can only be awarded to a registered charity whose projects, meet the entirety of the following:

- Must be within the UK
- Help disadvantaged children and young people who are under the ages of 25
- Include educational activities leading to developmental outcome of motivation, skills & learning.

They are looking for projects that are evident in providing educational benefits towards a specific group of young people or children. Including a full explanation in order to be considered for equipment, explaining how you plan to support these activities.

Grants given average at £4,000 and range from a few hundred pounds to £10,000 and must be spent within 12 months of being awarded. If successful it is expected as a recipient to submit a written report of evaluation, 3 months from your completion.

The Company aims to make a noticeable difference and so preference is given to smaller organisations, as well as projects that would need a significant amount of their cost covered. You must submit no more three A4 pages outlining the objectives you aim to meet as an organisation, alongside the application summary sheet. The Application Procedure is available on their website.

<https://www.ironmongers.org/helping-charitable-organisations>

Better Tomorrows Fund

Background

Set up by David Beeby, High Sheriff of Cumbria 2021-22, the Fund aims to invest approximately £1m over the next three years into quality youth work training and provision, with the ultimate objective of substantially increasing the number of young people having access to support from youth workers.

It will encourage people within Cumbria to become accredited in youth work via Cumbria Youth Alliance's training programme, along with funding youth work salaries through this open-access grant fund.

Donor

David Beeby has personally committed a significant amount to the programme and has secured funding from charitable trusts and donors, including Francis C Scott Charitable Trust, the Four Acre Trust, LLWR, and Cumbria Community Foundation, LLWR, CCL Secure, Carr's Group, CGP Publications, Iggesund, BAE and James Walker.

Who can apply?

Charitable, not-for-profit organisations

Priority will be given to projects that:

- provide access to youth work for additional young people
- create additional opportunities in areas where there is limited or no youth work provision
- seek to increase participation from young people from less affluent social economic groups and young people who might not usually take part in youth work their barriers and build their attainment, ambition and aspirations
- put young people at the centre in terms of voice and decision making
- support young people who are facing complex transitions, challenges, and barriers to accessing support and opportunities

What the Fund will not support in addition to our normal exclusions:

- existing or recent youth work posts
- overhead costs e.g. rent, IT, publicity
- individuals

How much can you apply for?

The maximum award will be no more than £25,000 per year. Multi-year funding may be considered for up to three years.

Frequently Asked Questions

We're an existing youth project, would this fund the salary of an additional youth worker?

The intention of this fund is to prioritise areas where there is currently no youth work being delivered, and give more young people access to quality youth work. An additional youth worker would need to support young people who aren't currently engaged in any existing youth work services (i.e., in a different area to current provision).

We're a volunteer led organisation, would this fund our first youth worker?

Potentially yes, if the youth worker could significantly increase the number of young people they are engaged with.

We have an existing youth worker whose post runs out of funding soon, could we apply to this fund to cover the cost?

No. This fund aims to increase the number of young people having access to support from new youth work avenues rather than cover existing overheads.

We have a new youth work post, which was previously a volunteer role. Would this be eligible?

Only if the funded post is providing additional youth work opportunities to more young people. It would not be eligible if the volunteer previously delivered 10 hours of support each week and then wanted funding to cover salary costs delivering the same amount of hours.

We want to offer specialised youth work sessions over a limited period of time in different locations to different groups of young people, would we be eligible?

No. Sessions must take place regularly, such as once a week, and ideally be offered over a minimum of one year to encourage more young people to take part. The sessions should also be delivered in one location (although more will be considered if you are delivering sessions at a number of village halls, for example).

For more information, contact Annalee Holliday, Senior Grants & Programmes Officer annalee@cumbriafoundation.org or 01900 825760. NB; youth work training will start a new intake in January to begin in March 2024, online with evening webinars during term time; contact juan@cya.org.uk for details and an application form.

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