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Welcome to the January edition of 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. Do watch out for deadlines approaching.

Keep up the wonderful work!

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Welcome to our January 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 Grant Finder. 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 Cumberland Council and Westmorland and Furness 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 on 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 Cumberland Council and Westmorland and Furness 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 e.g. workshops tailored to your needs and research into which funders will fund your project; how to write better bids; proofreading 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 e.g. 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 they are funded by Cumberland Council and Westmorland and Furness Council.

For more information contact juan@cya.org.uk

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Deadlines this Month!

- 15/01 [Steel Charitable Trust](#)
- 16/01 [Arts Council England - Creative People & Places National Portfolio Programme 2026-2029](#)
- 17/01 [Theatres Trust Small Grants Scheme](#)
- 19/01 [Elephant Trust](#)
- 20/01 [Cure Parkinson's Trust](#)
- 20/01 [Veterans' Foundation](#)
- 22/01 [Serving Families: On the Move Programme 2024-25](#)
- 22/01 [Universal Music UK Sound Foundation School Fund](#)
- 23/01 [Lloyd's Bank Foundation for England and Wales - Funding Programme for Specialist Small Charities](#)
- 24/01 [Groundwork - One Stop Community Partnership Programme](#)
- 27/01 [ChurchCare - Grants for Paintings and Wall Paintings](#)
- 27/01 [Strategic Legal Fund](#)
- 29/01 [Community Shares Booster Fund](#)
- 31/01 [A B Charitable Trust](#)
- 31/01 [Amazon Literary Partnership 2025](#)
- 31/01 [Anchor Foundation](#)
- 31/01 [Foyle Foundation Main Grants Scheme](#)
- 31/01 [Foyle Foundation Small Grants Scheme](#)
- 31/01 [Paul Hamlyn Foundation - Arts Fund](#)
- 31/01 [Radcliffe Trust](#)
- 02/02 [Golsoncott Foundation](#)
- 03/02 [Baobab Community Fund](#)
- 03/02 [Warburtons Families Matter Community Grants Programme](#)
- 04/02 [D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust](#)
- 05/02 [7stars Foundation](#)
- 05/02 [abrdn Financial Fairness Trust](#)
- 10/02 [WCIT – IT4Good Grant Programme](#)
- 10/02 [Worshipful Company of Information Technologists Charity](#)

Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust

The Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust aims to support smaller charities that rescue, rehabilitate, release and rehome animals, including UK registered charities working overseas. The trust and gives out around £500,000 each year.

Beneficiaries work should encompass one or more of the following:

- The benefit and protection of animals
- The relief of suffering in animals
- The conservation of wildlife
- The encouragement of a greater understanding of animals

Grants are normally in the range of £1,000 to £10,000, with decisions made three times a year. Smaller amounts however may be considered and grants of less than £1,000 can be processed outside of the grant deadlines.

If you apply for a grant you should expect a visit from a member of the charity, either prior to receiving a grant or during the funding period.

In order to apply applicants are required to complete an online application form and to send additional relevant documentation by post.

[The applicant questionnaire and further guidance can be found on the Trusts website.](#)

A B Charitable Trust

The A B Charitable Trust was founded in 1990 and promotes human dignity and defends the human rights of marginalised and excluded groups in the UK.

Funding is available to UK registered charities through their Open Programme (other programmes are by invitation only) which has [4 priority areas:](#)

- Human Rights
- Access to Justice
- Criminal and Legal System and Penal Reform
- Migrants and Refugees

Charities must have a turnover of between £150,000 and £1.5 million a year to be eligible to apply.

Grants range in size, with most grants awarded being in the range of £10,000 to £30,000. As far as is possible, the A B Trust aims to provide unrestricted funding to charities operating in their priority areas.

Applications are made through an online form. In addition you will need to provide:

- An overview of your organisation's work / proposal on a maximum of two sides of A4. (for more details, please refer to the Applying for a Grant page on our website.
- A signed copy of your latest certified accounts / statement
- Your latest financial forecast and the projected surplus/deficit for the current financial year

[The Trust has 4 application deadlines per year, the exact dates can be found on their website.](#)

The Foyle Foundation

The Foyle Foundation will complete its grant giving programme in 2025, marking 25 years of giving. Since it became operational in November 2001, The Foundation has disbursed £146.6M in grants.

The Foundation currently offers grants through two programmes:

- Main Grant Scheme
- Small Grant Scheme

Both Schemes remain open for applications from charities up until 31 JANUARY 2025. All projects/activities need to be completed by the end of 2025 to be eligible for consideration. Application for both schemes must be made [online](#).

Main Grant Scheme

The Main Grants Scheme remains open for applications from charities up until 31 JANUARY 2025. All projects/activities need to be completed by the end of 2025 to be eligible for consideration.

This programme focuses on the two outcomes of Arts and Learning, sharing the same guidance and application form. The programmes aims to (Arts) help sustain the arts and deliver artistic vision and (Learning) support projects with libraries, museums and archives, special educational needs or encouraging sustainability. This Main Grants Scheme is open only to registered charities with grants generally between £10,000 and £50,000.

Small Grant Scheme

The Small Grant Scheme is designed to support smaller charities in the UK, working at grass roots and local community level, in any field across a wide range of activities.

Applications are welcomed from charities or community groups that have an annual turnover of less than £150,000. Grants are made for a one year period between £1,000 and £10,000.

Get Grants

Masterclasses

Get Grants have a series of Masterclasses coming up over the next couple of months.

- [Finance for Fundraisers](#)
 - Tuesday 14th January 2025 1 pm – 2 pm
- [Prospecting](#)
 - Thursday 6th February 2025, 1 pm – 2 pm
- [Productivity](#)
 - Tuesday 25th February 2025, 10 am – 11 am

All of Get Grant's past Masterclasses are available via their website to purchase on-demand.

[View their previous masterclasses](#)

Virtual Fundraisers Networking Events

If you are new to fundraising, are the only person fundraising in your organisation, or have a wealth of fundraising experience to share, Get Grants FREE Virtual Fundraisers Networking Events are a fantastic opportunity to connect with other fundraisers!

Join Get Grants each month for expert insights, advice, top tips, from the Get Grants team, and peer support from our friendly Get Grants Fundraising Community!

In these popular events, we hand the mic over to you, giving you a space to talk about your fundraising challenges and frustrations and celebrate your successes!

[Find out more about the Virtual Fundraisers Networking Events](#)

Virtual Events

Get Grants have some upcoming free virtual events

- Virtual Meet the Funder Event: BBC Children in Need
 - Thursday 16th January 2025, 12pm – 1pm
 - [Register now via Eventbrite.](#)
- Virtual Meet the Expert Event: Substance Views
 - Tuesday 21st January 2025, 1pm – 2pm
 - [Register now via Eventbrite.](#)
- Virtual Fundraisers Networking Events
 - Tuesday 28th January 2025, 1pm – 2pm
 - [Register now via Eventbrite.](#)

Grants for charitable activities for communities located close to the Winscales Moor Wind Farm

There is still time to apply for funding from the Winscales Moor Community Benefit Fund- deadline Friday 7th February 2025. Further details and application link below. If you have had a recent grant and unsure as to whether you can reapply, do not hesitate to get in touch with me and I can check for you.

Donor

Gravis Capital Management Ltd

Who can apply?

volunteer-led, community groups, or local partnerships which benefit the parishes of Winscales, Great Clifton and Little Clifton

What type of projects can be funded?

Charitable, community activities that are:

- community-related
- environmental
- educational
- community-related

Examples of activities the Fund would like to support:

- projects that promote and/or implement the sustainable use of energy and resources

- running costs (e.g. room hire) and revenue funding where salaries are limited to a maximum of four hours per week (e.g. caretaker costs, sessional worker costs)
- capital items with a tangible, lasting benefit, including improvements to community buildings
- projects that support biodiversity and habitat conservation
- projects to improve energy conservation and increased use of renewables
- hedge restoration and wildflower plantings schemes
- free information events about domestic or solar power

What the fund will not support in addition to our normal exclusions

Individuals

How much can you apply for?

There is no minimum or maximum award amount.

[You can apply via the application form](#)

Funding for UK Charities Working in Social and Criminal Justice

UK registered charities with an annual income of between £350,000 and £4 million can apply now for funding in 2025 to support their work to prevent people entering the criminal justice system and to support those already in the system to move on and rebuild their lives.

Grants of between £15,000 to £25,000 per annum for one to three years (up to £25,000 may be available for a pilot project) will support:

- Targeted early intervention programmes aimed at reaching the most troubled and vulnerable families in a community.
- Preventative and diversionary projects for young people at risk of offending including tailored interventions identifying and addressing the particular needs of girls and young women.
- Programmes, particularly those with a focus on young offenders, combining prison based and community interventions dealing with rehabilitation of offenders, accommodation and support on release, helping with maintaining family relationships, mentoring, and mapping and creating pathways to employment.
- Schemes offering viable alternatives to custody, in particularly for women and young people.
- Programmes of support directed towards rehabilitating the victims of domestic abuse and criminal exploitation.

There is a two stage application process.

The first deadline for Stage 1 applications is 31 January 2025 for consideration in March 2025.

[Find out more about the funding opportunity](#)

Energy Saving Trust's Carbon Emissions Reduction and Innovation Funds Now Open

The Energy Saving Trust is offering grants of between £20,000 and £1 million to not-for-profit groups in Great Britain for projects that empower householders to reduce their carbon emissions and engage positively with the transition to net zero and for the development of innovative products and services related to energy.

The Carbon Emissions Reduction Fund (CERF) supports initiatives principally aimed at reducing the climate change impact associated with energy use, which relate to Ofgem's regulated areas of energy generation, distribution, supply and use.

The Innovation Fund is aimed at projects that will develop innovative products or services to benefit households.

Projects funded through both schemes can benefit all domestic energy consumers, not just households in vulnerable situations.

In this round, £6 million is available through each fund.

Registered charities, Community Interest Companies (CICs), Community Benefit Societies and Cooperative Societies in England, Scotland and Wales that are registered with the Energy Redress Scheme and have passed the due diligence process may apply now.

Organisations that have not yet registered with the scheme must do so 10 working days before the relevant fund closes to allow time for eligibility checks to take place.

The deadline for Round 10 applications is 15 January 2025 (17:00).

[Find out more and to apply for the funding opportunity](#)

Esmée Fairbairn Communities and Collections Fund Opens for UK Applications

Esmée Fairbairn Foundation has recently relaunched its Collection Fund as the Communities and Collections Fund to better represent its dual focus on collections and inclusion.

Although the overall purpose of the Communities and Collections Fund has not changed, the fund will place more emphasis on equitable working, supporting wellbeing and legacy planning.

The fund offers:

- Core grants to museums that have established strategic aims for diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI), and that are ready to use their collections and the funding to support social and climate justice, in ways that are relevant to local contexts and relationships.
- Partnership project grants to museums and community organisations that work equitably together and share aims for DEI, and which have ambitious and compelling ideas for inclusive project work with collections.

Grants of £40,000 to £100,000 are available over a period of up to three years. It is expected that around 12 grants will be awarded across the two funding rounds in 2025.

Applications are open to all Museums Association institutional member museums and galleries in the UK. Applicants should initially contact a member of Communities and Collections Fund staff before submitting an EOI to ensure that the fund is a good fit and to help draw out the strengths in their application.

Commenting on the relaunch, Sharon Heal, director, Museums Association said:

“The development of the fund over the past 11 years has shown a real desire on the part of museums to forge strong connections between collections and communities and our research earlier this year told us that the fund should have a focus on people and should support community organisations to have a say in how the funding is spent.

“In order to do that well, we have to look after the people that we work with – staff and community partners – and make sure relationships between museums and communities are truly equitable. These exciting changes will be part of the new fund and I hope will support museums across the UK to put people at the heart of what they do.”

The next deadline for expressions of interest is 5 February 2025.

[Find out more information about the funding opportunity](#)

Charity Governance Awards 2025 Open for UK Entries

The Charity Governance Awards, a not-for-profit initiative, was created a decade ago to celebrate outstanding governance and trusteeship in charities across the UK, allowing large and small not-for-profit organisations to inspire and learn from one another.

This year, the final year of the awards, applications are accepted in five categories:

- Board Equity, Diversity and Inclusion
- Challenge to Change
- Improving Impact in Small Charities (for 0-3 paid staff)
- Improving Impact in Small Charities (for 4-30 paid staff)
- People in Governance

The Awards are open to any charity registered in the UK. Entries are free and easy to submit online. The shortlist will be announced in April 2025, and selected charities will be invited to a complimentary and exclusive awards ceremony in June 2025 where the winners will be announced.

Entries will be accepted from UK registered charities established before 31 December 2021. Their entry must cover activities undertaken in the past five years (2019 – 2024).

The winning charity in each of the five categories will receive an unrestricted cash grant of £6,000 and a trophy. Runners-up will receive grants of £1,500 each. All shortlisted charities will be offered a one-year membership to the Association of Chairs for their chairs or vice-chairs, as well as a free place on a Cause4 Trustee Leadership Training Programme for a new trustee.

The guidelines and entry form can be found on the Charity Governance Awards [website](#).

The deadline for entries is 12 February 2025 (noon).

Small Grants for Small Charities

Supporting Older People

UK registered charities with an annual income of less than £350,000 can apply for a grant of up to £7,000.

The funding will support programmes in the British Isles that are:

- Aiming to alleviate isolation and depression in older people, including informal day care or social, physical and recreational activities.
- Which give practical help, assistance and support for older people living in their own homes.
- Addressing the emotional and practical needs of older carers.
- Designed to meet the specific needs of people with dementia.

The Charles Hayward Foundation, who offers these grants, wish to fund preventative and early intervention programmes being delivered at the community level which allow older people to stay in their own homes and remain independent. Programmes need to demonstrate their effectiveness in improving the quality of life of older people. The Foundation favours projects that offer a consistent and sustained benefit rather than one-off events or short-lived activities.

Please note this is a very popular fund and is usually oversubscribed.

Applications are currently being accepted. There are no deadlines.

[Find out more information on the Charles Hayward Foundation](#)

Army Benevolent Fund Opens for Applications for 2025 Funding

The Army Benevolent Fund provides grants to charities and organisations that provide lifetime support to soldiers, veterans and their immediate families when they are in need.

The funding is intended to support charities and organisations with projects and activities that directly benefit the Army community in six key areas: supporting the family; employment, education and training; elderly care; mobility; housing; and wellbeing.

Applications will be accepted from the following organisations which support the Army community:

- Not-for-profit organisations
- Community Interest Companies (CICs)
- Community Projects
- Housing Associations

The Charity prefers to support those organisations working directly with beneficiaries at a grassroots level.

Funding is at the discretion of the Grants Committee. The charity has not set a minimum or maximum amount. Applications from organisations with which the charity has no established relationship are likely to be below £15,000. Typically, grants are made for a single year; however, the Charity's Trustees may consider making a grant spread over a number of years at their discretion if they feel this would be appropriate.

The main Grants Committee normally sits three times a year, in February, June and November. New partners and projects are considered at the February Committee.

Applications open on 10 December 2024 and close on 17 January 2025.

[Find out more information and to apply](#)

Funding for Mental Health and Wellbeing for Armed Forces Communities

The Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust is offering grants of up to £20,000 for projects lasting up to 12 months to enable and deliver accessible mental health and wellbeing support for those with seldom heard needs in Armed Forces communities.

UK-based registered charities and Community Interest Companies (CIC) with substantial recent experience of supporting Armed Forces communities can apply as long as their projects meet all of the following outcomes:

- Build collaborative partnerships between Armed Forces organisations and specialist non-Armed Forces organisations.
- Identify and address known and unknown gaps in service provision for the Armed Forces community.
- Provide accessible, preventative and defined interventions (rather than general support for the Armed Forces community).
- Enhance awareness and understanding among mainstream voluntary sector organisations of the unique needs of the Armed Forces community and create ongoing support opportunities.

Projects should be focused on supporting either serving or Veteran families who are 'seldom heard', to access defined or bespoke mental health and wellbeing support. Potential beneficiaries may include, for example:

- Black and minority ethnic individuals
- Carers
- People with disabilities
- Members of the LGBT+ community
- Those for whom English is an additional language
- People from Foreign & Commonwealth communities
- Other members of the Armed Forces community with seldom-heard needs that can be overlooked.

Grants up to £20,000 are available for projects being delivered over a one-year period. The grant can pay for most of the things needed for the project or activity, including people's time, costs of delivering work online or buying/hiring equipment.

The deadline for applications is 8 January 2025 (noon) with notification of decisions by end of April 2025.

[Find out more information and to apply](#)

Youth Music Trailblazer Fund Accepting Applications

Funding is available to constituted UK based organisations to run projects in England for children and young people (aged 25 or under) to make music activity more inclusive and foster learning, creation and employment opportunities.

Youth Music's Trailblazer Fund aims to support young people who want to change their lives through music but cannot because of who they are, where they are from or what they are going through. The fund provides grants for organisations that want to trial work or test a new way of working, sustain a grassroots programme or disrupt the status quo (or all three).

Two levels of grants are available:

- Grants of £2,000 to £15,000 are available to organisations of less than one year old.
- Grants of £2,000 to £30,000 are available to organisations of more than one year old.

To be eligible, projects must:

Last between 6 and 24 months, including planning and project set-up time.

- Enable children and young people in England to make, learn or earn in music. This can be music in any form, for example, making music with friends or learning about the music business. Projects can offer music making, learning, or earning - or a combination of all three.
- Engage children and young people who face barriers to music because of who they are, where they live, or what they are going through.
- Be designed or co-designed with children and young people who need to be involved in the planning and ongoing development of the project.
- Have built in ways to reflect on and adapt their project delivery.

In addition, projects must fit into at least one of the following six funding themes:

- Early years (0 to 5 years) who face barriers to accessing music-making because of their circumstances or where they live.
- Disabled, d/Deaf and neurodivergent young people (0-25 years) so that they have equitable access to progress in music in a way that meets their needs and aspirations or provides routes for disabled young people into the workforce.
- Young adults (16-25 years) who want to take their music further, or for whom music can support wider personal and social outcomes.
- Youth justice system for children and young people (0-25 years) who are, have been, or are at risk of being involved with the youth justice system.
- Young people facing barriers for children and young people (aged 0–25) who face barriers to music-making due to their characteristics or life circumstances, or because of where they live.
- Organisations and the workforce for work that benefits people and organisations who provide inclusive music making opportunities for children and young people (aged 0-25).

Priority is given to small organisations with limited resources, those supporting children and young people facing barriers, and established groups seeking to innovate.

The deadline for applications to Round 9 is 11 April 2025 (17:00).

[Find out more information and to apply](#)

Funding for UK Charities Supporting NEET Young People and Adults

The CABWI Lifelong Learning and Development Fund is an annual fund provided by CABWI, the awarding body for the water and utilities industries, and is managed by the CABWI charity.

Through the fund, grants will be available to registered charities in the UK that work directly with young people and adults who are not in employment, training, or education (NEET).

Organisations with an income of:

- Between £231,000 and £1 million can apply for grants of up to £35,000.
- Up to £231,000 may apply for a maximum of 15% of their previous year's turnover.

Funding priorities are:

- Working directly with young people who are either NEET or at risk of becoming NEET to improve their access to employment and the labour market.
- Reaching and working with individuals with complex barriers to employment, enabling them to move closer to or into employment, including (but not restricted to) ex-service personnel and ex-offenders.
- Increasing the life skills of people so that they may further develop their careers, with a particular focus on the water, utilities and construction industries.

In this round, there is a particular interest in supporting innovative approaches that highlight new ideas or ways of tackling barriers to training and employment.

Funding can be used for core and/or project costs.

CABWI is holding a webinar for potential applicants on 8 January 2025 (noon). Applicants must register for the webinar via email.

Applications will open on 6 January 2025 and close on 3 February 2025 (18:00).

[Find out more information](#)