

# Funding Gazette March 2025

Member Organisation



**Chartered  
Institute of  
Fundraising**



**Cumberland  
Council**



**Westmorland  
& Furness  
Council**

Welcome to the March 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!

## Contents

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| <b>Welcome to our March Funding Gazette .....</b>  | <b>3</b>  |
| <b>Deadlines this Month! .....</b>   | <b>5</b>  |
| <b>Jaguar Land Rover to Launch Charitable Foundation to Empower Young People .....</b>                           | <b>6</b>  |
| <b>The Ulverscroft Foundation.....</b>   | <b>6</b>  |
| <b>Hinrichsen Foundation .....</b>   | <b>7</b>  |
| Grant Types: .....   | 7         |
| <b>The Henry Smith Charity – Holiday Grants for Children .....</b>   | <b>7</b>  |
| <b>Free Get Grants Showcase.....</b>   | <b>8</b>  |
| Get Grants Showcase:.....  | 8         |
| Introduction Workshops .....   | 8         |
| Virtual Fundraisers Networking Event.....  | 8         |
| Get Grants & easyfundraising Online Webinar .....  | 8         |
| <b>Eden Funding Fair.....</b>  | <b>9</b>  |
| <b>A flexible approach to funding with easyfundraising .....</b>   | <b>10</b> |
| <b>Funding for School Climate &amp; Biodiversity Projects (UK).....</b>  | <b>10</b> |
| <b>I Wish I'd Thought of That – IWITOT Speaking Opportunity at Institute of Fundraising Convention 2025.....</b> | <b>11</b> |
| Share your ideas with us.....  | 11        |
| <b>Health Lottery Foundation to Offer Grants for Health and Wellbeing Projects in Britain .....</b>              | <b>11</b> |
| <b>Funding for Duke of Edinburgh Awards.....</b>   | <b>12</b> |
| <b>Asda Foundation to Launch 'Young Futures Fund' on 27 February .....</b>                                       | <b>13</b> |
| <b>Better Tomorrows Fund .....</b>   | <b>14</b> |
| Background.....  | 14        |
| Donor .....  | 14        |
| Who can apply? .....   | 14        |
| Priority will be given to projects that:.....  | 14        |
| What the Fund will not support in addition to our normal exclusions: .....                                       | 14        |
| How much can you apply for?.....   | 14        |
| Frequently Asked Questions .....   | 14        |
| <b>BBC Children in Need to Pause Grant Applications for Four Months from 15 April .....</b>                      | <b>15</b> |

# 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 Grant Finder. Contact: [cvsfunding@cumbriacvs.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:juan@cya.org.uk)

Juan Shimmin

**Cumbria Youth Alliance**  
**Organisational Member of the Chartered Institute of Fundraising**



## Deadlines this Month!

- 10/03 [Ironmongers' Company – Charitable Grants for Iron Projects](#)
- 10/03 [Rowing Foundation](#)
- 11/03 [Army Benevolent Fund – Grants to Organisations](#)
- 12/03 [Hospital Saturday Fund](#)
- 12/03 [Shaping the Future: A Fund to Support Leadership in the Migration Sector](#)
- 13/03 [Tackling Food Surplus at the Farm Gate Grant](#)
- 13/03 [Weaver's Company Benevolent Fund](#)
- 14/03 [Haberdashers' Benevolent Foundation](#)
- 14/03 [Hinrichsen Foundation](#)
- 14/03 [Jeans for Genes Grant Programme - Core Grants](#)
- 14/03 [Jeans for Genes Grant Programme - Project Grants](#)
- 14/03 [McCarthy Stone Foundation - Dementia Grants Programme](#)
- 14/03 [Outreach Fund](#)
- 14/03 [Smart Data Challenge Prize](#)
- 15/03 [Help the Homeless Grant Scheme](#)
- 15/03 [Ulverscroft Foundation](#)
- 17/03 [Bromley Trust](#)
- 17/03 [Rowing Foundation](#)
- 19/03 [Grow Wild Youth Grants](#)
- 19/03 [Henry Smith Charity - Holiday Grants for Children](#)
- 19/03 [Jerwood Foundation](#)
- 20/03 [Imperial Polythene - Imperial Community Impact Fund](#)
- 20/03 [The Finnis Scott Foundation](#)
- 21/03 [Adult Social Care Learning and Development Support Scheme \(LDSS\)](#)
- 23/03 [Ogden Trust – Physics Education Grants](#)
- 24/03 [Petplan Charitable Trust](#)
- 24/03 [UnLtd - Awards for Social Entrepreneurs](#)
- 25/03 [Wingate Foundation](#)
- 27/03 [Music for All - Community Project Funding](#)
- 28/03 [Heat Network Efficiency Scheme \(HNES\)](#)
- 28/03 [The Happiness Fund](#)
- 31/03 [Adamson Trust](#)
- 31/03 [Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust - Reducing Veteran Homelessness Programme 2025](#)
- 31/03 [Association for Industrial Archaeology - Restoration Grants](#)
- 31/03 [Bentley Advancing Life Chances Small Grants Programme](#)
- 31/03 [ChurchCare - Grants for Bells](#)
- 31/03 [Innovation for All Foundation](#)
- 31/03 [IOP Public Engagement Grant Scheme](#)
- 31/03 [Margaret Dobson Further Education Trust - General Grants](#)
- 31/03 [Matrix Causes Fund](#)
- 31/03 [Memorial Grant Scheme](#)
- 31/03 [Sea-Changers Grant Programme](#)
- 31/03 [Strategic Legal Fund](#)
- 31/03 [Supporting Grassroots Music Fund](#)
- 31/03 [The Arts Society Grants](#)
- 31/03 [Vinci UK Foundation Grants](#)
- 31/03 [William and Jane Morris Fund \(Church Conservation Grants\)](#)
- 01/04 [Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust](#)
- 01/04 [National Manuscripts Conservation Trust - Grants for the Conservation of Manuscripts](#)
- 01/04 [Oak Trust](#)
- 01/04 [Peter Harrison Foundation - Active Lives Grant Programme](#)

- 02/04 [Richard and Siobhán Coward Foundation - Grants for Community Photography](#)
- 04/04 [Archives Revealed - Cataloguing Grants](#)
- 04/04 [Learning through Landscapes – Local School Nature Grants](#)
- 04/04 [Woodward Charitable Trust - Children's Summer Playscheme Grant](#)
- 07/04 [ChurchCare - Grants for Clocks](#)
- 08/04 [Clarion Housing Group - William Sutton Prize 2025](#)
- 11/04 [Green Heat Network Fund \(GHNF\)](#)
- 11/04 [Rees Jeffreys Road Fund](#)
- 11/04 [Sea-Changers Coastal Fountain Fund](#)
- 11/04 [Youth Music Trailblazer Fund](#)
- 13/04 [Dan Maskell Tennis Trust](#)

## Jaguar Land Rover to Launch Charitable Foundation to Empower Young People

Known as JLR, the British multinational automobile manufacturer which produces luxury vehicles, has announced the creation of the JLR Foundation with a launch date later this year.

The charitable foundation will be 'dedicated to empowering children and young people to reach their full potential and catalyse positive social and environmental change'. The initial focus will be on charitable initiatives that benefit children and young people within the UK with plans to expand globally. JLR has indicated that it will donate up to £2.5 million in the first year and will increase funding annually as the Foundation grows.

According to the company's recent press release, 'the charity will use the funds to award grants to charitable organisations and NGOs that benefit children and young people through initiatives that further their skills, knowledge and abilities, and reduce inequalities by providing opportunities to those who are disadvantaged'.

Commenting on the creation of the new Foundation, JLR's Chief Sustainability Officer Andrea Debbane said:

"At JLR, we have a long history of innovation, transformation and creating aspirational products because of the talented people who work and thrive in our business. Today's young minds are tomorrow's engineers, designers and innovators. And they are the leaders and creators of our future society.

"We want to help unlock aspiration and potential in all children and young people, many of whom miss out because they don't know opportunities exist, or they don't have the self belief or means to try. By removing barriers and providing access to the right skills, knowledge and opportunities, they can all play their part in building an exceptional and sustainable future."

[Read the full press release on the JLR website](#)

## The Ulverscroft Foundation

The Ulverscroft Foundation is a UK based charity supporting visually impaired people. The Foundation supplies grants to organisations looking for help with projects relating to improving the quality of life of visually impaired people.

Funding is mainly given to organisations directly helping the visually impaired, including libraries, schools, colleges and hospitals, charities, CICs or social groups. Funding can be considered from UK or overseas based organisations.

Any organisation applying is only able to submit one application every 18 months regardless of the outcome of the application.

The Foundation is keen to support specific projects and associated costs, with capital costs, core salaries and general running costs not supported.

Trustees meet quarterly with dates published on their website. Applications can be made in writing by downloading, completing and posting or e mailing an application form.

Details of the information required, as well as contact details and where to send the application, can be found [on their website](#).

## Hinrichsen Foundation

The Hinrichsen Foundation provides funds to support projects that see contemporary music being published, recorded or commissioned and are able to support individuals, community groups or charities.

Applicants must be based in the United Kingdom. Priority will be given to projects involving composers and activity based in the UK, though activity does not have to solely take place in the UK.

The application process is completed via an online form which you can find on the website, along with their upcoming deadlines (of which there are usually two a year) and further information on the required information for applications.

### Grant Types:

- One-off project grants (applications accepted at September, December, and March rounds) – Generally range from £500 to £3,000.
- Multi-year partnerships (applications accepted at May round only – Application guidance will be released approximately 3 months before the deadline, but this strand of funding is designed to support partnerships to develop longer-term and strategic goals.

## The Henry Smith Charity – Holiday Grants for Children

This fund helps children who experience inequity and/or have disabilities to go on fun trips. It funds schools, youth groups, and non-profit organisations planning one-time trips for children aged 13 and under, prioritising fun and new experiences, such as camping, adventure activities, or visits to the seaside.

In 2024, 60% of the grants were given to organisations working in areas in the top 20% of deprivation within the four nations of the UK (England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales).

The eligibility criteria is fairly straightforward, with the funding open to outings within the UK for children aged 13 and under and must be outside the children's immediate locality. The groups able to apply are:

- Schools
- Youth groups
- Not-for-profit organisations

- Registered charities

The grant scheme offers grants between £500-£2,750 and they are able to fund day-trips as well as residential trips up to 7 days but trips to high cost attractions like theme parks are less likely to be funded.

The grant scheme has a relatively simple application form which can be found on the website where details of grant deadline and corresponding project dates, and further information is available in regards to what documents are needed to support an application and where to send it to.

[Find out more information on their website.](#)

## Free Get Grants Showcase

### Get Grants Showcase:

- Get Jobs – Tuesday 1st April 2025, 12 pm – 1 pm
  - [Find out more](#)
- Application Review Service – Monday 28th April 2025, 1 pm – 2 pm
  - [Find out more](#)
- Working with Funders – Monday 2nd June 2025, 1 pm – 2 pm
  - [Find out more](#)
- Prospect Report – Thursday 10th July 2025, 10 am – 11 am
  - [Find out more](#)
- One-to-One Mentoring Service – Tuesday 23rd September 2025, 1pm – 2pm
  - [Find out more](#)

### Introduction Workshops

- Legacy Fundraising Workshop – Monday 7th April 2025, 1pm – 2pm
  - [Find out more](#)
- Bid Writing Workshop – Tuesday 8th April 2025, 12pm – 1pm
  - [Find out more](#)
- Community Fundraising Workshop – Tuesday 3rd June 2025, 10am - 11am
  - [Find out more](#)

### Virtual Fundraisers Networking Event

- March: Thursday 27th March 2025, 11 am - 12 pm
  - [Find out more](#)
- April 2025 - 5th Anniversary Celebration: Tuesday 29th April 2025, 1pm – 2pm
  - [Find out more](#)
- May: Thursday 22nd May 2025, 1pm - 2pm
  - [Find out more](#)
- June: Monday 30th June 2025, 12pm - 1pm
  - [Find out more](#)

### Get Grants & easyfundraising Online Webinar

- July - Monday 7th July 2025, 2pm – 3pm
  - [Find out more](#)
- November - Monday 3rd November 2025, 2pm – 3pm
  - [Find out more](#)

# EDEN FUNDING FAIR

## 22ND APRIL 2025, PENRITH RUGBY CLUB

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:

- Action with Communities in Cumbria (ACT)
- Arts Council - Grants for the Arts
- Cumbria Community Foundation
- Westmorland & Furness Council
- Penrith Town Council
- Cumbria Social Enterprise Partnership (CSEP)
- Cumbria Action for Sustainability (CAfS)
- Cumbria Youth Alliance (CYA)
- Lakes and Dales Coop (part of Scotmid Coop)
- Francis Scott Trust
- Frieda Scott Trust
- Hadfield Trust
- Penrith Lottery
- Active Cumbria
- National Lottery Heritage Fund
- The Roseland Trust
- The David Snowden Trust
- National Churches Trust



Tickets are free and attendees can choose to book a morning (10am-noon) or afternoon (1pm-3pm) slot.



Morning Session



Afternoon Session

[projectadmin@cumbriacvs.org.uk](mailto:projectadmin@cumbriacvs.org.uk)  
[www.cumbriacvs.org.uk](http://www.cumbriacvs.org.uk)

Facebook: @Cumbriacvs  
Twitter: @Cumbriacvs  
01768 800350

This event is part of our This Is Us project, made possible by Westmorland and Furness Council through funding from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

## A flexible approach to funding with easyfundraising

For many of our organisations, funding is a lead priority, and it can be tempting to immediately look for ways to access significant funds, quickly. But this month, we're urging our members to think flexibly about funding – by combining grant funding, or other fundraising activities, with easyfundraising.

With FREE funds raised each time members of your community shop online, courtesy of the retailer shopped with, it can provide an ongoing income stream alongside short term fundraising activities or grants.

Here's an overview of the flexibility that easyfundraising offers compared to grant funding. Register your organisation with easyfundraising today here.

[Find out more and register with easyfundraising](#)

## Funding for School Climate & Biodiversity Projects (UK)

UK primary and secondary schools can apply for grants up to £3,000 for projects tackling climate change and biodiversity. This funding is provided by the Royal Society's Tomorrow's Climate Scientists Programme, an extension of their Partnership Grants Programme, which aims to engage students in environmental challenges while promoting STEM education. To qualify, schools must partner with a STEM professional from academia or industry. The grants are primarily intended to cover the cost of necessary equipment for these projects. The application process for the Partnership Grants scheme involves two stages, with the first stage applications due by the 30th April 2025.

Funding available for small groups/organisations

If you are a small group and need that little extra for your activities, you can apply for a micro grant from The Eric Wright Charitable Trust.

Our panel meets every month to look at small local project applications – You can apply for up to £1000. The fund is open to all eligible groups on a first-come first-served basis. The applications deadline occurs every fourth Friday of a month, with the funding panel sitting every fourth Monday once a month.

[Guidance Notes for The Eric Wright Charitable Trust small grants fund](#)

[Eric Wright Charitable Trust Small Grant application form](#)

To find out more, get help with your application, and to send us completed applications email [info@cumbriacvs.org.uk](mailto:info@cumbriacvs.org.uk)

You can apply for larger grants directly via [The Eric Wright Charitable Trust website](#)

## **I Wish I'd Thought of That – IWITOT Speaking Opportunity at Institute of Fundraising Convention 2025**

You might have already heard of the brilliant “I Wish I'd Thought of That” (IWITOT), started in 2012 by SOFII (The Showcase of Fundraising Inspiration and Innovation). A group of speakers each have seven minutes to talk about a fundraising idea that they find so inspirational that they wish they had thought of it themselves!

We are delighted to be bringing back this popular event to close Fundraising Convention 2025 on Tuesday 10 June.

### **Share your ideas with us**

We are trying to put together a diverse line-up for the Convention IWITOT that will truly engage and inspire the assembled audience. We'd like to showcase fundraisers and fundraising case studies from across disciplines, causes, and sizes of charity. We're also specifically looking to recruit some “new voices” who have not had many/any opportunities to present to a large audience before. We have a team of mentors lined up to ensure that these new voices get all the support they need to deliver a fantastic presentation - in our experience, our new voices often deliver some of the best presentations!

What's involved

- If you are interested in presenting as part of IWITOT at Convention, please complete a short online application form letting us know a little about yourself and sharing the idea you wish you'd dreamt of.
- Applications are due by midday on Friday 14 March, and we'll aim to make decisions within about two weeks.
- Fundraisers who are selected to present at Convention will need to commit to attending two 30-minute online rehearsals with the SOFII team in the weeks leading up to Convention. Our “new voices” speakers will also have access to a mentor to support them in the development of their presentation. Presenters will be gifted a ticket to attend the second day of Convention.

[Apply to be part of IWITOT at the convention here](#)

## **Health Lottery Foundation to Offer Grants for Health and Wellbeing Projects in Britain**

The Health Lottery Foundation recently announced it will launch a grants programme later this year that focuses on improving the health and wellbeing of people across Britain.

Non-profit-making voluntary sector organisations who are working to improve the health and wellbeing of people in their community will be able to apply for a grant to support work that addresses one of the following six themes:

- Chronic disease
- Disability inequity
- Healthcare IT

- Health disparity
- Preventative care
- Young people

The funding can be used for diverse initiatives such as emotional support services, fitness programmes for disabled people, rural healthcare access, AI health solutions, nutrition programmes and youth mentoring services. Projects addressing health inequalities and improving access to care in underserved communities will be considered.

Organisations with the following legal structures will be able to apply:

- Registered charities
- Community Interest Companies (CICs)
- Community groups, such as local clubs and associations (for example, youth groups and environmental clubs)
- Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)
- Social enterprises, businesses with a social or environmental purpose
- Faith-based organisations.

Full details, including the level of grant, will be provided when the scheme launches.

Groups who are interested in applying can sign up to the Foundation's mailing list.

Applications are expected to open later in 2025.

[Find out more about this on GrantFinder](#)

## Funding for Duke of Edinburgh Awards

As young people face up to today's challenges, we know the DofE has never been needed more. In line with our strategy, Youth Without Limits, we are committed to ensuring that DofE is open to all young people and that our participants reflect the most diverse generation of young people ever. To break down barriers to participation, we are offering funding to Voluntary and Community Organisations (VCOs) to establish a sustainable DofE offer, through support from the Julia Rausing Trust. This funding is now open for applications. With the generous support of our donors, the fund offers grant funding of up to £10,250 for eligible voluntary and community organisations to set up and deliver the DofE, including the enrolment costs for marginalised young people across the UK.

The organisation must have a track record of primarily working with marginalised young people.

Please see our web page for full details of the criteria:

Organisations/groups must be an incorporated Voluntary, Community or Social Enterprise (VCO) Organisation, that has been established for at least one year. Examples include Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIO) and Charitable Companies Limited by Guarantee.

Organisations must have a bank account in the organisation's name, with two or more unrelated signatories and any reserves accrued by organisations are reinvested to support your work (i.e. not for profit). You will also need to be able to provide copies of your most recent annual accounts.

Applicants must be able to meet the requirements of a DofE Licensed Organisation (LO) and will be required to sign a Directly Licensed Centre (DLC) agreement or be part of an operating authority (OA) licence.

Each organisation will require a designated Licence signatory and DofE Manager, both will receive dedicated support from an Operations Officer to help them get the programme up and running with support every step of the way.

Please note that as a part of the process, organisations will need to undergo a due diligence check and will be asked to produce documentation, including safeguarding policies and profit and loss accounts.

For full details of eligibility criteria, please visit our funding page: [www.dofe.org/access-without-limits/community/](http://www.dofe.org/access-without-limits/community/)

## Asda Foundation to Launch 'Young Futures Fund' on 27 February

The new £500,000 fund will provide grants of between £500 and £1,000 to grassroots community groups across the UK to help them deliver activities that improve the mental health and wellbeing of young people aged 13 years to 21 years.

Not-for-profit groups and organisations with an income of less than £250,000 and who already have an existing service for young people within the 13-21 age group can apply.

Applicants need to meet at least one of the following objectives:

- Provide services that support, educate and empower.
- Connect young people to their peers.
- Support rehabilitation and recovery and provide shelter.
- Deliver activities / programmes that improve physical health and wellbeing.

The funding can be used for a number of different things. Examples of the kinds of items and services that could be funded include, but are not limited to:

- Intervention and prevention programmes to address social issues.
- Essential items for crisis support, such as clothes, food and hygiene items for a homeless shelter focusing on young people.
- Delivery of specialist support or services or speakers.
- Group drop-in and talking sessions.
- Workshops to upskill and deliver life skills (cooking, finance, employment, CV writing).
- Resources for recreational activities, eg, craft materials, board games
- Sports kit and/or equipment (cap £500).
- Volunteering costs (cap £100 per person).
- Peer support events, and activities that bring people together.

The grant must be used and projects completed by September 2025.

Groups can check their eligibility before the fund opens.

The application window will be open for two weeks; however, it may close early if there is a high level of applications. In addition, if a geographic region is oversubscribed, individual areas may close before the deadline for the total grant programme.

**The application window opens on 27 February 2025 (noon) and closes on 13 March 2025 (noon).**

[Find out more about this on GrantFinder](#)

# 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 (e.g. mental health support) over a limited period of time (e.g. 8 weeks) in different locations (e.g. school settings) 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](mailto:annalee@cumbriafoundation.org) or 01900 825760

## **BBC Children in Need to Pause Grant Applications for Four Months from 15 April**

Groups who are planning to apply to the BBC Children in Need Core or Project grants programme will need to act quickly as the funder has announced it will be unable to accept Expressions of Interest over a four-month period, during which time it will be moving to a new grantmaking system.

Expressions of Interest will close on 15 April 2025 and are expected to reopen in mid to late September 2025.

Over the next five weeks, registered charities and not-for-profit organisations who work with disadvantaged children and young people of 18 years and under living in the UK, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands can apply for either core costs or project costs.

The maximum grant is £120,000 (or £40,000 over three years), though most grants made are for much less than this.

More information about the transition to the new grantmaking system can be found on the BBC Children in Need [website](#).

**The deadline for Expressions of Interest is 15 April 2025 (23:59).**

[Find out more about this from GrantFinder](#)