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Welcome to the April 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 April 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.

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Deadlines this Month!

- 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](#)
- 15/04 [National Churches Trust - Medium Grants Programme](#)
- 20/04 [Elephant Trust](#)
- 25/04 [A B Charitable Trust](#)
- 25/04 [Heritage Crafts Association - Endangered Crafts Fund](#)
- 25/04 [Sea-Changers Coastal Fountain Fund](#)
- 28/04 [Shackleton Foundation Grant](#)
- 30/04 [AbbVie UK Grants](#)
- 30/04 [Concertina Charitable Trust](#)
- 30/04 [Lloyd's Bank Foundation for England and Wales - Local Collaborations Programme](#)
- 01/05 [Vaughan Williams Foundation](#)
- 02/05 [The Strathmartine Trust](#)
- 02/05 [Youth Music Catalyser Fund](#)
- 05/05 [Cure Parkinson's Trust](#)
- 05/05 [Thomas Wall Trust - Grants for Registered Charities](#)
- 05/05 [Warburtons Families Matter Community Grants Programme](#)
- 07/05 [WCIT – IT4Good Grant Programme](#)
- 09/05 [Art Fund - Student Opportunities](#)
- 10/05 [Screwfix Foundation](#)
- 12/05 [Fidelio Charitable Trust](#)
- 19/05 [Lloyd's Register Foundation - Small Grants](#)

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.

[Find out more](#)

Funding available for small groups/ organisations

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

The panel meets every month to review small local project applications. You can apply for up to £ 1,000. The fund is open to all eligible groups on a first come, first served basis. The application deadline is every fourth Friday of the month, with the funding panel sitting every fourth Monday of the 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

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

Cumbria Community Foundation

A legacy gift will benefit generations to come.

The generosity of a Cumbrian woman, who left a substantial gift in her will to charity, will benefit communities across the county for years to come.

A charitable fund has been set up in the name of Margaret Ewins, of Ings, Windermere, to honour a bequest of £500,000 that she made to Cumbria Community Foundation.

Cumbria Community Foundation will manage the Margaret Ewins Memorial Fund and will make grants to good causes around the county, helping those most in need, from children and young people to vulnerable older people.

The Margaret Ewins Memorial Fund will award grants in line with the Foundation's grant-making priorities. These are:

Improving Lives with four priority areas:

- Reducing Poverty
- Reaching Potential
- Improving Health
- Tackling Social Inequality

Strengthening Communities with two priority areas:

- Nurturing Sense of Place
- Acting on Climate Change

[Find out more](#)

Funding to improve resilience to flooding

Does your community need funding to build its resilience to flooding and other emergencies?

Cumbria Community Foundation is offering grants of up to £2,000 for community groups, including town and parish councils, from the Cumbria Innovative Flood Resilience (CiFR) project, part of the Flood and Coastal Innovation Programmes, funded by Defra and delivered via the Environment Agency.

This funding can be used for equipment and training to improve local resilience.

To apply, your group must:

- Have a community emergency plan (or be working on one)
- Consider flood risk as part of the plan

[Find out more](#)

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 asyfundraising.

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](#)

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 Snowdon 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

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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.

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

Groups planning to apply to the BBC Children in Need Core or Project grants programme will need to act quickly, as the funder has announced that it will be unable to accept Expressions of Interest for four months, during which time it will be transitioning to a new grant-making system.

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

Registered charities and not-for-profit organisations that work with disadvantaged children and young people aged 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 grant making 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](#)

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 their funding page:

www.dofe.org/access-without-limits/community/

Gosling Foundation Accepting Applications for Royal Marines, Youth and Education Projects Across the UK

Gosling Foundation is offering grants starting from £5,000 for charities, charitable incorporated organisations (CIOs), and community interest companies (CICs) across the UK with an annual income of less than £30 million to support a variety of projects and activities that align with the Foundation's objectives.

The Foundation will support projects that align with the following aims:

- Royal Navy and Royal Marines - to improve their quality of life.
- Youth - provide opportunities and support for disadvantaged young people.
- Education - opportunities and support for people.

Grants can be used for:

- Project costs (for projects that directly impact beneficiaries).
- Capital projects eg new buildings, extensions, refurbishment, and recreational spaces.
- IT projects, moving services online, setting up helplines, etc.
- Equipment and furniture.
- Salaries (for positions that directly impact beneficiaries).
- Events that directly impact beneficiaries.

The trustees tend to only part-fund projects. Applicants are encouraged to raise funds from a variety of sources. Single and multi-year grants are available.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

[Find out more on Grantfinder](#)

Thomas Wall Trust

The Thomas Wall Trust funds projects targeted towards people experiencing multiple deprivation or facing major hurdles to employment - especially women, people with physical, mental, or learning disabilities and refugees.

The Trust offers grants up to £5,000 for projects that improve communication skills for disadvantaged adults and supports NEET people into employment.

The Trust offers grants for specific projects rather than general organisational costs.

Applicants must be UK charities that have been registered for at least 3 years and have an annual turnover of £25,000 to £500,000.

There is a 2-stage application process.

Applications can be submitted at any time, and Trustees meet to consider applications twice a year - the deadline for the next meeting is 5th May 2025.

[Find out more](#)

Fidelio Charitable Trust

Fidelio provides grants in support of the Arts particularly for Music, including Opera, Lieder, Composition and Dance. The trust supports individuals and groups who would not be able to carry out a project or activity without financial support, particularly those who are at an early stage in their careers.

Fidelio aims to provide support for individuals (over the age of 21) or groups of exceptional ability, to enable them for example:

- To receive special tuition or coaching (e.g. in the case of musicians to attend Master Classes)
- To participate in external competitions
- To be supported for a specially arranged performance
- To receive support for a musical composition

Applications need to be supported by Institutions, Colleges, Arts Festivals or other similar arts organisations in the United Kingdom with recognised relevant expertise. Applications from individuals or groups seeking funding for themselves without such support will not be considered.

Grants awarded vary in size but tend to be limited to a maximum of £5,000 and are usually offered to projects no longer than 12 months in length.

Applications are accepted three times a year.

[Find out more](#)

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](#)

The Elephant Trust

The Elephant Trust offers grants to artists in the visual arts, small organisations and galleries throughout the UK. The Trust generally awards grants to small organisations and galleries in particular for projects where there is a lack of funding available.

Priority is given to artists in the fine arts and small organisations and galleries.

Available grants are usually limited to £2,000, but larger grants up to £5,000 may be considered.

Applications are via the online portal.

The deadline for the next meeting is 20th April 2025.

[Find out more](#)

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
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