

Sources of Funding

This document sets out the potential sources for funding and funding–related advice available to community and voluntary organisations and public sector bodies. The information provided is only intended as a guide and may not cover all the sources of funding available. Please note that whilst we aim to review and update this information regularly it may still be subject to change as the status of organisations in the funding sector and criteria for granting funding can often change.

Organisation	Advice Type	Briefing Description	Web details
Association of Charitable Foundations (ACF)	General Funding Advice	The Association of Charitable Foundations is primarily an information and support organisation for grant-making trusts and foundations in the UK. It does not make grants itself but it represents the interests of its members by promoting good practice in grant-making and the effectiveness of trusts and foundations. Other activities include providing framework for sharing experiences and good practice, research, policy and influencing work, but also venture philanthropy and social investment.	http://www.acf.org.uk/
J4bgrants	Website giving free access to a database of funders	j4bgrants is a free-to-register website with a database of European, UK Government and other sources of grant funding The site is available to social enterprises; charities; voluntary and community organisations; social businesses; cooperatives/mutuals; unconstituted community groups	www.j4bgrants.co.uk

<p>My Community Rights Support Programme</p>	<p>Specialist advice, grant funding , toolkits & free helpline</p>	<p>Want to buy buildings or land for your community? Help save your local pub, library or park. Transfer ownership of assets to the community creating and retaining spaces for local use. Decide the future of your local area, what is developed and what it looks like. Help and advice is available to include business planning, grants and fundraising.</p>	<p>www.mycommunityrights.org.uk General enquiries line 0300 020 1864, Mon-Fri 9.30am – 12.30pm.</p>
<p>Funding Central</p>	<p>Website giving paid for access to a database of funders</p>	<p>Funding Central gives organisations access to a searchable database of grants, contracts and loan finance (free to register and use); business advice and support; investment readiness advice and support</p> <p>Support is available to social enterprises; charities; voluntary and community organisations; social businesses; cooperatives/mutuals.</p>	<p>www.fundingcentral.org.uk</p>
<p>Community Development Finance Association</p>	<p>Loan & Investment</p>	<p>Community Development Finance Institutions (CDFIs) lend money to businesses, social enterprises and individuals who struggle to get finance from high street banks and loan companies. They help deprived communities by offering loans and support at an affordable rate to people who cannot access credit elsewhere.</p>	<p>http://www.cdfa.org.uk/</p>
	<p>General Funding Advice</p>	<p>The Community and Development Foundation have expertise in working alongside local communities to strengthen local voices, improve people’s lives and create better places to live so that communities can thrive.</p> <p>Activities includes: working with partners to develop</p>	<p>www.cdf.org.uk</p>

Community Development Foundation		and deliver community engagement programmes which mobilise communities; applying their expertise in getting resources and support to where it is most needed and to act as a broker between different sectors and interests in communities.	
Allia	Grants	<p>Allia is a charity that supports social venture organisations. They provide business support, work space and finance solutions to help social ventures start up and grow.</p> <p>Access to funding is limited to charities UK-wide. Business support is available for social enterprises, voluntary and community organisations in the East of England.</p>	http://www.allia.org.uk
Buzzbnk	Crowd-Funding & investment	Buzzbnk is an online crowdfunding platform where organisations can pitch their projects and attract donations and investment from the public.	www.buzzbnk.org
Community Foundation Network	Grant funding	UK Community Foundations runs a variety of programmes, some are purely grant making, and some are to support donors and philanthropists in their giving and some do both. If your organisation is looking for funding please approach your local community foundation .	http://www.communityfoundations.org.uk/community_foundations/map
	Crowd-funding, Investment	Ethex is an online crowdfunding platform – where enterprises can pitch projects to the crowd to attract	https://www.ethex.org.uk/

Ethex	and loans	loans and investment from the public	
Community First	Funding & Grants	Community First is an £80million government-funded initiative that will run for four years, until March 2015. The programme will help communities come together to identify their strengths and local priorities in order to plan for their future and become more resilient.	http://www.cdf.org.uk/content/funding-programmes/community-first
Esmée Fairbairn Foundation	Funding & Grants	The Esmée Fairbairn Foundation is one of the largest independent grant-making foundations in the UK. Their aim is to improve the quality of life for people and communities in the UK both now and in the future. They do this by supporting organisations that do charitable work in the arts, education and learning, the environment and social change.	http://www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk
Nesta	Grant Funding, direct investment & Challenge prizes	Nesta runs a number of funding programmes to include the Nesta Impact Investments. A £25 million fund investing in life-changing innovations that help tackle the major challenges faced by older people, children and communities in the UK - See more at: http://www.nesta.org.uk/project/nesta-impact-investments#sthash.RSuOWjij.dpuf	http://www.nesta.org.uk/get-funding
Lloyds Bank Foundation	Funding & Grants	The programme run by the Lloyds Bank Foundation focuses on funding core work that helps disadvantaged people to play a fuller role in the community. The funding that the foundation provides, primarily supports core costs and is designed to fund issues that affect individuals as well as communities.	www.lloydsbankfoundation.org.uk

National Lottery	Funding & Grants	Lottery Funding is a joint website run by all Lottery funders in the UK. It allows members of the public to search for information on current funding programmes across the UK.	http://www.lotterygoodcauses.org.uk/funding
SITA Trust	Funding & Grants	The SITA Trust supports community and environmental improvement projects through the Landfill Community Fund.	http://www.sitatrust.org.uk
Big Lottery Fund UK	Funding & Grants	Big Lottery Fund provides grants to organisations ranging from small local organisations to national charities. They make available information to identify the most suitable funding programme for different types of projects. The latest grant funding programme they have recently launched is Power to Change - a new initiative which will invest up to £150 million to support the development of sustainable community-led enterprises across England. It will be delivered by an independent Trust to be established later this year (2014)	http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/
Awards for All	Funding & Grants	Awards for All is a lottery grants scheme that supports not for profit organisations - including small, local community based projects and parish and town councils that promote the arts and education, encourage healthier living, develop local sports, support heritage initiatives and boost community.	http://www.awardsforall.org.uk/
Biffawards	Funding & Grants	Biffawards helps to build communities by supporting projects that will be of lasting environmental benefit, increase or maintain biodiversity, improve quality of life and foster vibrant communities. They provide grants that provide and improve public amenities for	http://www.biffa-award.org/

		communities within 10 miles of a Biffa operation.	
CAN Invest	Loans , investment and grants	CAN provides finance; business advice and support; investment readiness advice and support. Support is available to social enterprises; charities; cooperatives/mutuals. CAN provide grants from £25,000- 200,00 for working capital; development capital	www.can-online.org.uk
Charity Bank	Loans & Investment	The Charity Bank finances social enterprises, charities and community organisations, with the support of depositors and investors who want to use their money to facilitate social change. Loans from the Charity bank range from £50,000 up to £1 million. Repayments are up to 5 years on unsecured loans and 25 years for secured loans.	http://www.charitybank.org/
Church and Community Fund	Funding & Grants	The Church and Community Fund makes available grants for projects which are in line with furthering the Church of England. Priority is given to those projects located in the poorest areas which demonstrate community partnership working and has the support of their diocese.	http://www.churchandcommunityfund.org.uk/
Community Shares Unit	Crowd-funding /Equity investment	Community Shares refers to the sale of shares in enterprises serving a community purpose. This type of investment has been used to finance shops, pubs, community buildings, renewable energy initiatives, local food schemes, along with a host of other community based ventures. Support and advice available to develop share offer documents and business plans.	http://www.communityshares.org.uk/
Microgenius	Community	Microgenius is an online crowdfunding platform	http://www.microgenius.org.uk/

	shares/ crowdfunding /investment	specialising in enterprises that are raising finance through community shares. Free support is on offer to help with business plans and developing share offer documents.	
Company Giving	Pay to access website of funders	<p>Company Giving provides access to a wide range of funders through a pay-to-register website with a database of companies giving grants and other support.</p> <p>Support is provided to social enterprises; charities; voluntary and community organisations; social businesses; cooperatives/mutuals; unconstituted community groups</p>	www.companygiving.org.uk
Co-operative and Community Finance	Loans & Investment	<p>Co-operative and Community Finance lend to organisations that are owned and democratically controlled by their members, who are usually employees, customers or members of a community. They lend to incorporated bodies such as registered companies and industrial & provident societies.</p>	http://www.coopfinance.coop/
Co-operative Membership Community Fund	Funding & Grants	Community grants are awarded to communities, voluntary and self help groups, for projects that carry out positive work in the community and provide a long-term benefit to the community.	http://www.co-operative.coop/membership/local-communities/community-fund/
Deutsche Bank	Loans, grants and investment	<p>Deutsche Bank provides finance; business advice and support to social enterprises; charities; voluntary and community organisations; social businesses. Finance available from £50,000 - £1,000,000</p> <p>Support also provided in the areas of business</p>	https://www.db.com/unitedkingdom/content/en/social_investments.html

		planning; financial modeling; training, mentoring and coaching	
Entrust (Landfill Tax Credit Scheme)	Funding & Grants	Entrust regulates the Landfill Communities Fund (LCF) on behalf of HM Revenue & Customs. As the regulator ENTRUST do not fund any work themselves. The LCF is a Government scheme to provide funding for community or environmental projects in the vicinity of landfill sites.	http://www.entrust.org.uk/
Ernst Cook Trust	Funding & Grants	The Ernst Trust gives grants to registered charities, schools and not for profit organisations wishing to encourage young people's interest in the country, the environment, the arts, or aiming to raise levels of literacy and numeracy.	http://www.ernestcooktrust.org.uk
Football Foundation	Funding & Grants	The Football Foundation provides grants and funding, to deliver programmes for new and improved community sports facilities in towns and cities across the country. The foundation also funds projects that increase participation in football and other sports and address key issues such as social inclusion, health, educations and equalities.	http://www.footballfoundation.org.uk
Funding Central	Funding & Grants	Funding Central is a free website for charities, voluntary organisations and social enterprises which provides access to numerous funding and finance opportunities, plus a wealth of tools and resources.	http://www.fundingcentral.org.uk/Default.aspx
The Power to Change	Funding & Grants	The Power to Change is a new, independent charitable trust, set up with a £150 million endowment from the Big Lottery Fund.	https://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/powertochange

		<p>The Power to Change has been inspired by the real-life stories of successful community businesses around the country. From community-owned pubs and sports clubs to community-managed woodlands and parks, these enterprises are working for the benefit of local people.</p> <p>The biggest of its kind in Europe, the Power to Change will help more of such community enterprises to succeed. Funding and support will be available to organisations at each stage of their journey to becoming a sustainable community business, from inspiring and nurturing ideas to scaling up and expansion. The Trust will also play a broader national leadership and advocacy role to increase awareness of the social and economic benefits of community enterprise.</p>	
Government Funding	Website giving paid for access to a database of funders	<p>Government Funding is a Pay-to-register website with a database of grants, loans and contracts available from local, regional, national and European government sources</p> <p>Available to Social enterprises; charities; voluntary and community organisations; social businesses; cooperatives/mutuals; un-constituted community groups</p>	www.governmentfunding.org.uk
Grants Online	Funding & Grants	<p>Grants Online is a comprehensive funding information service. It provides information on grant funding opportunities from the European Union, UK Government Agencies, the Lottery as well as Grant making Trusts and Foundations. This site operates</p>	http://www.grantsonline.org.uk/

		on a subscription basis.	
Heritage Lottery Fund	Funding & Grants	The Heritage Lottery Fund provides grants to help sustain the country's heritage - from museums and historic places to archaeology, natural environment and cultural traditions.	http://www.hlf.org.uk/Pages/Home.aspx
Hilton in the Community Foundation	Funding & Grants	Hilton in the Community Foundation focuses on children and young people, the foundation works to improve the quality of education and the provision of health care to relieve suffering and equip individuals. Through targeted grant allocation the foundation supports the smaller charities that might otherwise be overlooked.	www.hilton-foundation.org.uk
Locality	General Funding Advice	Locality is the leading nationwide network of settlements, development trusts, social action and community enterprises. They assist in setting up locally owned and led organisations, whilst supporting existing organisations to work effectively through exchanging knowledge and best practice on community asset ownership, collaboration, commissioning support, social enterprise, community voice and advocacy.	http://locality.org.uk/

<p>National Association for Voluntary and Action (NAVCA)</p>	<p>General Funding Advice</p>	<p>National Association for Voluntary and Community Action support local voluntary and community action. They provide information and advice for its members on building organisational capacity and performance and delivering high quality services to support local voluntary and community action.</p>	<p>http://www.navca.org.uk/</p>
<p>National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO)</p>	<p>General Funding Advice</p>	<p>National Council for Voluntary Organisations support both national and local groups. They provide training, consultancy and resources that encourage and enable voluntary and community organisations to develop and implement a sustainable income strategy.</p>	<p>http://www.ncvo.org.uk/practical-support/funding</p>
<p>Social Finance</p>	<p>Loan & Investment</p>	<p>Social Finance provides a range of financial advisory services to assist in building the social investment market.</p>	<p>http://socialfinance.org.uk/</p>
<p>Social Enterprise UK</p>	<p>General Funding Advice</p>	<p>Social Enterprise UK conduct research, providing information and tools, sharing knowledge, awareness raising and campaigning to create a business environment for social enterprises to thrive.</p>	<p>http://www.socialenterprise.org.uk/</p>
<p>Social Investment Business</p>	<p>Funding, grants and business advice</p>	<p>The Social Investment Business Group (SIB) is made up of the charity, Adventure Capital Fund, and its social enterprise, The Social Investment Business. The group has made over 1300 investments in civil society organisations ranging from under £5,000 to almost £7 million, and deliver a number of national and local grant funding and social investment programmes including the Investment Readiness, Community Rights Capital Grants and Big Potential. SIB also offer support with making bids for contracts to deliver public services.</p>	<p>http://www.sibgroup.org.uk/</p>

Sport England	Funding & Grants	Sports England focuses investment on organisations and projects that will grow and sustain participation in grassroots sports, create opportunities for young people to excel in sport and support local authorities to unlock local funding.	www.sportengland.org
The Coalfield Regeneration Trust	Funding & Grants	The Coalfield Regeneration Trust is dedicated to improving the quality of life in Britain's former mining communities. They lead the way in coalfield regeneration and aim to fund projects that are seeking to tackle a number of issues including geographical isolation, exclusion from services, as well as encouraging learning and personal development for all ages for those located in coalfield areas.	http://www.coalfields-regen.org.uk/
The Keyfund	Loans, grants and investment	The Keyfund provides finance to Social enterprises; charities; voluntary and community organisations; social businesses; cooperatives/mutuals Funding can be provided for property purchase; other asset/equipment purchase; working capital; development capital; risk capital; other business purposes. Finance available from £5,000 - £150,000	www.thekeyfund.co.uk
The Tudor Trust	Funding & Grants	The Tudor Trust is an independent grant making trust supporting both voluntary and community groups working in the UK. They support smaller, community-led organisations which work directly with people who are at the margins of society.	www.tudortrust.org.uk
Triodos	Loan &	Triodos is a bank which aims to make money work for positive, social, environment and cultural change	http://www.triodos.co.uk

	Investment	supporting a range of organisations.	
UnLtd	General Funding Advice	UnLtd is a charitable organisation set up to promote social entrepreneurship; it supports and develops the role of social entrepreneurs by providing resources and tools.	http://unltd.org.uk/index.php
Veolia Environmental Trust	Funding & Grants	The Veolia Trust supports a wide range of community and environmental projects throughout the UK. The Trust funds projects that come under specific categories of the Landfill Communities Fund.	www.veoliatrust.org