

# Funder List – IT Help & Funding

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This is one of 20+ funder lists from the free [Charity Excellence Framework](#) Maximising Income questionnaire. Double click the funder name to be taken to their website.

## Organisations That Will Help You

These are some of the 100s of organisations that help the sector for free that are listed in the free [Charity Excellence Framework](#) online toolkit.

1. [Charity Digital](#) - not free, but deeply discounted software and tech services. Previously Tech Trust, I don't normally make recommendations, but I've always used this great charity in my own charity roles and you should too.
2. [Charity Digital News](#) - free daily practical advice on all things digital. Explained in a way anyone can understand and, as digital is a known sector weakness, for all of us, not just the geeks.
3. [Google for Non-Profits](#) – free tools and grants for non-profits.

## Support and Volunteers

1. [CITA](#) - IT support
2. [WCIT](#) – IT support
3. [#charity](#) - IT volunteers
4. [Donate Code](#) - designer & developer volunteer network
5. [Digital Candle](#) – Helpline: free 1 hr phone call with a digital expert
6. [Founders & Coders](#) - design, build and test new digital services

## Hardware

1. [IT for Charities](#) - list of charities/companies that dispose of and/or provide refurbished IT, not all free.
2. [Computers for Charities](#) - charity providing low cost IT
3. [ComputerAid](#) - very low cost refurbished IT for non-profits.
4. [IT Schools Africa](#) - e-learning technology to improve life opportunities for school students and local communities in Africa and the UK.

## Software

1. [Wikipedia](#) - list of free and open source software organisations
2. [Donorfy](#) – CRM up to 500 records
3. [Red Cloud](#) – donation manager – suite of software, CRM, donations etc
4. [Benchmarking](#) – CRM, Knowledge Management
5. [Benchmarking](#) - core & advanced accounts



6. [Mango](#) – Excel-based accounting system; codes, transactions and reports
7. [SAGE Foundation](#) – SAGE software donations
8. [Oracle Net Suite](#) – software donations and services
9. [Microsoft](#) - free 365 software
10. [GNU PSPP](#) - statistical analysis of sampled data, very similar to SPSS
11. [R Project](#) - software environment for statistical computing and graphics

## Toolkits To Find Free IT/digital tools

The [Charity Excellence Framework](#) also has the largest resource base in the charity sector. Here are some of them.

1. [TechforgoodCAST](#) – social impact tech resources on Git Hub
2. [Alidade](#) – interactive tool to find the right technology tools for your project
3. [Digital Maturity Frameworks Overview](#) – 57 digital tools, sortable

## IT & Tech Funders

### UK

1. [Aviva Community Fund 2020](#) - small charities (under £1m pa) - drive long-term sustainable success and make a life-changing impact, includes support with digital and data skills through its digital Knowledge Library.
2. [Bethnall Gree Ventures](#) - funding accelerator twice a year that gives out monetary support, mainly to startups, using tech to drive social and environmental change.
3. [Career Tech Challenge Fund](#) – technology solutions to improve lives and unlock employment opportunities.
4. [Clarion Housing](#) – grants for Clarion residents to reduce digital exclusion.
5. [Comic Relief Tech for Good](#) - social tech projects at any stage of their digital journey.
6. [DCMS](#) - occasional tech for good grants and support for charities.
7. [Eddie and Vanessa George Memorial Fund](#) – grants for IT training for people in Cornwall.
8. [Family Fund](#) – computers and tablets for disabled people and their families.
9. [Fat Beehive Foundation](#) - grants relating to the use of Information Technology
10. [Germinate](#) – computers for rural people.
11. [Misys Charitable Foundation](#) - public education in communications and IT, and their application in commerce.
12. [Mohn Westlake Foundation](#) - young people in education/arts etc, encourage data transparency, access to impartial information and the collection and analysis of useful data.
13. [National Lottery Digital Fund](#) - using digital tools and approaches to support people and communities to thrive.
14. [Nesta](#) - large-scale innovation for challenges such as healthcare, public services and infrastructure.
15. [Net Solutions Wales](#) – up to £10k for ICT development for charities and community groups.
16. [Philip Henman Trust](#) – UK based charities working overseas, basic infrastructure and technology.



17. **Social Tech Trust** – previously Nominate, transforming lives with technology.
18. **Vocational Learning Tech Fund** - use of digital technology in novel and imaginative ways to develop new services or improve access and delivery of adult vocational learning.
19. **WCIT** – pro bono support and grants.

## Global

1. **Wikipedia** - links to free software project foundations in the US.
2. **Google.org Impact Challenge** - asks local nonprofit innovators and social entrepreneurs how they would make their community—and beyond—an even better place. Opportunities announced on a rolling basis.
3. **Microsoft AI for Good** - using AI to solve complex problems facing our society.
4. **Microsoft Social Entrepreneurship** - supports social impact start-ups with technology, connections and grants.
5. **The Mozilla Foundation** - connectivity and open internet initiatives for advocacy and on-the-ground work. They have annual tech grants for regionally targeted work
6. **The Internet Freedom Fund** - technology-centric projects that promote human rights, Internet freedom, open societies, and help advance inclusive and safe access to global communications networks for at-risk users.

## Or, Try This Instead...

Rather than search for a funder of technology, look for a funder who would be interested in what their grant would achieve. Here are some ideas:

1. **Allen Lane Foundation** - small grants for start-up, core or project costs.
2. **First Steps Enterprise Fund** - a loan-grant package for community-led charities and social enterprises in England to grow services and become more sustainable.
3. **Jephcott Charitable Trust** – pump priming, help to get an organisation up-and-running, or take a significant step forward.
4. **Comic Relief** – £500 capacity building grants for small grass roots community groups, with income under £250k.

If you want more like these, you need the Start-Ups, or the Crisis & Growth funder lists.

## Can you help?

The CEF works on a community collaboration basis. Can you help me help others by adding to this resource? If so, e mail me at [charityexcellence@gmail.com](mailto:charityexcellence@gmail.com).