

Funder List – Less Popular Causes

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.

This list is for those fantastic people out there who are doing great work, but raising funding for causes that the public might not be inclined to give to.

If you wish to search for more funders, you'll find more funder lists, links to dozens of free funding finders, and fundraising tools and guides on the [Charity Excellence Resource Hub](#).

1. [Doyly Carte Charitable Trust](#) - music and art therapy for the elderly and the disabled, and in palliative care and in hospices. Alleviating the suffering of adults and children with medical conditions who have difficulty finding support through traditional sources.
2. [Edge Fund](#) - Up to £3k for unfunded grassroots communities, campaign groups and activists struggling for social, economic and environmental justice.
3. [Eleanor Rathbone Charitable Trust](#) - charities benefiting women and unpopular and neglected causes, but avoiding those with a sectarian interest.
4. [Henry Smith Charity - Main Grants - Improving Lives](#) - registered charities, social enterprises and charitable groups, when other sources of support have failed, are inappropriate, or not available.
5. [Jephcott Charitable Trust](#) – preference for charities/projects which are having difficulty getting started, or raising funds from other sources, in all parts of the world.
6. [Lankelly Chase](#) - severe disadvantages such as homelessness, drug misuse, violence and abuse, and mental ill health.
7. [Lush Charity Pot](#) - small volunteer-run grassroots organisations, and particularly campaign groups, working in environment, animal protection and human rights in the UK and overseas with priority for less popular causes that aim to create long-term change and struggle to find funding.
8. [Manchester Guardian Society Charitable Trust](#) - smaller charities in Greater Manchester undertaking education, arts or welfare projects and which are having difficulty in finding funding.
9. [Mayor of London – Stronger Communities Fund](#) - local grassroots organisations, groups and individuals who typically find it hard to access funding for London projects to encourage and support social integration through physical activity.
10. [Morrisons Foundation](#) - registered charities; funding for new projects, which have no funding. To improve the lives of local people or communities, especially the vulnerable or disadvantaged, in England, Scotland or Wales.

11. **Paul Hamlyn Foundation – Ideas and Pioneers Fund** - individuals, teams and small organisations to support early development of ideas with unusual promise to improve the life chances and opportunities of individuals and communities.
12. **Pears Foundation** - not afraid to fund things that others might shy away from, including core operating costs and experimental ideas that may not work.
13. **Scurrah Wainright Charity** - £1k to £5k, social reform and root causes of inequality, innovative, hard-to-fund work directed at root causes in the field of social reform. Will contribute to core costs, don't have to be registered charity.
14. **The Hilden Charitable Trust** - most sympathetic to funding general running, or core costs, particularly of unpopular causes. Average grant £5k, will consider multi-year. but only 1 in 9 applications successful.
15. **The Pilgrim Trust** - projects having difficulty in raising funds from other sources; 60% of funding is directed towards preserving the fabric of important buildings, artefacts or documents, 40% on projects that help women and girls, with a specific interest in early interventions.
16. **The Truemark Trust** - small, local charitable organisations addressing social distress and disadvantage, with a preference for neighbourhood-based community projects and for innovative work with less popular groups.
17. **The Tudor Trust** - smaller UK community-led groups that support people at the margins of society, encouraging independence, inclusion and integration.
18. **Wakeham Trust** - projects that are small scale and would find it hard to obtain funding elsewhere.

Other Sources

The Edge Fund has created a [great online list of funders](#). These are not specifically less popular causes, but it focusses on those who are often marginalised and discriminated against. Worth a read, even if only to help restore your faith in humanity.

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.