

Funder List – Social Enterprises

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.

There is sometimes an assumption that only charities can fundraise, but that's not true. Here is a list of funding sources for non-profit organisations that aren't charities.

Find some funding to start your social enterprise [here](#), or try this [Gov.UK search tool](#) for a whole range of funding support.

Company Grants

1. The [Entrepreneur Handbook](#) has a list of UK small business grants.
2. And here's [150 of them](#).
3. [GovGrantsHub](#) - non-profit and business grants.
4. [Grant Finder](#) - government grants for companies.

Public Sector Contracts And Competitions

1. [Contracts Finder](#) - public sector contracts and e mail alerts.
2. [Supply Change](#) - platform for social enterprises to access public sector contracts.
3. [Open Ops](#) - commercial, but contract data is free, claims to have more that Contracts Finder and it works globally.
4. [West Midlands Combined Authority](#) has pledged to spend 5% of its procurement budget on social enterprises; good on them.

And competitions:

1. [Innovation Funding](#) - Government innovation competitions.

Loans

1. Here's [some advice](#). If you have short-term cash flow issues, you might consider a bridging loan. Here's some [advice from NCVO](#), with links to a number of providers.
2. [The Key Fund](#) – Northern Impact Fund - unsecured lending for new and early stage social enterprises based in the North or the Midlands that are seeking finance to support growth or become more robust.
3. [Kiva](#) – global non-profit peer-to-peer lending platform.

Tax Reliefs and Incentives

Not quite income, but these can help you get it and, being Scottish, saving money always appeals to me.

1. Here are the guidelines on [Corporation Tax](#) allowances and reliefs and [tax guidance for CICs](#).
2. Individuals receive a 30% [SITR tax break](#), when investing in an eligible organisation.
3. There are also [EIS](#), [SEIS](#) and [R&D](#) tax reliefs.
4. There is 100% discretionary relief for non-profits that aren't charities. Some councils give it, some don't. If they won't, there are also reliefs for retail, exempt (disabled people and religious use) and empty buildings, small business, rural, enterprise and hardship. Click [here](#) for the guidance.

Social Investment

1. Try the Good Finance [online social investment tool](#) or [Big Society Capital](#). Here are [13 things you ought to know](#), before considering social investment.
2. Here's a [Social Impact Bond toolkit](#) and another to find [investors, funds and advisers](#). For peer learning, mentoring and resources, [try this](#).
3. [Barrow Cadbury Trust](#) - investments and grants for organisations providing support services for charities and social enterprises in England seeking social investment.

Charitable Trusts That Will Fund Social Enterprises

Fundraising is more difficult for social enterprises and it can be hard to find which trusts will consider bids. Here's a list below and here is some guidance on how to write a [compelling core case for support](#) and here are [4 key checks](#), to maximise your chances of success.

1. [AHF Transforming Places Through Heritage Programme](#) - Project Development Grants - Grants in England to help fund development costs of projects that will create alternative uses for redundant or underused, community-owned historic buildings in town centres.
2. [Allen Lane Foundation](#) - Grants in the UK for work that makes a difference to people's lives as opposed to simply alleviating the symptoms or current problems and should aim to reduce isolation, stigma and discrimination.
3. [American Express - Philanthropic Programme](#) - Grants for not-for-profit organisations in the areas of developing leadership and community service.
4. [Andrew Lloyd Webber Foundation](#) - Funding for projects in the areas of culture and the arts that make a real and ongoing difference to people's lives in the UK.

5. **Architectural Heritage Fund (AHF) - Project Development Grants** - Grants in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland to cover some of the costs of developing and co-ordinating a building project and taking it towards the start of work on site.
6. **ASDA Foundation - Significant Local Community Projects** - Capital grants in the UK for local charitable projects and activities that benefit the wider community, address local needs and make a significant difference to the local community.
7. **BBC Children in Need - Small Grants Programme** - Grants for working with disadvantaged children and young people who are 18 years old and younger living in the UK, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands.
8. **BBC Children in Need - Main Grants Programme** – UK not-for-profit organisations working with disadvantaged children and young people who are 18 years old and younger living in the UK. Open to CICs.
9. **Bernicia Foundation** - Inspiration Grants of between £5,000 and £10,000 to voluntary or community groups, registered charities, social enterprises and co-operatives with income under £750,000 per year.
10. **Big Local - National Lottery Community Fund** - A place-based investment programme supporting residents in 150 Big Local areas around England to lead change in their area.
11. **Blue Spark Foundation** - Organisations in England to improve the education and development of children and young people through educational, cultural, sporting and other activities.
12. **British Cycling Places to Ride Programme** - Grants in England that are developing cycling activity in their community for the development of new, or the improvement of existing, cycling facilities in communities. Perfect for MAMILs (Middle Aged Men in Lycra).
13. **Calouste Gulbenkian** - cultural understanding, potential and environment.
14. **CAN Invest** - supports voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSEs) to build sustainable businesses by providing capital and business support.
15. **CLA Charitable Trust** - Grants in England and Wales to provide facilities for the disabled to take part in country sports and recreation, and training in agriculture and horticulture. It also promotes education in the countryside for disadvantaged children and young people.
16. **Clarion Futures Digital Grants** - Grants for organisations working across the UK to support Clarion residents of all ages to get online and build the skills, motivation and confidence needed to use the internet safely in everyday life.
17. **Clothworkers Foundation** - UK registered charities, CICs, and other registered UK not-for-profit organisations (including special schools).
18. **Coalfields Community Investment Programme for England** - Grants for projects taking place in the most deprived coalfield communities and will make a positive difference in addressing the areas of skills, employment, health and wellbeing.
19. **Comic Relief** – a just world free from poverty.
20. **Community Business Bright Ideas** – up to £15k, tailored business support, mentoring and visits, England

21. **Co-op Foundation - Space to Connect** - Grants to help identify, improve and protect community spaces in England where people can connect and co-operate.
22. **Darwin Initiative - Main Projects** - Financial support for projects seeking to safeguard the world's biodiversity by drawing on UK strengths in this area to assist countries that are rich in biodiversity, but poor in financial resources.
23. **Esmee Fairbairn** – work must be charitable in nature and must have at least 3 directors.
24. **Evan Cornish Foundation** – UK and overseas. Support the most marginalised and promoting human rights, particularly smaller organisations and projects which prioritise women.
25. **FCC Community Action Fund – England** - Grants for environmental and community-based projects within 10 miles of a Waste Recycling Group landfill sites. Projects must provide, maintain or improve a public park or other public amenity.
26. **Feminist Review Trust** - Grants for projects in the UK and internationally that transform the lives of women.
27. **First Steps Enterprise Fund - ASDA Foundation** - A loan-grant package is available for small organisations in England to help them grow and become more sustainable.
28. **Football Foundation - Premier League & The FA Facilities Fund** - Funding to support the development of new or refurbished local football facilities, such as changing pavilions and playing surfaces, for the benefit of communities in England.
29. **Forces in Mind Trust** - Grants for organisations to support Service or ex-Service men or women, or their families as they make the transition to civilian life within the UK.
30. **Gillian Dickinson Trust Grant** - Northumberland, Durham and Tyne & Wear for the promotion of creativity, particularly in the young and disadvantaged.
31. **Golsoncott Foundation** – Grants to UK organisations for projects that promote fine arts and music.
32. **Greggs Foundation - Local Community Projects Fund** - Grants for not-for-profit organisations based in local communities in England, Scotland and Wales to deliver projects or provide equipment to people in need at the heart of their local communities.
33. **Hadrian Trust (North East England)** - social welfare and charitable organisations working to improve the lives of people in the North East of England. Our main donations are in the fields of social welfare, youth, disability, the elderly, women, ethnic minorities, education, arts and the environment.
34. **Henry Smith Charity - Main Grants - Improving Lives** - Grants to help people in the UK when other sources of support have failed, are inappropriate, or are simply not available.
35. **High Streets Heritage Action Zones (DCMS)** - A £44 million fund which will allow Historic England to work with not-for-profit organisations to find new ways to champion and revive historic high streets across England.
36. **Historic England - Repair Grants for Heritage at Risk** - Grants for the repair and conservation of listed buildings, scheduled monuments and registered parks and gardens.

37. **Home Office - Anti-Knife Crime Community Fund** - Grants for community projects in England and Wales which reduce knife crime and have a positive impact on young people who are at risk of carrying a knife and committing a crime.
38. **Hyde Charitable Trust - Successful Places Fund** - Grants for organisations operating locally, regionally or nationally for the provision of services and activities that address issues on Hyde's estates and densely populated neighbourhoods.
39. **Inter Faith Youth Trust Small Grants Programme** - Grants for organisations involved in inter faith projects for young people that take place in the UK during Inter Faith Week.
40. **Impetus - Private Equity Foundation** - Financial and other support to ambitious, innovative social enterprises that are helping children and young people in poverty in the UK to succeed at school and work. Core funding and pro bono network.
41. **Key Fund - Northern Impact Fund** - Unsecured lending (a loan and grant) is available for new and early stage social enterprises based in the North or the Midlands that are seeking finance to support growth or become more robust.
42. **Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust - Power and Accountability Programme** - Grants to support people in the UK to create a world in which power is more equally shared, and in which powerful institutions are responsive and accountable to wider society and aligned with the long-term public interest.
43. **Lawrence Atwell's Charity - Individuals Programme** - Grants for young people (aged 16 to 26 years) from low-income backgrounds, to help them gain vocational, accredited qualifications so that they can move into employment.
44. **Lloyds Bank and Bank of Scotland - Social Entrepreneurs Programme** - to start up and scale social enterprises, charities, community projects and impact-led organisations. Learning programme, grant (£1,000 – £7,000), mentoring, supportive community of like-minded peers.
45. **Lush Charity Pot** - Grants to 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.
46. **Magic Little Grants Fund 2019 - Postcode Community Trust** - Small one-off grants to small local organisations in UK that are engaging hard to reach individuals, encouraging them to take part in physical activity to help improve their physical health.
47. **More than a Pub: The Community Pub Business Support Programme** - A finance package of loans and grants to community groups in England that want to take on the ownership of their local pub.
48. **Music for All - Music in the Community** - Grants to UK based community groups that aim to bring musical projects to their local communities.
49. **National Lottery Community Fund – Partnerships** - Grants to voluntary and community organisations in England which work together with a shared set of goals and values.

50. [Nippon Foundation Overseas Grants](#) - Grants organisations based outside Japan for overseas cooperative programmes taking place outside of Japan, such as basic human needs, human resources development, and the promotion of international cooperation.
51. [One Stop Carriers for Causes Grants](#) - Grants for projects within two miles of a One Stop store in Great Britain that benefit local communities by helping to improve lives and local places.
52. [Paul Hamlyn Foundation - Access and Participation Fund](#) - Grants for organisations to test, implement and develop ambitious plans to widen access to and deepen participation in the arts.
53. [People's Health Trust - Active Communities Funding Programme](#) - Funding for local communities in England, Scotland and Wales to help create a society without health inequalities.
54. [Persimmon Community Champions](#) - One-off grants are available for organisations that have already secured matched funding for local community initiatives across England, Scotland and Wales.
55. [Porticus UK](#) – education, society, faith and care, will consider applications for core or project costs, including staff salaries and overheads. Particularly interested in proven models that organisations wish to roll-out or expand.
56. [Power to Change - Homes in Community Hands](#) - Grants and support to help community business groups progress projects that build or refurbish homes designed around the needs of local people.
57. [Pub is the Hub](#) - Helps UK rural pubs, owners, licensees and communities to make a positive impact on local communities by using pubs for the co-location of necessary services and articulating their specialist local needs.
58. [Ragdoll Foundation](#) - Funding is available to support not-for-profit organisations, especially arts organisations, in the UK that are working with children and young people using the arts and creative media.
59. [Rayne Foundation](#) – will support work which is untried and tests new approaches but has clear objectives. Will consider core costs, grants usually £10k - £20k, up to 3 years.
60. [Reaching Communities](#) - £10k+, communities, voluntary and community organisations or social enterprises for up to 5 years; project activities, operating costs, organisational development and capital costs.
61. [Resource Action Fund](#) - Grants to support resource efficiency projects in England, with the goal of diverting, reducing and better managing waste, in the areas of food, plastics, textiles, recycling infrastructure and litter.
62. [Said Foundation – Amal Grants Programme](#) - High-quality arts and cultural activities that increase understanding of Britain’s Muslim communities among people of other faiths and none and fostering a stronger sense of belonging among Muslim communities.
63. [Santander Foundation - Discovery Grants](#) - registered charities, CICs and Credit Unions for local projects that benefit disadvantaged people in the UK.

64. **Shackleton Foundation Leadership Award** - Seed funding grants and support for inspirational UK leaders and early stage social enterprises to establish their own non-profit ventures with the potential to provide solutions to intractable social problems faced by disadvantaged and socially marginalised young people.
65. **Skidders Company - Lady Neville Charity** - One-off capital grants to grassroots charitable organisations in the UK that offer activities and interests within: local heritage, local community; and performing arts and visual arts.
66. **Social Business Trust** - Professional business support and targeted grant funding for social enterprises across all sectors in the UK to help them grow and to achieve greater social impact.
67. **Split Infinitive Trust** - Grants for organisations and individuals in the UK for projects that support live and performance arts, in general and in education.
68. **Sport England - Small Grants Programme** - Grants to carry out local community sports projects and encourage more people (aged 14 years and older) to be involved in sport.
69. **Steel Charitable Trust** - registered charities in the UK in the following categories: arts and heritage; health; education; social or economic disadvantage; and the environment. Will consider CICs.
70. **Stephen Lloyd Awards** - innovative ideas and projects undertaken by start-up enterprises or social entrepreneurs that can lead to practical, sustainable social change.
71. **Strategic Legal Fund for Vulnerable Young Migrants** - Grants to not-for-profit organisations in the UK that provide specialist level legal advice to vulnerable young migrants.
72. **Support Adoption for Pets Grant Programme** - non-profit organisations whose main objective is to find homes for pets in the UK and support pet rescues.
73. **Sylvia Waddilove Foundation UK** - registered charities and CICs, in the UK, for education, the visual and performing arts, medical research, the relief of disability and severe illness, the preservation of buildings of significance and those in need.
74. **Tesco Bags of Help Centenary Grant** - number of grants to larger not-for-profits for projects in England, Scotland or Wales that provide a significant benefit to communities across the whole of the Centenary region.
75. **The Dan Maskell Tennis Trust** - to help disabled people in the UK to play tennis through the purchase of wheelchairs, tennis equipment and grants for coaching.
76. **The Fore** – simple application, funding and ongoing mentoring, strategic advice, governance support or other assistance.
77. **The Nineveh Charitable Trust** -not-for-profit organisations and schools for a broad range of projects and activities that promote a better understanding of the countryside.
78. **The Princes Countryside Fund's Rural Four Grant Programme** - Up to 10 grants each year rural community projects in England, Scotland and Wales that aim to improve the wellbeing of isolated communities in deprived areas.

79. **The Richard Overall Trust** - Grants are available to advance the physical education of disabled young people so that they can enjoy and progress in their chosen sport.
80. **The Triangle Trust 1949 Fund** - core funding for UK non-profits supporting carers or the rehabilitation of offenders and ex-offenders.
81. **Trusthouse Charitable Foundation** - Grants are available to smaller charitable and not-for-profit organisations in the UK to fund community support, arts, education and heritage projects in areas of extreme urban deprivation or remote, socio-economically deprived rural areas.
82. **Tudor Trust** - Grants are available to smaller community-led groups that support people at the margins of society in the UK, encouraging independence, inclusion and integration.
83. **UK Community Foundations** - Grants for projects in all sectors of the local community. Each foundation has its own character appropriate to the location and grants may be made to a wide range of activities including: health; children and young people; arts and culture; the environment; services.
84. **Urban Tree Challenge Fund (UTCf)** - Funding to support the planting and establishment of large and small trees in urban and peri-urban areas of England.
85. **Variety Club - Equipment Grants** - Grants for specialist equipment for the direct use of children up to the age of 18 years who are sick, disabled or disadvantaged and are resident in the UK.
86. **Viridor Credits - Main Grants Scheme** - community, biodiversity or heritage projects that benefit local communities in areas within the vicinity of a Viridor site in England.
87. **WHSmith Trust - Community Grants** - Small grants for charities, schools and community groups of any size, provided they support the community in the UK.
88. **Wooden Spoon Charity** - Disadvantaged and disabled children in the UK.
89. **Worshipful Company of Information Technologists Charity** - Advice and grants for the development of innovative IT based projects with a charitable or educational focus in the UK.
90. **Youth Endowment Fund** - England and Wales to support interventions targeting children aged 10-14 who are at risk of being drawn into crime and violence, and to build up knowledge of what works to prevent this happening.

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.