

Funder List – Start-ups & New Ideas

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.

New To This?

Whilst not specifically for start-ups, if you haven't applied for funding before, these 2 funding sources can be a good starting point:

1. [Awards for All](#) - £300 to £10k, apply online - for projects that make a difference to your community.
2. [Community Foundations](#) - there are 46 foundations across the whole of the UK that make grants to tackle the biggest issues facing communities and supporting some of society's most disadvantaged people.

If you need help in writing bids, go to the Resource Hub [fundraising page](#).

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1. [Allen Lane Foundation](#) - small grants for start-up, core or project costs.
2. [Aviva Community Fund](#) - the opportunity to innovate and test new ideas without fear of risk. Financial capability and community resilience: to develop a new approach, product or technology, pilot a new scheme, implement a new initiative, or expand existing services to a new area or beneficiary group within the UK.
3. [Casey Trust](#) - registered charities for UK start-up projects, or new initiatives, that exclusively support children (up to 18 years) and their welfare.
4. [Charles Hayward Foundation](#) - projects that are developmental or innovative, or would not otherwise happen. Prefers to fund projects in early stages that provide early intervention; heritage and conservation, social and criminal justice, overseas, older people.
5. [Community Business Bright Ideas](#) – up to £15k, tailored business support, mentoring and visits, England
6. [Community Led Homes – Start-Up Programme](#) - Revenue funding is available for early stage voluntary and community organisations exploring community led housing in England.
7. [Co-operative Membership Community Fund](#) - a community issue; provide long-term benefit to the community; support co-operative values and principles, ideally be innovative in its approach. £100 - £2000.

8. **Enterprise Development Programme** - tailored support to organisations thinking of exploring new models of trading to become more financially resilient; Homelessness, Youth, Equality and Mental Health.
9. **First Steps Enterprise Fund** - a loan-grant package for small community-led charities and social enterprises in England to help grow services and become more sustainable.
10. **HM Prison and Probation Service Grants** - piloting of new services, approaches or extending/developing current programmes.
11. **Jephcott Charitable Trust** – pump priming, help to get an organisation up-and-running, or take a significant step forward.
12. **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.
13. **Lloyds Bank Foundation Enable Programme** - Smaller short term grants are available to strengthen charities in England and Wales which support people aged 17 years and older.
14. **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.
15. **Microsoft Social Entrepreneurship** - supports social impact startups with technology, connections and grants.
16. **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.
17. **Paul Hamlyn Foundation – Ideas & Pioneers Fund** - early development of ideas with unusual promise to improve life for individuals and communities in the UK.
18. **Peter Sowerby Foundation - Health Breakthrough Fund_-** A single significant large grant for highly innovative and early stage UK projects with the potential to make a transformative impact in improving primary care and/or ‘out of hospital’ provision for patients.
19. **Pollination Project** - compassion driven visionaries in any country.
20. **Postcode Communities Fund** - new projects, or significant expansions of existing projects, that focus on the 2020 themes to improve community health and wellbeing, increase participation in arts and physical recreation, or reduce isolation.
21. **Postcode Lottery Dream Fund** - gives organisations the chance to deliver the project they have always dreamed of, but never had the opportunity to bring to life.
22. **Power To Change – Community Business Bright Ideas Fund_-** support and grants for incorporated or unincorporated organisation in England to develop their community business ideas.
23. **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.

24. **Shackleton Foundation Leadership Award** - Seed funding grants and support to inspirational UK leaders and early stage social enterprises to establish non-profit ventures with the potential to provide solutions to intractable social problems faced by disadvantaged and socially marginalised young people.
25. **Shine** – Educational charity that invest in early stage innovative solutions to educational challenges.
26. **Sir Halley Stewart Trust** - particular focus on supporting innovative research and new pioneering development projects, primarily through the provision of salary costs. We fund Medical, Social and Religious projects, with Education being a theme across all three grant-making areas.
27. **Stephen Lloyd Awards** - innovative ideas and projects undertaken by start-up enterprises or social entrepreneurs that can lead to practical, sustainable social change.
28. **The Fore** - early stage charities and social enterprises, up to £30k, no complicated application process, plus other support, such as mentoring.
29. **The Rainford Trust** - welfare, medical, education, environment or religion, within the St Helens Metropolitan Borough Council area and other places in England and Wales where Pilkington Brothers has employees. Funding: Buildings, Capital costs, Projects, Salaries, Start-up costs.
30. **Truemark Trust** - preference for neighbourhood-based community projects and for innovatory work with less popular groups. The Trust prefers funding small, local organisations in the community for the relief of all kinds of social disadvantage.
31. **Vodafone Tech Starter** - provides UK-based social tech ventures and charities the chance to secure funding and access to expertise – to help them take transformational ideas from start-up to scale-up.
32. **Wesleyan Foundation** - education, health and social - Start-up costs for new organisations or projects, pilot projects, purchase of equipment and resources.
33. **W.G. Edwards Charitable Foundation** - UK registered charities providing care for older people; capital projects, refurbishment and for equipment, in addition to innovative schemes for ongoing care.

Core Funding

If what you need is core funding, there is a separate list for this.

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.