

Funder List – Small Charities

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.

Larger charities, with professional fundraising teams, can out compete smaller charities. Consequently, it can be worth looking for trusts that specifically prioritise funding for smaller charities.

1. [A B Charitable Trust](#) - small to medium-sized registered UK charities that defend human rights and promote respect for vulnerable individuals in the UK.
2. [Albert Hunt Trust](#) – charities with income under £250k, capital, core/running costs, hospice, homeless, health & wellbeing, UK wide, not overseas.
3. [Allen Lane Foundation](#) - small UK registered charities making a difference to people's lives and aiming to reduce isolation, stigma and discrimination.
4. [Archer Trust](#) – usually £500 to £4000, for groups working with those in need.
5. [Association of Independent Museums \(AIM\)](#) - various grants to small museums.
6. [Aviva Community Fund 2020](#) - £250k a quarter for small charities and community groups.
7. [Awards for All](#) - UK wide for community projects, apply online, up to £10k.
8. [Barchester Healthcare Foundation](#)_ - small local UK charities to improve the quality of life for older people, as well as adults with a physical or mental disability.
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. [CAF Tourle Foundation Fund](#) - small place based charitable organisations providing a service to the heart of their community within the UK.
11. [Comic Relief](#) – £500 capacity building grants for small grass roots community groups, with income under £250k.
12. [Cobb Charity](#) - small UK charities working to promote a sustainable environment through education.
13. [Community Foundations](#)_– each county has its own community foundation, who will often fund small, local charities.
14. [Coventry Building Society Community Fund](#) - small charities in the Society's branch network for communities affected by disadvantage, deprivation and social exclusion.
15. [Edgar E Lawley Foundation](#)_ - smaller charities in the West Midlands for the old, young and disabled.
16. [Elephant Trust](#) – to make it possible for artists and those presenting their work to undertake and complete projects when frustrated by lack of funds.

17. [First Steps Enterprise Fund](#) - loan-grant package for small community-led charities in communities in England to help them grow their services and become more sustainable.
18. [Foyle Foundation Small Grants Scheme](#) – small UK registered charities, for projects that will make a significant impact.
19. [Freshwater Foundation](#) - grants and match funding for smaller voluntary-based charities and community groups in the London boroughs of Ealing and Hounslow.
20. [Garfield Weston](#) – community grants, revenue and capital.
21. [Grassroots - Richard Weare Endowment Fund](#) - small, charities in York, North Yorkshire, East Riding of Yorkshire and Hull to reduce social isolation.
22. [Grocers' Charity - Memorial Grants](#) - small UK registered charities for the relief of youth poverty, the disabled, elderly, medicine, military, and the arts and heritage.
23. [Help the Homeless Grant Scheme](#) - capital project grants for small and medium UK charities working to assist homeless people.
24. [Hedley Foundation](#) - small UK registered charities working with young people in the areas of recreation, sport, training, health and welfare, support and outdoor education.
25. [Henry Smith Charity - Christian Projects](#) - churches, small charities and not-for-profit organisations for projects that explicitly promote the Christian faith in the UK.
26. [Henry Smith Charity - Main Grants](#) - Strengthening Communities - running cost grants for small community organisations, working in the most deprived areas of the UK.
27. [Jill Franklin Trust](#) - small number of grants for small charities working in deprived areas of the UK, particularly the North of England and Wales.
28. [John Ellerman Foundation](#) - small to medium-sized UK charities for work in the arts, environment or social action that has impact across the whole of the UK.
29. [John Gilpin Trust](#) - small grants for small local charities in Cumbria, Merseyside or Suffolk.
30. [Johnson Foundation](#) - smaller charities, particularly advancing education, preserving and protecting health, relieving poverty and sickness, in Liverpool and Merseyside.
31. [Lionel Wigram Memorial Trust](#) - UK charities providing services for blind, deaf and disabled people.
32. [London Catalyst Grants](#) – charities, voluntary and community organisations working in Greater London to tackle poverty and ill health and make a difference.
33. [Lush Charity Pot](#) - small volunteer-run organisations, particularly campaign groups, working in environment, animal protection and human rights, with priority for less popular causes that struggle to find funding.
34. [Magic Little Grants Fund](#) - small one-off grants for small local UK charities engaging hard to reach individuals to take part in physical activity.
35. [Manchester Guardian Society Charitable Trust](#) - smaller charities in Greater Manchester for education, arts or welfare projects and which are having difficulty in finding funding.
36. [Moss Family Fund](#) - voluntary organisations, community groups and small charities serving the communities of Ryedale.

37. **Mrs F B Laurence's Charitable Trust** - registered charities; focus on social welfare and disadvantaged people. Will consider applications from smaller organisations, particularly those that find attracting funding difficult.
38. **Newby Trust** – small to medium registered charities, usually need to be invited to apply.
39. **Oak Trust** - registered UK charities that are supporting people who are disadvantaged, medical and environmental charities. Preference for small charities (under £1m).
40. **Patagonia International Environmental Grants** - small UK grassroots activist environmental organisations to protect local habitats and frontline communities.
41. **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.
42. **Peoples Health Trust** - active communities programme, for smaller local community organisations in England, Scotland and Wales to help create a society without health inequalities.
43. **Pret Foundation Trust** - small grassroots charities that are working directly with homeless people in locations near a Pret a Manger store.
44. **Rhododendron Trust** - small UK registered charities for social welfare and humanitarian aid projects in England and developing world as well as cultural and wildlife projects.
45. **Rowan Bentall Charitable Trust** - support small grassroots organisations based and working in the boroughs of Kingston-upon-Thames and Richmond-upon-Thames.
46. **Rufford Foundation Small Grants** - individuals and small groups involved in nature/biodiversity conservation projects in the developing world.
47. **Small Charities Challenge Fund** - small, UK-registered not-for-profit organisations working in priority countries, to help enhance their capacity and efforts to tackle poverty, and achieve the Global Goals.
48. **Team London and Thrive LDN Small Grants** - small charities and voluntary sector organisations for 1 year projects which encourage young people in to volunteer or take part in social action to improve their mental health and wellbeing.
49. **Thomas Wall Trust** - smaller organisations working towards improving basic digital skills for people in need.
50. **Truemark Trust** - small, locally based charitable organisations addressing social distress and disadvantage, with a preference for neighbourhood-based community projects.
51. **Trusthouse Charitable Foundation** - smaller UK charitable and not-for-profit organisations for community support, arts, education and heritage projects in areas of extreme urban deprivation or remote rural areas.
52. **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.
53. **Warburtons Families Matter Community Grants Programme** - Local projects, activities and organisations that will benefit families in England, Scotland and Wales.

54. **Waterloo Foundation** – world development, small grants, typically income less than £300k pa, education, nutrition, sexual health, water and sanitation.
55. **Weaver's Company Benevolent Fund** - smaller UK based charities working with young offenders, prisoners and ex-prisoners, and young disadvantaged people, especially those at risk of criminal involvement. Will consider innovative projects, pump-priming funding and core costs.
56. **William Dudley Trust** - small Birmingham-based charities working to alleviate need, hardship and distress.
57. **Woodroffe Benton Foundation** - smaller UK registered charities for relief of hardship, the elderly, environment and conservation.
58. **Woodward Charitable Trust** – core costs, small to medium charities, children, disability, disadvantaged women and families, prisoners, minority groups.
59. **YAPP Charitable Trust** - running costs of very small registered charities in England and Wales working with the elderly, children and young people, those with disabilities or mental health problems, a history of offending, addiction or abuse, and education and learning.

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