

Appendix – Grants that maybe of Interest to Forum Members?

a) £5 Million Fund Launched to Support Youth Organisations Facing Higher Costs (UK)

A new £5 million fund has been launched to support youth groups through the cost-of-living crisis. Organisations with an annual income of up to £500,000 who are facing unprecedented demand or whose work is being hindered due to rising core costs can apply for three-year, unrestricted grants of approximately 10% of their current turnover. The funding is being offered through the UK Youth Fund, established by UK Youth in partnership with the Pears Foundation, to ensure that as many youth services as possible are able to continue to support young people in their local community. Applications can be made at any time until all funding has been allocated. <https://www.ukyouth.org/costofliving/>

b) Funding for Projects that Benefit the Health & Wellbeing of Older People (UK)

Grants of up to £7,500 are available for organisations working on intergenerational activities and/or community regeneration that benefit the health and wellbeing of older people across the UK. The funding is made available through the McCarthy Stone Foundation's Small Grants Programme and is aimed to support older people facing isolation, loneliness, or poor health, young people who may be falling behind personally and academically, and communities in need of regeneration. The types of projects that have been previously supported include an intergenerational dementia allotment project and the regeneration of community spaces. Organisations should submit an expression of interest in the first instance by the 15th February 2023 to be considered for funding.

<https://mccarthystonefoundation.org/who-we-support/>

c) Grants Available to Celebrate Important National Events (England)

The National Lottery has announced that this year, funding will also be available through the Awards for All England scheme to help communities celebrate important national events such as the Coronation of His Majesty the King, the Eurovision Song Contest and the 75th anniversary of Windrush. Awards for All will also continue to make grants of between £300 and £10,000 for up to one year to local community and voluntary organisations for existing or new projects, events, and activities that aim to build strong relationships, improve community spaces, support personal potential, and assist with challenges caused by the cost-of-living crisis and the aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic. Applications can be submitted at any time.

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/national-lottery-awards-for-all-england>

d) Funding to Encourage Disadvantaged Communities to Get Active (England)

Grants of up to £15,000 are available to charities, voluntary and community groups, local authorities, clubs, schools, and other not-for-profit organisations delivering sports and physical activities to improve the health and wellbeing of disadvantaged communities in England. Schools are eligible to apply if their sports facilities are open for use by the wider community. The funding is made available through Sport England's Small Grants Programme which aims to encourage inactive and less active people, regardless of age, background, or level of ability, to become more active. Funding could be used for coaching, volunteer training, service and facility alterations, and equipment. Sport England is also particularly keen to support projects seeking to reduce their impact on the environment through the goods and services they use to deliver the activity. Applications can be submitted until the 30th June 2023.

<https://www.sportengland.org/funds-and-campaigns/our-funds/small-grants-programme#whoandwhatwellfund-19454>