

# Funding and Volunteers

This document is a collection of potential funding opportunities for those organisations involved in the engagement, development and support of volunteers.

The text on each potential funding body is compiled from extracts from their respective websites at the date stated in the document's filename.

Some of the funding opportunities listed below were closed at the date of the searches. If they are closed permanently then they have been omitted, but those that are likely to re-open later in the year have been included.

This document is not meant to be exhaustive, nor complete. It is a snapshot of the most relevant funding opportunities at that particular time.

## **Alec Dickson Trust**

<http://tinyurl.com/jrq8wkv>

The Alec Dickson Trust supports young people who are able to demonstrate that through volunteering or community service they can enhance the lives of others, particularly those most marginalised by society.

They support projects that support and encourage youth volunteering. They particularly like to fund projects that involve lots of volunteers, and/or encourage these young people to stay engaged as volunteers in the long term.

They support young people who run projects that benefit disadvantaged communities and individuals. They are looking for projects that identify a specific need, and propose to carry out activities that will clearly help to address this need. Often it's about young volunteers helping to give others the opportunity to engage in activities, have a voice, and meet people that they otherwise would not have been able to.

Ultimately they are looking for youth volunteering projects that help to improve communities, but if the project is new and exciting then even better! They particularly like to fund volunteer initiatives that are innovative and try to do things a bit differently, such as using social media creatively or using existing resources in new ways.

Applications for grants, not normally in excess of £500, are invited from individuals aged 30 and under or from small groups of young people who believe their actions to be in pursuit of the aims of the Trust.

It is highly unlikely that applications from young people embarking on organised 'gap year' projects overseas (with organisations like Project Trust, Raleigh International, or Health Projects Abroad) or requesting a grant for college/university course fees will match with the Trust's funding criteria.

## **Greggs Foundation**

<https://www.greggsfoundation.org.uk/grants/local-community-projects-fund>

The Local Community Projects Fund helps organisations based in local communities to deliver projects or provide equipment to people in need at the heart of their local communities.

Local Community Projects Funding is offered to organisations supporting people in need. Any not for profit organisation can apply, however, larger organisations with a turnover in excess of £300,000 are unlikely to be successful.

They are interested in projects that improve resilience within your community of interest. This can include sessional activities/respite support, equipment for sessional activities, trips and residential breaks. They are also interested in new approaches and innovative ideas as well as sustainable approaches to supporting your community of interest. They do not fund running costs or continuation of existing and ongoing work.

All projects must support a community of interest, ie people who are:

- Disabled or suffering chronic illness
- Living in poverty
- Voluntary carers
- Homeless
- Isolated older people
- Other demonstrable significant need

Successful applicants should be able to demonstrate improvements against at least one of their Key Performance Targets to be successful for a grant:

- Beneficiaries have decreased social isolation
- Beneficiaries report improved health and wellbeing
- Beneficiaries report improved resilience/coping mechanisms
- Beneficiaries have improved life skills
- Beneficiaries have improved opportunities

The maximum grant that they can give is £2,000.

### **vInspired Cashpoint**

<https://vinspired.com/cashpoint>

Cashpoint funding is for individual young people (or small groups) who have developed a project idea and will run the project themselves. Up to £500.

You are eligible if:

- The project is run by a 14-25 year old volunteer in the UK
- The project has a clear community benefit
- The main aim of the project is not to fundraise
- The project is either completely new or something you've done before but would like to do differently
- At least two unpaid 14-25 year old volunteers can help you out
- The project costs £500 or less and vInspired Cashpoint is the only funder.

### **Awards for All, England**

<http://www.awardsforall.org.uk/england/index.html>

Awards for All offers grants of between £300 and £10,000 for grassroots and community activity that aims to improve life for local people and neighbourhoods. It doesn't have a deadline and you can apply at any time.

It is for voluntary and community groups, schools and health organisations, parish and town councils.

National Lottery Awards for All has three funding priorities and you must be able to tell them in your application how your project or activity will:

- bring people together and build strong relationships in and across communities
- improve the places and spaces that matter to communities
- enable more people to fulfil their potential by working to address issues at the earliest possible stage.

It's important to them that you involve your community in the design, development and delivery of the activities you're planning. They feel that your project or activity will be more successful as a result.

They are also keen to support smaller organisations and will consider your income when making a decision.

## **Tudor Trust**

<http://tudortrust.org.uk/>

Tudor makes grants, and provides other types of support, to voluntary and community groups working in any part of the UK. They particularly want to help smaller, community-led organisations that work directly with people who are at the margins of society: organisations that support positive changes in people's lives and in their communities. They want to respond flexibly to your ideas and energy, and to fund effective organisations working to high standards.

Their ability to be flexible can mean that they are well-placed to support organisations which are in transition, whether they are entering a period of growth and development or are responding creatively to challenging circumstances.

The Tudor Trust wants to support smaller groups, embedded in their communities, which work directly with people who are on the edges of mainstream society in ways which encourage inclusion, integration and independence. They are particularly interested in supporting work that develops and promotes the social connections and relationships which make such an important contribution to the wellbeing and quality of life of individuals and which strengthens communities,

Tudor's trustees are also particularly interested in supporting smaller, under-resourced organisations: in their experience smaller organisations are particularly well-placed to deliver positive change because they know their communities and can be highly responsive to need, providing an individualised and holistic response to the people they support. The best smaller-scale organisations also encourage participation and inclusion and contribute to the resilience of communities by offering opportunities for connection and engagement.

They are therefore much more likely to fund groups with an annual income of less than £1 million. In practice the majority of the organisations we support are much smaller than this: last year over 77% of their grants went to groups with an annual income of less than £500,000.

Because they try to respond to the needs identified by organisations themselves, many of their grants take the form of core funding: funding which goes towards the core costs of running an organisation, including salaries, overheads and day-to-day running costs. Sometimes they may decide to offer unrestricted funding, through a grant which can be used entirely freely to further an organisation's charitable objectives.

They can also provide project grants, capital grants for buildings or equipment and grants to help strengthen your organisation. In some situations they may look at making a short-term loan if this is the most helpful solution and you can demonstrate how you can pay it back.

There is no maximum or minimum grant, though in practice it is unusual for them to make a grant of less than £10,000.

## **Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust**

<https://austin-hope-pilkington.org.uk/>

To apply, you must meet the following criteria:

- project must help Elderly people
- your charity's operating income must be a maximum of £1,000,000.

For all applications, they will prioritise projects focussing on:

- homelessness
- domestic abuse
- prisoners/offenders
- training and education
- counselling and support
- better access to the arts for those who have limited opportunities
- refugees and asylum seekers

Charities with an annual operating income up to a maximum of £1,000,000 and minimum of £50,000 will be able to apply for a grant of £1,000. Charities with an annual income above £1,000,000 will not be eligible to apply for this grant.

Charities with an annual income of over £500,000 will be able to apply for a grant of £5,000. Charities with an annual income below £500,000 will not be eligible to apply for this grant.

**Rank Foundation: Pebbles**

<http://www.rankfoundation.com/small-appeals/>

The Rank Foundation funding streams are only for the benefit of UK residents in UK communities.

Their executive directors are active in identifying initiatives to support their focus areas and the majority of funds available for major grants are already committed through their proactive programme. However, they continue to run a small grants programme for unsolicited appeals.

Their small funding stream is only for UK registered charities and recognised churches which are raising money for projects where the total cost is less than £1 million. If you are raising money for a particular project for which the mainstay is capital costs (building work, refurbishment or the purchase of long-term equipment) or a one-off short term activity (such as an annual respite break or holiday for disadvantaged young people) and have already raised a third of the total costs, you may be eligible.