



Funding South West is a group of funders who all invest in voluntary and community organisations across the West and South West of England. We come together for networking meetings every quarter to share information, knowledge and practice.

These are difficult times for the voluntary and community organisations we support – with cuts in government and local authority funding and increased demand for services. Funding from contracts and social investment products have changed the funding landscape and brought new opportunities and challenges, but grants still have their place and are offered by most of the funders in this publication.

The purpose of this publication is to confirm that we are open for business. The funders detailed in this publication all have funding available and want to support local groups to make a positive difference in their communities. Each funder has its own criteria and range of support available, so if you find a funder that interests you, do check out the link for further information.

Good luck with raising the funds you need.

*South West Funders,*

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**Please note:** The information was all checked and correct at December 2016.

If you are a local funder and want to know more about Funding South West please contact our co-chairs:

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**ARTS COUNCIL  
ENGLAND**

## Arts Council England

Arts Council England champions, develops and invests in artistic and cultural experiences that enrich people's lives. Their funding supports a range of activities across the arts, museums and libraries – from theatre to digital art, reading to dance, music to literature, and crafts to collections. The Arts Council believe that great art and culture inspires us, brings us together and teaches us about ourselves and the world around us. In short, it makes life better.

Between 2015 and 2018, Arts Council England plan to invest £1.1 billion of public money from government and an estimated £700 million from the National Lottery to help create these experiences for as many people as possible across the country. Funding is distributed through a range of open access, national portfolio and strategic funding based programmes.

More information: [www.artscouncil.org.uk](http://www.artscouncil.org.uk)



## Barnwood Trust

Barnwood Trust is a charitable foundation dedicated to creating the potential in Gloucestershire for disabled people and people with mental health problems to make the most of their lives. The Trust's mission is to be a catalyst for durable change.

Barnwood Trust gives four types of grants. They give grants to disabled people and people with mental health problems (Wellbeing Fund and Opportunities Award), to community groups (Small Sparks) and also to organisations who work to benefit disabled people in Gloucestershire.

More information: [www.barnwoodtrust.org](http://www.barnwoodtrust.org), email [grants@barnwoodtrust.org](mailto:grants@barnwoodtrust.org) or give Gail, Emma or Jane in the grants team a call on 01452 611292.



## BBC Children in Need

Our vision is that every child in the UK has a childhood which is safe, happy and secure and allows them the chance to reach their potential.

BBC Children in Need provides funding for not-for-profit organisations who work with disadvantaged children and young people, 18 years and under, living in the UK.

There is a small grant programme for requests up to £10,000 per year and a main grant programme for requests over £10,000 per year, with funding awarded for between one and three years. In addition, the Emergency Essentials grants program provides vulnerable children with essential items that meet their most basic needs.

More information: [www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey](http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey)

Phone: 0345 609 0015



## Big Lottery Fund

The Big Lottery Fund is responsible for distributing 40 per cent of all the money raised for good causes by the National Lottery and is focussed upon bringing real improvements to communities and the lives of people most in need. We want to hear about projects that support: people to take the lead in improving their lives and communities; lasting and sustainable changes to the places and spaces they are in; communities to develop happier and stronger relationships with each other; taking early action to prevent problems and tackle disadvantage. Funding is distributed through a range of open access, targeted and community based programmes with most of the awards going to voluntary and community sector organisations.

More information: [www.biglotteryfund.org.uk](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk)

Phone: Big Advice Line 03454 10 20 30



## The Blagrove Trust

A collaborative funder dedicated to supporting vulnerable and disadvantaged children and young people to access the opportunities and gain the skills they need to lead fulfilled lives and meet their potential. We seek out exciting partnerships with organisations in Berkshire, Hampshire, Sussex and Wiltshire, who put young people at the centre of their work.

More information: [www.blagrovetrust.org](http://www.blagrovetrust.org)



## Charity Bank

Charity Bank is an ethical bank that exists to lend to organisations with a social purpose. Since it was established in 2002, Charity Bank has lent over £150 million to more than 800 charities and social enterprises across the UK.

Our mission is to use loan finance to support charities and social enterprises, so you can be confident that we'll work with you side-by-side.

We're entirely owned by charitable foundations, trusts and social purpose organisations, so we can keep our social mission at the heart of everything we do.

You can apply for loans from £50,000 to £3.25 million and more in partnership with other lenders.

More information: [www.charitybank.org](http://www.charitybank.org)  
[loanenquiries@charitybank.org](mailto:loanenquiries@charitybank.org)

Phone: 01732 441919



## Comic Relief

Comic Relief is a major charity based in the UK with a vision of a just world free from poverty, where everyone is safe, healthy, educated and empowered. We work all year round to help make our vision a reality. To achieve this, we fund four programme areas:

- » Investing in children and young people to be ready for the future.
- » Empowering women and girls to be free to lead the lives they choose.
- » Improving the health and wellbeing of vulnerable and disadvantaged people.
- » Building stronger communities in areas of disadvantage, deprivation and poverty.

More information: [www.comicrelief.com/grants](http://www.comicrelief.com/grants)



## The Co-operative

The Co-op is on the lookout for more than 4,000 local charities and good causes to share up to £8m generated by its new membership scheme.

Members now receive five per cent back on the cost of Co-op branded goods and services they buy with a further one per cent going to local causes.

We've divided the country into around 1,500 communities. Members can choose the local cause they want to support from a list of up to three in each of these communities across the UK, centred on Co-op Food stores and Funeralcare homes. The money raised will provide much needed funding for thousands of organisations, from playgroups to luncheon clubs and from hospices to sports clubs that contribute so much to local life in Co-op communities from inner cities to remote rural islands.

The Co-op is looking for new local causes for its members to support and is inviting local charitable organisations that make a difference in their communities to apply.

More information: [www.coop.co.uk/causes](http://www.coop.co.uk/causes)  
[www.coop.co.uk/membership](http://www.coop.co.uk/membership)



## Devon Community Foundation

Devon Community Foundation is Devon's local charity for local people, supporting hundreds of voluntary and community groups on the frontline to build better and more inclusive communities for everyone. A catalyst for change, the Foundation provides a flexible and personal way for individuals and organisations to invest in local projects, helping to ensure Devon's communities' thrive. Since it began the Foundation has distributed over £10.5 million to 3,600 projects across Devon, Plymouth and Torbay making a real difference to the lives of local people in need.

More information: [www.devoncf.com](http://www.devoncf.com), [info@devoncf.com](mailto:info@devoncf.com)

Phone: 01884 235887



## Dorset Community Foundation

Dorset Community Foundation works to inspire local philanthropy and help people give back to Dorset to improve the lives of others. Many local residents are facing disadvantage and live in areas which are amongst the poorest in the UK. Over the last 16 years the Foundation has distributed over £10 million in grants to local smaller charities, community groups and local individuals in need.

The Foundation provides individuals and companies with a practical and valuable alternative to setting up a charity or a charitable trust.

Dorset Community Foundation also works with larger funders, established trusts and statutory bodies to provide tailored grant-making programmes to benefit residents all across the county of Dorset.

More information: [www.dorsetcommunityfoundation.org](http://www.dorsetcommunityfoundation.org)

Phone: 01202 670815



## Esmée Fairbairn Foundation

Esmée Fairbairn Foundation aims to improve the quality of life for people and communities throughout the UK both now and in the future. We do this by funding the charitable work of organisations with the ideas and ability to achieve positive change.

The Foundation is one of the largest independent grant-makers in the UK. We make grants of £30 – £35 million annually towards a wide range of work within the arts, children and young people, the environment, social change and food. We also commit up to £35 million in social investments in organisations that aim to deliver both a financial return and a social benefit.

More information: [www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk](http://www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk)

Phone: 020 7812 3700



## Football Foundation

The Football Foundation is the UK's largest sports' charity. Our mission is to improve facilities, create opportunities and build communities throughout England. Funded by the Premier League, The Football Association and the Government, the Foundation directs £30m every year into sport. It funds the development of new and refurbished grassroots sports facilities improving the quality and experience of playing sport at the grassroots level to sustain and increase participation and improve general skills levels.

The Foundation receives money from the very top of the professional game and also from the Department of Culture, Media and Sport through Sport England. It uses this money to leverage even more partnership funding, to deliver a programme of new and improved community sports facilities in towns and cities across the country.

More information: [www.footballfoundation.org.uk/funding-schemes](http://www.footballfoundation.org.uk/funding-schemes)



## Gloucestershire Community Foundation

Gloucestershire Community Foundation delivers a range of grant programmes to help voluntary and community groups in the county. We aim to overcome disadvantage by providing grants to groups that are meeting the needs of local communities and working with donors to ensure their money can make a difference.

More information [www.gloucestershirecf.org.uk](http://www.gloucestershirecf.org.uk)

Phone: 01242 851 357



## Help for Heroes

Our mission is to provide direct, practical support for life for our wounded, injured and sick Veterans, Service personnel and their loved ones.

Help for Heroes provides grant funding to individuals through our Quick Reaction Fund (QRF) which is centred on meeting immediate need, quickly. Our individual grant funding is focused on supporting those who have suffered a life changing injury or illness during their ongoing recovery. Examples of awards include those for vocational training, financial hardship, welfare and sporting recovery.

We also look to award grant funds to partners who can complement and enhance the services offered at our Four Recovery Centres across the country, including two based here in the South West at Tidworth and Plymouth. Examples of funding given to external grant partners include a grant of £50,000 to Wiltshire & Somerset Colleges Partnership to fund the role of a Functional Skills Tutor for Veterans, Serving Personnel and their families. We also support the South West Veterans Mental Health Service with a three-year grant of £390,000 to increase access to appropriate evidence-based psychological therapy for Veterans with complex mental health issues, across the South West.

More information: [www.helpforheroes.org.uk](http://www.helpforheroes.org.uk)

Phone: 01980 844354



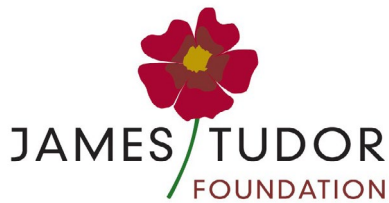
## Heritage Lottery Fund

Using money raised from the National Lottery, Heritage Lottery Fund funds a wide variety of heritage-focussed projects including wildlife, archives and community traditions. We are interested in hearing about projects from across the South West of England that help people to enjoy and engage with, learn about and conserve their heritage.

A wide variety of funding programmes are available with the smallest awards starting at £3,000. Grants can support a broad range of heritage projects and there are also schemes which are targeted at specific types of heritage, such as urgent repairs for places of worship, and restoring public parks.

More information: [www.hlf.org.uk](http://www.hlf.org.uk)

Phone: 01392 223 950



## James Tudor Foundation

The James Tudor Foundation works with UK registered charities and charitable incorporated organisations for the relief of human sickness. It does not make grants to individuals. The Foundation operates a framework of 6 programme categories that includes palliative care, medical research and health education. There is no geographic constraint for the projects the trustees choose to support.

The Foundation accepts applications that fulfil its objectives; adhere to its guidelines; and demonstrate public benefit.

**More information:** [www.jamestudor.org.uk](http://www.jamestudor.org.uk) or [admin@jamestudor.org.uk](mailto:admin@jamestudor.org.uk)

**Phone:** 0117 985 8715



## Lloyds Bank Foundation

Our grants fund small and medium-sized charities that are working with people experiencing multiple disadvantage at a critical point in their life such as release from prison, or leaving care. Our website lists all the critical 'transition' points that we fund.

We have two grant programmes:

**Invest** – grants provide longer term core or direct delivery funding for eligible charities that are delivering clear outcomes as a result of their work. These grants are from £10,000 up to a maximum of £25,000 per year for two or three years, with the opportunity for continuation funding for a further period – up to six years in total.

**Enable** – grants are awarded to eligible charities that have identified clear development areas. Enable grants are up to a total of £15,000 over one or two years, and can reinvigorate charities through funding organisational improvements, development of areas such as leadership and governance, improved systems and demonstrating outcomes. These developments put charities in a stronger position to better deliver services and attract funding.

**More information:** [www.lloydsbankfoundation.org.uk](http://www.lloydsbankfoundation.org.uk)

**Phone:** 0870 411 1223



Department for  
Digital, Culture  
Media & Sport

## The Office for Civil Society

The Office for Civil Society (OCS) is part of the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS). We lead government activity to support a strong and sustainable voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) sector, both through our own work as well as supporting other government departments to incorporate civil society approaches into their work. OCS supports initiatives to deliver social reform and build a fairer society that works for everyone.

We work to grow social action and volunteering, and to increase charitable giving and social investment. We seek to make it easier for the sector to run their organisations and to shape and deliver public services. Our work also supports young people to boost their skills and become involved in social action.

OCS funded activity includes the National Citizen Service (NCS), the Youth Social Action Fund and Youth Impact Fund, the Local Sustainability Fund, the Centre for Social Action, Community Organisers, the Life Chances Fund and Centre for Social Impact Bonds.

**More information:** [www.gov.uk/government/organisations/departments-for-culture-media-sport](http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/departments-for-culture-media-sport)



## Power to Change

Over ten years, with an endowment from Big Lottery Fund, Power to Change is supporting community businesses to create better places across England. We want to support people to take action to address local challenges, enabling them to control vital assets and services that might otherwise disappear, or start new businesses themselves in response to local needs. At the heart of our vision is the devolution of power to local communities. We believe that putting business in community hands makes places better.

We offer a range of funding and support programmes aimed at community businesses at ideas or start up stage, through to larger grants for established organisations, funding aimed at specific sectors. We also offer a range of training and support for community businesses. All current opportunities are listed on our website, and new programmes and opportunities are announced via our newsletter.

**More information:** [www.thepowertochange.org.uk](http://www.thepowertochange.org.uk)



## Quartet Community Foundation

Quartet Community Foundation is the Community Foundation for the West of England sub region. We cover Bristol, Bath & NE Somerset, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire. We have a range of grant making programmes to which community and voluntary sector organisations in that area can apply for funding. Typically, grants are around £2,000, but it is worth checking our website to see what programmes are available. We distribute over £2.5m in our region each year to about 1000 organisations, so do please contact us to find out more about our programme.

**More information:** [www.quartetcf.org.uk](http://www.quartetcf.org.uk)



## Santander Foundation

Santander Foundation provides Discovery Grants of up to £5,000 to charities, CICs or credit unions for projects that specifically help disadvantaged people in the UK to improve skills, knowledge or innovation.

Applications can be made by visiting any branch of Santander and there are no deadlines. Projects must be for a local charity or local project of a larger charity.

More information: [www.santanderfoundation.org.uk](http://www.santanderfoundation.org.uk)



## Somerset Community Foundation

Somerset Community Foundation delivers unique grant and loan funding programmes to support, encourage and develop local charities, community groups and social enterprises, helping to transform peoples' lives across Somerset.

We have access to over 60 funds, many of which are tailored to the individual wishes of our donors, plus match funding opportunities. Most programmes support organisations but there are also some funds available for individuals. The Foundation is committed to offering responsive and flexible support based on the individual needs of the groups they seek to support. If we are unable to help, we will always try to signpost to other appropriate agencies and funding sources when appropriate.

More information: [www.somersetcf.org.uk](http://www.somersetcf.org.uk)

Phone: 01749 344949



## South West Foundation

South West Foundation is an independent charitable trust operating throughout the South West region. The Foundation has been offering funding to small voluntary and community organisations throughout the South West since 2002. Our main focus is on small community groups and we currently offer programmes of small grants up to £1,000 for organisations supporting people most in need in communities. From time to time the Foundation does also offer grants up to £15,000 for both small and medium-sized organisations when funding permits. The Foundation does accept applications from organisations that are not registered charities but these must be able to demonstrate that they are clearly charitable. The Foundation also runs events and other support activities for the sector.

More information: [www.southwestfoundation.org.uk](http://www.southwestfoundation.org.uk)

Phone: 01761 471 104



## St John's

Established in 1174, St John's is renowned for its high quality almshouse provision but also manages an extensive grant-making programme, providing support to individuals and charitable organisations in Bath and surrounding areas.

Working with local experts and innovators, we are constantly looking at ways in which we can support even more people to have independent and fulfilled lives. The main areas of support are in health and wellbeing, housing, isolation, poverty, employment and skills training.

Applications on behalf of individuals can range from requests for necessities such as household goods or interview clothes to families dealing with the challenges of incapacity and disability; our community grant-making programme is dedicated to helping organisations that share our values and commitment to change and who have imaginative ideas for engaging people in community life.

Awards can vary from £500 to £40k and, from 2016, we are committed to awarding at total of £1million per year

More information: [www.stjohnsbath.org.uk](http://www.stjohnsbath.org.uk)

Phone: 01225 486 400



St Monica Trust

## St Monica Trust

The St Monica Trust Community Fund aims to keep people independent and living in their own community for as long as possible. We do this by helping individuals and families to buy the essential things they need or supporting them through a crisis. We give help to people who satisfy the following criteria:

1. Have a physical disability or long-term physical health problem.
2. Live in Bristol, South Gloucestershire, North Somerset or Bath and North East Somerset.
3. Have a low income and limited savings.
4. Are over 40 years of age.

The charitable trust deed, which was set out by our founders specifies that we can only help people who meet all four of the above criteria. We can and do help people with dementia or people affected by the physical infirmities of old age but we are unable to help people with mental health problems or people with a learning disability unless they also have a physical disability or long-term physical health problem.

The St Monica Trust Community Fund also awards grants of up to £15,000 to organisations which provide support and services to older people and adults with a physical disability or a long-term illness.

More information: [www.stmonicastrust.org.uk](http://www.stmonicastrust.org.uk)

Phone: 01179 494 003



## Summerfield Charitable Trust

The Summerfield Charitable Trust gives away approximately £450,000 a year to a wide range of charities and CICs. They must be based in Gloucestershire or they must be engaged in a project that is of specific benefit to the residents of the county.

Viewed especially favourably are projects and organisations working in:

- » The arts, museums and the built heritage
- » The environment and natural heritage
- » Community Work
- » Education, sport and recreation
- » Vulnerable or disadvantaged sectors of society

More information: [www.summerfield.org.uk](http://www.summerfield.org.uk)



## Wiltshire Community Foundation

Wiltshire Community Foundation provides support to those most in need in Wiltshire and Swindon. As an independent charity we are a secure source of funding built through the generous donations of many supporters over the last 40 years.

Last year we made grants of over £1million supporting 87,625 people in Wiltshire and Swindon. We aim to provide a dedicated source of funding for Wiltshire and Swindon for the future by matching donors to groups making an impact on people's lives and helping them to support their local area.

We award grants to groups and individuals throughout the year – please visit our website to find out more about the available grant programmes and to complete an expression of interest.

More information: [www.wiltshirecf.org.uk](http://www.wiltshirecf.org.uk)

Phone: 01380 729284