

Grants & Funding 12th March 2021.

The Climate Action Fund – The National Lottery Community Fund

The Climate Action Fund (CAF) is supporting communities across the UK to take action on climate change. These communities will demonstrate what is possible when people lead in this work. With National Lottery funding, they will work together, share their learning and be active participants in a broader movement of change.

CAF is part of the National Lottery Community Fund's Environment Strategy. This second round will focus on supporting medium scale to large-scale projects addressing waste and consumption. The focus remains on place-based, community-led partnerships that will make the changes in their community they believe will have the biggest impact on climate change.

At this initial application stage, CAF want to hear about your project, the long-term vision and aims, and how your community has been involved in shaping and deciding what you will do. This application should come from one lead partner, which should be one of the eligible types of organisation listed on their website under 'who can and cannot apply', [Climate Action Fund - The National Lottery Community Fund](#)

It is expected that 12 to 15 awards will be made and the closing date for initial ideas is 5 pm on Thursday 8th April 2021. If you are successful and get to the next stage the rest of the application process will take six to eight months.

Natural Environment Investment Readiness Fund – Environment Agency

The natural environment investment readiness fund (NEIRF) supports the Government's goals in the 25-year environment plan, green finance strategy and 10-point plan for a green industrial revolution. It aims to stimulate private investment and market-based mechanisms that improve and safeguard our domestic natural environment by helping projects get ready for investment.

The NEIRF is a competitive grants scheme providing grant between £10,000 and £100,000 to support the development of environmental projects in England that:

- Help achieve one or more natural environmental outcomes from the 25 Year environment plan.
- Have the ability to produce revenue from ecosystem services to attract and repay investment.
- Produce an investment model that can be scaled up and reproduced.

The grants are to help;

- Get support from professional advisors to develop your project, address barriers to investment and present an attractive case for potential investors.
- Build capability to attract financial investment into natural environment projects.
- Develop a market for ecosystem services.

The deadline for applications is Friday 26th March 2021. To learn more and apply online visit the Government website: [GOV.UK](#)

BBC Children in Need - Small and Main Grants programmes

The Small and Main Grants programmes are open to not-for-profit organisations for grants up to three years. Your organisation must be based in the UK and for applications to the main grant programme you must be registered with a body such as the Charities Commission or Companies House. The deadline for applications is 11.30 am Monday 12th April 2021 with decisions communicated before the end of May 2021.

Organisations who can explain why they are best placed to deliver their work must be able to talk about:

- Their well-established links with young people
- The skills and expertise they have for the work they are requesting funding for
- Their track record delivering the work they are requesting funding for. This is especially important for applicants for the Main Grants programme
- How they work alongside other organisations in their local community

We give grants for:

Children and young people aged 18 years and under experiencing disadvantage through:

- Illness, distress, abuse, or neglect.
- Any kind of disability.
- Behavioural or psychological difficulties.
- Living in poverty or situations of deprivation.

The work we fund make differences in children's lives that help prevent or overcome the effects of the disadvantages they face. Funded organisations achieve these differences by either working directly with children or seeking to improve their social and physical environments.

To read about the minimum standards for grant making please visit the BBC children in need website where you can also find the online application, [BBC Children in Need](#)

The Barratt Foundation

To mark the completion of their 500,000th home, Barratt Homes has launched the Barratt Foundation, bringing together their charitable giving and long-term support for good causes and leading charities under one roof.

As the UK's largest house builder, Barratt want to lead the industry in the scope, scale, and impact of their charitable work. Last year they raised and donated more than £4m – but now want to go further.

In addition to the achieving their 500,000th home milestone, with the pandemic both reducing funding for charities and making the work they do more important than ever, they feel this is the right moment to launch the Barratt Foundation.

It has a general purpose, but they will look to focus efforts on some key areas, including:

- Promoting social inclusion, particularly young people, the armed forces and the most disadvantaged and excluded in society.
- Helping the environment and nature, alongside our commitment to being the country's leading national sustainable housebuilder
- Promoting physical and mental health

- Education and opportunity

To mark the launch of the Barratt Foundation, they are donating £500,000 across 10 charities chosen by their employees. These charities are Macmillan Cancer Support, Dementia UK, CALM, The Wildlife Trust, Marie Curie, Re-engage, The Samaritans, Refuge, The Matt Hampson Foundation and The Care Workers' Charity.

If there is a local charity working in your area that you feel could benefit from their support, please direct them to the Foundation for more information and details on how to get in touch, or to make an application to the Barratt Foundation.

www.barrattfoundation.org.uk

The Royal Theatrical Fund and the Fleabag Support Fund

The Royal Theatrical Fund, in association with the Fleabag Support Fund, will be re-opening for applications on 21st March 2021 for applications from those who have worked professionally in the theatre industry, this includes, on stage, front of house, backstage workers, comedians, cabaret performers, commercial dancers.

Applicants must be based in the UK and must have a UK bank account and been in active work within the last year in the UK theatre industry. CV's will need to be supplied with dates of employment. A copy of a cancelled contract will be of benefit for any application.

Applicants will need to supply proof of their current benefit award, for example a screen shot of their Universal Credit award showing how it has been calculated or their tax credits or housing benefit award.

The RTF will prioritise applications to those that prove they are in the most financial need.

To apply visit the Royal Theatrical Fund's website: [Fleabag Support Fund — The Royal Theatrical Fund \(trtf.com\)](http://Fleabag Support Fund — The Royal Theatrical Fund (trtf.com))

The Enterprise Development Programme Mental Health Grants

Grants up to £30,000 and additional business support for charities and social enterprises working in the mental health sector in England to develop new or grow existing enterprises.

Expressions of Interest deadline is Friday 19th March 2021 and full applications deadline is 5 pm Monday 1st April 2021.

The funder is Access – The Foundation for Social Investment with a budget of £40 million and is expected to be available until 2024. Its Mental Health Support strand offers grants and business advice to agencies operating in the mental health sector in England to explore new models of trading. The following grant and business support packages are available to help organisations develop and grow their services:

- Grants of up to £30,000 to research or test out new ideas, to launch new enterprises or grow existing ones (grants likely to be conditional on evidence of growing income sources)
- Access to a team of pro bono legal experts who can offer guidance on the legal considerations of trading.
- Extensive peer-learning and networking opportunities, and

- Invitations to conferences on enterprise development and social investment within the wider charitable sector

Eligible applicants must:

- Be able to demonstrate that in their last full year accounts there was (a) an annual revenue of between £50,000 and £1.5 million, and (b) that income from statutory bodies was a maximum of 80% of the total income (this is to demonstrate a diversification of income streams rather than reliance on a single sources of income such as grant funding)
- Be based in England, along with the majority of their beneficiaries.
- Distribute less than 50% of post-tax profits and reinvest at least 51% of surpluses into pursuing their social mission.
- Evidence effective personalised approaches and community connections
- Evidence the involvement/influence of lived experience or co-production in development of services and enterprising activities.
- Have a clear social mission.
- Have a commitment to diversifying income through trading activities, demonstrated by either evidence of current trading activities which require support/development or a commitment from senior management and the Board to pilot/test a coherent trading idea.
- Have a constitutional or contractual lock on their social mission, dividend, and surplus distribution policy (i.e. an asset lock)
- Have a stated mission to support individuals suffering from mental health issues or illnesses (this must be stated in the organisation's governing/constitutional documents), and
- Have been operating as a registered company/charity for at least two years.

Further information, guidance, together with an online Expression of Interest Form is available on their website: [Enterprise Development website](#)

If your Expression of interest is successful you will be invited to submit an application.

Small Grants Scheme – Foyle Foundation

This Small Grants Scheme is designed to support charities registered and operating in the United Kingdom, especially those working at grass roots and local community level, in any field, across a wide range of activities.

Online applications can be accepted from charities that have an annual turnover of less than £150,000 per annum. Larger or national charities will normally not be considered under this scheme.

The focus will be to make one-year grants only to cover core costs or essential equipment, to enable ongoing service provision, homeworking, or delivery of online digital services to charities that can show financial stability.

The priority will be to support local charities still active in their communities which are currently delivering services to the young, vulnerable, elderly, disadvantaged or the general community either directly or through online support if possible.

Grants are available between £1000 and £10,000.

[Small Grants Scheme - \(foylefoundation.org.uk\)](http://foylefoundation.org.uk)