

Funding Factsheet - Small Capital Projects/Renovations

Rose Foundation

The Rose Foundation offers grants for building projects under £200k in the London area. They will consider any project that involves the use of a builder and fund between £5-10k. This is a rolling programme.

Website: <http://www.rosefoundation.co.uk/>

Awards for All

Funding priorities are:

- bringing people together and building strong relationships in and across communities
- improving the places and spaces that matter to communities
- enabling more people to fulfil their potential by working to address issues at the earliest possible stage.

Up to £10K for small capital projects. For more information and to [apply click here](#).

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

Reaching Communities Fund

This programme offers a larger amount of funding (over £10,000) for organisations that work with their community, whether that is for people living in the same area, or people with similar interests or life experiences.

One of the things the Reaching Communities Fund can be used for is the **purchasing, refurbishing or developing of land and buildings**.

Read more [here](#).

Website: <https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/reaching-communities-england#section-1>

Garfield Weston Foundation

Garfield Weston Foundation fund a wide range of themes including community. Their funding includes capital grants for the restoration of village halls and community centres and facilities to support community life.

Website: <https://garfieldweston.org/>

Richmond Community Fund

Allocates funds collected from the Community Infrastructure Levy generated from building developments in the borough to spend on local priorities which address the demands that the development places on the area. Previous awards have included a community kitchen, playground and garden spaces, and refurbishment of community spaces and places. Round 5 is due to be open in Autumn 23.

Website:

https://www.richmond.gov.uk/myrichmond/community_engagement/support_and_funding/available_funding/community_fund/community_fund_round_five

Span Trust

The Span Trust seeks to fund projects by awarding grants between £5,000 and £20,000 that will alleviate poverty, disability, age or ill health, and advance urban regeneration through the improvement of the built environment. They offer grants to both registered and exempt charities.

Website: <https://www.spantrust.org.uk/>

Foyle Foundation

The Foyle Foundation is an independent grant-making trust that distributes grants to UK charities. Since it became operational in November 2001, The Foundation has disbursed £133.6M in grants (up to 31st December 2022).

The Foundation supports charities in three main areas:

- Main Grants Scheme, supporting charities whose core work covers [Arts](#) and [Learning](#)
- [The Foyle School Library Scheme](#)
- [Small Grants Scheme](#)

Under the small grants scheme, funding of up to £10K can be provided for small capital projects or core costs. Applicants must be a registered charity with an income of under £150K.

Website: <http://www.foylefoundation.org.uk/>

City Bridge Trust

The City Bridge Trust provides grants and resources to help communities foster connections, become more resilient and build a more equal London. One grant funding theme offered by the City Bridge Trust **is access improvements to community buildings**. The trust offers grants to carry out access audits and subsequent access improvements.

Access Audits: Independent access audits give authoritative guidance on how to improve a building's accessibility. They are free and available to all eligible organisations wherever the building is owned or with a lease over five years. The access audit must be carried out by an independent specialist as recommended by the Trust or through their partners [Centre for Accessible Environments](#). You cannot apply for capital funding unless an access audit has been carried out. **For more information on Access Audits and to start an application, [click here](#).**

Capital Funding for Access Improvements: Once you have a completed access audit, you can apply to City Bridge Trust for funding to carry out the work it recommends to make your community building more accessible for Deaf and disabled people, including people with sensory impairments and learning disabilities.

Funding of up to £150,000 towards access improvements can be considered. To apply for capital works you must be able to provide evidence that an access audit has been conducted. **For more information on Capital Funding for Access Improvements and to start an application, please click [here](#).**

Website: <https://www.citybridgetrust.org.uk/>

Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation

The Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation is an independent grant-making charity. They give funds to charities registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales within a set of carefully considered guidelines. Grants are from £1,000 upwards and the majority, around 80%, are under £5,000.

Grants are divided into the following four categories. Please click on the link for more information as to whether your project qualifies:

- [Community](#)
- [Education](#)
- [Health](#)
- [Social Welfare](#)

Before applying it is essential that you read the funder's [Eligibility Criteria](#) and [Funding FAQs](#).

Website: <http://www.bernardsunley.org/index.html>

The Clothworkers Foundation - Open Grants Programme

Award grants to UK registered charities, CICs, and other registered UK not-for-profit organisations (including special schools). Grants are awarded towards capital projects which are defined as:

- Buildings: purchase, construction, renovation or refurbishment.
- Fittings, Fixtures, and Equipment: this includes but is not limited to office equipment/furniture, sports/gym equipment, digital/audio visual equipment, garden equipment, specialist therapeutic (excluding medical) equipment. It does not include equipment for one-off use, or which will be given to service users for personal use on a permanent basis.
- Vehicles: This includes a minibus, car, caravan, people-carrier, or 4X4. We are unlikely to fund the total cost of a new vehicle and do not provide grants towards vehicle leasing.

The size of grant awarded will depend on a number of factors including the size of your organisation and the cost and scale of your capital project. Learn more about applying for a grant [here](#).

Website: <https://www.clothworkersfoundation.org.uk/what-we-fund/>

The Rank Foundation - Pebble Grants

Pebbles is the Rank Foundation's small funding stream for UK registered charities and recognised churches which are raising money for projects where the total cost is less than £150,000. This money can be spent on short breaks (such as an annual respite break or holiday for disadvantaged young people), equipment (such as white goods), or capital costs (refurbishment or minor building work). Learn more about eligibility criteria and how to apply for this grant [here](#).

Website: <https://rankfoundation.com/pebble-grants/>

London Marathon Charitable Trust Active Spaces Fund

For projects that will improve and activate spaces, places and facilities that will help the least active children and young people and marginalised groups and communities to lead active and healthy lives.

Location: London only

Funding Amounts: Most grants will be between £5,000 and £50,000

Visit [Active Spaces Fund](#) for more information.

Website: <https://www.lmct.org.uk/what-we-fund/active-spaces-fund/index.html>

The Screwfix Foundation

Support projects that improve, repair and maintain homes and community facilities used by those in need throughout the UK. Funding up to £5k available.

Website: <https://www.screwfix.com/help/screwfixfoundation>

B & Q Foundation

Provide grants, volunteer time and DIY resources to charities who are creating or improving spaces so that people in their communities have a place to feel comfortable and at home. Grants are usually up to £5k, but they will consider larger grants for projects that support their objectives. Examples of funding awarded include refurbishments of community spaces, creation of community gardens, and equipment for hospices and charities supporting physical health and mobility.

Website: <https://bqfoundation.org.uk/>

Valencia Communities Fund

Valencia Communities Fund is an independent, not-for-profit organisation which provides funding for community, heritage and biodiversity projects around the UK through the Landfill Communities Fund. The London Borough of Richmond upon Thames is in an area eligible for Valencia Communities Fund funding.

The Main Grants Scheme is open for applications of up to £50,000.

Your project must fulfil one of the following objectives to be eligible for funding:

- The protection of the environment, the provision, maintenance or improvement of public amenities and parks, which are open and accessible to the public.
- The protection of the environment, the enhancement, protection and/or promotion of biological diversity of a species or habitat.
- The protection of the environment, the maintenance, repair, or restoration of a building of historic or architectural interest which is open and accessible to the public.

Click here to read the criteria for [community projects](#).

Read guidance for applicants by clicking [here](#).

Website: <https://www.valenciacommunitiesfund.co.uk/>

If you are a church or heritage organisation looking for specialist funders why not try...

The Heritage Funding Directory

Website: <https://www.heritagefundingdirectoryuk.org/>

National Churches Trust

Website: <https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/get-support/buildings-maintenance/major-grant-funders>

Please contact Richmond CVS to discuss any funding projects, including church and heritage projects, you would like further advice on. Email us at action@richmondcv.org.uk to arrange a chat.

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