



# ***Funders in Bedfordshire & Luton***



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**ARTS COUNCIL  
ENGLAND**

***Arts Council England***

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. Arts Council England champions, develops and invests in artistic and cultural experiences that enrich people's lives.

Arts Council England fund arts projects that engage people or that help artists and arts organisations carry out their work. They support 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.

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

Tel: 0845 300 6200



***BBC Children in Need***

BBC Children in Need funds not-for-profit organisations who work with disadvantaged children and young people 18 years and under living in the UK. The focus is firmly on children and young people experiencing disadvantage.

General grant programmes include small and main grants with funding awarded for between one and three years. In addition, the Emergency Essentials grants program (administered by Buttle UK) provides struggling families with items that meet children's most basic needs.

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

Tel: 0345 609 0015



***Bedford Borough Council (Bedford Borough Only)***

**Community Chest Fund** - Up to £1,000 Core or project funding for established voluntary, charitable organisations and community groups.

**The House of Industry Estate** - Capital items up to £25,000 which do NOT involve works to land or property or core revenue funding for one-off emergency purposes of up to £15,000 or revenue funding for projects including those lasting for more than one year

**Bedford Borough Council Rural Grants Scheme** - Funding for rural organisations or rural Parish Councils for capital projects.

**Members' Ward Fund** - Ward Funds are intended to provide ward councillors with a flexible resource with which to address specific local priorities and can be used to help one off projects; contributions to celebration events; start-up costs for a new group or organisation for instance.

More information: <http://tinyurl.com/nhbc3qq>

Tel: 01234 267422



### ***Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust***

This Trust was established in 1991 to raise and manage funds to help the restoration and repair of churches and chapels in the counties of Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire. The Trust also acts as a distributive agent for church grants made by the Wixamtree Trust in Bedfordshire.

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

Tel: 01767 312966.



### ***Bedfordshire & Luton Community Foundation***

Bedfordshire & Luton Community Foundation manages the charitable giving and philanthropy of a range of local families and businesses. Some funding is also delivered on behalf of national charities and local/national government.

The Foundation manages several funds, each of which are targeted at a specific geography or issue. Awards are aimed at smaller community and voluntary groups to whom a sum of a few thousand pounds can make a real difference. The funds available in Bedford Borough include:

#### ***London Luton Airport Ltd (Luton Only)***

- ***Community Awards Fund*** - There are two funds under this scheme, one for the Luton Borough Council area and one for its near neighbours (to the south, south west, west and north east of the Airport).
- ***Youth Services Fund*** - aimed at supporting young people aged between 11 and 19 (or 25 if disabled) across Luton. Awards of up to £50,000 across three levels of application.



#### ***London Luton Airport Operations Ltd (Luton and Central Bedfordshire Only)***

Awards of up to £7,500 in support of projects which match the wishes outlined in its Community Engagement Strategy, including:

- *Creating a well-educated and skilled population (e.g. training courses for staff or volunteers that offer accreditation)*
- *Building healthy communities (e.g. healthy eating projects, sports, recreation and other linked activities)*
- *Supporting arts and culture*
- *Environmental projects*
- *Community development (e.g. bringing communities together)*

#### ***Comic Relief***

Awards of up to £5,000 to increase local services, build skills of local people, increase community cohesion, respond to local economic needs or increase access to sport and exercise for people who face social exclusion and isolation.

*50% of funds under this scheme are spent on access to sport and exercise.*





The Panacea Society

**The Panacea Charitable Trust (Bedford Borough Only)**  
The Foundation distributes awards on behalf of the Panacea Charitable Trust to projects where the beneficiaries are from the town of Bedford. Priority is given to groups that support those who are experiencing mental health issues or projects supporting those in poverty or with physical disabilities. The emphasis is on health/sickness, poverty and education. Awards in the region of £1000.



**Kingsbrook and Cauldwell Fund (Bedford Borough Wards of Kingsbrook and Cauldwell Only)**  
A small awards fund created by residents of Kingsbrook and Cauldwell wards from their community plan. Awards of between £50 and £5,000 can be made to projects addressing the issues outlined in the criteria.



**Removing Barriers to Volunteering in Bedford Borough (Bedford Borough Only)**  
Awards of up to £2,000 to help recruit, train and retain volunteers.



**Bedfordshire & Luton Crimebeat**  
Funding of up to £500 is available for projects tackling issues of Community Safety, Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour reduction for children and young people, or projects for the wider community led by young people. Funding is also available towards transport costs for lower, middle & primary schools and the lower age range academy's to visit Hazard Alley Safety Centre in Milton Keynes. Funding towards the cost of transport for visits to Hazard Alley is limited to one visit per school in any three year period.



**General Fund**  
Awards of up to £1,000 to fund any organisation (not necessarily a registered charity) which is seeking funds to spend on a project that will benefit those in the local community who are deprived or disadvantaged in some way (e.g. the elderly, the disabled, the isolated, the poor, etc.).

For more information on these funds visit: [www.blcf.org.uk/awards](http://www.blcf.org.uk/awards)

Tel: 01234 834930



**Bedfordshire Police Partnership Trust**

Funding for Crime Prevention Youth Projects for any community group can apply for funding of up to £1000, but the main aim is to allow local police officers and other members of the police directly involved with the community to develop good ideas, normally based around Crime Prevention, Road Safety or Drug Awareness programmes.

Applications will be considered which generally come under the term of improving the quality of life of local communities.

The Partnership encourages applicants to speak to the trust administrator in the first instance to discuss their application.

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

Tel: 01234 842619



### **Biffa Award**

Biffa Award provides funding to community buildings and recreation projects. You can apply for grants of between £10,000 and £75,000. The project's site must be within 5 miles of a significant Biffa operation and also the project's site must also be within 10 miles of an active landfill site operated by Biffa or any other authorised landfill site managed by other operators. In the case of biodiversity projects this must be within 15 miles of an operation, this can be checked via the Biffa Award website.

More information: [www.biffa-award.org](http://www.biffa-award.org)

Tel: 01636 670000



### **Big Lottery Fund**

The Big Lottery Fund is the largest UK distributor of National Lottery money to good causes. BIG funds projects for health, education, environmental and charitable purposes and is focussed upon bringing real improvements to communities and lives of people most in need.

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)

Tel: 0845 4102030



### **Create Charity**

The Create Charity has two funds that make small one-off grants. The Christian Fund makes small grants to local Church and Christian projects that are interdenominational. The Community Fund makes small grants available to projects that seek to benefit their local community

More information: [www.create-charity.org.uk](http://www.create-charity.org.uk)



### **Charity Bank**

Charity Bank is the only regulated bank in the UK that is also a registered general charity. It's also the only bank that uses its depositors' funds solely to provide financial support and guidance to organisations with a charitable purpose. Charity Bank can provide charity loan funding from £50,000 up to £1 million (larger facilities may be arranged in partnership with other lenders). They invest in organisations that have a social purpose including community groups, registered charities and social enterprises.

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

Tel: 01732 774040



### **Comic Relief**

Comic Relief is a major charity based in the UK which strives to create a just world free from poverty. The mission is to drive positive change through the power of entertainment. Comic Relief's grant making themes are Better Futures, Healthier Finances, Safer Lives, Stronger Communities and Fairer Society.

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

Tel: 020 7820 2000



### **The Discovery Foundation**

Discovery Grants of up to £5,000 are available to fund an activity which supports one or more of our three priority themes:

- **Explorer - improving knowledge and insight** - Examples include a series of Money Management workshops to help people understand how to budget and identify the affordable credit choices available to them. A Freedom Training course giving abused women knowledge of how to regain control over their lives.
- **Transformer - developing skills and experience** - Examples include work-based training and mentors to help socially isolated people develop skills to get back into work. Sign language training for parents with hearing impaired children. Or teaching young people with autism vocational skills.
- **Changemaker - innovative solutions to social challenges** - Examples include a new social networking program for visually impaired young people which uses specially developed braille laptops to access the internet. An inclusive cycling social enterprise which adapts bicycles to enable people with disabilities to enjoy the outdoors.



Grants must directly benefit disadvantaged people in the UK and must be for something that is wholly charitable and local. Funding is available for specific projects and can cover salaries, equipment or materials for the project. Funding is only for one year and must deliver a local project, not a national initiative. We aim to fund a complete item rather than simply make a contribution to an appeal. We support health, research and palliative care charities through our staff fundraising scheme, so these are not eligible for a Discovery Grant.

Website: [www.santanderfoundation.org.uk/discovery-grants.aspx](http://www.santanderfoundation.org.uk/discovery-grants.aspx)



### **Esmée Fairbairn Foundation**

The Esmée Fairbairn Foundation is one of the largest independent grant-makers and aims to improve the quality of life for people and communities throughout the UK both now and in the future through funding organisations with the ideas and ability to achieve positive change.

	<p>Grants are available towards a wide range of work within the arts, education and learning, the environment and social change. There is also a Food strand which supports the important role food plays in wellbeing and a Finance Fund which invests in organisations that deliver both a financial return and a social benefit.</p> <p>More information: <a href="http://www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk">www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk</a></p> <p>Tel: 020 7812 3700</p>
	<p><b>Foundation East</b></p> <p>Foundation East works on a not-for-profit basis providing loans of up to £50,000 to enterprises based in Eastern England, who have been unable to obtain funding from traditional sources. Every application is judged on its own merits and funds can also be provided which match grant capital.</p> <p>Foundation East is also a delivery partner for ‘Start Up Loans for Young People’ and is at the heart of the Community Land Trust initiative.</p> <p>More Information: <a href="http://www.foundationeast.org">www.foundationeast.org</a></p> <p>Tel: 01284 757777</p>
	<p><b>The Gale Family Charitable Trust</b></p> <p>The trust gives support in three area; churches and church ministries, donations to charities and organisations active in the community life of Bedford and Bedfordshire and donations to UK charities and organisations active in community life.</p> <p>Tel: 01234 354508</p>
	<p><b>The Harpur Trust (Bedford Borough Only)</b></p> <p>The Harpur Trust aims to inspire and support people in the Borough of Bedford to improve their lives. It does this through its grants programme, its work with schools (it owns four independent schools and sponsors one academy) and by providing sheltered accommodation for older people.</p> <p>Grants are available to organisations operating projects in the Borough of Bedford and are split into two categories. The responsive programme covers the Trust’s objects of education, relief of poverty or distress and recreation with a social welfare purpose. Themed programmes are for projects which focus on coping with difficult life Transitions, Resilience and Isolation. There are also a small number of grants made to individuals.</p> <p>More information: <a href="http://www.harpurtrust.org.uk">www.harpurtrust.org.uk</a></p> <p>Tel: 01234 369500</p>



### ***Heritage Lottery Fund***

Using money raised from the National Lottery, HLF funds a wide variety of heritage focused projects including wildlife, archives and community traditions. They are interested in hearing about projects from across the East 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)

Tel: 01223 224870

### ***Langford and Biggleswade Windfarm Community Funding (specified Central Beds Communities)***

This is a new fund able to provide financial assistance to any group or organisation providing that the project they wish to spend the money on is located within the Parish Boundaries of Langford and Biggleswade

The Langford and Biggleswade Wind Farm has ten 110m high wind turbines and a substation building. The turbines have been erected on land to the north of Edworth Road, Langford and south of Biggleswade between the A1 and the East Coast Mainline Railway line. The wind farm will have a life span of around 25 years, after which the site will be returned to its original condition.

A Section 106 Agreement accompanying the planning permission says that the Co-Operative (the developer) must pay an Annual Community Fund Contribution of £24,000. Supported by officers from Central Bedfordshire Council, the Langford and Biggleswade Community Fund Group (LBCFG) has been established.

In accordance with the Section 106 Agreement, the LBCFG has agreed criteria to decide what local community projects will receive financial assistance, and to what extent that assistance is given. Projects must contribute to either of the following:

- The use of Renewable Energy
- Energy conservation
- Environmental education
- Initiatives to promote greening of communities with in the 'parishes'
- The application of energy efficiency measures
- Community engagement and development
- Initiatives to encourage sustainable communities

More details at

[www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/planning/obligations/langford-biggleswade.aspx](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/planning/obligations/langford-biggleswade.aspx)



**Lloyds Bank Foundation**

The Lloyds Bank Foundation for England and Wales supports and works in partnership with registered charities helping disadvantaged people to play a fuller role in the community. Their programmes comprise:

- Invest - A flexible, long term core funding programme for organisations delivering clear, targeted outcomes for disadvantaged people;
- Enable - A smaller and shorter grants programme for organisations that have identified clear development needs;
- Enhance - A programme working alongside the Invest or Enable programme providing an option of tailored in-kind support to strengthen and develop charities' effectiveness.

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

Tel: 0870 411 1223



**Luton Borough Council**

**Participatory Budgeting**

*"Your Say Your Way" makes it easier for people to influence decisions locally. People living, working and volunteering in each Ward of Luton have the chance to decide which community projects to support in their neighbourhoods.*

*Community groups can apply for grants of up to £1250 for projects that meet community priorities agreed for local neighbourhoods in Wards and Areas across the Borough. Invitations to bid are published each year..*

*For more information contact the Strategic Community Services team on 01582 54 69 85 or e-mail [YourSayYourWay@luton.gov.uk](mailto:YourSayYourWay@luton.gov.uk)*


*For more information visit <http://tinyurl.com/zefgae4>*


**Mick George Community Fund (Bedford Borough and northern most communities of Central Bedfordshire Only)**




The Mick George Community Fund provides grants of between £5,000 and £50,000, although it is unlikely that individual grants over £35,000 will be made. The fund is managed by GrantScape

Unless by invitation, organisations can only apply for a grant if their total project cost is less than £100,000.

Grants are available for community projects. Grants will be available for capital improvement works to public amenity projects. Examples may include:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Village halls</li> <li>• Village greens</li> <li>• Public playgrounds</li> <li>• Sports fields and facilities</li> <li>• Nature reserves</li> <li>• Community centres</li> <li>• Cycle paths</li> <li>• Country parks</li> </ul> <p>To be eligible in Bedfordshire your project must be located in Bedford Borough or the northern most communities of Central Bedfordshire. To check whether your project falls within the eligible funding area, consult the map at the webpage noted below. You can click on the magnifying glass and enter the postcode for your project location to confirm if it is within the boundary. In addition you can find more details about the fund at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="http://grantscape.org.uk/fund/mick-george-community-fund/">http://grantscape.org.uk/fund/mick-george-community-fund/</a></li> </ul> <p>There are two funding rounds each year. Details of the next round can be found below:</p> <p>Contact: GrantScape on 01908 247630 or at <a href="mailto:helpdesk@grantscape.org.uk">helpdesk@grantscape.org.uk</a></p>
	<p><b><i>The Neighbourly Charitable Trust</i></b></p> <p>Grants are made to charities for people with disabilities in the beneficial area. The trust also owns a yacht and a narrow boat which have been adapted for use by people with disabilities and are leased free of charge to appropriate charities.</p> <p>Tel: 01727 843603.</p>
 <p>The logo for Prince's Trust, featuring a stylized crown or crest above the text 'Prince's Trust'.</p>	<p><b><i>Prince's Trust</i></b></p> <p>The Prince's Trust gives practical and financial support to the young people who need it most. They help develop key skills, confidence and motivation, enabling young people to move into work, education or training. The Prince's Trust run programmes that encourage young people to take responsibility - helping them build the life they choose rather than the one they've ended up with. These currently include: The Enterprise Programme, The Team Programme, Get Intos, Development Awards and XL Clubs.</p> <p>More information: <a href="http://www.princes-trust.org.uk">www.princes-trust.org.uk</a></p> <p>Tel: 0800 842842</p>

	<p><b><i>The Robert Kiln Charitable Trust</i></b></p> <p>The trust was formed in 1970 by the late Robert Kiln, a Lloyd's underwriter and supports a wide range of causes favouring archaeology and environmental conservation within Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire. The trust will support new projects, particularly those from small local organisations and charities where they have a particular interest. Grants are usually one-off or made in instalments for particular projects and range from £250 to £2,750.</p> <p>Tel: 01992 554962</p>
	<p><b><i>Mrs B L Robinson's Charitable Trust</i></b></p> <p>The main objects of the charity are to provide relief to charities by way of project donations to charities involved in Bedfordshire. The charity achieves these objects providing financial grants to other charities which provide assistance directly to the beneficiaries.</p> <p>The charity receives applications for funding from local charities for charitable purposes in Bedfordshire and from national charities engaged in raising funds for local projects in Bedfordshire. Grants are made at the trustees' discretion.</p> <p>More information: <a href="mailto:anne.quinn35@hotmail.co.uk">anne.quinn35@hotmail.co.uk</a></p> <p>Tel: 01234 307756</p>
 <p>The logo for Sport England Lottery Funded, featuring a stylized figure holding a torch, with the text 'SPORT ENGLAND' and 'LOTTERY FUNDED' below it.</p>	<p><b><i>Sport England</i></b></p> <p>Sport England is committed to helping people and communities across the country create sporting habits for life. This means investing in organisations and projects that will get more people taking up and continuing to play sport and creating opportunities for people to excel at their chosen sport.</p> <p>In addition to investment in key partners to deliver specific objectives, they have a variety of funding programmes open to a wide range of organisations. These include sports clubs, voluntary or community organisations, local authorities, schools, colleges and universities.</p> <p>More information: <a href="http://www.sportengland.org/funding.aspx">www.sportengland.org/funding.aspx</a></p> <p>Tel: 08458 508508</p>
<p>The Steel Charitable Trust</p>	<p><b><i>Steel Charitable Trust</i></b></p> <p>The Steel Charitable Trust is a grant-making trust supporting general charitable purposes. It is the policy of the Trustees to make grants to a wide range of charitable bodies, including those mentioned in the Deed of Settlement.</p> <p>Grants are made primarily to registered charities in the UK within the area of Arts and Culture, Education, Environment, Disadvantaged and Health</p>

	<p>The total level of grants is expected to be £1,000,000 per annum of which approximately 30% will be made to organisations in the Luton and Bedfordshire area. Grants are generally made as single payments between £1,000 and £25,000.</p> <p>More information: <a href="http://www.steelcharitabletrust.org.uk">www.steelcharitabletrust.org.uk</a></p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:administrator@steelcharitabletrust.org.uk">administrator@steelcharitabletrust.org.uk</a></p>
	<p><b>Team Beds and Luton</b></p> <p>Team Beds and Luton is one of 45 County Sports Partnerships (CSPs) across England. CSPs are networks of local agencies committed to working together to increase participation in sport and physical activity across the sporting landscape.</p> <p>Within this broad definition, their work includes supporting the development of the infrastructure for sport and physical activity to enable participation to be easily accessible by all sections of the local community. Funding is available through Sportivate, including a Coaching Bursary, a Satellite Clubs programme to fund sessions between a club and a school or college, activities to develop and promote disability sport and activity to promote physical activity within and for workplaces.</p> <p>More information: <a href="http://www.teambedsandluton.co.uk">www.teambedsandluton.co.uk</a></p> <p>Tel: 01582 813760</p>
	<p><b>Veolia Environmental Trust</b></p> <p>Landfill Communities Fund organisation that can fund projects relating to community buildings, sports facilities, public parks, environmental improvements, conservation of historic buildings and biodiversity. Eligibility depends on the projects location.</p> <p>Grants of up to £50,000.</p> <p>More information: <a href="http://www.veoliatrust.org/funding">www.veoliatrust.org/funding</a></p>
	<p><b>Wixamtree Trust</b></p> <p>The Wixamtree Trust states that they favour registered charities based in Bedfordshire. Single grants average £1000 to £5000 and can be for one-off projects, core costs and research. Trustees meet quarterly to consider applications.</p> <p>Application forms are available to download from the Wixamtree Trust website. A recent set of audited accounts will be required.</p> <p>More information: <a href="http://www.wixamtree.org">www.wixamtree.org</a></p> <p>Tel: 0208 777 4140</p>



**Wren (Bedford Borough & Central Bedfordshire Only)**

Grants are available in Bedford Borough (namely Chawston, Colmworth, Little Barford Pertenhall, Roxton Swineshead and Wyboston in Bedford Borough and Aspley Guise, Aspley Heath, Battlesden, Brogborough, Cranfield, Eversholt, Hulcote & Salford, Husborne Crawley, Lidlington, Milton Bryan, Potsgrove, Tingrith and Woburn in Central Bedfordshire), from the Landfill tax money of the Environmental Body WREN (formerly Shanks). The grants made under the Landfill Tax Credit Scheme look to improve community life by enhancing existing facilities as well as providing new facilities, including play areas, skate parks, community gardens, woodland improvements, greens and public parks, nature reserves, churches and religious buildings of all denominations, listed buildings, monuments & village halls.

Contact details: Emma Brooks, Telephone 01234 772370. Email [emma.brooks@wren.org.uk](mailto:emma.brooks@wren.org.uk)

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

For more information, updates and advice  
please visit

[www.voluntaryworks.org](http://www.voluntaryworks.org)



## ***The Voluntaryworks Consortium***

The consortium is a group of charities and networks that have a strong track record of delivering services to the local voluntary and community sector.

Members of the consortium are:

- Community and Voluntary Service
- Voluntary and Community Action
- Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity
- Bedfordshire Advice Forum
- Bedfordshire and Luton Community Foundation
- The Learning Partnership
- Business in the Community