



## **BBC Children in Need**

### **Mission**

BBC Children in Need believes that every child should have the chance to thrive and be the best they can be.

### **Who do they fund?**

Not-for-profit organisations working with children and young people aged 18 or under

### **What do they fund?**

Core Costs (for organisations with turnover < £1million), Project Costs

Organisations must start spending grant within 12 months

Up to 3 years

### **What are their funding priorities?**

Organisations that:

- Work in the heart of their communities, particularly in times of crisis
- Put children and young people at the centre of everything they do, from design to delivery
- Address challenges faced by children and young people, building their skills and resilience
- Empower children and young people, and extending their choices in life
- Are keen to keep learning about and developing their work with children and young people
- Are committed to making a difference in children and young people's lives

### **How much do they fund?**

Up to £120,000 over 3 years (max £40,000 per year)

Only Registered Charities can apply for > £15,000 (> £5,000 per year)

### **When can you apply?**

Anytime – BBC Children in Need operate a rolling funding programme



## Community Foundation NI

### Mission

Working hand in hand with communities to build a better future.

In a society where everyone can prosper and live in peace; they encourage and support those who want to give and empower the local community to effect change.

### Who do they fund?

Registered charities and/or constituted community and voluntary organisations and/or Community Interest Companies located in Northern Ireland. Each fund will specify what type of organisations are eligible for the fund and if there is a specific geographical requirement or NI wide.

### What do they fund?

They mainly fund project costs for programmes rather than capital projects. Some funds will fund salaries and core costs such as running costs.

### What are their funding priorities?

This can vary widely. Each fund has its own criteria, funding priorities and/or themes. They suggest that you read each individual fund's criteria and guidance notes, as they are all different.

### How much do they fund?

Depending on the fund, this can range from small grants starting at £1,000 up to larger grants of £50,000+

### When can you apply?

They manage over 70 different funds, which open for applications (and stay open usually for about 4 weeks) at different times throughout the year. Most funds open annually around the same time every year, and some funds may open twice a year. All of their open funds will be listed on their [website](#).

### When will I hear back?

6-8 weeks after deadline



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## **DWF Foundation**

### **Mission**

It has the sole aim of providing funds, resources and mentoring support to help individuals, groups and communities to achieve their full potential.

### **Who do they fund?**

Registered charities

### **What do they fund?**

Project Costs

One Year

### **What are their funding priorities?**

- Tackling a specific community issue.
- Helping voluntary and community groups become more effective and efficient.
- Encouraging the involvement in the community of those too often excluded.
- Enabling young people to develop skills for the benefit of the community.

### **How much do they fund?**

Usually up to £5,000

### **When can you apply?**

Anytime – they operate a rolling programme with 4 panels per year

# The Elephant Trust

## The Elephant Trust

### **Mission**

The Trust was set up in 1975 to make it possible for artists and those presenting their work to undertake and complete projects when frustrated by lack of funds. It is committed to helping artists and art institutions/galleries that depart from the routine and signal new, distinct and imaginative sets of possibilities.

### **Who do they fund?**

Artists, Arts Institutions and Galleries

### **What do they fund?**

New work

### **What are their funding priorities?**

Priority is given to artists in the fine arts and small organisations and galleries who should submit well argued, imaginative proposals for making or producing new work or exhibitions.

### **How much do they fund?**

Limited to £2,000, but with the addition of the Shelagh Wakely Bequest some larger grants of up to £5,000 may be awarded.

### **When can you apply?**

They operate a rolling programme but application deadlines are posted on their website

### **When will I hear back?**

If you have not heard by 6 weeks after the application deadline then your application has not been successful.



## Foyle Foundation

### Mission

To help sustain the arts and to support projects that help to deliver your artistic vision.

### Who do they fund?

Registered charities

### What do they fund?

Core Costs, Capital Costs, Project Costs  
One Year

### What are their funding priorities?

- Core costs, favouring those with no, or without significant, public funding.
- Essential equipment or re-equipping to enable ongoing service provision, delivery of on-line digital services and education work.
- Projects/schemes that employ or support skilled freelance / independent artists.
- Grants to support capital projects.
- Grants to help make the arts more accessible by developing new and more diverse audiences
- Major infrastructure, services and equipment renewal projects.
- Reducing fixed or variable costs to promote efficiency savings, or which enable the generation of higher income, or additional revenue streams.
- Environmental efficiency and reducing carbon footprint or energy costs.

### How much do they fund?

Small Grants up to £10,000

Main Grants usually £10,000 - £50,000 / > £50,000 depending on need and purpose

Capital grants usually up to £75,000 / > £75,000 if accepted in additional enquiry form

### When can you apply?

Anytime – they operate a rolling programme

### When will I hear back?

Up to 4 months / Up to 6 months if > £50,000



## Freelands Foundation

### Mission

To champion, advance and expand the teaching and learning of art for everyone, in the belief that it equips society with the tools to imagine and build the future.

### Who do they fund?

Visual Arts Organisations including those who are registered charities, CIC's, part of a local authority or part of a larger charitable organisations, such as a university.

### What do they fund?

Project Costs

### What are their funding priorities?

- Bold and innovative projects that challenge existing frameworks and take radical action to reimagine how museums and galleries collaborate with teachers
- Interested in projects that build deep relationships where teachers, schools and art organisations exchange ideas and expertise, and grow together as partners in creating and delivering engaging art education programmes.
- Support projects that provide empowering opportunities for teachers to develop and share their creative and educational practices.
- Projects that embrace the power of experimentation and exploration when teaching art.

### How much do they fund?

In 2024, organisations can apply for up to £25,000 per year, for one or two years.

### When can you apply?

Spring 2024, with updates soon on the Freelands Foundation website.

### When will I hear back?

Up to 4 months



## Halifax Foundation NI

### Mission

The Halifax Foundation for Northern Ireland invests in local charities, empowering communities in greatest need to flourish.

### Who do they fund?

Registered charities supporting people in greatest need.

### What do they fund?

Grant Programmes ranging from 1 year – 2 years

Supporting start up charities, established charities, infrastructure funding and collaboration grants

Costs include core support and salary contributions.

### What are their funding priorities?

To Support people in greatest need in local communities

### How much do they fund?

Grant initiatives ranging £500 - £10,0000

Signature programmes up to £40,000

### When can you apply?

Some grant programmes are rolling programmes, some have specified deadlines. Check the website for details of individual programmes.

### When will I hear back?

Maximum turnaround of 10 weeks, with average waiting time 6 weeks.



## The Ireland Funds

### Mission

To harness the power of a global philanthropic network of friends of Ireland to promote and support peace, culture, education and community development across the island of Ireland and among Irish communities around the world.

### Who do they fund?

Registered charities

### What do they fund?

Core Costs and Project Costs

### What are their funding priorities?

- Arts & Culture
- Community Development
- Education
- Peace & Reconciliation.

### How much do they fund?

Grant Round funding between £5,000 up to £20,000.

### When can you apply?

Grant round dates are announced on our social media and website. 2024 dates are yet to be confirmed.

### When will I hear back?

For grant rounds all timelines will be announced when grant round set.





## Music Venue Trust

### Mission

Acts to protect, secure and improve UK Grassroots Music Venues for the benefit of venues, communities and upcoming artists.

### Who do they fund?

UK-based Grassroots Music Venues

### What do they fund?

Small- Scale Capital and staff training

### What are their funding priorities?

Prioritise support for organisations who may be excluded from other available funding .  
Funding priorities for something that will make a real difference to organisation and venue.

### How much do they fund?

Pipeline Investment Fund up to £5,000

### When can you apply?

Rolling Program- open for applications now

### When will I hear back?

3 months from Feb 2024



## National Lottery Community

### Mission

Funding great ideas that help communities to thrive.

### Who do they fund?

Not-for-profits

### What do they fund?

Core Costs, Project Costs

Up to 5 Years

### What are their funding priorities?

- Awards for all:
  - bring people together and build strong relationships in and across communities
  - improve the places and spaces that matter to communities
  - help more people to reach their potential, by supporting them at the earliest possible stage
- People & Communities
  - help people make changes to improve their lives
  - help communities build on their strengths and share things they've learned.
- Empowering Young People:
  - To get the skills they need for their future.
  - To have better relationships with their support networks and communities.
  - To have good health and well-being.

### How much do they fund?

Awards for All: Up to £10,000

People & Communities: £10,001-£50,000 over up to 5 years

Empowering Young People: £10,001-£50,000 over up to 5 years

### When can you apply?

Anytime – they operate a rolling programme

### When will I hear back?

Awards for All – 12 weeks

People & Communities, Empowering Young People – 15 days initial, 4 months application

# The Wolfson\* Foundation

## Wolfson Foundation

### Mission

Supporting excellence in the fields of education, science & medicine, health & disability, and heritage, humanities & the arts.

### Who do they fund?

Registered charities or local authorities

### What do they fund?

Building, Refurbishment Work or Major Equipment

### What are their funding priorities?

Capital funding for:

- [Historic buildings & landscapes](#)
- [Libraries & archives](#)
- [Museums & galleries](#)
- [Performing arts organisations](#)

Please visit the links above for further information about each programme

### How much do they fund?

Usual grant range £50,000- £500,000 (programme dependent)

### When can you apply?

Two application rounds each year – please see the ‘When to apply’ section on each programme page of the [website](#) for the opening and closing dates for applications.

Decisions made in June and December annually.

### When will I hear back?

You will be contacted with the outcome of your application shortly after the appropriate closing dates