SOVEREIGN

Bringing imagination into play

» PLAY EQUIPMENT Funding

Your complete guide to securing funding for play spaces

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Introduction

When it comes to developing imaginative play and learning zones for children, there may be times when funds are not readily available. Although you understand the importance of providing outdoor play equipment for children and know which equipment you want to provide, there just isn't enough money in the pot.

The above is especially true in today's economic environment. So if your plans for a new project are hindered by a lack of funds, then applying for funding could be the natural next step.

WHY CHOOSE FUNDING?

Quite simply, funding can bring you the capital you need to help support your project.

Nevertheless, securing financial support is not something you should take lightly. It can be a complicated procedure and the process may be time consuming and daunting. You may not know where to begin or which way to turn for help.

However, the important thing is to remember that funding organisations are there to help. They receive thousands of applications every year, and in return, successful requests are granted for play spaces all over the UK.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING?

The good news is that whether you represent an educational body, local authority or not-for-profit organisation, you could be eligible for funding. However, there can be restrictions.

Each funding organisation is different, and their preferences as to who can apply may vary. Grants may only be available for schools, or local councils, or there could be an open opportunity for everyone, so it is important to make sure you contact the relevant body and do the research necessary prior to submitting your application.

WHY IS FUNDING IMPORTANT?

Funding for play spaces is so important because it gives children access to outdoor facilities, opening the door to all facets of development.

Outdoor learning - an increasing area of focus within schools and of equal value to indoor learning - is an important asset in every child's development.

From simply creating a classroom outdoors or establishing a peaceful storytelling area, to staging outdoor performances or using the outdoor environment to teach children about the outside world - opportunities for learning are endless.

Whatever the requirement, investment into play spaces and outdoor classrooms opens a multiplicity of opportunities for growth, and can even be integrated into teaching plans.

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PLAY EQUIPMENT BENEFITS:

Funding makes it possible for the installation of play equipment that grasps many benefits of outdoor learning by:

- encouraging healthy and active lifestyles through giving children the opportunity to engage in physical activity, movement and exercise
- increasing young people's well-being as well as developing their creativity and resourcefulness
- helping children develop key abilities such as hand-eye co-ordination
- encouraging children to interact with one another, make new friends and develop social skills
- allowing children to experience new challenges, assess risks and manage difficult situations in a safe and supervised environment
- encouraging psychological growth such as confidence
- supporting the development of life skills such as problem solving, rule making, trial and error, and exploring new ways of doing things
- promoting knowledge and a greater involvement in National Curriculum subjects such as Maths and English
- providing opportunities for imaginative role play, inventiveness and adventure
- giving children the opportunity to investigate, explore and discover the natural world.

» SUPPORT when you need it

Sovereign is taking steps to support schools during difficult times. Our trained Area Managers are helping customers take the next steps forward by supporting schools when access to financial support is hard. Our management team is experienced in working with schools to put together funding bids and has helped hundreds of customers in their quest to secure funding.

SUCCESS IN WINNING FUNDING

We have achieved outstanding success in winning funding for customers.

We have also worked with hundreds of PTAs to produce detailed designs and budgets for external funding bids. Our experience in this area, along with our innovative design solutions, has also helped to secure the involvement of the wider community in supporting bids.

HOW WE HELP

Our free, no obligation consultations allow us to talk to you face-to-face and discuss any issues and concerns you have about funding.

Our trained Area Managers can talk to you about your play equipment needs, your funding application capabilities and the options available to you. If required, we can assist you in putting together proposals and can even give you the required costings.

SUPPORT FOR PTAS

We have worked with hundreds of PTAs to produce detailed designs and costings to form external funding bids.

These are ideal for use at summer fairs and fundraising events to help encourage other parents to raise even more money after they can see exactly what can be achieved for their children.

Once a successful project has been completed, we can help with launch parties and the writing and issuing of local press releases, to bring that extra bit of attention to the hard work PTAs do for schools.

» "Now the road to funding has become more difficult, there is a greater need for support. Our team is working hard to support schools in their quest to secure funding and make their outdoor dreams a reality."

Darran Hine, Sales Director

TO BOOK A CONSULTATION

If you would like to speak to our experienced management team about your funding requirements, or any other outdoor equipment query, contact us today:

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SPOTLIGHT

Shacklewell Primary School, Hackney, East London

BACKGROUND

Shacklewell Primary School in Hackney is a school of the 21st century. Having recently started the ball rolling in developing and expanding its outdoor offerings to pupils, Sovereign had already met with the school and had installed an adventure trail and fencing. Its new equipment was a success with the pupils; however with the desire to continue the expansion of its outdoor environment to further promote outdoor learning, the school decided it was time to apply for support for this to become a reality.

FIRST STEP

Area Manager, Leigh, who had overseen the school's previous installations, began the process by visiting the school to meet the Business Manager and Nursery Staff. The school's ideas, concerns, thoughts and requirements for further play facilities were discussed – which led to the topic of funding.

The school explained that it was applying for Early Years Capital Funding, a grant with the purpose of improving the quality of the delivery of the Early Years Foundation across all sectors. In order to make the school's funding application meet the criteria necessary to be successful, the school was required to supply three quotes.

THE PROCESS

Sovereign worked with the school to draw up plans and associated costs for the desired equipment that would be submitted with Shacklewell Primary School's funding application. Equipment included a Play Lodge, Play Hut, Sensory equipment and a Thumper Tower.

The Play Lodge and Play Hut are both ideal for children to interact with one another, improve social skills and explore the possibilities of their imagination. They also provide children with shelter from unexpected weather conditions that occur over the course of the year. A Tower unit is perfect for encouraging balance, eye-foot co-ordination and stretching exercises. Finally, sensory equipment provides children with the opportunity to experiment with touch, sounds and other senses, ideal for the early years.

A second appointment was booked for a meeting to review the plans which were well received and, with a few small alterations, became the finished article.

OUTCOME

The School was successful with its bid and was granted £25,000 to go towards its chosen equipment.

SPOTLIGHT

St Paul's Pre-School, Scunthorpe

BACKGROUND

Connected to the local Parish Church of St Paul's, this pre-school is a registered charity and is managed by a voluntary committee. Similar to many other charity-run organisations, resources at the school were very sparse and finances were stretched. With the desire to develop its outdoor environment, the nursery contacted Sovereign for its help in order to apply for a much needed grant to improve its offerings to children. The Pre-School's outdoor play provisions consists of a small enclosed paved 'back yard' with high surrounding walls of nearby buildings that create a dark and uninviting outdoor space. The existing play equipment was aged and plastic. There was no shade or shelter available to the children and nowhere for children to engage in different sensory experiences or activities.

FIRST STEP

Sovereign was asked to produce a plan, in conjunction with the play leader, which would allow the pre-school to apply for a grant from a national funding initiative that was to be run and allocated through the local North Lincolnshire authority.

THE PROCESS

After meeting with the authority, Sovereign was able to revise its original ideas to ensure the school's application was compatible with the authority's aims and requirements, which were to allow the children to use their imagination and creative spirit more than ever, and use more 'open ended' products that can be adapted in different ways towards various themes. The use of bright plastics was to be avoided and natural materials used wherever possible.

In order to better fulfil the authority's requirements, plans were drawn up to include product features, including: the implementation of a bark area where new smells and textures could be experienced, and a stage with canopy and planters so that the children could dig and grow their own choice of plants. A sand pit would further develop the sensory aspect and also provide for improving interactive play and social skills. The hard and uneven slabs were to be covered with a soft play surface coloured in a neutral brown and beige combination. Finally, a play hut was chosen to encourage more role play.

OUTCOME

These plans were subsequently approved, and a grant of just under £9,000 was awarded to the school to allow the pre-school to go ahead with these much needed improvements.

» THE ROAD to funding

WHAT DO YOU DO?

You're at the starting post, so where next? Understanding what the funding organisation's requirements are and drawing up an effective project plan is very important for a successful application. So doing sufficient research and planning is essential.

Sovereign's simplified steps to securing your funding:

Research

- **Compose** a list of possible funders
- **Consult** funding criteria and deadlines

Planning

- **Create** a detailed project plan
- **Compile** a budget or estimated cost

RESEARCH

Understand the sources of funding. This includes the funding organisation's aims, objectives and most importantly, its eligibility criteria.

Doing this research is vital and will maximise your chances of understanding what the funder is looking for, as well as eliminating the risk of missing something vital when writing your funding application. Think of other questions you may need to answer. Do you need to include relevant appendices? If you need to fill out a form, have you completed every applicable field? Is there a deadline?

Treat our accompanying funding directory as a 'starter for ten' and use the links to find out more.

PLANNING

To avoid the shredder, make your project plan stand out. Do this by making sure it covers all of the requirements of the funding organisation. In addition, ensure your project plan is well supported. Make statements that hold up. You want them to help fund your play equipment, but why? What factors support this?

Include detail about your organisation, the project, an estimated timeline and a budget. Also, include facts and figures that could work in your favour in securing your application.

If you require help drafting your plan or costings together, your local Area Manager will be happy to help.

YOUR FUNDING APPLICATION

A funding application may need to be submitted as a form. However, if this is not necessary, then try to aim for your application to fit on no more than two sides of A4.

WAYS TO AVOID THE DREADED SHREDDER:

1. **The issue, problem or challenge** – Identify the issue, problem or challenge that you are looking to overcome. Explain how this issue will be tackled and what the funds will be used for.
2. **The organisation** – Give a summary of your organisation, including aims, objectives, a track record and past successes. Explain how you operate, including the activities you carry out.
3. **The project** – Describe the project itself and what it will deliver as clearly and concisely as possible. What is unique about this project? What will happen and when?
4. **Benefits and outcomes** – Relate these to the funder's interests. How many children will directly benefit and in what way? Bring out as many tangible impacts as possible – your Sovereign contact can assist you in identifying these benefits, whether physical, sensory or cognitive.
5. **Monitoring and evaluation** – What systems are in place to monitor the project? How will you can gauge if it will be a success? Monitoring is about measuring – use specific benchmarks. Evaluation is primarily about judgement – did the project have the desired effect?
6. **Implementation** – Set out your timescales and what is involved, e.g. the Sovereign team will install £9000 equipment,
in 2 months, over a period of 5 days.
7. **Funding requirement** – Be clear about why you need the money and what it is intended for. Is it for a specific piece of play equipment or service? How long do you want the grant for? Many funders like to see specific unit cost benefits, e.g. a grant of £x will pay for y people to do z.
8. **Budget** – Make this as clear as possible. Is everything included? Remember, you can't go back and ask for more. Sovereign can assist you by supplying you with a detailed breakdown of costs for your desired installations.
9. **Summary** – Finish off by summarising how a grant or donation will make a real difference for children and/or the community.

» WHERE TO GET your funding

There are various ways to apply for funding or seek further advice. Sources of funding in the UK include:

UK, STATUTORY OR GOVERNMENT FUNDING

Statutory funding is public money distributed by the Government through a variety of channels, usually in the form of grants. Government departments and agencies will fund some of the work of charities and other voluntary organisations. Funding providers usually have very strict criteria and eligibility varies enormously.

Your local authority could be an important source for funding, so speaking to them could be a good place to start. Other governmental departments such as the Department for Education also have funding opportunities, although these are becoming extremely limited because of the increasing pressure being placed on restricting public sector spending.

LOTTERY FUNDING

Since its launch in November 1994, the National Lottery has become a national institution. It is an important development for voluntary organisations, providing a major source for funding. It also helps to contribute to the income charities receive supplementing the more traditional forms of fundraising.

28% of money spent on lottery tickets and scratch cards is transferred by Camelot, the lottery operator, to the National Lottery Distribution Fund. The fund is then split among six distribution bodies which have the responsibility for allocating the funds to 'good causes' i.e. sport, the arts, heritage, community groups / charities, health, education and the environment.

CHARITABLE TRUSTS

Charitable Trusts come in many shapes and forms - some operate at a very local level, yet others are regional, national and even international. Most cater for one-off specific projects and tend to steer clear of contributing to ongoing running costs.

With approximately 9,000 Charitable Trusts in the UK giving out over £1 billion per year, it is no wonder that competition for grants is extremely tough. It is said that on average, less than 10% of applications are successful. Detailed research into the Trust's policies, priorities and procedures is therefore strongly recommended.

DID YOU KNOW?

» Funding entitlement differs between Local Authorities. If you require further information, please visit www.direct.gov.uk

» WHY NOT START the ball rolling?

Here are ten great fundraising ideas for starters:

Summer fêtes and fairs – A summer fête or fair can be enjoyed by all and with the right preparation, results can be outstanding. You could even pair up with a local school. Ideas could include: book, cake and craft stalls, face painting, hair braiding and other activities such as hook-a-duck and raffles. If you have a budget, why not hire a bouncy castle and entertainers such as magicians or balloon modellers.

Sponsored events – Set up sponsorship events such as a sponsored silence, walk, sleepover or swimming.

Bag2School – Organise a school textile collection with Bag2School. Get teachers and pupils to bring in old clothes, shoes, curtains and any other textiles for donation. These will be weighed by the Bag2School bonus scheme and a reward will be given per kilo. For more information, go to www.bag2school.com

Auction nights and raffles – Organise a school auction night by asking parents to donate prizes or services. From washing a car or mowing the lawn to a free haircut or a meal for two, anyone can take part, even teachers.

Art exhibition and sale – Turn your library or school hall into a gallery and show off your pupils' artistic flair. Why not let the budding musicians take part to set the mood?

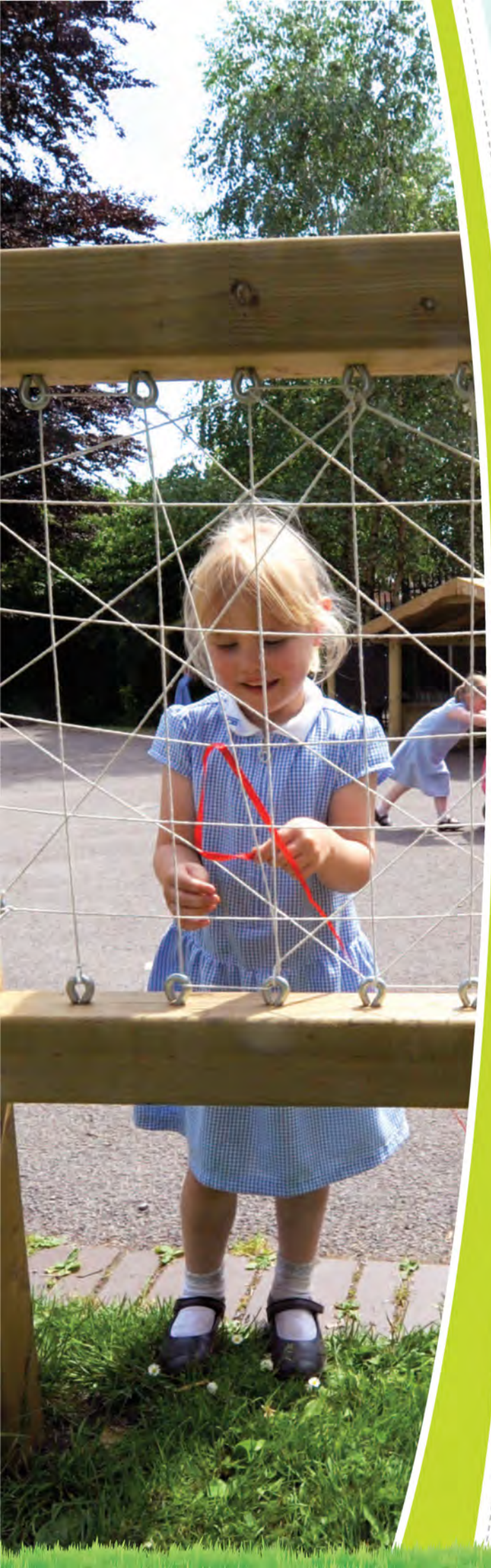
School performances – Bring your school hall to life with school plays, music performances and dance routines for a small entrance fee. A school performance could even be complemented with a drink or snack stall for intervals.

School parties and discos – Set the scene for after school parties in your school main hall. Parties are not just an ideal way to fundraise, but an excellent way to get pupils to get to know each other. They can even be tailored for parents.

Second-hand school uniform sale – Run a second-hand school uniform sale by asking parents to donate uniform that has been outgrown by their children. These sales could also be incorporated with school book fairs and cake stalls.

School sports days – Allow parents to join in the fun at school sports days. You could even create your own school Olympics, incorporating all playground and field sports, from football and rounders to running and long jumps.

Non-uniform days – Other than being a great way to engage with pupils, mufti days can be a great way to fundraise. Create fancy dress themes to fit in with special occasions or National Curriculum subjects. Don't forget to get teachers and dinner ladies involved too. Competitions can also be incorporated.



» FUNDING Directory

Your comprehensive A-Z guide of UK funding bodies along with web links.

» GOVERNMENT FUNDING

ENGLAND - CENTRAL GOVERNMENT

Gov.uk provides opportunities to apply for community-based funding and grants for projects like activities for young people and development of communal facilities.
www.gov.uk/apply-funding-community-project

The Government Funding website lists grant opportunities across Government.
www.governmentfunding.org.uk

SCOTLAND

The Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO) publishes advice on fundraising on its website, which includes details on statutory funding.
www.scvo.org.uk/funding **www.fundingscotland.com**

The Scottish Government website lists the voluntary sector funds it is making available.
www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/People/15300/funding

WALES

The Welsh Assembly has a number of grant schemes for the voluntary sector. The Welsh Assembly website is
www.gov.wales

Wales Council for Voluntary Action produces a range of information sheets on funding in Wales. These include funding from the National Assembly, WCVA's schemes and grant-making trusts.
www.wcva.org.uk

NORTHERN IRELAND

The Department for Social Development's Voluntary and Community Unit is the main department dealing with the voluntary sector.
www.communities-ni.gov.uk

Northern Ireland's leading funding toolkit, GrantTracker helps the voluntary and community sectors find funding schemes relevant to their projects and co-ordinate funding applications. GrantTracker was developed by NICVA 15 years ago and is available online for a subscription fee.
www.grant-tracker.org

LOTTERY FUNDING

LOTTERY

The National Lottery Community fund is aimed at funding community-based projects across the UK.
Distributing over £600 million a year raised by the players of the National Lottery, the funding is accessible by all communities, no matter the size! In 2018/19 86% of the grants awarded were under £10,000. The funds help projects that transform communities, protect our heritage, and enrich lives through arts, sports and culture.
www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk

HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND

The Heritage Lottery Fund provides a range of different grant programmes with funding from £3,000 to over £5million. In assessing applications, they take account of the outcomes for heritage, people and communities that projects will achieve.
www.heritagefund.org.uk/

NATIONAL LOTTERY GOOD CAUSES

Gateway to information on how to apply for a National Lottery grant in the UK, and the purposes to which existing grants are being put. Search and find compatible programmes online. National Lottery money is given out by 12 independent organisations, each with specialist knowledge of their sectors.
www.lotterygoodcauses.org.uk

CHARITABLE TRUSTS

ACT FOUNDATION

Formed in 1994, ACT provides grants to individuals and charities in the UK, with the aim of enhancing the quality of life for people in need, particularly those who have a physical or mental disability or the aged.
www.theactfoundation.co.uk

ALLEN LANE FOUNDATION

Allen Lane is a charitable trust that gives grants in the UK (and to a small programme in the Republic of Ireland). It makes small grants to voluntary not-for-profit organisations and where the work benefits vunerable people in UK society today.
www.allenlane.org.uk

ANNE FRANK TRUST

The Anne Frank Trust works with young people to help build a society based on acceptance, mutual respect, compassion and responsibility.
www.annefrank.org.uk

ASDA FOUNDATION

Charities, schools and community groups have the opportunity to apply for funding for local projects that require financial assistance to the ASDA Foundation. Grants of between £5,000 and £10,000 available for good causes and community groups in local areas.
www.asdafoundation.org

AVIVA COMMUNITY FUND

The Aviva Community Fund offers support and funding to inspirational local projects in the community.
www.aviva.co.uk/community-fund

BBC CHILDREN IN NEED

Children in Need offers a small grants scheme for registered charities and not-for-profit organisations. Small grants of up to £10,000 are available for organisations working with disadvantaged children and young people aged 18 years old and under.
www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b008dk4b

BIFFA AWARD - ROYAL SOCIETY OF WILDLIFE TRUSTS

The Biffa Award gives funding to projects near landfill sites, to help build communities and change lives. Proposed project sites must be within five miles of a significant Biffa operation or within 10 miles of an active Biffa Landfill site. Organisations must be not for profit, therefore local authorities and schools are not eligible for funding. Use the postcode checker to see if your project is eligible for funding!

www.biffa-award.org

COALFIELDS REGENERATION TRUST

The Coalfields Regeneration Trust (CRT) is an independent regeneration organisation that was established in 1999 to improve the quality of life in Britain's coalfield communities.
www.coalfields-regen.org.uk

CHARITABLE TRUSTS

COMIC RELIEF

Comic Relief's vision across England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales is that people should be able to live free from poverty, where their rights and safety are protected, their needs provided for and where they can play a part in the communities in which they live. Its grant strategy allows the voluntary and community sector to apply for grants.
www.comicrelief.com

COMMUNITY FUNDS & FOUNDATIONS

AMEY COMMUNITY FUND

The Amey Community Fund, managed by the Cambridgeshire Community Foundation, offers grants to organisations and groups within 10 miles of a landfill sit in Cambridgeshire County Council's boundaries.
www.cambscf.org.uk

COMMUNITY ACTION AWARDS

The Creme of Nature Community Action Award funds capital items that will leave a lasting legacy. The award is a single payment of £10,000.
www.communityactionaward.com

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION NETWORK

The Community Foundation Network represents the movement of charities dedicated to strengthening local communities, creating opportunities and tackling issues of disadvantage and exclusion throughout the UK. Community Foundations have been active in the UK since the 1980s and a rapidly growing network of approximately 55 foundations is now established. You can search for your local community foundation on the website.
www.ukcommunityfoundations.org

ENTRUST – THE LANDFILL COMMUNITY FUND

Entrust is the regulator that oversees the activity of all Environmental Bodies (EBs) across the UK and gives final approval of grants. Landfill operators donate to the Landfill Communities Fund which was created to assist local community and environmental projects. The grants available are open to those seeking to improve community playgrounds or to develop sites within a certain proximity to a landfill site.
www.entrust.org.uk

ERNEST COOK TRUST

The Ernest Cook Trust is one of the UK's leading educational charities. Rooted in the conservation and management of the countryside, the Trust actively encourages children and young people to learn from the land through hands-on educational opportunities on its estates and by offering grants.
www.ernestcooktrust.org.uk

ESMÉE FAIRBAIRN FOUNDATION

One of the largest independent grant making foundations in the UK, the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation aims to improve the quality of life throughout the UK. It achieves this by funding the charitable activities of organisations that have the ideas and ability to achieve change for the better.
www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk

FOOTBALL FOUNDATION

The Football Foundation is the largest sports charity in the UK funded by the Premier League, The FA and Government (via Sport England). 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.
www.footballfoundation.org.uk

GARFIELD WESTON FOUNDATION

Garfield Weston Foundation is a grant-giving charity for UK registered charities. The Foundation will also consider applications from a limited number of exempt organisations - churches, educational establishments, hospitals and housing corporations.
www.garfieldweston.org

GREGGS FOUNDATION

The Greggs Foundation is a grant making trust, distributing over £1million per year to charitable organisations throughout England, Scotland and Wales. The mission of the Greggs Foundation is to 'make a difference to people in need in the heart of our local communities'.
www.greggsfoundation.org.uk

HENRY SMITH CHARITY

The Henry Smith Charity is a large grant making charity founded in 1628. It makes grants totalling approximately £25 million each year to up to 1,000 organisations and charities throughout the UK for initiatives and projects that address social inequality and economic disadvantage.
www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk

LOCAL AIRPORTS GRANTS

Local Airports grant approx. £100,000 annually to causes establishments within their flight paths and surrounding areas – so check with your local Airport for funding opportunities.

LONDON PLAY

The London Play website lists major funding sources and website links for the London area.
www.londonplay.org.uk

LLOYDS BANK FOUNDATION / CORRA FOUNDATION

This is a grant making trust that distributes approximately £7 million each year in recognition of charities throughout Scotland. It aims to support and work in partnership with charities that help people, especially those who are disadvantaged or disabled, to play a fuller role in communities throughout Scotland.

Scotland: www.corra.scot (Corra Foundation, previously called Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland)

The Lloyds Bank Foundation funds local, regional and national charities working to tackle disadvantage across England and Wales.

England and Wales: www.lloydsbankfoundation.org.uk

METROPOLITAN PUBLIC GARDENS ASSOCIATION (MPGA)

The MPGA gives modest grants and practical assistance to community groups across London. They welcome hearing from amenity groups in London looking for modest funding or help with a site or garden which has been neglected or where improvements are proposed.
www.mpga.org.uk

PEOPLE'S POSTCODE TRUST

People's Postcode Trust is a grant giving Trust, awarding funding to good causes that support a better world for people and planet. Since 2009, People's Postcode Trust has awarded more than £11m to over 1600 projects across Great Britain.
www.postcodetrust.org.uk

SUEZ TRUST

SUEZ Trust is an ethical funding organisation dedicated to making lasting improvements to the natural environment and community life. It supports community and environmental improvement projects through the Landfill Communities Fund.
www.suezcommunitiestrust.org.uk

SPORT ENGLAND

With national and community funding programmes, Sport England invests funding in organisations and projects that will grow and sustain participation in grassroots sport and create opportunities for people to excel at their chosen sport. It has many funding programmes, from small grants and those that fund the renovation and modernisation of local sports facilities, to funds that boost physical activity in primary play spaces and improve playing fields.
www.sportengland.org

TESCO COMMUNITY GRANTS (BAGS OF HELP)

Launched in 2015, Bags of Help sees charities and community organisations awarded grants to fund local projects. Originally funded by the sale of 5p carrier bags it reduced single use bag use by 72%.

In August 2017 Tesco replaced single use carrier bags with new Bags for Life made from 94% recyclable plastic, to help reduce bag use even further. The money raised by the sale of these bags now funds Bags of Help.

Three community projects in each local area will be voted on by customers in Tesco stores throughout the UK, with projects changing every other month. Following the vote, the project that received the most votes in its area will receive a grant of up to £2,000, second place receiving up to £1,000 and third place up to £500. Customers are given a token when they buy their shopping that they can use to make their choice using the voting units in most stores.

www.tescobagsofhelp.org.uk/

THE DIRECTORY OF SOCIAL CHANGE

An independent charity with a vision of an independent voluntary sector at the heart of social change. By providing essential information and training to the voluntary sector they aim to enable charities to achieve their mission.
www.dsc.org.uk/category/fundraising

THE FOYLE FOUNDATION

The Foyle Foundation is an independent grantmaking trust that distributes grants to UK charities. The Foundation does not support applications from individuals.
www.foylefoundation.org.uk

THE TRUST HOUSE

Medium-sized grant making foundation giving grants to small, well-established organisations in the UK who address local issues in areas of extreme urban deprivation or in remote and fragile rural communities.
www.trusthousecharitablefoundation.org.uk

THE TUDOR TRUST

Supporting positive change in communities, the Tudor Trust offers an independent grant-making scheme that supports voluntary and community groups working in any part of the UK.
www.tudortrust.org.uk

VEOLIA

Veolia is committed to supporting community and environmental projects across the UK. These include improving community halls, creating new play areas and skate parks, and restoring green spaces. The project needs to be within five miles of a site operated by Veolia.
www.veoliatrust.org

VIRIDOR CREDITS

Provides funding for a large range of projects, including the provision of maintenance of public amenities and development of play areas. Projects need to be located within 10 miles of one of local steering groups.
www.viridor-credits.co.uk

IMPACT FUNDING PARTNERS

Formerly known as the Voluntary Action Fund, the above have awarded over £150 million in grants across Scotland.

Impact Funding Partners area of expertise is managing funds which tackle inequality in all its forms. Equality and diversity is core to their work.
www.impactfundingpartners.com

WOODEN SPOON

Aims to improve the quality and prospect of life for children and young people living in the UK and Ireland who are physically, socially or mentally disadvantaged. Grants are available to special needs schools.
www.woodenspoon.org.uk

FCC COMMUNITIES FOUNDATION

FCC Communities Foundation awards grants to community projects from funds donated by FCC Environment through the Landfill Communities Fund and Scottish Landfill Communities Fund.

Previously known as WREN, FCC Communities Foundation was established in 1997 and has provided over £250m to more than 7,500 projects across the UK.
www.fcccommunitiesfoundation.org.uk

» FURTHER SOURCES

PLAY ENGLAND

Their purpose is to ensure that children and young people in England have the space and opportunity to play freely as part of their daily lives, at school, at home and in public spaces. Play England's aim is for all children and young people in England to have regular access and opportunity for free, inclusive, local play provision and play space. Their objectives are to:

- Promote local play strategies
- Build partnerships for play
- Research and demonstrate the benefits of play
- Promote equality and diversity in play provision
- Raise awareness and promote standards

www.playengland.org.uk

PLAY SCOTLAND

Play Scotland works to promote the importance for all children and young people, and campaigns to create increased play opportunities in the community.
www.playscotland.org

PLAY WALES

Play Wales provide advice and guidance to support all those who have an interest in, or responsibility for providing for children's play so that one day Wales will be a place that recognises and provides well for every child's play needs.
www.playwales.org.uk

PLAYBOARD (NORTHERN IRELAND)

PlayBoard is the leading agency for the development and promotion of children and young people's play in Northern Ireland. The organisation provides a range of innovative services designed to strengthen service delivery through advice, support, training and tailored provision.

www.playboard.org

REFERENCES

*National Children's Bureau, 2008 "Fact sheet: How to raise funds for children's play" available at: www.ncb.org.uk/cpis/resources/factsheets.aspx

www.institute-of-fundraising.org.uk

IN YOUR LOCAL AREA

Local funds may be available for schools situated near landfill sites, wind-farm areas, nuclear power stations, solar parks or airport flight paths. While these are not specific grants, they can provide possibilities for your project and are worth looking into.

OUR ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

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