Funding Directory

School Net Zero Carbon Projects

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**Introduction**

Environmental and sustainability projects take many forms. Some funders have particular interests and/or fund in very restricted areas. Others are much more generalist.

In this table the “Geography” section indicates the areas of England that a funder is interested in. “Nationwide” indicates that there are no stated restrictions within England. Any stated restrictions are described.

The “Project Types” classification describes the kinds of projects that the funder has said they are interested in or that they have funded previously. Anything marked ‘general’will fund all or most types of environmental projects. Any known exclusions will be detailed in the grant maker’s entry.

**For further funding advice please contact:**

* **the Education Team at Church House contact details** [**here**](https://www.leeds.anglican.org/how-we-can-help/education/what-we-do/)**.**

More ideas and support for reducing the environmental impact of schools can be found on the diocesan website [here](https://www.leeds.anglican.org/how-we-can-help/education/school-buildings/going-green/) and the Church of England website [here](https://www.churchofengland.org/about/education-and-schools/net-zero-carbon-schools).

More details on funding environmental projects can be found on the diocesan website [here](https://www.leeds.anglican.org/our-faith/environment/resources-for-my-church/funding2/) and the Church of England website [here](https://www.churchofengland.org/about/environment-and-climate-change/fundraising-for-net-zero-carbon).

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| **Alpkit Foundation** | |
| **Geography:** Nationwide | |
| **Project Types:** Previous grants have been given to schools for:  - Planting trees  - Vegetable growing project  - Waterproof clothing for hiking clubs  - Towards the costs of running a forest school  - Towards the cost of D of E transport costs | |
| **Website:** https://alpkit.com/pages/foundation | |
| **Tel:**  **Address:**  **Email:**  **Grant potential:**  £50 - £500 | **Interests:** Yes, we love to support  Diversity and Inclusion Projects that engage individual and groups from a diverse range of backgrounds  Environmental Projects that seek to support, conserve, or generate understanding of our environment and wild places  Health Projects enabling people to gain physical and mental wellbeing from the Great Outdoors  Education Projects such as First Aid, D of E, Forest Schools and Mountain Leader  Participation Projects that get more people experiencing the Great Outdoors  **How to Apply:** Online  https://alpkit.com/pages/foundation#apply  **Deadline:** Continuous rolling programme  **Charity No:** 1162585 |

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| **Antony Hornby Charitable Trust** | |
| **Geography:** England & Wales | |
| **Project Types:** | |
| **Website:** N/A | |
| **Tel:** 020 7841 4000  **Address:** Antony Hornby Charitable Trust  C/O Saffery Champness LLP  71 Queen Victoria Street  London  EC4V 4BE  **Email:**  **Grant potential:**  Generally £1,000 but up to £5,000 | **Interests:** General charitable donations to organisations working in the following causes:  education, training, and employment  medical, health and sickness  arts and culture  animals and environment  community development.  **How to Apply:** In writing, outlining the project with a cost breakdown.  **Deadline:** Continuous rolling programme  **Charity No:** 263285 |

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| **Benefact Trust** | |
| **Geography:** Nationwide | |
| **Project Types:** | |
| **Website:** https://benefacttrust.co.uk/which-grant-is-for-me/community-impact-grants/ | |
| **Tel:** 01452 873189  **Address:** Benefact House, 2000 Pioneer Avenue, Gloucester Business Park, Brockworth, Gloucester, GL3 4AW, United Kingdom  **Email:** info@benefacttrust.co.uk  **Grant potential:**  Small grants up to £10,000  Large grants £10,000+ | **Interests:** Growing congregations and Christian communities  - Addressing social challenges facing communities  - Enabling wider community use of church buildings  - Empowering Christian education  For schools and theological educational institutions with a clear Christian ethos, the following types of projects will be supported:    Improving Collective Worship and the teaching of Christianity  Outdoor worship spaces/prayer gardens  Chaplaincy and pastoral care  For theological educational institutions, improvements to buildings, facilities and equipment that will provide clear benefit for students and support a clear Christian purpose (e.g. repair/refurbishment of chapel)  Mental health/therapeutic support and mentoring, especially for vulnerable children  **How to Apply:** Online application form  https://benefacttrust.co.uk/which-grant-is-for-me/community-impact-grants/  **Deadline:** Continuous rolling programme  **Charity No:** 263960 |
| **Other Notes:** \*Schools and theological educational institutions are only eligible to apply under area four: Empowering Christian Education.  Match funding  All applicants will be expected to have secured funding for at least 30% of their total project costs before making an application (it is not possible to submit an application form until this level of match funding has been secured). Applicants should also have a clear plan for how the remainder of the match funding for the project will be secured (i.e. it should not be assumed that Benefact Trust will cover the entire funding shortfall). | |

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| **BlueSpark Foundation** | |
| **Geography:** England | |
| **Project Types:** Particular interest in  - physical assets (such as sports equipment, or lighting for stage productions)  - services or facilities (such as music or drama tuition)  - provision of experiences (such as theatre visits) | |
| **Website:** https://bluesparkfoundation.org.uk/ | |
| **Tel:** 2086619997  **Address:** 84a Upland Road  SUTTON  SM2 5JB  **Email:** contact@bluesparkfoundation.org.uk  **Grant potential:**  Up to £5,000 | **Interests:** Recognition of the financial pressures on schools meaning that worthwhile projects may not get off the ground because of the absence of funding.  Blue Spark Foundation aim to help young people reach their full potential by supporting projects which have the following objectives:  Encouraging independence  Developing team working skills  Developing self confidence  Promoting creativity & individuality  Encouraging aspiration  Enhancing educational achievement  Widening educational horizons  **How to Apply:** Online  https://bluesparkfoundation.org.uk/how-to-apply/  **Deadline:** Continuous rolling programme  **Charity No:** 1167172 |
| **Other Notes:** Please bear in mind that BlueSpark provides funding for relatively small-scale projects which might not happen at all or would only happen on a lesser scale without the support of BlueSpark. Funding provided by BlueSpark must be crucial to your project rather than marginally incremental to its funding. | |

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| **Bupa Foundation Green Community Grants** | |
| **Geography:** Nationwide | |
| **Project Types:** The programme opened for a second round of funding between 1 June – 3 July 2024 with grants of up to £2,000 available for projects focused on the regeneration of green spaces in cities for community use, such as tree planting, the creation of an outdoor classroom or ‘forest school’ or establishing a community allotment or garden. | |
| **Website:** https://www.groundwork.org.uk/bupa-foundation-green-grants/ | |
| **Tel:** 0121 237 5802  **Address:** Enquiries, Groundwork UK, Suite B2, The Walker Building, 58 Oxford Street, Birmingham B5 5NR  **Email:** bupafoundationgreengrants@groundwork.org.uk  **Grant potential:**  £500 - £2000 | **Interests:** Grants are available for schools, registered charities, and not-for-profit organisations across the UK and Republic of Ireland for projects that make a positive difference to the health of local communities.  **How to Apply:** Currently cosed. Apply online through Groundworks  **Deadline:** Closed currently  **Charity No:** |

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| **Co-op Local Community Fund** | |
| **Geography:** Nationwide | |
| **Project Types:** Previous grants have been awarded to schools for:  - Improvement of school facilities  - Installation of flood lights  - Provision of after-school clubs  - Building of sensory garden | |
| **Website:** https://causes.coop.co.uk/ | |
| **Tel:** 0800 0686 727.  **Address:**  **Email:** communityteam@coop.co.uk  **Grant potential:**  £1,000 + | **Interests:** You can make an application if your Project:  - brings people together to access food  - helps improve people’s mental wellbeing  - creates opportunities for young people to be heard and make a difference  - enables people to save and restore nature or tackle climate change  **How to Apply:**  **Deadline:** Applications currently closed  (08.02.24) |

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| **Earl Fitzwilliam Charitable Trust** | |
| **Geography:** Places 'linked in a reasonable or direct way to a Fitzwilliam Estate'. (Malton and Rotherham ares | |
| **Project Types:** | |
| **Website:** | |
| **Tel:** 01733 267740  **Address:** Enquiries, Earl Fitzwilliam Charitable Trust, Estate Office, Milton Park, Peterborough, PE3 9HD  **Email:** efct@miltonestate.co.uk  **Grant potential:**  £250 - £1000 but can contribute more | **Interests:** One-off grants are available for charitable organisations undertaking social welfare or community projects in areas linked to a Fitzwilliam estate location.  **How to Apply:** Post / email  **Deadline:** Ongoing  **Charity No:** 269388 |

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| **Ed De Nunzio Charitable Trust** | |
| **Geography:** York & York Area | |
| **Project Types:** Previous grants have been awarded to schools for:  - Towards the building of a new Art School  - Towards supporting 2 Achieve clubs (Achieve programme by the Prince's Trust) | |
| **Website:** https://eddenunziotrust.com/ | |
| **Tel:**  **Address:**  **Email:** eddenunziocharitabletrust@gmail.com  **Grant potential:**  £100 - £10,000 | **Interests:** he Ed De Nunzio Charitable Trust was set up in memory of Edward De Nunzio, a young man of 18 who died in a tragic accident in February 2011. Ed loved aeroplanes, travel and skiing. This site, and the Trust, are inspired by his interests and passions.  The Trust aims to work with charities and voluntary organisations in York and the York area to help children and young people reach their full potential.  The Trust primarily supports children and young people from disadvantaged backgrounds offering them opportunities to expand their physical, educational, social and emotional horizons. Grants to charitable organisations are available to offer opportunities, education and care that otherwise may not be available to these young people.  Applications for grants must be for the benefit of 5-21 year olds who live in York and the York area.  **How to Apply:** Please send your application to the email address below and if your application satisfies the criteria set out by the charity, a full application form will be sent out to you.  Please tell us, in no more than 200 words, about your organisation, what you are seeking to do, and how much funding you wish to apply for.  Please email your application to eddenunziocharitabletrust@gmail.com  **Deadline:** Continuous rolling programme  **Charity No:** 1144836 |

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| **Esmée Fairbairn Foundation** | |
| **Geography:** Nationwide | |
| **Project Types:** | |
| **Website:** http://www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk/ | |
| **Tel:** 020 7812 3700  **Address:** Kings Place  90 York Way  London  N1 9AG  **Email:** info@esmeefairbairn.org.uk  **Grant potential:**  £30,000+  If applying for a social investment £100,000 + | **Interests:** The Foundation is one of the largest UK  independent grant-making foundations and aims to  improve the quality of life throughout the UK.  Their environmental funding goal is: “to ensure that  our natural world is restored and protected and that  people benefit from that recovery.”  They have three key impact goals by 2030:  1. Preserved and improved species health and  habitats.  2. Sustainable and ethical food.  3. Clean and healthy freshwater  Within these impact goals their five priorities are:   Peat   Space for nature   Nature friendly farming   Fishing in tandem with nature  Freshwater  All projects should focus on one of these areas, ideally  at scale and/or give underrepresented groups access to  nature.  How to Apply: Extensive information is available via  their website. There is a two-stage application process  and the first stage is online. There are no deadlines.  **How to Apply:** Online application form  https://esmeefairbairn.org.uk/applications/  **Deadline:** Continuous rolling programme  **Charity No:** 200051 |
| **Other Notes:** "We know that engagement with schools is a valuable way to reach children and young people. Whilst we will consider work that takes place in schools, we do not fund work that is exclusively in schools and part of the curriculum."  Exclusions: Building or equipment costs, promotion of religion, energy efficiency or waste reduction schemes such as recycling or renewable energy schemes unless they have exceptional social benefits, organisations with a turnover less than £100,000. | |

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| **Ford Britain Trust** | |
| **Geography:** UK but locations near Ford Motor Company Limited / FCE Bank plc UK operations are given a higher weighting  (Essex (including East London), Bridgend (South Wales), Southampton, Daventry, Manchester, Liverpool | |
| **Project Types:** Contributions to capital projects (e.g. refurbishments)  Capital expenditure items (e.g. furniture/equipment/computers)  Contribution towards the purchase of new vehicle (maximum grant £3,000\*)  Applications for IT equipment will be subjected to the list below:  Colour printer (laser) £200  Projector £250  i-Pad / i-pad mini £400  Desktop PC (inc software) £500  Laptop (inc software) £500  MacBook £1,000  3D Printer £1,250  Smart Board £2,200 | |
| **Website:** https://www.ford.co.uk/experience-ford/news/ford-britain-trust | |
| **Tel:**  **Address:** Ford Britain Trust  15-02B D20-B  Ford Dunton Technical Centre  Laindon  Basildon  Essex  SS15 6EE  **Email:** fbtrust@ford.com  **Grant potential:**  Small - up to £250  Large - up to £3,000 | **Interests:** Grant applications supporting the following activities will be considered:  Work that has clear benefits to the local community/environment  Work with young people/children  Education/schools (mainstream)  Special education needs  People with disabilities  **How to Apply:** Completing application form and sending to fbtrust@ford.com  **Deadline:** 5 cycles each year  Small:  1st April to 30th June for review in July  1st August to 31st October for review in November  1st December to 28th February for review in April  Large:  1st March to 31st July for review by our Board of Trustees in September/Octob  **Charity No:** |

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| **Garfield Weston Foundation** | |
| **Geography:** Nationwide | |
| **Project Types:** Capital projects (including buildings works and repairs)  Operating / core costs  Projects  Previous school grants have been given for:  - Multi-use games area  - AV equipment  - Refurbishments to sporting facilities  -Performing arts studio  - Greenhouse & Summerhouse project | |
| **Website:** http://www.garfieldweston.org/ | |
| **Tel:** 020 7399 6565  **Address:** Weston Centre  10 Grosvenor Street  London, W1K 4QY  **Email:**  **Grant potential:**  Average Grant £5,000 - £30,000  Regular Grants up to £100,000  Major Grants £100,000 + | **Interests:** The Foundation supports a wide range of charities that make a positive difference, working in different sectors in the UK. These include welfare, youth, community, environment, education, health, arts, heritage and faith.  **How to Apply:** Applications should be submitted using  an online pplication form, available on their website or via post.  https://garfieldweston.org/for-grant-applicants/how-to-apply/  **Deadline:** Continuous rolling programme  **Charity No:** 230260 |
| **Other Notes:** Extensive notes, guidance and support are also available on the website. Applications where applicants have read the guidance carefully and tailored their application to it are more likley to be successful. https://garfieldweston.org/for-grant-applicants/how-to-apply/application-guidelines/  Applications take around 4-6 months to receive a decision. You should contact the foundation first if considering applying for a grant of over £100,000.  Exclusions: The Foundation prefers to support projects where are least 50% of the budget has been secured and rarely funds more than 10% of the cost of a project. | |

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| **Greggs Foundation - Breakfast Clubs** | |
| **Geography:** Nationwide | |
| **Project Types:** Breakfast club | |
| **Website:** https://www.greggsfoundation.org.uk/breakfast-clubs | |
| **Tel:** 0191 212 7626  **Address:** Greggs Foundation,  Greggs House,  Quorum Business Park,  Newcastle upon Tyne,  NE12 8BU  **Email:** breakfastclubs@greggsfoundation.org.uk  **Grant potential:**  TBC | **Interests:** Breakfast Clubs offer so much more than a breakfast. We give schools the freedom and funds to choose nutritious options for their pupils but, we also make sure they have freshly baked bread donated by their local Greggs shop. Every Breakfast Club is different, feeding small groups to over 100 children each day. But the central principle is the same, they are a safe space for children to eat, spend time with their friends and talk with adults in preparation for the school day.  **How to Apply:** Join waiting list on the website  **Deadline:** Join waiting list on the website  **Charity No:** 296590 |

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| **International Tree Foundation - UK Community Tree Planting Programme** | |
| **Geography:** | |
| **Project Types:** Grants for community woodland or orchard projects on publically accessible land (including schools) | |
| **Website:** http://internationaltreefoundation.org/ | |
| **Tel:** 01865 922 430  **Address:** ITF Team, International Tree Foundation, The Old Music Hall, 106-108 Cowley Road, Oxford, OX4 1JE  **Email:** programmes@internationaltreefoundation.org  **Grant potential:**  £1.95 per tree. Support and mainanance grants also available. | **Interests:** Funding is available to protect, promote and plant trees in local communities in the UK.  **How to Apply:** Online  **Deadline:** 45639  **Charity No:** |

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| **Knabs Ridge Wind Farm Community Fund** | |
| **Geography:** Harrogate area: The parishes of Felliscliffe, Hampsthwaite, Birstwith, Norwood, Darley and Menwith, Haverah Park with Beckwithshaw, and Fewston. | |
| **Project Types:** Grants are available to small local charities, voluntary organisations, and community groups for projects that are innovative and can demonstrate that they will make a real difference to the lives of local people in the Harrogate area. | |
| **Website:** https://www.tworidingscf.org.uk/fund/knabs-ridge-wind-farm-community-fund/ | |
| **Tel:** 01904 929500  **Address:** Enquiries, Two Ridings Community Foundation, Pavilion 2000, Amy Johnson Way, York YO30 4XT  **Email:** grants@tworidingscf.org.uk  **Grant potential:**  Micro grants up to £700. Larger grants up to £3500 | **Interests:** The scheme supports voluntary organisations, community groups, small charities and other types of not-for-profit organisations with charitable projects in the Harrogate area that: Enhance quality of life for local residents; Contribute to vibrant, healthy, successful and sustainable communities; Promote community spirit and encourage community activity.  **How to Apply:** Online through Two Ridings Foundation  **Deadline:**  **Charity No:** |

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| **Learning Through Landscapes** | |
| **Geography:** Nationwide | |
| **Project Types:** Provide up to £500 to purchase items from their product catalogue, and provide an outdoor learning training session from a range of themes. | |
| **Website:** https://ltl.org.uk/projects/local-school-nature-grants/ | |
| **Tel:** 01962 392932  **Address:** Learning through Landscapes  Ground Floor  F Block  Clarendon House  Monarch Way  Winchester  SO22 5PW  **Email:** lsng@ltl.org.uk  **Grant potential:**  500 | **Interests:** Provide a budget of £500 to purchase items from their product catalogue, and provide an outdoor learning training session from a range of themes.  **How to Apply:** N/A  **Deadline:** N/A  **Charity No:** 803270 |

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| **npower Business Solutions Foundation** | |
| **Geography:** within a 50 mile radius of their Leeds office (LS15 8ZA) | |
| **Project Types:** The funding aims to: Improve the environment. Forge stronger community bonds. Support local educational institutions. Encourage responsible business. Improve places and spaces. Eligible projects could include, but are not limited to: Energy efficiency and carbon reduction measures Waste reduction and recycling initiatives Improvements to outdoor environments Training programmes that develop local skills and employment opportunities. | |
| **Website:** https://npowerbusinesssolutions.com/foundation | |
| **Tel:** 01733 421 021  **Address:** Charis Grants Ltd, Trinity Court, Trinity Street, PeterboroughPE1 1DA  **Email:** nbsFoundation@charisgrants.com  **Grant potential:**  Up to £100,000 | **Interests:** Grants are available for not-for-profit and educational institutions within 50 miles of nBS’ offices in Solihull and Leeds to support projects that have a positive impact on local communities, improve places and spaces, and provide opportunities for individuals to reach their potential.  **How to Apply:** Online  **Deadline:** Rolling  **Charity No:** |
| **Persimmon Community Champions** | |
| **Geography:** National (need to be close to one of Persimmon's 30 offices) | |
| **Project Types:** The funding is part of Persimmon's commitment to leave a positive lasting legacy in the local communities in which Persimmon works. The funding is intended for local charities, sports clubs and good causes. | |
| **Website:** https://www.persimmonhomes.com/community-champions | |
| **Tel:**  **Address:** Persimmon Homes, Persimmon House, Fulford, York YO19 4FE  **Email:** feedback@persimmonhomes.com  **Grant potential:**  Up to £6000 | **Interests:** One-off grants are available for local community organisations and charities for local community initiatives across England, Scotland and Wales in communities where Persimmon has a presence.  **How to Apply:**  **Deadline:**  **Charity No:** |

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| **Schroder Charity Trust** | |
| **Geography:** National | |
| **Project Types:** | |
| **Website:** https://schrodercharitytrust.org/ | |
| **Tel:**  **Address:** Schroder Charity Trust, 81 Rivington Street, London EC2A 3AY  **Email:** info@schrodercharitytrust.org  **Grant potential:**  Up to £5000 | **Interests:** Grants are available for UK charities supporting education, communities, the environment, health, arts, culture and heritage.  **How to Apply:** Online  **Deadline:** Rolling  **Charity No:** |
| **Other Notes:** Please note more than 1,000 applications are received each year and of those approximately 100 charities receive grants (only one out of every 10 applications will receive a grant). | |

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| **Sir George Martin Trust** | |
| **Geography:** West Yorkshire | |
| **Project Types:** Previous grants have been given to schools for:  - Core costs for Disability support & activities | |
| **Website:** https://www.sirgeorgemartintrust.org.uk/ | |
| **Tel:** 01943 605372  **Address:** Sir George Martin Trust  Harlig House, Skipton Road, Ilkley, LS29 9RP  **Email:** info@sirgeorgemartintrust.org.uk  **Grant potential:**  £1,000 - £3,000 | **Interests:** Primary objective of the activities, services or project must be to improve the well-being of disadvantaged and/or vulnerable.  **How to Apply:** See website for full information  https://www.sirgeorgemartintrust.org.uk/how-to-apply/  **Deadline:** Continuous rolling programme  **Charity No:** 223554 |

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| **Sport England - Small Grants** | |
| **Geography:** Nationwide | |
| **Project Types:** Coaching – providing opportunities for those less likely to be active, offering them an activity they want to participate in.  Volunteer training – develop your organisation’s volunteer base through offering training to both new and existing volunteers.  Service alterations – providing new ways of delivering your existing activity to attract new participants/members, for example offering outreach or web-based classes or targeting new audiences through connecting with other providers in your locality.  Additional equipment – to enable expansion of activity or safer delivery of activity, for example a defibrillator and associated costs (such as training for its use) as part of a wider project to deliver sport and physical activity.  Minor facility alterations – examples include adapting a community space to make it more accessible for those with mobility impairments, refurbishing a space to enable sport and physical activity to be offered or improving a space to make it more energy efficient. Please note, you must have, or provide confirmation that you don't need, the relevant planning permission/building control consent and/or landlord approval. Your application will not be successful unless you include this information in your application. | |
| **Website:** https://www.sportengland.org/funds-and-campaigns/our-funds/small-grants-programme#who-and-what-we-ll-fund-28399 | |
| **Tel:** 0345 8508 508  **Address:** SportPark  3 Oakwood Drive  Loughborough  Leicestershire  LE11 3QF  **Email:** Shared.Services@sportengland.org  **Grant potential:**  £300 - £15,000 | **Interests:** We want to support projects that bring communities together and provide sport and physical activities for people who may be less physically active.  We also particularly want to support projects focusing on environmental sustainability.  **How to Apply:** Online application  **Deadline:** Continuous rolling programme  **Charity No:** |
| **Other Notes:** Projects must be available for use by the wider community | |

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| **Tesco Stronger Starts** | |
| **Geography:** Nationwide | |
| **Project Types:** The scheme is open to all schools, registered charities and not-for-profit organisations, with priority given to projects that provide food and support to young people. | |
| **Website:** https://tescostrongerstarts.org.uk/ | |
| **Tel:** 0121 236 8565  **Address:** Suite B2, The Walker Building, 58 Oxford Street, Birmingham, B5 5NR  **Email:** tescostrongerstarts@groundwork.org.uk  **Grant potential:**  Up to £1,500 | **Interests:** Applications are open to all local good causes, but we are currently prioritising helping projects that support children’s food security and health and local store nominated good causes.  This is not an exhaustive list and other project ideas also welcomed.  Examples include:  School Breakfast clubs  Holiday clubs  Play areas  Food banks  Counselling and support services for children  Equipment or non-statutory services for nurseries or schools e.g. forest schools, library books  Equipment for Brownie, Guide or Scout Groups e.g. camping equipment, badges  Services or equipment to support children and young people’s health  Equipment/kit for youth sports teams  **How to Apply:** Online application  https://tescostrongerstarts.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/  **Deadline:** Continuous rolling programme  **Charity No:** |

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| **The Bowland Charitable Trust** | |
| **Geography:** North-West England | |
| **Project Types:** | |
| **Website:** N/A | |
| **Tel:** 01254 688051  **Address:** The Bowland Charitable Trust  Bowland House  Phillips Road  Blackburn  Lancashire  BB1 5NA  **Email:** carole.fahy@cannco.co.uk.  **Grant potential:**  £1,000 - £20,000 | **Interests:** The Bowland Charitable Trust offers grants to charitable organisations active in the UK.  The programme is intended to promote:  Outdoor and character-building projects for young people in the North West England.  Educational, religious and cultural activities and institutions.  Grants for charitable organisations with outdoor and character-building projects for young people in the North West England as well as for educational, religious and cultural activities and institutions in the North West of England.  **How to Apply:** In writing, outlining the project with a cost breakdown.  Sent to carole.fahy@cannco.co.uk  **Deadline:** Continuous rolling programme  **Charity No:** 292027 |

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| **The Catherine Cookson Charitable Trust** | |
| **Geography:** Nationwide | |
| **Project Types:** Building refurbishments  Purchasing of equipment  Sustainability projects  Welfare | |
| **Website:** https://catherinecookson.com/charitable-trust/ | |
| **Tel:**  **Address:** Catherine Cookson Charitable Trust,  c/o Thomas Magnay and Co Solicitors,  8 St Mary’s Green,  Whickham,  Newcastle upon Tyne,  NE16 4DN  **Email:** enquires@catherinecookson.com  **Grant potential:**  £100 - £100,000 but occasionally larger sums where there are exceptional circumstances | **Interests:** The Catherine Cookson Trust supports a wide range of activities including education and training, environment and conservation, arts and culture as well as general charitable purposes. The Trust’s principal aim is to identify and meet the local needs of the area in which Dame Catherine was brought up and resided. In particular the Trust supports work with young or disadvantaged people.  **How to Apply:** Online application form  https://catherinecookson.com/application-form/  **Deadline:** Continuous rolling programme  **Charity No:** 272895 |

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| **The Classical Association** | |
| **Geography:** Nationwide | |
| **Project Types:** Previous funding has been given to schools for;  - School trips to museums, plays and heritage sites  - Resources for a Roman History day  - Ancient Greeks workshop  - Life in Ancient Greece workshop  For more previous projects please see website  https://classicalassociation.org/school-projects/ | |
| **Website:** https://classicalassociation.org/schools/ | |
| **Tel:** 07926 632598  **Address:** Cardinal Point  Park Road  Rickmansworth  Hertfordshire  WD3 1RE  **Email:** office@classicalassociation.org  **Grant potential:**  Up to £500 | **Interests:** Funding activities which promote engagement with the ancient world.  **How to Apply:** Download and complete 'General Grant Application Cover Sheet' and send as an email attachment to canews@classicalassociation.org  **Deadline:** Continuous rolling programme  **Charity No:** 313371 |
| **Other Notes:** CA funds are limited, and when assessing grant applications, the Grants Committee will give preference to events which represent good value for money, look to build longer-term engagement with the classical world (either within or beyond the school); encourage equality, diversity and inclusion; and benefit pupils who might otherwise have limited opportunities to study the Greek and Roman worlds. Please include information on your school’s or college’s demographic, such as percentage of pupils in receipt of free school meals or Pupil Premium.  We hope that our grants can offer support for as wide a group of students as possible. Applications that encourage the sharing of resources and inclusion of pupils from other schools will be looked upon favourably, although this is not a condition for success. | |

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| **The Ernest Cook Trust** | |
| **Geography:** Nationwide | |
| **Project Types:** Grants are available for the following options:  • Nature & Nurture – school grounds improvements  • Transport & Travel – transport costs to Outdoor Learning venues  • Wellies & Waterproofs – outdoor clothing | |
| **Website:** https://ernestcooktrust.org.uk/what-we-do/everything-outdoors/outdoor-essentials-grant/ | |
| **Tel:** 01285 712492  **Address:** The Ernest Cook Trust  Fairford Park  Fairford  Gloucestershire GL7 4JH  **Email:** hello@ernestcooktrust.org.uk  **Grant potential:**  £500 - Primary and Special Schools  £1,000 -Secondary Schools. | **Interests:** The Outdoor Essentials Grant is an award to UK state-funded Primary, Special and Secondary Schools to enable them to get their pupils learning outdoors.  **How to Apply:** Online  **Deadline:** See website for deadline information  **Charity No:** 1146629 |

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| **The Foyle Foundation** | |
| **Geography:** Nationwide | |
| **Project Types:** Previous grants have been awarded to schools for:  - Towards the costs of a new library & library books  - Towards trampolining for fitness, coordination and therapy | |
| **Website:** https://foylefoundation.org.uk/ | |
| **Tel:** 020 7430 9119  **Address:** The Foyle Foundation  Rugby Chambers  2 Rugby Street  London WC1N 3QU  **Email:** Main Grants Scheme: mgs@foylefoundation.org.uk  School Library Scheme: sls@foylefoundation.org.uk  Small Grants Scheme: sgs@foylefoundation.org.uk  General Enquiries: info@foylefoundation.org.uk  Technical Online Application Enquiries: admin@foylefoundation  **Grant potential:**  £2,000+ | **Interests:** The Foundation awards funding in three main areas:  ARTS and LEARNING charities predominantly via the Main Grants Scheme  SMALL CHARITIES of all descriptions (with a turnover of less than £150K per annum) via the Small Grants Scheme (grants between £2K and £10K)  STATE FUNDED SCHOOLS predominantly via the Foyle School Library Scheme (grants between £2K and £10K)  **How to Apply:** Online application, see website  **Deadline:** See website for deadline information  **Charity No:** 1081766 |
| **Other Notes:** The majority of our funding for schools is focused on the Foyle School Library Scheme which was launched in 2009 to improve literacy and reading attainment with a focus on primary school provision. It is recognised that there is no statutory requirement for primary schools to have a library and that many school libraries are in a desperate situation through underfunding and underdevelopment. Since 2009 (to December 2023) the Foundation cumulatively has approved 2,009 school library grants totalling just over £10.76M (average grant size of just over £5K). In 2024, the Foundation plans to award over £1M to state schools.  State funded schools may be funded from time to time under the Main Grants Scheme for other projects with direct educational/arts benefits but schools must demonstrate why their project cannot be funded from statutory or other funding and also explain their long-term commitment to this activity.  We cannot accept applications from Academy Trusts (even if they are registered charities – individual schools can apply). | |

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| **The Henry Smith Charity** | |
| **Geography:** UK only, with priority to the 20% most deprived areas | |
| **Project Types:** Previous grants have been given to schools for;  - Trips to the seaside for children who are disabled or disadvantaged  - Trips to Yorkshire Wildlife Park for children who are disabled or disadvantaged  - Trips to the lake district for children who are disabled or disadvantaged  - Trips to an activity centre for children who are disabled or disadvantaged | |
| **Website:** https://www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/explore-our-grants-and-apply/holiday-grants-for-children/holiday-grants-for-children-overview/ | |
| **Tel:** 020 7264 4970  **Address:**  **Email:** https://www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/contact-us/  **Grant potential:**  £500 – £2,750 | **Interests:** Recreational trips and holidays for groups of children aged 13 and under in the UK who are disabled or disadvantaged.  **How to Apply:** Online application  https://www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/explore-our-grants-and-apply/holiday-grants-for-children/holiday-grants-for-children-application-process/  **Deadline:** Please note: This fund is currently closed to applications. Applications for the next period are due to open on 13 March 2024  **Charity No:** 230102 |

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| **The Linnean Society – Our Local Nature Grants** | |
| **Geography:** National | |
| **Project Types:** Funding is intended for projects which affect change or empower local young people and the surrounding communities to increase access to natural spaces and improve understanding of the local biodiversity. Examples of eligible projects are as follows: Running a school festival about nature. Painting community murals showcasing biodiversity in the area. Building or restoring a community garden. Creating a nature walk. Hiring a speaker to come and talk about local foraging. Grants can be used for materials, room hire, publicity, speakers, trainers, freelancers, project-specific staff costs, audio-visual hire, reasonable volunteer expenses, transport, or other costs of activities/events. | |
| **Website:** https://www.linnean.org/the-society/medals-awards-prizes-grants/our-local-nature-grants | |
| **Tel:** 020 7434 4479  **Address:** The Linnean Society of London, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London, W1J 0BF  **Email:** learning@linnean.org  **Grant potential:**  Up to £1000 | **Interests:** The scheme provides grants to support innovative projects, designed and led by young people in the UK, which aim to increase access to local natural spaces and encourage a deeper appreciation and understanding of nature.  **How to Apply:** Will open in Autumn 2024  **Deadline:**  **Charity No:** |

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| **The Liz and Terry Bramall Foundation** | |
| **Geography:** National, but preference for Yorkshire | |
| **Project Types:** | |
| **Website:** http://www.bramallfoundation.org/ | |
| **Tel:** 01423 566666  **Address:** c/o Rayworths LLP  Eton House  89 Station Parade  Harrogate  North Yorkshire  HG1 1HF  **Email:** bramallfoundation@raworths.co.uk  **Grant potential:**  10000 | **Interests:** Interests: The Foundation’s objects include “the advancement of the Christian faith for the benefit of the public in accordance with the statements of belief of the Church of England” and “the protection or conservation of the environment.” The Foundation makes grants to a wide range of causes and projects, mostly in Yorkshire.  **How to Apply:** By letter or email  **Deadline:** Continuous rolling programme  **Charity No:** 1121670 |
| **Other Notes:** All applications must include a paragraph of no more than 120 words summarising your application.  Applications should contain:   A short synopsis of the aims and activities of you/your charity/organisation;   Details of the project/projects for which you are seeking funding; and   The level of funding you are seeking; and   An indication of other sources of funds which will make your project sustainable. | |

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| **The Mackintosh Foundation** | |
| **Geography:** Nationwide | |
| **Project Types:** | |
| **Website:** | |
| **Tel:** 0207 637 8866  **Address:** Richard Knibb  General and Company Secretary  1 Bedford Square  London  WC1B 3RB  **Email:** info@camack.co.uk  **Grant potential:**  £1,000 - £5,000 | **Interests:** The Foundation was started and funded by theatre impresario Cameron Mackintosh. The foundation gives priority to:   the theatre and the performing arts   medical aid particularly research into cancer and HIV and AIDS   homelessness   community project   the environment   refugees  In the environmental field the Foundation is looking to award grants to environmental projects aimed at the conservation, protection, and enhancement of nature in the UK and abroad.  **How to Apply:** Apply in writing to the General and Company Secretary.  Outline details of the organisation, details of the project for which funding is required and a breakdown of the costs involved. Supporting  documentation should be kept to a minimum and a stamped addressed envelope enclosed if materials are to be returned.  **Deadline:** Continuous rolling programme  **Charity No:** 327751 |
| **Other Notes:** The Foundation responds to all applications in writing and the process normally takes 4-6 weeks. | |

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| **The National Lottery Community Fund – Reaching Communities England** | |
| **Geography:** Nationwide | |
| **Project Types:** Previous school grants have been awarded for:  - Improving sports facilities where facilities are also used by community  - Growing food programme, enabling families to learn more about healthy eating and improving wellbeing  - Transformation of a piece of land into a community garden  - Creation of sensory garden for children, parents and local community | |
| **Website:** https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/reaching-communities-england | |
| **Tel:** 0845 410 2030  **Address:** Big Lottery Fund  1 Plough Place  London, EC4A 1DE  **Email:** general.enquiries@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk  **Grant potential:**  £20,001+ | **Interests:** We can fund projects or organisations that’ll do at least one of these things:  - bring people together to 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.  Beneficiaries must not be limited to the school.  **How to Apply:** Online  https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/reaching-communities-england  **Deadline:** Continuous rolling programme  **Charity No:** |

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| **The National Lottery Community Fund**  **(Awards for All)** | |
| **Geography:** Nationwide | |
| **Project Types:** Previous school grants have been awarded for:  - Improving sports facilities where facilities are also used by community  - Growing food programme, enabling families to learn more about healthy eating and improving wellbeing  - Transformation of a piece of land into a community garden  - Creation of sensory garden for children, parents and local community | |
| **Website:** https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/national-lottery-awards-for-all-england | |
| **Tel:** 0845 410 2030  **Address:** Big Lottery Fund  1 Plough Place  London, EC4A 1DE  **Email:** general.enquiries@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk  **Grant potential:**  £300 - £20,000 | **Interests:** We can fund projects that’ll do at least one of these things:  - bring people together to 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  - support people, communities and organisations facing more demands and challenges because of the cost-of-living crisis.  **How to Apply:** Online  https://account.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2FApplication%2FStart%2Faf61159b-b8a7-49f1-ae06-44785abb0202  **Deadline:** Continuous rolling programme  **Charity No:** |
| **Other Notes:** The National Lottery Community Fund cares about our environment and are always striving to manage our environmental impact. We encourage and support projects and communities to do the same.  We do not accept applications written for you by private businesses or consultants  If you’re a school or an organisation working with a school  We’re less likely to fund projects happening in schools.  Your project must involve and benefit the community outside of the school  We will not fund projects that mainly benefit or involve teachers, pupils, and parents of pupils.  We do not fund activities in schools that:  - improve school facilities or equipment  - help with staff training  - are part of the school curriculum  the school should already be doing (like teaching reading during school hours)  - take place during teaching times (lunch breaks, or before and after school might be OK). | |

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| **The Nineveh Charitable Trust** | |
| **Geography:** Nationwide | |
| **Project Types:** Previous school awards have been given to projects relating to sustainability, community gardens, horticulture, outdoor adventure equipment, sensory garden, bird box construction | |
| **Website:** https://ninevehtrust.org.uk/ | |
| **Tel:** 07710998829  **Address:** Park Farm  Frittenden Road  Biddenden  Ashford  TN27 8LG  **Email:** robert@ninevehtrust.org.uk  **Grant potential:**  £100 - £15,000 | **Interests:** Supports a broad range of UK-based projects and activities of benefit to the General Public, with an emphasis on promoting better understanding of the countryside. The health, welfare, and education of the public   The study and appreciation of agriculture, silviculture, ecology, and land management   The study and appreciation of land and estate management that encourages conservation of the countryside.  **How to Apply:** Apply in writing.  Three copies of the proposal should be sent to the correspondent along with a self-addressed envelope. Applications should be no longer than two sides. Four copies of the contact form, which is available to  download from the trust’s website, should be sent alongside the proposal. The trust suggests using a Situation-Target-Proposal structure for applications.  **Deadline:** Continuous rolling programme  **Charity No:** 256025 |
| **Other Notes:** We prefer to pay grants to UK registered charities or Community Interest Companies.  But individual applicants may be considered if the outcome benefits are clearly defined. | |

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| **The Royal Society - Partnership Grants** | |
| **Geography:** Nationwide | |
| **Project Types:** | |
| **Website:** https://royalsociety.org/grants-schemes-awards/grants/partnership-grants/ | |
| **Tel:** 020 7451 2666  **Address:** 6-9 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AG  **Email:** grants@royalsociety.org  **Grant potential:**  Up pto £3,000 | **Interests:** Partnership Grants of up to £3000 are available to schools to enable students, aged 5 – 18, to carry out science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM) projects.  **How to Apply:** Online  https://grants.royalsociety.org/  **Deadline:** Information available on the website  **Charity No:** 207043 |
| **Other Notes:** There must be two partners involved in a Partnership Grant – a school partner from the UK and a STEM partner from academia or industry.  Applications must be for a specific investigative project rather than a general request for equipment or STEM resources. | |

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| **The Wolfson Foundation** | |
| **Geography:** Nationwide | |
| **Project Types:** Previous grants have been awarded to schools for:  - Refurbishment of teaching spaces  - Technical equipment  The project should aim to achieve a higher quality of teaching space, a higher number of pupils taking the subject and improved learning outcomes | |
| **Website:** https://www.wolfson.org.uk/funding/funding-for-places/funding-for-secondary-schools-sixth-form-colleges/ | |
| **Tel:** 020 7323 5730  **Address:** 8 Queen Anne Street  London  W1G 9LD  **Email:** grants@wolfson.org.uk  **Grant potential:**  Minimum grant amount:  £15,000  Maximum grant amount:  £100,000  Usual grant range:  £15,000 – £50,000 (for equipment)  £15,000 – £100,000 (for new build and refurbishment)  Match funding required:  If total project cost is <£50,000, no match funding is requi | **Interests:** We support high-achieving state-funded secondary schools and sixth form colleges to improve the teaching at GCSE and A-Level of subjects that need specialist spaces and equipment. We award grants towards capital projects that help schools to create and improve these facilities.  **How to Apply:** Online via the website  **Deadline:** Two funding rounds each year. See website for details  **Charity No:** 1156077 |
| **Other Notes:** See website for full eligibility criteria and informaiton on projects that will and will not be funded before applying. | |

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| **The Wooden Spoon Charity** | |
| **Geography:** Nationwide | |
| **Project Types:** Schools and not for profit organisations have the opportunity to apply for funding through the Wooden Spoon Society’s Capital Grants programme. Wooden Spoon is the British and Irish Rugby charity which supports projects help mentally, physically disadvantaged children. Each year the charity supports around 70 projects. Through the programme funding is available for:  - Buildings and extensions  - Equipment & activity aids  - Sensory rooms and gardens  - Playgrounds and sports areas  - Soft playrooms | |
| **Website:** https://woodenspoon.org.uk/ | |
| **Tel:** 01252 773 720  **Address:** Sentinel House  Ancells Business Park  Harvest Crescent  Fleet, Hampshire  GU51 2UZ  **Email:** charity@woodenspoon.org.uk  **Grant potential:**  No minimum / maximum | **Interests:** Our aim is to make a positive impact on the lives of children and young people through our commitment to quality charitable work.  The project must enhance and support the lives of children and young people (under 25) that are disadvantaged physically, mentally or socially.  The project must work directly with children and young people and have a positive influence on their lives from the activities or service provided.  **How to Apply:** Complete the 'Expression of Wish' form online and speak with a member of the team to discuss eligibility of the project.  https://share.hsforms.com/106kLyLXjTrma7qVOBfJ-Sg3sccl  **Deadline:** Continuous rolling programme  **Charity No:** 326691 |
| **Other Notes:** For brand recognition purposes all Projects of a physical nature should have the facility of being badged (e.g. ‘The Wooden Spoon Playground’). Wooden Spoon’s supporters can then recognise their contribution within their local communities and general awareness of Wooden Spoon can be increased. It is important that the badging be consistent and of a high standard. This badging will normally be in the form of a wall-mounted plaque and will be organised by National Office. | |

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| **Tree Council - Orchards for Schools**  **\*Free resource for schools** | |
| **Geography:** Nationwide | |
| **Project Types:** Free pack of fruit-bearing, wildlife-enhancing, carbon-storing orchard or fruiting hedgerow for your school! | |
| **Website:** https://treecouncil.org.uk/grants-and-guidance/our-grants/orchards-for-schools/ | |
| **Tel:** 020 4582 9940  **Address:** 14 Dock Offices, Surrey Quays Road, London, SE16 2XU  **Email:** info@treecouncil.org.uk  **Grant potential:**  N/A | **Interests:** Free pack of fruit-bearing, wildlife-enhancing, carbon-storing orchard or fruiting hedgerow for your school!  **How to Apply:** N/A  **Deadline:** N/A  **Charity No:** 279000 |

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| **Woodland Trust**  **\*Free resource for schools** | |
| **Geography:** Nationwide | |
| **Project Types:** Provision of tree tree packs and "Tree Tools for Schools" to help schools plan, plant and care for your tree pack. | |
| **Website:** https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/schools-and-communities/ | |
| **Tel:** 0330 333 3300  **Address:** Woodland Trust, Kempton Way, Grantham, Lincolnshire, NG31 6LL  **Email:** enquiries@woodlandtrust.org.uk  **Grant potential:**  N/A | **Interests:** The UK needs millions more trees to reach its 2050 carbon net-zero target. By digging in with us, you'll help bring us nearer this important goal.  We want to make sure everybody in the UK has the chance to plant a tree. So we’re giving away hundreds of thousands of trees to schools and communities. Together, we'll get millions more trees in the ground.  **How to Apply:** N/A  **Deadline:** N/A  **Charity No:** 294344 |

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| **Woodland Trust**  **\*Free resource for schools** | |
| **Geography:** Nationwide | |
| **Project Types:** Green Tree School Awards  encourages outdoor learning and inspires pupils about trees, woods and wildlife.  Students receive certificates for doing environmental projects such as tree planting, reducing CO2 emissions and visiting woods.  Through our award, your school can take part in fun, practical projects while helping the environment and improving your grounds. It’s completely free and we provide resources and support to help you get the most out of it.  Your pupils can also earn certificates in recognition of their achievements and a special plaque to display in your school. | |
| **Website:** https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/support-us/act/your-school/green-tree-schools-award/ | |
| **Tel:** 0330 333 3300  **Address:** Woodland Trust, Kempton Way, Grantham, Lincolnshire, NG31 6LL  **Email:** enquiries@woodlandtrust.org.uk  **Grant potential:**  N/A | **Interests:** Green Tree School Awards  encourages outdoor learning and inspires pupils about trees, woods and wildlife.  **How to Apply:** N/A  **Deadline:** N/A  **Charity No:** 294344 |

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| **Workplace Charging Scheme** | |
| **Geography:** Nationwide | |
| **Project Types:** This grant is for state-funded schools and education institutions to install electric vehicle chargepoint sockets at their site(s).  Grant to help schools to install electric vehicle charge points for use by staff, students and visitors | |
| **Website:** https://www.gov.uk/guidance/workplace-charging-scheme-for-state-funded-education-institutions | |
| **Tel:** -  **Address:** -  **Email:** -  **Grant potential:**  Installations usually cost around £1,500 to £2,500, depending on the area and type of installation.  You can get 75% off the cost to buy and install chargepoints up to a maximum of:  £2,500 per socket  40 sockets across all sites | **Interests:** Electric vehicle charge points  **How to Apply:** Online  https://www.gov.uk/guidance/workplace-charging-scheme-for-state-funded-education-institutions  **Deadline:** 45747  **Charity No:** 0 |

**Other Sources of Funding**

For environmental and sustainability projects it is also worth considering other sources of funding including:

**Local Community Funding**

* UK Community Foundations are networks of local funders. They cover the whole of England and are often based on historic counties. Visit [www.ukcommunityfoundations.org](http://www.ukcommunityfoundations.org) for information about funders local to your project.

**Social Investment**

* **Leapfrog** enables positive social, environmental, and financial impact for communities, those in deprivation by enabling their participation in and benefit from, an energy system in transition to lower carbon intensity. They provide affordable finance to community projects that deliver genuine social and environmental benefits locally. [www.pureleapfrog.org](http://www.pureleapfrog.org)
* **CO2Sense** has specialised in financing renewable energy projects, supporting over 8MW of new renewable energy capacity to be developed and installed by commercial and community organisations. Building on this experience, CO2Sense has broadened its remit to invest in the wider environmental sector including energy efficiency, energy storage and waste and recycling. [www.co2sense.co.uk](http://www.co2sense.co.uk/)

**Funding Networks**

Networks of funders and individuals interested in funding projects. These groups do not accept unsolicited applications but will accept approaches made to members, who then share with the wider network if appropriate.

* Environmental Funders Network - <https://www.greenfunders.org/>
* Network for Social Change - <https://www.thenetworkforsocialchange.org.uk/>
* The Funding Network - <https://www.thefundingnetwork.org.uk/>

**Local Solar Providers**

Community Owned Renewable Energy LLP (CORE) is a £40 million investment partnership between Power to Change and Big Society Capital seeking to acquire operational, ground mounted solar farms in England on behalf of community energy groups with a view to transferring them into community ownership whilst maximising their financial, environmental, and social impact. CORE Partners [www.corepartners.org.uk](http://www.corepartners.org.uk/)

Solar for Schools offers solar panels for school buildings across the UK. They take care of the design, project development, installation, and the operations and maintenance for the lifecycle of the system (25 years). Cost-neutrality to the school is achieved via a power-purchase-agreement, or a leasing-agreement. Project profits are dedicated to keep developing the education offering and to bring more solar to schools worldwide. Solar for Schools could even organise the project funding through our social impact focussed Community Benefits Society. [www.solarforschools.co.uk/about](http://www.solarforschools.co.uk/about)