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FUNDING NEWS – June 2018

UDC Community Project Grants

Grants from a minimum of £100 up to a maximum of £3,500 are available to properly-constituted voluntary organisations or similar bodies in the Uttlesford district, such as village hall committees, community shops, town and parish councils, community associations, play and recreation clubs and groups.

Grants will be considered for expenditure incurred in the provision of any of the following:

- Development of land for recreational purposes, including environmental improvements
- Buildings or facilities that are available for community use such as village halls, community centres or public conveniences
- Car parks and access roads to car parks directly associated with a community use building
- Children's play areas, including equipment and safety surfacing
- Improvement, refurbishment or extension to any of the facilities outlined above
- Essential equipment that contributes significantly to the aims and objectives of the project
- Training or a one-off staffing cost that contributes significantly to the development of the project or increases benefit to the community (wages and salaries cannot be paid)

Closing date is **14th June 2018**

[Guidance Notes](#)

[Click here for Application Form](#)

Prince's Countryside Fund

The Prince's Countryside Fund provides grants of up to £50,000 for innovative projects that will provide a lasting legacy to the individuals and communities they seek to benefit.

The Fund seeks applications to support activity that results in a long-term positive impact on rural communities by helping the people that live and work in the countryside. The grant programme currently aims to tackle the following key rural issues:

- To improve the prospects of viability for family farm businesses
- To sustain rural communities and drive economic vibrancy
- To support aid delivery in emergency and building resilience
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The Fund will be open for grant applications from April 30th to **June 14th 2018**.

<http://www.princescountrysidefund.org.uk/grant-giving-programme/grant-programme>

Rural Four: Catalyst, Collaborate, Create & Champion – Prince's Countryside Fund

This dedicated programme of support for community projects in England, Scotland and Wales is funded by Players of People's Postcode Lottery. Now in its second year the project seeks to reach out and engage with up to 10 rural communities annually to help deliver and reinvigorate community assets and services.

Overall, the Rural Four project aims to

- Reinvigorate community networks by assisting with rebuilding community assets;
- Improving the health and well-being of 200 socially isolated people through providing access to improved community assets and a network of support;
- Create a lasting legacy of support and community spirit in the areas supported.

The Prince's Countryside Fund, working with partners Scottish Business in the Community, Plunkett Foundation and Pub is the Hub, utilise their networks as a catalyst for community engagement. Support and guidance is provided to communities to collaborate and learn from others to build plans for projects that reinvigorate or restore vital assets. Funding is then provided to those that meet our eligibility criteria in order to support the community to create change.

Funding of up to £25,000 is available and applications are currently open.

<http://www.princescountrysidefund.org.uk/grant-giving-programme/rural-four>

Funding for the Repair of Church Buildings

Grants of between £1,000 and £3,000 are available to support the repair of church buildings for the benefit of all the community. The funding is available to encourage churches to act on small, urgent maintenance issues and repairs to listed church buildings, as identified in a recent Quinquennial Inspection Report, condition survey or report by a gutter management contractor, and costed at between £2,000 and £10,000. Proposed works must be to the main church building, and applicants must be able to show they have already raised 50% of the total repair costs, and to have obtained two quotes for the works.

The funding is being made available through the National Churches Trust and the application deadline is the 26th September 2018.

[Click here for more information](#)

Nationwide Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme – Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport

The Nationwide Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme (GBVS), announced on 15 March 2018, will provide vouchers worth up to £3000 for a small or medium sized business or £500 to residents to help with the costs of connecting to full fibre broadband.

The scheme is part of a wider government plan to get more homes and businesses connected to full fibre broadband. It builds on the £200 million Local Full Fibre Networks programme which gives funding to local areas to boost full fibre delivery and on trial voucher schemes operated in four parts of the country.

<https://gigabitvoucher.culture.gov.uk/>

Partnerships – Big Lottery Fund

Through partnerships funding, Big Lottery aim to make grants available over £10,000 for organisations who share responsibility and influence with others, who have a shared set of goals and values, and achieve their mission by starting with the bigger picture rather than just what their organisation can do on its own.

Grants are awarded for up to five years and we can fund project activities, operating costs, organisational development and capital costs. The three funding priorities are:

- bring people together and build strong relationships in and across communities
- improve the places and spaces that matter to communities
- enable more people to fulfil their potential by working to address issues at the earliest possible stage.
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<https://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/partnerships-england>

Weston Anniversary Fund – Garfield Weston Foundation

To celebrate the Foundation's anniversary and the vital role of volunteers and community charities, an additional grants scheme opened to applications from 5 January and will close on **30 June 2018**.

One off grants are available to support Capital projects to provide new or improve existing community facilities that will benefit local communities across the UK. The Fund is open to UK registered charities, CIOs, places of worship and state schools only with a total income under £3million.

Grants can range from £30,000 – £150,000 with total project costs not exceeding £300,000. Decisions on applications will not be made until October 2018.

<https://anniversary.garfieldweston.org/weston-anniversary-fund/>

Screwfix Foundation

The Screwfix Foundation raises funds to support projects that will fix, repair, maintain and improve properties and community facilities for those in need throughout the UK. They work with both national and local charities, donating much needed funds to help all sorts of projects, from repairing buildings and improving facilities in deprived areas, to decorating the homes of people living with sickness and disabilities.

The Screwfix Foundation currently offers local registered charities and not for profit organisations funding of up to £5,000. All applications are reviewed individually on a quarterly basis – the review dates are in February, May, August and November.

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

Core Strength Local Communities Grants – Comic Relief

UK Community Foundations is supporting Comic Relief to deliver a £2 million investment into supporting small community led organisations across the UK.

The Core Strength Local Communities Grants programme provides funding for essential core running costs for grassroots organisations that are often the first and sometimes only point of support for individuals and communities trying to make a difference in their lives. The initiative will sit under the Comic Relief programme of Building Stronger Communities – supporting groups who work to make their communities more connected, empowered and productive.

Grants between £1,000 and £10,000 for up to 12 months are available to small local community organisations with an annual income of up to £100,000.

Application windows will open at different times across the UK until July 2018.

<http://www.ukcommunityfoundations.org/our-programmes/comic-relief>

Funding to Support Rural Communities (UK)

The NFU Mutual Charitable Trust, which supports charities in the UK working in agriculture and rural development has announced that the next closing date for applications is the 26th October 2018. Grants of between £1,000 and £50,000 are available. The Trustees are particularly interested in initiatives in the areas of education of young people in rural areas and relief of poverty within rural areas. The NFU Mutual Charitable Trust also provides small grants of up to

£250 through the NFU Mutual's Community Giving Fund which supports worthwhile community events, charities, schools and community group activities that are local to their operations.

[Click here for more information](#)

Magic Little Grants - Funding to Increase Participation in Sports

Small charities and community groups with annual incomes of under £50,000 have the opportunity to access funding to deliver projects which help to overcome barriers to participation in sport and recreation. Projects benefitting from funding will either overcome barriers to participation in physical activities in creative ways or increase social cohesion through developing access to sports and other recreational activities.

Over 400 grants of £500 will be made to members of Localgiving that meet the criteria. Non-members can register to apply and if successful will receive 12 months free membership. Little Magic Grants is open for applications until the 31st October 2018.

<https://localgiving.org/what-we-do/magic-little-grants/>

Saffron Community Fund

At Saffron we have an endowment fund with Essex Community Foundation Registered Charity Number 1052061. The fund is invested to maximise resources for grant giving now and in the future. ECF matches applications from voluntary organisations and individuals to the funds we hold and also manages Saffron flow-through funds from various efforts such as the Community Choir and staff events.

Our grant panel, made up of both Saffron Staff and members, meet annually with ECF to consider applications and to distribute the funds available.

If you are involved in any organisation within the East of England and would like to be considered for a grant please visit www.essexcommunityfoundation.org.uk.



If you would like help with any of the above funding programmes or advice on any aspect of funding or group development please contact

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