

# What funds

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## The Fore

The Fore is the only open-access funder in the UK offering development funding and strategic support to early-stage charities and social enterprises. Grants of up to £30,000 over one to three years together with the provision of access to business expertise.

The Fore will fund any organisation that is small (annual income less than £1m) and charitable. You need to be UK registered, but can be a charity, social enterprise or community interest company.

They make unrestricted grants which have the potential to have a transformational impact on an organisation.

The Fore runs three twelve-week funding rounds to coincide with the academic calendar each year.

To apply for funding, organisations must register at the start of each funding round. Numbers for each round are capped to ensure they are able to give every applicant the attention it deserves. Registration is run on a first-come, first-serve basis and once the cap is reached, the round is closed, therefore please register early.

Registration (Spring 2018 round)  
**Opens 11 December 2017, 10 am**

Application Deadline for Registered Organisations (Spring 2018 round) 8 January

Funding Decisions Announced (Spring 2018 round) By 29 March

For more information [click here](#)

<https://www.thefore.org/charities/>

# Core Strength—Local Communities

Dorset Community Foundation and Comic Relief announce the launch of Core Strength – Local Communities for 2017/18. This 12 month programme will provide funding for groups' core costs – meaning expenditure that is not connected to delivering projects but focusing on investing in the organisation as a whole, such as basic running costs (e.g. rent/overheads of office, core staff such as administrators, staff/volunteer training, business planning or development).

Grants will support groups that can evidence a sustained beneficial impact on people's lives who are excluded or disadvantaged this may be through low income, rural or social isolation, age, disabilities, race, sexuality or gender. Priority is to be given to small, locally based groups or organisations in areas of disadvantage that have a clear understanding of the needs of their community and are undertaking actions as a means of addressing these needs.

To apply, you must:

- be based within the area you are carrying out activities and have local people involved in the running of the organisation
- have been running activities for a minimum of 12 months
- have an annual income of less than £100,000 for your last full financial year

You cannot apply if you are in receipt of a grant directly from Comic Relief.

*Before you apply you need to understand the themes and outcomes that Comic Relief are looking for. Please read the full criteria and guidance available [HERE](#).*

Grants from £1,000 to £5,000 (please note the average grant size is in the region of £2,500).

**The fund will open for applications on 20/09/2017 and will close at noon on 26/10/2017.**

**If you may have any questions please contact the office on 01202 670815 or email [grants@dorsetcf.org](mailto:grants@dorsetcf.org)**

## Try for Change

Comic Relief and England Rugby announce Try for Change large grants programme.

Comic Relief and England Rugby joined forces last year to launch the Try for Change Fund. The Fund uses rugby union and the rugby union community to deliver social change in England and across the world. Over four years, £4 million will be raised by England Rugby and then distributed in partnership with Comic Relief to support rugby for change projects.

Following the success of the small grants programme, which launched in February 2017 and whose first awards will be announced shortly, Comic Relief and England Rugby are delighted to launch the inaugural large grants programme. Sport can have a significant and measurable impact on people's lives, so we are inviting projects which use rugby union and the rugby union community to tackle a number of social challenges.

Proposals to the Try for Change large grants programme will need to demonstrate wider social outcomes and not just focus on increasing participation in rugby. Proposals which target the most vulnerable and marginalised groups will be prioritised and proposals must work towards at least one of the following outcomes:

- Increase community cohesion/ social integration
- Improve educational attainment
- Increase employability
- Reduce involvement in gangs and reduce the risk of re-offending
- Improve mental and physical health

The fund is open to charities, not-for-profit organisations and rugby clubs across England. Organisations will be able to apply for a grant of up to £100,000 for work delivered over 2-3 years. As well as existing rugby for change programmes, we are looking to fund new and innovative approaches. The application process will be a one stage process and we will be open for proposals from 4th September to 2nd October 2017 (midday). Shortlisted organisations will be informed by the end of October and assessed in November. Final decisions will be made by late January 2018. Please check back on our grants section from 4th September 2017 for more details and to apply for funding.

## Aviva Community Fund

The Aviva Community Fund offers you the chance to get funding from £1,000 up to £25,000 for an important cause in your community.

Enter a project for your community organisation – even if you took part previously – and explain what a difference these much-needed funds could make.

The Aviva Community Fund opens on 12 September 2017.

Get enough votes from friends, family and supporters in your community and you could reach the finals, where a judging panel will award the funds.

Health & Wellbeing; Skills for Life; Inclusivity; Community Support.

The funding levels you can apply for are up to £1,000; £5,000, £10,000 or £25,000

[Click here for further information](#)

## Genetic Disorders UK

Funds raised on [Jeans for Genes Day](#) provide grants to disorder-specific charities and patient groups to fund projects and services for children affected by genetic disorders.

To apply for a Jeans for Genes grant you need to be a member of the Genetic Disorders UK [partnership network](#).

**The 2018 grant programme will open on Friday 1 September 2017.**

<http://www.geneticdisordersuk.org/grantprogramme/>

## Kusuma Trust

The Trust provides grants up to a maximum of £10,000 for organisations that enable disadvantaged young people to have more opportunities in education or employment. Registered charities in England can apply for these grants.

They are looking to support projects that work with hard-to-reach young people, building their confidence and aspiration.

- Programmes
- Feasibility studies, project evaluations and community consultations
- Core costs for delivery
- Training
- Strategy development

Deadline 29th September 2017.

<http://www.kusumatrust.org/our-work/united-kingdom/small-grants/>

# Gannett Foundation - Community Action Grants

The Gannett Foundation is the charitable arm of Gannett Co, Inc. owner of Newsquest Media Group, which publishes regional and local newspapers, websites and magazines across the UK e.g. Dorset and Bournemouth Echo.

Each year it awards grants of between £5,000 and £10,000 to registered charities that "make a lasting difference to communities" within the circulation and/or production area of the 300 Newsquest titles.

The funding is intended to support one-off local activities or capital items that benefit a large number of local residents.

Applications must be made to the local newspaper. The application form can be downloaded from the local Newsquest newspaper and must be returned to the local Newsquest newspaper publisher.

**The deadline for applications is 9 October 2017 (5pm).**

The application form link is within the item below:

[http://www.dorsetecho.co.uk/news/15440101.Gannett\\_Foundation\\_opens\\_latest\\_round\\_of\\_grants\\_APPLICATION\\_FORM/](http://www.dorsetecho.co.uk/news/15440101.Gannett_Foundation_opens_latest_round_of_grants_APPLICATION_FORM/)

<https://www.gannettfoundation.org/guidelines.htm>

## Department for Health - VCSE Health and Wellbeing Fund

The [VCSE Health and Wellbeing Fund](#) offers funding each year for projects that address a specific theme. The theme for 2017/18 is social prescribing. The aim of the fund is to promote equalities and reduce health inequalities by building the evidence base around good practice in social prescribing, sharing lessons and widening adoption of interventions with a proven track record.

The intended outcomes of the Fund are:

- An increase in system partners' evidence base on sustainable and scalable social prescribing interventions to improve health inequalities
- New evidence and findings from supported social prescribing schemes informs and influences practice by being available and disseminated to key audiences across the system
- Evaluation results in increased capability for VCSE sector organisations to capture and evaluate the impact of their work

Grants of up to £300,000 are available for the first year of the project. The funding for 2017/18 is for activities that support social prescribing which is defined as 'enabling healthcare professionals to refer patients to a link worker, to co-design a nonclinical social prescription to improve their health and wellbeing'.

The funder is seeking applications that design models that fit the needs of their local area and draw upon local assets. Applications for both new and existing social prescribing schemes will be considered.

**The deadline for applications is 21st November 2017 (noon).**

Tel: 0113 254 5450 E-mail: [HWFund@dh.gsi.uk](mailto:HWFund@dh.gsi.uk)

# Curiosity— Closing date: 22 September 2017

BBC Children in Need and the Wellcome Trust are seeking applications to a new £2.5 million Curiosity fund. Grants of up to £10,000 are available to fund projects that engage children and young people from disadvantaged backgrounds in science based activities outside of formal education.

You do not have to be an expert in science, or even have delivered science activities before to participate, and the fund encourages organisations that want to try something new to apply.

The Curiosity Programme embraces a wide view of science that could include cooking with chemistry, coding and more besides. Any activity that allows children and young people to engage in novel ways, and try to answer questions about the world around them or about themselves could be funded.

The accent is not about formal education. Projects should encourage young people to be curious about the world around them and inside them, making a positive difference in their lives: building confidence and self-esteem, developing life skills and expanding horizons.

In this first application round around 20 grants will be made across the UK.

## Who can apply, and for what?

Curiosity will accept applications from not-for-profit organisations of any size, with a track record of working with disadvantaged children and young people up to 18 years old and who live in the UK, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands.

If you already have a grant with BBC Children in Need or Wellcome, you can still apply.

In keeping with BBC Children in Need's overall objectives, projects must be focused on differences made to the lives of disadvantaged children and young people. For this reason, applicants must provide clear evidence that disadvantaged children and young people:

- Will be the primary beneficiaries of the project; and,
- Will experience positive changes in their lives from the activities or services provided. In addition, projects should focus on addressing issues of disadvantage affecting children and young people. It is important that you can describe how you reach the disadvantaged children and young people who can benefit most from the project, especially as some of these may be harder to reach.

Above all, because of the link with the Wellcome Trust, you must be able to describe how you have a strong plan for how you'll include science content in your project.

Grants will run from January to the end of September 2018. You can apply for up to £10,000 and the whole cost of your project must be met by what you are applying for.

Information about BBC Children in Need and Wellcome's Curiosity programme is available at [www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/5XVRLVfFH69tKhN2KSjkKqj/curiosity/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/5XVRLVfFH69tKhN2KSjkKqj/curiosity/)

There is additional advice at [www.bbc.co.uk/tv/website\\_assets/pudsey/grants/atozadvice.pdf](http://www.bbc.co.uk/tv/website_assets/pudsey/grants/atozadvice.pdf)