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## New Funding Opportunities

### School Grants to Promote Physics (UK)

The Institute of Physics has announced that UK schools, colleges or home school groups can apply for grants of up to £600 for small-scale projects or events linked to the teaching or promotion of physics and engineering to pupils aged 5 - 19. Grants can support a wide range of projects such as school-based science weeks, extracurricular activities, science clubs, careers event or a visit from a working physicist or engineer.

Grants may be used for the following purposes: materials/resources; transport; marketing and publicity; other purposes deemed appropriate by the judges; and supply cover (in certain circumstances).

The Institute of Physics is interested in proposals that look at:

- particle physics
- astronomy
- space and nuclear physics
- energy
- transport
- information and communications
- design and promotion
- built environment.

Previous projects to receive funding include:

- Ampleforth College for a visit to Jodrell Bank Radio Observatory.
- St John's High School for a Practical Rocketry workshop to design a water-propelled rocket.

The closing date for applications is the 1st November 2020 (for projects taking place in the following spring term).

#### Useful Links:

[Apply Online](#)

[http://www.iop.org/about/grants/school/page\\_38824.html](http://www.iop.org/about/grants/school/page_38824.html)

## **Funding to Support Young People Using Technology to Make the World a Better Place (UK)**

BT have launched their Young Pioneer Award to find young people who have ideas for new technology which tackles the big societal and environmental issues they care about. Each year the award – which is part of BT's Skills for Tomorrow programme – offers kids, parents and teachers a chance to showcase the tech projects they're proud of – whether they have been working on them at school or at home.

The winner of this years' award will receive up to £10,000 in funding which could be used on items such as relevant tech equipment, or to fund market research. They will also receive volunteering support from BT experts.

The competition is open to anyone between the ages of eight to eighteen, and ideas for projects could include tech solutions to combat loneliness caused by the coronavirus lockdown, or to reduce the damaging effects of climate change.

Individuals or groups of up to five people can apply, and entries must be made by 5.00 pm on 30 June 2020.

<https://gothinkbig.co.uk/opportunities/tech4goodawards>

## **Grants for Tree Planting (UK)**

Schools and Community groups within the UK can apply for grants of between £300 and £1,500 to get communities and young people up to the age of 21 involved in tree and hedge planting and care during National Tree Week – 28 November to 6 December 2020.

The funding is being made available through the Tree Council's Branching Out Fund. Applications will be considered as they are received and applicants will be informed of the outcome of their application within four weeks.

In addition, free tree packs are available for schools supported by the Tree Angel Orchards Fund. Schools can register to hear when applications open.

### **Useful Links:**

[General information form](#)

[Application form](#)

[Guidance for application form](#)

[Funding breakdown form](#)

<https://treecouncil.org.uk/take-action/grants-for-trees/>

## Science and Chemistry Equipment Grants for Schools (UK)

Teachers at primary or secondary schools can apply for a grant of up to £1,000 towards the purchase of equipment to support the delivery of Primary Science or Chemistry lessons. Bids are invited for the purchase of items of equipment that cannot be purchased through a school's mainstream teaching budget and which would enrich the learning experience of students.

The Royal Society of Chemistry aims to support schools in presenting Chemistry lessons that enrich the learning experience of students in either primary (science) or secondary (chemistry) studies. The Biological and Medicinal Chemistry Sector (BMCS) of the Society awards Enhanced Equipment grants towards the purchase of equipment that supports delivery of the practical aspect of chemistry education.

Applications will be enhanced by a demonstration of the diversity of application of the equipment within and between student cohorts.

A teacher at a primary or secondary school should make the application.

The funding is being made available through the Royal Society of Chemistry's Enhanced Equipment grant scheme and applications to the scheme can be made at any time.

### Useful Links:

[Application Form](#)

<https://www.rsc.org/Membership/Networking/InterestGroups/BMCS/education-support-group/enhanced-equipment.asp>

## **Biochemical Society - Outreach Grants Programme Deadline Extended (UK)**

The Biochemical Society has announced that its Outreach Grants programme deadline has been extended until the 24th September 2020. The original deadline was the 1st July 2020. Grants of up to £1,000 are available to increase participation in the molecular biosciences at school level and the community through engagement activities. Within school projects the Society is looking to support projects with emphasis on molecular bioscience for upper secondary school age audiences and above. For primary school age audiences, the focus can be on biology or on all sciences.

The type of events funded could include:

- Activities for a science club
- Workshops for students or teachers
- Lectures from research scientists (including PhD students and post-doc's).

Projects more likely to receive funding will involve collaborations between, several schools/universities or a mix of organizations; establish links/relationships between schools and universities or industry; promote molecular bioscience career opportunities; or be submitted by an applicant with previous experience in outreach activities (although first time applicants are also welcomed).

Past projects include "Detective Sciences" - an event that formed part of the Science week activities at Abercanaid Community School, Merthyr Tydfil. The focus of the event was centred on promoting scientific investigation, scientific thinking and enhancing English language skills.

### **Useful Links:**

[Application criteria](#)

[Previous Projects supported](#)

<https://biochemistry.org/home/education/public-engagement/scientific-outreach-grants/>

## **The Classical Association Grants (UK)**

The Classical Association (CA), which awards grants to support classical projects and conferences, has announced that the next closing date for applications is the 1st September 2020.

The Association will consider applications for summer schools and to institutions offering courses in Greek, Latin, classical civilisation; and bursaries for teachers attending courses abroad to support their professional development. The Association will also support school teaching and outreach work such as Greek and Latin reading competitions, regional Greek/Roman days and school conferences; etc. The Grants Committee meets four times a year.

Schools and other organisations that are applying for more than £2,000 must submit their application in time for either the March or September deadlines.

<http://www.classicalassociation.org/grants.html%20%C2%A0%C2%A0>

## **Religious Education Grants for Schools Scheme (England and Wales)**

The Jerusalem Trust makes available to schools a number of grants to support the purchase of resources for teaching Christianity in Religious Education. The fund is open to secondary schools in the UK.

The scheme is open to state secondary schools in England and Wales, including middle deemed secondary and upper. There are currently no primary school grants available.

The maximum size of any grant is £600 and applications can be submitted at any time.

Grants can cover teaching resources including textbooks, teacher resources, artifacts, videos, tapes and CD-roms for use in RE lessons.

Applications are currently being considered for the Summer term.

### **Recently purchased items include:**

- 20 x NIV Bibles
- Lent and Easter artefacts collection
- Commentary on Paul's Epistles
- Illustrated Easter story books

### **Useful Links:**

[FAQs](#)

[Apply Online](#)

<http://regrants.org.uk/>

## **Funding to Increase Mental Health Support in Schools (Wales)**

The Welsh Government have announced £3.75 million of funding for mental health in schools that will include new support for children under the age of 11 (year 6).

An increase in demand for mental health support among younger people is anticipated as a result of social restrictions and school closures due to the coronavirus.

Currently young people from the age of 11 up to the age of 18 receive support from school counselling services. This new funding will extend support to children younger than the age of 11, and could provide counselling which may be more age-appropriate such as specialist therapies based on role play, and working with the wider family.

£450,000 will also go towards supporting mental health and well-being of the school workforce. The Welsh Government is working with partners to develop further plans on how that support will be delivered.

The funding is in addition to £1.25m announced by the Education Minister last month, for local authorities to deliver counselling services in schools, taking the total support to £5m this financial year.

### **Useful Links:**

[Education & Childcare: Coronavirus](#)

[Mental Health Awareness Week](#)

<https://gov.wales/ps5m-mental-health-schools-will-include-new-support-under-11s-and-teachers>

## **Cycling Friendly Campus Internship to Promote Cycling in Colleges and Universities (Scotland)**

Cycling Scotland are looking to sponsor paid internships in colleges and universities across Scotland to help deliver a range of cycling activities to promote cycling as a healthy and sustainable travel option for staff and students.

As Campus Cycling Officers (CCO), their work will form part of the Cycling Friendly Campus Programme which aims to help students to stay active, support their mental health, and to save on transport costs. Host institutions will be selected on a competitive basis, and are encouraged to contact Cycling Scotland prior to submitting an application for placements which will run for the 2020/21 Academic Year.

The application process seeks to identify:

- Which institutions demonstrate most potential to increase cycling opportunities that respond to an evidenced need, for a diverse range of people, tackling socio-economic inequalities and increasing access to cycling
- Which institutions are most likely to effectively utilise the support of an intern to increase cycling as a healthy, active and sustainable travel choice and monitor impact
- Which institutions are most likely to best support the intern to develop skills and experience, enhancing career prospects and employability.

Where demand for funding exceeds available monies, consideration will be given to applications that seek to:

- help tackle poverty
- reduce inequality
- build a fairer and more inclusive Scotland
- are consistent with local, regional and national policies and strategies, such as Cycling Action Plan for Scotland, Low Carbon Strategy and the Fairer Scotland Action Plan.

The programme is funded by Transport for Scotland.

The deadline for applications is 5pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2020.

To find out more, contact [cyclingfriendly@cyclingscot.scot](mailto:cyclingfriendly@cyclingscot.scot) or 0141 229 5350.

### **Useful Links:**

[Application Form](#)

<https://www.cyclingscot/what-we-do/cycling-friendly/campus>

## **Funding to Support the Education of Young People with Physical or Learning Disabilities (Scotland)**

The John Watson Trust awards grants for educational purposes to children and young people under the age of 21 who have a physical or learning disability or who are socially disadvantaged.

Whilst the Trust operates primarily within Edinburgh and the Lothians, it may also award grants Scotland-wide to eligible individuals and organisations that include schools, established charitable organisations and other groups supporting disadvantaged young people.

Grants can cover expenses such as:

- Special or additional tuition
- School trips (must be applied for by the school and not individuals)
- Bus passes
- School expenses such as books and equipment
- Laptops where there is a special education need

Schools may also apply for help towards school trips or outings for eligible pupils. In exceptional cases, where personal circumstances make boarding necessary, school boarding fees may qualify for a grant.

Projects previously funded include:

- Castleview Primary School: £1,000 towards the Benmore trip
- Longstone Primary School: £1,000 towards a residential trip
- Women's Aid East and mid Lothian: £1,000 towards their summer programme

The next closing date is the 31st July 2020.

<http://www.wssociety.co.uk/charities/jwt/>

## **Funding for Cycle & Scooter Facilities in Schools and Nurseries (Scotland)**

Local authorities can apply for funding for the installation of cycle and/or scooter parking facilities in schools and nurseries based in Scotland to encourage young people to cycle or scoot, and to help reduce traffic congestion at the school gates.

Through the School Cycle and Scooter Parking Fund applicants can apply for a maximum of £10,000 per school to cover the costs of materials, delivery and installation for facilities such as individual cycle stands, shelters, cycle lockers, secure storage and scooter parking.

A minimum of 50% of the total proposal cost must be met by the applicant or another source of funding: A local authority's Cycling Walking Safer Streets budget (CWSS) is the most common match fund; however, there are many other funding streams. In the past funding has been provided by:

- Other local authority budgets
- Parent Councils
- School budgets
- Climate Challenge Fund
- Sponsorship from local businesses
- School fundraising events

A proportion of staff time spent on the project may also be claimed for. In exceptional circumstances applications of more than £10,000 will be considered.

Applications are accepted from local authorities, not from individual schools or nurseries. Schools/nurseries should liaise with their local authority who can apply on their behalf.

All recipients to the fund will be required to take part in the annual Hands Up Scotland Survey (HUSS) in 2020 and each year thereafter.

The deadline for applications is the 16<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

### **Useful Links:**

[Fund Guidance](#)

<https://www.sustrans.org.uk/our-blog/projects/2019/scotland/school-cycle-and-scooter-parking-fund/>

## **Grants for Welfare and Art Projects (South West of England)**

Grants are available to not for profit organisations and schools in the counties of Cornwall, Devon, Somerset and Dorset in the South West of England through the Elmgrant Trust for welfare, education, social science and art projects which help to improve the quality of local life. Grants can cover the core running costs or project costs of small established organisations who have a proven record of making a significant difference.

The Elmgrant Trust also provides grants to individuals who are further educating themselves to improve their job prospects with a clear compassionate need.

Previous projects supported include the Dartington Hall Trust which received a grant to support a bursary scheme that enables young musicians to take part in their Summer School.

The board of trustees meets three times a year, usually on the last Saturday of February, June and October. Applications need to be submitted one clear month prior to the meeting date. The next closing date is the 30th September 2020.

### **Useful Links:**

[How to Apply](#)

[Testimonials](#)

<http://elmgrant.org.uk/>

## **Funding for Schools to Improve Child Health and Wellbeing (Salford)**

Primary Schools in Salford can apply for grants of up to £5,000 for projects during the 2020/21 academic year which improve child health and wellbeing.

All applications must address one or both of the priorities below:

- Improve the physical health, dietary health and/or mental health and emotional wellbeing of Salford's children
- Increase family and/or community engagement in the life of the school

Funded by NHS Salford CCG, the Healthy Schools Fund could be used to help address issues that have arisen due to the covid-19 crisis such as making physical activity a priority for pupils, or pupil counselling or bereavement support.

Previous projects have included food growing, art therapy, and sports equipment.

How much? Schools can bid for:

- EITHER individually for up to £5,000
- OR as a cluster\* of up to 4 schools up to £20,000 (£5,000 per school involved)

\*i.e. schools cannot bid individually AND as part of cluster

The deadline for applications is 12 noon on the 26th June 2020.

Schools will be notified of a funding decision w/c 13th July 2020.

### **Useful Links:**

[Guidance Notes](#)

[Application Form](#)

[Cluster Bid Application Form](#)

<https://www.salfordcvs.co.uk/live-grants>

## Funding Reminders

### **Grants to Promote Latin and Roman Studies and Activities (UK)**

The Society for the Promotion of Roman Studies has announced the next closing date for applications is the 1st July 2020.

The Society makes grants to schools to help promote Latin and Roman studies. Most of the grants are awarded for the purchase of textbooks and other books on Roman topics. The Committee also makes awards to groups and schools and museums organising lectures or study days on Roman themes, and money has recently been made available for archaeology fieldwork bursaries.

Schools that have recently been awarded funding include:

- Hereford Cathedral School that received funding to run weekly Latin masterclasses;
- A grant from the Roman Society enabled Feniton C of E Primary School to buy books and extra resources to help their pupils have fun learning;
- A grant from the Roman Society enabled thirty pupils in Year 9 at Ysgol Brynhyfryd to study Classical Civilisation GCSE;
- The Sir Robert Hitcham CEVAP School Robert which received a grant to help Year 4 pupils study aspects of the Roman invasion and its impact.

Applications from schools planning to start courses in Latin are particularly welcome. Grants usually range from £50 to £600.

<https://www.romansociety.org/Grants-Prizes/Grants-for-Schools>

## Funding for Chemistry Clubs at Schools and Colleges (UK)

Schools and colleges can apply for grants of up to £1,000 to run chemistry activities. The funds which are made available by the Royal Society of Chemistry, are targeted at activities run at schools and colleges outside the normal science timetable. Activities should be focussed on generating interest in chemistry in all ability levels or which may provide opportunities to stretch and challenge the already able and motivated students.

Applications from existing chemistry clubs looking to expand/ enhance activities would be welcome as would those from schools and colleges interested in starting a new club. An application would need to indicate how the longevity of the proposal was ensured and how best practice and experience from it might be shared within and between other (perhaps feeder) schools. The application must be made by a teacher at a primary or secondary school.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

### Useful Links:

[Application Form](#)

<http://www.rsc.org/Membership/Networking/InterestGroups/BMCS/education-support-group/chemistry-clubs.asp>

## Grants to Enable Disabled People to Play Tennis (UK)

The Dan Maskell Tennis Trust has announced that the next closing date for applications the 3rd July 2020.

Individuals can apply for grants of up to £500 for support for sports wheelchairs, tennis rackets, coaching lessons with a Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) licensed coach or course fees for official LTA development/coaching courses. Groups can apply for a maximum of £1,500.

Groups can apply for: Wheelchairs; Court hire; Coaching fees; and equipment packages which will include:

- Rackets
- Balls
- Mini net
- Coaching aids such as cones and throw down marker lines.

In the case of wheelchairs, a deposit will be required; for individuals, the amount of deposit required will depend on the wheelchair type requested, clubs will need to raise a deposit of £200.

### Useful Links:

[Application Guidelines](#)

[Application Form](#)

<http://www.danmaskelltennistrust.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant.html>

## **Funding for Research and Projects that Address Severe Learning Disabilities (UK)**

The Baily Thomas Charitable Fund is a registered charity which was established to provide both research and project funding in the area of severe learning difficulties, including autism for both children and adults.

Grants are made to cover capital projects and core costs to include staff costs, general running and office costs at charitable organisations, schools and centres.

Projects funded include:

- Capital works for residential, nursing and respite care, and schools
- Employment schemes including woodwork, crafts, printing and horticulture
- Play schemes and play therapy schemes
- Day and social activities centres including building costs and running costs
- Support for families, including respite schemes
- Independent living schemes
- Support in the community schemes
- Snoezelen rooms.

Applications will only be considered from voluntary organisations which are registered charities or are associated with a registered charity. Schools and Parent Teacher Associations and Industrial & Provident Societies can also apply. Funding in the past has ranged in value from £250 to £150,000.

The next deadline for applications seeking funding in excess of £10,000 is the 1st August 2020. Applications for £10,000 and below are considered under the Small Grants procedure and can be submitted at any time.

**Recent awards have been made to:**

- Rose Road Association, £30,000 towards capital costs and funding of short breaks.
- Stepping Stones Play and Learn Group, £25,000 towards core costs of Play Group.
- Willow Tree Garden, £30,000 towards refurbishment and development of buildings connected with the woodworking workshops.

**Useful Links:**

[Eligibility Criteria](#)

[General Guidelines](#)

<http://www.bailythomas.org.uk/grants>

## **Funding for Projects that Support the Education and Development of Children and Young People (England)**

Schools, colleges and community groups in England can apply for grants to BlueSpark Foundation to support the education and development of children and young people through educational, cultural, sporting and other projects. BlueSpark is particularly keen to support projects which will help enhance the self-confidence, team working skills and future employability of children and young people. In most cases grants will be made on a relatively small scale. Many of the grants the Foundation make are under £2000 and none are more than £5000.

Funding provided by BlueSpark for a project must be crucial to the project rather than marginally incremental to its funding. The funding available can be for physical assets (such as iPads, sports equipment, or lighting for stage productions) or for services or facilities (such as sports coaching or music or drama tuition) or simply for the provision of experiences (such as theatre visits). These examples are intended to be illustrative and not restrictive as to the funding which BlueSpark may provide to support projects.

Applications can be submitted at any time and must be made online on BlueSpark Foundation's online Application Form.

### **Useful Links:**

[Online Application Form](#)

[Grant Policy](#)

<http://bluesparkfoundation.org.uk/>

## **Ford Britain Trust Small Grants Programme Re-opens for Applications (England and Wales)**

The Ford Britain Trust's large grants programme has re-opened for applications until the 31st July 2020. Through the large grants programme registered charities, Schools/PTAs (Non-fee paying, state sector schools only) and non-profit organisations can apply for grants of between £250 and £3,000 for projects that:

- Benefit the local community/environment;
- Work with young people/children;
- Promote education/schools (mainstream) as well as special school
- Promotes the teaching of Engineering
- Support special educational needs and people with disabilities.

Grant applications will be considered for projects being undertaken/expenditure being made in all UK postcodes however locations near Ford Motor Company Limited / FCE Bank plc UK operations are given a higher weighting.

These are:

- Essex (including East London)
- Bridgend (South Wales)
- Southampton
- Daventry
- Manchester
- Liverpool

Exceptions may be made for initiatives in which Ford Motor Company Limited employees and retirees are involved. Grants made by the Trust are usually one-off donations for a specific capital project or part of a project, typically items of furniture and equipment.

The Trust also operates a small grants programme for amounts up to £250. The closing date for applications is the 30th June 2020.

### **Useful Links:**

[Eligibility Criteria](#)

[Guidance Notes](#)

<https://www.ford.co.uk/experience-ford/about-ford/ford-britain-trust>

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[Grant Policy](#)

<http://bluesparkfoundation.org.uk>

## Grants for School Journeys and Trips (London)

The London Diocesan Board for Schools has announced the next closing date for applications to its City and Diocese Voluntary Schools Fund is the 30th June 2020. This fund exists to give grants to individuals attending Church of England Schools in the diocese of London in need of financial help.

Priority is given to help with the cost of school journeys/day trips, music tuition and maintenance costs that are not normally met from statutory funding. Schools can apply for funding on behalf of individuals who wish to go on school journeys.

The maximum annual grant for individuals is £500; for secondary schools applying for more than one individual the maximum grant is £2000 and £500 for primary schools.

When applying for school journey grants, please give as much information as possible to support the educational nature of the journey.

Further information is available from Dee Thomas on 020 7932 1168 [dee.thomas@london.anglican.org](mailto:dee.thomas@london.anglican.org)

### Useful Links:

[FAQs](#)

[Tips for completing grants application forms](#)

[Individual Grant Application Form](#)

[Group Grant Application Form](#)

<https://www.ldbs.co.uk/grants-for-school-journeys/>

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