



# FUNDING

## Small grants guide for voluntary and community groups in the Hastings area April 2022

This funding guide has been produced to provide clear and up-to-date information about some of the most useful small grants (up to around £10,000) that are available for voluntary and community groups in Hastings and the surrounding area.

Before you can apply, many funders require you to have:

- a committee (or other decision-making group)
- a constitution (or other governing document)
- a bank or building society account
- a set of independently examined accounts (or a financial forecast for a new group)
- a child / vulnerable adult protection policy (if relevant)

If you need support with any aspect of setting up or running a voluntary or community group, Hastings Voluntary Action may be able to help.

This guide is part of a wider Funding Advice Service for Hastings groups, including:

- Reviewing funding applications and offering feedback
- Training courses on funding and fundraising issues
- Publicising funding sources in HVA newsletter and elsewhere
- Occasional e-bulletins with time-sensitive information for fundraisers
- Providing specific funding information and advice for organisations
- Loaning fundraising books and guides

For more information about the Funding Advice Service, contact **Peter Thorpe** ([peter@hastingsvoluntaryaction.org.uk](mailto:peter@hastingsvoluntaryaction.org.uk)) or phone HVA on **01424 444010**.

Things sometimes change rapidly and the list is updated on a regular basis, but if you spot anything that is no longer correct then do let us know! Particular thanks to Louise South for updating this guide.

Also feedback is important – please tell us about your funding successes (and failures!). Your feedback could help us to continue the Funding Advice Service in the future.

Good luck in your fundraising!

## **\*\*UPDATED\*\* Sussex Community Foundation**

Sussex Community Foundation administers a wide range of different grants. Their **General Grants** are usually up to £5000. Grants are assessed three times a year, and the next deadlines are **Friday 6 May 2022** and **Friday 9 September 2022**. These grants will support community groups and registered charities working in Sussex that are seeking to address social and economic disadvantage and deprivation across Sussex.

They also have donors who want to support specific causes. These include older people, wildlife, environment, community gardens and allotments, employability, and women affected by domestic abuse. Sussex Community Foundation also promote **localgiving.com**, which enables donations to be made online.

For more information about any of their grants contact the **Sussex Community Foundation** on **01273 409440** or visit **www.sussexgiving.org.uk**

## **Awards for All**

Awards for All is the small grant programme of the National Lottery Community Fund. It aims to help to improve local communities and the lives of people most in need.

There are no deadlines, and groups can apply anything from £300 to £10,000 in any year. In most cases, grants have to be spent within 12 months, and can pay for a wide range of things such as equipment, one off projects, running costs, staff or volunteer costs.

Your project must meet at least one of the following aims:

- 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

You also need to show how you have or will involve your community in the design, development and delivery of the activities that you are planning.

You can complete their application form online at **www.awardsforall.org.uk**, or call their advice line on 0345 4102030 for more information, or to have the application form in a different format.

## **Chalk Cliff Trust**

Grants are available for a broad range of community initiatives in East Sussex. Grants vary in size but are typically £3000 to £5000. They only accept applications online, but it is a relatively simple application process. Visit **www.chalkclifftrust.org**

## **Tesco Community Grants**

Tesco Community Grants is open to charities and community organisations to apply for a grant of up to £1,500. Every three months, three local good causes are selected to be in the blue token customer vote in Tesco stores throughout the UK.

[Tesco Community Grants](#)

## **Arts Council England – Grants for the arts**

**Grants for the arts** is for individuals, arts organisations and other people who use the arts in their work. Grants are for activities carried out over a set period and which engage people in arts activities, and help artists and arts organisations carry out their work. Grants range from £1000 to over £100,000.

For further information about both of these programmes, visit the Arts Council website at [www.artscouncil.org.uk](http://www.artscouncil.org.uk) or phone their helpline 0161 934 4317.

## **National Lottery Heritage Fund**

The National Lottery Heritage Fund funds projects that connect people and communities to the national, regional and local heritage of the UK. It can be anything from the past that you value and want to pass on to future generations, for example: people's memories and experiences, cultural traditions, historic buildings, monuments and environments, or histories of people and communities or places and events. Their small grants programme is for £3000, to £10,000, with other programmes for larger grants.

For further information visit the National Lottery Heritage Fund website at [www.heritagefund.org.uk](http://www.heritagefund.org.uk) or phone their helpline **020 7591 6000**.

## **Sport England- Small Grants Scheme**

Sport England runs several grant programmes. Small Grants uses Lottery funding to make awards of between £300 and £10,000 to not-for-profit organisations to help more people play sport. You can only apply through the Sport England website [www.sportengland.org](http://www.sportengland.org)

## **O2 – Think Big**

Funding for projects for young people aged 13 to 25. Awards of up to £2,500, plus training and support, mobile credit and free broadband. **Website:** [www.o2.co.uk/thinkbig](http://www.o2.co.uk/thinkbig)

## **Santander Foundation – Discovery Grants**

Discovery Grants of up to £5,000 are available to fund an activity which supports one or more of our three priority themes:

- Explorer - improving knowledge and insight
- Transformer - developing skills and experience
- Changemaker - innovative solutions to social challenges

Grants must directly benefit disadvantaged people in the UK and must be for something that is wholly charitable and local. Funding is available for specific projects and can cover salaries, equipment or materials for the project. Funding is only for one year and must deliver a local project, not a national initiative.

For more information visit:

<http://www.santanderfoundation.org.uk/discovery-grants.aspx>

## **Henry Smith Charity - Outings for young people**

Applications can be made for grants towards holidays or outings within the UK for children aged 13 and under who are from areas of high deprivation, are experiencing disadvantage, or those who have a disability, providing children with a break they would not otherwise have the opportunity to experience.

The maximum grant available is £3,000 for any one trip. Grants are normally limited to a maximum of two-thirds of the total cost of a trip as they would expect some local partnership funding to be in place.

For details of how to apply or for more information contact Jo Halpin on **0207 264 4983** or visit **<http://www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/holiday-grants-for-children.html>**

## **\*\*UPDATED\*\* Foreshore Trust**

**Currently closed – expected to re-open in summer 2022**

Grants of up to £6,000 available to support smaller voluntary and community groups to carry out activities that enhance the quality of local residents' lives and increase their involvement in the community; or to increase public enjoyment of the Foreshore Trust's land by encouraging a year-round programme of events.

Further details can be found at **[www.hastings.gov.uk/foreshoretrust](http://www.hastings.gov.uk/foreshoretrust)**

## **\*\*UPDATED\*\* Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner**

**Currently closed**

**Community Safety Fund** – providing financial support (grant awards up to £5,000) to

More information on the schemes and how to apply is available on the PCC's website: **[www.sussex-pcc.gov.uk/apply-for-funding/](http://www.sussex-pcc.gov.uk/apply-for-funding/)**

## Local Funders

These funders may not have an application form, and so you would need to write to them explaining who you are, what you plan to do, how much money you want, and what difference it would make.

### Isabel Blackman Foundation

Emphasis on education and learning

Usual grant size: typically between £500 and £5000

How to apply: in writing

Address: Stonehenge, 13 Laton Road, Hastings TN34 2ES

Email: [ibfoundation@uwclub.net](mailto:ibfoundation@uwclub.net)

Phone: 01424 431756

### Magdalen & Lasher Charity

Organisations that “deal directly with need, hardship and distress for the residents of the Borough of Hastings”.

Usual grant size: typically between £100 and £3000

How to apply: in writing

Marcia Woolf, Administrator,

Old Hastings House, 132 High Street, Hastings, TN34 3ET

Email: [mlc@oldhastingshouse.co.uk](mailto:mlc@oldhastingshouse.co.uk)

Phone: 01424 452646

### Hastings Lions Club

Usual grant size: up to £2000 for one-off expenditure

Supports a broad spectrum of needs and ages – will not fund salaries

How to apply: by application form

Requests needed by the first Tuesday of each month.

Email: [grants@hastingslions.org.uk](mailto:grants@hastingslions.org.uk)

[Hastings Lions Club organise the annual Half Marathon]

### Hastings Round Table

Usual grant size: average £2000 (will not fund salaries)

How to apply: in writing

Download a form <http://www.hastingsroundtable.co.uk/donation-request-form>

Their monthly meeting is every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday.

[Hastings Round Table organise the annual Beer & Music Festival]

### Muffin Club

The Muffin Club raises funds and distributes this money to worthy causes, deserving charities and individuals in need in the Borough of Hastings.

Usual grant size: less than £500

How to apply: in writing

Ray Barrett, Upland, 227a The Ridge, Hastings TN34 2EA

Email: [erica.barrett@btinternet.com](mailto:erica.barrett@btinternet.com)

**Winkle Club**

Usual grant size: less than £500  
Decisions are made in January?  
How to apply: in writing  
27 All Saints Street, Hastings, TN34 3BT

**Rotary Club of Hastings**

Usual grant size: less than £500  
How to apply: by phone/email  
Gayle Benet, Club Secretary – 01424 751642  
Or email [gayle.benet@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:gayle.benet@tiscali.co.uk)

**Rotary Club of St Leonards-on-Sea**

Usual grant size: less than £500  
How to apply: in writing  
Ian Butters, Sloane Cottage, Forewood Lane, Crowhurst, TN33 9AB

**Hastings Old Town Carnival Association**

Usual size of grant: less than £500  
How to apply: in writing  
Grants are made once a year in the autumn. Requests should be submitted by the end of August to be sure of being included in the list for consideration.  
Visit <https://www.oldtowncarnivalweek.co.uk/contact/>

**Hastings Youth Trust**

Provision of facilities for leisure or religious and social education and training  
Beneficiaries must be under the age of 25 and reside within the Borough of Hastings or five miles from it.  
Please apply by writing to the Clerk to the Trustees, Hastings Youth Trust  
151 Old Roar Road, St Leonards, TN37 7HH

**Mrs A Lacy Tate Trust**

General, education, animal welfare – covers East Sussex  
Usual grant size: less than £500  
How to apply: by letter  
Heringtons, 39 Gildredge Road, Eastbourne, East Sussex, BN21 4RY  
01323 411020

**The Roy Hudson Trust**

General – covers Eastbourne & Hastings  
Usual grant size: less than £500  
How to apply: by letter  
Heringtons, 39 Gildredge Road, Eastbourne, East Sussex, BN21 4RY  
01323 411020

## Other ideas ...

- Housing Associations
- Mayor's Charity
- Sussex Police lost property fund
- Collections at events (e.g. bonfires)
- Sussex Masons
- Heart FM – Have a Heart
- Crowdfunding

## Funds that are currently closed ...

Co-op Local Community Fund                      Postcode Community Trust  
ESCC Building Stronger Communities

## Funding Advisors in neighbouring areas

Hastings	Peter Thorpe	HVA	peter@hastingsvoluntaryaction.org.uk	01424 444010
Rother	Debbie Wilkins	RVA	debbie.wilkins@rva.uk.com	01424 217259
Eastbourne	Emma Millar	3VA	Emma.Millar@3va.org.uk	01323 639373
Wealden	Helen Preston	3VA	Helen.Preston@3va.org.uk	01323 639373
Lewes	Lee Shepherd	3VA	Lee.Shepherd@3va.org.uk	01323 639373
Countywide	Veronique Poutrel Emma Dean	ESCC	Veronique.Poutrel@eastsussex.gov.uk Emma.Dean@eastsussex.gov.uk	01273 482859 01273 336616

## Other sources of help

You can use **East Sussex County Council's "Funding News"** and their **East Sussex 4 Community** resource to identify other possible funders.

Web: [www.eastsussex.gov.uk/community/funding](http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/community/funding)

Get Funding News reminders every month by emailing [Veronique.Poutrel@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:Veronique.Poutrel@eastsussex.gov.uk)

**Funding Central** – a funding search tool, free for organisations under £100,000 turnover  
[www.fundingcentral.org.uk](http://www.fundingcentral.org.uk)

### Funding for individuals:

**Unltd** has awards of practical and financial support (£500- £20,000) for people who want to make a difference, activists and social entrepreneurs, including Star People. Visit [www.unltd.org.uk](http://www.unltd.org.uk) or call 0207 566 1100.

**Turn2us** ([www.turn2us.org.uk](http://www.turn2us.org.uk)) lists many grants and benefits that individuals can access