

# Charity Funding Workshop



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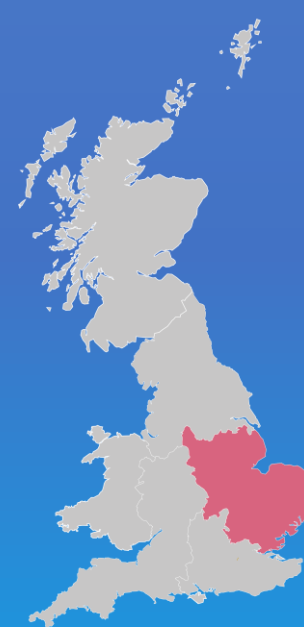
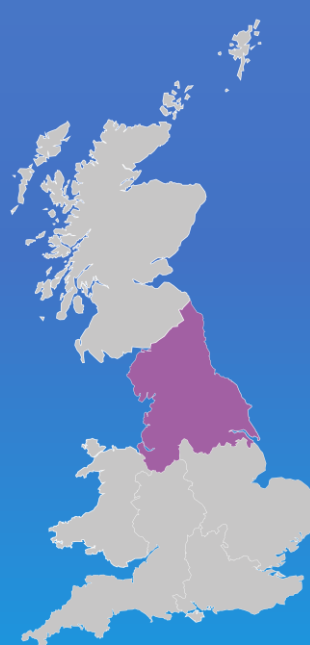
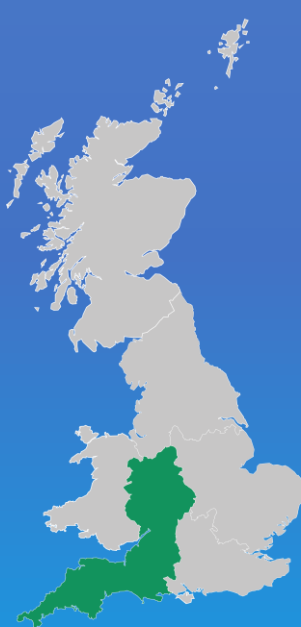
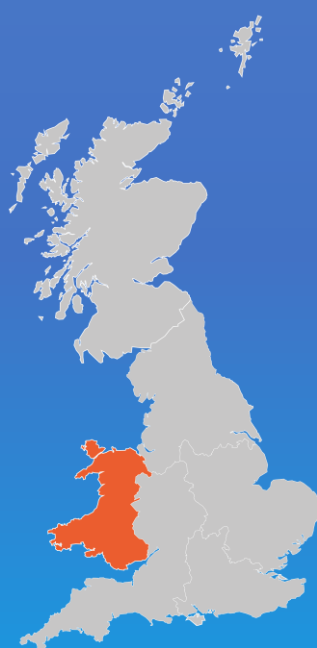
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# How to find out which trust to apply to:

Enter a postcode for the proposed activities to find the Trust for your area:

Postcode

**Search**

- You can find this Trust Finder on our [‘Apply for a Grant’](#) page.

# Our different funding streams



Registered charities, Community Interest Companies (Schedule 1&2 only) and Community Benefit Societies with an income of over £10,000 can apply to the Community Programmes Trusts.

Small Grants Programmes

Voluntary or community organisations, including smaller registered charities/not-for-profit companies.



Organisations whose main activities are focused on enabling participation in sport can apply to a partnership programme with Spored.

Our eligibility checker will let you know what programme is most suitable for your organisation.



Organisations whose main activities are focused on environmental sustainability and increasing access to the outdoors can apply to a new partnership with The Wildlife Trusts



## Multi-Year Flexible Funding

- For Registered Charities, Community Interest Companies (Schedule 1&2 only) and Community Benefit Societies.
  - Registered charities must have an income of between £10,000 and £1,000,000 to be eligible to apply.
- The funding we offer is unrestricted, meaning it is not set for a specific project or purpose. When you apply to us, you don't need to specify what you are looking to use the funding for.
- Organisations now apply for funding over a 3-year period. This means that if you are successful, you have more ability to forward plan and look to the future.



# What is available?

## Specifics

- Organisations can apply for up to £50,000 in total to receive over a three-year period.
- The request should not be more than 75% of your annual income listed on your most recent set of signed accounts.
- If your application is successful, you will be asked how you want to split the award over the three years, with no more than 50% of the total grant amount being taken in any one year.
- Each payment of the grant would be a year apart, with a review form and funding agreement requiring completion before a payment is made.
- The Trust reserves the right to withhold or withdraw payments for the second and third years if an organisation does not meet our due diligence requirements.

Full details can be found on our [funding guide](#).



# Funding Themes

Our funding themes can be found on the 'Funding Themes' page of our [funding guide](#).

There must be a clear link between your organisation's main activities and one of our 4 funding themes.

- **Enabling participation in the arts**
- **Supporting marginalised groups and/or tackling inequality**
- **Preventing or reducing the impact of poverty**
- **Improving mental health**
  - Our focus will be on organisations that are actively supporting specific mental health issues, rather than general mental wellbeing activities.

For organisations whose main activities aren't covered by these themes, there may be a partnership programme you would be more suitable applying to.

Part of our assessment process is based on the strength of your link to your chosen funding theme.



# When to apply

## Funding round dates for 2026 are:



Round 1: ~~9am 23<sup>rd</sup> February - 12 noon 2<sup>nd</sup> March~~

Round 2: 9am 26<sup>th</sup> May - 12 noon 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Round 3: 9am 25<sup>th</sup> August - 12 noon 1<sup>st</sup> September



Round 1: 9am 25<sup>th</sup> March - 12 noon 1<sup>st</sup> April

Round 2: 9am 24<sup>th</sup> June - 12 noon 1<sup>st</sup> July

Round 3: 9am 24<sup>th</sup> September - 12 noon 1<sup>st</sup> October.

The link to our application form can be found on our ['Apply for a Grant'](#) page when the round is open.



# How to apply

The link to our application form can be found on our [‘Apply for a Grant’](#) page when the round is open.

- Supporting Documents
  - i. **A governing document** (signed by Trustees/Directors) in the name of your organisation with clear charitable objectives.
  - ii. **A set of signed accounts** with income and expenditure for the most recent financial year.
  - iii. **A bank statement** dated within the last 90 days in the name of the applying organisation (transactions can be blocked out).
  - iv. **Your organisation’s safeguarding policy**. All applicants working with children, young people or vulnerable adults must submit a comprehensive Safeguarding policy.
- Details of two contactable referees
  - This could be from another funder, a contact at your local authority or regional third-sector support organisation, or a partner you have worked with in a professional capacity.



# Our Process

Funding rounds are consistently oversubscribed, meaning that not all strong applications can be supported. To assist with decision-making, priority may be given to organisations that meet one or more of the following:

- **Have an annual income of £250,000 or less**
- **Work in communities in the top 15% of the Index of Multiple Deprivation**
- **Organisations whose main activities are focused on supporting marginalised groups. This could include, but is not limited to, disabled people, communities experiencing racial inequity, and LGBT+ people.**
- **Are in areas that have not recently received funding. For this, we will primarily be looking at postcode areas (e.g. EHX XXX) that have not received funding in the last 12 months.**

These are not eligibility criteria. The strength of an organisation's overall application is the primary factor in our decision making.

More information can be found on our FAQs



# Exclusions

We are unable to accept applications from:

- Organisations that have received funding through any of our Postcode Trusts within the last 12 months
- Schedule 3 CICs
- Organisations with solely religious objects in their governing document
- Organisations with more than 50% of their Trustees/Directors being related
- Organisations that have been operating for less than one year and do not have a set of signed accounts at the time of application

Our funding is unable to be used on:

- Medical research, clinical treatment, medical staff in a clinical setting
- Activities taking place outside of Great Britain or foreign travel
- The promotion or practice of religion
- Funding being allocated to an organisation's reserves
- Onward grant-making
- Animal welfare

A full list of excluded organisation types and activities we cannot fund can be found on our [funding guide](#).



# Due Diligence

As part of our standard checks on submitted applications, we look to investigate the organisation's governance, financial stability and public presence.

Things that evidence strong processes and procedures are in place include:

- Consistently on-time reporting to Charities Commission/OSCR/Companies House
- Up-to-date social media/website (we understand that for some organisations this is not relevant)
- Accounts that meet SORP guidelines (Statement of Recommended Practice) when necessary

Information on our Due Diligence process can be found on our FAQs.



# What happens after you apply?

- We aim to get back to organisations with a decision within 4 weeks of the round closing.
- If successful you will be paid within 4 weeks of your successful decision.
- If you are unsuccessful, we will provide feedback alongside your decision email and you will be able to apply in our 2026 funding rounds.

# Sported



We are working in partnership with Sported to support community organisations delivering sport for wider social purpose.

Opening for applications in February, grants of up to £25,000 will support a wide range of projects and initiatives that address local need, promote social inclusion, and strengthen the communities in underserved areas.

Organisations whose main activities are focused on enabling participation in physical activity will be directed towards this funding programme.

Our partnership with Sported can be found on our website [here](#).



# Grassroot Grants



Our partnership with Groundwork can be found on our website here.

**Unrestricted grants ranging from £500 to £2,000 are available.**

Open to organisations with an annual income under £25,000 in the last financial year, based in England.

Applications for the 2026 round will open from the 5<sup>th</sup> January. This programme is administered entirely by Groundwork UK. For any enquiries please contact [grassrootsgrants@groundwork.org.uk](mailto:grassrootsgrants@groundwork.org.uk) or call 0121 237 3640

Voluntary constituted organisations, Companies Limited by Guarantee, Excepted or Exempted Charities and Registered Charities and CICs with an income of under £10,000 will be directed to apply to this programme.



# Corra – Boost Fund



**Unrestricted grants ranging from £500 to £3,000 are available.**

Open to organisations with an annual income under £50,000 in the last financial year, based in Scotland.

Applications for the 2026 are currently open, please see <https://www.corra.scot/grants/boost-fund/> for more details.

Voluntary constituted organisations, Companies Limited by Guarantee, Excepted or Exempted Charities and Registered Charities and CICs with an income of under £10,000 will be directed to apply to this programme.



# Community Foundation Wales – Fund for Wales



**Unrestricted grants ranging from £500 up to £2,500 are available, with a limited number of multi-year awards available.**

Open to organisations with an annual income under £100,000 in the last financial year, based in Wales.

Applications for the 2026 are currently open, please see <https://communityfoundationwales.org.uk/grants/fund-for-wales/> for more details.

Voluntary constituted organisations, Companies Limited by Guarantee, Excepted or Exempted Charities and Registered Charities and CICs with an income of under £10,000 will be directed to apply to this programme.



# Environmental Partnership



Postcode Green Trust are running an environmental grants programme in partnership with The Wildlife Trusts, focused on awarding 'green grants' to local and grassroots good causes across England, Scotland and Wales.

The Wildlife Trusts' collective purpose is to bring wildlife back, to empower people to take meaningful action for nature, and to create an inclusive society where nature matters.

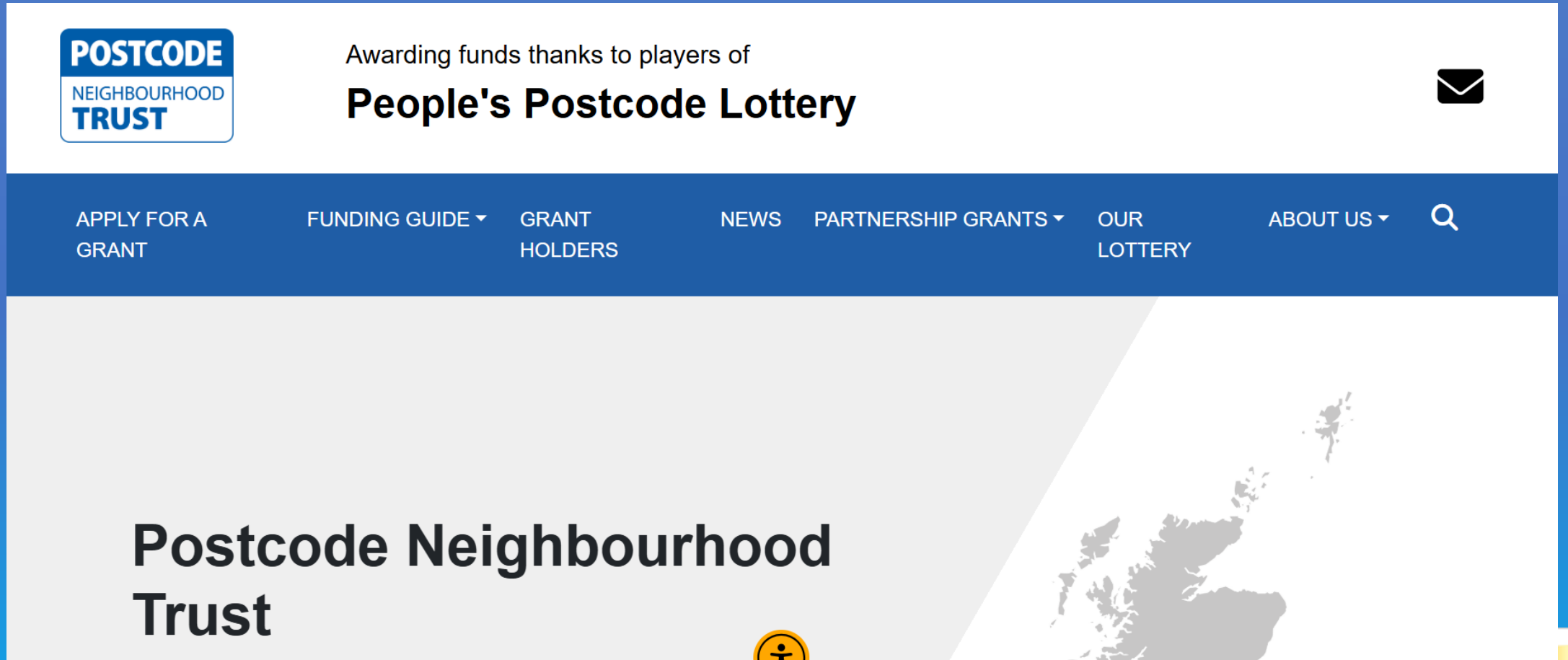
**In 2026, grants of up to £25,000 will be available. Funding rounds open from the 25<sup>th</sup> of March.**

Organisations whose main activities are focused on environmental sustainability and increasing access to the outdoors will be directed towards this programme.

Information on our environmental partnership can be found [here](#).



# Our Website



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## Eligibility Checker

Click here to access our eligibility checker. This will help identify and direct you to any of our funding programmes that are relevant for your organisation, and let you know the amount of funding you can apply for.

[Eligibility Checker](#)

## Funding Guide 2026

Click here to access our funding guide for 2026. This contains our eligibility criteria and details about submitting an application.

[Funding Guide 2026](#)

# Our Website

## 2026 Draft Application Questions

Word document with 2026 Application Form questions. For reference and application planning only.

[2026 Questions](#)

Thank you

- Wales - Postcode Community Trust – [www.postcodecommunitytrust.org.uk](http://www.postcodecommunitytrust.org.uk)
- Scotland – People’s Postcode Trust – [www.postcodetrust.org.uk](http://www.postcodetrust.org.uk)
- North of England – Postcode Neighbourhood Trust – [www.postcodeneighbourhoodtrust.org.uk](http://www.postcodeneighbourhoodtrust.org.uk)
  - West of England – Postcode Local Trust – [www.postcodelocaltrust.org.uk](http://www.postcodelocaltrust.org.uk)
  - East of England – Postcode Places Trust – [www.postcodeplacestrust.org.uk](http://www.postcodeplacestrust.org.uk)
- South East of England – Postcode Society Trust – [www.postcodesocietytrust.org.uk](http://www.postcodesocietytrust.org.uk)

