



Funding opportunities for Voluntary, Community, Faith and Social Enterprise (VCFSE) organisations 12.6.25



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Platinum Jubilee Village Halls Fund / ACRE & Community Action Suffolk

Funding to support the modernisation and improvement of village halls, so that they are fit for purpose and can provide activities which seek to achieve one or more of the following outcomes for their communities:

- Improved health and/or wellbeing and/or reduction in rural loneliness
- Positive impact on the local environment, contributes towards net zero.
- Support for the local rural economy.
- Promotion of community cohesion.

Grants of between £7,500 and £75,000 are available. The grant will be 20% of the capital project costs including VAT. Applicants must be able to identify where the 80% is being sourced from. **The**

minimum project costs are £37,500. There is no upper limit, but the maximum grant is £75,000. **All project work must be completed by 31 March 2026.**

Currently no set deadline for completion of the Stage 1 form. **However, there is no guarantee the application will be processed should the Fund be oversubscribed.**

Website: [Main grants scheme for village halls - ACRE](#)

Local Community Fund / Co-Op

Funding to support projects that enable people to access food, create opportunities for young people, improve people's mental wellbeing, promote community cohesion and build sustainable futures. Also projects that promote and celebrate diversity and inclusion. Successful groups will receive a minimum of £1,000 to support their projects. Not-for-profit organisations may apply. **The deadline for applications is 6 July 2025 (midnight).**

Website: [Co-op](#)

Emergency Essentials for Children & Young People / BBC Children in Need

Funding to support children and young people who are facing exceptionally difficult circumstances with items that meets their most basic needs. Applications must be completed by a registered referrer who is part of an organisation that is supporting the family or young person and capable of assessing their needs. The programme can deliver or fund critical items such as Cookers, Furniture, Kitchen equipment and small appliances, Children's beds and bedding (including cots), Washing machines and tumble dryers, Fridges, freezers and fridge-freezers, Baby equipment and Clothing for an emergency/crisis. **There are no deadlines. Applications are processed usually within 10 working days.**

Website: [Family Fund Business Services \(FFBS\) | Grant administration. Made simple.](#)

Children & Young People – Employability / Persimmon Charitable Foundation

There are two rounds of funding and the second round is accepting applications from registered charities for projects that focus on: Children and young people aged 14 to 25; Employability; Areas of economic and social deprivation. **The deadline for applications is 22 June 2025.**

Website: [Open Application Programme |](#)

Young People Projects / Health Lottery Foundation

Applications will be accepted solely for projects that work with young people to improve their health and well-being. Not-for-profit voluntary sector organisations operating in communities that are providing vital youth services at grassroots level can apply. **Applications are scheduled to open at 9 am on 16 June and close at 5pm on 27 June.**

Website: [Home - The Health Lottery Foundation](#)

And just a reminder....

Rural Village Hall and Community Centre Repairs and Improvement Fund / East Suffolk Council Partnership Board & REPF

Village Halls, Community Centres and other 'community hubs' across East Suffolk are invited to apply for a grant of up to £15,000 to support projects that will enhance and/or maintain repair community spaces. Funded through the East Suffolk Community Partnership Board and Rural England Prosperity Fund, **grants of up to 80%** of the total cost of the project are available (capital). Grants are aimed at local organisations that want to improve/repair, enhance or upgrade their building or what's on offer in it for their building to their local community. For example:

- by increasing digital access by installing/improving broadband
- increasing accessibility to the building
- replacing the kitchen to support additional user groups
- installing sustainable energy solutions like PV cells or ground/air source heat pumps

However, we also recognise that sometimes essential repairs and maintenance, for example to the roof, windows, doors or floors, are the priority to keep the doors open to the community. **Deadline: 16 September 2025 at 9.00am.**

For more details, the Guidance and Application form please see: **Website: [Rural England Prosperity Fund » East Suffolk Council](#)** (at the bottom of the webpage).

Nature First small grant scheme / Greenprint Forum

The Nature First small grants fund is provided by East Suffolk Council on behalf of the East Suffolk Greenprint Forum and is available for projects that specifically contribute to the enhancement of local biodiversity and/or its understanding and appreciation by the local community. Eligible projects may include work to restore existing habitats, creation of habitats, provision of nesting / roosting places for birds, pollinators and other animals, or activities to help local people of any age learn about and enjoy their local biodiversity. Eligible projects must contribute to the Greenprint

Forum's goal of an East Suffolk where the value of nature is recognised by the majority, visitors are attracted because of it and everyone actively cares for it.

If you are considering making an application but aren't sure if this grant scheme is appropriate for your project, please contact greenissues@eastsoffolk.gov.uk.

Applications can be submitted at any time, there is no deadline as the Panel will convene approximately once per month (subject to the need) to consider applications **on an ongoing, first come first served basis until the funding has all been allocated**.

Application form and guidance: [Greenprint Forum small grants scheme "Nature First" – application form](#) ; [Greenprint Forum small grants scheme](#)

Projects supported so far: [Nature First projects supported in 2021-2022](#)

Usual tips to empower your own Funding Search / Applications

East Suffolk Council Funding opportunities for local communities and charitable organisations:

Use this link to see a summary of our CURRENT funding schemes; a host of Funding Tips & Advice and examples of other external funding organisations:

[Community grants and funding » East Suffolk Council](#)

FREE Funding search tool - Funding 4 Suffolk:

Hosted by Community Action Suffolk, via a collaborative partnership with local authorities including East Suffolk Council. Tailored to the needs of **Suffolk's** voluntary sector, it gives you access to a COMPREHENSIVE list of all the current funding opportunities on the Grantfinder database and you can 'tailor' a search to your own needs. It also aims to help support you and your organisation to secure funds, build capacity and improve your grant making efforts. The site also has guides to help you get the best from the search tool and top tips from funders on how to write successful applications....as well as, listings of local funder events and training opportunities. It means you can undertake a search at ANY TIME and it is the main source I use when searching for opportunities!

[Home | Funding 4 Suffolk \(idoxopen4community.co.uk\)](#)

Suffolk Community Foundation

They regularly have a large number of opportunities. Website: [Current grants - Suffolk Community Foundation](#). You can contact their Grants Team at grants@suffolkcf.org.uk

Suffolk County Council

They also offer funding at various times and give other forms of help, support and possible funding sources too: [Community Funding - Suffolk County Council](#)

Please contact the individual funder, not me, if you have any questions about a specific Fund (unless an East Suffolk Council one of course!)....

...and if you are successful with an application, I'd love to hear about it please! Thank you.