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Arts, Culture and Heritage

Support for England's Artists and Creative Practitioners - Round Two Open

Fund ID: S43782

Developing your Creative Practice is a fund provided by Arts Council England. The programme is designed to support independent creative practitioners to ensure excellence is thriving in England's arts and culture sector.

The fund will create more pathways for individuals, from a range of creative practices and backgrounds. It will allow creative practitioners the time and space to undertake ambitious research and development, helping to make a step-change in their practice.

The Arts Council will invest £3.6 million per year through the programme. Individuals will have the opportunity to apply for between £2,000 and £10,000, to take a dedicated period of time to focus on their own creative development, and propel them to the next stage in their practice.

Applications are welcomed from practitioners who have identified a clear development opportunity. This could be a period of research, time to create new work, travel (including international working), training, developing future ideas, networking or mentoring.

Individual artists and/or creative practitioners in England may apply. The programme supports activities focused on a range of artforms and disciplines, including music; theatre; dance; visual arts; literature; combined arts; and museums practice. The term 'creative practitioners' includes dancers, choreographers, writers, translators, producers, publishers, editors, musicians, conductors, composers, actors, directors, designers, artists, craft makers, and curators.

Applicants must apply as an individual, or as a small group of practitioners who usually collaborate in their work. This could include, for example, artists who usually create work together, or writers and their translators.

Round two is currently open and the deadline for applications is 16 August 2018.

(This report was the subject of a GRANTfinder Newsflash.)

Launch of the 2018 David Canter Memorial Fund

Fund ID: S37868

The David Canter Memorial Fund offers awards to give financial assistance to those working in the Crafts for special projects, travel for specific research and for educational work.

Awards are made every other year, each time focusing on a specific craft discipline. In 2018 the discipline is Jewellery and Metalwork. This includes jewellery made from precious and non-precious materials.

Awards made are usually up to a maximum of £500.

Examples of eligible activities include setting up a workshop, buying equipment, educational work or for research and travel.

Grants are available to those who have finished their formal training and are working full, or part-time in the UK.

The deadline for applications is 5pm Monday 1 October 2018.

UK Theatres Small Grants Scheme

Fund ID: S38584

Charities and not-for-profit groups that own or run theatres in the UK can apply for grants of up to £5,000 to fund capital improvements.

Grants can be used for projects that:

- Address urgent building repairs.
- Improve operational viability.
- Introduce environmental improvements.
- Enhance physical accessibility.

Applicants should be able to demonstrate that they run a regular theatre programme of professional, community and/or amateur work, presenting no less than 30 performances a year, and that the funded improvements will add value to the organisation's work in the local community.

Low priority is given to applications for technical equipment and refurbishment of soft furnishings.

The next deadline for applications is 8 January 2019 (midday).

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Launch of 2018-19 Eirian Llwyd Memorial Award for Welsh Printmakers

Fund ID: S42509

Eirian Llwyd was founder of Y Lle Print Gwreiddiol and regarded by many as a distinguished printmaker. She inaugurated a Memorial Trust, established in her name to provide financial awards for new and upcoming Welsh or Wales-based artists who specialise in the medium of printmaking. With this support, Arts Council of Wales is offering an award to one artist on an annual basis, receiving up to £2,500 for one year.

Gallery Curators and Print Centres in Wales have the opportunity to nominate an artist whom they feel would benefit the most from this unique opportunity and who has shown outstanding dedication and creative talent in their field of printmaking.

The award money is intended to enable the artist to develop and continue their printmaking practice, for example; purchasing printmaking equipment, a solo show, a residency in printmaking, or mentoring by a Master Printmaker.

A Gallery or Print Centre can only nominate one artist for consideration for the award.

The nominated artist must:

- Be a Welsh or Wales based artist.
- Be establishing their practice in printmaking, for example a recent graduate or an artist who has begun experimenting within printmaking.
- Demonstrate their commitment to continuing their practice in Wales.

The application deadline is 5pm on Wednesday 17 October 2018.

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Business Support

Geovation Programme Supporting Technology Innovators - Autumn 2018 Round Open

Fund ID: S42656

The Geovation Hub is London's digital district data lab, supporting creative professionals who wish to experiment with location information and technology.

The aim of the Geovation Programme is to help UK-based start-up entrepreneurs develop and launch innovative new prototype ideas that relate to location information or technology. There are two strands:

- The **PropTech Programme** supports innovative technology businesses to revolutionise the property industry using property and geospatial data.
- The **GeoTech Programme** is our open call for any tech company creating location-based products and services.

The first part of the programme is made up of phases one to three and will take place over a six-month period. During this six-month period, successful applicants will receive a funding total worth £10,000. If a prototype is delivered successfully by the end of this period, the successful applicant may move forward onto phase four.

Phase four will take place over a further six months and another £10,000 worth of funding. Successful applicants will receive funding during each phase that will support their progress and will help them to take their idea to the next level.

Geovation will also assist those who have reached phase four seek extra funding so that they may have more than one source of investment.

Successful applicants will receive the following support:

- Six months' worth of financial support.
- The opportunity to partake in one-to-ones, workshops, masterclasses and events.
- Developer and business-related support.
- The opportunity to access software, technology and geospatial data.
- Support from expert leaders in the industry.
- Resident member status at the Geovation Hub in London.

Applications for the next intake of the programme (autumn 2018) are open until midnight on 27 August 2018.

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London-based Accelerator with Funding for Hardware Start-ups - Autumn Intake Deadline Imminent

Fund ID: S42621

Located in West London, the Central Research Laboratory (CRL) is an accelerator, incubator and co-working space for hardware start-ups looking to create tech jobs and economic growth.

The CRL Hardware Accelerator will support firms through a six-month programme which includes a prototyping workshop, mentoring programme, workspace and in-house expertise. The initiative will help participants:

- understand what their customers really want and what value their product brings;
- get their product manufactured at the right cost and set-up supply chains for scale;

- gain the hardware-specific funding needed, from grants to crowdfunding and angel investors.

The goal is to help participants launch their products in a way that allows them to grow a sustainable, profitable business.

The programme offers:

- Mentorship from hundreds of entrepreneurs, business leaders and tech gurus.
- Access to four fully equipped prototyping workshops.
- A £5,000 start-up grant.
- Investment of up to £100,000 as a seed investment.
- Co-working space.

Start-ups specialising in hardware can apply. Companies can range from many sectors including 'Internet of Things', and wearable technology to educational toys to robotics. The sponsor is looking for start-ups that are either at an early stage or currently going through the process of design for manufacture.

The deadline for applications for the autumn Accelerator is 29 July 2018.

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Innovating for Growth - £10,000 worth of Business Support for London SMEs

Fund ID: S38642

The Innovating for Growth initiative has been set up to support London-based SMEs that have plans for growth. The programme offers -to-face customised support from business experts and professionals, combined with practical workshops. It can help businesses to grow into a new market, launch a new product or implement a new process.

Assistance is delivered in the form of expert advice and support on business strategy and sustainability, branding, intellectual property, product development and market exposure.

A package of advice and support worth £10,000 is available for each business the initiative supports. Those applicants who are successful will get tailored advice on:

- developing a growth strategy;
- refining a business model;
- product and service innovation;
- creating a marketing strategy;
- building a brand;
- maximising intellectual property; and
- business and market intelligence.

The scheme is open to innovative London-based small and medium-sized businesses that have clear plans for growth. Businesses must be trading in a London Borough and have proven sales.

Applications for the October - December 2018 cohort have now opened. The deadline for applications to be submitted is 14 September 2018.

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COSME Public Procurement of Innovation Call Open for SMEs

Fund ID: S39300

COSME is the EU programme for the Competitiveness of Enterprises and Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs). It runs from 2014 to 2020 with a planned budget of €2.3 billion.

The specific objective of this Call is to improve their access to markets inside the Union. Access to public procurement remains difficult for SMEs, who are only awarded 45% of the value of public contracts above EU public procurement threshold. This share is clearly below their weight in the economy.

This Call for Proposals has three main objectives.

1. The first objective is to encourage cooperation between public buyers to promote the use of public procurement to contribute to the development of innovation.

2. The second objective is to use public procurement as a mechanism to pilot innovation in areas of strong public interest such as, for instance, clean energy (contributing to Paris targets for fighting climate change) or healthcare. This will in turn encourage innovative EU companies, in particular SMEs, to develop new solutions to address societal challenges.
3. The third objective is to link and establish synergies with research and innovation projects funded by the EU (via Horizon 2020, COSME or EU funding programmes) whenever possible.

The total budget for the Call is €4 million. EASME expects to grant projects co-financing between €800,000 and €1.5 million.

Applicant consortia must be composed of a minimum of two public buyers from two different eligible countries.

Consortia are encouraged to include a limited number of public buyers (ie no more than six or seven), since more extensive and complex partnerships have in the past tended to produce lower levels of engagement of individual partners and narrower areas of mutual interest. Other organisations who are not public buyers and meet the eligibility criteria may join a consortium as the partners see fit.

The deadline for submissions is 11 December 2018.

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European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) Skills for Business Call Opens in Greater Cambridge and Greater Peterborough

Fund ID: S39591

A Skills for Business Call for Proposals has been launched under the European Social Fund stream of the European Structural and Investment Funds for Greater Cambridge and Greater Peterborough.

Grants from a minimum of £420,000 are available to run a project that will enable gaps in existing apprenticeship and skills provision to be identified and addressed by engaging businesses in creating bespoke sector-wide responses in the Greater Cambridge and Greater Peterborough LEP area.

The Call seeks project/s that will develop new employer-led apprenticeships standards. By engaging in this process business will benefit from being at the forefront of skills development in their sector, as well as providing an opportunity to ensure the relevant apprenticeship programme is geared to meet the needs of their business, and the wider sector. Employers have also reported other benefits of getting involved including that the process provides an opportunity to build relationships with businesses of all sizes, and raises awareness of their business's support for apprenticeships.

Within the Greater Cambridgeshire and Greater Peterborough area apprenticeships have the potential to support business growth – particularly in priority sectors where there is already a skills gap. In order to develop apprenticeships in a sustainable way that can be delivered by training providers and effectively promote to young people, this call seeks project/s that support businesses to come together to develop a sector-wide response.

The total budget for the call is £2,100,439. It is anticipated that funding will be awarded for up to three years and six months and projects must cover the Greater Cambridge and Greater Peterborough LEP area.

The deadline for outline applications is 4 October 2018.

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IUK Launches Open Grant Funding Competition: Round Two

Fund ID: S43860

Innovate UK (IUK) is the UK's innovation agency and, as part of UK Research and Innovation (UKRI), works with people, companies and partner organisations to de-risk, enable and support innovation, and promote UK economic growth.

IUK's vision is to help the UK economy grow over and above other nations by inspiring and supporting pioneering UK businesses to create the industries of the future. The Open Grant Funding Competition is designed to help businesses develop cutting-edge ideas for innovative new products and services that could have an economic impact on the UK economy.

This competition is open to the best ideas or concepts with a view to commercialisation. These can come from any area of technology, science or engineering, including arts, design, media or creative industries. Proposals can fit into, or be outside of, one or more of the [Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund areas](#).

Projects can focus on disruptive and game-changing ideas in any sector of the economy. They can be of various kinds, from small feasibility studies to longer industrial research or experimental development projects. Priority will be given to proposals that are likely to lead to sustainable gains in productivity or access to new overseas markets through export-led business growth.

IUK has allocated up to £20 million to fund innovation projects through grants in this Open competition. IUK expects projects to range in size between £25,000 and £2 million and for them to last between 6 and 36 months.

To lead a project, applicants must be a UK-based business of any size or a research and technology organisation (RTO). The project must be undertaken in, and exploit results from, the UK. Applicants may work alone or in collaboration with others (businesses, research base and third sector).

The competition is now open with a deadline for applications of midday on 12 September 2018.

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IUK Announces £6 Million Investment Accelerator: Innovation in Precision Medicine Competition ****NEW****

Fund ID: S43897

The Investment Accelerator: Innovation in Precision Medicine Competition provides simultaneous grant funding and private venture capital investment for early stage projects led by UK companies undertaking projects in precision medicine.

This Innovate UK (IUK) competition will support the commercial development of significant innovation in precision medicine. The aim is to:

- bring private investors into IUK grant-funded companies earlier, giving companies greater confidence that investment will continue after the project funding;
- give management teams more time to run the business rather than continually chasing investment;
- remove the need to find match funding;
- give companies direct access to commercial skills and knowledge and market opportunities.

IUK defines precision medicine as 'technology that enables early and accurate diagnosis to inform patient treatment, as well as the availability of targeted therapies'. Projects could include first-in-human clinical trials, including 'n of 1' proof of concept and observational studies with clearly defined de-risking objectives.

IUK has allocated up to £6 million in grant funding to match comparable amount of equity investment from investor partners in this competition. A project's total costs can be between £500,000 and £1.5 million with up to 50% funded by IUK. 100% of project costs will be provided, split between IUK and the investor partner.

The competition is open to single SMEs in the UK that are looking for grant funding and that want to establish an equity relationship with a UK venture capital firm. IUK is particularly encouraging new deal flow from the investor partners. SMEs that already have investment from one or more of the investors are also eligible.

The competition opens on Monday 23 July 2018 and closes at midday on 26 September 2018.

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Children & Young People

Inter Faith Youth Trust Small Grants Programme

Fund ID: S32283

The Inter Faith Youth Trust is the only UK charitable trust solely to fund inter faith projects for young people. It was established to promote the education of children and young people about the religions of the world and funds projects that bring together young people of different faiths to improve collaboration and understanding.

Once a year, it offers small grants to organisations putting together projects or events arranged by young people in and around Inter Faith Week (including Scottish Inter Faith Week). This year it takes place from 11 to 18 November 2018.

Grants of up to £500 are available for the following:

- Learning by children and young people (11-25 years old) from different faiths about different faiths, through social action.
- Co-operation and understanding between faiths which preferably involve young people in planning, running, and evaluating; and which promote equal opportunities.
- Increasing understanding between people of faith and of no faith.

UK based organisations are eligible to apply. Priority will be given to non-statutory organisations.

The deadline for applications is 14 September 2018.

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Community Development

Al Maktoum Community Grants Programme

Fund ID: S42894

This is an annual programme that has been running since 2009 to support communities in and around Dundee.

The fund has helped groups working across various sectors, including resident associations, schools, sports clubs, youth groups, senior citizen organisations and many more.

This year, grants of between £500 and £2,000 are available for projects that cover at least one of the following priorities:

- Learning and education
- Multiculturalism, interfaith, cultural engagement
- Local schools, colleges and universities
- Youth development
- Providing opportunities for people with a disability; physical and/or learning
- Helping people to overcome challenges in the face of adversity
- Local groups at grass roots level that enrich the community.

The deadline for applications is 10 September 2018 (12pm).

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Team London Small Grants ****NEW****

Fund ID: S43899

This fund has been set up to support community groups, small charities and voluntary sector organisations in London with projects and activities that will help to bring Londoners together and create greater community cohesion.

A total of £100,000 has been invested for 2018 and grants of between £5,000 and £10,000 are available for projects that:

- Help people to have more opportunities to connect with each other positively and meaningfully, through volunteering on community activities, taking part in social action, or both.
- Create an environment where people find it easy and beneficial to meet others from different backgrounds, creating connections not divisions.

It is expected that between 10 to 15 grants will be awarded, depending on the budget, to cover revenue costs or capital expenditure. Projects must either be new or a development from an existing project (provided there is a new element to the project) and will need to involve volunteers with at least 25% new to volunteering. The aim of a project will be to create an environment where people find it easy and beneficial to meet others from different groups of society and provide them with more opportunities to connect and participate within their local communities.

With a clear social integration purpose, projects must meet one or more of the following priorities:

- Relationships and Equality: people from different groups (communities, identities, interests) experiencing things together as equals.
- Relationships and Participation: groups (communities, identities, interests) in the community respectfully increasing their understanding of others.
- Relationships and Community Engagement: members of the community being actively engaged in issues that affect them through place-based activities.

All projects must be delivered between 1 November 2018 and 31 October 2019.

The deadline for applications is 20 August 2018 (11:59 pm).

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Inshore and Inland Rescue Boat Grant Fund

Fund ID: S41106

Now in its fifth year, the Fund has awarded £3.6 million to help volunteer rescue teams buy boats, items of crew kit and other equipment to help them in their work to save people's lives on the UK's waterways.

Applications are now being accepted from UK registered charities as defined by the Charities Act 2006 which already operate an inland/inshore waterway rescue boat/lifeboat within the UK.

The grants can be used to purchase items which will support the charities' lifesaving and rescue operations, including assets and equipment like life rafts, life jackets, safety equipment.

There is no minimum or maximum grant. Applicants must contribute 10% towards the (ex-VAT) cost of items funded. The funding may be used from other sources to meet the 10% contribution.

The deadline for applications is 3 September 2018.

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Integrated Communities Innovation Fund ****NEW****

Fund ID: S43895

The fund is intended to support 'trailblazing approaches' to building more integrated communities in England. It aims to 'help drive forward' the proposals to tackle the key causes of poor integration set out in the Government's Integrated Communities Strategy green paper published in March 2018.

The funding is for projects that use sport and physical activity to encourage the integration.

It will support approaches which address the breadth of factors which can lead to poor integration, including:

- The level and pace of migration.
- Labour market disadvantage.
- Residential segregation and segregation in schools.
- A lack of meaningful social mixing and certain religious and cultural values and attitudes.

The total budget is £7 million. There is no set minimum or maximum grant level.

To be eligible, projects must meet the following:

- The beneficiaries must be based in England.
- They must be capable of being delivered to at least 300 participants during the funding period.

The funding is for revenue costs only. It is to be used for delivery of the agreed-upon project only and will cover costs such as payment to administrators supporting the projects and volunteer expenses, for example. It cannot be used for organisational salaries, PR, marketing and related events organised by the applicant.

Sports-based integration projects must not have started yet and:

- Be not-for-profit and address a need not met by the non-profit sector.
- Meet the requirements set out within 'A Code for Sports Governance' relevant to the level of investment.
- Be focused on sports which are recognised by Sport England and aligned with Sport England's strategic aims.

Costs for sport-based integration projects must be project specific and additional to existing expenditure. Equipment up to the value of £10,000 will be deemed revenue expenditure.

The deadline for Expressions of Interest is 20 August 2018 (23:45).

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Education, Employment and Training

Higher Skills in STEM and Key Sector Areas Call in Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire LEP Area

Fund ID: S39500

Grants from a minimum of £1 million are available to run a project to address skills gaps for leadership and management training, improving access to science and technology skills, developing an enterprise and entrepreneurialism culture linked to graduate retention, and replacement and growth demand of Higher Level Skills in the Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire LEP area.

This European Social Fund (ESF) Call aims to enhance equal access to lifelong learning for all age groups in formal, non-formal and informal settings, upgrading the knowledge, skills and competences of the workforce, and promoting flexible learning pathways including through career guidance and validation of acquired competences. Projects must deliver activity which directly contributes to the objectives of Investment Priority Axis 2.1.

To address shortfalls in existing provision, applications should demonstrate value for money and support activities including the following:

- Addressing skills gaps for leadership and management training for those who are currently in this type of role without receiving the appropriate training or those that have aspirations to progress into these roles, and other higher skills training in sectors where the average skill levels of the workforce are low.
- Identifying ways to improve access to science and technology skills, potentially by creating a centre of excellence in one of the SSLEP key sectors.
- Establishing ways to develop a culture of enterprise and entrepreneurialism which should be linked to the retention of graduates in the city and the county; the provision of support must impact positively on both enterprise rates and labour market skill levels, especially Level 4 and above.
- Activity must contribute to replacement and growth demand, for higher level skills, particularly within the SSLEP key sectors where international competition means that sustained growth relies on increased productivity and innovation and therefore will need a workforce with Level 4 and above skills in the future.
- Addressing wider participation and progression within work issues, through activity that increases the number of employed women gaining higher level skills in STEM subjects, particularly activity which focusses on increasing the number of higher apprenticeship starts in the area.
- Identifying barriers that those in work may experience which prevents them from raising their skill levels, and putting in place support activity which will increase the number of people starting Level 4 qualifications, specifically those from ethnic minorities, those with disabilities and those who are in a single adult household with dependent children. Up-skilling can be achieved through professional and technical education including higher degree level apprenticeships and/or the academic route.

Projects must cover the Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire LEP Area, although smaller applications covering only part of the area will be considered.

The total budget for the Call is approximately £5 million. Applicants will need to have eligible match funding for the balance of costs, which must be from a source other than the European Union.

The deadline for applications is 20 September 2018.

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European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) - Calls for Proposals Open in Cheshire and Warrington

Fund ID: S39496

Two calls for proposals are open to applications under the European Social Fund (ESF) strand of the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) for the Cheshire and Warrington Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) area.

The two calls are complementary and applicants are permitted to apply for one or both calls. They are as follows:

Sustainable Integration of Young People Into the Labour Market

Grants from a minimum of £500,000 are available to run a project delivering support to young people NEET or at risk of NEET; or aged up to 24 and disengaged from mainstream activity in the Cheshire & Warrington LEP area.

Local Priorities to be addressed are:

- Providing intense, innovative, holistic and tailored support to young people who are NEET or at risk of NEET; and also focus on young people aged up to 24, who are disengaged from mainstream activity. For example care leavers, lone parents, carers, ex-offenders or young people with learning difficulties and/or mental health barriers.
- Supporting young people, aged up to 24, to acquire skills (basic, intermediate and technical) needed by Cheshire and Warrington growth sectors' employers or to help them into self-employment and/or link learning to work experience including volunteering
- Providing support and a range of soft skills to disadvantaged young people to overcome the barriers to engagement, such as lack of childcare, transport, confidence building, motivation and health issues.

The total budget for the call is ££2,552,000. It is anticipated that funding will be awarded for up to three years and six months and projects must cover the Cheshire and Warrington LEP area.

Active Inclusion in the Labour Market

Grants from a minimum of £1 million are available to run a project to ensure that individuals affected by multiple disadvantages receive appropriate support that will facilitate progression to skills development and employment in the Cheshire & Warrington area.

Activity should involve a range of relevant integrated actions to ensure that individuals affected by multiple disadvantages receive appropriate support to give opportunities that will facilitate progression to skills development and employment.

The main focus of activity under this call needs to address three main aims for those individuals and families at risk. These are:

- Prevention: to prevent or minimise the risk of long term issues/problems which culminate in an inability to seek and hold down employment.
- Early intervention: targeting resources on individuals or groups at high risk, or showing early signs of a problem, to try to stop it occurring; early remedial treatment.
- Intervening: once there is a problem, to stop it getting worse and redress the situation.

The total budget for the call is £2.9 million. It is anticipated that funding will be awarded for up to three years and six months projects must cover the Cheshire and Warrington LEP area.

The deadline for outline applications to both Calls is 28 September 2018.

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Launch of Mayor of London's £500m Energy Efficiency Fund to Cut Carbon in the Capital ****NEW****

Fund ID: S43896

The Mayor of London's Energy Efficiency Fund (MEEF) is a £500 million investment programme, set up with the aim of helping to achieve London's ambition of being a zero-carbon city by 2050.

The programme seeks to address market failures in London's low carbon sector by providing flexible and competitive finance to enable, accelerate or enhance viable low carbon projects across the capital. It will finance new or retrofit projects that can clearly demonstrate renewables credentials, with investment of up to 20 years.

MEEF invests in a range of technologies and projects which will deliver carbon and energy savings to public, private and community sector organisations. The initiative seeks to invest in projects that contribute towards one or all of the following:

- A decrease in energy consumption.
- A reduction in CO2 creation.
- The creation of renewable energy capacity.

The programme has an overall investment pool of £500 million. It will offer repayable construction finance, predominantly in the form of senior loans, but also with the potential for mezzanine and equity. Investments of between £3 million and £20 million will be targeted, however, the Fund can consider larger or smaller investments, from £1 million upwards.

MEEF will finance a range of Energy Conservation Measures (ECMs) to provide energy or carbon saving benefits. This includes, for example, boiler replacement, Combined Heat and Power (CHP), insulation and ground source heat pumps. As well as funding improvements to existing building stock, MEEF can also fund new-build decentralised energy projects which can demonstrate a carbon saving.

The Fund will invest in projects undertaken by local authorities, NHS bodies, registered providers, Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), charities and voluntary organisations, private sector energy service companies (ESCOs) and small and medium-sized businesses (SMEs). The project must be located within the 32 London Boroughs or the City of London.

The Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, said:

"This is the largest fund of its kind in the UK that will help deliver the low-carbon, sustainable projects and infrastructure London needs to cut energy costs and reduce carbon emissions across our universities, hospitals, museums and small businesses.

"It is a great example of how the public and private sectors can come together to create millions of pounds of investment for low-carbon projects and help fast track London towards our goal of becoming a zero-carbon city by 2050."

MEEF reviews applications from projects on an ongoing, rolling basis, with no deadline for applications or 'funding rounds'.

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Environment

Darwin Initiative Opens New Funding Round for UK Overseas Territories

Fund ID: S37001

Administered by the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) and the Department for International Development (DFID), the Darwin Plus Projects and Fellowships (Overseas Territories Environment and Climate Fund) supports developing countries to conserve biodiversity and reduce poverty and is the UK's primary mechanism to champion biodiversity conservation and support the development of vibrant in-country conservation sectors.

Grants are available for projects working on environment or climate change issues in the UK's Overseas Territories (UKOTs) that help deliver long-term strategic outcomes for the natural environment in these locations. Regional projects (ie involving more than one UKOT) are encouraged and budgets for regional projects should be proportionate to the complexity of the issues tackled.

Projects may be new ideas, or build on existing work, but applicants will be expected to demonstrate that the proposed project will be of real value to the host UKOTs by meeting clearly identifiable needs and priorities, for example, as may be identified in OT roadmaps.

The key priorities for Darwin Plus in Round 7 are:

- Delivering a Blue Belt of marine protection around the OTs
- Dealing with invasive non-native species
- Waste management strategies, particularly those with a focus on plastics
- Responding to, and mitigating against, the impacts of natural disasters on the OTs
- Implementing National Biodiversity Action Plans
- Conservation, restoration and wise use of wetlands

Application is open to all organisations working in the UKOTs. This may include UKOT Governments, NGOs, research institutions, the private sector and other stakeholders.

There is no minimum or maximum award size for Darwin Plus projects. The funding pot in any given year is, however, limited and projects with a value exceeding £300,000 are less likely to be funded.

The deadline for projects is 3 September 2018.

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Mayor of London - Greener City Fund - Community Green Space Grants

Fund ID: S43492

The Greener City Fund was created in 2017 with the aim of helping to achieve Mayor Sadiq Khan's goal of making more than half of London green by 2050, and in doing so become the first National Park City. Forming part of this Fund, the Community Green Space Grants scheme offers support for projects across the capital that will create and improve green areas, giving Londoners better access to nature.

A total of £1.1 million is available in this funding round, with individual grants of between £5,000 and £50,000 offered.

Applications are invited from London-based organisations (including charities, community groups, schools and local authorities) for activities such as:

- Creating a community garden, especially for and with hard to reach groups.
- Improving parks and other green spaces for people and wildlife.
- Installing green sustainable drainage features, such as rain gardens.
- Creating connections between areas of green and enhancing active travel routes.

- Improving an area for wildlife.
- Creating a natural play space for children.
- Restoring rivers and other waterways.
- Creating pocket parks in urban areas.

Projects that focus on greening measures in London schools to reduce students' exposure to air pollution and protect them from toxic air (such as installing barrier hedges) can apply for the new School Air Quality Greening Grants, which will make up £300,000 of the total funding budget for this round.

All projects should have the support of different local groups and have a positive impact on the local and wider community. Grant funding should primarily be spent on the physical capital works involved in the project, such as buying plants and other materials, planting costs, machine and equipment hire.

Projects must take place between January 2019 and December 2019.

Groundwork London is managing the Greener City Fund grants on behalf of the Greater London Authority (GLA).

The deadline for applications to Round 2 is 1 October 2018 (5pm).

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Health and Social Welfare

Building Connections Fund ****NEW****

Fund ID: S43902

Voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) organisations in England can apply now for grants of between £30,000 and £100,000 to support current work that helps to prevent or reduce loneliness and help people, communities and local services connect in a variety of different ways.

The funding is to be used to for projects which reach out to people of all ages who feel lonely or isolated, and encourage them to take part in activities, helping them to feel more connected.

This could include making the most of community spaces, improving access to transport, using digital technology, or joining up local services to have a bigger reach.

The funding must be spent on activities that will directly prevent or reduce loneliness and help to build connections between individuals and communities.

Revenue costs could include (but are not limited to):

- Staff salaries.
- Training and organisational development.
- Equipment to facilitate activities.
- Venue hire.
- Communications campaigns.
- Marketing.
- Project activities and other resources to help run the project or intervention.
- Resources to implement or develop the project.
- Costs for learning and evaluation (recognising that applicants will be working with an evaluator as part of their funding).

Capital costs – applications can be made for up to 30% of their funding of capital costs to buy, maintain or improve fixed assets that are linked to transport and travel. Applicants will need to secure competitive quotes on all purchases, keep a record of any assets acquired or improved with the funding, and may be subject to additional conditions.

Projects do not have to be a set length of time but must be finished by March 2021 and start by January 2019.

Minister for Loneliness, Tracey Crouch MP, said:

“Loneliness is a serious issue that can affect anybody. Communities suffer when people feel disconnected or alone but by working together we can reduce its stigma and build on the legacy of Jo Cox.

“I encourage charities and community groups across the country to help us tackle loneliness. This fund will help improve people’s lives and build stronger communities.”

The deadline for applications is 24 August 2018 (12 noon).

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2019 REC Call for Operating Grants to Framework Partners Active in the Area of Disability

Fund ID: S39311

The Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme (REC) promotes and protects specific individual rights and freedoms that derive from European Union law. REC promotes gender equality, rights deriving from citizenship of the EU, children's rights and Roma inclusion; and funds projects aimed at combating all forms of discrimination and racism and fighting violence against women, young people and children.

The 2019 Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme (REC) Call for Operating Grants to Framework Partners Active in the Area of Disability aims to provide specific operating grants for the year 2019 to European networks having signed a Framework Partnership Agreements 2018-2021 with the European Commission. The four-year Framework Partnership Agreements established cooperation between the European Commission and European networks whose statutory aim is to promote and protect the rights of persons with disabilities.

The total budget earmarked for the EU co-financing of projects under this call is estimated at €2,801,000. Grants may not exceed 80 % of the total eligible costs of the action. Applicants must guarantee their co-financing of the remaining amount covered by their own resources or from sources other than the European Union budget.

The Commission expects to fund seven proposals.

Proposals can only be submitted by organisations having signed a Framework Partnership Agreement with the European Commission following the 2017 Call for Proposals establishing four-year Framework Partnership Agreements for the period 2018-2021.

The deadline for applications is 20 September 2018.

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Nesta Launches ShareLab Scotland to Create Collaborative Working for Social Benefit ****NEW****

Fund ID: S43898

The ShareLab Scotland scheme has been established to identify and support projects that use online matching to help individuals and communities make better use of local resources and contribute to Scotland's vision of a fairer, more socially responsible, collaborative economy.

The fund will help new collaborative platforms to deliver social and economic value for the people of Scotland, while actively shaping Scotland's collaborative economy. Projects that can deliver affordable, clean energy and sustainable transport solutions, particularly for those in remote and rural areas, are being sought. Supported projects will deliver economic and social benefits for Scotland's individuals and communities, especially those in vulnerable circumstances and disadvantaged communities.

The programme has an overall available budget of £172,000. Grants of between £15,000 and £33,000 are available for selected projects.

Funds can be used towards the following:

- Direct project costs
- Staffing
- Tech development
- Marketing and events
- Learning and development / user research

Applicants will need to be able to receive funds through a legally incorporated body such as a company, charitable incorporated organisation or similar. Applications can be submitted by individuals, social enterprises, charities and community groups in Scotland.

Announcing ShareLab Scotland, First Minister Nicola Sturgeon said:

"The collaborative economy brings together individuals and communities in new and innovative ways. There is huge opportunity for Scotland in this area, particularly given some of our geographic challenges and the potential benefits it can bring for tourism and transport in more remote areas.

"To help achieve this, I am pleased to launch ShareLab Scotland. This £172,000 fund will help new partnerships benefit both our societies and the economy."

The deadline to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) is 11am on Thursday 23 August 2018.

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Housing

Foundation Scotland - Transformation and Growth Fund ****NEW****

Fund ID: S43901

Registered charities and incorporated organisations based in Glasgow City and the City of Edinburgh can apply now for grants of between £10,000 to £25,000 for capacity building projects that aim to support those at risk of homelessness.

The aim of the fund is to help organisations increase their capacity to address local housing and homelessness issues by building sustainability, developing ideas and deploying innovative solutions to better tackling the housing crisis. Groups must be currently working with those at risk of homelessness which may include migrants, offenders, people with mental health needs, women and young people.

Priority will be given to applications from small local organisations which have enough existing capacity to be able to develop sustainably. Grants will therefore only be awarded to organisations with at least one member of paid staff. Groups must also have people with lived experience of homelessness issues involved in their organisation in some way.

Applicants must be able to address at least one of the following priority areas:

- To increase economic wellbeing.
- To improve the supply of low-income housing and housing opportunity.
- To prevent homelessness.

Grants are available for projects and activities involving:

- Consultants.
- Research.
- Service delivery to free up senior management time for strategic planning.
- Education, training or coaching.
- Convening/building networks.
- Peer exchange.

The deadline for submissions of Expressions of Interest is 3 August 2018 (4 pm).

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International Cooperation

Development Education and Awareness Raising (DEAR) Programme Launches 2018 Call

Fund ID: S42373

The Development Education and Awareness Raising Programme (DEAR) aims to inform EU citizens about development issues, mobilise greater public support for action against poverty, and give citizens the tools to engage critically with global development issues.

A total of €77 million is available for the 2018 Call to deliver more focussed and strategic pan-European campaigns on targeted priorities bringing EU Development Policy and EU answers to global challenges closer to citizens and promote fundamental values such as human rights, democracy, solidarity, peace and tolerance.

Initiatives should be designed and led by Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) and Local Authorities established in a Member State of the European Union. Applicants must have carried out activities in the field of development awareness raising and education for at least three years.

Actions will have to take place in a number of different European countries and will reflect two key themes of the Consensus: People and Planet. Within these themes are two focus areas of Migration and Climate change. Proposals will be requested to address one or both of these focus areas. The objectives will be reached through a combination of campaigns, awareness raising, communication and outreach activities and global learning.

This Call contains the following three lots:

- Lot 1: Focussed and strategic pan-European campaigns on targeted priorities bringing EU Development policy and EU answers to global challenges closer to citizens led by a Civil Society Organisation (CSO) or an association of CSOs, from all EU member states. Grants will be for between €7 million and €12 million and actions must take place in a minimum of eight EU Member States.
- Lot 2: Focussed and strategic pan-European campaigns on targeted priorities bringing EU Development policy and EU answers to global challenges closer to citizens led by a CSO or an association of CSOs from EU 13 member states. Grants will be for between €2 million and €7 million. Actions must take place in a minimum of five EU Member States.
- Lot 3: Focussed and strategic pan-European campaigns on targeted priorities bringing EU Development policy and EU answers to global challenges closer to citizens led by a Local Authority or Association of LAs, from all EU member states. Grants will be for between €3 million and €7 million. Actions must take place in a minimum of five EU Member States.

Under **Lot 1 and 2**, lead applicants must be non-profit-making and a Civil Society Organisation (CSO) or an association of CSOs. They must also be established in a Member State of the European Union (for Lot 1) or be established in an EU 13 Member state (for Lot 2).

Under **Lot 3**, lead applicants must be a Local Authority (LA) from a Member State of the European Union, constituted in accordance with the legislation in force in the country or Associations of Local Authorities (ALA) registered in a Member State of the EU.

A maximum of 90% of total eligible costs is available. The balance must be financed from sources other than the European Union Budget or the European Development Fund. Proposals must address the following priorities.

British applicants are advised that the eligibility criteria must be complied with for the entire duration of the grant. If the UK withdraws from the EU during the grant period without concluding an agreement with the EU ensuring in particular that British applicants continue to be eligible, British applicants will cease to receive EU funding (while continuing, where possible, to participate) or be required to leave the project.

The deadline for the submission of concept notes is 25 September 2018.

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Research and Development

Information Commissioner's Office Grants Programme 2018

Fund ID: S43325

The Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) has launched the second round of funding from its grants programme to promote and support independent, innovative research and solutions focused on privacy and data protection issues.

In particular, ICO is seeking privacy by design or accountability solutions which focus on key privacy challenges, providing clear public benefit with outputs that are open source and re-usable.

Examples of areas of interest include:

- Artificial intelligence, big data and machine learning. In particular solutions that would enable effective transparency to individuals or verifiable audit trails.
- Biometric and facial recognition and data protection safeguards in public and private sector.
- Children's data, age verification and parental consent verification solutions.
- Data trusts and the safe sharing of personal information.
- Good practice, GDPR compliance and self-assessment tools for Small and Medium Organisations.
- Privacy enhancing applications of blockchain and distributed ledger technology that enhance privacy and accountability and minimise use of personal data.
- Online advertising, cross device tracking and tools that provide revocable consent and transparency.

Proposals do not need to be technology based but must have a practical application and provide real world solutions that are of clear public benefit to the people of the UK.

Academic institutions, civil society groups, trade and industry associations and organisations can apply for grants of between £20,000 and £100,000.

Commenting on the second year, Information Commissioner Elizabeth Denham said:

"Information Rights are evolving all the time and it is fair to say that a lot has happened since we launched the inaugural grants programme a year ago.

"The introduction of the GDPR and the new Data Protection Act 2018, along with high-profile cases and incidents, have meant that privacy issues and concerns about how people's personal information is used have probably never been more prominent."

The deadline for applications is 17 August 2018 (5pm).

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IUK Launches Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) in Humans SBRI Competition

Fund ID: S43894

Through the Small Business Research Initiative (SBRI) process, the UK's innovation agency, Innovate UK (IUK) is administering the 'Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) in Humans Competition' on behalf of the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC).

The UK Government is committed to tackling antimicrobial resistance (AMR) in humans and has highlighted the need for more research and development to reduce the threat that it poses. Within the context of this competition antimicrobial includes:

- antibacterials (except for tuberculosis);
- antifungals; and
- antivirals (except for HIV).

The two strands of this competition aim to address the following research themes in relation to AMR.

1. New therapies (research up to and including phase 1 clinical trials).
2. Infection prevention and control.

Projects can be led by businesses, academic institutions or research organisations in the UK. The applicant may work alone or with other businesses, the research base or the third sector as subcontractors.

The programme will invest £10 million in two simultaneous competition strands.

Strand 1 projects must explore the scientific and technical feasibility of innovative solutions through proof-of-concept studies. They must focus on infection prevention and the development of new therapies and vaccines in relation to AMR. Strand 1 projects can last up to 12 months and have total project costs of up to £500,000.

Strand 2 is aimed at the technical evaluation of a scientific idea in relation to, for example, infection prevention; the development of new therapies and vaccines; and progression of technical evaluations. Strand 2 projects can last between 12 and 24 months and have total project costs of up to £2 million.

The competition is now open with a deadline for registrations of 22 August 2018 and a closing date week later, on 29 August 2018.

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IUK Launches Developing Responsive Rural Community Connections SBRI Competition

Fund ID: S43891

The UK's innovation agency, Innovate UK (IUK) works with people, companies and partner organisations to de-risk, enable and support innovation, and promote UK economic growth. 'Developing Responsive Rural Community Connections' is one of IUK's Small Business Research Initiative (SBRI) competitions, established with funding provided by the [GovTech Catalyst](#).

Isolation and loneliness significantly impacts people's health and wellbeing. This is a common challenge in areas with poor digital technology and transport. Through this competition, IUK is looking for proposals that provide support to individuals of all ages and communities. The aim is to reduce loneliness and connect rural communities through low cost, co-designed, user-friendly technology.

The challenge consists of three parts, which can be incremental:

1. How to reduce loneliness for older people, who are currently digitally excluded, using technology that is inclusive, accessible and intuitive.
2. How to co-ordinate transport more efficiently to increase citizens' ability to travel in rural areas while reducing public subsidy.
3. How to better connect people in rural areas to improve wellbeing and reduce pressure on the health and social care systems while improving service efficiency.

Potential bidders can address one or more parts to be piloted with specific user groups through phase 1 R&D. IUK welcomes opportunities that bring the three challenge areas together where the proposed solution allows.

This competition is open to UK organisations of any type and size, from any sector, including businesses and the research community. To lead a project the applicant can work alone or with others from business, the research base or the third sector as subcontractors. Applicants will work with end users and test their prototypes in Monmouthshire; a rural county in South East Wales.

The [GovTech](#) Fund will provide up to £1.25 million for solutions that combat loneliness by enabling communities to help each other in digitally and transport deprived areas. This competition has two phases. IUK has allocated up to £250,000 for phase 1 and up to £1 million for phase 2.

Phase 1: technical feasibility

This study should result in a technical and commercial specification and detailed design package for a digital solution. The first phase involves feasibility study research and development (R&D) contracts being awarded up to £50,000, including VAT. This is for each project to demonstrate technical feasibility of the proposed solution.

Phase 2: prototype development and evaluation

Phase 2 should result in a prototype installation to test functionality. This second phase involves up to 2 R&D contracts being awarded to businesses chosen from the successful phase 1 applicants. Up to £500,000, including VAT, will be allocated for each contract, in order to develop a prototype and undertake testing for up to 12 months.

The competition is now open with a registration deadline of midday on 29 August 2018 and a deadline for full applications a week later, at midday on 5 September 2018.

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Rural Development and Agriculture

European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) - Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) Call Open

Fund ID: S40786

The Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (EASME) has launched a call for proposals with a view to concluding grant agreements for projects in the field of Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP). Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) is described as a process to analyse and organise human activities in marine and maritime space in order to achieve specific ecological, economic and social objectives.

The specific objectives of this call are:

- To support concrete actions in Member States helping to build capacity for the implementation of the MSP Directive.
- To provide support for the establishment of lasting mechanisms for cross-border cooperation on MSP.

The geographical areas covered by this call include the Atlantic, the Black Sea and the Mediterranean. Projects should not, in principle, exceed 24 months in duration.

Proposals must be submitted by a consortium of organisations. One organisation must act as the consortium coordinator, while the others will act as partners. Applicants from at least two Member States bordering the targeted sea basin/marine region must be involved in each proposal.

Applicants must be legal entities as follows:

- Competent Authorities in charge of maritime spatial planning of those coastal EU Member States which are responsible for MSP in the selected area.
- International, regional or intergovernmental organisations, including relevant regional sea conventions (RSC) (eg OSPAR, Black Sea Commission, Black Sea Economic Cooperation, ICES amongst others).
- Other entities, provided that they are endorsed by Competent Authorities.

The total budget earmarked for this action is €2.47 million. This budget might be increased by maximum 20%.

It is estimated that proposals requesting a contribution from the EU of between €750,000 and €1.25 million would allow the objectives of this call for proposals to be addressed appropriately. The amount requested should be consistent and proportional with the scope of the proposal (number of applicants, number of Member States involved, activities proposed, etc.). Nonetheless, this does not preclude submission and selection of proposals requesting other amounts.

EASME expects to fund two to three proposals.

The deadline for applications is 31 October 2018.

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