



Hello!

**Thank you for all you do in our community.**

I hope you all had a great first few months of the year as we head into spring. I'm sending an update on some grants which may be relevant to your organisation over the next couple of months, including the People's Post Code Trust, which is currently open for applications.

- **The People's Post Code Trust**
- **Heart Research UK's Healthy Hearts Grants**
- **The Creative Breaks Grants Programme**
- **Sports Facilities Fund**
- **And more...**

If you would like me to come visit something that you're working on in the coming months, please do get in touch on [michael.shanks.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:michael.shanks.mp@parliament.uk)

Best wishes

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## Grants – General

**The People's Postcode Trust** is opening for its first round of applications for 2026. Charities can apply for up to £50,000 in total over the three years, depending on the organisation's income. Themes for funding for this round are:

- Enabling participation in the arts
- Preventing or reducing the impact of poverty
- Supporting marginalised groups and/or tackling inequality
- Improving mental health (focusing on specific mental health issues rather than general mental wellbeing activities)

Applications are open from 25 March to 12 noon on 1 April. You can find more information and how to apply here: [Apply for a grant | Postcode Trust](#)

**The Fat Beehive Foundation** is offering grants to small UK registered charities to help them improve their digital presence. Grants of up to £2,500 are available.

Applications are reviewed twice a year. Deadline for applications for this year will be **31 March 2026** or **30 September 2026**. You can find more information and how to apply here: [The Fat Beehive Foundation](#)

**Scottish Children's Lottery Trust** offer grants for registered charities in Scotland to support projects and activities that benefit vulnerable children, young people, and families most at risk of poverty. Grants of up to £7,500 are available.

The Medium Fund is expected to open on **6 April 2026** (noon) and on the **24 April 2026** (noon). More information can be found here: [£9,000,000 and counting –](#)

**National Churches Trust** has a **Medium Grants Programme** which offer grants for listed and unlisted Christian places of worship of any denomination in the UK to support project development and medium size repairs. Grants of up to £10,000 are available to cover project costs up to £80,000 (including VAT and fees). Match funding of at least 50% is required; applicants should have already raised 50% of the total project cost.

The next deadline is **14 April 2026**. You can find more information and how to apply here: [Medium grants | National Churches Trust](#)

**The Creative Breaks Grants Programme** from **Shared Care Scotland** offers grants to third sector organisations in Scotland to develop and deliver short breaks projects and services for carers of adults, young carers and the people they care for. Grants of up to £35,000 are available.

The next deadline is **16 April 2026**. You can find more information and how to apply here: [Creative Breaks | Shared Care Scotland](#)

**Woodward Charitable Trust** offer a **Children's Summer Playscheme Grant** for locally based small-scale registered charities in the UK to support children's summer playschemes. One-off grants of between £500 and £2,000 are available. Around 35 grants are made per year.

The deadline for the grant is **16 April 2026**. You can find more information and how to apply here: [The Woodward Charitable Trust](#)

**Heart Research UK** is offering **Healthy Heart Grants** for new community projects aimed at supporting adults to reduce their risk of coronary heart disease, helping them to lead healthier, happier and longer lives. Grants of up to £15,000 are available.

The deadline for applications is **22 April 2026**. More information can be found here [Healthy Heart Grants - Heart Research UK](#)

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## Grants – Sport

The Sports Facilities Fund aims to support capital projects that provide opportunities for people to get involved in and participate in sport and physical activity in Scotland.

Grants may be awarded of up to 50% of eligible project costs, up to a maximum of £200,000. The remainder of the project finance should come from the organisation's own cash, fundraising, in-kind contributions or can be sourced from other grant funders. Local authority applicants should meet at least 25% of the total project cost from their capital budget.

Priority will be given to projects that deliver the greatest impact on our Equality, Diversity and Inclusion objectives: see [Sport for Life and our approach to Equality, Diversity and Inclusion](#)

**Please contact us to discuss your project and eligibility before starting or submitting an application** [facilities@sportscotland.org.uk](mailto:facilities@sportscotland.org.uk)

We also recommend that you discuss your project with your local authority and the relevant governing body of sport(s), who may be able to offer you support as you develop your proposal.

**Deadlines for submission of Sport Facilities Fund applications are 5pm on 1 April or 1 September.**

**You can find out more information and how to apply here: [Sport Facilities Fund – sportscotland the national agency for sport in Scotland](#)**

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