



### Useful websites

[VAMT website funding information](#)

[WCVA Fundraising guide](#)

[Institute of Fundraising 5 minute fundraising videos](#)

[Small Charities Coalition](#)

[KnowHowNonProfit](#) – lots of quick read information and advice

[Business Survival Toolkit](#) Designed for the creative sector, but is relevant to most organisations (Business Survival Toolkit™ is a trademark of Creative & Cultural Skills)

[The Guardian Voluntary Sector Network](#)

### Recent launch: Big Lottery Fund Community Asset Transfer 2 (BLF CAT2)

The [CAT2](#) programme will provide both capital and revenue funding to support the transfer and development of assets, such as land and buildings, from individuals, public or private sector organisations to community ownership to help communities become stronger and more sustainable. BLF will do this by developing assets transferred to enterprising organisations that actively involve and benefit the communities they serve. They must work towards improving the services and/or facilities for their community, be able to demonstrate that their proposals are sustainable in the long-term and take into account the environmental, social and economic impacts of their work. Transfers can be either freehold or leasehold, but the transfer must be made at nil cost or at significantly below market value.

CAT2 will be delivered via two competitive funding rounds, each involving a two stage application process. Organisations will be required to complete a stage one application but will only be required to develop and submit a stage two application (a project plan and capital project delivery plan) if their stage one application is successful. Development grants are available to support the development of stage two applications.

Grants will be awarded between £300,000 up to the value of £1,150,000, and must include a combination of both capital and revenue costs.

**The closing date for Round 1 Stage 1 applications is noon on Wednesday 20th May 2015.**

Helpline 029 2067 8200 (text phone 0845 602 1659).

Email [cat@biglotteryfund.org.uk](mailto:cat@biglotteryfund.org.uk)

### **VAMT Training to March 2015**

Including

Safeguarding awareness 11<sup>th</sup> February

Governing your organisation 4<sup>th</sup> March

Accounting basics 10<sup>th</sup> March

Chairing Skills 24<sup>th</sup> March

## Scottish Power Energy People Trust Grants for Charities

The [Scottish Power Energy People Trust](#) is accepting applications from registered charities that work to help people whose lives are affected by fuel poverty. Charitable organisations can apply for grants of up to £50,000 to support projects or schemes covering the following:

- Energy efficiency measures – improving home energy efficiency through draught proofing, insulating and/or other practical measures.
- Income maximisation – providing funding to front line charities that carry out benefits advice to households missing out on financial help that they are entitled to through welfare benefits and tax credits.
- Fuel debt assistance – providing assistance, or funding the provision by other persons of assistance, to reduce or cancel debts for household electricity or gas supply, where such assistance is provided as part of a package of measures aimed at providing customers with long-term relief from fuel poverty.
- Any combination of the above.

A maximum of 30 fully completed applications will be presented to the Trustees at any one meeting and applications are considered on a first come, first served basis. Any eligible and complete applications not dealt with will be carried forward to the next meeting.

The 2015 deadlines for applications are 19th May and 15th September.

## Cinnamon Network Micro-Grants (Wales)

[The Cinnamon Network](#) invites local churches in Wales to start a Cinnamon Network recognised church based community project.

The grants are open to local churches, or group of churches working in partnership, which is a registered charity with up to date accounts. Grants can be for £2,000 (which has to be matched by £2,000 which can include the value of: cash, gifts in kind, premises, professional pro-bono services, asset items, salaries).

## The Allen Lane Foundation

Community and voluntary organisations can apply for single, one-off grants range from £500 up to £15,000. Grants repeated for more than one year vary from about £500 per annum up to £5,000 per annum, for a maximum of three years.

The Foundation is interested in funding work which benefits people in the following groups, or generalist work which includes significant numbers from more than one such group:

- \*Asylum-seekers and refugees (but not groups working with a single nationality)
- \* Gay, lesbian, bi-sexual or transgender people
- \*Gypsies and Travellers
- \* Migrant workers
- \* Offenders and ex-offenders
- \* Older people
- \* People experiencing mental health problems
- \* People experiencing violence or abuse

The Foundation makes grants for start-up, core or project costs. These grants are relatively small. Examples of types of grants we make could be

- \*Volunteers or participants expenses
- \*Venue hire
- \* Part-time or sessional staffing costs
- \* Work aimed at strengthening the organisation such as trustee or staff training.

[Criteria](#) [Exclusions](#) [How to apply](#)

### **Cranfield Trust: Free management consultancy and mentoring for your organisation**

Support to the voluntary sector through a national register of over 750 highly skilled volunteers from the commercial sector.

Each project is individually tailored to meet the particular needs of the organisation, addressing issues such as financial management, business planning, change management and restructuring, marketing and communications, or mentoring for Chief Executives and Managers.

For more information and guidance, [visit the Cranfield Trust website](#)

### **Keep Wales buzzing!**

#### **Apply for free Garden Centre vouchers of up to £500 to help pollinators.**

Natural Buzz is a pollinator initiative run by Keep Wales Tidy in partnership with the Horticultural Trade Association and Green Space Wales.

To help people make the most of their green spaces and to transform local unused spaces into a blaze of wildflower, community groups, schools, charitable organisations and local authorities can have their own 'Wild Weekend' by applying for up to £500 of Garden Centre vouchers.

The aim of the Wild Weekend grant is to help create wild-flower havens and to create new habitat and food sources for pollinators in Wales.

Website: [www.keepwalestidy.org/naturalbuzz](http://www.keepwalestidy.org/naturalbuzz) ; Email [wild@keepwalestidy.org](mailto:wild@keepwalestidy.org)

Apply: <http://www.keepwalestidy.org/naturalbuzz/apply>

### **Tesco & Keep Wales Tidy carrier bag levy grants**

Schools and community groups can apply for a grant of £100-£500 to help them with their green initiatives, litter-picking activities, small allotment projects and general cleaning and greening up the community.

For information on the All Wales Grant Scheme and to find out how to apply, visit [www.keepwalestidy.org/grants](http://www.keepwalestidy.org/grants) or <http://www.keepwalestidy.org/grants/information>  
Email [grants@keepwalestidy.org#tidygrants](mailto:grants@keepwalestidy.org#tidygrants)

### **More for the Cranfield Trust: Free online HR advice for charities**

If you are a registered charity, you can now claim free HR advice to help with the running of your organisation.

HRNet is a free online HR advice and information service for registered charities, provided by the Cranfield Trust.

Other benefits include a weekly newsletter which gives details of developments in employment law and practice, as well as access to a searchable repository of HR information.

[Find out what HRNet can do for your organisation.](#)

## Does your organisation need a legally qualified Trustee?

[The Bar Pro Bono Unit may be able to assist](#)

### The Foyle Foundation Small Grants Scheme

Apply any time – please apply at least 6 months before the start of the activity

One year grants of £1,000 and £10,000 to smaller charities, especially those working at grass roots and local community level, in any field, across a wide range of activities. Applicants must demonstrate that a grant will make a significant difference to their work and that the project is sustainable.

Applications are welcomed from charities that have an annual turnover of less than £100,000 per annum.

Applicants should complete the [Small Grants Scheme Application Form](#);

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Email: [sgs@foylefoundation.org.uk](mailto:sgs@foylefoundation.org.uk) (Small Grants Scheme)

T: 020 7430 9119

## February closing dates

### Saville Audio Visual competition: create your own community cinema!

**Closing date 9th February 2015**

A Competition to find a deserving community to win a complete cinema package for their neighbourhood venue.

The package includes a 4000 Lumen Projector, Projection Screen, Full HD Smart Blu-ray player, Amplifier, Speakers with stands and a Magic Movie Mobile to keep everything safe in!

[Website and online application form](#)

### The Hilton in the Community Foundation

**Closing date 10th February** ( others 5 May 2015; 28 July;13 October )

Capital Grants up to £ 30,000 per year for charities registered for at least 12 months and working with disadvantaged children and young people that are considered to be most in need including those with disabilities; who are sick in hospital; are homeless; who are life limited (requiring palliative care).

Funding can be for up to two years for any particular project. Priority support is to charities that demonstrate community involvement and volunteering opportunities as part of their working practices. The Foundation generally prefers to fund equipment and capital costs although contributions to project staff and day to day running costs may be considered in the context of a Full Cost Recovery budget.

[Website](#)

Tel: (020) 7605 7733

Email: [grant@hilton-foundation.org.uk](mailto:grant@hilton-foundation.org.uk)

## Running a community building?

At a time of spiralling fuel prices energy saving can save you money in the short and long term. These [excellent energy saving guides](#) can help with the process.

Produced by the Severn Wye Energy Agency Vital Villages initiative, the straightforward guides and toolkits address issues that the project's energy saving advisors have observed again and again.

Some potential funders for putting into place energy efficiency measures:

Lottery: [Awards for All](#) , [People and Places](#); [Coalfields Regen Trust](#); [National Churches Trust](#)

## Greggs

**Closing date 13<sup>th</sup> February**

Small, locally based not for profit organisations who make a difference within their own communities to deliver activities that they wouldn't otherwise be able to can apply for grants of up to £2000

Greggs are interested in projects that improve resilience within your community of interest. This can include sessional activities/respice support, equipment for sessional activities, trips and residential breaks. Also eligible are new approaches and innovative ideas as well as sustainable approaches to supporting your community of interest.

All projects must support a community of interest, i.e. people who are:

- \* Disabled or suffering chronic illness
- \* Living in poverty
- \* Voluntary carers
- \* Homeless
- \* Isolated older people
- \* other demonstrable significant need

### Exclusions

- Ongoing running costs
- \* Contributions towards larger projects/fundraising appeals
- \* Animal charities
- \* Friends of associations
- \* Uniformed groups such as scouts, guides and sea cadets
- \* Sports clubs and associations
- \* Overseas travel
- \* Curricular activities that take place during the school day
- \* Religious promotion
- \* Research grants
- \* Repayment of loans
- \* Purchase of vehicles
- \* Medical Equipment, Major capital projects
- \* Sponsorship of events or activities

Contact Greggs Foundation on 019 1212 7626

[Website, Guidance, Application](#)

## Community Foundation in Wales Surviving Winter grants

**February 14th 2015 at 5pm**

Surviving Winter is a campaign which matches people who care with organisations supporting older people and families suffering from food and fuel poverty this winter.

Groups are invited to apply for grants of up to £1,000 to support the cost of:

- items essential to alleviating the suffering of food and fuel poverty (e.g. food parcels, blankets, hot water bottles, thermals)
- activities to alleviate the suffering of food and fuel poverty (e.g. soup kitchens, community luncheon club)

[Website, Criteria and application form](#)

## Galaxy Hot Chocolate Fund

Closing date 22nd February 2015

Sport / leisure/ community improvement

One – off grants of up to £300 are available to support a wide variety of "warm hearted" projects run by local community groups and individuals.

Each week, five awards of £300 will be given out to individuals and groups to help with their community-orientated programmes. One of these awards will go to the project receiving the most public votes each week, while the other four will be selected by a panel of judges who will judge each entry (and use of an award) on:

The extent to which the proposed initiative will help the local community.

- The extent of the proposed initiative's reaches.
- The perceived local need for such hobbies, sporting or leisure activities.

Link to [guidelines](#) and application form are on the [website](#). Applicants will be asked to describe in 200 words or less how the award will be used and why it would be beneficial.

## Just Launched: Red Nose Day Community Cash 2015

Closing date Friday 27th February 2015 at 5pm

[Comic Relief](#), Media Wales and the [Community Foundation in Wales](#) are working together to distribute grants of between £500 and £1,000 are available for small, locally based groups or organisations across Wales that are doing great work to help local people living tough lives.

If this sounds like you, download the full criteria below to check your eligibility and then make sure you apply for a Red Nose Day Community Cash grant by accessing the online application form through the following link: [CLICK HERE](#).

**Don't forget to do your bit and make your face funny for money - and keep raising cash to help change lives. For more details visit [rednoseday.com](http://rednoseday.com) 😊**

## WCVA Training

[How to pitch your charity to business](#) The very idea of 'pitching' your charity in the hope of securing corporate funds can give even the most confident of people the jitters. But we can help take away those nerves.

Take the mystery out of fundraising from companies and equip delegates with a simple and effective tool kit to enable them to secure support from companies of any size

This entry level session will introduce delegates to the key processes involved in sponsorship and corporate donation, and will provide concrete plans for developing strong sponsorship propositions that work in the 'real world'

Trainer: *Richard Tynen* founder of the Funding Centre with 20 years experience as a fundraiser for a range of charities of all sizes

BOOK A PLACE

[Tuesday 24th February 2015](#) Cardiff

### **Inman Charity**

**Closing date: 27st February** (Next: 31st August)

Medical research; Care of the elderly; General welfare; Hospices; The deaf and blind; Care of the physically and mentally disabled; The Armed Forces.

Grants – amount not specified - are available for registered charities in the UK carrying out medical, social welfare or general welfare activities.

The scheme aims to fund projects with a social welfare focus and those working with disadvantaged people. The following are not eligible for funding: Individuals, young children and infants, maintenance of buildings at a local level such as churches and village halls, animal welfare, wildlife and environmental conservation, religious charities.

[Website](#) Enquiries: Inman Charity, BM Box 2831, London, WC1N 3X

### **Healthy Hearts Grants**

**Closing date 28<sup>th</sup> February**

Grants of up to £10,000 are available to community groups, voluntary organisations and researchers who are spreading the healthy heart message. [Website](#)

### **Forbes Charitable Foundation**

**Closing date 28<sup>th</sup> February**

Capital Funding of up to £5000 is available to registered charities working with adults with learning disabilities. New buildings; Refurbishment of buildings; Plant, machinery or other equipment; Vehicles for the transport of learning disabled adults; Furniture and fittings; IT equipment. Revenue expenditure will normally be limited to holidays for the disabled and costs of training towards employment.

[Website](#) Secretary to the Trustees Email: [info@theforbescharitablefoundation.org](mailto:info@theforbescharitablefoundation.org)

### **Lankelly Chase Foundation**

Grants – amounts not specified - to charities and non-charitable organisations as long as the work itself has charitable purposes. Funding is for projects working with people who are experiencing a combination of severe social harms such as homelessness, substance misuse, mental illness, extreme poverty, and violence and abuse: "We are not interested in sticking plaster solutions

LCF are especially keen to hear about work led by people with lived experience of severe and multiple disadvantage.

Unlikely to fund work that is about a single issue, such as mental illness alone; work that is focused exclusively on the following; a particular health condition, disability issues, imprisonment and/or prisoner resettlement, issues affecting asylum seekers. Please see 'Are we the right funder for you?' to help you decide if your project meets our basic criteria.

[Website](#)



## March Closing dates

### BBC Children in Need - Small Grants Programme

Closing date: 1st March; Other 2015 closing dates: 1<sup>st</sup> of June, September; and December.

Grants of up to £10,000 for not-for-profit organisations that are working with disadvantaged children and young people who are 18 years. Applications which top up funding for salaries or larger projects where a small grant would only make a marginal impact on its success are unlikely to receive support. Organisations that already hold a grant from Children in Need can apply for further funding to keep running the same project or for a different project. Applicants will need to be able to provide convincing evidence of the differences the grant has made to the lives of the disadvantaged children and young people the organisation has worked with.

[Website](#)

Enquiries Tel: 0345 609 0015

Email: [pudsey@bbc.co.uk](mailto:pudsey@bbc.co.uk)

### Peter Cruddas Foundation

Closing date: 1<sup>st</sup> March Next 2015 closing date 1 September

Funding is available to registered charities to benefit disadvantaged and disengaged young people towards pathways into education, training and employment through charitable organisations. Priority areas:

- Pathways/support for young disadvantaged or disengaged people in the age range 14 to 30 years into education, training or employment.
- Work experience/skills projects for young people aged 16 to 30 years.

Contact: Stephen Cox , Foundation Administrator Tel: 0203 003 8360

[Website](#)

Email: [s.cox@petercruddasfoundation.org.uk](mailto:s.cox@petercruddasfoundation.org.uk)

### Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF)

#### Repair Grants for Places of Worship in Wales £10,000 - 250,000

2015 closing dates: 9th March, 15th June, 1st September

Formally constituted faith groups which are responsible for maintaining and repairing their place of worship can apply for projects that involve urgent structural repairs required within the next 2 years to public places of worship that are listed at Grade I, II\* or II. Applicants will be asked to make a contribution towards the project, and it can be made up of cash, volunteer time, non-cash contributions, or a combination of all of these. Some funding must be from the applicant's own organisation's resources.

Grants are available for new capital works, such as toilets or kitchens, improvements to heating or electrical systems, other works to improve energy efficiency, and works to assist with the on-going maintenance of the place of worship. All projects must include works that help the heritage of the place of worship to be more widely understood.

Grants are available for activities and materials, including digital applications or outputs, to engage people with the heritage of the place of worship, such as new interpretation leaflets, websites or guidebooks, or holding talks or guided tours.

New works will only be supported if the applicant can demonstrate that they are necessary to encourage more people to visit and use the place of worship. The new works should cost no more than 15% of the total overall project costs and should take place in the main place of worship and not in an ancillary building, such as a church hall, although this is not a mandatory requirement.

Grants can contribute towards costs during the development phase such as:

- Structural investigation, including access and opening-up work.
- Specialist reports.
- Conservation-based research, analysis and recording **(cont...)**



For voluntary organisations, applications will also be accepted for part of an organisation's overheads (sometimes called 'core costs') as a part of the costs of the project. An organisation's overheads might include overall management, administration and support, or premises costs that relate to the whole organisation. Under Full Cost Recovery, HLF can cover a proportion of the cost of an existing member of staff, as long as they are not working exclusively on the project. [Website](#) Tel: 029 2034 3413

### The Volunteering in Wales Fund 2015-2016

**Closing date 5pm Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2015.**

The Volunteering in Wales Fund is pleased to announce the launch of the 2015-2016 volunteering grants. The aim of the Volunteering in Wales Fund (VWF) is to:

- Support formal volunteering (as per the definition in appendix 1) projects that aim to recruit, support, train and place NEW volunteers
- Encourage good practice in volunteering; and
- Support the development of volunteering in under-developed areas such as underrepresented groups, areas with less opportunities or types of volunteering opportunities

NB: Underrepresented groups can be the volunteers and/or beneficiaries of the project.

[Website and how to apply](#)

### Online fundraising

[Online fundraising platforms – what is the best option for small charities? | Voluntary Sector Network | The Guardian](#) For those looking at donation platforms but who are unsure which one to choose, John Barrett, the head of the Small Charities Coalition, suggests reading the Fundraising and Charity Finance Group's recently launched [Making the Most of Digital Donations Guide](#) and checking out Moneysavingexpert.com's independent [comparison tool](#).

### Healthy Working Wales



**Event 12<sup>th</sup> March** <http://healthyworkingwales-be-active-event.eventbrite.co.uk>

Fully funded support to improve health at work in the voluntary sector, Healthy Working Wales provides fully funded support to voluntary organisations and community groups to improve health within a workplace or an organisation. Our Practitioners can visit you at your organisation to help you review your health and safety arrangements; including providing practical support on sickness absence management, and the development of policies and risk assessments.

The Healthy Working Wales programme also recognises excellence within organisations through its health and wellbeing awards, that allow groups or organisations to improve the health of employees or volunteers. Practitioners provide one-to-one support throughout the award process, working closely to promote health in each setting. Voluntary Action Merthyr Tydfil and Interlink are among the organisations to have achieved the gold level of the award already, so get in touch to register your organisation or group.

For further information on the Healthy Working Wales services contact your local Practitioner Chris Garlick / 01443 824185 / [Christopher.garlick@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:Christopher.garlick@wales.nhs.uk) [Website](#)

## GwirVol grants 2015-2016

Closing date 5pm Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2015.

GwirVol is pleased to announce the launch of the 2015-2016 youth volunteering grants.

The aim of the GwirVol Youth Volunteering Grants scheme is to support the delivery of a wide range of new volunteering opportunities in Wales and overseas that will support the step change in access to volunteering for young people aged 14-25 and especially for disadvantaged young people. The GwirVol grant scheme offers three different strands of funding.

- **Creating Opportunities:** For organisations looking to create new youth volunteering projects, new youth volunteering roles or to recruit more young people into existing volunteering roles. Creating Opportunities grant applications can be for up to a maximum amount of £10,000.
- **Millennium Volunteers:** For organisations looking to recognise the commitment young people give to volunteering through offering the 200 hour award of excellence. Millennium Volunteers grant applications can be for up to a maximum amount of £10,000.
- **International:** For organisations looking to develop overseas volunteering opportunities that benefit young people and their communities in Wales as well. International grant applications can be for up to a maximum amount of £30,000.

[Website and how to apply](#)

## Ulverscroft Foundation

Application deadlines are the 15th day of the previous month – 15th December, 15th March, 15th June and 15th September. The Trustees consider appeals in January, April, July and October.

Grants for social welfare organisations which benefit the visually impaired (blind and partially sighted) or people with a print disability and work to relieve assist and improve the treatment and education of those suffering from defective eyesight. There are no minimum or maximum levels of grant specified.

The Foundation does not generally grant assistance towards core salaries and general running costs, and rarely gives grants to individuals.

The Foundation supports projects that will have a positive effect on the quality of life of visually impaired people (blind and partially sighted) or people with a print disability.

Tel: 0116 236 1595

Email: [foundation@ulverscroft.co.uk](mailto:foundation@ulverscroft.co.uk)

[Website and guidelines](#)

## WCVA Training [March 2015](#)

Including:

**Securing large gifts from wealthy individuals** [18 March 2015](#)

**Capital appeals fundraising** [24 March 2015](#)

## Henry Smith Holiday grants for children

Next closing date 19<sup>th</sup> March

Schools, youth groups, not for profit organisations and charities are all eligible to apply for grants between £500 and £2,500. The purpose of this scheme is to provide children with a recreational holiday or outing they would not otherwise have the opportunity to access. You must make a clear case for the financial need of the individuals attending as well as the organisation applying.

Date/s of Trip	Dates when Applications Considered
1 February - 30 April 2015	Applications accepted 1 November 2014 - 19 March 2015
1 May - 30 June 2015	Applications accepted 1 March - 19 May 2015
1 July - 31 August 2015	Applications accepted 1 May - 19 July 2015

[www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/holiday-grants-for-children.html](http://www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/holiday-grants-for-children.html)

[Holiday Grant Application Form - Word](#)

[Holiday Grant Application Form - PDF](#)

NOTE: Henry Smith also have an ongoing capital & revenue grant scheme:

<http://www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/grants.html>

## Tesco Charity Trust Community Awards

Grants for elderly people and adults and children with disabilities

Closing date 31<sup>st</sup> March (Decisions in June)

One-off donations of between £500 and £4,000 to registered charities and not for profit organisations. The funding is for providing practical benefits, such as equipment and resources for projects that directly benefit children, the elderly and adults and children with disabilities, living in the local communities around our stores in the UK.

Email: [tescocommunityawards@ccworks.co.uk](mailto:tescocommunityawards@ccworks.co.uk)

Tel: 0845 6123575

[Website](#)

## Simon Gibson CT

Closing date 31<sup>st</sup> March (Trustees usually meet in May)

Grants of between £1000 and £5000 for registered or exempt charities. Funding can be for capital, core, project, and building and research costs. Application themes: Environment /conservation/heritage, armed forces/emergency service efficiency, children/young people, elderly/old people, people with disabilities,

Contact: Mr. Bryan Marsh Tel: 01446 781459

Email: [marsh575@btinternet.com](mailto:marsh575@btinternet.com)

## Fuserna Foundation

Closing date March 31<sup>st</sup> Decisions end of June Next closing dates: June 30<sup>th</sup>. Decisions end of September; September 30<sup>th</sup> & decisions end of December

Grants averaging £2000 for projects that alleviate poverty and financial hardship for children and older people; relieve sickness and poor health; and also support certain "unpopular" causes. The emphasis is on self-help and community values and assisting individuals and communities in making changes.

[Guidance](#)

[IoF introduces new rules and guidance on fundraising with people in vulnerable circumstances](#) The new rule, approved by the IoF Standards Committee and Board, relates to treating all donors fairly, enabling them to make informed decisions, and taking into account the needs of individuals who may be in a vulnerable circumstance.



### The Waterloo Foundation – Caring Wales

Apply by 31<sup>st</sup> **March 2015**, for allocation in mid-2015

Apply by 31<sup>st</sup> **July 2015**, for allocation in late 2015

Although there is no upper or lower limit to grant support, awards made under the Caring Wales programme typically range from £5,000 - £25,000.

The Caring Wales funding programme is open to applications from organisations working to support unpaid carers, especially young carers and carers of people with the conditions prioritised in our [Child Development research fund](#). The strongest applications to this fund have been from organisations that:

- provide a range of carer-centred support services,
- demonstrate strong links with other projects, interventions, organisations and services to ensure a holistic family support approach,
- are outcomes-focused, and can measure and evaluate changes to their beneficiaries' circumstances using meaningful monitoring methods
- ensure participation of service users in shaping their services,
- reach a substantial number of individuals, whilst:
  - proactively identifying and working with the most isolated and vulnerable carers, and
  - offering sufficient and meaningful levels of support.

[Projects previously supported](#)   [Grants information](#)   [Wales Application guidelines](#)

### Magdalen Trust

Open for applications from 1<sup>st</sup> March; **closing date 31<sup>st</sup> March**

Grants for up to £2000 to registered charities with an income of less than £150,000. Funding is for projects for deprived and disabled children and young people, with priority for literacy, special needs education, training for work and personal development; clubs; crime prevention; emergency care; play schemes; and counselling. [Website](#)

### April closing dates

#### The Woodward Charitable Trust Children's Summer Play Scheme Grants

**Closing date Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2015.** (Application process open from 2 February)

Registered charities can apply for grants of £100-£1000. The Scheme meeting will take place in May 2015. Applicant charities annual income must be under 100K

[Guidelines](#)   [summer scheme grant application form](#)

Contact: Mrs Karin Hooper [contact@woodwardcharitabletrust.org.uk](mailto:contact@woodwardcharitabletrust.org.uk).

## Welsh Government: CADW – Repair of historic buildings

Closing date 30th April 2015.

Grants are available for the restoration and essential repairs to historic buildings and buildings of outstanding historical interest situated within Conservation Areas.

'Building' is interpreted in the widest sense and thus, depending on their quality, memorial and garden structures could qualify for support. The focus is on historic building repair schemes which will help stimulate regeneration opportunities and/or which will help save listed buildings that are at risk.

Applicants who are not leaseholders or owners of properties may apply. However, Cadw cannot offer a grant unless or until applicants are either leaseholders or owners.

Grants are available in the case of: \*Religious buildings in use for worship \*buildings in the ownership of trusts or charitable bodies \*domestic buildings in private ownership \*commercial and industrial premises; \*buildings in public ownership.

[Website and application information](#)

## Peoples Postcode Small Grants

Open for applications from 1st April – closing date 30th Apr  
(Next round opens 1<sup>st</sup> October to 30<sup>th</sup> October)

Registered charities can apply for up to £10,000. Charities that are not formally registered as a charity can apply for up to £2,000. Funding is for initiatives focusing on sport, health, reducing poverty, environmental improvement and the advancement of human rights within the framework of advancing community development. [Website and guidance](#)

## Dulverton Trust Fund

The closing date for the next round is: 30<sup>th</sup> April 5pm

Grants themes: Communities, Culture, Educating & Young People, Environment, Health  
Grants of £500 to £5000 are awarded to small charities and organisations normally with an annual income of under £200,000.

[Guidance , criteria and application form](#)

Contact: The Community Foundation in Wales: 02920 379 580 [info@cfiw.org.uk](mailto:info@cfiw.org.uk)

## Organisations that have blogs have 50% more visitors

[Introduction to blogging](#)

Digital techniques have transformed marketing but nothing stands still. The web has become an interactive environment that has developed its own distinctive patterns of consumer behaviour. Those trends impact upon not-for-profit organisations as they do to commercial players. Marketing data clearly shows that blogging is an increasingly important technique in capturing the interest of supporter, donors and volunteers.

Your blog has to be well-optimised, effectively promoted and, most importantly, contain useful, informative content. Frequency of blogging plays an important role too. Research by inbound marketing software specialist Hubspot shows that companies that blog 20 or more times in a month sees the biggest return in traffic. The same applies to not-for-profits that are blogging.