



The Big Lottery Fund's Young People's Fund 2 programme is not the only source of funding available in England. This guide sets out other alternative sources of funding for young people that we hope will help you in your search for funds.

The list of funders provided is not comprehensive but gives a brief overview of the funding available for young people beyond the Big Lottery Fund.

### **Funding guidance and search tools**

Information on central government funding is available at:  
[www.governmentfunding.org.uk](http://www.governmentfunding.org.uk)

The Directory of Social Change has developed an Internet-based service giving details of a wide range of charitable trusts – see [www.trustfunding.org.uk](http://www.trustfunding.org.uk)

Other sources of information that are available on the Internet include:

- ▶ FunderFinder, which develops and distributes software to help individuals and not-for-profit organisations in the UK to identify charitable trusts – [www.funderfinder.org.uk](http://www.funderfinder.org.uk)
- ▶ The UK Fundraising website offers ideas, news and funding tips at: [www.fundraising.co.uk](http://www.fundraising.co.uk)
- ▶ Profunding, which offers funding advice targeted at different sizes of organisation at: [www.fundinginformation.org](http://www.fundinginformation.org)

Your local Council for Voluntary Service (CVS) may be able to help in your funding search. If you cannot find your local CVS, the National Association for Voluntary and Community Action could be able to help. See [www.navca.org.uk](http://www.navca.org.uk)

## Funding for organisations

### Comic Relief

Comic Relief is a charity that makes grants of over £5,000 to voluntary and community groups for projects that support young people. Projects should support young people with mental health problems, with alcohol problems and those abused through prostitution and trafficking. 85 per cent of young people benefiting from the project should be aged 11–21 years of age.

[www.comicrelief.com](http://www.comicrelief.com)

### BBC Children in Need

The BBC charity makes grants to organisations for projects working with young people aged 18 and under. There is no minimum or maximum grant threshold. The projects should work with young people with one of a range of problems: illness, distress, abuse or neglect; any kind of disability; behavioural or psychological difficulties; they should help young people living in poverty or deprivation.

[www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey](http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey)

### V

This charity supports both individual and groups around youth volunteering. It makes grants of up to £2,500 to individuals for young people aged 16 to 25 to set up volunteering projects in their local communities. Money is available to organisations, particularly those that already have a private individual or company supporter for their project.

[www.wearev.co.uk](http://www.wearev.co.uk)

Tel: 0800 089 9000

### Paul Hamlyn Foundation

This foundation provides funding for organisations to integrate marginalised young people within the UK around arts, social justice, education and learning – up to the age of 30.

[www.phf.org.uk](http://www.phf.org.uk)

### The British Council

Third sector organisations can get grants to support non-formal learning opportunities for young people aged 18 to 30 who want to study abroad for up to 12 months as part of exchange projects. The amount available varies depending on what your project is about.

[www.connectyouthinternational.com](http://www.connectyouthinternational.com)

### Heritage Lottery Fund

The Young Roots programme offers grants of £5,000 – £25,000 to organisations involving young people aged 13–20 (up to 25 years with special needs) in projects about their heritage, developing skills, building confidence and promoting community involvement.

[www.hlf.org.uk](http://www.hlf.org.uk)

### First Light

First Light Movies offers grants of up to £25,000 to a range of organisations working young people aged 5 to 19 to develop film projects. Charities, community groups, colleges, schools and other public bodies can apply for funding.

[www.firstlightmovies.com](http://www.firstlightmovies.com)

## Funding for individuals

Are you an individual looking for support? Below is a list of some examples of funding organisations that support individuals. This includes grants and awards for educational, training or enterprise purposes and more specifically for women. This is not an exhaustive list but gives some examples of the sort of information you may find on the Internet or in funding guides.

More information is available on the websites listed at the beginning of this publication. Alternatively contact your local Council for Voluntary Service (CVS) or your local library. Ask if they have funder finder software, subscriptions or books.

### **Youth Opportunity Funds and Youth Capital Funds**

Grants are available for 13 to 19 year olds administered through every local authority in England, with decision-making by local young people. Contact your local authority for more details of arrangements in your area.

[www.everychildmatters.gov.uk/strategy/youthfund](http://www.everychildmatters.gov.uk/strategy/youthfund)

### **UnLtd - the Foundation for Social Entrepreneurs**

Grants of between £500 and £20,000 are available to individuals or groups of young people aged 16 or over to start up and run projects that will achieve social benefits.

Sport Relief Award also offers grants (£250 - £5,000) to young entrepreneurs to bring their communities together and solve conflict through sport and being active.

[www.unltd.org.uk](http://www.unltd.org.uk)

### **YouthBanks**

YouthBanks awards money at a local level to young people to support activities that help their local community. Young people themselves make the decisions about who receives money. YouthBanks are run as local schemes and the website below provides details of where they are available. Amounts vary and depend on the criteria of the individual YouthBank.

[www.youthbank.org.uk](http://www.youthbank.org.uk)

### **The British Schools Exploring Society**

Grants of about £500 are available to support mentoring and bursary schemes for 16 to 23 year olds to do something adventurous and related to exploration.

[www.bses.org.uk](http://www.bses.org.uk)

### **SITA Trust**

16-25 year olds can get a small grant from the "Greenprints" scheme for a one or two-day environmental project headed by British Trust Conversation Volunteers and the Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts up to £10,000 for larger projects running over several months.

[www.sitatrust.org.uk/greenprints](http://www.sitatrust.org.uk/greenprints)

### **Education Grants Advisory Service**

Career development loans of between £300 - £8,000 are available to individuals who wish to take part in part/full time vocational study towards employment.

[www.egas-online.org](http://www.egas-online.org)

Tel: 020 7254 6251

### **Lawrence Atwell's Charity**

Funding is available for young people between 16 and 26 who are studying for a vocational qualification. Applications from those studying GCSEs, A levels, GNVQs or PhDs will not be considered.

[www.skinnerhall.co.uk/charities/lawrence-atwell-charity.htm](http://www.skinnerhall.co.uk/charities/lawrence-atwell-charity.htm)

### **Here to Help Scheme**

This scheme offers funding of up to £1,000 to help young people in Britain develop projects and speak out on issues that matter to them. The scheme is run by British Gas and Save the Children.

[www.helpyourselves.org.uk](http://www.helpyourselves.org.uk)

### **The Duveen Trust**

One-off grants of between £100 and £500, to people aged 13 to 23 who wish to get involved with projects that require initiative and which give something back to the community.

[www.theduveentrust.org.uk](http://www.theduveentrust.org.uk)

### **The Thomas Wall Trust**

Grants of up to £600 are available for young adults not in mainstream education who are in financial need who wish to study educational courses. In particular, vocational or social service courses or courses that will lead to paid employment.

[www.thomaswalltrust.org.uk](http://www.thomaswalltrust.org.uk)

### **Industry-related sources of funding for individuals**

#### **The Construction Industry Trust For Youth**

Grants and bursaries are available to students aged 16 to 25, studying for construction related qualifications. Grants are aimed at helping those who would otherwise have difficulty in completing their course because of financial hardship.

[www.constructionyouth.org.uk](http://www.constructionyouth.org.uk)

Tel: 0207 608 5184

#### **The Carpenters' Company Charities Administrator Charitable Trust**

Grants are available to help people who want to study or set up in carpentry.

[www.thecarpenterscompany.co.uk](http://www.thecarpenterscompany.co.uk)

Tel: 0207 588 7001

#### **Institute of Chartered Foresters Education and Science Trust**

Grants are available to those interested in forestry education.

[www.charteredforesters.org](http://www.charteredforesters.org)

Tel: 0131 225 2705

#### **The British and Foreign School Society Berridge Bursary**

Grants of up to £600 are available to students of home economics, food and nutrition and dietetics.

[www.bfss.org.uk/grants.html](http://www.bfss.org.uk/grants.html)

Tel: 01883 331177

### **The Savoy Educational Trust**

Scholarships are available for up to £5,500 to people entering or working in the catering trades. Write to:

Julia Sibley  
Chief Executive  
1 Savoy Hill  
London WC2R 0BP

### **Alternative sources of funding for women only**

#### **The Broadlands Home Trust**

Grants are available for young girls under the age of 22 for educational purposes but also to help those starting out on their careers. Write to:

Mrs L Hayden, Secretary  
The Broadlands Home Trust  
3 Winchester Close  
Newport  
Isle of Wight PO30 1DR

#### **The Society for Promoting the Training of Women**

Interest-free loans are available for women training for professional, commercial or technical work. Write to:

Revd B Harris BSc Honorary Secretary,  
Society for Promoting the Training of Women  
(Women's Loan Training Fund),  
Meadowbrook,  
Carlby Road, Greatford,  
Stamford  
Lincolnshire PE9 4PR