

Funding ABC Newsletter

October 2026

Looking for funding? Our bi-monthly newsletter highlights some of the current funding opportunities available to community and voluntary organisations. Find out more at armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk/fundingabc

ROLLING GRANTS

[applications can be made at any time]

Action Renewables – Solar PV Support Programme

Full funding for the installation, maintenance and repair of solar panels for charities, schools, social enterprises & community groups. Groups must own or have a long-term lease on their building (5+ years).

actionrenewables.co.uk/charity/solar-pv-programme/

Clothworkers' Foundation

Funding for capital costs supporting the infrastructure needs of organisations working with disadvantaged and marginalised people & communities. Funding prioritised to projects led by, or fully integrate in their decision-making, people with related lived experience & projects allowing organisations to make a big change to their impact or sustainability.

clothworkersfoundation.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant

National Lottery Community Fund – Dormant Assets for All (NI)

Grants to help organisations build skills, capacity & resilience through projects to improve

confidence and skills in digital technology, governance and leadership, volunteer recruitment and management.

tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/funding-programmes/dormant-assets-for-all

Village Catalyst Grant Scheme

Supporting organisations in rural villages with projects to tackle rural poverty and social isolation by developing a sustainable use for a historic building. Up to £10k Viability Funding to test ideas & assess building; up to £20k Development Funding to support concept to design; up to £240k Capital Works Funding to support building works.

communities-ni.gov.uk/publications/village-catalyst-grant-scheme

Marsh Charitable Trust

Grants (£300 to £2,000) to help small charities working in areas such as social welfare, healthcare and arts & heritage with running costs e.g. volunteer expenses, training days, equipment and maintenance.

marshcharitabletrust.org/grants/

GRANTS CURRENTLY OPEN

[closing dates apply]

Wolfson Fabric Repair Grants

CLOSING DATE MEDIUM GRANT 15 DECEMBER 2026

Grants (up to £15,000) for churches of any Christian denomination to support repairs to the fabric of their buildings (must be Grade A or B+ listed) e.g. roof repairs, masonry repairs, rainwater disposal & drainage and floorwork.

🌐 nationalchurchestrust.org/get-support/grants/medium-grants

Arts Council NI – Arts and Older People Programme

CLOSING DATE 22 OCTOBER 2026

Grants (between £1,000 and £10,000) for projects designed to strengthen the voice of older people and promote positive mental health and emotional wellbeing through the arts.

🌐 artscouncil-ni.org/funding-for-organisations/arts-and-older-people-programme

Screwfix Foundation

CLOSING DATE 10 NOVEMBER 2026

Funding for projects that improve, fix and repair buildings, homes and facilities specifically used by people in need (e.g. due to financial hardship, sickness or distress). Priority to projects where Screwfix is funding the project in full/majority and projects that will create a long-term difference.

🌐 screwfix.com/landingpage/screwfix-foundation

Sport NI – Creating Opportunities

CLOSING DATE 29 JANUARY 2027

Match funding available for crowdfunding projects that deliver new/more activities and those promoting innovation and inclusion in sport and physical activity. Projects must focus on increasing participation and aim to 'level the playing field' by addressing under representation in sport.

🌐 sportni.net/funding/creating-opportunities/

Cash4Clubs

CLOSING DATE 1 JANUARY 2027

Small grants scheme (up to £2,000) for community sports clubs and organisations to use as they see fit e.g. purchase new equipment, gain coaching qualifications or invest in the sustainability of the club. The aim is to get vital funds to clubs that need it most, prioritise groups working in areas of high deprivation and those engaging underrepresented adults.

🌐 cash4clubs.org/

If you would like to avail of a tailored grant finder search 📧 Jillian.Leathem@armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk



Heritage Fund

The National Lottery Heritage Fund 'Get to Know Us' events!



For first-time applicants and groups who don't traditionally see themselves as part of the heritage sector. No heritage experience needed.

Dromore Town Hall // 8 Oct, 7.00pm - 8.30pm // Register online 🌐 [Ticketsource](https://ticketsource.com)

TMAC Centre, Keady // 12 Oct, 7.00pm - 8.30pm // Register online 🌐 [Ticketsource](https://ticketsource.com)

Millennium Court, Portadown // 20 Oct, 7.00pm - 8.30pm // Register online 🌐 [Ticketsource](https://ticketsource.com)

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