

# Funding



## Funding & Income Resources

For most charities and community organisations, funding is one of the biggest challenges they face. A great idea and a committed team can achieve a lot, but without sustainable income it becomes difficult to grow programmes, support staff, or respond to the needs of the communities you serve.

The reality is that many brilliant projects never reach their full potential simply because leaders do not always know where funding opportunities exist or how to find them. The funding landscape can feel complicated, particularly for smaller organisations or those applying for grants for the first time.

The good news is that there are some excellent tools available across the UK charity sector that make it much easier to discover funding opportunities and understand where support might exist for your work. These platforms bring together thousands of grants and funding programmes in one place, helping organisations identify opportunities that match their mission, location and activities.

Below are some of the most useful funding discovery tools available to charities and community organisations.

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## **GrantNav – UK Grants Database**

**GrantNav** is one of the most powerful open funding databases available in the UK. It is built using data published through the 360Giving open data standard, which means it aggregates grant information from many different foundations and funders across the country.

The platform allows you to explore funding data in a number of different ways. You can search for grants by organisation, geography, funding programme or sector. It also allows you to analyse where funding is going, which organisations are being supported and how funders distribute their grants.

While GrantNav is particularly useful for research and insight, it can also help charities identify potential funders that support work similar to their own.

Explore GrantNav

<https://grantnav.threesixtygiving.org>

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## **Charity Excellence Funding Finder**

The **Charity Excellence Funding Finder** is widely used across the voluntary sector and provides one of the largest curated lists of funding opportunities for charities and community groups.

The platform brings together a huge range of grants, funding programmes and philanthropic opportunities. It is particularly valuable for smaller organisations because it highlights opportunities that are often missed by larger funding databases.

Charity Excellence also offers practical guidance on funding strategy, income diversification and organisational development, making it a very useful resource for charity leaders navigating the funding landscape.

Explore Charity Excellence Funding Finder

<https://www.charityexcellence.co.uk>

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## **Funding Central**

**Funding Central** is a long established funding directory created to support charities and voluntary organisations across the UK. The platform helps organisations identify potential

fundings by allowing users to search based on the type of work they do, their organisational structure and the communities they support.

In addition to funding listings, Funding Central also provides guidance on fundraising, income generation and developing funding strategies.

For many organisations it acts as a starting point when exploring what types of funding may exist for their work.

Explore Funding Central

<https://www.fundingcentral.org.uk>

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## Finding and Applying for Funding

While these directories are extremely useful for discovering opportunities, many charities still find the process of identifying the right grants and preparing applications time consuming.

To help organisations navigate this process, Fabric has developed **Charity Builder**, a platform designed to support charities with funding discovery, organisational planning and grant writing.

Within Charity Builder, organisations can explore funding opportunities, develop structured funding strategies and use AI assisted tools to help shape funding applications. The aim is to reduce the time teams spend searching for funding and give them more time to focus on delivering meaningful impact.

If you are currently exploring funding opportunities or planning your next funding application, Charity Builder can help bring the process together in one place.

Explore Charity Builder

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