

Newsflash

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Poundland Announces New Foundation is Open for Applications

Poundland, the discount store chain, has set up a new charitable foundation which will make £ 825,000 available in cash grants over the next year.

The funding is aimed at local community projects.

The first round, Kits-for-Kids, is offering local not-for-profit sports clubs and organisations grants of up to £750 to buy kit and equipment for their team.

Although no deadline has been specified, there are only 250 grants. Groups should therefore apply as soon as possible.

Virgin Media Invites Local Charities to Apply for Grants of £1,000

Virgin Media O2 has launched the new £500,000 'Together Fund' with the aim of 'supercharging' local charities across the UK as the nation emerges from lockdown.

Grants of £1,000 will support project and initiatives that aim to either:

- Reduce loneliness and isolation and promote a sense of community belonging, or
- Inspire positive action to enhance and protect nature and the local environment

Charities need to register and apply using Neighbourly, which is distributing the fund.

Applications will be accepted until midnight on Monday 14th June, 2021.

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Funding for Security Measure to Protect Places of Worship Against Hate Crime

The Home Office funding aims to reduce the risk and impact of hate crime at places of worship such as churches, gurdwaras, mosques, temples, and associated faith community centres

Grants of up to £56,000 are available per place of worship to cover the costs of installing up to three security measures.

The funding only covers the provision and installation of the security measures. It does not cover other associated costs such as licensing and planning permission, or ongoing costs such as charges for annual service, maintenance and monitoring.

The deadline for applications is 23:50 on 2nd July, 2021.

Funding for Art Galleries and Museums to Reimagine their Offering

Applications are invited to a new £2 million fund designed to help UK arts organisations reshape their engagement activities.

Applications will be accepted from not-for-profit organisations including museums, galleries, libraries, and arts-focused archives and charities.

The aims of the funding programme are:

- To support arts organisations as they reimagine their activities following the COVID-19 pandemic.
- To help organisations build expertise, capacity and connections within and outside the arts sector.

The following levels of funding are available:

- Small grants of £5,000 to £15,000
- Large grants of £15,000 to £50,000.

The first deadline for applications is 5th July, 2021.

Funding for Veterans' Mental Health Portfolio Projects

The Armed Forces Covenant Trust has launched the Veterans' Places, Pathways and Peoples programme and is offering a total of eight two-year grants of up to £800,000.

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The funding is intended for registered charities to convene and curate a portfolio of local veteran community focused projects; develop stronger partnerships to give more veterans better access to seamless support to address mental wellbeing needs. The funding will look to support work aimed at reducing suicide risks amongst vulnerable veterans, supporting veterans to gain skills and confidence, and (non-clinical) mental wellbeing interventions.

A webinar will be held on 24th June, 2021 which will provide an overview of the programme and an opportunity to ask questions. Places are limited and [registration](#) is required.

There is a two-stage application process. The first step is to complete a short form for organisations intending to apply to the programme to be a Portfolio Lead.

The deadline for stage one intention to apply forms is 23rd July, 2021.