

# **FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES GUIDE**

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Elmbridge Borough Council recognises the vital contribution that the voluntary community and faith sector makes to the local community. This guide outlines local and national funding opportunities with a brief outline of the funding stream's criteria and at the time of print all information is correct.

Please note that by providing the information in this document, Elmbridge Borough Council is not endorsing any of the organisations/trusts/funding bodies.

## **Voluntary Action Elmbridge**

Voluntary Action Elmbridge supports all voluntary, community and faith organisations who work and provide care to all those who live and work in the borough of Elmbridge (and its' environment).

The list below outlines some of the support Voluntary Action Elmbridge provides with regards to funding support;

- Sends out general funding email alerts,
- Provide email alerts,
- Assist organisations with writing funding bids,
- Develop a funding strategy with individual groups
- Complete funding searches for individual groups.

For more information please visit [www.vae.org.uk](http://www.vae.org.uk) or email [contact@vae.org.uk](mailto:contact@vae.org.uk)  
Telephone 01372 463587 to make an appointment

Voluntary Action Elmbridge, 1 The Quintet, Churchfield Road, Walton on Thames, KT12 2TZ

### **VAE GRANTfinder**

GRANTfinder is a user-friendly database with 6,000 UK and EU funding programmes. There are various criteria for funding - total project value, who is applying, what they want the funding for etc., these programmes can be found by searching for key words. The Text and Sponsor searches allow them to scan the database for a certain programme or provider. Information on GRANTfinder is presented in plain English. GRANTfinder presents information at three levels.

- A thumbnail overview of potential schemes for a first assessment.
- A more detailed summary to facilitate the selection process.
- Detailed report with everything you need to prepare your bid

For more information contact Voluntary Action Elmbridge on 01372 463587 or email [contact@vae.org.uk](mailto:contact@vae.org.uk)

## **Elmbridge Borough Council**

### **Annual Grant Award Scheme**

The Council provides grants of up to £3,000, for equipment, project or running costs to support vulnerable groups in the borough. The funding round opens in November each year, for grants awarded for the next financial year. More information is available on our website: [www.elmbridge.gov.uk/css/volsecsup/volsecfund](http://www.elmbridge.gov.uk/css/volsecsup/volsecfund) or contact Voluntary Sector Support on 01372 474537.

## **Leisure and Culture**

Elmbridge Sports Council Grant Aid for Local Sports Clubs and Sports Persons is targeted towards encouraging sporting achievement in the Borough. Both local sports clubs and talented individuals are invited to apply for a grant to help take their abilities to the next level and compete regionally, nationally or internationally. A total of £10,000 is awarded each year with

- : Awards of up to £750 for sporting clubs to be put towards the cost of equipment or capital projects.
- Awards of up to £350 per individual are available to be put towards their training, travelling, competition costs and purchase of equipment.

Individuals must have a supporting letter from a club or coach. More information can be found at on our sports funding page: [www:elmbridge.gov.uk/leisure/sports/funding](http://www.elmbridge.gov.uk/leisure/sports/funding) or contact the Sport Development Team on 01372 474570.

## **The Mayor of Elmbridge Trust Fund**

It is a charity that provides funding to assist residents, especially young people, who are in need, and to provide for the victims of natural or man-made disasters. It also incorporates the Miss W.M.E. Harrison bequest, which had similar purposes. Trustees meet regularly throughout the year to consider applications.

Details can be found on [www.elmbridge.gov.uk/council/mayor-of-elmbridge-trust-fund](http://www.elmbridge.gov.uk/council/mayor-of-elmbridge-trust-fund)

### **Contact:**

Clerk to the Trustees, Civic Centre, High Street, Esher, Surrey KT10 9SD

Tel: 01372 474178

Email: [themayor@elmbridge.gov.uk](mailto:themayor@elmbridge.gov.uk)

## **Local Charities and Trusts that receive administrative assistance from Elmbridge Borough Council:**

### **The Charity of Robert Phillips**

Charity for the promotion of education in arts, music, drama, libraries and museums, for residents and organisations within the Ancient Parish of Walton-on-Thames (Walton, Hersham and part of Oatlands). Further information available on: [www.elmbridge.gov.uk/grants-and-funding/charity-of-robert-phillips](http://www.elmbridge.gov.uk/grants-and-funding/charity-of-robert-phillips)

## **Other National and Local grant schemes:**

### **Awards for All**

Awards for All is a Lottery grants scheme aimed at local communities and awards grants of between £300 and £10,000.

They fund projects which address the issues, needs and aspirations of local communities and people. They will fund a wide range of community projects aimed at developing skills, improving health, revitalising the local environment and enabling people to become more active citizens. You can apply at any time. The application form is short and simple and there are links to guidance notes and sources of help. You will be told if you are successful or not within 10 weeks.

For further information, please visit their website at: [www.awardsforall.org.uk/england](http://www.awardsforall.org.uk/england)  
Telephone: 0345 4102030 or email [general.enquiries@awardsforall.org.uk](mailto:general.enquiries@awardsforall.org.uk)  
If you have a hearing impairment you can contact them using text relay on 18001 plus 0345 4102030.

For the most up to date information on the Big Lottery funding streams, you can visit their web site: [www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/funding](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/funding)

### **The Christine Best Foundation**

The Christine Best Foundation is a grant making charitable trust which promotes music making opportunities in Weybridge, Surrey and the surrounding local community within a 5 mile radius of St. James' Church, Weybridge, Surrey.

The aims of the charity are to promote the appreciation of musical performance throughout the local community, to support the development of non-auditioning instrumental and choral groups for the young and not so young and to help musicians of notable musical ability from disadvantaged backgrounds to further their musical education and performance.

For further information visit [www.thechristinebestfoundation.co.uk](http://www.thechristinebestfoundation.co.uk)  
or email [thechristinebestfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:thechristinebestfoundation@gmail.com)

### **Comic Relief**

Comic Relief helps some of the poorest and most disadvantaged people in the world to turn their lives around. They do this by giving all the money the public raise to charitable projects across the UK and some of the poorest countries in the world. In the UK, the areas in which the fund has chosen to focus are those where they feel they can contribute most, best use influence and where those working at the grassroots tell them they can make the most difference.

For more information please visit their website [www.comicrelief.com](http://www.comicrelief.com)

## **Community Foundation for Surrey**

The Community Foundation for Surrey manages and distributes over 60 charitable funds for individuals, families, groups and companies who want to support their local communities. They have different streams of funding available for grant-making from area-specific to legacy funds, making sure all donations whatever size can make a real and lasting difference.

Due to the range of funds they hold, they can support projects across the width of community need and each fund has different priorities and criteria. The Grants Team match grant applicants with donor funds to support local community need including Arts and Culture

- Community Support and Development
- Counselling, advice and mentoring
- Disability
- Employment and training
- Environment
- Health and wellbeing
- Poverty and Disadvantage
- Sport and Recreation
- Supporting family life

For further information contact the Grants Manager on: 01483 478092

Website: <http://cfsurrey.org.uk>

Email: [info@cfsurrey.org.uk](mailto:info@cfsurrey.org.uk)

Milmead House, Milmead, Guildford, Surrey, GU2 4BB

## **Government Funding**

This subscription website has information on grants for the voluntary and community sector from several departments, including: Central and Regional Government, Local Authorities and Independent Grant Administrators.

For more information please visit their website: [www.governmentfunding.org.uk](http://www.governmentfunding.org.uk)

## **The Henry Smith Charity**

The Henry Smith Charity Makes grants for work throughout the UK, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands. Applications can be made for revenue funding (projects, running costs) and capital expenditure (buildings, equipment).

Priority is given to work with groups experiencing social and/or economic disadvantage ie people with disabilities. Also, the charity helps with those in high area deprivation (that fall within the bottom third of the National Indices of Deprivation)

Through the Main Grants Programme and the County Grants Programmes they make grants in the categories listed below

- Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME)
- Carers
- Community Service
- Disability
- Domestic and Sexual Violence
- Drugs, Alcohol and Substance Misuse
- Ex-Service Men and Women
- Family Services
- Healthcare
- Homelessness
- Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender
- Mental Health
- Older People
- Prisoners and Ex-offenders
- Prostitution and Trafficking
- Refugees and Asylum Seekers
- Young People

For more information please visit their website:  
[www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/what-we-fund.html](http://www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/what-we-fund.html)  
Telephone: 020 7264 4970

The Henry Smith Charity, 6th Floor, 65 Leadenhall Street, London EC3A 2AD

## **(The) Lake House**

Lake House provides financial support to charities, both large and small. Their aim is to help enable charities to plan better by committing funding over a period of time rather than always making one-off donations. The Foundation focuses its attention on charities which provide different kinds of aid to children and young people who suffer as a result of health problems or of poor social, economic and emotional circumstances, as well as organisations who work to improve the lives of our elderly. Although the foundation supports large, national charities, there is a definite emphasis on the small and the local.

For more information visit their website: [www.thelakehouse.org.uk](http://www.thelakehouse.org.uk)

## **Lloyds TSB Foundation for England and Wales**

Lloyds TSB Foundation for England and Wales funds local, regional and national charities working to tackle disadvantage across England and Wales. They support small and medium underfunded charities that can make a significant difference to the lives of disadvantaged people. Their flagship grant making programme offers funding for core costs, including running expenses and salaries. Periodically the Foundation also runs specialist issue-based programmes. For more information please visit their website: [www.lloydtsbfoundation.org.uk](http://www.lloydtsbfoundation.org.uk)

## **Santander Discovery Grants**

The **Discovery Grants** offer grants of up to £5,000 to registered charities, CICs, and credit unions to support community projects helping disadvantaged people. Grants are awarded on a rolling monthly basis.

For more information please visit their website: [www.santanderfoundation.org.uk](http://www.santanderfoundation.org.uk)

## **Surrey County Council Membership Allocation**

The County Councillors are able to allocate funding of up to £6,000 to local groups in Elmbridge to promote the social, economic and environmental wellbeing of the local community. The funding is a one-off payment and cannot be for ongoing support.

If you wish to apply for funding the first step is to approach your local County Councillor. Full contact details for all the County Councillors are available at [www.surreycc.gov.uk/your-council/councillors-and-committees/members-allocations](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/your-council/councillors-and-committees/members-allocations) or for further information contact on [communitypartnerships@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:communitypartnerships@surreycc.gov.uk) or phone Surrey County Council on 03456 009 009

## **Tesco Bags of Help grant**

A local community grant scheme where the money raised from the sale of carrier bags is used to fund local projects, providing grants of up to £4,000. The types of projects funded are very broad and will cover the direct costs needed to deliver the project. Further information is available on the website [www.groundwork.org/sites/tescocommunityscheme](http://www.groundwork.org/sites/tescocommunityscheme) or contact Groundwork on 0121 237 5780

## **Walsingham Care**

Walsingham Care is a charity based in Walton upon Thames which aims to support elderly people of limited means by improving their quality of life. The Charity provides financial support to people who are suffering from long-term ill health or disability or in cases of terminal illness. The Charity also aims to improve the quality of life for retired people. They can help by providing grants for:

- Support with the costs of nursing care at home or respite care in a Nursing Home.
- Regular top-up grants towards any shortfall in care fees for people in Residential or Nursing Home care
- Assistance in meeting costs to allow a rest or a short break for home carers.
- Help with funding care equipment to allow you to remain in your own home.

For further information email via their website [www.walsinghamcare.org.uk](http://www.walsinghamcare.org.uk)  
Or telephone: 07436 803102

## **Walton on Thames Charity**

The Walton on Thames Charity works in the Parish of Walton, including Hersham and Oatlands to provide almshouses, allotments, grants and relief for those in need. Some of the benefits are available to those from Elmbridge and the wider community.

We currently offer:

- Grants for individuals
- Crisis Grants for individuals
- Support for young people and school aged children
- Learning and Development Grants
- Community Grants

Further information can be found on their website: [www.waltoncharity.org.uk](http://www.waltoncharity.org.uk)  
or alternatively email [admin@waltoncharity.org.uk](mailto:admin@waltoncharity.org.uk)  
Tel: 01932 220242

## **Weybridge Charity**

The main objective of the Weybridge Charity (previously Weybridge Land Charity) is to help residents in Weybridge who are in financial need. Boundaries include: the Local Government Wards of Weybridge north and south, Oatlands Park and St Georges Hill.

Two types of grant are offered:

- A Christmas grant, can be applied for in September and October, application forms are available from the Weybridge Centre for the Community, or the public library. Most grants are in the region of £100 paid to approximately 300 local people.
- The Emergency Aid scheme provides funds for people facing an emergency situation who are recommended to the Charity by the Citizen's Advice Bureau (CAB), health visitors or another approved agency. Funds are available throughout the year to buy household appliances, furniture or other essentials. Emergency Grants are not available for debt relief.

Any qualified person seeking assistance may contact the Charity by giving full details in writing to:

Howard Turner CPFA  
Treasurer, Weybridge Charity  
PO Box 730, Woking, GU23 7LL

Further information is available on their website: [weybridgecharity.org.uk](http://weybridgecharity.org.uk)