

Updates on Public, Legacies, Corporate, Trusts and Public Sector Funding

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Welcome to the July funding bulletin. This edition includes details of the 2023 GSK IMPACT awards offering core funding and free training for charities, and a reminder of the ongoing grant funding opportunities for physical activity projects in local communities.

Please do remind your colleagues that they can receive this bulletin on Signpost - you can sign up [here](#).

The Fundraising Team

1. New opportunities for local Age UKs

2023 GSK IMPACT Awards - core funding and training for health charities [Area of coverage: UK]

The **GSK IMPACT Awards** provide core funding and free training for charities doing excellent work to improve people's health and wellbeing. Organisations must be at least three years old, working in a health-related field in the UK, with income between £120,000 and £3 million. Up to 15 awards will be made, ranging from £4,000 to £50,000, plus free training and development valued at a further £9,500. Organisations will also have a film made and receive help with press and publicity.

The GSK IMPACT Awards are funded by GSK and managed in partnership with The King's Fund. They are judged by a prestigious panel of judges and provide national recognition for the winning organisations. They also give organisations access to a free leadership programme, designed specifically for health charities, provided by The King's Fund. After taking part in the training, organisations can then join the Awards network of health charities which supports ongoing service and organisational development.

The 2023 GSK IMPACT Awards application process has moved to a two-stage process this year. The closing date for a Stage 1 application is **Thursday 1 September 2022**.

Further details can be found [here](#).

National Lottery Community Fund - Climate Action Fund [Area of coverage: UK]

The National Lottery Community Fund's Climate Action Fund is making up to £8 million available to community projects across the UK that are focusing on the link between nature and climate. Groups can apply now for National Lottery funding of up to £1.5 million over two to five years to support place-based and UK-wide partnerships that use nature to encourage more community-led climate action and help communities tackle climate change. NLCF expects most projects to be

funded between £300,000 and £500,000, but development grants of £50,000 to £150,000 over 12 to 18 months are also available for those communities wanting to develop initial ideas.

We recognise that this is not funding business critical work, but it may be of interest to some local Age UKs.

Further details can be found [here](#).

Media Trust - free strategic comms training on offer [Area of coverage: UK]

Media Trust's new Intersectional Reporting Programme is to offer free strategic communications training to 15 selected charities looking to improve their understanding of, and to collaborate on, intersectional storytelling. With support from the **Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust**, the training will run from September to November 2022 and will comprise a series of five expert-led workshops on themes such as framing principles, the effective use of data, and collaborating on case studies. The programme will also offer peer networking opportunities and a speed pitching event with experienced journalists.

Media Trust believes through collaboration and embedding intersectionality in storytelling, charities can better reflect the lived experiences of the marginalised individuals and communities they support, through informing more accurate news reporting on multiple disadvantage and effective policy making to tackle the root causes of inequality.

Further details can be found [here](#).

2. Ongoing funding opportunities for local Age UKs

The following grant programmes have featured in previous bulletins but remain open for grant applications.

Physical activity grants programmes - Update on Tackling Inequalities Fund (TIF), Together Fund and Let's Move Together Fund

The following grant funding is available over the coming year to support local Age UKs to run physical activity projects in their communities.

Tackling Inequalities Fund (TIF)

Over the past 12-18 months, funding from Sport England's [Tackling Inequalities Fund](#) (TIF) has been available to encourage older people to get active as they recover from the worst of the pandemic.

During 2021, as one of Sport England's National Partners, the **Age UK TIF programme** made 41 grant awards of up to £6,000 to 38 local Age UKs for physical activity projects ranging from Tai Chi sessions to walking groups, with around 3,500 older people benefitting overall. Many other local Age UKs

have also delivered physical activity projects funded through other Sport England National Partners such as their local Active Partnership and Versus Arthritis since the launch of TIF in summer 2020. It has been a tremendous effort and achievement by all those delivering these projects.

The TIF programme has since transformed into the [Together Fund](#) grants programme with a further major investment from Sport England. The Together Fund's purpose, however, remains unchanged in aiming to provide a range of physical activity opportunities for local communities, based on local need, and specifically targeting people with long-term health conditions, those living with disabilities, from culturally diverse communities, and from lower socio-economic groups.

Age UK will not be awarding grants through the Together Fund (TF), but all local Age UKs will instead be able to access Together Fund grants of up to £10,000 for new physical activity projects through other TF National Partners, in particular Active Partnerships and Versus Arthritis.

Local Active Partnership

All local Age UKs can approach their local Active Partnership about Together Fund grant support, and those with an existing relationship with their local Active Partnership are especially encouraged to do so.

To discuss your project idea with your local Active Partnership, please contact them at www.activepartnerships.org/active-partnerships.

Versus Arthritis

The **Versus Arthritis Together Fund grants programme** is now open for applications for new activities in England that specifically support people living with long-term health conditions to get active. The fund is providing grants between £1,000 and £5,000 (although grants of more than £5,000 may be available) and is open for applications until **31 July 2022**.

Versus Arthritis also has a new grants fund - **Let's Move Together Fund** - open to local organisations in **Northern Ireland, Wales** and **Scotland** - supporting people with arthritis and other long-term health conditions to get active.

Further details of the Versus Arthritis Together Fund and Let's Move Together Fund are available [here](#) and by contacting physicalactivityVA@versusarthritis.org.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at TIF@ageuk.org.uk.

3. Other updates

Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust - The Veterans' Places, Pathways & People Programme

This is not a funding opportunity, but you may be interested in this veteran's focused programme as a resource for your work. The Veterans' Places, Pathways & People programme has funded 10

portfolio projects throughout the UK and four national strategic projects which work alongside the portfolios. The programme aims to:

- Give veterans safe, welcoming places to go to in their local area
- Supports veterans to access mental health support and treatment pathways that meet their needs
- Ensures that the people who support veterans (staff and particularly volunteers) can access good quality training and can have better access to connect veterans into wider pathways.

The portfolio projects and national strategic projects are working to deliver the following outcomes:

- Veterans can find the support they need and access mental health and wellbeing services activities that are interesting and relevant to them
- When accessing activities, veterans are safe and can be supported to recover. They can be referred seamlessly to NHS or other services
- Veterans at higher risk of suicide or other risk relating to mental ill health can receive better cross-sector support
- Effective veteran-led projects are embedded in local care pathways supported by good partnerships.

Further details can be found [here](#).