

Strengthening Communities funding programme

The National Lottery has launched their new grant programme, Strengthening Communities. The annual budget for this new programme will be around £20 million and it opened to applications from voluntary and community sector organisations on 21 October 2024 with no closing date.

The National Lottery is aware that communities have many strengths and resources, the Strengthening Communities programme will fund projects that use these to help make people's lives better. Your project must:

- Involve people who experience poverty, disadvantage or discrimination
- Support people early to prevent negative experiences
- Be led by your community and build on its strengths and connections

They offer funding from £20,001 to £500,000. Any size of organisation can apply for £200,000 to £500,000. Only smaller organisation (those with an annual income under £500,000, based on your average income over the last 2 years) can apply for less than £200,000.

For more information visit the National Lottery website: [Strengthening Communities | The National Lottery Community Fund](#)