Funding from Local Companies

This document is a collection of potential funding opportunities for those organisations who are looking for funding to run local projects that are near to specific stores, banks, industrial sites or other companies.

The text on each potential funding body is compiled from extracts from their respective websites at the date stated in the document’s filename.

Some of the funding opportunities listed below were closed at the date of the searches. If they are closed permanently then they have been omitted, but those that are likely to re-open later in the year have been included.

This document is not meant to be exhaustive, nor complete. It is a snapshot of the most relevant funding opportunities at that particular time.

Co-op Local Community Fund
https://causes.coop.co.uk/

The Co-op Local Community Fund is their way of giving back to their members and their communities. You can apply if you're:

- a registered charity
- a small charity registered with HMRC for tax
- a registered community amateur sports club
- a church that's an 'excepted' charity
- a Scout or Guide group

Preference is given to organisations with an income of less than £1 million a year.

They are looking for 3 projects in each of around 1,500 local communities across the UK. They will choose projects led by small, locally based organisations that:

- benefit the local community centred around Co-op food stores and funeral homes
- have the greatest possible benefit to their community
- make maximum use of the amount of funding available

You can't use money from the fund to:

- solely pay for salaries or running costs of your organisation
- pay for projects that should legally be carried out by a public authority, eg a council
- make a donation to another organisation

It appears that about £9,000 will be available to the 3 projects in the Wokingham postcode area.

You must apply by 16th December 2016.

Morrisons Foundation
http://www.morrisonsfoundation.com/

The Morrisons Foundation has been set up to make a positive difference to people living in England, Scotland and Wales. They provide match funding for Morrisons colleagues and offer grants to charities undertaking projects that improve people’s lives.
Their aim is to improve people’s lives in the UK. They do so by offering match funding to Morrisons colleagues and providing grants to support projects carried out by charities registered in the UK.

They support Morrisons colleagues by matching their fundraising pound for pound – up to £1,000 two times a year.

The Morrisons Foundation provides grants towards projects undertaken by registered charities. They believe that good projects come in all shapes and sizes so we’re not limiting how much you can apply for, though we do ask that your project benefits people’s lives in the UK.

**Lloyds TSB Foundation**
http://www.lloydsbankfoundation.org.uk/matched-giving-scheme/
http://tinyurl.com/zxl4f36

The Matched Giving Scheme is run by the Lloyds Bank Foundations and is open to Lloyds Banking Group staff in the UK or Channel Islands, including Group subsidiaries.

Claim up to £1,000 for charities of your choice! Up to £500 is available for fundraising events as well as up to £500 for voluntary time given.

From morning teas and marathons to fun runs and parachute jumps, you can claim up to £500 a year to match funds you raise for registered charities that meet the scheme’s eligibility criteria. You can also claim up to £500 a year (at a rate of £8 per hour) for time you spend outside of working hours volunteering for eligible charities. This means that you can potentially claim up to £1,000 a year by fundraising and volunteering for charities of your choice.

Once your fundraising event has taken place and you have collected the funds and/or once you have given the maximum number of hours you intend to give to the charity this calendar year, please complete the appropriate Fundraising Matched Giving form or the Volunteering Matched Giving form.

**Wilkinson’s Helping Hands**

Helping their local community is really important to them. That’s why every Wilkinson store has a budget to give a little helping hand to local groups and community projects. You could get Wilkinson gift cards, products or volunteers to help with whatever you’re doing for our community - whether it’s a raffle prize to help with fund raising or tins of paint and extra helpers to do up a community centre – they would love to help you!

It’s easy to apply:
1. Fill in an application form – this can be found either at your local store or you can download the form at: http://corporate.wilko.com/stories/supporting.php
2. Hand it in at the help desk at your local Wilkinson store
3. They will be in touch to let you know how your application got on (they review applications at the end of each month. Please give us them much notice as possible prior to your event to avoid disappointment)

Sadly, they can’t help expeditions, political parties, private or fee - paying schools, branches of national charities, profitable organisations or third party private fundraising groups. However, they can help local schools, playgroups and nurseries, parent or family groups, disabled groups, youth clubs, elderly groups, luncheon clubs, community and tenants’ associations plus appeals from the local police, fire service and local councils and many more.

**Asda Foundation**
http://www.asdafoundation.org/applying-for-funding#what-we-fund

*Significant Local Community Projects*
This programme allows colleagues to nominate initiatives which will make a real long term difference, benefitting the wider community with our vision to ‘Transform Communities, improving lives locally.

The Asda Foundation wants to have a strong reputation for managing, co-ordinating and delivering programmes which really make a significant difference to local communities and the people who live there.

- identified opportunities, initiatives and new ways to support local communities;
- charity/good cause has developed a relationships with local the local store, depot or home office at a grassroots level
- Tackling the underlying problems in your local community
- can apply evidence from programmes of community needs and aspirations to develop their existing model;
- Benefits the wider community and is not just supporting a single user group
- There is a need for this facility locally
- Will make a real long term difference
- Would Transform your community, improving the lives of those who live there

Top-Up Funding Grants
In our rapidly changing society we are motivated to do all that we can do to support and develop stronger communities. Supporting local, smaller applications is really important as they are identifying locally relevant causes which really make a difference.

Asda colleagues are extremely passionate about fundraising for their local charities and good causes. We realise that there are times when extra financial support may be needed.

Contact your local store, depot or home office Community Life Champion to see if they could potentially fundraise for your local charity or good cause. If this is something they are able to support they will be able to apply to the Asda Foundation for a top-up donation.

The Foundation team will review each application and apply the relevant guidelines to the application. We don't however match fund what has been raised locally.

A simple but effective way of giving more for those smaller charities and good causes.

Some previously successful projects are at:
http://www.asdafoundation.org/

These previous projects seem to range from £5,000 to £20,000 plus.

Santander Foundation (now the Discovery Foundation)
http://www.santanderfoundation.org.uk/

In 2016, The Santander Foundation has become The Discovery Foundation to reflect its important role in Santander UK's new flagship community programme called The Discovery Project.

The aim of The Discovery Project is to help people have the confidence to make the most of their future. In this fast-paced world we know some find it hard to navigate the change and we want to help everyone have equal access to the best society has to offer.

The Discovery Foundation will provide grants to support knowledge, skills and innovation to give disadvantaged people the confidence to discover and create a new world of opportunities. The Foundation's previous three grants schemes have been combined into a single new scheme called Discovery Grants making it simpler to apply for funding.
Discovery Grants of up to £5,000 are available to UK Registered Charities, Community Interest Companies and Credit Unions to fund small, local organisations with projects helping disadvantaged people. Read more on the Discovery Grants page.

Discovery Grants of up to £5,000 are available to fund an activity which supports one or more of our three priority themes:

**Explorer - improving knowledge and insight**
Examples include a series of Money Management workshops to help people understand how to budget and identify the affordable credit choices available to them. A Freedom Training course giving abused women knowledge of how to regain control over their lives.

**Transformer - developing skills and experience**
Examples include work-based training and mentors to help socially isolated people develop skills to get back into work. Sign language training for parents with hearing impaired children. Or teaching young people with autism vocational skills.

**Changemaker - innovative solutions to social challenges.**
Examples include a new social networking program for visually impaired young people which uses specially developed braille laptops to access the internet. An inclusive cycling social enterprise which adapts bicycles to enable people with disabilities to enjoy the outdoors.

**Screwfix Foundation**
The Screwfix Foundation is a charity that has a clear purpose of raising funds to support projects that will fix, repair, maintain and improve properties and community facilities specifically for those in need in the UK.

They raise funds throughout the year to support causes that will change people's lives. They work with both national and local charities donating much needed funding to help all sorts of projects, from repairing buildings and improving facilities in deprived areas, to decorating the homes of people living with sickness or disability.

**B&Q Waste Donation**
[http://tinyurl.com/hs2ht5y](http://tinyurl.com/hs2ht5y)
B&Q operates a community reuse scheme through all stores. The scheme is in place to donate unsellable products and materials for re-use by local schools, other educational institutions and community groups, for the benefit of the local community and the environment. These items are donated on the understanding that they will be re-used or disposed of responsibly if they are not used.

Eligible groups include:

- Schools and colleges
- Child minders, playgroups and nurseries
- Allotment associations, community gardening projects
- Youth groups including scouts, guides and cadets
- Registered charities
- Hospices
- Conservation groups including The Conservation Volunteers and Forest Schools
- Community projects organised by local churches and other religious groups
- Women's Institute, Lions Clubs, Rotary, Townswomen Guilds
- Royal British Legion
- Adult education projects, University of the Third Age
- Other local community groups
Please note that these are unsellable items. B&Q cannot guarantee the suitability for re-use. No electrical or dangerous products can be donated e.g. broken ladders, faulty chairs or lights. They do not donate items to individuals. For more information please contact your local store directly and speak to a duty manager.

Community Repaint
B&Q works with Community Repaint, a network of schemes that collects any surplus, reusable paint and redistributes it within their communities to individuals and families on low income, charities and community groups.

Tesco Charity Trust

The Tesco Charity Trust aims to help Tesco support the local communities in which they operate. They aim at the local level, to support the needs of employees, customers and communities around their stores.

In addition to their national charity partnerships, Tesco work with hundreds of charities and local community organisations every year through relationships at a local level, with the help of their Community Champions.

Community Champions act as ambassadors for Tesco within their area, working to ensure that they are a great neighbour that can bring genuine benefit to the local community. They work with their Store Manager and other shops in the region to shape how Tesco can get involved in local community events, providing support where it is most needed, and help keep their customers and colleagues up to date with the most recent activity.

They have over 500 Champions across the business, primarily in our large format stores. If customers or colleagues would like to meet their local Community Champion to discuss how they can get involved with supporting a local event they can use the email details on the spreadsheet below, or pop in to their local store.

If your local store does not have a Community Champion, speak to your store manager or enquire at the Customer Service Desk.

Community Champions also support local charities, groups and not-for-profit organisations to carry out various charity and fundraising activities within their store or their local community.

Each Tesco UK store holds a community donation budget to help support with requests from their community for local fundraising events. If you would like to be considered for a donation please write to the Community Champion at your nearest store.

Please note, their stores receive a high volume of requests all year round and in order for them to support as many different groups as possible they may need to limit the amount that they are able to donate. Unfortunately they are unable to sponsor events or individuals.

DM Thomas Foundation for Young People
http://dmthomasfoundation.org/

DMTFYP operates donor advised funds. There is no application process for these local funds. Business partners work with the Foundation to make these grants to local charities and schools that they have identified and nominated, using funds raised for the Foundation and held by the charity. Nominated causes must fall within their giving remits and relationships are maintained locally.

Foundation Giveaways
Over the past eight years, they have been raising awareness of local charities and grants and engaging their volunteers by running ‘Giveaways’. They partner with their dedicated volunteers in their local area, alongside a dedicated local media partner.
The Giveaways have run successfully across several regions in the UK and help their volunteers to unearth the very best projects in their region and engage in the decision-making process. They also allow smaller charities, many of whom may not otherwise have heard of the Foundation, to share details of their projects and to receive coverage of their projects in the local media. These campaigns typically conclude with an awards ceremony, allowing their supporters and beneficiary charities the chance to meet one another.