



Grant Alert is a regular news bulletin about funding opportunities, which could be of use and interest to Council staff. These funding opportunities have been chosen as accessible to Council Departments, either alone or in partnership with other external agencies.

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All grants listed in this bulletin are for information purposes. Before making an application you are advised to make further enquiries, including ensuring that no other application is being prepared within the Council or our partner agencies.

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E.ON Energy Action Fund

Applications are being invited to E.ON's Energy Action Fund. Grants of between £50 and £2000 are available across the country to support a range of energy-related improvements and activities, from appliances and insulation to educational events.

Application is open to all registered charities and recognised not for profit organisations, including schools, seeking funding towards their energy efficiency projects and events.

Joint applications with local authorities will be considered, although the charity or not for profit organisation must be leading the project.

Applications must be for projects that benefit the wider community and will be fully completed by December 2016.

Information about E.ON's Energy Action Fund is available at

<https://www.eonenergy.com/About-eon/Community/energy-action-fund>.

Deadline 8th April 2016

Applications will be assessed in April 2016 by the Fund Committee. All applicants will be informed in writing of the committee's decision by the end of May 2016.

E.ON are one of the UK's leading power and gas companies - generating electricity, and retailing power and gas. The E.ON group is one of the world's largest investor-owned power and gas companies. They employ around 12,000 people in the UK and more than 79,000 worldwide

Ernest Cook Trust

In 1952, Ernest Cook established the educational charitable trust which bears his name and, between 1952 and 1961, seven of his remaining country estates were either assigned or bequeathed to the Trust.

One other little known aspect of Ernest Cook's philanthropy is the fact that he established the Fund for the Benefit of District Nurses with an anonymous gift of £100,000, to which he later added a further £60,000.

Ernest Cook Trust Grants for UK-based educational projects in the fields of the countryside and environment, environmental research and the arts, crafts and architecture. The Trust aims to encourage and support educational activities that are linked to the countryside or the arts.

The Trust operates the following grants programmes:

- Small grants programme for awards of under £4,000. Most awards are in the region of £1,000 to £1,500
- Large grants programme for awards of more than £4,000. Most awards are in the range of £4,000 to £10,000

Applicants are expected to show what other sources of funding have been sought and secured. The Trust always expects to be a part funder and does not commit funds for more than one year. The Trust gives grants to registered charities, state schools and not-for-profit organisations in the UK wishing to encourage young people's interest either in the countryside and the environment or the arts (in the broadest sense) or aiming to raise levels of literacy and numeracy. Meetings to consider applications for the small grants programme take place bimonthly throughout the year. There are no specific closing dates and suitable applications are allocated to the next available meeting. Due to high demand, applicants are advised to submit an application at least six months ahead of the project start date. The full Board of Trustees meets twice a year, in April and September, to consider grants in excess of £4,000.

Applications for the autumn meeting (which takes place in September) must be received by the Trust by 31st July of that year.

There are no application forms. All applicants are asked to post a covering letter on the official headed paper of the applicant organisation.

Applicants should not send any further supporting material or submit email applications.

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Ministry of Defence Covenant Fund

New Priorities for 2016-17

The Ministry of Defence's Covenant Fund has published the initial guidelines outlining the four new priorities, funding levels and applications timeframes for 2016-2017.

The government is committed to supporting the armed forces community by working with a range of partners who have signed the covenant. The covenant is a national responsibility involving government, businesses, local authorities, charities and the public.

Veterans' Gateway

A single grant of up to £2 million for a two-year pilot project to set up a single 24/7 multi-media point of contact for veterans seeking assistance.

Families in Stress

Grants of between £20,001 and £300,000 for projects that support families of serving personnel who are experiencing a significant stressful life event and would benefit from an intervention from a provider who can offer specialised, localised (or easily accessible) and immediate support.

Improving Local Covenant Delivery

Grants of between £20,000 and £500,000 for projects that materially improve the experience of local Armed Forces communities (Serving Personnel, Families and Veterans) and ensure that they are not disadvantaged.

Community Integration/Delivery of Local Services

Grants of up to £20,000 for projects that respond to the local needs of the Armed Forces Community and improve recognition of the Armed Forces Covenant,.

- **Veterans' Gateway – opens on 4 May 2016** and closes to stage one applications on 1 July 2016.
- **Families in Stress – opens on 4 May 2016** and closes to stage one applications on 22 June 2016.
- **Improving Local Covenant Delivery – opens on 10 July 2016** and closes to applications on 6 October 2016.
- **Community Integration/Delivery of Local Services – Round One opens on 4 May 2016** and closes on 22 June 2016. Round Two opens on 23 September 2016 and closes on 2 November 2016.

[GOV.UK - Ministry of Defence](http://gov.uk)

Pitch Improvement Programme Launches across England

The Football Association, English football's governing body, was formed in 1863. 'Organised football' or 'football as we know it' dates from that time.

Ebenezer Morley, a London solicitor who formed Barnes FC in 1862, could be called the 'father' of The Association.

SHINE is an education charity that changes the lives of disadvantaged young people by providing them with extra English and Maths support and creative learning opportunities after school, on Saturdays and in the school holidays.

The FA has launched an £8 million commitment to improve football pitches across the country between now and 2019. The FA Facilities and Investment Team has partnered with the Institute of Groundsmanship (IOG) to develop a Grass Pitch Maintenance service that can be utilised by grass roots football clubs with the simple aim of improving the quality of grass pitches.

The Pitch Improvement Programme (PIP) will provide support services to grassroots clubs, club volunteers and groundsmen in England, as well as offering a range of measures to help develop the skills and knowledge of the volunteers and groundsmen.

Grassroots football clubs in England who own their own site and/or are responsible for maintenance of the grass pitches are eligible to apply for support. No minimum or maximum amounts of funding support have been specified. However, clubs will be required to pay a small fee to set up the initial IOG meeting, assessment and report but clubs that hold the FA Charter Standard Club award may be eligible for a discount on this fee from their local County FA.

The PIP is being administered by local County FAs throughout the country.

Applicants should contact the relevant local office to enquire about the Expression of Interest procedure.

[The FA](#)

Let Teachers SHINE 2016

Let Teachers SHINE is a national annual competition run by the charity SHINE to find some of the country's most innovative teachers. It is seeking truly original ways to raise attainment in literacy, numeracy and/or science.

The competition is open to any teacher working in England with students aged up to 18 years.

Up to 10 winning projects will be chosen by a panel of judges from SHINE and corporate supporters. Each one will then receive a grant of up to £15,000.

The deadline for applications is 17 April 2016 (midnight).

[SHINE](#)