

Grants Made 2023-24

Name of recipient	Project	Amount awarded
Arts and Heritage	16 grants	£
Bedfordshire and Luton Community Foundation	A contribution to the Windrush 75th anniversary fund for Bedfordshire.	3,300
Bristol Old Vic and Theatre Royal Trust Limited	Towards the costs of Oi Polloi ; a theatre group for people with lived experience of homelessness (second instalment of a possible three).	5,000
Britten Pears Arts	A contribution to the 'Britten Pears Young Artist Programme'.	10,500
Cardboard Citizens	Support for theatre training and career development for people in London experiencing homelessness and poverty.	13,000
Culture Trust Luton (Luton Matters)	A substantial intervention of new public art commissions providing artistic development of local creatives, community engagement and improving cultural learning whilst raising the cultural profile of Luton (first instalment of a possible five).	22,500
Garsington Opera Limited	Funding towards the 2024 community opera, Andrew Norman's 'Trip to the Moon', engaging participants from aged 9 to over 80 (first instalment of a possible two).	15,000
Luton Music Club	Support for two series of 20 concerts held in Luton from March to December in 2023 and 2024 (first instalment of a possible two).	7,500
National Portrait Gallery	Acquisition of a hand-built, carved Gallery bench designed by architect Jamie Fobert.	13,000
The National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain	Towards the development of creative and composition skills of teenage musicians, embracing new ways and settings to make music (first instalment of a possible five).	10,000
Opera Prelude	Towards the costs of 'Opera Works 2023', an outreach project for emerging young artists to attend a conference of opera industry professionals and celebrated singers.	10,000
Poole Museum Foundation	Costs of showcases, mounts and plinths in the new Ceramics and Design Gallery in the redeveloped Poole Museum ('Rediscovering Poole's Maritime Heritage').	28,300
Purbeck International Chamber Music Festival Limited	To support core costs (second instalment of a possible three).	20,000
The Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Society	To support 'In Harmony', Liverpool's expansion programme 2022-25, transforming the lives of children, families and communities in North Liverpool through music (final instalment of three).	15,000
Royal Scottish National Orchestra Ltd	Towards the costs of an accessible and inclusive National Schools Concert Programme for secondary school pupils in Scotland in the 2023-24 season.	10,000

Arts and Heritage	cont.	£
Tangled Feet Limited (Luton Matters)	Towards creative projects in Luton, including developing work for schools and providing work opportunities for local people (final instalment of six).	10,000
UK Centre for Carnival Arts	Funding towards year-round, accessible, classroom-based initiative where children participate in carnival arts linked to culture, heritage and general education, culminating in National Children's Carnival Week.	25,000

218,100

Education	16 grants	£
Artis Foundation	Towards core costs to enable children with least access to the arts to engage with high quality weekly arts education.	14,000
Bangladesh Youth League (Luton)	To fund for one year the 'Stepping Stones' adult education activities plus a contribution to the community cafe, one of Luton's winter 'warm spaces'.	20,100
Blind in Business Trust	Education, training and work experience for blind and sight-impaired people in Bedford and Luton to enable them to find work locally.	10,000
Dallow Primary School (Luton Matters)	To fund an English & Math intervention teacher to close the gap created by Covid for disadvantaged children (instalments three and four of a possible six).	30,000
The Engineering Development Trust	To deliver STEM-themed experience days to two schools in Bedfordshire, followed by an in-depth STEM project for the most inspired pupils.	10,000
English National Opera	Towards 'Finish this...' in Luton schools - ENO's flagship classroom composition project including CPD for teachers and student resources.	20,000
The Enterprise Centre Limited	Funding a women's capacity building programme for women experiencing mental health issues who are not in employment, education or training.	10,410
Foundation Years Trust	To support learning and development for children in the Early Years.	10,000
Hackney Empire Limited	Towards arts engagement work with disadvantaged young people from across Hackney's communities.	10,000
The Outward Bound Trust	A contribution to support disadvantaged young people to develop life skills through learning and adventure in the wild.	10,000
Rambert School of Ballet and Contemporary Dance	A donation to the school's bursary fund for dance education.	12,500
The Reading List Foundation	To fund 40 scholarships for young students from lower income households to help them buy books for their university courses.	10,000
Refugee Education UK	Towards support for refugees and asylum-seekers aged 16-25 to access and thrive in education.	10,000
The Royal College of Music	Towards the cost of a scholarship for a music student from an under-represented background (preference given to one from the Luton area).	20,000
St Giles Trust	Towards preventative interventions aimed at 60 children in Luton, across two years, to reduce criminal exploitation and exclusion from education (final instalment of two).	25,000
UK Music Masters Ltd.	Towards the core costs of funding music education for both students in primary schools and classroom teachers.	10,500

232,510

Environment	10 grants	£
Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group South West Ltd	To develop skills within a local community to monitor farmland bird populations, conserve their habitats and provide advice to farmers.	2,600
Groundwork East (Luton Matters)	To contribute towards the costs of improving parts of the River Lea within Luton for the benefit of nature and the community (instalments three and four of a possible six).	30,000
Moor Trees	Towards the restoration of Dartmoor's lost woodlands with native, broadleaf trees of local provenance.	22,105
Mull and Iona Community Trust	To assist with the funding to reduce the charity's carbon footprint, enabling it to install a new renewable energy system.	12,180
Richmond Furniture Scheme	Contribution to the purchase of an electric, ULEZ-compliant collection/delivery van.	10,000
Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability	Towards the costs of replacing the ambulance fleet with ULEZ-compliant vehicles.	15,000
Somerset Wildlife Trust	A contribution to the Honeygar project - pioneering work to restore nature and lock in carbon in the Avalon Marshes of the Somerset Levels (final instalment of two).	25,000
Suffolk Wildlife Trust	Towards the purchase of a new reed cutter to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the annual reed cut.	13,800
Tusk Trust Limited	Provide core funding to Tusk to support community-led conservation initiatives across Africa.	19,950
Tyne Rivers Trust	Towards improving habitats and restoring rivers through practical conservation tasks with volunteers and community groups.	10,000

160,635

Health	22 grants	£
Adoption UK Charity	Core funding for services to adopted people and adoptive families (first instalment of a possible two).	25,000
Age UK Surrey	Towards the provision of Maintenance Cognitive Stimulation Therapy (MCST) group sessions as part of the 'Memory Lane' project.	10,000
Anthony Nolan	Support for clinical mental health services for adult patients with blood cancer and blood disorders in Leeds.	10,000
The Back-Up Trust	Unrestricted core funding for community-led services for people who have suffered a life-changing traumatic spinal cord injury.	10,000
Bedfordshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	To contribute to the annual running costs of the family accommodation in support of the hospital's NICU (final instalment of five).	9,400
Carers UK	To help fund Carers UK's support services which improve carers' mental health (first instalment of a possible two).	15,000
CHUMS Charity	Towards core funding of strategic services.	60,000
Cornwall Air Ambulance Trust	A contribution towards the purchase of an adult simbody manikin, used for training purposes (First instalment of a possible two).	10,000

Health	cont.	£
Deafblind Scotland	Towards the costs of the 'Don't Worry, Be Happy' mental health support programme for deafblind people.	10,000
Deafblind UK	A contribution towards wellbeing & emotional support services for the deafblind community in London, including the new early intervention initiative.	10,000
Dementia UK	A contribution towards the costs of a new Admiral nurse service in Bedfordshire.	19,500
Early Childhood Partnership (Luton Matters)	Funding towards continuity and development of the play therapy service for child victims of domestic abuse in Luton and Central Bedfordshire <i>(final two instalments of six).</i>	30,000
Help Musicians	Towards mental health services for working musicians.	7,500
Integrated Neurological Services	Towards core costs.	15,000
International Centre for Eye Health	Towards work to prevent blindness from diabetic retinopathy and glaucoma in older people in low-income countries.	15,000
The Island Trust Limited	Towards enabling disadvantaged young people to enjoy the benefits of sailing.	7,500
Julia's House Limited	To provide tailored care for siblings from Wiltshire families with a life-limited child.	10,000
Motor Neurone Disease Association	Contribution towards a research project.	20,000
Orchestra of the Swan	Towards Café Muse, a monthly workshop and community music café in Birmingham for people with complex disabilities, particularly the DeafBlind.	12,000
The Road to Recovery Trust	Towards the development of the 'Mindful Therapy Programme', contributing to thriving in recovery.	12,000
Ronald McDonald House Charities (UK)	A contribution towards the core costs for Ronald McDonald House Oxford.	15,000
Sussex Community Development Association	Towards specialist counselling sessions and drop-in one-to-one mental health support for young people.	13,000

345,900

Social or Economic Disadvantage	23 grants	£
Azalea (Luton Matters)	Funding of an Anti-Sex Trafficking Officer, to provide specialist support in a mobile drop-in van <i>(first two instalments of a possible six).</i>	29,352
Bedfordshire and Luton Community Foundation	Towards support for grassroots charities across Luton and Bedfordshire <i>(first instalment of a possible two).</i>	20,000
Bolton Lads and Girls Club Limited	Towards a mentoring service for vulnerable young people to provide holistic support around health, housing and future opportunities in employment/training.	10,000
Bromley Homeless	Funding for an Advice Centre to support homeless people with health and mental health issues into accommodation.	10,000
Community Interest Luton	Towards the core costs of LETS employability hub.	15,900
End Violence Against Women Coalition	Towards core costs to enable strategic responses to violence against women and girls.	21,000

Social or Economic Disadvantage	cont.	£
Families United Network	Towards core costs.	20,000
Hammersmith and Fulham Youth Zone	Uplifts to grants approved in a previous years towards core costs.	11,600
The Hygiene Bank	Towards the provision of hygiene essentials to vulnerable students and families (first instalment of a possible two).	12,500
KIDS	Towards the costs of a holistic mental-health intervention for self-harming young people at risk of suicide, and their parents.	17,700
King's Arms Project (Bedford)	Funding towards the Pathways Project for homeless people.	10,000
Luton All Women's Centre (Luton Matters)	To make the lives of vulnerable women and girls in Luton safer, healthier and fairer through the Employers Against Domestic Abuse programme (final instalment of six).	15,000
Luton Law Centre	Towards the 'Housing Justice' service, helping to secure housing for 950 residents in Bedfordshire with free legal advice.	13,083
Mersey Counselling and Therapy Centre	Funding towards a project working with vulnerable young people at risk of exclusion from mainstream education.	8,500
The NOAH Enterprise (New Opportunities and Horizons)	A contribution towards the housing support programme, ensuring stable housing for people in crisis in Luton.	18,400
Ormiston Families	Towards improving the mental health and emotional wellbeing of children and young people affected by bereavement.	10,000
Signposts (Luton)	To purchase a fitted modular container for use as a meeting/training space for staff and clients.	15,780
The Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association - Forces Help	To provide funds for the benefit of the London Central Branch of SSAFA in order for it to fulfill its mission.	15,000
Solidarity Sports	To provide funds towards core costs.	10,000
SPEAR Housing Association Limited	Towards work to improve the employability of homeless people across South West London.	10,000
Staying Put	To support core costs.	25,000
Sussex Emmaus	A contribution towards the core costs of providing supported accommodation to previously homeless men and women.	10,000
Youthscape	Towards the provision of a drop-in service in Luton for disadvantaged children.	12,300
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TOTAL		87 grants 1,298,260