

Community Foundations walkthrough

Hi there, I'm glad you are checking out our walkthrough of where to find funding. You will notice that the search focuses on accessing local funding. There are a few reasons for this:

1. This kind of funding is most suited for your church, based on size and scale of funding – making you more likely to be eligible and successful. At the national and European level, you would be competing with some major charities such as McMillan and NSPCC etc.
2. We have hundreds of local churches that are all technically eligible for national funding, so to avoid competition and us all looking unprofessional, if it is an application for a CAP Project, we ask that you stay local. We would suggest that the only time a national search would be both worthwhile and appropriate is if you are planning a large-scale building project.
3. CAP depends on some of the larger national funds to ensure we can carry on our work and support your church. So often if you were to apply to a national Christian funder, you would find that they already support us, and therefore won't double fund the initiative. Don't worry though, we leave all the local funds to ensure you can fund your work from the funders in your area.

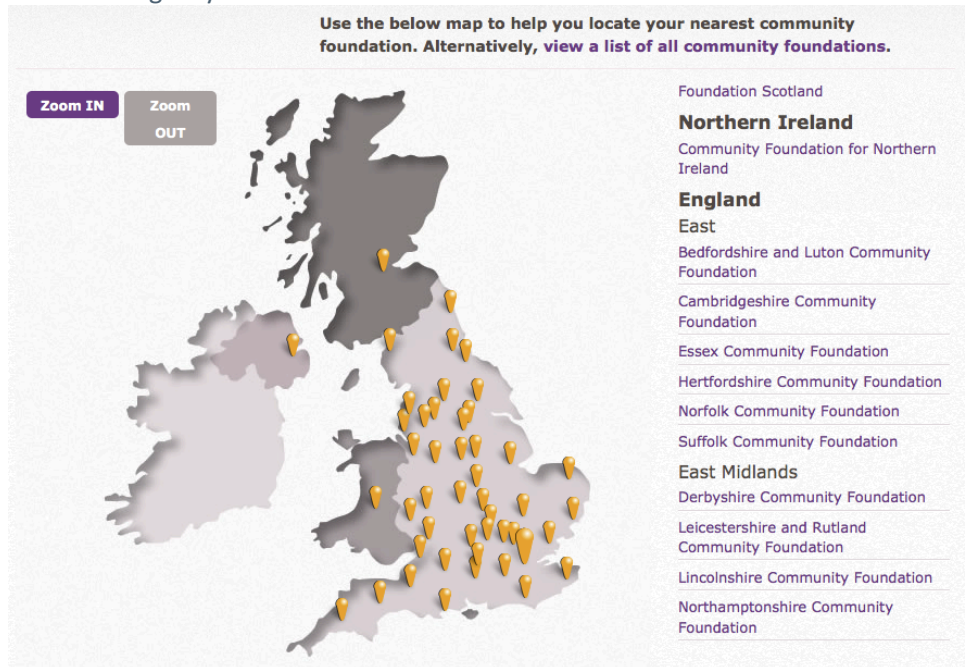
For more help and guidance in accessing funding, please go to capuk.org/funding-your-church and download *CAP's Guide to funding your service*.

How to find funding from Community Foundations

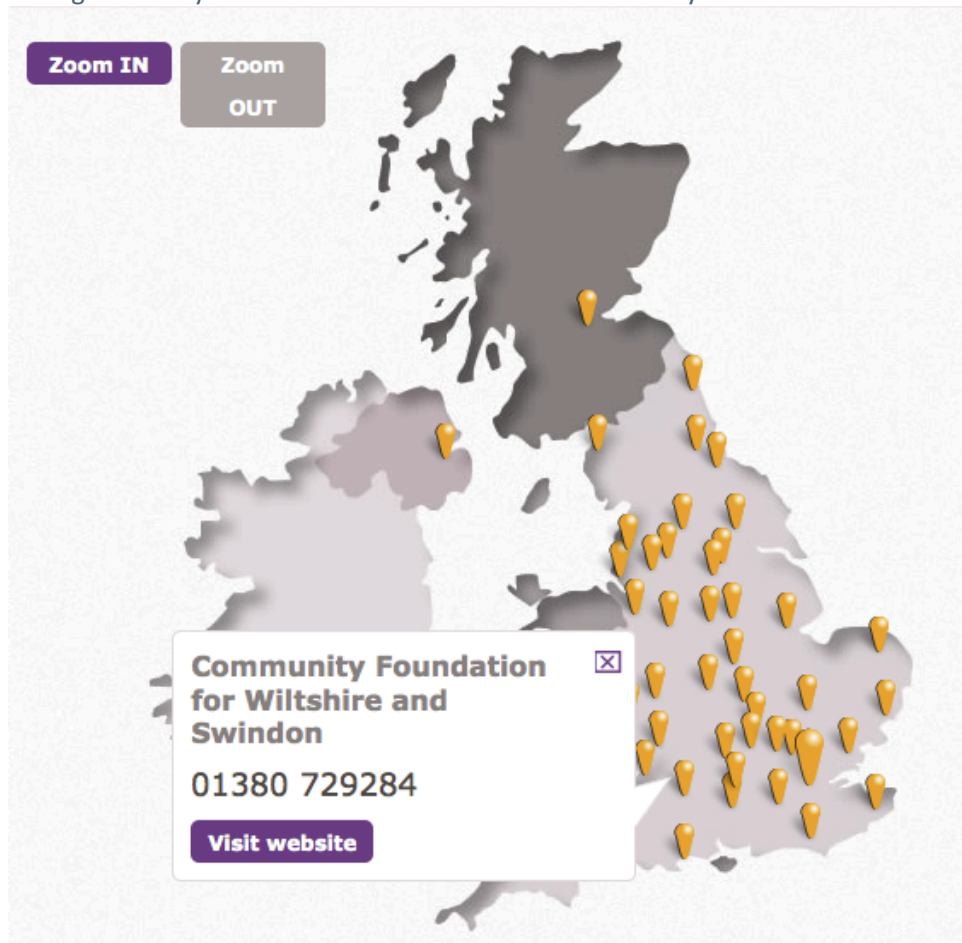
Go to ukcommunityfoundations.org and click the search button under the map, or the map itself.

The screenshot shows the UK Community Foundations website. At the top left is the logo with the text "UK Community Foundations for thriving communities". To the right are social media icons for Twitter, Facebook, Google+, LinkedIn, and a Blog link. A "Community Foundations Login" button is in the top right. A navigation bar contains links: Home, About Us, Our Programmes, Philanthropy & Giving, Corporate Services, Local Community Foundations, and Media. Below the navigation bar is a section titled "Helping Build Thriving Communities". The main content area features a large banner for the "LEADERS! TRANSFORMING VISION INTO REALITY" conference, organized by UK Community Foundations, taking place at the Assembly Hall in Belfast from 23-25 September. A "Register now!" button is present. To the right of the banner is a map of the UK with the text "48 community foundations across the UK". Below the map is a "Search" button and a prompt to "Visit our interactive map to find your community foundation".

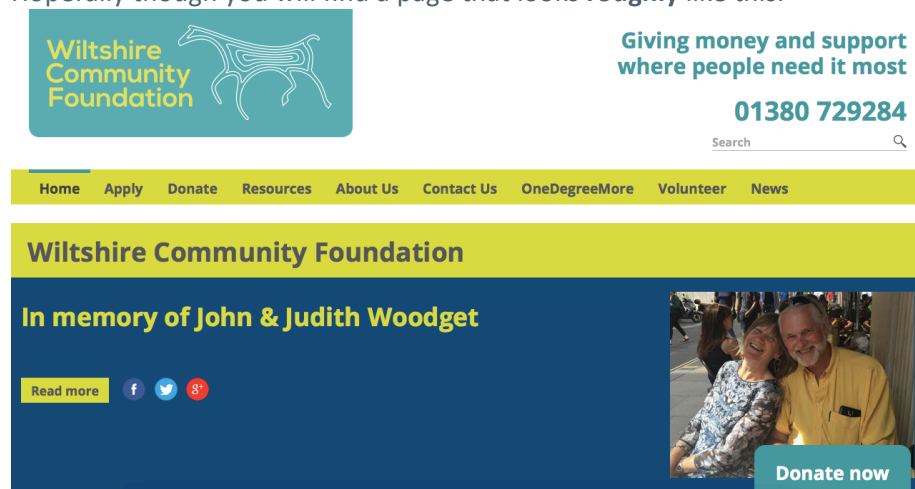
This should give you this screen.



You can either click the nice little yellow marker nearest to you or scroll through the list on the right. Once you have found the one that seems to fit you best click it.



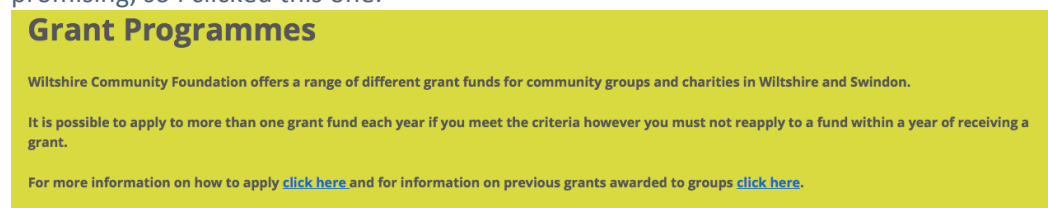
You get this pop up box, and you can click the website. From here your experience will vary. Hopefully though you will find a page that looks **roughly** like this.



What you are looking for is something that says 'Access Funding', 'Grants', 'Available Funds', or in this case 'Apply'.



In this case we get a nice little drop down box, and Grant Programmes seems the most promising, so I clicked this one.



For groups

The Foundation Grant

Funding will go to projects where the majority of people who will benefit experience disadvantage either economically, socially, geographically or physically. Applications range from £1,000 to £10,000 (up to £5,000 a year for one, two or three years) Grants are awarded in May and November and Expressions of Interest close at the beginning of March and October.

Comic Relief Grant



In this case, we get exactly what we want, a range of funders to apply to, and we can scroll through the list.

The Office of Police & Crime Commissioner Grant



The Fund is particularly keen to support projects which seek to bring communities together to tackle local issues improving trust and understanding, and welcomes projects which offer a new or innovative approach. We would expect that applications would focus on one or more of the following areas.

- Anti-social behaviour
- Crime in local neighbourhoods
- Drug and alcohol related crime
- Reducing re-offending
- Violence against women and girls
- Youth crime
- Raise awareness and combat cyber-crime against older people

Funding is available for one year only, and the maximum grant will be £3,000. Grants are awarded in March and September and Expressions of Interest close at the beginning of February and August.

The Foundation Small Grant

Applications are available for up to £1,000 and can be applied for all year round.

Haydon Wick Grant

The Haydon Wick Fund has been set up to support Charities and Voluntary organisations that are based in, or whose work substantially benefits, the people of Haydon Wick and immediate area. These grants are awarded in October.

Some Community Foundations even have an alert function you can [sign up to](#).

DCF Bursary Scheme

Superior STEM Bursary Fund

Dorset County Council Fund

Comic Relief

Help and Advice

Grant Alert Sign-up

People's Health Trust

Sign up for grant alerts

Apply for a grant

Since we were founded in 2000 the Foundation has awarded over £10 million pounds in grants to groups tackling disadvantage across the county.

The **Apply for a Grant** section lists all our current grant programmes.

For further help and advice on the application process, any documentation your group may need or other organisations that can provide support then please read the [Help and Advice](#) section or [contact us](#) directly.

Please note we cannot accept more than one application per round per organisation/individual.

Fund Name	Status	Maximum	Opening	Deadline
DCF Bursary Scheme	OPEN	£1,000	6th July	21st September
Superior STEM Bursary Fund	OPEN	£1,500	7th May	Applications assessed on rolling basis

If you are struggling to find your local Community Foundation, just get in touch, or contact your local CVS.