Funders and Support Groups

South Lakes Funding Fair
22nd September 2026

FUNDER	FUNDS/SUPPORT
ACTion with Communities in Cumbria (ACT) ACT is the rural and community development charity for Cumbria. We champion community issues and support communities to plan for the future	• Community led planning • Community Emergency planning • Sustainable communities • Community buildings
NOTES:	
Cumbria Community Foundation Each year CCF makes hundreds of grants to organisations and individuals on behalf of the fundholders and supporters. We are focussed on funding initiatives that deliver lasting benefits to the community, rather than one-off or short-term activity	Focus on: Improving Lives**,** with four priority areas: • Reducing Poverty • Reaching Potential • Improving Health • Tackling Social Inequality Strengthening Communities, with two priority areas: • Nurturing Sense of Place • Acting on Climate Change
NOTES:	

Cumbria Social Enterprise Partnership (CSEP) The Partnership provides fully funded business support to both existing social enterprises, as well as to anyone thinking of setting up a new social enterprise. We have programmes for every stage of the social entrepreneurial journey	There are currently two programmes of support: • A countywide business support programme (advisors) • Support and signposting to relevant funding • Keeping CSEP members up to date with current funding and council business support offers
NOTES:	
Cumbria Youth Alliance (CYA) As an Infrastructure organisation we work with and support local delivery partners. We support youth organisations throughout the county, aiming to build the third sector's capacity through high-quality training, support, and funding.	We support youth organisations with Good Governance and Funding Advice.
NOTES:	

Hadfield Trust The Hadfield Trust awards grants of up to £5,000 and exists to support community projects that meet the needs and make a real difference to the quality of life of those living in Cumbria.	**Priority areas of the Trust:** • Social needs • Youth and employment • Help for older people • The arts • The environment
NOTES:	
Holiday Activities and Food Programme (Westmorland & Furness Council) Providing fully funded activities and meals during the school holidays for eligible children and young people. HAF provides a safe and welcoming environment that includes healthy meals, enriching activities, physical exercise and basic nutritional education. Providers use our booking system which is designed to make the process much easier. To check eligibility, manage bookings, monitor attendance and to promote their programme.	We fund and support organisations to deliver the HAF programmes for eligible children and young people; primarily targeted at school aged children (Reception to Yr11 who receive benefits-related free school meals). Other groups such as young carers, care experienced, SEND or on an EHCP, home educated or a young person on resettlement schemes or seeking asylum are also eligible. To any organisations already delivering a holiday programme. We would explore purchasing places for children and young people who are eligible for HAF.

NOTES:	
N-Compass (Westmorland & Furness Carer Support Service) N-Compass delivers the Westmorland & Furness Carer Support Service, providing free, confidential support for unpaid carers of all ages. The service helps carers maintain their own health and wellbeing while continuing in their caring role for as long as they choose.	Our areas of support include: • Information, advice and guidance • Carers' assessments and support planning • Health and wellbeing • Support for young carers and parent carers • Training and community engagement
NOTES:	
Postcode Neighbourhood Trust Postcode Neighbourhood Trust provides grant funding to charities and community organisations across the North of England, supporting projects that improve lives and strengthen communities.	• Grant funding for community projects • Tackling poverty and inequality • Improving mental health and wellbeing • Supporting marginalised groups • Enabling participation in the arts
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Sir John Fisher Foundation Funds work that support organisations that are delivering projects in the area around Barrow in Furness and Furness peninsula.	Support for: • Community • Arts • Music • Education • Health • Maritime
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The David Snowdon Trust The David Snowdon Trust awards grants between £2,000 and £20,000 preferably for capital projects. Restricted to Cumbria and to Westmorland and Furness in particular.	• Higher Education • Social needs, including causes alleviating poverty and increasing social mobility in rural areas. • The Arts
NOTES:	
The National Lottery Community Fund Funds projects that support people and communities across the UK, with a focus on ideas that bring people together, improve community spaces and help people reach their potential.	Support for: • Capital costs • Staff and running costs • Activities and equipment • Other core costs <u>Funding rounds</u>: National Lottery award for all (grants from £300 to £20,000 for up to 2 years) = one stage application process - apply at any time. Reaching Communities (grants from £20,001) = 2 stage application process. Open access for both.

NOTES:	
The National Lottery Heritage Fund Using money raised by National Lottery players, we distribute grants from £10,000 to £10million to support projects across the UK that connect people and communities to their heritage.	Heritage can be anything from the past that you value and want to pass on to future generations. Understanding, valuing and sharing our heritage brings people together, inspires pride in place and supports local economies.
NOTES:	
The Roseland Trust We are an independent grant making charity based in South Lakeland which supports organisations and individuals throughout Cumbria and North Lancashire.	• Registered charities, voluntary and community groups can apply • To support people facing disadvantage, such as older adults or people with learning difficulties or disabilities
NOTES:	

Westmorland and Furness Council Community Fund We manage a range of grant funds that are used to invest in communities to bring about a positive and lasting change for the benefit of the whole community.	Previous applicants have included: • Village halls • Play groups • Community centres • Environmental groups • Residents and tenants' associations • Parish councils • Local history groups • Sports groups • Youth groups
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