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1. North East Mayoral Strategic Authority

1.1 Create Growth Programme

The Create Growth Programme is designed for creative businesses with high-growth potential to become investment ready. Providing high-growth businesses between the seed and scaling stages, with the support and the investment they need to grow their business and turn their innovative creative ideas into the leading creative businesses of the future. Through a suite of business support initiatives, delivered in partnership with Creative UK and Innovate UK this tailored support for high growth creative businesses aims to develop businesses knowledge, skills and access to finance, so they are able to secure investment to enable growth, turning their innovative creative ideas into the leading creative businesses of the future. For further details [click here](#)

1.2 Culture and Creative Investment Programme

The Culture and Creative Investment Programme, delivered in partnership with Creative UK, offers a combined package of financial and business support designed to grow the creative and cultural industries in the region. The package of support includes business support, masterclasses and bootcamps, open access networking events, webinars and access to finance. The programme is open to freelancers and businesses working in the culture and creative industries in North Tyneside, Northumberland and Newcastle. For further details [click here](#)

1.3 Flexible Social Finance

Flexible Social Finance has been designed with the social sector, for the social sector with the aim to provide access to affordable and flexible, repayable finance for socially trading organisations in Newcastle, North Tyneside and Northumberland looking to grow their social impacts and improve self-sustainability. This fund is specifically designed to address the challenges faced by socially trading organisations who are delivering significant social impact and may struggle to secure loans from traditional sources. For further information [click here](#)

1.4 Green New Deal

The Green New Deal Fund is a low carbon investment fund established by the Combined Authority and managed by Amber Infrastructure Group. Business interested in applying to the Green New Deal Fund should visit the fund's website for further information. For further information [click here](#)

1.5 Invest North East England

Invest North East England is the first point of contact for businesses looking to locate and invest in our region. Working alongside the region's seven local authorities, their aim is to support new inward investment and promote the region as a prime location for businesses to locate, grow and prosper. For further details [click here](#)

1.6 Local Innovation Partnership Fund

The Local Innovation Partnerships Fund (LIPF) is a new, national programme led by UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) that will invest up to £500 million over five years to develop and scale high-potential innovation clusters across the UK. The North East has been identified in the Earmarked Strand, as one of 10 regions across the country to receive an allocation of at least £30 million funding over 5 years. For further information [click here](#).

1.7 Northumberland Small Business Fund

NSBS, delivered by Business Northumberland as part of the North East Rural Growth Programme (NE-RGP), offers a comprehensive package of fully funded business support for individuals with a business idea and businesses across Northumberland. This includes a dedicated Food and Drink Support Service and a Farming Advisory Service, providing sector-specific expertise alongside general business support.

The support is designed to help businesses start, grow and improve resilience through tailored 1-2-1 advice, specialist consultancy, workshops, masterclasses and networking opportunities. This programme is focused on helping businesses build capability, productivity and long-term sustainability. For further details [click here](#). The North East Rural Growth Programme is funded by the North East Combined Authority, with Northumberland County Council as lead Delivery Partner supported by Durham County Council, Gateshead Council, Northumberland National Park Authority, Food and Drink North East Limited and North East Enterprise Agency.

For more information click [here](#).

1.8 North East Property Fund

A £20 million property fund aimed at supporting smaller scale North East construction and property development projects will provide an important boost for the construction industry. The North East Property Fund has been created in response to strong demand from small and medium-sized (SME) construction and property development companies who are unable to access mainstream finance from traditional sources and is hoped it will help kick start development in smaller scale property ventures across the North East. For further details [click here](#)

1.9 North East Commercial Property Investment Fund

A £35 million commercial property fund that supports developers in the North East.

The North East Commercial Property Investment Fund is managed by FW Capital and backed by the North East Combined Authority. The fund addresses a gap in the market and will drive economic growth and create new jobs in the North East. For further details [click here](#)

1.10 The Mayor's Opportunity Fund

Partnered with Community Foundation Tyne & Wear and Northumberland and Point North to deliver the £1million Mayor's Opportunity Fund. The Fund supports the North East's commitment to a fairer North East through creating opportunity. Round two of the fund launched on 3 June 2025 and will invest £225,000 in supporting community-led places and spaces that meet people's basic day-to-day needs whilst also helping to create opportunity, improve skills, digital access and health outcomes, and reduce child poverty. For further information [click here](#)

2. Grant Finder Service

2.1 Arts Council England - Creative Foundations Fund

Capital grants are available for not-for-profit creative and cultural organisations in England to revitalise, restore, retrofit, or renew cultural assets, including urgent work which prevents organisations from effectively delivering work for the public. A maximum value of £10,000,000 is available, the application deadline is 17 July 2026. For further information [click here](#).

2.2 Early Education Partnerships Funding

Funding is available for partnerships of early years providers and state-funded primary schools in England, led by a nominated primary school acting as grant administrator, to support collaboration that improves children's transition into reception and school readiness. A maximum value of £50,000 is available, the application deadline is 17 July 2026. For further information [click here](#).

2.3 Social Investment Gateway Programme

A free support programme with possibility of grants for charities, social enterprises and community organisations in England who are considering social investment within the next three years. A discretionary amount is available; the application deadline is 17 July 2026. For further information [click here](#).

2.4 VocTech Together Support Programme

Funding and support are available to participants in a collaborative programme that brings together partners, funding and innovation to develop technology-driven solutions addressing major challenges in adult vocational learning in the UK. A maximum value of £10,000 is available, the application deadline is 20 July 2026. For further information [click here](#).

2.5 Defra - Peatland Restoration Sector Capacity Grant Scheme (England)

Grants are available to build capacity in the peatland restoration sector by addressing skills shortages, improving training opportunities and supporting the workforce needed to scale up restoration across England. A maximum value of £20,000 is available, the application deadline is 23 July 2026. For further information [click here](#).

2.6 Women's Diversion Fund

Grants are available to support voluntary and community organisations in England and Wales to deliver services that divert women in or at risk of involvement in the criminal justice system away from offending and custody. A discretionary amount is available; the application deadline is 24 July 2026. For further information [click here](#).

2.7 Youth Endowment Fund - Violence Against Women and Girls Prevention Programme: Objective 1

Funding is available to support interventions and generate robust evidence on how secondary schools can best be supported to deliver healthy relationships content, improve young people's knowledge and attitudes towards healthy relationships and harmful behaviours, and ultimately reduce violence against women and girls. A discretionary amount is available; the application deadline is 27 July 2026. For further information [click here](#).

2.8 Clean Transport Accelerator: Maritime

Funding is available to SMEs in the UK developing innovative solutions for the maritime sector. A maximum value of £30,000 is available, the application deadline is 28 Jul y2026. For further information [click here](#).

2.9 Independent Legal Advisors Service

Funding is available to commission a national independent legal advice service supporting victims of adult rape in England and Wales through the criminal justice system. A discretionary amount is available; the application deadline is 28 July 2026. For further information [click here](#).

2.10 Audible – Open Call

Grants are available for registered charities across the UK to deliver projects aimed at underrepresented youth aged between 12 and 18 years old that incorporate listening experiences. A maximum value of £30,000 is available, the application deadline is 31 July 2026. For further information [click here](#).

2.11 Domestic Abuse and Stalking Perpetrator Intervention Fund and Children Who Use Harm Intervention Fund

Funding is available for Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) or Mayoral equivalents to support community-based interventions across England and Wales to challenge perpetrator behaviour, protect victims, and support children who are displaying harmful behaviours. A discretionary amount is available; the application deadline is 31 July 2026. For further information [click here](#).

2.12 UK Space Agency: Commercial Climate Services Call 4

Grants are available to UK organisations of any size and type to develop innovative commercial climate services using satellite Earth Observation data for climate mitigation, adaptation and resilience. A maximum value of £85,000 is available, the application deadline is 31 July 2026. For further information [click here](#).

2.13 Earlier Identification of UK Children with SEN - Contracts for Innovation Competition

UK organisations can apply for funding to develop innovations that enable earlier, fairer, more reliable identification of special educational needs (SEN) in contexts where existing market solutions underperform or do not operate. A maximum value of £500,000 is available, the application deadline is 5 August 2026. For further information [click here](#).

2.14 CoSTAR Emerge-AI Programme

A programme providing funding and tailored support to early-stage UK creative technology businesses to help them refine, validate and present their AI-based product ideas, understand their market, and progress towards commercial success. A discretionary amount is available; the application deadline is 18 August 2026. For further information [click here](#).

2.15 CoSTAR Screen Lab Call: Spatial Audio in Virtual Production

Grants and support are available to companies, technologists and creatives to explore innovative applications of spatial audio to enhance audience interaction with visual assets in virtual production. A discretionary amount is available; the application deadline is 19 August 2026. For further information [click here](#).

2.16 Paludiculture and Wetter Farming Fund

Funding supports projects developing paludiculture and wetter farming systems on lowland peat soils in England, with applications accepted from businesses, landowners, charities, academic institutions and public bodies, including local authorities and internal drainage boards, either individually or as consortium leads. A discretionary amount is available; the application deadline is 21 August 2026. For further information [click here](#).

2.17 Point North - Community Cancer Awareness and Screening Fund

Grants are available to grants to local charities and community groups across specific areas in the North East to deliver community-led projects that improve cancer awareness and encourage earlier diagnosis. A maximum value of £2,500 is available, the application deadline is 23 August 2026. For further information [click here](#).

2.18 Consumer Led Flexibility for the Clean Energy Superpower Mission

Funding is available for UK-registered businesses, academic institutions, charities, not-for-profit organisations, public sector organisations and research and technology organisations developing innovative AI, digital and other solutions that support consumer-led flexibility within the energy system by 2030. A maximum value of £3,000,000 is available, the application deadline is 26 August 2026. For further information [click here](#).

2.19 National River Walks

Grants for national river walks across the regions of England (North East England; Yorkshire and the Humber; East Midlands; West Midlands; East of England; London; South East; South West). The walk must run alongside a river (either a main river or ordinary watercourse) and be close to disadvantaged areas. A maximum value of £1,350,000 is available, the application deadline is 27 August 2026. For further information [click here](#).

2.20 Democratic Engagement Fund

Grants are available for civil society organisations in England to support people in communities least likely to engage with democracy to get involved in different kinds of democratic activity. A maximum value of £50,000 is available, the application deadline is 31 August 2026. For further information [click here](#).

3. The National Lottery Funding

3.1 National Lottery Awards for All England.

We fund community-led projects that tackle the climate and nature emergency, improve the environment, and help people connect with and enjoy nature locally. **Amount:** £300 to £20,000 **A decision in:** 16 weeks **Programme status:** Open to applications. For further information [click here](#).

3.2 National Lottery Awards for All England – Environment

We fund community-led projects that improve the environment and help people connect with and enjoy nature where they live. Funding size £300 to £20,000 for up to two years. Application deadline 17 December 2025. For further information [click here](#).

3.3 Reaching Communities England

We fund projects that strengthen communities and improve lives across England, with priority for the people and places that need it most. **Amount:** £20,001 to £20,000,000 **A decision in:** 40 weeks **Programme status:** Open to applications For further information [click here](#).

3.4 The Solidarity Fund

Funding in England for projects tackling root causes of inequality. We support lasting change led by people with lived experience, with projects that can grow and last. Amount: £1,000,000 to £5,000,000 A decision in: 35 weeks Programme status: Open to applications For further information [click here](#).

3.5 The UK Fund

Larger amounts of funding for to expand on existing work. We'll fund projects that help bring diverse communities together. We'll also fund projects that help children and young people use their voice to influence change. Application deadline – Ongoing. For further information [click here](#).

3.6 Climate Action Fund - Food Systems

Climate Action Fund – Food Systems supports projects that strengthen our food system and reduce food insecurity for people and communities. For further information [click here](#).

3.7 Change makers

Funding that supports community leaders who are making change in and for their communities. A maximum value of £5,000,000 is available, the application deadline is 5 August 2026. For further information [click here](#).

3.8 The Step Forward Fund

Funding for grassroots organisations from Global Majority and racially minoritised communities to help them grow. A maximum value of £225,000 is available. For further information [click here](#).

4. Government Grant Service

4.1 Trees, woodlands and forestry - Woodland Creation Planning Grant

The Woodland Creation Planning Grant (WCPG) offers funding of up to £30,500 for the production of a UKFS-compliant woodland creation design plan. Landowners, land managers and public bodies can apply. WCPG is open for applications year-round. The 'Find a grant' tool requires a 'closing date' to be specified, however 31 March 2027 reflects the period WCPG funding is currently confirmed until, rather than a known closure date. The scheme was re-launched in autumn 2020 to enable more people to apply and help proposals move more quickly through the Environmental Impact Assessment process and future planting and establishment grant funding. For further information [click here](#).

Location: England, North East England, North West England, South East England, South West England, Midlands

Funding organisation: Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs / Forestry Commission - Nature for Climate Fund

Who can apply: Personal / Individual, Public Sector, Non-profit, Private Sector

How much you can get: From £1,500 to £30,500

Total size of grant scheme £708,607

Opening date: 1 December 2015, 12:01am (Midnight)

Closing date: 31 March 2030, 11:59pm (Midnight)

4.2 Community Hub Project Grants

Project Grants of up to £30,000 fund substantial, collaborative projects between at least one GLAM (Galleries, Libraries, Archives and Museums) or Heritage organisation and one community group. These grants support in-depth research, skills development, and the creation of lasting resources that reflect diverse voices and experiences. Projects should be co-designed and community-led, with a focus on inclusion, sustainability, and impact. Whether building upon a Seed Corn project or starting fresh, Project Grants are intended to create meaningful change and long-term value for both communities and institutions. For further information [click here](#).

Location: National, England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland, North East England, North West England, South East England, South West England, Midlands

Funding organisation: The National Archives

Who can apply: Public Sector, Non-profit, Private Sector, Local authority

How much you can get: From £500 to £30,000
Total size of grant scheme: £225,000
Opening date: 1 April 2026, 12:01am (Midnight)
Closing date: 12 July 2027, 11:59pm (Midnight)

4.3 Life Sciences Transformational R&D Investment Fund (TRIF) Pilot

The Life Sciences Transformational R&D Investment Fund Pilot offers capital grants to support large-scale R&D projects in the UK life sciences sector (eligible projects must exceed £100 million in total costs). It aims to boost research and development within the UK's Life Sciences sector by supporting large-scale investments focused on innovation and strengthening health resilience, as well as projects with the potential to generate economic benefits. This fund complements the separate Life Sciences Innovative Manufacturing Fund (LSIMF). For further information [click here](#).

Location: National, England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland, North East England, North West England, South East England, South West England, Midlands
Funding organisation: Department for Science, Innovation and Technology
Who can apply: Private Sector
How much you can get: From £5 million to £25 million
Total size of grant scheme £50 million
Opening date: 25 September 2025, 12:01am (Midnight)
Closing date: 31 March 2028, 11:59pm (Midnight)

4.4 Creative Foundations Fund

The Creative Foundations Fund is an open-access capital fund that supports creative and cultural organisations in England in revitalising, restoring, retrofitting, or renewing cultural assets, including urgent work to address issues which prevent organisations from effectively delivering work for the public. For further information [click here](#).

Location: England, North East England, North West England, South East England, South West England, Midlands
Funding organisation: Department for Culture, Media and Sport
Who can apply: Public Sector, Non-profit, Local authority
How much you can get: From £100,000 to £10 million
Total size of grant scheme £76.8 million
Opening date: 22 June 2026, 10:00am
Closing date: 7 August 2026, 12:00pm (Midday)

4.5 Youth Jobs Grant

The Youth Jobs Grant is part of the Youth Guarantee and provides financial support to employers to encourage the recruitment of young people who may otherwise find it difficult to enter the labour market. It is intended to complement, not replace, existing recruitment activity. Eligible employers may receive up to £3,000 per job outcome, paid in stages and subject to meeting all scheme conditions. For further information [click here](#).

Location: England, Wales, Scotland, North East England, North West England, South East England, South West England, Midlands
Funding organisation: Department for Work and Pensions
Who can apply: Personal / Individual, Non-profit, Private Sector
How much you can get: From £3,000 to £25 million
Total size of grant scheme £60 million
Opening date: 30 June 2026, 9:00am
Closing date: 31 October 2028, 11:59pm (Midnight)

4.6 Magnet Hub Grant Scheme

The Magnet Hub competition will provide up to £20 million of grant funding to support a UK-based facility for developing new and innovative manufacturing capability for rare earth magnets. The successful organisation will develop a world-class national facility that supports innovation, skills development and the scale-up of rare earth permanent magnet manufacturing in the UK. For further information [click here](#).

Location: National, England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland, North East England, North West England, South East England, South West England, Midlands

Funding organisation: Department for Business and Trade

Who can apply: Public Sector, Non-profit, Private Sector

How much you can get: From £1 to £20 million

Total size of grant scheme £20 million

Opening date: 1 July 2026, 8:00am

Closing date: 22 July 2026, 11:59pm (Midnight)

4.7 Transferable Audio-Visual Equipment on Rail Replacement Coaches

The Department for Transport is providing up to £2 million in grant funding to support coach operators in delivering accessible journey information on rail replacement services. From the 1st of August 2026, these services will be required to provide clear, audible and visible information, including next stop announcements, in line with the Public Service Vehicle (Accessible Information) Regulations. The grant will reimburse up to 75% of the cost of purchasing transferable audio-visual equipment, helping operators meet these requirements and provide passengers, particularly disabled passengers, with greater confidence, independence and consistency when travelling during disruption. The scheme will run for six months, or until funding is fully allocated. For further information [click here](#).

Location: England, Wales, Scotland, North East England, North West England, South East England, South West England, Midlands

Funding organisation: The Department for Transport

Who can apply: Private Sector

How much you can get: From £1 to £99,999

Total size of grant scheme £1.85 million

Opening date: 6 July 2026, 12:00pm (Midday)

Closing date: 18 December 2026, 12:00pm (Midday)

4.8 Local News Fund

The Local News Fund offers grants through a competitive bidding process to local news outlets and other eligible organisations to help ensure the long-term provision of high-quality local news. The Fund invites bids from eligible providers for grants to invest in innovation and the tools, resources and infrastructure from which the whole industry can benefit in moving towards a financially sustainable future. For further information [click here](#).

Location: National, England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland, North East England, North West England, South East England, South West England, Midlands

Funding organisation: Department for Culture, Media and Sport

Who can apply: Non-profit, Private Sector

How much you can get: From £1 to £275,000

Total size of grant scheme £5.5 million

Opening date: 7 July 2026, 12:00pm (Midday)

Closing date: 7 August 2026, 12:00pm (Midday)

5. Other News

5.1 The Crown Estate Accelerator Programme

The Crown Estate expect to offer a new allocation of match funding through the Accelerator programme over the coming months. Like Round 2, the next round will support UK-wide fixed and floating offshore wind supply chain projects and related port infrastructure. We anticipate this round will open for applications in May and June. Additional information, including webinars, will be available. From 1 April 2026 you can [register your interest here](#). Registered interested parties will be sent a detailed application pack by the end of April.

Looking for funding?

Northumberland County 4 Community is a user-friendly and professional community funding database for Northumberland which has already helped secure millions of pounds worth of support to the area.

It is an online funding database and a step-by step process which enables you to identify and select funding schemes and awards that are appropriate to your project, and:

- a convenient one-stop-shop of funding information.
- an information source with thousands of funding schemes including grants, loans and awards from local, regional, and national UK government, charitable trusts, and corporate sponsors.
- content ranging from modest community funds at one end of the spectrum to major, multilevel initiatives at the other.

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To register as a user - [click here](#) or scan the QR barcode below: Northumberland County 4 Community

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