

Grants Made 2024-25

Name of recipient	Project	Amount awarded
Arts and Heritage	17 grants	£
Bedford Creative Arts Limited	Towards a community photographic heritage project, led by professionals and in conjunction with Fujifilm UK HQ, based in Bedford.	15,000
Birmingham Repertory Theatre Limited	Towards integration of weekly, curriculum-focused drama sessions in schools across Birmingham.	18,000
Bristol Old Vic and Theatre Royal Trust Limited	Towards the costs of Oi Polloi ; a theatre group for people with lived experience of homelessness (final instalment of three).	5,000
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 (second and third instalments of a possible five).	37,500
Dulwich Picture Gallery	A contribution towards building a children's Gallery for the under-8s.	10,000
Garsington Opera Limited	Funding towards the 2024 community opera, Andrew Norman's 'Trip to the Moon', engaging participants from aged 9 to over 80 (final instalment of two).	15,000
Great Badminton Church	A contribution to Phase 1 of the restoration of the organ.	5,000
Luton Music Club	Support for two series of 20 concerts held in Luton from March to December in 2023 and 2024 (final instalment of two).	7,500
Menai Straits Heritage Sailing	Towards the renovation of a fleet of heritage boats and the creation of apprenticeships in Marine Engineering, eligible for social prescription referrals.	5,000
Opera Holland Park	Core funding to support the salary and recruitment costs of a new Business Partnerships Manager (first instalment of a possible two).	26,000
Purbeck International Chamber Music Festival Limited	To support core costs (final instalment of three).	20,000
Royal Opera House Covent Garden Foundation	Towards delivery in Luton of 'Chance to Dance', the Royal Opera House's flagship dance talent development programme.	15,000
St Paul's Cathedral	Towards the conservation and relocation of a significant pre-Raphaelite painting, 'The Light of the World'.	12,000
Tangled Feet Limited	To create a new outdoor production and provide employment and internship opportunities for Luton-based artists and emerging talent.	25,000
The Foundling Museum	Towards 'Tracing Our Tales', a pioneering art-based traineeship for care experienced young people aged 18-29.	10,000
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 (second instalment of a possible five).	10,300
UK Centre for Carnival Arts	Towards classroom- and community-based participation in carnival arts, culminating in National Children's Carnival Week.	24,421
		260,721

Education	20 grants	£
ABLAZE - A Business Learning Access Zone for Education	Core funding towards Ablaze's mission to tackle inequality of opportunity for young people in the West of England.	10,000
Blind in Business	Towards skills and employment training and work placements for 25 sight-impaired people in Bedford and Luton.	10,000
Bowel Cancer UK	Bowel cancer education for healthcare professionals	10,000
Dallow Primary School (Luton Matters)	To fund an English & Maths intervention teacher to close the gap created by Covid for disadvantaged children (final two instalments of six).	30,000
Dallow Primary School	Salary costs for English and Maths intervention teacher for academic year 2025-26 with a particular focus on pupils where English is not spoken at home (first instalment of a possible two).	47,406
ICAN Charity	To help children in Luton to develop essential early language skills through targeted childminder support (first instalment of a possible two).	20,000
Listening Books	To grow Listening Books' audiobook collection of titles for young people.	10,000
Mitalee Youth Association	Towards costs associated with the programme to develop the capacity and skills of socially and economically disadvantaged young people in the Luton area.	10,000
Music for Youth	Towards the costs of increasing accessibility, inclusiveness and reach of the Music for Youth core programme and pilot projects (first instalment of a possible three).	10,000
Rambert School of Ballet and Contemporary Dance	A donation to the school's bursary fund for dance education.	12,500
Refugee Education UK	Towards enabling disadvantaged refugee children in the UK to overcome multiple barriers to education.	10,000
The Brilliant Club	Towards support for less-advantaged students in Luton and Bedfordshire to access and succeed at competitive universities through The Scholars Programme (first instalment of a possible three).	16,000
The Country Trust	Core funding to increase the number of disadvantaged children who access meaningful food, farming and land centred opportunities and experiences.	15,000
The Girls' Day School Trust	Towards establishing new bursaries.	10,000
The Guildhall School Trust	Scholarship for a drama student.	10,000
The National Lobster Hatchery	Contribution towards the core costs of the Visitor Centre.	13,000
The Purcell School for Young Musicians	Contribution to student bursaries.	12,500
The Rodolfus Foundation Limited	Towards the costs of employing a new Education Officer.	13,000
The Royal Horticultural Society	Towards the 'New Shoots' programme to encourage interest in horticultural careers, develop talent and improve diversity in the sector.	10,000
The Salisbury Cathedral Girl Choristers' Fund	Uplift to a five-year bursary previously awarded for a girl chorister.	1,950
		281,356

Environment	1 grant	£
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 (final two instalments of six).	33,728
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Health	26 grants	£
Adoption UK Charity	Core funding for services to adopted people and adoptive families (final instalment of two).	25,000
Alder Hey Children's Charity	Towards the 'New Directions' music project which supports the mental health of long-term inpatients at Alder Hey.	11,395
Asthma and Lung UK	Contribution towards creating a self-management plan for people with bronchiectasis.	10,000
Bedfordshire Hospitals NHS Charity	Dementia Volunteer Co-ordinator to oversee and train dementia volunteers dedicated to supporting dementia patients across Luton and Dunstable and Bedford Hospitals.	12,500
Black Minds Matter UK	Core funding to support a culturally relevant mental health service for the Black community.	15,000
Bristol MIND	Towards mental health support for asylum seekers and refugees in Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire.	10,000
British Limbless Ex-Servicemen's Association (Blesma)	To support injured veterans (90 years and over) with access to mobility items and/or services for home and garden.	15,000
Caraline: Eating Disorders Counselling and Support Service	To provide eating disorder psychotherapy services to young people (up to age 18) at risk.	60,000
Carers UK	To help fund Carers UK's support services which improve carers' mental health (final instalment of two).	15,000
Childhood Tumour Trust	Contribution to core costs.	10,000
CHUMS Charity	Towards the restoration of bereavement services for children and young people in Bedfordshire.	40,000
Cornwall Air Ambulance Trust	A contribution towards the purchase of an adult simbody manikin, used for training purposes (final instalment of two).	15,000
Deafblind UK	Towards practical, wellbeing and emotional support services for the London deafblind community.	10,000
Half Moon Young People's Theatre Limited	Towards a project using drama techniques to support children with a Speech, Language and Communication need.	10,000
Hearing Dogs for Deaf People	Support towards the costs of 15 hearing dogs in Bedfordshire.	10,000
International Centre for Eye Health	Towards work to prevent blindness from diabetic retinopathy and glaucoma in older people in low-income countries.	20,000
Keech Hospice Care	Towards supportive care services for adults and children with palliative conditions.	25,000
Kidney Research UK	Towards research into the psychological effects and impact of adverse events following a kidney transplant.	5,000

Health (cont)		£
Lewis-Manning Hospice Care	Towards the Family and Bereavement support service, supporting children, young people and families in their own homes (first instalment of a possible three).	25,000
Luton All Women Centre	Towards improving the mental health of Luton women who have deep-rooted trauma.	10,000
Royal Osteoporosis Society (Luton Matters)	Funding towards a project to provide ongoing practical and emotional support for people in Luton with, or at risk, of developing osteoporosis (first and second instalments of a possible six).	32,100
Support Dogs Limited	Towards mental health support for support dog users.	10,000
Target Ovarian Cancer	To support our nurse-led supportive services to help women with ovarian cancer and their families.	15,000
The Children's Trust	Funding towards core running costs of the organisation (first instalment of a possible three).	10,000
The Honeypot Children's Charity	To support the mental health and wellbeing of socially disadvantaged young carers through Honeypot's wrap-round support services.	15,000
Wellbeing of Women	Core funding to underpin medical research and free public education on women's health	25,000
		460,995

Social or Economic Disadvantage	17 grants	£
Azalea (Luton Matters)	Funding of an Anti-Sex Trafficking Officer, to provide specialist support in a mobile drop-in van (third and fourth instalments of a possible six).	32,581
Be Free Young Carers Ltd	Towards the costs of supporting young carers in Oxfordshire.	15,000
Bedfordshire and Luton Community Foundation	Match funding to support engagement work around the theme of knife crime in Luton.	10,000
Bedfordshire and Luton Community Foundation	Towards support for grassroots charities across Luton and Bedfordshire (final instalment of two).	45,000
Cranfield Trust	Funding towards strengthening resilience in Bedfordshire charities through pro bono management consultancy and leadership mentoring.	25,000
Emmaus Turvey	Towards the refurbishment of a building to create an education, training and wellbeing space for people who are homeless or on very low incomes.	10,000
Free to Be Kids	Part-funding the salary of the Volunteering Manager.	15,000
Give It Your Max	To expand the schools tennis programme for children in disadvantaged areas of the country.	10,000
Hopscotch Children's Charity	A contribution to the costs of providing 36 disadvantaged children (aged 7-12 years), living in Scotland, with a vital respite break.	13,500
Level Trust	Core funding towards enabling children living in poverty to fully participate in education (first instalment of a possible two).	30,000
Luton Law Centre	Towards the Legal Advice Housing Service for 950 people in Luton and Bedfordshire at risk of homelessness.	15,999

Social or Economic Disadvantage (cont)		£
SPEAR Housing Association Limited	Towards the salary costs of a dedicated Mental Health Peer Advocate.	16,344
The Cathedral Archer Project Limited	Towards core costs.	12,000
The Hygiene Bank	Towards the provision of hygiene essentials to vulnerable students and families (final instalment of two).	12,500
The Lord's Taverners	To support a community cricket programme in Luton for disadvantaged children.	10,000
The Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association - Forces Help	A contribution towards support to the Armed Forces community (past and present) in Bedfordshire (first instalment of a possible three).	15,000
Youthscape	Towards the provision of a vital drop-in service for disadvantaged youth.	25,000
		312,924
TOTAL		81 grants
		1,349,724