

Funder List – IT Help & Funding

This is one of 20+ funder lists from the free [Charity Excellence Framework](#) Maximising Income questionnaire. Double click the funder name to be taken to their website.

Organisations That Will Help You

These are some of the 100s of organisations that help the sector for free that are listed in the free [Charity Excellence Framework](#) online toolkit.

1. [Charity Digital](#) - not free, but deeply discounted software and tech services. Previously Tech Trust, I don't normally make recommendations, but I've always used this great charity in my own charity roles and you should too.
2. [Charity Digital News](#) - free daily practical advice on all things digital. Explained in a way anyone can understand and, as digital is a known sector weakness, for all of us, not just the geeks.
3. [Google for Non-Profits](#) – free tools and grants for non-profits.

Support and Volunteers

1. [CITA](#) - IT support
2. [WCIT](#) – IT support
3. [#charity](#) - IT volunteers
4. [Donate Code](#) - designer & developer volunteer network
5. [Digital Candle](#) – Helpline: free 1 hr phone call with a digital expert
6. [Founders & Coders](#) - design, build and test new digital services

Hardware

1. [IT for Charities](#) - list of charities/companies that dispose of and/or provide refurbished IT, not all free.
2. [Computers for Charities](#) - charity providing low cost IT
3. [ComputerAid](#) - very low cost refurbished IT for non-profits.
4. [IT Schools Africa](#) - e-learning technology to improve life opportunities for school students and local communities in Africa and the UK.

Software

1. [Wikipedia](#) - list of free and open source software organisations
2. [Donorfy](#) – CRM up to 500 records
3. [Red Cloud](#) – donation manager – suite of software, CRM, donations etc
4. [Benchmarking](#) – CRM, Knowledge Management
5. [Benchmarking](#) - core & advanced accounts



6. [Mango](#) – Excel-based accounting system; codes, transactions and reports
7. [SAGE Foundation](#) – SAGE software donations
8. [Oracle Net Suite](#) – software donations and services
9. [Microsoft](#) - free 365 software
10. [GNU PSPP](#) - statistical analysis of sampled data, very similar to SPSS
11. [R Project](#) - software environment for statistical computing and graphics

Toolkits To Find Free IT/digital tools

The [Charity Excellence Framework](#) also has the largest resource base in the charity sector. Here are some of them.

1. [TechforgoodCAST](#) – social impact tech resources on Git Hub
2. [Alidade](#) – interactive tool to find the right technology tools for your project
3. [Digital Maturity Frameworks Overview](#) – 57 digital tools, sortable

IT & Tech Funders

UK

1. [Aviva Community Fund 2020](#) - small charities (under £1m pa) - drive long-term sustainable success and make a life-changing impact, includes support with digital and data skills through its digital Knowledge Library.
2. [Bethnall Gree Ventures](#) - funding accelerator twice a year that gives out monetary support, mainly to startups, using tech to drive social and environmental change.
3. [Career Tech Challenge Fund](#) – technology solutions to improve lives and unlock employment opportunities.
4. [Clarion Housing](#) – grants for Clarion residents to reduce digital exclusion.
5. [Comic Relief Tech for Good](#) - social tech projects at any stage of their digital journey.
6. [DCMS](#) - occasional tech for good grants and support for charities.
7. [Eddie and Vanessa George Memorial Fund](#) – grants for IT training for people in Cornwall.
8. [Family Fund](#) – computers and tablets for disabled people and their families.
9. [Fat Beehive Foundation](#) - grants relating to the use of Information Technology
10. [Germinate](#) – computers for rural people.
11. [Misys Charitable Foundation](#) - public education in communications and IT, and their application in commerce.
12. [Mohn Westlake Foundation](#) - young people in education/arts etc, encourage data transparency, access to impartial information and the collection and analysis of useful data.
13. [National Lottery Digital Fund](#) - using digital tools and approaches to support people and communities to thrive.
14. [Nesta](#) - large-scale innovation for challenges such as healthcare, public services and infrastructure.
15. [Net Solutions Wales](#) – up to £10k for ICT development for charities and community groups.
16. [Philip Henman Trust](#) – UK based charities working overseas, basic infrastructure and technology.



17. **Social Tech Trust** – previously Nominate, transforming lives with technology.
18. **Vocational Learning Tech Fund** - use of digital technology in novel and imaginative ways to develop new services or improve access and delivery of adult vocational learning.
19. **WCIT** – pro bono support and grants.

Global

1. **Wikipedia** - links to free software project foundations in the US.
2. **Google.org Impact Challenge** - asks local nonprofit innovators and social entrepreneurs how they would make their community—and beyond—an even better place. Opportunities announced on a rolling basis.
3. **Microsoft AI for Good** - using AI to solve complex problems facing our society.
4. **Microsoft Social Entrepreneurship** - supports social impact start-ups with technology, connections and grants.
5. **The Mozilla Foundation** - connectivity and open internet initiatives for advocacy and on-the-ground work. They have annual tech grants for regionally targeted work
6. **The Internet Freedom Fund** - technology-centric projects that promote human rights, Internet freedom, open societies, and help advance inclusive and safe access to global communications networks for at-risk users.

Or, Try This Instead...

Rather than search for a funder of technology, look for a funder who would be interested in what their grant would achieve. Here are some ideas:

1. **Allen Lane Foundation** - small grants for start-up, core or project costs.
2. **First Steps Enterprise Fund** - a loan-grant package for community-led charities and social enterprises in England to grow services and become more sustainable.
3. **Jephcott Charitable Trust** – pump priming, help to get an organisation up-and-running, or take a significant step forward.
4. **Comic Relief** – £500 capacity building grants for small grass roots community groups, with income under £250k.

If you want more like these, you need the Start-Ups, or the Crisis & Growth funder lists.

Can you help?

The CEF works on a community collaboration basis. Can you help me help others by adding to this resource? If so, e mail me at charityexcellence@gmail.com.