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QEST – Scholarships, Emerging Maker Grants & Apprenticeships	Training/education incl. college courses, vocational training, apprenticeships, one-to-one with master craftspeople; tools may be included if integral	Scholarships up to £18,000; Emerging Maker Grants up to £10,000; Apprenticeship support up to £12,000 towards salary	UK-based makers & conservators across traditional/contemporary crafts (individuals and apprentices)	UK-wide	Yes (case-by-case within training costs)	Rounds twice yearly; next window currently Jan-Feb 2026 per site	https://www.qest.org.uk/get-grants/
Heritage Crafts – Training Bursaries	Apprenticeship-style or specialist training; self-directed training; specialist tools & materials; travel & accommodation (33% of total)	Up to £4,000	Individuals training in craft skills (including endangered crafts)	UK-wide	Yes (33% of total)	Multiple craft-specific bursaries open periodically	https://www.heritagecrafts.org.uk/sooocurules/training-bursaries/
Heritage Crafts – Endangered Crafts Fund	Projects developing/training skills for crafts on Red List (endangered/critically endangered)	Varies by call	Makers and trainees in endangered crafts; orgs also eligible	UK-wide	Case-by-case	Focus on Red List crafts	https://www.actiontogether.org.uk/heritage-crafts-association-endangered-crafts-fund-1
SPAB Fellowship (Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings)	Paid training programme relating across traditional building crafts (incl. timber framing, thatching, etc.)	Stipended fellowship (4 months+)	Experienced craftspeople in historic building repairs	UK & Ireland placements	Programme provides placements; some costs covered	Annual intake; info pack updated 2025	https://www.spab.org.uk/sites/default/files/images/SPAB%20fellowship%20form%20ack%20to%20final.pdf
Historic England – Traditional Building Skills Training Programmes	Bursary-funded training programmes developing skills for historic buildings	Varies by programme	Individuals seeking heritage building skills; details per scheme	England	Varies	Directory of current bursary programmes	https://historicengland.org.uk/education/training-skills/work-based-training/traditional-building-bursaries/
Historic Environment Scotland – Skills & Training (incl. apprenticeships & bursaries)	Apprenticeships, bursaries, summer school; training in traditional building skills	Varies by scheme	Individuals in Scotland (some open UK-wide)	Scotland (Stirling, Elgin centres)	Varies	Multiple pathways including paid apprenticeships	https://www.historicenvironment.scot/heritage-skills-and-training/
King's Foundation – Building Crafts Programme	Intensive heritage craft training to NVQ3 level; often bursary-supported	Varies; programme-backed	Early-career craftspeople	Primarily Dumfries House (Dumfries) & partner sites	Varies by cohort	Programme support referenced via Historic Houses Foundation article	https://www.kingsfoundation.org.uk/bursaries-annual-bursaries/
York Consortium / York Foundation for Conservation & Craftsmanship – Bursaries	Training & skills development; courses; apprenticeships; specialist tools	Individuals up to ~£2,000 (guidance varies by year)	Individuals in conservation & traditional crafts	Prior to York/North; open UK-wide	Yes (case-by-case)	Annual rounds; 2025 guidance published	https://www.yorkconsortium.org.uk/bursaries-annual-bursaries/
Woodturning skill development, business training, specialist equipment as part of plan	Woodturning skill development, business training, specialist equipment as part of plan	Total annual pool ~£12,000; individual awards vary	Emerging/established turners (individuals)	UK-wide	If integral to training plan	Next deadline typically early spring; 2026 rules published	https://www.burtonwoodturning.co.uk/bursary-awards/
Workshop Company of Turners – Bursary Awards	Course fee support for Bench Joinery, Fine Woodwork, Stonemasonry	Varies	BCC students (19+ diploma courses)	East London (E15 1AH)	No (fee bursary)	Apply via BCC after offer; funded by Carpenters' Company	https://www.bcc.ac.uk/resources/funding-information/
Workshop Company of Joiners & Carvers – Bursaries/Awards	Bursaries to assist apprentices' training costs; support for Master Craft Certificate	Varies	Joiners & wood carving apprentices; students	UK-wide; London-based ivory	Not typical	Awards & CPD support	https://www.joinersandcarvers.org.uk/our-work/
The Furniture Makers' Company – Education & Personal Support	Bursaries, prizes, development opportunities; also hardship grants (awards)	Varies	Students & people working in furniture industry	UK-wide	Case-by-case	Training directory and sector programmes	https://www.furnituremakers.org.uk/education/
Royal Forestry Society – Bursaries	Support for students/Early Career to attend study tours/events; H&I study CPD	Various named bursaries (Goodhart, Spencer, Wang)	Students, recent grads, early-career foresters	UK, with regional chapters	Yes (for events/tours)	Woodland/forestry focus (useful for chainsaw/woodland regn. pathways)	https://rfs.org.uk/grants-bursaries/
Institute of Chartered Foresters – Educational & Scientific Trust CPD Grants	CPD incl. arboriculture/forestry short courses beyond job requirements	Up to £500 (5 awards in 2025)	Members/sector professionals (check criteria)	UK-wide	If part of CPD costs	Small CPD top-ups	https://charteredforesters.org/what-we-do/educational-scientific-trust
Forestry & Arboriculture Training Fund (England) – GOV.UK	Full cost of short practical forestry/arb courses (chainsaw, coppicing, deer mgmt) via approved providers	Course fees (100%)	People living/working in England (career-changers welcomed)	England	No (fees only)	Status fluctuates; as of latest GOV.UK page, fund closed/fully allocated; check for re-opens	https://www.gov.uk/guidance/forestry-and-arboriculture-training-fund
CTB – Apprenticeship & Training Grants (employers)	Grants to employers for construction apprenticeships/qualifications (incl. carpentry/joinery)	Examples: up to £2,000/yr attendance + £3,500 completion (varies)	CTB-registered employers (incl. SMEs)	England, Wales, Scotland	No (employer grant)	Supports employees; not a direct individual grant	https://www.ctb.co.uk/they-grants-and-funding/grants-and-funding/
National Lottery Heritage Fund – Heritage Grants	Organisation projects incl. skills training, apprenticeships, equipment, community workshops	£10,000-£250,000 (and separate £250k-£10m route)	Not-for-profits, partnerships, some private owners	UK-wide	If budgeted within project	Strong focus on inclusive participation & skills outcomes	https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/funding/national-lottery-heritage-grants-19k-250k-0
National Lottery Community Fund – Awards for All	Small community projects incl. equipment, training, transport, volunteer expenses	£300-£20,000 for up to 2 years	UK not-for-profits incl. CICs & community groups	England/Scotland/Wales/Ni variants	Yes (see eligible project costs)	Great for tools/workshop kit and short courses	https://www.nlotterycommunityfund.org.uk/funding/funding-programmes/national-lottery-awards-for-all-england
Arts Council England – Developing Your Creative Practice (DYCP)	R&D, travel, training, mentoring, networking to develop practice (crafts eligible)	£2,000-£12,000 typical (ACE guidance)	Individual creative practitioners in supported disciplines	England	Yes (developmental)	Rounds/budgets vary; check ACE page for current status	https://www.artscouncil.org.uk/dydp
Creative Scotland – Open Fund for Individuals	A wide range of creative activity incl. training, R&D, international collaboration	Up to £100k (larger asks take longer)	Individuals based in Scotland	Scotland	Yes	Rolling fund; timeliness subject to budgets	https://www.creativescotland.org/funding/funding-programmes/open-funding/open-fund-for-individuals
Arts Council of Wales / Wales Arts International – International Opportunities Fund	International relationships, networks, skills sharing, travel	Varies	Wales-based creative professionals and orgs	Wales + international	Yes	See WAIF funding page for current calls	https://www.artscouncil.org.uk/wales-arts-international/funding
Churchill Fellowship (formerly Winston Churchill)	International learning/travel (1-2 months) to bring back knowledge to the UK	Covers travel and research costs; additional support available	UK resident citizens 18+	International travel from UK	Yes (core offer)	Open to many fields incl. craft/heritage skills; annual calls	https://www.churchillfellowship.org/fellowships/submissions-open-for-the-churchill-fellowship-united-kingdom
Nordic Culture Fund – NEMO (Northern European Mobility Opportunity)	Mobility & exchange between Nordic region, UK & Ireland (early-career focus)	Per call; see guidelines	Individual artists/craft practitioners (early-career focus)	Nordic region + UK & Ireland	Yes (mobility-focused)	Pilot programme with UK arts councils as partners	https://nordicukuk.fund.org.uk/funding-programmes/nemo-northern-european-mobility-opportunity
The Skimmers Company – Arts, Heritage & Communities / Lady Neville Charity	Small capital/training costs for grassroots orgs; tools/equipment common	Lady Neville: up to £1,000; SCF: up to £5,000 p.a.	UK small charities/CICs (income thresholds apply)	Primarily London & Kent (ECDF); UK-wide for Lady Neville	Occasionally (project-dependent)	Good for workshop kit and small programmes	https://theskimmers.org.uk/our-grants
Timber Framers Guild (US-based, INT) – Scholarships	Scholarships to attend TFG projects, conferences, workshops	Varies	Applicants worldwide incl. UK; financial-need basis	International (events vary)	Often supports attendance costs	Useful for UK timber framers seeking specialist training	https://www.tfguild.org/scholarship-application

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Baring Foundation – Arts & Mental Health	Arts projects supporting mental health and wellbeing, often with Global Majority artists or community groups.	£10,000-£30,000 typical	UK-based charities or community arts orgs; wellbeing through art/craft projects.	UK-wide	If integral to delivery	Ideal for craft-for-wellbeing or inclusion workshops.	https://baringfoundation.org.uk/programme/arts-and-mental-health/what-we-want-to-achieve/
Rayne Foundation – Children & Young People's Mental Health & Wellbeing	Creative programmes supporting mental health and wellbeing of children/young people.	£10,000-£20,000	Registered charities using arts or community engagement, youth or families focus.	UK-wide	Possible (if training-related)	Craft workshops for youth mental wellbeing fit strongly. Ideal for small CICs or community craft groups promoting wellbeing.	https://www.raynefoundation.org.uk/apply-for-funding/children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing/
Allen Lane Foundation – People with Mental Health Problems	Projects tackling isolation or improving mental health via community engagement.	Up to £15,000 usually < £10,000	Registered charities; small grassroots preferred.	UK-wide	Yes (if integral to delivery)		https://allenlane.org.uk/people-with-mental-health-problems/
Pixel Fund	Projects improving mental health of children/young adults, including creative wellbeing.	Typically £5,000-£10,000	Registered UK charities focused on children/young adults.	UK	Case-by-case	Potential match for youth craft wellbeing programmes.	https://pixelfund.org.uk/
Pilgrim Trust – Young Women's Mental Health	Grants to organisations supporting 16-25-year-old women's mental health.	£20,000-£60,000 (core/project)	Charities supporting young women (16-25).	UK-wide	Yes if training delivery	Could fund women-led woodcraft programmes or workshops.	https://www.thepilgrimtrust.org.uk/
Local Community Foundations – Wellbeing & Inclusion Grants	Small grants for wellbeing, inclusion, loneliness reduction; creative or practical sessions.	£500-£5,000	Local groups, CICs, charities.	Regional (varies)	Yes	Use local community foundation search (communityfoundations.org.uk)	https://www.ukcommunityfoundations.org/
Urd Ltd – Awards for Social Entrepreneurs	Funding and mentoring for early-stage social enterprises tackling social or environmental issues.	£5,000-£15,000	Individuals or early-stage social entrepreneurs.	UK-wide	Yes	Great fit for socially inclusive craft startups or training initiatives.	https://www.urdltd.org.uk/awards
King Charles III Charitable Fund – Small Grants	Supports small charities under £1m income; themes: wellbeing, environment, heritage, inclusion.	£1,000-£5,000	Small charities and CICs.	UK-wide	Yes	Relevant for woodcraft inclusion or mental wellbeing classes.	https://www.kcof.org.uk/small-grants/
Arnold Clark Community Fund	Small community grants (training, equipment, community programmes).	£1,000	Community groups, charities, CICs.	UK	Yes	Good for purchasing small workshop tools.	https://www.arnoldclark.com/community-fund
Skinners' Company – Lady Neville Charity	Small capital items (tools/equipment) or training projects.	Up to £1,000	Grassroots UK charities and CICs (income <£100k).	UK	Yes	Perfect for tool purchases or craft equipment.	https://skinners.org.uk/our-grants/
SANE – Creative Grants for Wellbeing	Small one-off grants to individuals using creative activity for mental health recovery.	Typically <£500	Individuals in UK with mental health challenges.	UK-wide	Yes (for creative practice)	Excellent for hobbyist craft practitioners focused on wellbeing.	https://www.sane.org.uk/

Fund / Funder	What they support & relevance	Key eligibility & notes
Local Community Grant – Community Works (West Sussex example)	Grants £2k-8k for charities/ community groups (income <£1m) doing training, tools, mental health. (Comments, 10/23)	Region-specific (West Sussex here) but shows the kind of local foundation model. Useful to find equivalents in other counties.
Diversity & Under-represented Founders – small business grants	Guidance shows many grants aimed at women, ethnic minorities, disabled founders, etc. A craft business led by someone from a marginalised background could apply under this category. (Quality, Company, Fundations)	Business/entrepreneur angle rather than pure craft; you'd frame the craft business as led by a person from under-represented group and maybe environment/sustainability angle.
Women Focused Business Grant Guides	Several articles show there are dedicated programmes for women-led businesses in UK (equipment purchase, business development). (Simply Business, UK)	The actual individual programmes will have their own criteria; many allow start-up costs, equipment, are open to "creativearts" sector. Could be relevant for craft start-ups.
General Mental Health & Wellbeing Grant Listings	Collections of many funds for community/arts/health projects that are not craft-specific but relevant to craft for wellbeing. (Crafty)	The listings may require you to dig each fund separately; good to bookmark for the "wellbeing through craft" angle.
Business Grants for Women Entrepreneurs – "under £5k to £20k"	These may support equipment/purchase/training/expansion for women-led businesses. (Startups.co.uk)	Need business registration; craft business must pitch as business (not hobby) for start-up or growth.
Local authority or county-based small grants for wellbeing/community projects	Example: Derbyshire Mind small grant scheme supporting creation/expansion of mental health/wellbeing services in Derbyshire. (Derbyshire Mind)	Region-specific, good model: a craft workshop oriented to mental wellbeing could apply within that region.
Search Platforms & Guides for many small trusts	Many small trusts publish "grants available for charities / wellbeing / arts / environment" lists (e.g., Charity Excellence list). Useful to find micro-grants (<£5k) for tools/equipment/training. (Crafty, EcoTrusts)	Not a single fund but a resource; good for scanning opportunistically and spotting small-scale grants.
Tudor Trust – small community-led grants	Supports small, grassroots organisations working on wellbeing, inclusion; may fund equipment/training for community craft workshops. (SocialSpace)	UK registered charities or community groups, often under-resourced; project or core funding.
Government portal "Find government grants" (GOV.UK)	Useful for individual small start-up craft businesses to search by sector, region and type; you can pick equipment/training grants. (GOV.UK) - Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) - Innovate UK funding calls - Department for Business & Trade schemes	UK individuals, SMEs, charities can use the search; needs eligibility per scheme.