

EXETER CITY GRANTS AWARDED 2025/26

This document summarises all the grant awards made to date as part of the Exeter City Grant 2025/26. The table below lists all 33 projects that were awarded in the 2025/26 financial year and how much they received:

Organisation	Amount Awarded	Round
Exeter Otters wheelchair basketball club	£2,500.00	1
Lightbear Lane	£1,500.00	1
Exeter Historic Buildings Trust	£1,000.00	1
Isca Community Enterprises	£2,000.00	1
Double Elephant Print Workshop	£1,500.00	1
Home-Start Exeter, East and Mid Devon	£2,500.00	1
Inclusive Exeter CIC	£2,000.00	1
Youth Arts and Health Trust	£2,214.00	1
Fabian's Film Community Interest Company	£1,200.00	1
Say Aphasia	£670.00	1
Citizens Advice Exeter	£1,500.00	2
All Souls' Day c/o Inclusive Exeter	£500.00	2
Space Youth Services	£1,748.00	2
Exeter Community Initiatives	£2,500.00	2
Exeter Hindu Cultural Centre	£1,000.00	2
Positive Light Projects	£1,000.00	2
Exeter Respect CIC	£2,000.00	2
Cafe EX4	£2,000.00	2
Exeter Library – Music Making Hub	£2,492.00	2
Animating Devon CIC	£1,000.00	2
Exeter Equine Care Trust	£1,000.00	2
Sound Gallery CIC	£2,000.00	3
Wonford Health Matters	£900.00	3
Dreadnought South West	£1,726.00	3
Sylvania Community Stores and Cafe	£1,000.00	3
Documental Productions C.I.C.	£1,500.00	3
Exeter Seed Bank	£990.00	3
Exeter Pride	£2,500.00	3
Devon United Women	£750.00	3
Sport in Mind	£750.00	3
Devon Development Education	£2,000.00	3
Shumba Arts	£960.00	3
Art Work Exeter CIC	£1,100.00	3
Total:	£50,000.00	

ROUND 1

Application: Exeter Otters wheelchair basketball club

Run open sessions every Saturday for everyone to come along and enjoy the great sport of wheelchair basketball.

- Application: £2,500
- Awarded: £2,500

Application: Lightbear Lane

A project focused on listening to and recording people's views, hopes, and stories, recording conversations on video and audio, and allowing people to create maps and postcards, all in a safe, nonjudgmental space.

- Application: £2,500
- Awarded: £1,500

Application: Exeter Historic Buildings Trust

Replace materials: replica tutor materials such as toys, dolls, skittles, and coins; replica food such as ham and beef joints; art materials.

- Application: £1,000
- Awarded: £1,000

Application: Isca Community Enterprises

Running Drop-in Centre and Summer Activities for the Children and Families

- Application: £2,500
- Awarded: £2,000

Application: Double Elephant Print Workshop

Organisation of a series of Community Open days across the city to celebrate the 26th Anniversary.

- Application: £2,500
- Awarded: £1,500

Application: Home-Start Exeter, East and Mid Devon

Mothers-in-Mind: a group for mothers in the perinatal period who are struggling with their mental health and who feel isolated or lonely. Family Wellbeing Group focused on building stronger parent-child attachment and supporting early learning and development.

- Application: £2,500
- Awarded: £2,500

Application: Inclusive Exeter CIC

Application on behalf of Alshola, a community association – a multinational and inclusive network of individuals from BAME backgrounds, including refugees and migrants. Four activity days between late June and early October 2025, hosted in public spaces such as Wonford Playing Field, St Thomas, Heavitree, and Belmont Park, working in partnership with Wonford Community and Learning Centre, Newtown Community Association and Heavitree Park. These activities will offer opportunities for families to connect, engage in recreational and cultural activities, and build relationships across communities. The activities will be open to everyone.

- Application: £2,000
- Awarded: £2,000

Application: Youth Arts and Health Trust

YAHT Relocation and Relaunch: moving to Exeter Library

- Application: £2,214.00
- Awarded: £2,214.00

Application: Fabian's Film Community Interest Company

A series of events, including a roadshow, theatre piece, and workshop. Focused on raising awareness of Frederick Douglass, who visited Exeter in the 1840s

- Application: £1,200
- Awarded: £1,200

Application: Say Aphasia

To buy two iPads and an app to support group members attending the Say Aphasia group to communicate more effectively with one another.

- Application: £670
- Awarded: £670

Total Awarded in Round 1: £17,084.00

ROUND 2

Application: Citizens Advice Exeter

Host a series of mobile Advice Roadshows in the community to be more accessible to those not currently accessing CAB services.

- Application: £2,500
- Awarded: £1,500

Application: All Souls' Day c/o Inclusive Exeter

Community-led festival that provides an inclusive space for remembrance, grief, and the celebration of life. Rooted in Polish Zaduszki and Mexican Día de los Muertos, the festival brings people from across the city together through creative workshops, performances, food and talks.

- Application: £1,000
- Awarded: £500

Application: Space Youth Services

Creating music around the topic of knife crime, including writing lyrics and producing the backing tracks, to help young people express and articulate their concerns, emotions and experiences in a creative release.

- Application: £1,748
- Awarded: £1,748

Application: Exeter Community Initiatives

VCSE work incorporating training, forums/networking events, online tools.

- Application: £2,500
- Awarded: £2,500

Application: Exeter Hindu Cultural Centre

Diwali 2025 - annual cultural celebration; festival of light. Event comprising of food, music, dance, other performances.

- Application: £2,500
- Awarded: £1,000

Application: Positive Light Projects

Expand existing darkroom by develop & launch of membership scheme; build a booking system; deliver free workshops, taster sessions; host open days and events; create a paid programme of workshops to generate own income for self-sustainability.

- Application: £2,500
- Awarded: £1,000

Application: Exeter Respect CIC

Exeter Respect Festival 2026: Two-day celebration of diversity and human rights, held in the heart of Exeter. Dedicated to promoting unity and understanding.

- Application: £2,500
- Awarded: £2,000

Application: Café EX4

Affordable café for everyone, where food and drink is sold on a voluntary donation basis. Focused making friendships, giving people a safe, social space and providing a hub for information.

- Application: £2,000
- Awarded: £2,000

Application: Exeter Library – Music Making Hub

An inclusive music-making project for adults aged 16+ with learning disabilities and additional needs. This initiative will include 6 interactive sessions from Nov 2025 - Feb 2026, welcoming individuals with learning disabilities, neurodiverse conditions, profound and multiple disabilities, and their carers.

- Application: £2,492
- Awarded: £2,492

Application: Animating Devon CIC

Work with Libraries Unlimited and Exeter Primary Schools to provide an opportunity for young people across Exeter to learn animation skills from experienced, professional animators, by introducing techniques and tools, resulting in the creation of animated sequences.

- Application: £2,500
- Awarded: £1,000

Application: Exeter Equine Care Trust

Permanent fencing to make new area for horse related community activities safe.

- Application: £2,500
- Awarded: £1,000

Total Awarded in Round 2: £16,740.00

ROUND 3

Application: Sound Gallery CIC

Programme designed to provide music-making and training activities for young people who are 'at risk of social exclusion' with an aim to engage and inspire them, increase their personal, social and technical skills, and improve their employability and well-being within a safe working environment.

- Applied: £2,000.00
- Awarded: £2,000.00

Application: WONFORD Health Matters

Opportunity for local groups and services to be showcased, health and wellbeing information accessed and community to be celebrated.

The aims of the festival are:

1. To promote local activities that support health and wellbeing
2. To provide access to health and wellbeing information and services
3. To have demonstrations, taster sessions and entertainment from local groups.

And most importantly to have a fun, positive, inclusive event with a feel-good factor

- Application: £1,800.00
- Awarded: £900.00

Application: Dreadnought South West

Bring together a group of women with an inclusive callout to encourage and welcome LGBTQIA+ identifying women and non-binary people from across Exeter to spend time making a new textile piece to be exhibited in the city. Alongside this a piece of writing will accompany the textile art work created in response to the workshops and conversations in the workshop space.

- Application: £1,748.00
- Awarded: £1,726.00

Application: Sylvania Community Stores and Cafe

Extend Saturday morning breakfasts to a daily service plus develop lunchtime menu.

- Application: £1,760.00
- Awarded: £1,000.00

Application: Documental Productions CIC

Programme of integrated, inclusive music events led by Documental Productions with their Sing & Sign Jukebox choir at the forefront, designed to address social isolation and inequality experienced by learning disabled adults and carers in Exeter.

- Application: £2,500.00
- Awarded: £1,500.00

Application: Exeter Seed Bank

Enhancing community outreach capacity raises awareness of the 'gift economy' or 'commons', through which nature's abundance can be shared within communities, and supports the sharing of knowledge and skills around growing food, biodiversity and beauty.

- Application: £2,500.00
- Awarded: £990.00

Application: Exeter Pride

March through city centre and other activities; promoting LGBTQ+ rights; awareness raising etc.

- Application: £2,500.00
- Awarded: £2,500.00

Application: Devon United Women

International Women's Festival - a programme for all communities to enjoy and share their experiences, learn more about women issues and learn more about their achievements and the way we should continue campaigning for their rights to be marked and achieved.

- Application: £2,000.00
- Awarded: £750.00

Application: Sport In Mind

provide a one-hour weekly physical activity session at The Mint Methodist Church to improve the mental wellbeing of adults, experiencing mental health problems.

Sessions to provide a safe, supportive environment and opportunities for all to get active. This session is Tai Chi which is an activity to suit all genders and ages, as sessions range from 17 yr to 90yr olds.

- Application: £2,000.00
- Awarded: £750.00

Application: Devon Development Education

Re-delivery of a previously successful project element: guided walks: in Exeter, the walk around the city, identifies historical locations associated with people from diverse backgrounds, from all parts of the world, who came to live, study and work in the city over many centuries.

- Application: £2,000.00
- Awarded: £2,000.00

Application: Shumba Arts

Project to support people struggling with mental health difficulties to be part of a regular weekly group. During the sessions learn African djembe drumming and percussions as well as playing freestyle 'in the moment music'. Aim is to provide accessible, inclusive, and creative activity that encourages positive mental wellbeing, social connection, and physical activity.

- Application: £1,930.00
- Awarded: £960.00

Application: Art Work Exeter CIC

Participatory arts project bringing diverse Exeter communities together to explore global salon (gathering) traditions through creative workshops and collaboratively designed conversation spaces at Exeter Custom House. Participants will help shape themed salons, develop hospitality elements and research both international and local salon cultures, leading to a vibrant weekend programme of hosted conversations, performances and opportunities for people to run their own salons.

- Application: £2,100.00
- Awarded: £1,100.00

Total Awarded in Round 3: £16,176.00