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**FUNDING YOUR
FUN PALACE**

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HOW DO WE PAY FOR OUR FUN PALACE?

Many Fun Palaces have found funding locally, 83% of Fun Palaces in 2022 raised no additional funds to create their Fun Palace. Fun Palaces are hyper-local, so ask around locally.

What some Fun Palaces have done in the past:

- Brockwell Lido Fun Palace asked local businesses for sponsorship, raising money and loads of help in kind as well.. Leighton Buzzard Fun Palace also receives sponsorship from a local estate agency to help cover costs.
- Whitstable Museum of Fun went to a local council meeting and asked for money to cover workshop costs — and they got it.
- BedPop Fun Palace in Bedford had sponsorship from a local company and many local venues provided their spaces for free.
- Lambeth Libraries Fun Palaces received Arts Council Grants for the Arts funding to support their 11 hyper-local Fun Palaces.
- Dragon's Den Fun Palace in Sittingbourne had support from their local Rotary group to help provide water and electricity to their facilities-free venue.
- Some Fun Palaces received small local government grants, others had help from local venues or were housed in venues that covered the costs themselves.

Your Local Council

Talk to your Councillors, invite them to your meetings. There are always funds they know about that we don't. Getting to know local politicians is always valuable, they wouldn't do the job if they didn't care — show them that you care too.

Heritage Lottery Fund

If what you're doing has any local history, local stories, they're worth talking to. If you're working on digital stuff to do with heritage that's great too. [Heritage Lottery Fund](#)

Arts Councils – ACE, ACW, CS, ACNI

All the UK's Arts Councils believe that everyone should have the opportunity to experience and be inspired by the arts – which is very Fun Palaces. Have a look at the guidelines on their websites. Try to get a meeting or at least a phone call with someone in your Arts Council regional office. It's always good to make a connection and you'll get useful advice.

Alec Dickson Trust

If you are under-30 and making a Fun Palace, the Alec Dickson Trust supports supports young people who, through volunteering or community service, aim to enhance the lives of others. Find out more [here](#).

Co-op Community Fund



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Available for not-for-profit organisations. [Find out more.](#) (Not open all year round, so check dates).
[Arts Council England](#)

[Arts Council of Northern Ireland](#)

[Arts Council Wales](#)

[Creative Scotland](#)

People's Postcode Trust

If your Fun Palace is something that keeps up the community engagement and involvement throughout the year, and many are, they might be for you: [People's Postcode Trust](#)

People's Health Trust

The Active Communities fund is for community groups and not-for-profit organisations, with an income of less than £350,000 a year or an average of £350,000 over two years. It's for projects seeking investment of between £5,000 and £50,000 for projects lasting up to two years. They're looking for small and local projects, designed and run by local people. [Find out more here.](#)

The Aviva Community Fund

The Aviva Community Fund offers funding for an important cause in your community – such as your Fun Palace. You can enter a project on behalf of your community and tell them what a difference these much-needed funds could make. [Find out more](#)

Gov.UK Community Funding Search:

You can type in your postcode on the [government website](#) to see what pots of funding are available to you locally.

Other UK nation-specific Funding Info

[Foundation Scotland](#)

[National Lottery Community Fund Scotland](#)

[Community Foundation for Northern Ireland](#)

[Community Foundation Wales](#)

[National Lottery Awards for All England](#)

Creative Lives

Not a funding body themselves, Creative Lives have useful and regularly updated information about funding and resources [here](#).

NB - all of this info changes very quickly and very often, feel free to get in touch with us if you have any questions.

FUN PALACES WITHOUT FUNDING



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It may seem impossible to make a Fun Palace with no funding, but there are many things you can do to get the bits and pieces you need for your Fun Palace, and above all remember, it's fine to keep your Fun Palace tiny!

If you need pens / pencils can you ask your neighbours to have a pen or materials amnesty (some people will likely have stuff stashed in their homes they'd be more than happy to get rid of!). Ask around, use noticeboards, local Facebook groups and the Nextdoor website ([next-door.co.uk](https://www.nextdoor.co.uk)) / app to ask for what you need.

Cheap / Free Sourcing Ideas:

These are taken from our sustainability toolkit (because what is economically friendly, is also usually good for the environment!)

Fat Llama (A website where you can rent [almost] anything. www.fatllama.com)

Library of Things - A website where you can borrow equipment at very low cost
www.libraryofthings.co.uk

Repair Cafe - Repair cafes operate up and down the UK and are free spaces where you can repair things (together) <https://www.repaircafe.org/en/visit/>

The Restart Project: An organisation that run Restart Parties where people teach each other how to repair their broken and slow devices <https://therestartproject.org>

Scrapstore - Scrapstores are places you can collect free, or cheap art materials. They are based all over the UK - google your nearest one.

Schools / colleges / universities - can arts, science or sports departments lend you anything or give you old resources they no longer need?

Arts Centres - may have crafting supplies such as scissors / pens / paper etc.

Ideas for activities that need very few materials: Teaching someone another language. Junk sculptures. Sharing advice on gardening / the best foraging spots. Getting together to choreograph a dance. A Fun Palaces community walk. A poetry / writing session (only requires pen / scrap paper). Building a bug hotel out of found materials. Sharing stories from your local culture or community.

The [Creative Riots and Tiny Revolutions section](#) of the website has lots of ideas for low cost

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activities that might happen at a Fun Palace.