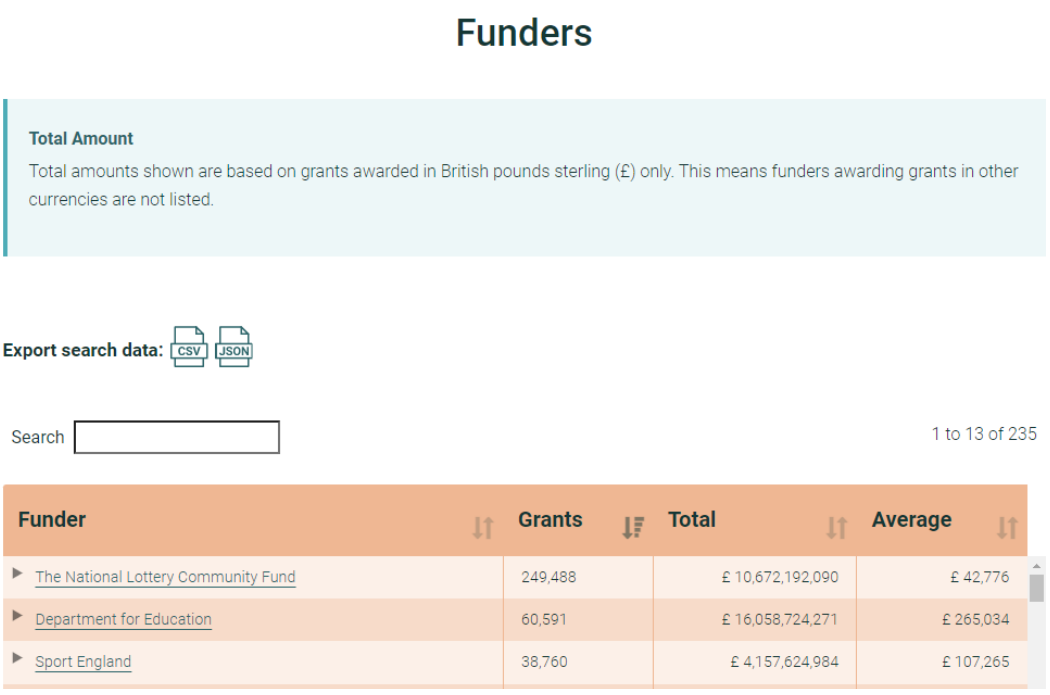
Exploring 360Giving data

Top tips for using GrantNav

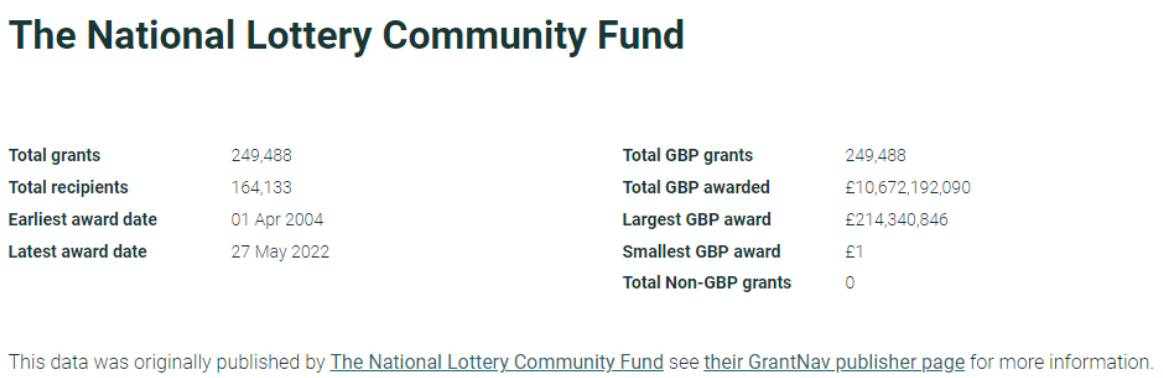
Find and explore data from a specific funder(s)

Using the Funder list

1. From the Homepage click on **Funder summary** to access the full list: https://grantnav.threesixtygiving.org/funders
2. Search or browse the list and click on the funder name to visit the Funder page view



Funder Page

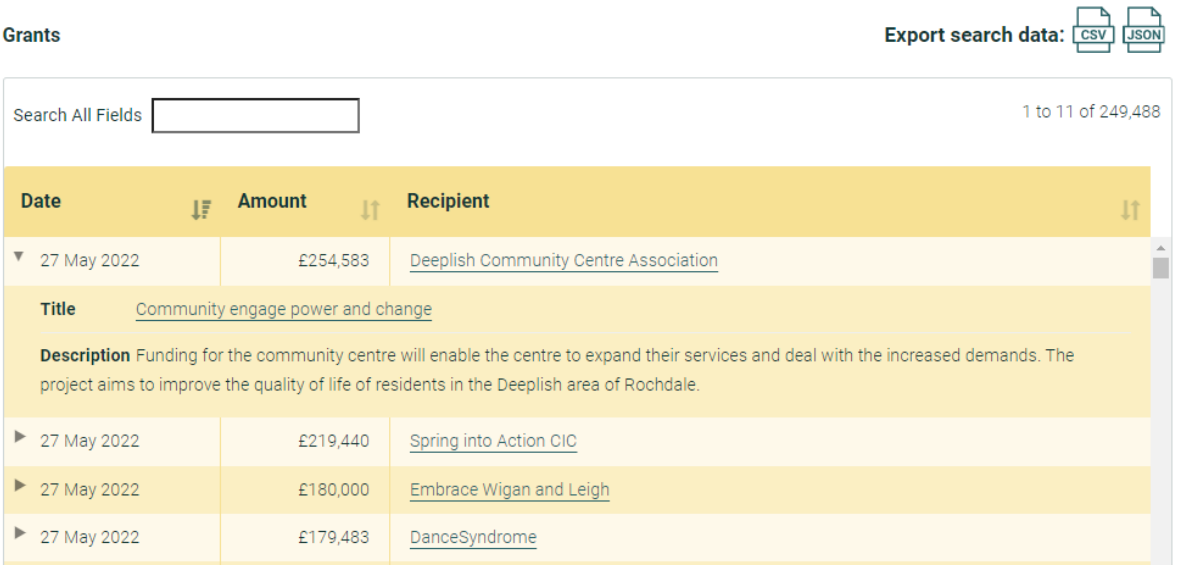


The National Lottery Community Fund

Total grants	249,488	**Total GBP grants**	249,488
Total recipients	164,133	**Total GBP awarded**	£10,672,192,090
Earliest award date	01 Apr 2004	**Largest GBP award**	£214,340,846
Latest award date	27 May 2022	**Smallest GBP award**	£1
		Total Non-GBP grants	0

This data was originally published by The National Lottery Community Fund see their GrantNav publisher page for more information.

3. The Funder page lists all the grants data published, and a table of recipients.
4. In the **Grants** table click on Arrows to expand a grant record, and click on **Title** to visit that particular grant record or **Recipient** name to visit the Recipient page.



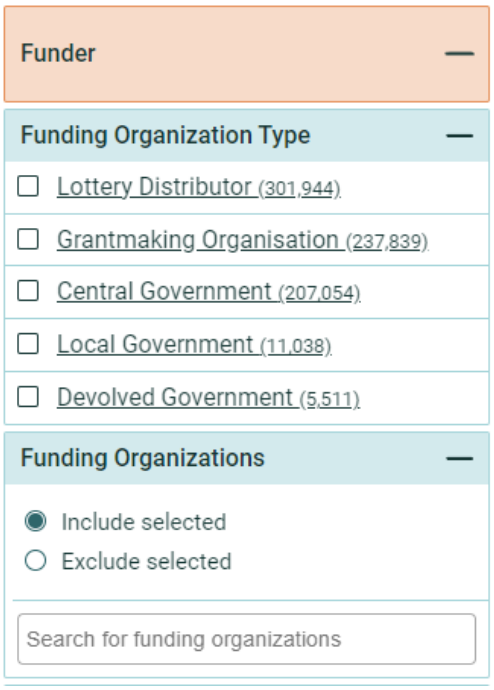
Grants **Export search data:** CSV JSON

Search All Fields 1 to 11 of 249,488

Date	Amount	Recipient
▼ 27 May 2022	£254,583	Deeplish Community Centre Association
Title Community engage power and change **Description** Funding for the community centre will enable the centre to expand their services and deal with the increased demands. The project aims to improve the quality of life of residents in the Deeplish area of Rochdale.		
▶ 27 May 2022	£219,440	Spring into Action CIC
▶ 27 May 2022	£180,000	Embrace Wigan and Leigh
▶ 27 May 2022	£179,483	DanceSyndrome

Using the Funder filter

1. From the **Search page** go to the left hand side **Funder** filters.
2. Select **Funding Organization Type** first if you want to narrow down your search to certain types of funder.
3. In **Funding Organizations** start typing the funder name and tick to select an entry.
4. Repeat this step to add multiple funders to the filter.



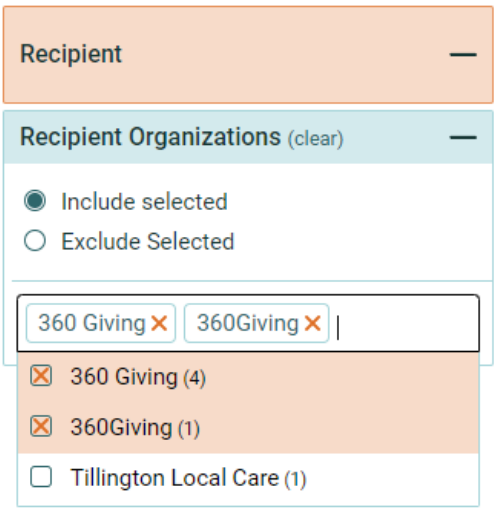
Explore grants received by a specific recipient(s)

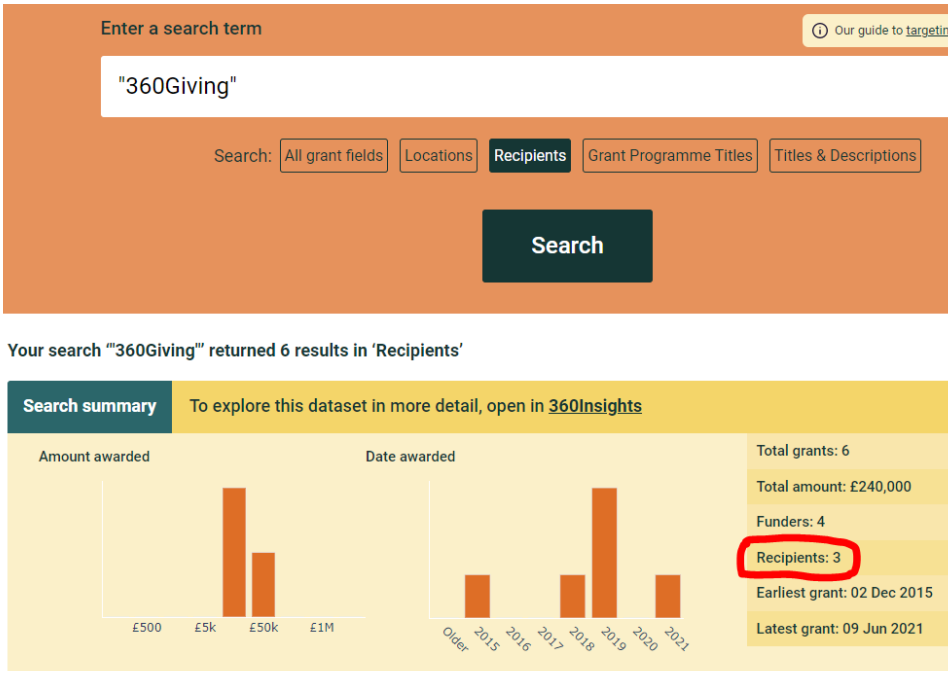
Using the Recipients search filter

1. From the **Search page** select the **Recipients** filter under the search box.
2. Put the name in quotation marks to make sure you get the most relevant results

Recipients top tips

- When looking for recipients be aware that there can be more than one entry per organisation. Check the **Search summary** and browse the results to see whether there are duplicates of the same organisation, or your search is picking up different recipients.
- Use the left hand side **Recipient Organizations** filter to select or exclude recipients - especially if you want to explore the data further by downloading the results or looking at them in 360Insights.





Using the Recipients list

1. From the Homepage click on **Recipient summary** to access the full list: https://grantnav.threesixtygiving.org/recipients
2. Search the list; the results will start to appear as you type in the search terms.
3. Use quotation marks when you need to narrow down your search.
4. Once you have found the recipient(s) you want, click on the recipient name to visit the **Recipient page** view, which lists all the grants they are known to have received.

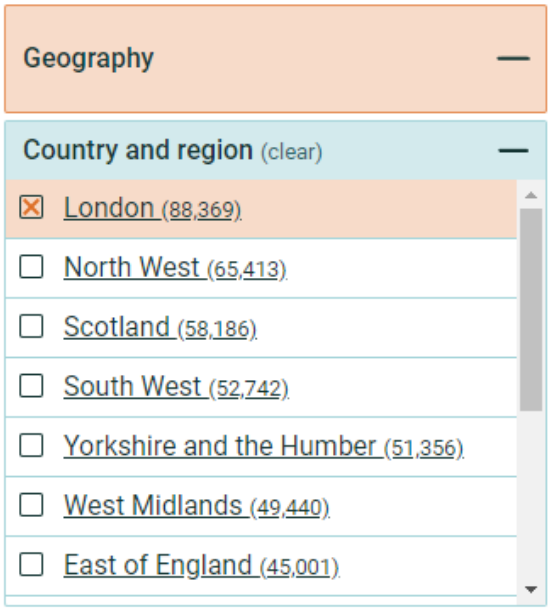
Search for grants received in a local area(s)

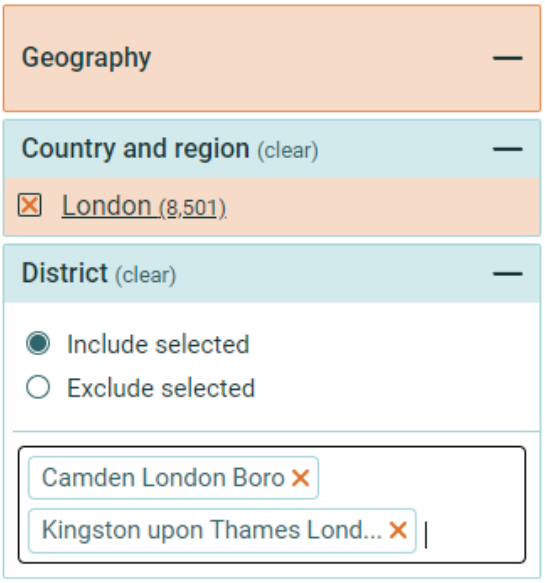
Key context for exploring grants by place

- 70% of funders share location information which means only 78% of all grant records appear in the Geography filters. Be aware that some relevant grants could be missing from your searches when using the Geography filters.
- GrantNav Geography filters and Location search show where the recipient is based, but the project delivery location or communities served by the funding could be elsewhere. Beware of the head office effect, where grants can appear to cluster in cities.

Using the Geography filter

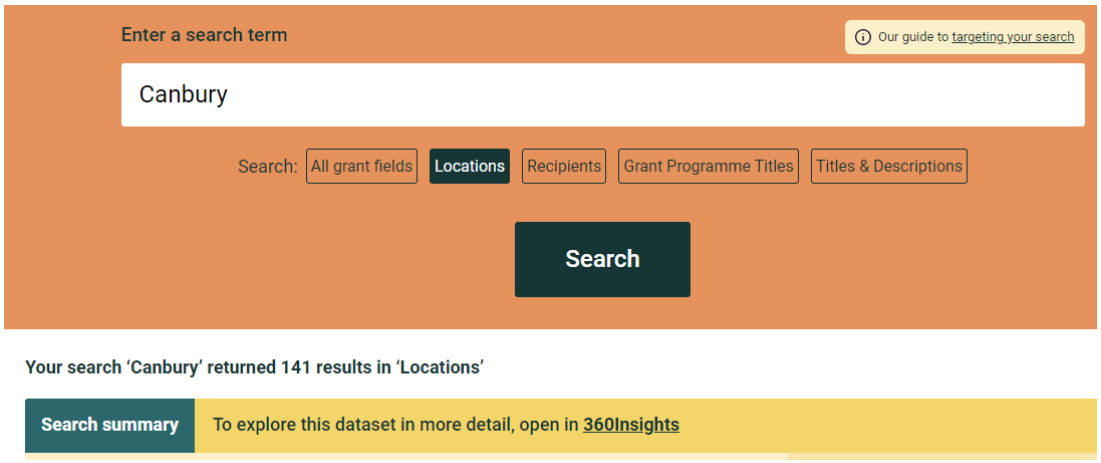
1. From the **Search page** go to the left hand side **Geography** filters.
2. Select **Country and region** first to narrow your options.
3. Click in the **District** search box to browse the list of available Local Authority areas, sorted by number of grants. Select the relevant entry(s).
4. You can also start typing the **District** name and select the relevant entry(s).
5. Repeat these steps as required to add multiple areas to the filter.





Using the Locations search filter

1. From the **Search page** select the **Locations** filter under the search box.
2. Put the place name in quotation marks to make sure you get the most relevant results.
3. Use the Geography filters to ensure the search is focused on the right part of the UK.



Location top tips

- The Locations filter will only find places based on UK country or English Region, UK Local Authority District or Ward names so use the official ONS names when possible.
- Alternatively you can search using ONS geocodes, in **All grant fields** search mode.
- Use **Find that Postcode** tool to look up the ONS names and geocodes based on a known postcode: https://findthatpostcode.uk

Opening the results in 360Insights

Any search results with fewer than **10,000** records can be visualised in 360Insights

The link is included in the **Search summary** box.

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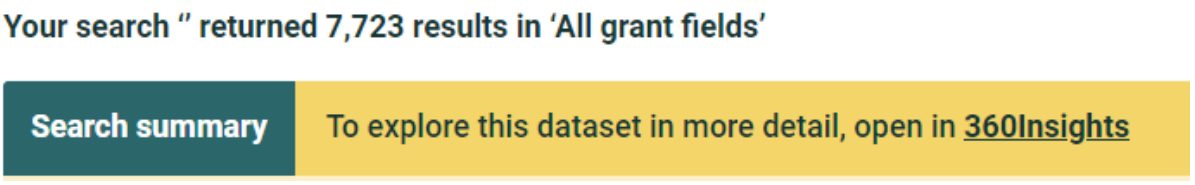


Searching text

Key context for text searching

The text search is powerful but it can take experimentation to get the results you want. When searching, consider what terms people would use to describe grant activities. You may need to use multiple search terms and look in multiple fields.

Be aware that the amount and quality of text provided by funders can vary, there are examples of grants with placeholder text instead of full descriptions.

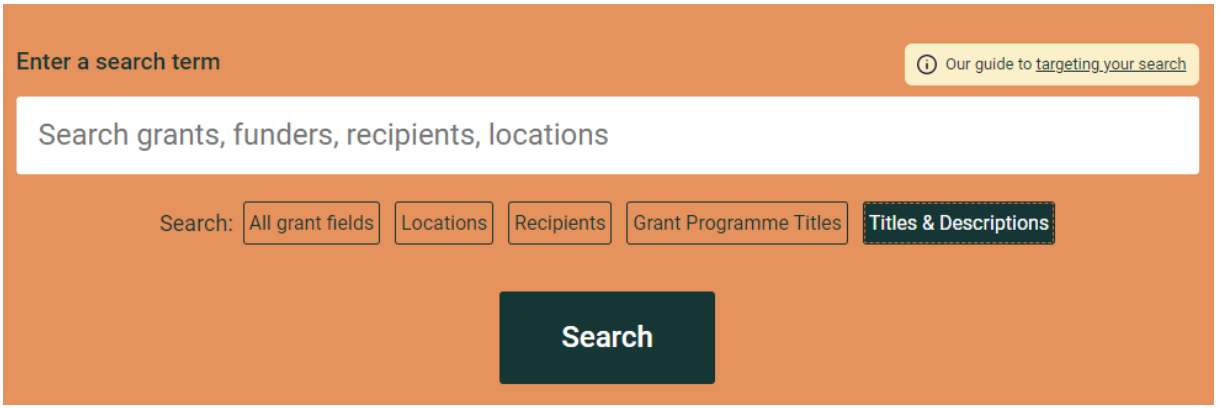
GrantNav search uses a technique called ***stemming*** - which groups different forms of the same word; this means for example:

- "disability" will also return results for "disabilities" or "disabled" and vice versa.
- "garden" will also return results for "gardens" and "gardening" and vice versa.

Text search filters

Keyword searching lets you explore text. By default, GrantNav searches **All grant fields** so be aware of when this is useful to you, and otherwise use **Title & Description** filter to avoid too many irrelevant grants.

- **All grant fields** will search all text fields.
- **Titles & Descriptions** just checks the two required fields where funders state the purpose of the grant. This descriptive text could tell you about the funded activities, issues are being addressed and which people or communities are being served.
- **Grant Programme Titles** just checks the name of grant programmes, which also appears as a left hand side filter.



Searching Titles & Descriptions

1. From the **Search page** select the **Titles & Descriptions** filter under the search box.
2. Put phrases or terms with multiple words into quotation marks to only relevant results.
3. For example: "Mental health", "community support" or will return only grants with the exact words, which can produce few results depending on how common the phrase is.

Using Operators

GrantNav search also allows you to use Operators - these are the words **AND**, **OR** and **NOT**

These operators give you a way to refine the searches, and depending on which you use you'll get different results.

AND operator

- The **AND** operator creates a **narrow search**: children AND "young people"

This search will return grants with **all the words** but they do not need to be part of an exact phrase. For example art AND "music therapy" returns more results than "art and music therapy"

Your search 'children AND "young people"' returned 11,472 results in 'Titles & Descriptions'

OR operator

- The **OR** operator creates a very **wide search** which will return grants with **any** of the words or phrases: children OR "young people"

Your search 'children OR "young people"' returned 104,541 results in 'Titles & Descriptions'

NOT operator

- The **NOT** operator helps to distinguish between terms that are often related: children NOT "young people"

Your search 'children NOT "young people"' returned 53,335 results in 'Titles & Descriptions'

Text search top tips

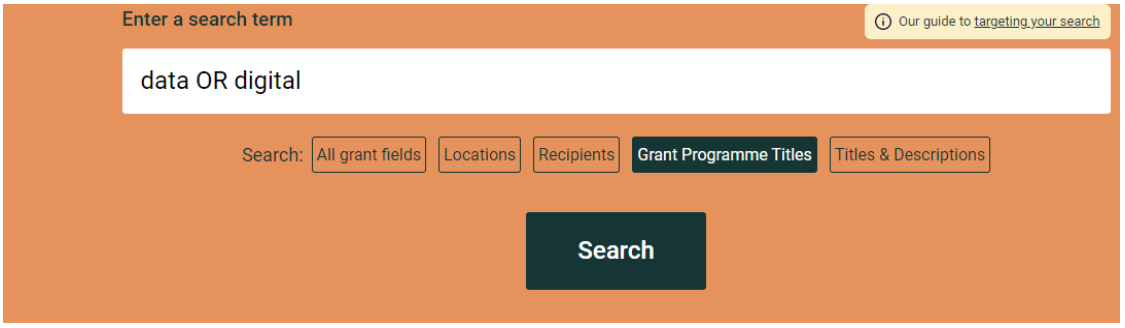
- Text search isn't case-sensitive but the **Operators** are, so make sure to fully capitalise **AND**, **OR** and **NOT** to make sure they work properly.
- Be aware when you have a wide search, that many results could actually be unrelated to your query. Always use quotation marks if you are searching for phrases with more than one word, and use operators to be sure you only get results that you want.
- Use the **Search summary** box to check your results.
    - If it seems like a lot of grants - check the search terms and your filters.
    - If you get very few results - check your spelling and make sure you don't have the wrong type of filters set.

Searching Grant Programmes

Grant Programme Titles is a search filter which just checks the name of grant programmes. You can use this like another keyword search to search for programmes thematically.

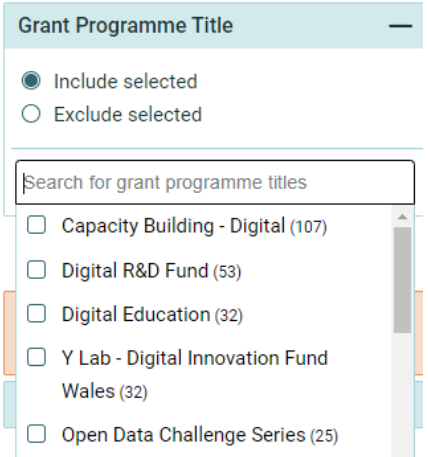
If you are interested in a single funder, you can filter to show just grants from certain programmes.

1. From the **Search page** select the **Grant Programme Titles** filter under the search box.
2. Focus on single words or short phrases in quotation marks to only relevant results.



Your search 'data OR digital' returned 1,535 results in 'Grant Programme Titles'

3. Use the **Grant Programme Title** in the left hand filter search box to see the programme titles, sorted by number of grants, and select the relevant entry(s).
4. You can also start by typing text into the search box and selecting the relevant entry(s).
5. Repeat these steps as required to add multiple programmes to the filter.



Combine text searches with filters

In addition to filters for Recipient, Funder and Funder Type and Geography there are three filters for **Currency**, **Amount Awarded** and **Award Date**.

Using all the filters in combination will refine your searches further to give you useful results.

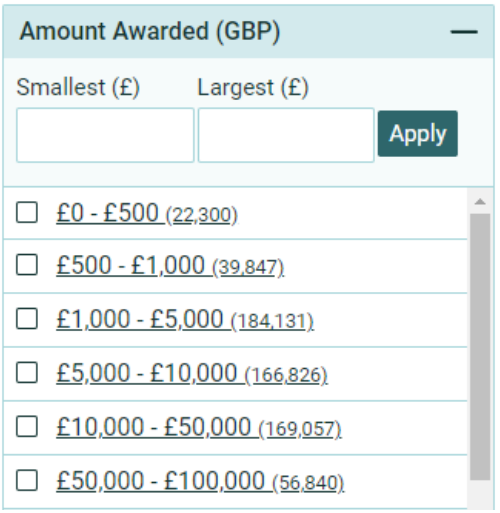
Currency

Most grants are awarded in British Pounds (GBP) but you can filter out or include foreign currency awards.

Amount Awarded

The Amount Award filters only relate to grants given in GBP.

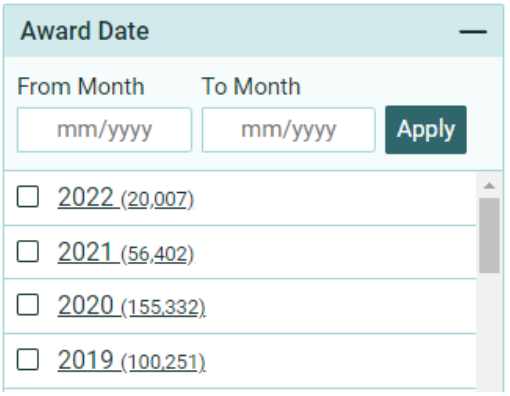
1. Use the **Amount Awarded** filter by selecting band(s)
2. Alternatively enter a Smallest and Largest amount in the range boxes to set a custom range.
3. It is possible to only add a Smallest or Largest amount leaving the other box blank, to filter all grants under or over a certain amount.



Example: all grants between £5,000 and £25,000 inclusive.

Award Date

1. Use the **Award Date** filter to select by calendar year by selecting band(s)
2. To set a custom time period enter a month and year in the **From Month** and **To Month** range boxes.
3. It is possible to just add a **From Month** or **To Month** date leaving the other box blank, to filter all grants before or after a certain month and year.



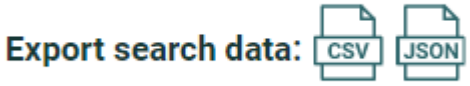
From Month includes all grants awarded from the **first of the month. To Month** includes all grants up to and including the **last day of the month**.

Example: all grants awarded between 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022.

Downloading data from GrantNav

Even if you have constructed complex and precise searches in GrantNav, you should also be prepared to download data and do some cleaning to remove irrelevant results before drawing any conclusions from the data.

The main **Search page** and the **Funder**, **Recipient**, **District** and **Region** views all have an option to download the data into a CSV file.

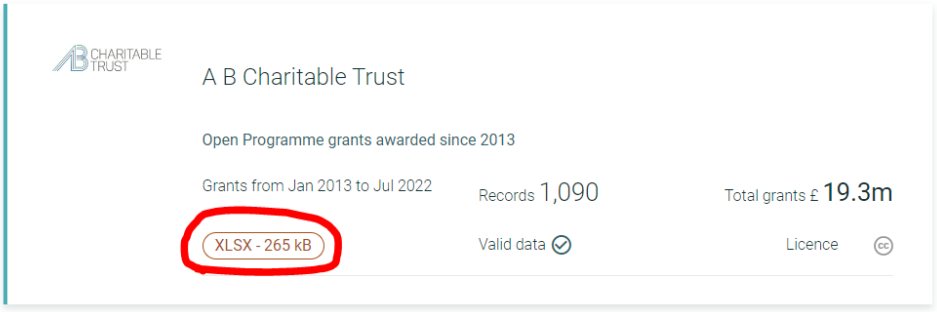


- The CSV download has 91 columns, many of which could be blank so be aware you might have to scroll from left to right to see the data you want.
- Each file has useful additional data from **column BR** to **column CM** (which are 70th to 91st columns). This is data enriched from other sources - Region, District and Ward names and geocodes, information about the funder type, and further information about recipients taken from the charity regulators (only available for UK registered charities).
- Before you start using the data, remove any empty columns or ones with data that you don't need to make sure the data is easy to navigate and analyse.

Downloading data from the Data Registry

It is also possible to access and download the original files published by each funder on the 360Giving Data Registry.

This is helpful if you are only interested in the grants from a single funder, as not everything that a funder published will appear in GrantNav downloads. Be aware that funders can often publish multiple files, split by year or grant programme.



Links to further information

360Giving tools

- GrantNav

Want to search the data? GrantNav is our flagship search engine for grants data. Explore and download data about where funding goes and how much is given across billions of pounds of grants, for causes and locations across the UK.

Get more guidance on using the tool via the GrantNav Help Site

- 360Insights

Want to summarise and visualise grants? 360Insights is a simple tool to help you understand funding better. Combine and visualise 360Giving and charity data to see an overview of grants by locations, recipient types and more.

- Data Quality Dashboard

Want to understand the qualities of the 360Giving data? The Data Quality Dashboard helps funders understand the key features that make data useful. You can use the Dashboard to understand individual funders' data, as well as the 360Giving dataset as a whole.

- Data Registry

Want a list of all the funders who publish open grants data? The Data Registry is a list of all the organisations that currently publish their grants data in the 360Giving Data Standard, with direct links to their data sources.

Using the Data

- 360Giving data visualisations

Find out more about the community of grantmakers that publish grants using the 360Giving Data Standard and get an overview of the data with our interactive visualisations.

- 360Giving reports, publications and analysis

Through our reports and publications, we aim to inform funders' decision-making and inspire practice. We help grantmakers to track trends over time and to gain further understanding of specific issues affecting the sector, such as the funding responses to the Covid-19 pandemic.

- Specialist Legal Advice Providers Analysis
- UK Covid relief and recovery grants: data analysis
- 'Below the Radar': understanding some of the UK's smallest charities

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