

Enabling investment in communities

to transform people's lives

Social change on this scale takes courage, long-term vision, imagination, ambition and patience. Our focus is always on the next generation as well as society's current needs.

Our mission
Our identity
Our goals
Our 2025-30 strategic priorities
Our enablers
Our processes

We represent a network of 47 local funders, supporting grassroots community action across the UK		Collectively, we are a movement working for a more just future with a focus on equity, diversity and inclusion		Through our members, we have depth and breadth of place-based knowledge, relationships and expertise	
Through our members, understand and act on vital issues affecting communities across the UK		Increase funding to grassroots charities and community groups year on year		Provide sustainable and reliable support to communities for generations to come	
Amplify the community voice in UK policy making • Influence policy and systems change through grassroots insights • Advocate for long-term, relational approaches to communities • Focus on health and wellbeing, social cohesion, climate change		Grow regional and place-based philanthropy • Grow and diversify local giving to address systemic challenges • Raise awareness of community foundations as place-based funders • Develop profile with national partners and professional advisers		Transform grant making and convene effective local systems • Support flexible, trust-based funding for long-term change • Work towards network-wide adoption of IVAR* principles • Strengthen the role of community foundations as civic infrastructure	
Foster resilient communities in the face of challenges • Coordinate community-led responses to major events • Work with NET** and partners to strengthen support systems • Strengthen focus on climate and environmental stewardship					
We will work collaboratively with a wide range of strategic partners who share our goals and priorities, to maximise our impact in communities					
We will foster a culture of active field building, including through Quality Accreditation for community foundations					
We will develop community insights, qualitatively and quantitatively, supported by a shared data strategy and infrastructure					
Everything we do at UKCF will be underpinned by strong governance, financial management and sustainability					

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 ** National Emergencies Trust