

# Grants and Foundations

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We have compiled this list of grants that we are aware of and that Governing Bodies, clubs and organisations may benefit from applying to.

This list is by no means exhaustive and may vary with deadlines or rolling applications – we try to keep it as up to date as possible.

If you are aware of any grants in your area that could be shared, please let us know.

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## General Grants – NI and UK

Foundation/ Grant	Summary	Approximate grants available	Deadlines	Comments
<a href="#">AIB Community Fund</a>	<p>The social themes on the nomination form represent the areas where the funding is focused however, we are open to supporting any project/activity that works with our local communities, enabling them to thrive and grow. The research-based social themes which AIB supports are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education &amp; Opportunities</li> <li>• Sustainability</li> <li>• Digital Innovation &amp; Financial Inclusion</li> </ul>	€700,000 will be allocated to charities chosen by its customers and the public while €300,000 will be allocated to charities chosen by its employees		<p>Nominations will open on 23rd June 2022 and close on 14th July 2022.</p> <p>Organisations with a charity registration number, including but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Charitable organisations or not-for-profits registered in England and Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland</li> <li>• Voluntary Community Groups or Clubs</li> </ul>
<a href="#">ASDA</a>	<p>Our mission is to transform communities and improve lives throughout the UK, complementing Asda Stores' ambition to be at the heart of local communities, through building long-term community resilience and being there in times of crisis. The Foundation supports grassroots organisations in making a real impact, and supports local communities in emergencies, reacting quickly to help people in the immediate hours following a disaster.</p>	£250 - £1,000	Varied CoL: The application window is 28th August – 3rd November 2023	<p>Empowering Local Communities</p> <p>U18 Better starts</p> <p>Cost of Living Grant</p> <p>Investing in spaces and Places</p> <p>Colleague Match Funding for local issues</p> <p>Local Community emergency Donations</p> <p>Partnerships</p> <p>Green Token Giving</p>
<a href="#">AIVCNI</a>	<p>DfC Small Grants for Volunteering Programme</p> <p>To be eligible for grant assistance (minimum award £200 – maximum award £1,200) organisations must not have an annual income exceeding £100,000 per year.</p> <p>Examples of grant awards would be for meeting the volunteer out-of-pocket expenses of an organisation, supporting the recruitment of new volunteers, providing travel, training or small running costs like heat or light etc.</p>	£200- £1,200		Deadlines for applications in October/ Autumn

<a href="#">Alpha group - ground works NI</a>	<p>Alpha support thousands of projects every year, providing the practical help people need to improve their communities and their own circumstances. Browse the projects below or use the filters to explore how our services are making a difference near you or on issues you care about.</p>	Variable		Criteria includes proximity to Alpha site
<a href="#">Big lottery and Awards for all</a>	<p>A quick way to apply for smaller amounts of funding between £300 and £10,000</p>	£300 - £10,000	Open year round, no deadlines.	Reapplications can be made. Emphasis on community and identification of need from the people it will impact upon.
<a href="#">Biffa</a>	<p>Projects under the Recreation theme can include new play equipment; landscaping works, including boardwalks, trees and shrubs; skate parks; woodland walks; nature trails; outdoor gyms; and building works within communal areas of sporting clubhouses (such as kitchen and toilet facilities) which have a wider community use and are not for the sole use of sports club members. It generally includes projects that benefit people within their free time. Under this theme an applicant will have to show evidence of wider community use, involvement and consultation.</p>	Up to £200,000		<p>Criteria includes (further criteria also applies):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-The project site must be within five miles of a significant Biffa operation or within 10 miles of an active Biffa Landfill site.</li> <li>•The project site must also be situated within 10 miles of any licensed landfill site.</li> <li>•The total cost of the project must be less than £200,000 inclusive of VAT.</li> <li>•There must be a minimum of 104 days of full public access to the project per year.</li> <li>•The grant must be used for site-based improvement work, not for movable equipment, storage facilities or staff as core costs.</li> </ul>
<a href="#">Cash 4 clubs</a>	<p>Cash4Clubs is a sports funding scheme, giving clubs a unique chance to apply for grants to improve facilities, buy new equipment, gain qualifications and invest in the sustainability of their organisation.</p>	£500 and £1,000		
<a href="#">Cash for Kids</a>	<p><b>General Grants</b> Our grant rounds support children from birth up to and including 18 years of age who are vulnerable, come from disadvantaged backgrounds or are living with an illness or disability. We also provide a lifeline to many other charities, organisations and community groups, funding much-needed services and life-changing equipment.</p>	The value of a grant is typically from £1,000 to £3,000 but we will happily consider applications for larger amounts.	Various	

	<p><b>Cost-of-Living Grants</b> In response to the crisis hitting so many families right now we've launched Cost-of-Living Grants, to provide emergency essentials that support the physical and mental well-being of children who are struggling.</p> <p>These could include food, clothing and household energy costs, but we'll also consider anything that helps meet children's most basic needs.</p>	Grants are £50 per child per household, and we aim to get the funds to families as soon as possible.		
<a href="#">Education Authority Small Grants Programme</a>	<p>The Small Grants Programme has been set up to allow young people from Education Authority Youth Service (EAYS) registered and verified groups to apply for grants for projects to Support the Growth and Participation of young people.</p> <p>The Small Grants Programme for 2023-2024 is to enable young people to apply for funding to support other young people in their communities to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Promote youth participation, leadership and volunteering</li> <li>- Build and develop life skills</li> </ul>	This year, there are two options. Groups can apply for a maximum of £500 for a one-off event or a maximum of £1500 for a group work programme with multiple sessions. All projects must demonstrate young people's involvement in planning and delivery.	The closing date for applications is 20th October 2023.	
<a href="#">Foyle foundation</a>	We plan to make one-year grants for core costs, equipment, capital or project funding to charities which can show that such a grant will make a significant difference to their work. If you cannot demonstrate this, your application will be declined. Please note that demonstrating ongoing sustainability is also important, particularly if you have recently lost local authority or other regular funding.	£1,000 - £10,000		Little known
<a href="#">Halifax Foundation NI</a>	<p>The overall aim of the Foundation is:</p> <p>To support charitable organisations within Northern Ireland to enable people, who are disadvantaged or with special needs, to participate actively in their communities.</p> <p>The Foundation has two main target areas to which it seeks to allocate funds:</p>	Our average grant is approximately £4,500.	No deadlines	The Community Grants Programme can support day to day activities of a charity and new/existing projects. We cover a wide range of costs including, rent and running costs, materials and equipment and salaries.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Social Community Needs</li> <li>- Education and Training</li> </ul>			
<a href="#">King George VI</a>	<p>The King George VI Youth Awards funds youth work projects in Northern Ireland for young people aged 14-21. Your group must be based in Northern Ireland and your project must be part of a curriculum based youth work programme, linked to the Youth Work Curriculum.</p> <p>Applications are also accepted from individual young people who must be resident in Northern Ireland.</p> <p>For more information, email the Youth Awards Administrator, Linda Gordon – <a href="mailto:admin@kgviyouthawards.org.uk">admin@kgviyouthawards.org.uk</a></p>	The maximum grant available is £500. Other criteria apply – please read the criteria carefully before making your application.	<p>Previous Deadlines:</p> <p>Monday 30 January 2023.</p> <p>25<sup>th</sup> September 2023</p>	
<a href="#">Community Foundation for Ireland</a>	<p>The All-Island Community Fund is the result of a unique partnership between The Community Foundation for Ireland and the Community Foundation for Northern Ireland.</p> <p>It's aim is to encourage strong partnerships between voluntary, community and charitable groups North and South so that all voices are heard as together we respond to Climate Change, Covid-19 and the impact of Brexit. By allowing civil society to share knowledge, expertise and research we will ensure that all voices are heard at a key moment for our island.</p> <p>Launching on a pilot basis the fund will ensure that women, young people, migrant communities, the LGBTI+ community and all others will have their say to promote equality, combat gender based violence and fight poverty. Here is your chance to get involved.</p>			
<a href="#">LFT Charitable Trust</a>	The aim of this LFT Grant making Programme is to support charities undertake modifications which make their premises accessible for those with disabilities and better equipped to welcome and serve the whole community.	Applications for grants not exceeding £7,000 or 70% of total eligible costs, whichever is the lowest, are invited. Only expenditure incurred for	12 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	

	<p>Applications are welcomed from organisations that have identified shortcomings in the accessibility of their premises and are committed to addressing these and building socially inclusive communities.</p> <p>Projects should recognise the main aim of this funding is to fund projects that will increase participation by a greater, and more inclusive, number of people in the charities' activities.</p>	<p>the purposes of the project and that can be directly attributed to the expected outputs/outcomes will be eligible.</p>		
<a href="#">Mary Peters Trust</a>	<p>The Mary Peters Trust was established to create an on-going and meaningful commemoration of my Gold Medal win in the 1972 Munich Olympic Games. We are Northern Ireland's; leading sporting charity. We help young people, both disabled and able-bodied, achieve their sporting dreams and ambitions.</p> <p>We do this by selecting the best athletes, supporting them financially and providing access to a team of experts, who help and support their pathway to success. Since our inception more than 40 years ago, the Trust has made a staggering number of awards, making a difference to the lives of thousands of young athletes from across Northern Ireland sport.</p>	<p>Usually £250 - £1,000+</p>		<p>To support talented athletes</p>
<a href="#">PHA Making Life Better through Short term funding programme</a>	<p>The funding will support a range of strategic themes and priorities including: • 'Making Life Better' (Public health framework) priorities • Protect Life 2 Suicide Prevention Strategy • Mental Health, Emotional Well-being, Suicide Prevention and SelfHarm</p>	<p>£1,000- £5,000</p>		<p>Small scale targeted initiatives</p>
<a href="#">People postcode trust</a>	<p>People's Postcode Trust provides project based funding in Great Britain under the themes 'Promoting human rights, Combatting discrimination and Preventing poverty'.</p> <p>Our funding rounds 2020</p> <p>Stage 1: 21st January - 4th February</p> <p>Stage 2: 10th March - 24th March</p> <p>Round 2</p> <p>Stage 1: 4th - 18th August</p> <p>Stage 2: 15th - 29th September</p>	<p>£1,800 - £20,0000</p>		

<a href="#">PowerNI Brighter Communities</a>	<p>Brighter communities is Power NI's community fund donating groups across Northern Ireland with £1000 of funding</p> <p>Our Brighter Communities programme energises innovative and emerging community groups, teams and projects with £1000 of funding awarded each month. Since 2018 we have contributing over £40,000 to our communities and we are still going!</p> <p>Types of project include sports and fitness</p>	<p>Up to £1,000</p>	<p>No Deadline</p>	
<a href="#">Sports and Play Construction Foundation</a>	<p>We provide a list of current funding opportunities below, which covers capital project funding support currently available for projects in the UK. It does not cover local small trusts and local authority grants. Please note that funding opportunities are constantly changing - we recommend checking with individual funders for the most up to date information.</p>			<p>Little known</p>
<a href="#">Sport NI Facilities Grants</a>	<p>The Facility Fund will invest in facilities through the following three strands:</p> <p>Single Facility: single-sport facilities which seek to increase participation within the club structure  Multi Facility: multi-sport facilities which seek to increase participation across local communities  Performance Facility: the Performance Facility Fund seeks to partially address the high performance training needs of Northern Ireland athletes, whilst also increasing community participation in sport and physical recreation.</p>	<p>The minimum investment through the Facility Fund will be £17.5m over five years</p>	<p>Currently closed.</p>	
<a href="#">SNI Everybody Active 2020</a>	<p>Sport Northern Ireland has invested £6.2 million in the 11 District Councils across Northern Ireland to help increase quality opportunities for targeted groups to increase participation in sport and physical activities across key life-course transitions (for example children moving from primary school to post-primary, young people leaving education, having a family, or retiring from work)</p>	<p>Variable – but at least up to £3,000 in some areas</p>	<p>Now Closed</p>	<p>In particular we will be targeting increases in participation among traditionally underrepresented groups which include:  Women and girls (specifically aged 14-25)  People with a disability; and  Those living in areas of greatest social need (specifically people living within</p>

				the top 25% of wards designated by NI Multiple Deprivation Measure Index 2010)
<a href="#">TBUC: Central Good Relations Fund</a>	<p>The Central Good Relations Fund (CGRF) supports constituted voluntary and community sector groups to deliver good relations projects which contribute towards the delivery of one of the Together: Building a United Community (T:BUC) Strategy key priorities.</p> <p>About the programme</p> <p>There are two streams of funding available: Project Funding and Small Grants.</p> <p>For both streams, projects can claim salaries and programme costs, but these costs must be proportional to the good relations project being delivered. CGRF does not, and will not, replace mainstream core or project funding for groups.</p>	projects up to £1,500.	Small Grants are open for applications throughout the funding year Project Funding opens once a year for applications.	
<a href="#">Tesco</a>	Tesco community grants fund thousands of local projects right across the UK. Projects that bring benefit to their community will get the green light – these range from improving community buildings and outdoor spaces to buying new equipment, training coaches or volunteers and hosting community events.	Following the vote, the project that received the most votes in its area will receive a grant of up to £2,000, second place receiving up to £1,000 and third place up to £500.		Public Vote system
<a href="#">Variety Children’s Charity</a>	<p>We provide practical support that makes an immediate difference to disabled and disadvantaged youngsters, allowing them to live their best lives and reach their full potential.</p> <p>We also support schools, youth clubs, sports clubs, hospitals, hospices and other non-profit organisations working with children and young people.</p>	Variable		Rolling



## Council Grants

Foundation/ Grant	Summary	Approximate grants available	Comments
<b>Antrim and Newtownabbey</b>			
<a href="#">Antrim and Newtownabbey Grants Hub</a>	<p>To date Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council have allocated hundreds of grants to local residents and groups.</p> <p>Grants are available for qualifying residents and groups throughout the Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council area and can be accessed and applied for through our Online Funding Hub.</p>	<p>Up to £20k</p> <p>Up to £2k, £4k or £8k dependent on nature of event</p> <p>Up to £1.5k, £7.5k, £10k for 3 strands</p> <p>Up to £750</p> <p>Up to a maximum of £1,500 (50 % funded). 10 bursaries for 100%</p>	<p>31 July deadline for 2022 (open 1 June)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Capital Grants for Sports Clubs</li> <li>- Sports Event Grant (50%)</li>   <li>- Grant to Clubs (50%)</li> <li>- Grant to Coaches/ Officials</li> <li>- Grants to Athletes</li> </ul>
<b>Ards and North Down</b>			
<a href="#">Ards and North down Borough Council</a>	<p>Sports Development aims to build strong and stable quality clubs, develop the coaching and administrative infrastructure and to create opportunities for individuals to participate in sporting activities from "beginner" to international level, while recognising the important role that Sport and an Active lifestyle play in enhancing Quality of life and promoting health and well-being within the community.</p> <p>The department supports and advises clubs, community groups and athletes in accessing and identifying funding to help with areas such as equipment, coach education, capital</p>		<p><a href="mailto:sportsdevelopment@ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk">sportsdevelopment@ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk</a> (email for information)</p> <p><b>2 Grants open: Sports Forum Grant and Capital Grant Scheme</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>45,000 for the 2022/23</b></li> </ul>

	development and our sports forum grant that supports local sporting talent.		
<b>Armagh Banbridge and Craigavon</b>			
<a href="#">ABC Sports Forum</a>	The purpose of the sports grant aid scheme is to provide financial support to help athletes, coaches and sports clubs from the Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council area to attain their full potential. To be eligible, clubs or individuals are required to affiliate to the Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon Sports Forum.	Up to £400 Gym access	- Individual athlete grant up to £400. Gym access
<b>Belfast City Council</b>			
<a href="#">Belfast City Council Sports Development</a>	<a href="#">GLL Foundation</a> etc <a href="#">Belfast City Council Sports Development</a> The GLL Sport Foundation (GSF) is an athlete support programme in association with GLL, Belfast City Council and The Mary Peters Trust.		- Individual Athlete Grant (April) - Park Event Grant - Sports Event Grant - Development Grants - Community Project Grant Application closures various through year (April and Jan).
<b>Causeway Coast and Glens</b>			
<a href="#">Community Development Support Grant</a>	The Community Development Support Grant Programme will provide grants to support, promote and develop the capacity of communities across Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council by providing financial assistance towards running costs of core community development organisations.		
<a href="#">Tourism Events Small grants</a>	The Council is seeking to provide financial support for events that align themselves to key priority areas such as; Cultural Tourism, Food Tourism and Sports and Activities (tourism related).		
<a href="#">Landfill Communities Fund</a>	Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council is a Landfill Operator and works in partnership with Ulster Wildlife by making contributions to the LCF to support projects which create benefits for communities living near landfill sites. For the purposes of this grant programme Council will consider applications from projects located within a 10 mile radius of the following licensed active landfill sites: Craigmore Landfill Site, Craigmore Road, Garvagh, Coleraine BT51 5HF Craigahulliar Landfill site, 45 Craigahulliar Road, Portrush BT56 8NN		

<b>Derry and Strabane District Council</b>			
<a href="#">Club Development Programme</a>	It is to provide strategic support and assistance to sports clubs to develop and grow. This is achieved by working with each club individually to identify what areas of development to prioritise based on their current position and their aspirations for the future.		
<b>Fermanagh and Omagh District Council</b>			
<a href="#">Council Grants and Bursary Programmes</a>	<p>Fermanagh and Omagh District Council provides funding to voluntary clubs, societies, community, sporting organisations and bursaries to individuals. To be eligible for funding, Groups/Individuals must be based within the Fermanagh and Omagh District Council area.</p> <p>Funding opens twice yearly in January &amp; September, this is with the exception of Community Services – Project Development that is open all year round and Community Services – Revenue, Sports Events &amp; Summer Schemes that only opens in January each year.</p>		
<b>Lisburn and Castlereagh</b>			
<a href="#">Grant Page</a>	General grants pages – Community and Festival Fnding, Peace IV and Alpha		Civic Headquarters, Lagan Valley Island, Lisburn, Co. Antrim, BT27 4RL Phone 028 9244 7300
<b>Mid and East Antrim Borough Council</b>			
<a href="#">Grants and Funding</a>	<p>We operate a range of grant and funding scheme throughout the year.</p> <p>This section provides information and guidance on those schemes, when to apply and when schemes close.</p>		
<b>Mid Ulster</b>			
<a href="#">Grants</a>	<p>Applications can be made for grants in the Sports Representative (club and individual), Community Festivals and Good Relations categories on a rolling basis throughout the year.</p> <p>There are also funding programmes that operate on an open/close basis throughout the year.</p>	<p><b>Threshold £4,500.00</b></p> <p><b>Threshold up to £5,000 with 50% match funding requirement</b></p> <p><b>Threshold £1,500</b></p>	<p><b>Schools Sports Access Grants</b></p> <p><b>Sports Capital Grant</b></p> <p><b>Sports Small Grant</b></p>

	<a href="https://www.midulstercouncil.org/resident/grants/rolling-grants/grant-categories">https://www.midulstercouncil.org/resident/grants/rolling-grants/grant-categories</a>	<b>Threshold £250 / £500</b>	<b>Individual/ Athlete Grant</b>
<b>Newry Mourne and Down District Council</b>			
<a href="#">Grants and Funding</a>	<p>Newry, Mourne and Down District Council offers financial assistance to eligible groups in the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector for revenue and capital projects.</p> <p>The funding is used to support the local delivery of an extensive range of community projects from capital builds to summer schemes. Themes include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Arts and Culture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christmas illuminations and events</li> <li>Community and Sports Facility Capital Schemes</li> </ul> </li> <li>Community Engagement</li> <li>Good Relations</li> <li>Major/Minor events</li> <li>PCSP</li> <li>Sports Development</li> <li>Summer Schemes</li> <li>Tourism Events.</li> </ul>		<p>Calls for applications are opened throughout the year and are advertised on the Council's Facebook page and in local newspapers.</p>

## Grants – Ireland

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<a href="#"><u>Shared Island Initiative</u></a>	<p>he Shared Island initiative involves: working with the Northern Ireland Executive and the British Government to address strategic challenges faced on the island of Ireland further developing the all-island economy, deepening North/South cooperation, and investing in the North West and border regions fostering constructive and inclusive dialogue and a comprehensive programme of research to support the building of consensus around a shared future on the island</p> <p>A Shared Island unit in the Department of the Taoiseach acts as a driver and coordinator of this whole of government initiative.</p>	<p>The Shared Island Fund was announced in Budget 2021, with €500m in capital funding available between 2021-25, ring-fenced for investment in collaborative North/South projects.</p>	

## Links for further searches

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<a href="#">Chartered Institute of Fundraising</a>	<p>The Chartered Institute of Fundraising is the professional membership body for UK fundraising.</p> <p>We champion our members' excellence in fundraising. We support fundraisers through professional development and education. We connect fundraisers across all sectors and skill sets to share and learn with each other. So that together we can best serve our causes and communities both now and in the future.</p>	N/A	<b>Guides on Trusts, application process etc</b>
<a href="#">Funders Forum NI</a>	<p>The Funders Forum for Northern Ireland is a membership forum made up of representatives of organisations who fund and make grants in Northern Ireland.</p> <p>The Forum is a mix of independent and semi-independent funders with access to significant resources.</p> <p>The Forum recognises the different funding roles and remits of its members and acknowledges their independence. It does not, currently, make grants or donations</p>		<b>List of some funding organisations in NI</b>
<a href="#">Grant Tracker</a>	<p>Northern Ireland's leading funding toolkit</p> <p>GrantTracker will help you find funding schemes relevant to your projects, keep on top of deadline dates and co-ordinate your funding applications. GrantTracker was developed by NICVA 15 years ago and is continually improved to suit your needs.</p> <p>The site is kept updated by NICVA's Fundraising Advice Officer.</p>		<b>Subscription required for full access.</b> <b>News highlights some latest funding opportunities</b>
<a href="#">Directory of social change</a>	<p>Put simply, we provide training courses, publications, online funding databases, research, conferences, a bookshop and lots of free resources on our website such as top tips and best-practice articles. If you work for a charity we aim to support you in everything you do.</p>		<b>Subscription required for full access. Newsletter sign up available for updates</b>

	<p>We're also fighting your corner through our policy activities – working hard to make the UK a better environment for charities to thrive in and help those you're there for.</p>		
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## Covid 19 – related grants

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<b>NI Direct and Gov.uk pages</b>	A number of support packages have been put in place in support of Northern Irish individuals, businesses and organisations. These can also be found at the <a href="#">NI Direct</a> and <a href="#">Gov.uk</a> webpages.	<b>Variable</b>	
<b>NICVA</b>	<a href="#">NICVA</a> 's Fund and Fund Raising Page is also another valuable source of potential information for the voluntary sector.	<b>Variable</b>	
<b>Sports Hardship Fund (updated 2nd October)</b>	The Department of Communities and SportNI has reopened the <a href="#">Sports Hardship Fund</a> of £2 million following additional funding received in the June monitoring round. This includes £2,000 grants for clubs not already in receipt of support packages (please see criteria) and potential Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for clubs.	<b>£2,000</b> Additional £1,000 extension available	
<b>Covid Safe Sports Pack</b>	Sport NI, in partnership with the Department for Communities, have opened the COVID Safe Sport Pack Programme for expressions of interest from eligible organisations to receive a pack. The programme aims to assist Sports organisations with their management of the ease of lockdown and a safe return to sport during the COVID-19 pandemic: <a href="http://www.sportni.net/news/covidsafesportpack-lau">http://www.sportni.net/news/covidsafesportpack-lau</a>		<b>PPE pack</b>