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Report by the Secretary of State on the use of powers under section 70 of the Charities Act 2006 – for the year 2017-18

Section 70 of the Charities Act 2006 (the Act) sets out the powers for Ministers to give financial assistance to charitable, benevolent or philanthropic institutions and requires that payments made under this power are reported.

The funding matched both the aims and objectives of the department. This spending does not represent the total amount of grant funding provided to the Voluntary and Community Sector, as many other grants have been paid to this sector under the powers conferred by alternative legislation.

During 2017-18, the department made grant payments totalling £740.5m under the provisions of the Act. Prior year information can be found in DCMS's 2016-17 Annual Report and Accounts.

The table below sets out the financial assistance provided by the Secretary of State under these powers for 2017-18.

Grant Recipient	Payments £'000	Purpose
Arts Council England	462,442	Grant-in-aid funding.
National Citizen Service	177,366	To fund the NCS Trust to deliver NCS programme.
British Film Institute	23,587	Grant-in-aid funding.
First World War Centenary Cathedral Repairs Fund - Various	15,491	To allow cathedrals to undertake urgent repair work.
British Council	5,035	The outcomes of the Cultural Protection Fund are cultural heritage protection, training, capacity building, advocacy and education.
Big Lottery Fund - Youth Investment Fund	5,000	Grant funding to support youth organisations in disadvantaged areas to expand frontline open access youth provision and invest in organisational development to secure their futures.
Big Lottery Fund - #iwill	4,645	Grant awarded to the Big Lottery Fund, who match funded Government's investment to support Step Up To Serve's #iwill campaign. The fund aims to ensure that all young people have the opportunity to develop essential skills for life and work through meaningful social action.
Horniman Public Museum and Public Park Trust	4,320	Grant-in-aid funding.
Access Foundation	4,200	Capacity building for social sector organisations.

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Newcastle Gateshead Initiative	2,994	Resource funding towards the Great Exhibition of the North (GEOTN) to celebrate amazing achievements in innovation, the arts and engineering.
National Film and Television School (NFTS)	2,465	NFTS' core objective is to provide world class training and education for film, television and media industries. The overall aim of the grant is to support this, and in particular it covers funding for student fees and bursaries, overhead and project admin costs, as well as capital funding for equipment, general maintenance and repairs.
Big Lottery Fund - Life Chances Fund	2,115	To finance grants to support development of Life Chances Fund proposals.
Various museums and galleries	2,054	The DCMS/Wolfson Museums and Galleries Improvement Fund has four objectives: to increase the number of artefacts on display, to improve physical access to collections, to improve access for disabled visitors, and to improve the quality of interpretation. The scheme is open to four categories of museums and galleries.
Geffrye Museum	1,696	Grant-in-aid funding.
Mind	1,519	Building on the learning from the existing Blue Light Programme, Mind will work with emergency services throughout England and Wales to embed key project delivery strands into their core activities, supporting the mental health and wellbeing of staff throughout England and Wales.
Chatham Historic Dockyard Trust	1,412	Towards the preservation, conservation and maintenance of the Historic Dockyard, its buildings, ships and collections.
Comic Relief	1,172	Delivering grants to organisations (the "Grantees") and, in doing so, to endeavour to raise awareness and encourage support for Grantees that goes beyond the length of the grant.
Great Western Air Ambulance Charity	1,000	This grant is a contribution towards the cost of a helicopter.
Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance	1,000	To acquire a second replacement aircraft to ensure resilient and sustainable, safe and effective delivery of Helicopter Emergency Medical Service and the ability of Medical Emergency Response Incident Teams to care for the most badly injured and sick pre-hospital patients across the South East.
Magpas Air Ambulance	1,000	This grant is a contribution to the construction of a purpose-built new operations base.
Midlands Air Ambulance Charity	1,000	A contribution towards the cost of purchasing an aircraft and hangar adaptations.

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Virgin Money Foundation	1,000	To support local charities in the North East of England whose beneficiaries are young people, young homeless people and charitable organisations promoting social enterprise.
Wiltshire Air Ambulance	1,000	To provide Wiltshire Air Ambulance with a new Operations Base, a state-of-the-art facility in the provision of Helicopter Emergency Medical Services.
The Air Ambulance Service	986	To expand the national inter-hospital emergency helicopter transfer service for children and neonate patients to meet current and future demand.
Rosa	978	Delivering grants, training and other step-up support to grassroots Women's organisations.
Old Royal Naval College Greenwich	968	Towards the conservation, presentation and interpretation of the collection of buildings, paintings and other artefacts set out across the Old Royal Naval College site.
Ambulance Services Charity (ASC)	490	The charity will establish: post-traumatic stress disorder rehabilitation services complementing existing physical rehabilitation services; the means to take the ASC on the road to promote the support services available, membership and raise public awareness; and sustainable income from supporters in the ambulance services and their families.
Standing Together Against Domestic Violence	478	Ensuring that the funds generated from the VAT on sanitary products is used on projects that improve the lives of disadvantaged women and girls.
Community Organizers	450	For 10 Social Action Hubs and Member Support Organisers to deliver Community Organisers Expansion programme objectives (recruit and train 3,500 new organisers, support existing organisers and develop peer support network).
Girlguiding	416	Developing, implementing and evaluating a renewed girl-led youth programme for Girlguiding young members.

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Nesta	380	For the 18 solutions selected through the inclusive economy partnership to develop scaling plans which enable them to (i) increase their ability to make a positive impact on one of three challenge areas (financial inclusion, mental health and transition to work) and (ii) to do this in collaboration with the leading business and civil society organisations who are part of the partnership.
Nesta	359	To develop and manage a series of funds which find, test and grow social action initiatives which improve public service outcomes.
Memorials Grant Scheme - Various	323	Financial assistance for the repair of Memorials.
University of Leeds	315	To lead the Crowdfunding Public Infrastructure pilot fund and associated research project.
British Red Cross	276	A contribution to the funds required to build a permanent and fitting memorial to the victims of the terror attack on the Manchester Arena on 22 May 2017.
Step Up to Serve	253	To support Step Up To Serve's operating costs to deliver the #iwill campaign. The campaign aims to increase by 50% the number of 10-20 year olds participating in meaningful social action by 2020.
Pause Creating Space for Change	233	The grant is for Pause to work with women who have experienced - or are at risk of - repeated pregnancies that result in children needing to be removed from their care.
Devon Air Ambulance Trust	230	The grant is a contribution towards the costs of undertaking the professional installation and commissioning of equipment to allow Air Ambulances to operate at night in Devon.
British Youth Council (BYC)	228	To support BYC to deliver youth voice activities including UK Youth Parliament, Make Your Mark National youth ballot and Youth Select Committee. Enabling and empowering young people's voices to be heard at local and national level.
Church Urban Fund	212	To support phase three of the LifeSavers programme, which supports the delivery of values-based financial education within primary schools, combined with the involvement of the local credit union in establishing a school savings club.
Renaishi	200	To support the Centre for Youth Impact in their work of promoting the use of effective impact measurement across the youth sector.

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White Ribbon Campaign	151	Preventing violence against women and girls by enlisting men and boys as change agents for gender equality.
Westbank Community Health and Care	144	Neighbourhood Friends is a social action support service delivered by Westbank Community Health and Care focussed on avoiding unplanned hospital admissions, reducing hospital stays and optimising independence and wellbeing.
Fixers - Public Service Broadcasting Trust	143	Ensuring that the VAT received from sanitary products is used to support vulnerable and underrepresented women and girls.
Stockport Women's Centre	138	Development of a 'Whole System Approach' - an integrated and collaborative approach to working with women at risk of offending and women in contact with the criminal justice system across Greater Manchester.
Foundation for Social Improvement	126	The aim of the grant award is to build a more independent, resilient, sustainable civil society by providing subsidised fundraising training for small, local charities. The grant award will fund the delivery of fundraising training across England from 2017 - 2019.
Karma Nirvana	112	Extending the hours to evenings and weekends of a helpline to support victims of honour-based violence and forced marriage and providing guidance to professionals tackling it.
Hestia Housing and Support	110	Ensuring that the VAT received from sanitary products is used to support vulnerable and underrepresented women and girls.
Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire Air Ambulance Charitable Trust	100	This grant is a contribution to the purchase of suitable office premises or if suitable office premises are not available, to secure a suitable site and commission a purpose build, to accommodate 40 Staff and Volunteers, in order to provide the charity with a new operations base.
Lucy Air Ambulance	95	To support Lucy Air Ambulance for Children Charity to source charter services on a more permanent basis and so secure the long term viability of the charity, along with boosting fundraising capabilities.
Swift Medics	95	To purchase five Zoll X-Series medical monitors, to enable a team of seven specially trained and equipped volunteer doctors to deliver pre-hospital care to patients suffering a severe medical emergency.
Southall Black Sisters	94	Ensuring that the funds generated from the VAT on sanitary products is used on projects that improve the lives of disadvantaged women and girls.

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Southern Domestic Abuse Service	93	Ensuring that the funds generated from the VAT on sanitary products is used on projects that improve the lives of disadvantaged women and girls.
The YOU Trust	90	Ensuring that the funds generated from the VAT on sanitary products is used on projects that improve the lives of disadvantaged women and girls.
Faith Regen Foundation	79	Ensuring that the VAT received from sanitary products is used to support vulnerable and underrepresented women and girls.
The Big Lottery Fund	78	To increase the capacity of communities, civil society organisations, public sector bodies and businesses to work together to address priorities which matter to people locally through providing grants, planning and implementation support and evaluation.
Refuge	78	Ensuring that the funds generated from the VAT on sanitary products is used on projects that improve the lives of disadvantaged women and girls.
Advance Charity	75	Ensuring that the VAT received from sanitary products is used to support vulnerable and underrepresented women and girls.
The Tech Partnership	75	Develop a guide to help develop a common language so that students and universities better understand the digital skills employers require.
Smallwood Trust	74	Ensuring that the funds generated from the VAT on sanitary products is used on projects that improve the lives of disadvantaged women and girls.
Tech Talent Charter Community Interest Company	73	To contribute to certain expenditure where those costs are reasonably incurred by you in undertaking the planning and launch of the Tech Talent Charter.
Coventry Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre (CRASAC)	69	Ensuring that the funds generated from the VAT on sanitary products is used on projects that improve the lives of disadvantaged women and girls.
Muslim Women's Network	69	Expanding the National Muslim Women's Network Helpline Service aimed at Muslim Women and Girls.
Life Charity	68	Ensuring that the funds generated from the VAT on sanitary products is used on projects that improve the lives of disadvantaged women and girls.

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Angelou Centre	67	Ensuring that the VAT received from sanitary products is used to support vulnerable and underrepresented women and girls.
Housing for Women	66	Ensuring that the funds generated from the VAT on sanitary products is used on projects that improve the lives of disadvantaged women and girls.
Yorkshire Cancer Research	63	Ensuring that the funds generated from the VAT on sanitary products is used on projects that improve the lives of disadvantaged women and girls.
Plan International UK	61	Ensuring that the funds generated from the VAT on sanitary products is used on projects that improve the lives of disadvantaged women and girls.
Relate	60	Ensuring that the funds generated from the VAT on sanitary products is used on projects that improve the lives of disadvantaged women and girls.
Brighton Oasis Project	59	Ensuring that the VAT received from sanitary products is used to support vulnerable and underrepresented women and girls.
SignHealth	56	Ensuring that the funds generated from the VAT on sanitary products is used on projects that improve the lives of disadvantaged women and girls.
Heart of England community Foundation	55	Ensuring that the VAT received from sanitary products is used to support vulnerable and underrepresented women and girls.
Suzy Lamplugh Trust	55	Ensuring that the funds generated from the VAT on sanitary products is used on projects that improve the lives of disadvantaged women and girls.
UnLtd	54	To design and implement a campaign to (1) Increase awareness of purposeful business and (2) point people towards the new Online Model Articles Tool.
Domestic Abuse Housing Alliance (Lead Agency STADV)	50	Ensuring that the VAT received from sanitary products is used to support vulnerable and underrepresented women and girls.
Never Such Innocence	50	To cover the production, printing, storage and distribution costs for the fourth edition of the Never Such Innocence centenary workbook for young people.
Standing Together Against Domestic Violence	50	Ensuring that the VAT received from sanitary products is used to support vulnerable and underrepresented women and girls.

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The Baytree Centre	49	Ensuring that the VAT received from sanitary products is used to support vulnerable and underrepresented women and girls.
Children's Society	48	Ensuring that the VAT received from sanitary products is used to support vulnerable and underrepresented women and girls.
Womenzone	48	Ensuring that the funds generated from the VAT on sanitary products is used on projects that improve the lives of disadvantaged women and girls.
South Central Ambulance Charity	45	Supporting more patient facing volunteering, improving health outcomes and reducing pressure on publicly funded health and care services.
Cyber Security Challenge UK	44	A Top Up Grant for the recruitment of a new CEO, and to fund the initial costs of the European Cyber Security Challenge.
Youth Sport Trust	41	Ensuring that the funds generated from the VAT on sanitary products is used on projects that improve the lives of disadvantaged women and girls.
CREST	40	Ensuring that the VAT received from sanitary products is used to support vulnerable and underrepresented women and girls.
Solent Rescue	40	To purchase a lifeboat and a complete flood rescue unit.
South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust	40	Supporting more patient facing volunteering, improving health outcomes and reducing pressure on publicly funded health and care services.
Iranian and Kurdish Women's Rights Organisation	39	Ensuring that the VAT received from sanitary products is used to support vulnerable and underrepresented women and girls.
Lancashire West Citizens Advice Bureaux	38	Ensuring that the VAT received from sanitary products is used to support vulnerable and underrepresented women and girls.
Miriam Hyman Memorial Trust	38	To evaluate 'Miriam's Vision' lesson plans and online support for teachers across the UK, dealing with the issues of the threat of extremism and terrorism.
Black Country Women's Aid	37	Ensuring that the VAT received from sanitary products is used to support vulnerable and underrepresented women and girls.

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Stepping Stones (Luton)	37	Ensuring that the funds generated from the VAT on sanitary products is used on projects that improve the lives of disadvantaged women and girls.
Forward Assist	36	Ensuring that the VAT received from sanitary products is used to support vulnerable and underrepresented women and girls.
Jon Burchell (Sheffield University)	36	For phase two of the Enabling Social Action programme.
Womens Health Matters (WHM)	35	Ensuring that the funds generated from the VAT on sanitary products is used on projects that improve the lives of disadvantaged women and girls.
Shared Lives Plus	34	Ensuring that the funds generated from the VAT on sanitary products is used on projects that improve the lives of disadvantaged women and girls.
Women's Therapy Centre	34	Ensuring that the funds generated from the VAT on sanitary products is used on projects that improve the lives of disadvantaged women and girls.
The Proud Trust	33	Ensuring that the funds generated from the VAT on sanitary products is used on projects that improve the lives of disadvantaged women and girls.
Jacksons Lane	32	Ensuring that the VAT received from sanitary products is used to support vulnerable and underrepresented women and girls.
Kensington and Chelsea Citizens Advice	31	To provide financial guidance to survivors of the Grenfell Tower disaster, as part of Kensington & Chelsea Citizen Advice's current wrap-around-support.
Magdalene Group	31	Providing prevention services and support to women and young people who are affected by sexual exploitation and coercion.
Birth Companions	30	Providing support to approximately 500 vulnerable women through pregnancy, birth and early parenting.
SEUK	30	A payment towards the running and establishment of the Social Saturday campaign.
Social Enterprise UK	30	To support a national campaign to raise awareness of social enterprises and 'buying social' amongst the public.
Women@thewell	30	Supporting women towards independence free from prostitution.

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Shaping Our Lives	29	Ensuring that the funds generated from the VAT on sanitary products is used on projects that improve the lives of disadvantaged women and girls.
Women's Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre, Cornwall (WRSAC)	29	Ensuring that the funds generated from the VAT on sanitary products is used on projects that improve the lives of disadvantaged women and girls.
Barnardo's Bournemouth	28	Ensuring that the VAT received from sanitary products is used to support vulnerable and underrepresented women and girls.
Street Talk	28	Decreasing the numbers of women in street based prostitution and providing additional services.
Adfam National	27	Ensuring that the VAT received from sanitary products is used to support vulnerable and underrepresented women and girls.
Surviving Economic Abuse	27	Ensuring that the funds generated from the VAT on sanitary products is used on projects that improve the lives of disadvantaged women and girls.
Tender Education & Arts	26	Ensuring that the funds generated from the VAT on sanitary products is used on projects that improve the lives of disadvantaged women and girls.
Centre for Ageing Better	25	To convene an analysis review on how to increase social action by people aged 50 and over.
East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust	25	Supporting more patient facing volunteering, improving health outcomes and reducing pressure on publicly funded health and care services.
Big Lottery Fund - Local Sustainability Fund	23	To deliver the Local Sustainability Fund, supporting small to medium sized charities and social enterprises to improve their ways of working and secure the future of their services.
Poetry Society	23	A grant to support the Poet Laureate.
Norfolk Community Foundation	22	Ensuring that the funds generated from the VAT on sanitary products is used on projects that improve the lives of disadvantaged women and girls.
Big Lottery Fund	21	Programme Management of the final year of the Social Incubator Fund.
Joanna Leeds	21	Ensuring that the VAT received from sanitary products is used to support vulnerable and underrepresented women and girls.

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Step Together Volunteering	21	Ensuring that the funds generated from the VAT on sanitary products is used on projects that improve the lives of disadvantaged women and girls.
The Active Wellbeing Society	20	To support The Active Wellbeing Society to purchase professional advice to implement a public service mutual for their leisure services.
Bevan Healthcare CIC	20	To support Bevan Healthcare CIC to grow as a public service mutual.
Big Society Capital	20	To provide support for charities and social enterprises across the country in understanding and accessing investment through social investment tax relief, with specific focus on the recent legislative amendments to the policy area.
Nesta - Crowd Funding	20	The project was a Matched Crowdfunding pilot for the arts and heritage sectors in partnership with NESTA, ACE and HLF to explore the opportunities for matched crowdfunding (i.e. funding bodies combining grant funding with multiple financial contributions from the crowd) as an innovative way of funding projects in the arts and heritage sectors and build the evidence base to support this method of fundraising which has been growing rapidly in the UK over the past few years.
North West Ambulance Service NHS Trust	20	Supporting more patient facing volunteering, improving health outcomes and reducing pressure on publicly funded health and care services.
SATEDA	20	Ensuring that the funds generated from the VAT on sanitary products is used on projects that improve the lives of disadvantaged women and girls.
Leading Lives	20	To support Leading Lives to grow as a public service mutual.
The Bike Project	19	Ensuring that the VAT received from sanitary products is used to support vulnerable and underrepresented women and girls.
Rochdale Borough Council	18	To support Rochdale Borough Council to purchase professional advice to consider a public service mutual for their youth services.
Trivium Free Schools Limited	18	To support the development of Trivium Free Schools Limited, trading as Teachers Multi Academy Trust, as a public service mutual.

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Children North East	17	Ensuring that the VAT received from sanitary products is used to support vulnerable and underrepresented women and girls.
Cruse Bereavement Care	17	To develop a bereavement support service for UK police, ambulance and fire/rescue personnel and their families, called 'Here for You'. This will include providing direct face-to-face and telephone support, and disseminating information via facilitated training, paper leaflets/packs and website information.
Granta GP	17	To support Granta GP to grow as a public service mutual.
MumsAid	17	Ensuring that the funds generated from the VAT on sanitary products is used on projects that improve the lives of disadvantaged women and girls.
Family Psychology Mutual	15	To support Family Psychology Mutual to grow as a public service mutual.
Nottingham City Care Partnership	15	To support Nottingham City Care Partnership to grow as a public service mutual.
Ripplez CIC	15	To support Ripplez CIC to purchase professional advice to support their growth ambitions as a public service mutual.
Spiral Health CIC	15	To support Spiral Health CIC to grow as a public service mutual.
Us in a Bus	15	Ensuring that the funds generated from the VAT on sanitary products is used on projects that improve the lives of disadvantaged women and girls.
Accelerate Health CIC	13	To support Accelerate Health CIC grow as a public service mutual.
The Arts Development Company	13	To support the growth of The Arts Development Company as a public service mutual.
Sikh Community & Youth Service	13	Ensuring that the funds generated from the VAT on sanitary products is used on projects that improve the lives of disadvantaged women and girls.
Balance CIC	10	To support Balance CIC to grow as a public service mutual.
Chiltern Rangers	10	To support the growth and development of Chiltern Rangers as a young public service mutual.

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Nesta	10	To develop and manage a series of funds designed to find, test and grow innovations which harness the time and talents of 10,000 volunteers (75% of which will be people over 50).
Ways into Work	10	To support Ways into Work to grow as a public service mutual.
Worthstone	10	To create a map of the current social investment universe for publication alongside the Advisory Group report on growing a social impact investment in the UK.
Explore York Libraries & Archives Mutual Ltd.	8	To support the development of the Optimo Partnership as an LLP, consisting of four library public service mutuals: Explore York, Inspire Culture, Learning & Libraries, Libraries Unlimited and Suffolk Libraries.
APPG DD/Turning Point	5	An evidence based project looking at the demand for social action for people suffering from mental health or drug / alcohol issues.
University of St Andrews	5	Contribution for a First World War Home Front conference at St Andrews University in June 2018.
Good Things Foundation	3	The grant will fund 0.5 FTE work for the Local Digital Skills Partnership Delivery Group by a digital inclusion officer within the Digital Inclusion Team at Good Things Foundation.
Total	736,092	

In 2017-18, the department provided loans of £4.4m (2016-17: £7.7m) under the provisions of the Act. The loans matched both the aims and objectives of the department, as well as those of the recipients.

Loan Recipient	Payments £'000	Purpose
National Portrait Gallery	2,600	The loan was for the purchase of the East Wing from the National Gallery.
Science Museum	1,700	The loan was for a commercial redevelopment project (£1,500k) and the National Railway Museums project (£200k).
Geffrye Museum	90	The loan was for supporting capacity building in communications and fundraising, as part of a programme of organisational change and capital development.
Total	4,390	

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