



The Centre for
Social Justice

Supercharging Philanthropy

**Kawika and Ben
CSJ Foundation**

How we work

Over the last 20 years, the CSJ in conjunction with the CSJF, has developed unparalleled understanding of the root causes of poverty, identified through our alliance of over 750 UK wide small poverty-fighting frontline charities.

Understanding the frontlines

Problems are always being solved out there.



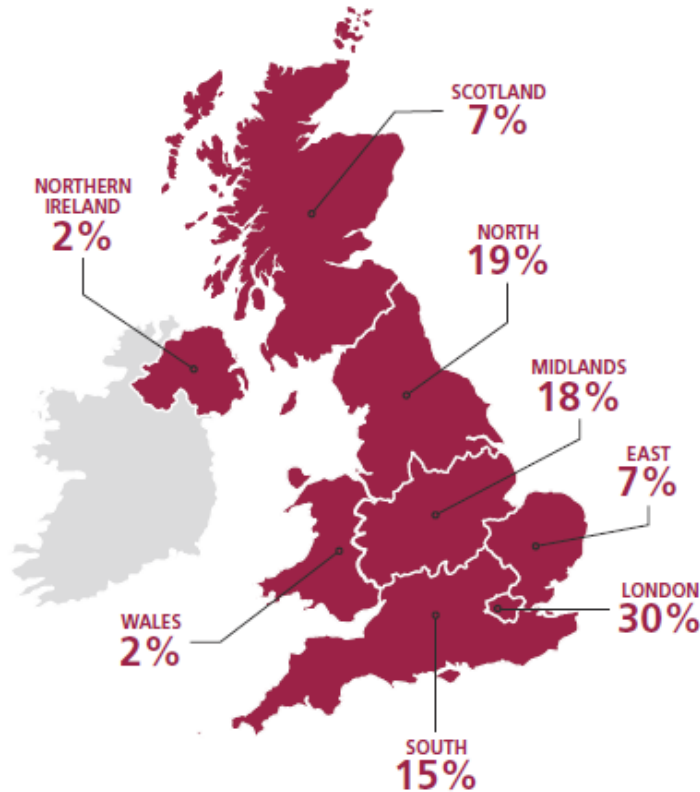
Policy Work

Poverty is about far more than just the absence of money.



Impact

Impact is everything.



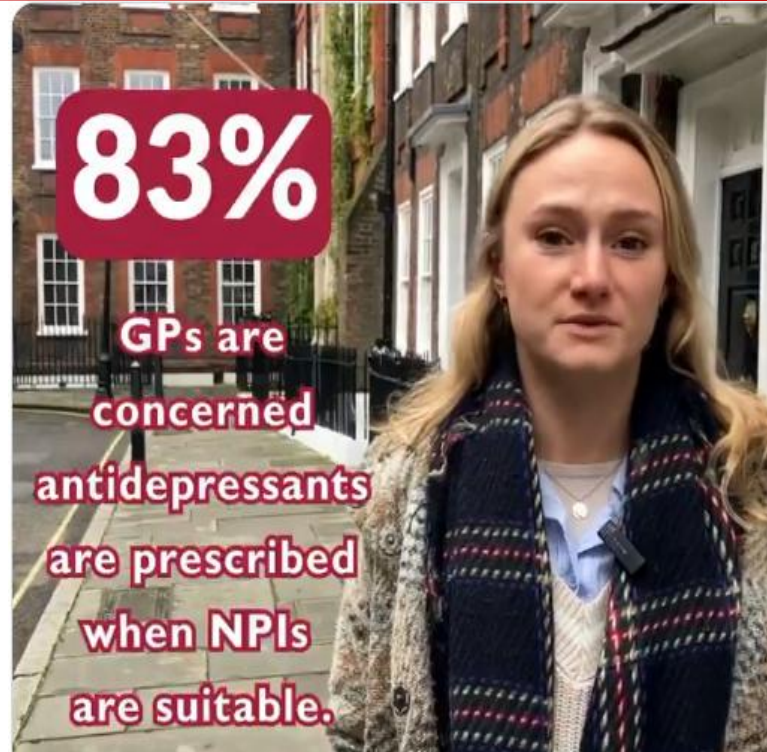
2025: Connecting backstreets to corridors



The Lost Boys

‘Hidden from view one large group of people that are genuinely and increasingly disadvantaged. I’m referring, of course, to boys and young men, especially those who are poor.’

Miriam Cates



Change the Prescription

69 per cent rise since 2016 in number of people in contact with Mental Health services.

Over 10,000 children in South Yorkshire are currently on a mental health waiting list.



Work and Welfare

South Yorkshire’s unemployment rate is above the national average, it is especially high in Sheffield at 7%.

Radical action needed to meet the government target of 80 per cent employment.

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The perilous state of Britain's grassroots charities



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The Big Listens

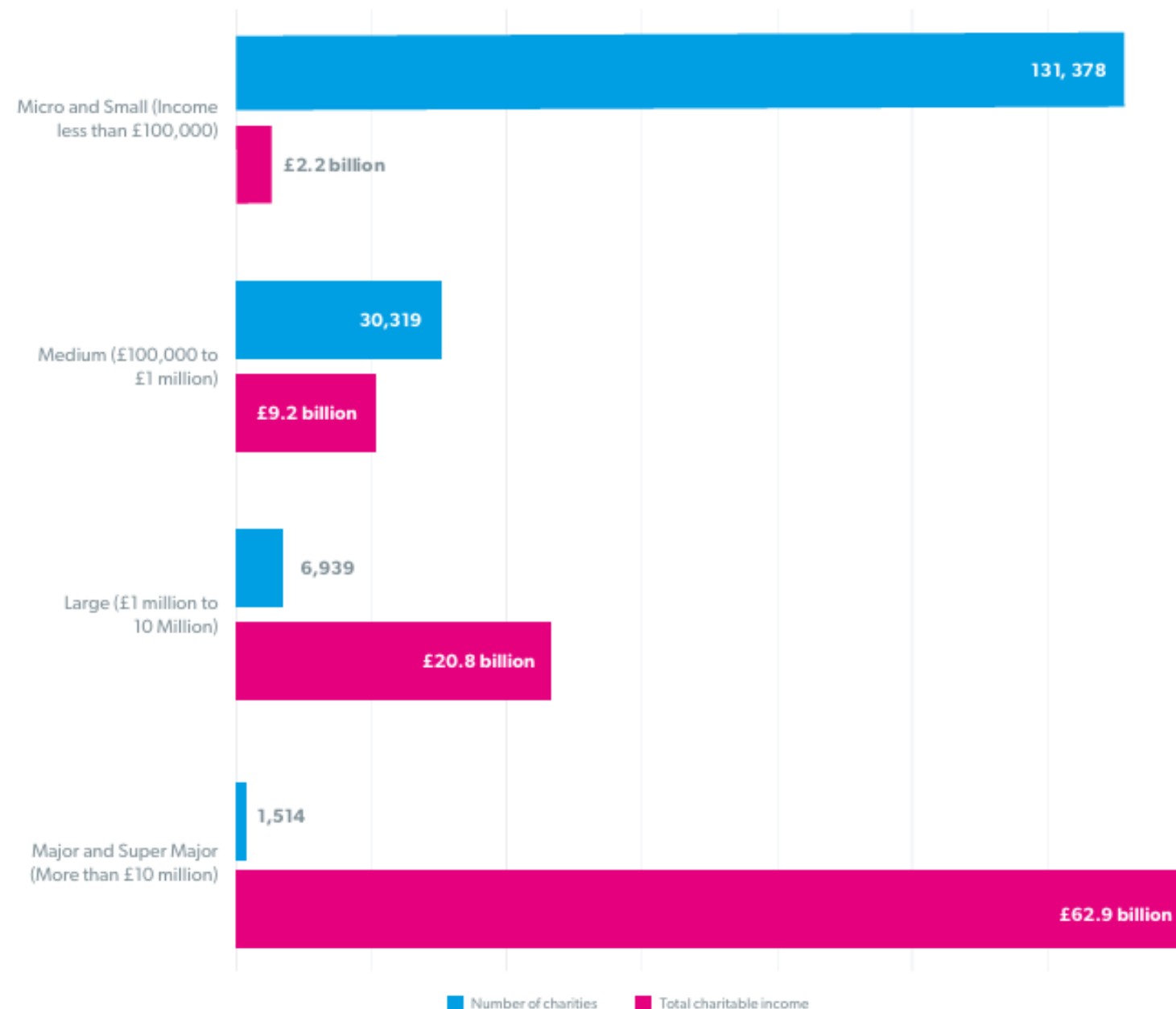


SIX CITIES

220 + GRANT MAKERS

£1.6+ BILLION

Figure 1: How funding flows in the charity sector



More demand, less resource



85% all charitable income goes to just 4% of charities.



Charities in London receive up to 8x more public funding.



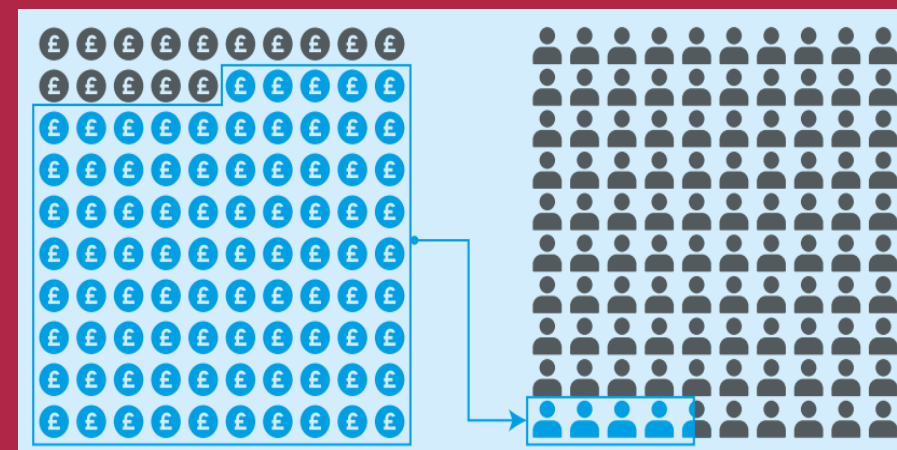
Small charity funding dropped by £4.5 billion and rose by £4.6 billion for large charities.



1/2 of all small charities receive no public income.
Government investment down over £400 million in the last decade.

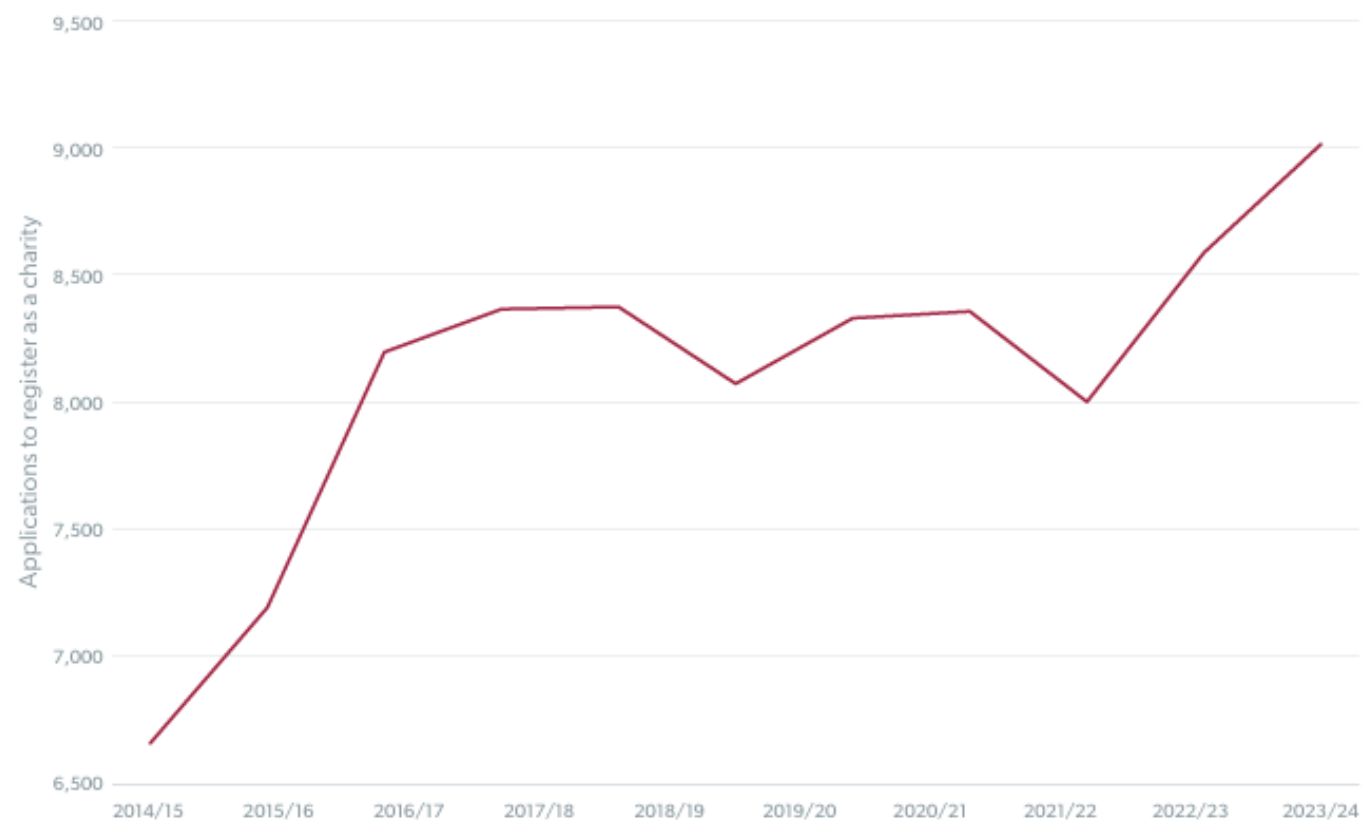


44% of adults would like to discover and support more charities local to them.



More demand

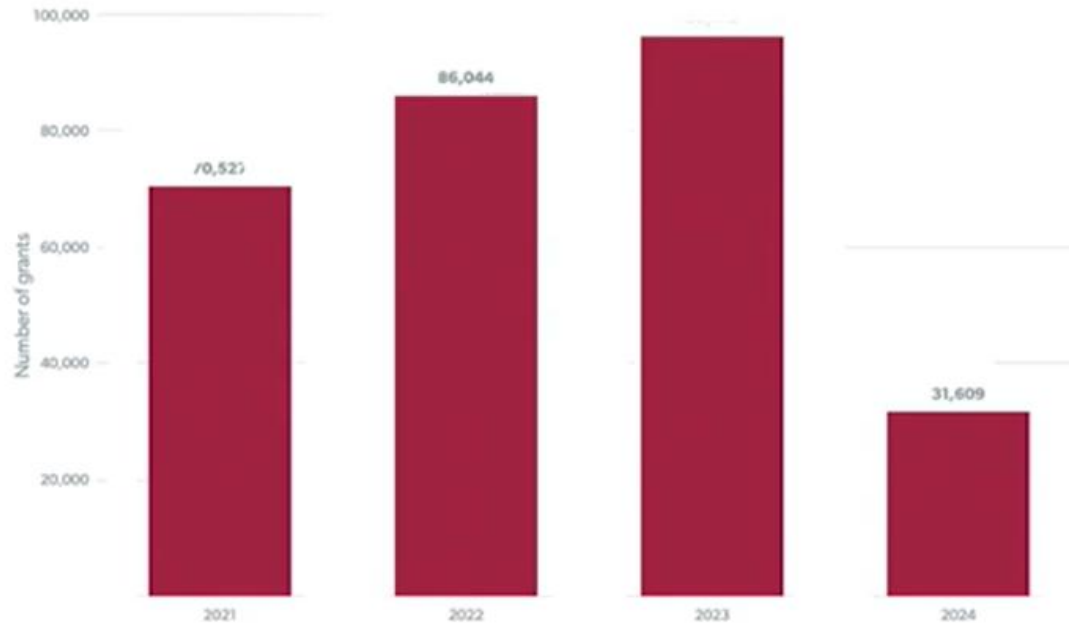
Figure 13: Applicants to the Charity Commission for England and Wales for New Registrations, 2013-2024



Source: CSJ Analysis of Charity Commission Annual Reports.

The State of Philanthropy

Number Of Non-Government Grants Issued in the UK, by Year



Source: CSJ Analysis of 360Giving Data

- FTSE100 giving **is down £164m.**
- The UK's wealthiest **have dropped donations by £200m.**
- UK has **2nd highest number of millionaires leaving.**

Lower Supply

Figure 6: Non-Government Grant Giving, by Region, 2024

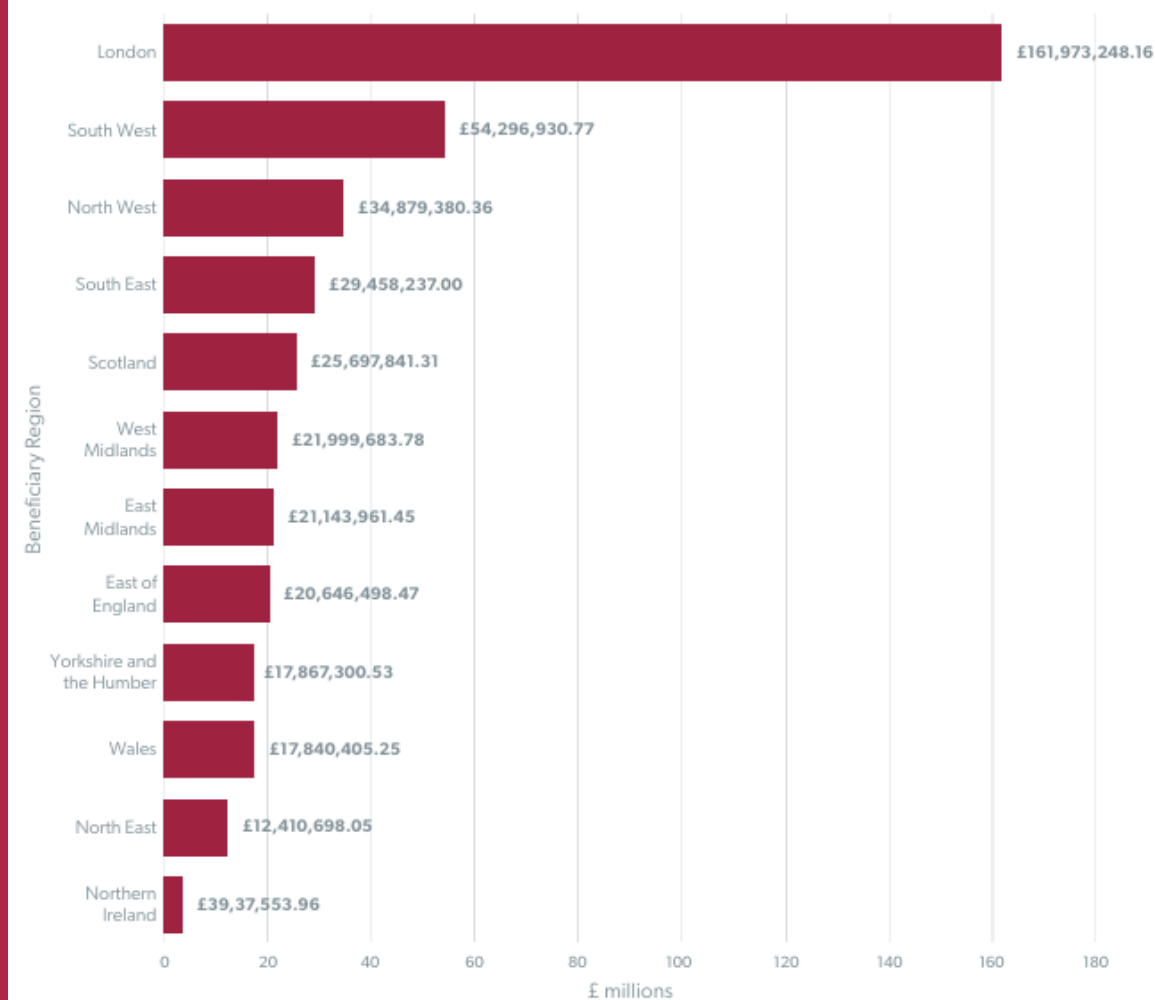


Source: CSJ Analysis of 360Giving Data. Country (2021) and Region (2023) shapeliies from ONS.

+ Uneven Supply

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Figure 2: Total Value of Non-Government Grants Per Region, 2024



Source: CSJ Analysis of 360Giving Data, 2024



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Activity:

- **One point which rings true with your experience.**
- **One point which doesn't match with your experience.**
- **One point which is missing from our research.**

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Recommendations for Government

- **£3.27 billion** be released into match funding initiatives.
- This could release an additional **£8.22 billion** of philanthropic funding into the UK.

Recommendations for Government

- Practical **National Strategy**.
- **National** and **Regional Champions**.
- **Director-Level Civil Servant driving philanthropy** in each Department.
- Applications to HMT requiring a **match-first approach**.

Embed a 'Think Philanthropy' Approach Across Government

ACADEMIES

**ON
SIDE
YOUTH ZONES**

**REGIONAL
EMPLOYMENT BOARDS**

*"We need all the functions of
the state to ask:
'What could I do with
philanthropic partnerships?'"*

*RT HON. DARREN JONES MP, CHIEF
SECRETARY TO THE TREASURY, BIG
LISTEN BATH*



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Activity:

- **What already works and needs boosting?**
- **What needs to change?**
- **How can change be achieved?**