

A simple guide to our funding programmes in Scotland



Looking for funding? Read on to find out what funding programmes we have open in Scotland.

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| Upto £10,000 National Lottery Awards for All Scotland | Upto £100,000 Young Start | Upto £150,000 Community Led | Upto £200,000 Improving Lives | Upto £1m Scottish Land Fund |
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Key things to remember

- If you are unsuccessful, you can apply again but you should speak to the funding officer to get feedback and advice first.
- You can't have more than one live grant at time under any one programme, but you can potentially have more than one grant from different programmes.
- You can apply for Awards for All on our website through an online application.
- For all other programmes, you need to contact us to discuss what you would like funding for so we can send you an application form.
- Most programmes have a three month turnaround time from application to decision. This may change but you'll be kept updated on progress.

National Lottery Awards for All Scotland

(£300 – £10,000)

This programme covers a broad range of projects that bring communities together, improve places or support people. It can also fund some sports projects.

It can fund things like:

- One off events, staff and volunteer costs, travel expenses, equipment, minor refurbishment and running costs.

It's unlikely to fund:

- Trips overseas, school activities that don't involve the wider community, religious or political activities.

Key points:

- If eligible, you need to show meaningful involvement with your community.

You can [complete this application form online](#).

Young Start

(£10,000 – £100,000)

This can fund projects working with children and young people (aged 8-24) around one or more of the following themes:

- physical, mental and emotional wellbeing
- connections with the wider community
- access to new skills and training opportunities.

Key Points:

- Activity needs to be led by young people who should be involved in the development, design and delivery.
- Money for this fund comes from dormant bank accounts, not from the National Lottery.
- We aim to get you a decision within three months from when we receive your application form.

[Find further details about Young Start funding on our website.](#)

Community Led

(£10,000 – £150,000)

This supports community organisations deliver activity to improve local places and the wellbeing of people who live there.

It can fund things like:

- Staff costs, running costs of an organisation, volunteer expenses and training, events and activities.

Key points:

- Community Led will close to applications on 30 September 2022.
- Up to £50,000 capital is available, however we are unlikely to fund a capital only application.
- Applicants need to be organisations based in their local area and run by local people.

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[Find further details about Community Led funding on our website.](#)

Improving Lives

(£10,000 – £200,000)

This is aimed at helping people overcome specific challenges and become more resilient.

It can fund activity that is focused on one or more of the following themes:

- children, young people and families in challenging circumstances
- abuse
- loss, isolation or loneliness
- discrimination
- financial hardship.

Improving Lives will close to applications on 30 September 2022.

[Find further details about Improving Lives funding on our website.](#)

Scottish Land Fund

(up to £1 million)

The Scottish Land Fund is a Scottish Government fund that we deliver in partnership with Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE).

It can support rural or urban community-led organisations to take ownership of land or buildings that are important to their local community.

Key points:

- It's unlikely to fund refurbishment, building costs or other capital costs other than purchase.
- It's a two stage application process.

[Find further details about the Scottish Land Fund on our website.](#)

Got any questions?

We are always happy to talk to you about your project ideas and answer any questions so get in touch!

If you would like to know more about any of these programmes contact us on 0300 123 7110 or

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You can find more detail about all our open funding programmes on our website tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes