

STP Funding Finder February 2023

Welcome to Scotland's Towns Partnership's Funding Finder for February 2023. You will see that we have retained the category entitled COVID-19 funding.

COVID-19

Regeneration

Environment

Energy

Healthy Towns

Culture and Arts

Employment and Training

Innovation and Growth

Community Funding

Within each theme you will find the **name of the fund** along with the **amount available** and **application deadline date**. Those funds highlighted in RED have a deadline approaching, those highlighted in GREEN are new additions.

If you would like to bring a fund to our attention that is not included in this document, or have any queries, please [contact us here](#).

SCVO Cost of living & the Running Costs Crisis

As the cost of living crisis takes hold, people and communities need voluntary sector services more than ever. At the same time, voluntary organisations face spiralling costs, falling income and an uncertain future. We know that 61% of voluntary organisations are experiencing financial challenges while continuing to see an increased demand for services.

We're here to help with our information on a range of topics, from getting and keeping funding, to business planning and organisational development, to staff retention and reward. Our Information Service is here to help - get in touch if you need us.

The cost-of-living crisis represents a huge and uncertain challenge for voluntary organisations and the people they support, with rising costs eroding available funding to deliver vital programmes and services. While immediate support for voluntary organisations is crucial, back-to-back crises underline the need for long-term solutions to how we fund voluntary organisations.

The cost-of-living crisis is affecting all aspects of running a voluntary organisation, but in particular:

- the cost of materials/supplies, energy and rent increase to unaffordable levels
- salaries fall well behind inflation, making it difficult to support and retain staff
- funding pledges, regular donations, and grants are reduced and devalued
- people have less money available to donate or spend in charity shops
- money held in reserve loses value and is used to prop up public services
- planned services reduce or are stopped altogether to mitigate increased costs

More information: <https://scvo.scot/policy/campaigns/running-costs-crisis#close>

COVID-19

North Lanarkshire Council – Back to Business Fund | max £2,500 | open now

The purpose of the Back to Business Fund (BBF) is to provide grants to help businesses address specific, immediate priorities in direct response to the COVID-19 pandemic, thereby enabling them to adapt or modify their premises or operating model in order to address new challenges in their trading environment.

Applicants must be an existing business based in North Lanarkshire and operating within a recognised legal structure which includes a Company, Partnership, Sole Trader, Community Interest Company or Trust.

Geographical areas funded: North Lanarkshire

Notes on award amounts:

Grants will provide 100% of eligible project costs (excluding VAT), up to a maximum grant award of £2,500 with one application per business.

Who can apply: Businesses based in North Lanarkshire. You must be able to provide evidence of incorporation including: Company (inc. SCIO): Certificate of Incorporation or Companies House registration number; Community Interest Company: Certificate of Incorporation; Trust: Constitution documents, HMRC registration or VAT registration document.

When to apply: Apply at any time.

How to apply: Complete the application form on the Council website and return via email.

Exclusions:

- Private individuals
- Ventures at the pre-start/pre-trading/feasibility stage

More information: www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/coronavirus/support-businesses/back-business-fund

National Emergencies Trust – Local Action Fund | max £10,000 | open now

This match fund has been launched by the National Emergencies Trust as part of its Coronavirus Appeal. It offers support to voluntary and community organisations in the UK by helping them to counter financial challenges created by the pandemic, including the inability to fundraise in the usual ways, reductions in staff and volunteers, and increased demand on their services.

Eligible services include:

- Health and wellbeing services
- Activities that relieve pressure on local statutory services
- Services for vulnerable people self-isolating
- Services addressing food poverty
- Community response coordination
- Services supporting those experiencing, or at risk of, domestic abuse, those facing homelessness and those working with refugees and or asylum seeker communities

- Services supporting young people's access to education
- Services supporting those in poverty or at risk of poverty

Notes on award amounts: Match funding of up to £10,000 per project. For every donation made towards your project they will match it up to £250, so if your project receives a donation of £20 they will add another £20, If your project receives a donation of £500 then you'll receive an additional £250.

Who can apply: Registered charities, including charitable incorporated organisations; Constituted organisations and non-registered charities; Community interest companies; Churches and other religious organisations; Other voluntary community organisations or those not constituted but deemed appropriate by Crowdfunder under this Programme would be eligible, with appropriate endorsement from the statutory body, charity, parochial church council or community foundation etc.

When to apply: Start your Crowdfunding campaign now.

How to apply: Successful applicants will each run a campaign to raise money from the crowd on Crowdfunder. The National Emergencies Trust will match any donations they receive pound for pound using funds from its Coronavirus Appeal.

Exclusions: Your project must raise funds from at least 25 unique supporters within four weeks. Only one donation per supporter will be matched. If your project is an “all or nothing project” your project must reach its target.

More information: www.crowdfunder.co.uk/local-action-fund

National Memorial Heritage Fund – COVID 19 Response Fund | N/A | April 2023

The COVID-19 Response Fund can support any heritage asset which is of outstanding importance to the national heritage and at risk due to the impact of COVID-19, through a project grant.

Full details of eligibility can be found in the guidance notes. Examples of assets which can be funded include:

- works of fine and decorative art
- museum collections
- archives
- manuscripts
- items of industrial, transport and maritime heritage
- historic buildings and land

NHMF can fund a range of costs in order to safeguard the heritage asset which is at risk. They can fund heritage projects of all sizes and there is no limit to the percentage of funding that can be applied for. However, NHMF operates as a fund of last resort, and they ask you to show that you have explored, or are exploring, all other possible sources of funding, including your own resources.

The fund is open to:

- charities
- not-for-profit organisations, for example voluntary groups, trusts, social enterprises and community interest companies
- public sector organisations

Heritage assets should be publicly accessible if you secure NHMF funding.

Exclusions:

- organisational costs that are eligible to be covered by other Government support, for example, furloughing (inclusive of the remaining percentage of salary costs for staff not covered by the Government's Job Retention Scheme), or any additional salary costs above the furloughing cap
- redundancy costs of staff
- costs that are avoidable in the short term
- anything that contravenes the Governments' advice on COVID-19
- recoverable VAT

When to apply: There are no deadlines for applications. The fund will close at the end of April 2023.

How to apply: Submit your Expression of Interest via the online portal on the NHMF website. If you are applying for an organisation based in Scotland, you will need to add MFC: to the start of your project title.

More information: www.nhmf.org.uk/funding/covid-19-response-fund

NHS Tayside Community Innovation Fund | £500 - £25,000 | open now

The Community Innovation Fund is a £2 million fund which NHS Tayside is making available to groups of people living in communities across the area.

Groups are invited to apply for a share of the funds between £500 and £18,000 on an annual basis (£25,000 over three years) to establish projects or take action to tackle issues which affect the everyday lives of people living in our communities. The fund is particularly looking for new and inventive ways of helping communities.

Eligibility: available to groups of people living in communities across the area

More information:

<http://www.nhstayside.scot.nhs.uk/GettingInvolved/CommunityInnovationFund/index.htm>

UK Insurance and Long-Term Savings Sector Set Up New COVID-19 Support Fund | total £100m | open now

New funding for community-based charities and charities supporting the most vulnerable across the UK. Working in partnership with the Charities Aid Foundation (CAF), and a network of partners, including the National Emergencies Trust, the UK insurance and long-term savings industry have launched a new fund to help support some of the people hardest hit by the coronavirus/COVID-19 crisis.

About £82.6 million has already been pledged with another £17.4 million yet to be raised to meet the goal of £100 million.

The funding is intended to provide immediate relief to charities affected by COVID-19, as well as a longer-term programme of support for people, communities, and issues where there is the greatest need, including:

- Community based charities that are under unprecedented strain
- Charities supporting the most vulnerable – in particular, families and children living in greatest poverty

and older people in isolation

- Initiatives to promote wellbeing and mental health across society

Please note: Charities will not be able to apply for funding directly as the money will be distributed through umbrella bodies. Further details will be provided as they become available.

More information: <https://www.covid19support.org.uk/>

Scottish Government various packages | total of £2.2b

Providing support during economic emergency, a package of measures worth £2.2 billion from 1 April:

- full year's 100% non-domestic rates relief for retail, hospitality and tourism
- £10,000 grants for small businesses in receipt of the Small Business Bonus Scheme or Rural Relief
- £25,000 grants for hospitality, leisure and retail properties with a rateable value between £18,000 and £51,000
- 1.6% relief for all properties, effectively freezing the poundage rate next year
- First Minister to convene an emergency meeting of the Financial Services Advisory Board
- urging local authorities to relax planning rules to allow pubs and restaurants to operate temporarily as takeaways
- extending the go live date for the deposit return scheme to July 2022
- halting the introduction of the Visitor Levy Bill

More information: <https://www.gov.uk/business-coronavirus-support-finder>

Business Helpline: businesses can contact **0300 303 0660** for more information Monday – Friday, 8.30am to 5.30pm. Select Option 1 to speak to the COVID – 19 team.

Regeneration

Foundation Scotland - Vattenfall Unlock our Future Fund | £500 - £30,000 | April 2023

The fund benefits renewable energy and environmental sustainability projects working within the boundaries of the local authority areas of Aberdeenshire and/or the City of Aberdeen.

Applications must address all four of the following criteria:

- contribute to a climate smarter world with sustainability at its core
- invest in community facilities and activities that are fit for the future and are environmentally sustainable, especially community spaces and transport
- encourage projects which are innovative in their delivery
- ensure a legacy and lasting impact, which clearly brings benefit to the local community

Geographical areas funded: Aberdeen Aberdeenshire

Notes on award amounts:

Small grants up to £2,000

Large grants from £2,001 to £15,000 for a single year with the possibility of awards of up to £30,000 for projects running across three years.

Who can apply: Applicants must have a constitution (governing document or set of rules) and be set up on a not-for-profit basis. Applicants do not need to be registered charities to apply, although the activity must be charitable in nature.

When to apply: The deadline for applications is 17 April 2023. Decisions for small grants will be on 9 June, and decisions on large grants 31 July.

How to apply: Apply online via the Foundation Scotland website.

Exclusions: Standard Foundation Scotland exclusions apply. In addition, the fund will not support -

- Projects that fail to take account of their environmental impact or do not have a positive environmental impact
- Only alterations to village halls and community centres that will improve their environmental sustainability are likely to be funded
- One-off events or trips are unlikely to be funded unless there is shown to be a clear lasting legacy as a result

More information: www.foundationscotland.org.uk/apply-for-funding/funding-available/unlock-our-future

The Strathmartine Trust | £5,000 max | 15 May

The Strathmartine Trust offers grants with the primary object of supporting research and education in Scottish History. The Trustees seek applications for grants to assist with the completion of existing projects and to aid publication.

Geographical areas funded: Scotland

When to apply: The next deadline is 9am on 15 May 2023. Decisions will be made in August 2023.

How to apply: Application form and guidance available on the Trust's website.

More information: www.strathmartinetrust.org/grants-and-awards

Western Isles Development Trust – Main Fund | £300 - £15,000 | open now

The purpose of the trust is to support the regeneration and development of the Outer Hebrides through disbursement of Community Benefit secured from the local deployment of Renewable Energy installations. The Board's current main focus is to assist projects which will support the alleviation of fuel poverty and promote renewable energy schemes.

Geographical areas funded: Na h-Eileanan Siar

Notes on award amounts: Annual total and average from 2021 accounts. Grants ranged from £300 to £15,000.

Who can apply: Groups in the Western Isles who have a constitution or formally recognised structure.

When to apply: In order for your application to be considered as soon as possible, submit your

completed form by 4pm on the second last Thursday of the month. The Board meets on the last Thursday of any given month.

How to apply: Apply using the enquiry form on the Trust's website

Exclusions:

- Applications that are not from community groups
- Projects that do not benefit the WIDT area
- Organisations that do not have a constitution or formally recognised structure
- The advancement of politics or religion
- The repayment of loans or debts
- VAT that is recoverable by whatever means
- Retrospective funding
- Payments towards activities generally understood to be the exclusive responsibility of statutory authorities
- Activities that are contrary to the interests or objectives of WIDT

More information: www.widt.co.uk/apply-for-funding/

Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust – Perth City Heritage Fund | N/A | open now

PCHF Grants are awarded to owners or guardians of historic buildings (listed and non-listed) located within the Perth Central and Kinnoull Conservation Areas to assist with appropriate repairs to the historic fabric of their properties. Phase 3 will target comprehensive repairs to historic tenements in multiple ownership; repairs to historic buildings used or owned by local charities; and unused or under-used historic buildings to bring them back into use.

Eligible works might comprise: slaterwork, cast iron or zinc rainwater goods, leadwork, general masonry, decorative stonework, sash and case windows, panelled doors and door cases to common closes, traditional shop fronts; work using traditional lime based materials for pointing, harling, render or wash.

Geographical areas funded: Perth & Kinross

Notes on award amounts: The rates of grant offered will vary as projects will attract different levels of support depending on the scale of eligible works and PKHT discretion.

When to apply: Currently inviting enquiries for grant assistance for consideration for future phases of the Perth City Heritage Fund.

How to apply: Check if you are within the Perth or Kinnoull conservation zone, you can check this on the Trust website. Complete the Pre-Application Enquiry Form on the website.

More information: www.pkht.org.uk/grants/pchf/

Aberdeen City Heritage Trust | £500 min | open now

The trust makes available a limited number of discretionary grants for the repair of historic buildings in conservation areas. Additionally grants may be available for carrying out tree management works where a tree is recognised by designation to contribute to amenity. For the Building and Shop Front grant, the

Trust is directing its funding to projects located in the areas illustrated on the map that is on their website. Applications for repair projects relating to property outside these areas will not be considered except where the building appears on the Buildings at Risk Register, maintained by Historic Environment Scotland.

The Trust is looking to support external repair to buildings that are being brought back into use for housing or where businesses and jobs are sustained or shall be created as part of a wider project. Community Heritage grants are available for buildings at risk, repair of community heritage and interpretation of community heritage.

Geographical areas funded: Aberdeen

Notes on award amounts: Annual total from 2021 accounts

Who can apply: The Trust will consider applications from not-for-profit organisations such as charities or trusts, community or voluntary groups, student groups, “friends of” groups, community councils, community interest companies and social enterprises. It may also be possible to support individuals who are carrying out research. This list is not exhaustive.

When to apply: Check the Trust website for the status on each funding strand.

How to apply: For building works check the Eligible Repair work document. If your project is eligible, complete the pre-application enquiry form. Both documents are available to download from the Trust's website. For Community Grants complete the pre application enquiry form.

Exclusions: Fund criteria differs for Building Repair and Shopfront Grants, and Community Heritage Grants. Full details are available in the guidance notes for each programme on the Trust's website.

More information: www.aberdeenheritage.org.uk/grants/

Dundee Historic Environment Trust | N/A | open now

Dundee Historic Environment Trust provides grant assistance for the repair of historic buildings located in Dundee's conservation areas. They also fund heritage outreach projects.

For Building Conservation grants, eligible works include: essential structural repairs; comprehensive roof repairs; repair of chimneys, stonework, historic boundary walls, garden structures; repair or replacement of rainwater gutters; repair or reinstatement of historic metalwork, including railings; reinstatement of lost architectural detail; agreed professional fees.

For Heritage Outreach grants, eligible projects include:

- opportunities for people to learn about and enjoy Dundee's historic built environment
- feasibility studies which relate to bringing buildings back into use
- conservation plans which further the understanding and management of historic assets
- streetscape features such as setts/paving/statues/railings where there is community value

Geographical areas funded: Dundee

Notes on award amounts: Annual amount and average from 2021 accounts.

When to apply: Apply anytime. Decisions are normally determined within 6 to 8 weeks of application, and a letter of grant offer provided thereafter if successful.

How to apply: Complete the project enquiry form on the funder's website. If you are invited to apply, you will be sent a link to the application form.

Exclusions: Buildings do not have to be listed to be eligible, but priority is given to the repair and reuse of redundant or underused listed buildings. Buildings that are not in a conservation area are not eligible, even if they are listed.

Most historic buildings are eligible, with the exception of places of worship (which have their own scheme), buildings owned by financial institutions and local authorities, and projects assisted directly by Historic Scotland.

More information: www.dhet.org/grants/

War Memorials Trust – Grant Scheme (UK) | £30,000 max | open now

War Memorials Trust (WMT) raises funds to support grants to war memorials. The fund seeks to facilitate repair and conservation works through its grants and act as a catalyst for action. It promotes current best conservation practice. This is a key principle at the heart of the scheme to ensure no works are damaging to a memorial and ensure it is maintained for future generations. Some works may be considered to be outside the scope of funding if funds become limited but this does not mean they necessarily contravene conservation principles.

General maintenance is considered to be the responsibility of custodians. They can fund conservation, like-for-like repair, structural repair/stabilisation, reinstatement of lost elements that form an integral part of the design, professional condition surveys and structural reports.

Geographical areas funded: Scotland UK

Notes on award amounts: Grants of over £30,000 will be considered if the need is great. Annual total and average for UK from 2021 accounts.

Who can apply: It is open to war memorials of any type, from any conflict

When to apply: Submit a grant pre-application form at any time.

How to apply: Submit a pre-application form - available on the Trust's website. If your project is eligible you will be sent the appropriate application documents.

Exclusions:

- dedications that have been added to other gravestones which commemorate a war casualty buried elsewhere
- items which do not meet the criteria for recording on the War Memorials Register
- memorials commemorating representatives or associates of groups that have appeared on the government's list of Proscribed terrorist groups or organisations

More information: www.warmemorials.org/wmt/

The Wolfson Foundation – Funding for Places | min £15,000 | 1 July

The Foundation's main grants programme provides support for places. These grants are for capital initiatives, i.e. buildings (new build or refurbishment) and equipment. They fund a broad range of organisations working across the fields of education, science and medicine, health and disability, places of worship, heritage, and arts and humanities. Each category has its own specific funding criteria, more detail on which can be found on the Foundation's website.

Geographical areas funded: UK

Notes on award amounts: They prefer that you do not request a specific amount. In a Stage 1 application, and simply want to know the total cost of your project and the amount you still need to raise towards it. Grant sizes vary between different categories.

Who can apply: Registered charities. Some categories of funding also allow Local Authorities, schools and universities to apply.

When to apply: There are two funding rounds each year:

Round 1 - Open from 20 November - 5 January (for decisions in June)

Round 2 - Open from 14 May - 1 July (for decisions in December)

If a deadline date falls during a weekend, they will accept applications that arrive by 9am on the following Monday.

How to apply: Online via the Foundation's website. Please see the How to apply section under each specific category on the Funding for Places page. Once you've checked that your project is eligible, you can submit a Stage 1 application via the online form. It usually takes around 5 months between submitting a Stage 1 application and hearing the outcome of a Stage 2 application. If eligible, you will be invited to submit a Stage 2 application, normally around 1 month after the deadline.

Exclusions: They don't fund projects where the total cost is below £15,000. See each category of funding for specific exclusions

More information: www.wolfson.org.uk/funding/funding-for-places/

EB Scotland – Scottish Landfill Communities Fund | total fund £1.5m | open now

The fund offers funding to projects through the Scottish Landfill Communities Fund (SLCF). It will consider applications across all types of projects included in the SLCF Objects including: land reclamation, community recycling, public amenities and parks, biodiversity and historic buildings.

Notes on award amounts: The fund gives between £1 million and £1.5 million annually. They don't operate any minimum or maximum application amounts.

Who can apply: Community groups and those acting for communities e.g. community councils etc can apply.

When to apply: They do not operate strict timescales and assess based on demand. Once they decide on a meeting they will set a deadline for receipt of applications. They prefer to speak to applicants in the first instance and make them aware of deadlines at that point.

How to apply: Please contact the funder for information on how to apply.

More information: www.ebscotland.co.uk/

The Association for Industrial Archaeology - Restoration Grants | max £20,000 | 31 March

Grants are provided for the restoration of historically, technically, architecturally, and/or archaeologically important industrial buildings, structures, machinery, vehicles and vessels within the UK. Applications will usually relate to a single, tangible structure or artefact which must be covered by a Conservation Policy and/or Statement.

The heritage asset must be sustainably managed, displayed and interpreted for the public and the public must have full access to the asset.

Grants are divided into two categories:

- Major projects where the maximum grant that can be awarded is £20,000. The AIA would not normally fund projects where their grant represents less than 20% of the total project costs;
- Small projects which are allocated at least 20% of the available funds. The grant limit is £7,500, for which the total cost of the project, excluding the value of volunteer labour, must not exceed £10,000.

Who can apply: The applicant organisation must be a not-for-profit organisation such as a Trust, charity or CIC.

How to apply: Guidance on the funder website. Please submit your application on no more than four sides of A4 paper. See guidance notes for what your application should include.

Exclusions: Grants are not available for private businesses or individuals

More information: www.industrial-archaeology.org/aia-awards/restoration-grants/

Scottish Government - Regeneration Capital Grant Fund | N/A | open now

The Regeneration Capital Grant Fund, delivered in partnership with COSLA and local government, supports locally developed regeneration projects that involve local communities, helping to support and create jobs and build sustainable communities.

Projects should focus on:

- areas that suffer from high levels of deprivation and disadvantage
- demonstrate clear community involvement
- that will deliver large scale transformational change with strong regeneration outcomes
- that can encourage additional investment and address market failure

Geographical areas funded: Scotland

Who can apply: The fund is open to all 32 Scottish local authorities individually, or whether they exercise their functions through urban regeneration companies (URCs) or other special purpose vehicles (SPVs). Voluntary organisations should check details with their own local authority.

When to apply: Timings depend on your local authority area.

How to apply: Contact your local authority for more details on their application process. A Second Stage, full submission will not be accepted for this project unless this proposal has been recommended by the Regeneration Capital Grant Fund Investment Panel.

More information: www.gov.scot/policies/regeneration/capital-investment

Business Premises Renovation Allowance – HMRC | open now

To increase private investment, enterprise and employment in the UK's most disadvantaged communities (designated as "Enterprise Areas"), by bringing longer term vacant business properties, in those areas, back into productive use. The measure is part of the UK's holistic approach to regeneration. A full initial allowance of 100% can be claimed in the year in which the expenditure is incurred. If this allowance is not claimed in full in the first year, writing down allowance of 25% based on cost can be claimed in subsequent years until tax relief has been claimed for the total capital expenditure on the project.

Eligibility: The property must have been unused for a year or more prior to the renovation exercise beginning. It must have been last used for the purposes of a trade, profession or vocation or as an office (and not as a dwelling) and it must be used for one or more of these purposes after the renovation or conversion has been completed.

More information: <http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/manuals/camanual/CA45300.htm>

Independent Retail Fund | up to £3,000 for single unit, £5,000 for a double unit | N/A

The High Street/Saltmarket area is the oldest, and one of the most historically significant streets in Glasgow. Glasgow City Council and key partners have developed a 5 year action plan for the area which will deliver projects and interventions including: heritage-related challenges, advancing economic growth and improving the areas look and feel.

The Independent Retail Fund (IRF) is a shop front improvement grant available to tenants and owners of occupied shop units on Saltmarket and High Street.

The IRF is available to owners and tenants (with the owner's written permission) of properties to enable them to undertake the necessary repairs/redecoration and other improvements such as removing/upgrading signage, replacing damaged tiles and feature lighting for signage or window displays.

More information: <https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=18289>

Environment

SRDP – Agri-Environment Climate Scheme | N/A | open now

The Agri-Environment Climate Scheme promotes land management practices which protect and enhance Scotland's magnificent natural heritage, improve water quality, manage flood risk and mitigate and adapt to climate change. It will also help to improve public access and preserve historic sites.

Geographical areas funded: Scotland

Fund award sizes

Notes on award amounts: Funding under the scheme are annual payments for management options and payments for capital costs. They will pay standard costs for activity.

Who can apply: The scheme is open to farmers, groups of farmers and other land managers with land in Scotland.

When to apply: Deadline for the current round varies depending on the type of application made. See the Rural Payments website for more details.

How to apply: To apply to this scheme, you will first need to register with and then log in to Rural Payments and Services. Details are on the website.

More information: www.ruralpayments.org/publicsite/futures/topics/all-schemes/agri-environment-climate-scheme

Highlands and Islands Environment Foundation | £15,000 max | 15 May, 15 September

Supports projects in the Scottish highlands and islands which fit into one of the Foundation's areas of interest:

- Montane
- Fresh water
- Marine & coastal
- Forest & woodland

Your project should create measurable and sustainable long-term results, build capacity and encourage participation by the local society.

Geographical areas funded: Argyll & Bute Highland Na h-Eileanan Siar Orkney Shetland

Notes on award amounts: Previous grants have ranged from £7,000 - £15,000.

Who can apply: Local non-profit organisations, associations, clubs or unions, social cooperative enterprises and/or other local bodies, including research centres. They can support projects throughout the Scottish highlands and islands.

When to apply: Applications will be accepted in three periods in 2023. Upcoming deadlines are 9am on:

15 May 2023

18 September 2023

Next deadline: 15 May 2023

How to apply: Apply online via the Foundation's website.

More information: www.hief.scot/grants/

Ashden UK Award | £25,000 max | 8 March

The Ashden Awards reward organisations that deliver sustainable energy at the local level, and through

this bring social, economic and environmental benefits. Work should be innovative and have the potential to create a significant impact. Initiatives should boost resilience and be as participatory and democratic as possible.

Award categories open to organisations in the UK are:

- Ashden Award for Energy Innovation
- Ashden Award for Skills in Low Carbon Sectors
- Ashden Award for Greening All Work

International award categories are:

- Ashden Award for Energising Refugee Livelihoods
- Ashden Award for Energy Access Skills
- Ashden Award for Energising Agriculture

Geographical areas funded: UK

Notes on award amounts: Winners receive a prize of up to £25,000 depending on category, and a package of support which includes professional mentoring and pro-bono legal help.

Who can apply: Businesses, NGOs, government organisations, and social enterprises (both for-profit and not-for-profit, including community groups) are all eligible.

When to apply: Applications for the 2023 Ashden Awards close on 8 March 2023.

How to apply: There is a two-stage application process. Submit an expression of interest online via the Ashden Awards website.

More information: www.ashden.org/awards-apply/

Historic Environment Scotland – Partnership Fund | N/A | August 2023

Partnership Fund is open to applications from third-sector organisations delivering strategic outcomes with national impact for Scotland's historic environment or the Scottish historic environment sector. You must have a track-record of making a significant contribution to HES Grants Priorities and address a clear and demonstrable need or opportunity for Scotland's historic environment sector which is not being met by other organisations.

Geographical areas funded: Scotland

Notes on award amounts: There is no set limit on funding requests, but each request must demonstrate strong value for money. As a guide, applicants should aim to request no higher than 50% funding. Organisations can apply for up to three years of funding in a single application.

Who can apply: Applicant organisations must be fully constituted with an organisational bank account and have a demonstrable track record of sound financial management, including administration of a similar level of grant funding.

Applicants are likely to include charitable organisations playing an intermediary role or representing a specific area of activity within the sector. For full eligibility criteria, please see the HES website.

When to apply: The Partnership Fund has one application deadline per year in September. Expressions of Interest can be submitted at any time in the year up to one month before the application deadline

How to apply: Submit your Expression of Interest online via the Historic Environment Scotland website. If approved, you will be invited to complete a full application.

More information: www.historicenvironment.scot/grants-and-funding/our-grants/partnership-fund/

Low Carbon Transport Business Loan | max £100,000 | open now

Interest free loans are available to Scottish businesses to help lower their transport and travel costs. These loans are funded by Transport Scotland and have a repayment term of up to 6 years.

The low-carbon transport loan aims to support organisations that want to reduce the carbon impact and fuel costs of their transport and travel arrangements with new, more efficient alternatives. Loans can be used towards the purchase of:

- Pure electric vehicles, including cars and vans
- New electric motorcycles or scooters
- New electric / plug-in hybrid heavy goods vehicles (HGVs)

Geographical areas funded: Scotland

When to apply: Before applying for a loan, you must complete the online form and one of their sustainable transport coordinators will contact you to arrange a sustainable transport review.

How to apply: Before applying for a loan, you must complete the online form and one of their sustainable transport coordinators will contact you to arrange a sustainable transport review.

Exclusions: In order to be eligible for this loan, your business must be operational for a minimum of 12 months.

More information: www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/scotland/grants-loans/low-carbon-transport-business-loan

Zero Waste Scotland - Social Enterprise Net Zero Transition Fund | £10,000 - £1,500,000 | open now

SIS, in partnership with Zero Waste Scotland, is pleased to present the Social Enterprise Net Zero Transition Fund (NZTF), designed to support social enterprises and the wider third sector to make the transition to carbon net zero.

The purpose of the fund is to support these social sector organisations (SSO) in their journey to become carbon neutral, and to develop the circular economy. Through the fund, we are interested in supporting activities that will reduce carbon footprint.

Some examples of these activities are below. Please note this is not an exhaustive list and we are keen to see a range of activities come forward:

- Reducing energy consumption
- Improving energy efficiency
- Developing or moving to renewable energy sources
- Transitioning to sustainable transport options
- Scaling local food production and supply
- Minimising or re-purposing food waste
- Developing circular economy products, services, processes and practices

The fund provides loans from £10,000. SSO's who have a particular circular economy focus or are proposing specific projects with a focus on re-use, repair and leasing/sharing models, may also be eligible for a small grant award.

Who can apply: To be eligible for a loan SSOs must satisfy the following requirements:

- SSOs must generate a trading income that allows for Loan repayments.
- Organisations must be based and operating in Scotland or for organisations that are not, the activity funded by NZTF must be delivering most of their impact in Scotland.
- SSOs must be able to evidence their ambition to transition to a net zero model and / or
- SSOs looking to establish or grow circular economy practices

Term: Loans must be settled in full by 31st March 2031

Repayment: We will work with you to find an affordable and flexible package that works for you.

How to apply: If you would like to apply, please complete an Expression of Interest form [here](#). This is a short form, which seeks to understand your Net Zero Transition plans and your plans for the funds. Please send your completed EOI form to hello@socialinvestmentscotland.com with the requested supporting information.

More information: www.socialinvestmentscotland.com/learning-hub/social-enterprise-net-zero-transition-fund/

Zero Waste Scotland SME Loan Fund | £1,000 - £100,000 | [open now](#)

The SME Loan provides unsecured, interest free loans from for the installation of energy efficient measures such as lighting and heating upgrades, double glazing and insulation. The loan can be used to pay for: heating, ventilation and air conditioning upgrades: from single improvements to controls to complete system replacement lighting systems: fitting and controls building fabric: including insulation, draft-proofing, double and secondary glazing water saving: be it installing a grey water system, harvesting rain water or sampling installing water efficient taps waste reduction: installation of equipment to improve handling and reduce waste at source.

Geographical areas funded: Scotland

Type of funding: Loan Type of cost: Capital, Revenue

Notes on award amounts: Apply for the SME Loan to help you install eligible measures and you will receive cashback on completion of your project (to a maximum value of £20,000).

Who can apply: The scheme is aimed at providing loan funding for Scottish businesses that fall within the European Commission definition of Small and Medium-sized Enterprise (SME), not-for-profit organisations and charities.

Exclusions: If a charity or not-for-profit organisation, your memorandum and articles must allow you to borrow money.

When to apply: Applications are processed on a rolling basis all year round, subject to the overall availability of loan funds.

How to apply: Contact the Resource Efficient Scotland helpline or fill in the online form. A personal adviser will help you identify eligible measures that will reduce your energy use before you submit your

loan application.

More information: <https://energy.zerowastescotland.org.uk/SMELoan>

Zero Waste Scotland - Circular Economy Investment Fund | £20,000 - £1,000,000 | open now

The Circular Economy Investment Fund is an £18m grant funding opportunity for businesses and organisations in Scotland working in all business and social economy sectors, who are helping to create a more circular economy.

Proposals are invited from small to medium sized enterprises (less than 250 employees/turnover less than €50 million) and non-profit organisations (charities and social enterprises). They are interested in:

- Exploring markets for new circular economy products;
- Development and adoption of innovative business models for new circular economy products and services;
- Development and uptake of innovative technologies, products and services to support a circular economy.

Key areas are: Built environment; Food systems; Bioeconomy; Energy infrastructure; Heat and energy; Waste. This fund comprises support from the Scottish Government and the European Regional Development Fund.

Geographical areas funded: Scotland

Who can apply: Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) that are registered with Companies House. Registered third sector organisations (including community and voluntary groups, registered charities, foundations, trusts, social enterprises, Community Interest Companies (CICs) and cooperatives) that conform to the EU SME definition.

Exclusions : This fund lists a large number of exclusions including staff related Ineligible costs: includes training, annual leave buy back, sick pay, maternity, bonus, overtime, apprentice levy, staff that are not 100% dedicated to the project delivery

All studies should be at an advanced stage: early-stage research, basic science projects and feasibility studies are ineligible.

Mandatory items: that are required for health & safety or environmental regulations are ineligible

See guidance notes on funder website for full details.

How to apply: If your business or organisation is interested, you should complete the short Circular Economy Investment Fund Outline Project Proposal Form via the funder website.

More information: www.zerowastescotland.org.uk/circular-economy/investment-fund

Zero Waste Scotland Recycling Improvement Fund | total fund £70m | open now

Zero Waste Scotland is administering a brand new £70m fund set to transform Scotland's recycling infrastructure. The Scottish Government's Recycling Improvement Fund, launched on Global Recycling Day, invites applications from all local authorities in Scotland to submit projects to improve services and

treatment infrastructure.

Local authorities across Scotland are urged to apply to the fund, to help drive new innovations and improvements to recycling in their area and across Scotland.

The five-year £70 million Recycling Improvement Fund, part of the Programme for Government, aims to accelerate progress towards Scotland's ambitious waste and recycling targets and net zero commitment. It is one of the biggest single investments by the Scottish Government in recycling infrastructure to date.

The fund will be transformational in helping communities move to a more circular economy, where materials and products are kept in use for as long as possible, and where new economic opportunities and social benefits flourish, as we move away from short-term, wasteful, throwaway approaches

More information: www.zerowastescotland.org.uk/recyclingfund

Home Energy Scotland Loan Scheme | £32,500 | open now

The Home Energy Scotland loan helps homeowners make energy and money saving improvements to their home. This interest free loan is funded by the Scottish Government and is currently open to applications.

Funding up to £38,500 per home is available to owner occupiers and eligible registered private sector landlords in Scotland. This covers a range of improvements including:

- energy efficiency improvements (such as insulation, glazing and boilers)
- home renewables systems
- connections to an approved district heating scheme powered fully or partially by a renewable energy source
- energy storage systems

Cashback grants are also available for a limited time for certain energy efficiency improvements.

If you are interested in applying or would like more information please call **Home Energy Scotland** on **0808 808 2282** (free from landlines and most mobiles).

Funding operates on a first-come, first-served basis and is subject to availability.

More information: <http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/scotland/grants-loans/home-energy-scotland-loan>

Perth & Kinross Council - Community Environment Challenge Fund | £2,500 - £10,000 | open now

The projects must be led and delivered by community groups, must make a significant difference to the local environment and be widely supported within the community. In addition, there is a requirement for a long-term maintenance commitment for any projects undertaken through the Fund.

Projects which can demonstrate any of the following are a priority for support:

- 'Spend to save' e.g. changing bedding plant areas to herbaceous plants, therefore saving on maintenance and materials

- Physical environmental improvement projects which reduce waste, increase reuse and recycling or use environmentally-friendly materials
- Enhance/contribute to the local economy such as tourism or craft, or use of local materials
- Benefits to the wider community encompassing a range of age groups and abilities
- Link to other existing or planned regeneration initiatives (e.g. conservation area appraisals)
- An ability to complete the project within 12 months.
- Demonstrate environmental sustainability e.g. carbon reduction

For works on Council-owned land, the Council would need to ensure that groups had the requisite skills and experience to let or carry out the works, that groups had adequate public liability insurance and that health and safety requirements were met. Costs relating to these requirements must be included in the overall project costs. In addition, responsibility for future maintenance would need to be agreed with the Council.

For projects which are not on Council-owned land, authorisation should be obtained from the landowner and this must be made clear on the application. Arrangements must be put in place for future maintenance and be approved by the Council.

More information: <http://www.pkc.gov.uk/CECF>

SEPA - Water Environment Fund | £1m annually | open now

Previously known as the Restoration Fund, the Water Environment Fund provides funding to projects to help restore Scotland's catchments from the source, down through rivers, lochs, floodplains into the estuaries and out to sea. The primary focus of the funding is to tackle impacts on the morphology or physical condition of these ecosystems. Applications welcomed from all, including individuals, charities, non governmental organisations, local authorities, and companies.

Funding will only be provided to projects that go beyond an applicant's duty or regulatory responsibility. Projects funded will: restore the morphology (i.e. the condition of the banks, bed and shore) of the water environment; remove barriers to fish migration; control invasive non-native species (the fund is currently fully committed for this aspect and is closed to new applications for projects controlling invasive non-native species).

More information: http://www.sepa.org.uk/water/water_environment_fund.aspx

Energy

Business Energy Scotland - SME Loan Fund | £1,000 - £100,000 | open now

The SME Loan provides unsecured, interest free loans from for the installation of energy efficient measures such as lighting and heating upgrades, double glazing and insulation. The loan can be used to pay for:

- heating, ventilation and air conditioning upgrades: from single improvements to controls to complete system replacement
- lighting systems: fitting and controls
- building fabric: including insulation, draft-proofing, double and secondary glazing
- water saving: be it installing a grey water system, harvesting rain water or sampling installing water efficient taps
- waste reduction: installation of equipment to improve handling and reduce waste at source

Geographical areas funded: Scotland

Notes on award amounts: Apply for the SME Loan to help you install eligible measures and you will receive cashback on completion of your project (to a maximum value of £20,000).

Who can apply: The scheme is aimed at providing loan funding for Scottish businesses that fall within the European Commission definition of Small and Medium-sized Enterprise (SME), not-for-profit organisations and charities.

When to apply: Applications are processed on a rolling basis all year round, subject to the overall availability of loan funds.

How to apply: Apply online via the Business Energy Scotland website.

Exclusions: If a charity or not-for-profit organisation, your memorandum and articles must allow you to borrow money.

More information: www.businessenergyscotland.org/smelan/

Home Heating Support Fund | N/A | 31 March

The fund seeks to provide financial relief to energy consumers who are experiencing significant financial hardship and strives to provide this support to households regardless of the fuel or payment method used. That is, the project is inclusive of: users of prepayment meters, district heating networks and unregulated fuels.

The main objectives/expected outcomes of the grant are, as a result of COVID-19, to support vulnerable individuals and those in need, to help communities respond to the needs and challenges they are experiencing and protect the wellbeing of Scotland.

Geographical areas funded: Scotland

Notes on award amounts: Once evidence has been checked by partner organisations and supplied to homeheatingadvice.scot and verified, where possible, payment will be made directly to the energy supplier.

Who can apply: Trusted referral partners for the project include local authorities and 3rd sector partners who are providing energy advice and/or approved money advice.

When to apply: Apply as soon as possible. Applications are open until 31 of March 2023, or until funds have been exhausted.

How to apply: Applications can be made on behalf of individuals by referral partners. New organisations who are interested in registering as a partner can do this on the 'Portal Registration' page which can be found on the funder website.

More information: www.homeheatingadvice.scot/how-to-apply-for-funding/

[Local Energy Scotland - Let's Do Net Zero Community Buildings | max £80,000 | open now](#)

The Scottish Government's Community and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES) is here to support communities to engage with, participate in and benefit from the energy transition to net zero emissions. The Fund will help community organisations reduce their building energy costs and greenhouse gas emissions.

Funding is available for many types of community buildings, including:

- community cafes
- community hubs
- faith buildings
- public halls
- community halls and centres

CARES supports communities to engage, participate and benefit in the energy transition to net zero. They will support projects that:

- accelerate the uptake of community and locally owned renewable energy, to meet Scotland's 2030 2GW ambition
- support community involvement in local energy systems that lead to new installations of locally owned renewable energy generation
- support shared ownership projects (where a community group invests in a commercial renewable energy project)
- assist communities to maximise the impact from community benefit funds through community consultation, action planning and good governance

Geographical areas funded: Scotland

Notes on award amounts: Grant funding is available for up to 80% of eligible costs up to a maximum of £80,000.

Who can apply: Applicants must be constituted non-profit distributing community organisations, including organisations with charitable status, that are established and operating across a geographically defined community ('local community organisations') or faith groups.

When to apply: The fund is planned to run until the end of March 2025, subject to funding availability.

How to apply: Apply online via the Local Energy Scotland website. You should get an energy audit from Business Energy Scotland, an Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) or a feasibility study to justify your choice of technology. Full details are available in the fund guidelines.

Exclusions: The building must be owned or leased by the applicant and must be used by the local community or a charitable organisation.

More information: www.localenergy.scot/funding/lets-do-net-zero-community-buildings-fund/

[Local Energy Scotland - CARES Enablement Grant | up to £25,000 | open now](#)

CARES provides grant funding to help towards start-up costs of feasibility studies, community consultation and other preparatory costs of community renewable energy projects.

It could be used to look at what is feasible in your area, learn what other groups have undertaken, or

develop a plan for a community benefit income stream from a local renewable energy project. These should be early stage activities without which the installations would not be able to go ahead.

Geographical areas funded: Scotland

Eligible community organisations include: community groups including community councils, community development trusts and community associations; national or regional non-profit organisations with charitable aims and objectives; Societies for the Benefit of the Community (BenComm); bona-fide co-operatives; Housing Associations; Local Authorities.

Non-constituted groups can apply to the fund for the start-up costs to become constituted.

How to apply: Application form and guidance on the funder website.

More information: <https://www.localenergy.scot/funding/cares-enablement-grant/>

The Pebble Trust | up to £5,000 | open now

Offer grant funding for projects which support the vision of a more sustainable and equal society, where constraints on fossil fuels lead to a more localised economy with stronger, more resilient, communities, and where human activities take account of climate change and the wider environment.

Applications can be accepted from charities, community groups, businesses or individuals, provided they can demonstrate that the expected outcomes contribute to the Pebble Trust's vision, meet the charitable objectives and will benefit the wider community.

How to apply: Online application form, complete and email in.

More information: <https://www.thepebbletrust.org/applications.asp>

Healthy Towns

The Sportsman's Charity | £30,000 annually | open now

Founded in 1983 The Sportsman's Charity has a reputation for running first-class events and distributing funds to a wide range of primarily Scottish charities working in the fields of sport, children and young people, disability and the disadvantaged.

Each year, the Charity identifies two partner organisations which will receive a significant proportion of the funds raised at The Sportsman's Dinner. In recent years the charities have included Combat Stress, the Scottish Golf Trust, Capability Scotland, Crohn's & Colitis UK, Alzheimer Scotland and Scottish Disability Sport.

As well as supporting some of the larger established charities, The Sportsman's Charity takes a special interest in smaller organisations for which a modest donation can make all the difference.

Geographical areas funded: Scotland

Notes on award amounts: Annual total and average from 2020 accounts. The Charity's fundraising has been affected by Covid restrictions. Donations in 2020 were around half of those given in previous

years. In 2021, they only awarded around £4,200.

Who can apply: Charities working in the area of sport, children, disability and the disadvantaged.

When to apply: Apply at any time.

How to apply: To apply for assistance email the Charity providing organisation and project details, and information on other funding applications made. The Sportsman's charity will then be in touch to discuss the application.

Exclusions: The Charity has limited funds at its disposal and restricted areas within which it operates and therefore cannot support all causes for which appeals are made. The Charity does not support individuals or animal welfare charities. It supports specifics and does not fund running costs, staffing costs or overheads.

More information: www.sportsmanscharity.com/page.php?page=113

The Scottish Football Partnership Trust Award | N/A | open now

Provides funding and support for grassroots football clubs and other charitable organisations with football related projects.

Geographical areas funded: Scotland

When to apply: Applications can be made at any time.

How to apply: Apply online via the Trust website.

Exclusions: Only one application can be approved between 1 April and 31 March in any one year.

More information: www.thescottishfootballpartnership.com/how-to-apply/

Barclays Community Football Fund | £500 | open now

Grants are available for groups wishing to start offering football, those keen to expand their existing provision to new audiences or those already delivering football to under-represented young people. Alongside the grants, the programme will offer training and support resources to groups to help reduce inequalities in the participation of football.

The programme's focus is on including girls and young people from lower socio-economic and under-represented groups: including racially diverse communities, people with disabilities, and people from the LGBTQ+ community.

Geographical areas funded: UK

Who can apply: Applications are welcome from all types of organisations including football clubs, community groups, youth groups and charities. You must have a governing document and a bank account in the name of your organisation.

When to apply: Applications are open now.

How to apply: Apply online via the Sported website.

More information: www.sported.org.uk/barclays-community-football-fund-open/

Greene King IPA - Proud to Pitch In | max £3,000 | Open now

The aim of this fund is to support sports focussed projects that positively impact their club and/or the local community, and would tangibly benefit from funding. Examples of projects that have previously received funding include:

- Renovations of a club's facilities making them more inclusive and accessible
- Coaching qualifications and referee courses
- Coaching costs of running existing programmes or new sessions
- New equipment and kit

Geographical areas funded: Scotland UK

Who can apply: To be eligible for funding, projects must be located in the United Kingdom and project beneficiaries must be aged 18 or over.

When to apply: Nominations are now open.

How to apply: Nominate your sports club via the funder website.

More information: www.greeneking-pubs.co.uk/proud-to-pitch-in/

Transport Scotland – Network Support Grant | N/A | N/A

The Network Support Grant is a discretionary grant that subsidises commercial and community bus routes. It aims to keep fares at affordable levels and networks more extensive than would otherwise be the case. The NSG replaces the Bus Service Operators' Grant (BSOG), COVID-19 Support Grant (CSG) and COVID-19 Support Grant - Restart (CSG-R).

Geographical areas funded: Scotland

Who can apply: bus operators and community transport organisations. See the Transport Scotland website for full details on eligibility.

When to apply: Community transport organisations possessing a section 19 or section 22 permit can either claim once annually, or twice yearly in arrears for set 6-month periods (1 October - 31 March and 1 April - 30 September).

How to apply: Bus Operators must register before they can submit a claim for the grant. See the Transport Scotland website for more details.

More information: www.transport.gov.scot/public-transport/buses/network-support-grant/

sportscotland - Sport Facilities Fund | £10,000 - £100,000 | 1 April

The fund supports capital projects that create or improve places that people take part in sport and physical activity. Awards are available for sports facility projects within club & communities, school & education or performance sport environments. In clubs and communities they will support:

- new, upgraded or extended sports facilities; Inclusive changing facilities
- facilities that provide or improve access for outdoor sport and adventure activities

- floodlights that increase capacity at appropriate sports facilities
- major items of sports equipment

They will provide enhanced support to projects within or serving the most deprived communities, according to the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD). They focus participation and progression and prioritise projects where there is a commitment to equalities & inclusion, people development, collaboration & impact.

Greater prioritisation will be given to projects and applications supporting Return to Sport objectives and outcomes following the Coronavirus Pandemic. As well as those that can clearly demonstrate an embedded inclusive approach such as Changing Lives Through Sport and Physical Activity and target participants in/from SIMD areas or Disability, BAME or other protected characteristic groups.

Geographical areas funded: Scotland

Notes on award amounts: You can apply for up to 50% of eligible costs or if you are in a deprived area up to 75%

Who can apply: Any non profit distributing, constituted organisations whose membership is open to all sections of society. This includes schools and public bodies such as local authorities.

When to apply: They operate only two investment rounds each year:

Small projects have a deadline of 1 April and 1 September for a decision within three months of the deadline.

Stage 1 large projects should be submitted by the 1st of any month and Stage 2 by 1 April and 1 September for a decision within three months of the deadline.

Next deadline: 1 Apr 2023

How to apply: Log on to the sportscotland website and follow the online wizard to guide you through creating your own 'MySport' account and completing the application form. There is a single stage process for projects costing up to £250,000 including VAT. There is a two stage process for applications with a total project value over £250,000 (including VAT).

More information: www.sportscotland.org.uk/funding/sport_facilities_fund/

Paths for All – Ian Findlay Path Fund | £10,000 - £100,000 | open now

Our new grant fund will enable more people to walk, wheel or cycle for their everyday journeys to improve air quality, reduce CO2 emissions and improve physical health and mental wellbeing. The Ian Findlay Path Fund will support path management projects that will make it easier to choose active travel and public transport by improving the accessibility and resilience of existing paths between homes, community services, active travel routes and public transport facilities or connections.

Community groups, third sector organisations and charities wanting to improve the accessibility of their local path networks are eligible to apply for between £10,000 to £100,000.

Activities supported could include the removal of barriers, steps, ramps or vegetation; linking community destinations by filling in path connectivity gaps; tackling flooded sections of paths to increase climate change resilience; adding lighting to make paths safer, especially at night or in winter; improving sight lines; and upgrading desire lines.

These are all measures that make paths across Scotland more attractive and enjoyable to use by people of all ages and abilities.

More information: <https://www.pathsforall.org.uk/community-paths/cmp-grants/ian-findlay-path-fund>

[Paths for All – Smarter Choices, Smarter Places Open Fund | £5,000 - £100,000 | open now](#)

The Smarter Choices, Smarter Places (SCSP) Open Fund aims to encourage people to change their behaviours to walk or cycle as part of their everyday short journeys. Grants are available to encourage people to use buses and community car clubs for longer journeys; walking and cycling for short journeys, and home-working to replace daily commutes.

Geographical areas funded: Scotland

Notes on award amounts: Funding is available for 50% of a total project cost and needs to be match funded, although 25% of the total project cost can be in-kind contributions.

Who can apply: Public, third and community sector organisations

When to apply: Currently accepting expressions of interest.

How to apply: Complete an expression of interest via the Paths for All website.

More information: www.pathsforall.org.uk/active-travel/smarter-choices-smarter-places-1/open-fund
[Cycling Scotland – Cycling Friendly Community | max £20,000 | open now](#)

The Cycling Friendly Community programme supports organisations across Scotland to take a leading role in increasing the number of people who cycle, creating sustainable communities.

Funds are focused on capital improvements that seek to support the development or improvement of facilities that will enable more people to cycle. Capital costs are generally assets, such as bikes, equipment, tools etc. Proposals for complementary activities to support behaviour change may be considered where there is a direct link to capital elements, e.g. bike maintenance training in conjunction with procurement of maintenance equipment.

Geographical areas funded: Scotland

Who can apply: Community groups in Scotland who are looking to increase opportunities for people to cycle can apply.

When to apply: Applications are open now.

How to apply: Apply online via the Cycling Scotland website.

Exclusions:

- Retrospective costs
- Improvements or works which are already scheduled under a separate commitment i.e. as condition of planning approval
- Maintenance and running costs of existing projects or services
- Staff costs / salaries
- Political campaigning or activities

- Activities promoting specific religious/other beliefs
- Loan repayments
- Projects that are designed to further the business interests of the organisation

More information: www.cycling.scot/what-we-do/cycling-friendly/community

Dumfries and Galloway Council – Stewartry Sports Grants | max £500 | open now

Grants are available to support individuals and clubs from Dumfries and Galloway who are taking part in sport. Grant funding is awarded towards sports equipment, training for coaches and volunteers, travel and competition expenses, clothing/kit expenses, sports events and improving and extending facilities.

Geographical areas funded: Dumfries & Galloway

Notes on award amounts: Funding is usually limited to a maximum of £500 towards no more than 50% of the costs. Awards of up to £1,000 may be granted in exceptional circumstances.

Who can apply: Groups must have a constitution and annual accounts.

When to apply: Applications to Stewartry Sports Council are now open.

How to apply: Application forms are available via the Council website and can be emailed. Individuals or groups are advised to contact the Sports Council to request an application form

More information: www.dumgal.gov.uk/

NESTRANS – Sustainable Travel Grants £500 - £10,000 | open now

The North East Scotland Transport Partnership (Nestrans) operates a Sustainable Travel Grant Scheme (STGS) to support and encourage Travel Planning and increasing sustainable travel throughout the North East of Scotland.

The scheme provides financial assistance to organisations investing in measures aimed at encouraging sustainable travel, such as increasing travel to work by public transport, cycling and walking, low emission vehicles and reducing the need to travel.

Geographical areas funded: Aberdeen Aberdeenshire

Notes on award amounts: The applicant will be responsible for securing the remaining 50% match funding, which should include a contribution directly from the applicant and may not come wholly from another grant scheme.

Who can apply: Any organisation based in Aberdeen or Aberdeenshire can apply. Applications can be made on behalf of:

- any business or other organisation, including charities, not for profit and public sector agencies
- a specific workplace or section within such a business or other organisation
- commercial or public service premises (not a private residence) currently attracting visitors or customers by car
- Exclusions: Grants are not available to enable organisations to comply with conditions of planning permission or legal agreements which require them to implement such measures

When to apply: apply at any time.

How to apply: Apply online via the funder website.

More information: www.nestrans.org.uk/funding/

Bruce Wake Charitable Trust | N/A | open now

The Trustees will consider grant applications related to the provision of leisure activities for the disabled but favour particularly applications whereby the potential beneficiaries meet one or all of the following criteria:

- the potential beneficiaries are physically disabled wheelchair users
- improved access for wheelchair users is proposed
- sporting or leisure activity involving disabled wheelchair users is proposed.

Geographical areas funded: UK

How to apply: A preliminary application form is on the funder website.

More information: <http://brucewaketrust.co.uk/index.php/grants/>

Cycling Scotland - Cycle Friendly Employer Development Fund | max £25,000 | open now

The Cycle Friendly Development Fund, financed by Transport Scotland, is awarded to organisations to develop projects that encourage staff and visitors to travel by bike. Funding can provide the installation of cycle parking, upgrading of minor workplace specific pedestrian / cyclist access routes, upgrading of facilities such as changing areas, showers, lockers and drying areas as well as bike pools, hire fleets or creating maintenance areas and tools.

Who can apply: The fund is open to businesses and organisations in Scotland who are working towards achieving or maintaining Cycling Friendly Employer status.

How to apply: To apply for funding, a workplace must be registered for the Cycling Friendly Employer Award. Download an application pack from their website.

Exclusions: The fund lists a large number of exclusions. See the website for details.

When to apply: The fund is open and accepts applications on a rolling basis.

More information: <https://www.cycling.scot/our-programmes/cycle-friendly/employer>

Peter Harrison Foundation – Opportunities through Sport | avge £15.500 | open now

The Trustees wish to support sporting activities or projects which provide opportunities for people who are disabled or otherwise disadvantaged to fulfil their potential and to develop other personal and life skills.

Notes on award amounts: Grants will often be “one off” grants for capital projects. They will, however, consider revenue funding for a new project or if funding is key to the continuing success or survival of an established project. Annual total and average for Scotland from 2018 accounts.

Who can apply: The trust only accepts applications from registered charities or CASCs (Community

Amateur Sports Clubs).

Exclusions: Requests for retrospective funding; activities that are primarily the responsibility of central or local government; individuals; overseas projects; adventure challenges or expeditions in the UK or abroad; projects that are solely for the promotion of religion

When to apply: At any time. The Trustees customarily meet three times a year, in Spring, Summer and Autumn. The lead time between an online Initial Enquiry and the successful award of a grant is likely to be between three and six months.

More information: <http://www.peterharrisonfoundation.org/grant-programmes>

Culture and Arts

Scottish Book Trust – Live Literature Funding | N/A | 21 August

Grants are available to help bring literature alive with an author, poet, playwright, graphic novelist or storyteller visit. They like to support interesting, imaginative sessions which show a commitment to the promotion and enjoyment of reading and writing.

Activities should take place before 31 March 2024.

As funding is limited, a maximum of five sessions can be requested in a single application. The panel will only award the maximum five sessions if they feel the request is justified by an application.

Geographical areas funded: Scotland

Notes on award amounts: The set author fee is £175. They will pay the author directly, covering half of the £175 fee plus all author expenses within set guidelines. Organisations need to pay a set contribution of £75 plus VAT per author session.

Who can apply:

- You are based in any part of Scotland
- You are applying on behalf of a school, library, community group, arts organisation, local festival, reading/writing group, hospital, prison or an organisation working with adults or children with disabilities
- You intend to work with an author listed on the Live Literature Author Directory
- You are planning a digital activity such as a remotely delivered workshop or reading, a podcast recording, a short written resource, etc.

When to apply -
2023 deadlines are:

21 August 2023 for 28 August panel

20 November 2023 for 27 November panel

Next deadline: 21 Aug 2023

How to apply: Apply online via the Scottish Book Trust website.

More information: www.scottishbooktrust.com/writing-and-authors/live-literature/apply-now-live-literature

Creative Scotland- National Lottery Open Fund for Organisations £1,000 - £100,000 | any time

The National Lottery Open Fund for Organisations aims to support organisations who seek funding to undertake creative activity such as a specific project or production, a programme of creative work, or a period of research and development. The fund can also support business change and development projects, such as those that make the organisation more financially sustainable or focus on broader organisational development.

The fund will be assessed against six key criteria:

- Quality and Ambition
- Engagement
- Equalities, Diversity and Inclusion
- Environmental Sustainability
- Fair Work
- International

For full details, see the Fund guidelines available on the Creative Scotland website.

Geographical areas funded: Scotland

Notes on award amounts: Eligible organisations can apply for funding between £1k and £100k for projects or programmes lasting up to 18 months.

If you are seeking more than £100k and 18 months support refer to the National Lottery Extended Programme Fund.

Who can apply: Any type of constituted artistic, creative or cultural organisation based in Scotland can apply.

When to apply: There are no deadlines and applications can be submitted at any time. Applicants will receive a decision on their application:

within 8 working weeks of submission (if applying for under £20k)

within 12 working weeks of submission (if applying for between £20k – £100k)

How to apply: Apply online via the Creative Scotland portal.

Exclusions:

- Start-up business costs for new companies, and/or ongoing running costs at profit distributing companies
- Film, screen or TV industry projects or activity
- Activity which is related to academic studies in Further or Higher Education
- General arts or creative activities in schools
- Publishing activities that support academic, journalistic or reference work
- Large scale building work or feasibility studies for building projects
- Funding solely for equipment

See the fund guidelines for full details.

More information: www.creativescotland.com/funding/funding-programmes/open-funding/national-lottery-open-fund-for-organisations

William Syson - Small Grants Fund | £5,000 max | 28 April, 15 September

The trustees will consider applications for projects and activities that promote the advancement of the arts, heritage and culture, including (but not restricted to) promoting, developing and ensuring the practice and enjoyment of the arts, including music, the visual arts, theatre and literature” (Our Charitable Purpose)

We welcome applications for activity in any art form or cross-art form including but not limited to visual arts, performing arts, poetry, literature, film-making, music, photography, and digital arts.

Who can apply: You can apply to us for funding if:

- Your organisation’s core Purpose/Objective/activity is to provide opportunities for the practice and enjoyment of the arts in all its forms. You are encouraged to apply for unrestricted core funding.
- Your organisation is operating in another field (for example: mental health or relief of poverty) and you would like help with a project or programme that will provide an arts activity to your beneficiaries. You may only apply for restricted project funding.
- You are an individual who is delivering a specific project into schools or the communities which directly enables participants to practise and enjoy the Arts

What other criteria are important:

- You must be a constituted non-profit group or organisation, with a bank account in the name of the organisation
- You must have been operating for at least 12 months and able to supply annual accounts
- For unrestricted funding: you must be either registered in Scotland, or based in Scotland (if you are not a registered charity)
- For project funding: your project must be delivered to beneficiaries in Scotland

Exclusions:

- Your core activities or the project you are seeking funding for do not meet our Charitable Purposes
- You are looking for help with capital development costs
- You have already incurred the costs which you are applying for
- You have received funding from us within previous 12 months (with the exception of any Emergency Funding received from TWSF)
- Your focus is on the promotion of political/religious beliefs
- Your company is limited by shares

More information: www.williamsysonfoundation.org.uk/make-an-application-2023

RSPBA – Novice Juvenile Pipe Band Fund | N/A | open now

Applications are open to Association-registered Juvenile and Novice Juvenile bands. The sort of assistance that will be considered will range from help with band bus fees, to tuition and instruments.

Geographical areas funded: Scotland

When to apply: Apply at any time.

How to apply: Download the application form on the RSPBA website.

More information: www.rspba.org/admin/information-procedures-forms/

National Museums of Scotland – NFA Special Funding Scheme | N/A | open now

The National Fund for Acquisitions Special Funding Scheme helps museums which are struggling to raise match funding for acquisitions. It helps to raise match funding to make an application to the National Fund for Acquisitions.

The scheme operates alongside NFA's normal funding programme which will continue to consider applications for up to 50% of total purchase price for applicants who can raise match funding from their own or other funding sources.

Geographical areas funded: Scotland

Notes on award amounts: The National Fund for Acquisitions Special Funding Scheme considers applications for up to 100% funding.

Who can apply: Organisations struggling to raise match funding to make an application to the National Fund for Acquisitions.

When to apply: There are no deadlines. Applications will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

How to apply: Applications for funding under this special scheme must be discussed with NFA staff prior to submission, either by telephone or email. Full applications can then be made via an application form submitted via email.

More information: www.nms.ac.uk/about-us/our-services/national-fund-for-acquisitions/nfa-special-funding-scheme-202122/

Sustrans Scotland – ArtRoots Fund | max £5,000 | any time

The ArtRoots fund is a community fund for artistic and aesthetic improvements to the National Cycle Network in Scotland. The fund enables and empowers communities to make improvements to the National Cycle Network for the benefit of place quality, enjoyment and active travel.

It aims to support local enterprise and culture, whilst also showcasing talent, intergenerational co-operation, expression, and creating a platform for youngsters to be heard through their arts. The ArtRoots fund also encourages communities to participate in shaping their local environment and increase their levels of physical activity.

Geographical areas funded: Scotland

Notes on award amounts: The standard grant awarded for an ArtRoots project is £2,500. A higher award of £5,000 is available for projects which can demonstrate how an increased award would

significantly impact project outcomes and achieve a greater increase in new walking, wheeling and cycling journeys.

Who can apply: This fund is for constituted community groups based in Scotland. They will also consider applications from non-constituted groups.

When to apply: ArtRoots is open for new applications throughout the year.

Total annual funding is limited, so prospective applicants are encouraged to apply as soon as possible.

How to apply: Fill in the online expression of interest form via the Sustrans website.

Exclusions: General path maintenance or re-surfacing, building new paths, general repairs of existing infrastructure, e.g. bridges, walls etc. and volunteer/staff time. No part of the grant can be used for staff wages

More information: www.sustrans.org.uk/our-blog/projects/2019/scotland/artroots-funding-for-the-national-cycle-network-in-scotland/

Scottish Schools Pipes and Drums Trust – Funding and Bagpipe Loans | £250 - £10,000 | any time

The Trust awards cash grants, offers guidance, and loans bagpipes. Most of their support is for piping and drumming tuition that takes place in state schools during the school day, and for schools pipe bands. Support falls broadly into four categories:

- Start Up funding and guidance: this package of guidance, and one-off funding , enables programmes to get started in areas where most families can afford a modest fee towards tuition
- Match Funding: in areas where tuition needs to be offered free to all pupils, or at a subsidised rate of between £1 and £4 per lesson, an organisation or steering group must first raise funds and then apply to SSPDT for match funding, which may be awarded for a period of up to three years
- Open Grant Fund: you can apply for a one-off cash award, usually match funded. You can apply for the costs of instruments, workshops, and activities on and off school premises
- Bagpipe Loan: the Trust also loans bagpipes for a period of up to three years, only to organisations that provide tuition during school time. In some cases SSPDT will provide cash grants as well as instrument loan

Who can apply: They work with a variety of partners that manage programmes on a local level including Local Education Authorities, Feis, Parent Councils, Schools, Community Pipe Bands and constituted Steering Groups. They can help set up steering groups when required.

How to apply: Application form and guidance notes are available for each category of funding on the Trust's website.

Exclusions: Will not fund: Chanters and drum pads, overheads, room hire and uniform.

More information: www.sspdt.org.uk/funding/sspdt-funding-loans/

Comhairle Nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles Council) – Small Gaelic Project | N/A | any time

The fund is to support small, local projects in all the communities of the Western Isles, which support and promote the use of Gaelic in those communities. This support is a crucial aspect of the Gaelic Language Plan for the Western Isles 2007-2012, in which there are contained three Strategic Objectives:

- To strengthen Gaelic as a language in the family in the Western Isles
- To strengthen Gaelic as a community language in the Western Isles
- To increase the number of Gaelic speakers in the Western Isles

Geographical areas funded: Nan-Eilean Siar

Who can apply: Applicants may be constituted community groups, unincorporated associations, limited companies, co-operatives or partnerships and must be based in the Western Isles.

When to apply: There are no deadlines and applications can be submitted at any time.

How to apply: The application form and guidance can be downloaded from the Council Website

More information: www.cne-siar.gov.uk/

Glasgow City Council - City Centre Mural Fund | total fund £35,000 | open now

The scheme offers support towards the costs involved in creating and delivering new inspiring installations in prominent city centre locations. Aimed at improving the image of buildings, gable ends or sites across Glasgow city centre, the work will help to enhance the look of the area and add to the experience of visitors to Glasgow while also contributing to local regeneration.

This opportunity exists for artists to bring their ideas to life and provide a platform for their talent to be showcased. It will add to the growing reputation of Glasgow's arts community and contribute to the City's image as a cultural centre.

Geographical areas funded: Glasgow

Exclusions: This fund lists a large number of exclusions: check the website for details.

When to apply: This is a rolling programme and applications will be assessed on a first come basis and while budget is still available.

How to apply: The application form and guidance can be downloaded from the website.

More information: www.glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=18294

NESTA Arts and Culture Impact Fund | £150,000 - £1m | open now

The Arts & Culture Impact Fund is a new £20 million impact investment fund for the UK's arts, culture and heritage social enterprises. The fund offers loans between £150,000 and £1 million repayable over a period of up to ten years.

Notes on award amounts: The fund offers repayable finance between £150,000 to £1,000,000 with a repayment term of one to ten years and interest rates ranging between 3% and 10%.

Who can apply: Organisations whose primary activity is in arts, culture and heritage.

How to apply: Contact Seva Phillips seva.phillips@nesta.org.uk

More information: <https://www.artsculturefinance.org/our-funds/arts-culture-impact-fund/>

National Museums of Scotland National Fund for Acquisitions | max £30,000 | open now

The fund helps museums, galleries, libraries and archives throughout Scotland to make acquisitions for their collections, provided they are open to the public and not run for profit. Grants may be made to assist the purchase of an object or group of objects that conforms to the applicant's collecting policy. Funding is provided annually by Scottish Government and administered by National Museums Scotland.

Who can apply: Museums, galleries, specialist libraries and archives in Scotland are eligible to apply provided they are open to the public and not run for profit. Museums and galleries must be accredited under the Arts Council England (ACE) Accreditation Scheme, managed in partnership with Museums Galleries Scotland (MGS).

Exclusions: Friends organisations and nationally funded museums, galleries and libraries are not eligible for NFA support. This fund lists a large number of other exclusions: check the guidance for details.

More information: <https://www.nms.ac.uk/about-us/services-and-expertise/national-fund-for-acquisitions/>

National Heritage Memorial Fund (NHMF) | N/A | April 2023

This scheme can help buy anything which is of outstanding importance to the national heritage and either at risk or of memorial character. For example: works of fine and decorative art; museum collections; archives; manuscripts; items of transport and industrial history, historic buildings and land. In exceptional circumstances, NHMF can fund emergency repairs when a heritage asset (excluding historic buildings and structures) is at imminent risk of irreparable damage. NHMF can help fund heritage projects of all sizes. Charities (voluntary and public), not-for-profit organisations and public bodies can apply through the online portal on the website with limit on the percentage of funding essential to the project.

More information: <http://www.nhmf.org.uk/funding>

The Art Fund – Acquisition Grant | £100 - £1,000,000 | open now

The programme give grants totalling between £4m and £5m every year to help museums and galleries purchase art for their collections. It can assist with the purchase of works of art and other objects of artistic interest dating from antiquity to the present day. Within this broad category our criteria include: objects of national and international importance, including high value items subject to temporary export licence deferral or being offered with tax remission; objects of significant regional interest judged to be of good museum quality; objects which will artistically enrich collections and support the expansion and development of new areas of collecting.

More information: <https://www.artfund.org/supporting-museums/programmes/acquisition-grants>

EventScotland – International Events Programme | £3.4m annually | open now

Events supported through the International Funding Programme must: Generate substantial economic benefits for Scotland through increased visitation including tourists, spectators and participants; Highlight Scotland as an events and tourism destination through high profile, international media coverage and Enhance Scotland's opportunities to host further major events.

More information: <http://www.eventscotland.org/funding/international-programmes/>

Employment and Training

New Park Educational Trust | £1,000 - £5,000 | April, July, October

The Trust gives grants to individuals and organisations for the advancement of education for the public benefit. The Trustees have interpreted that as enabling them to support other charities working to help the education and development of young people, other organisations which carry out similar functions and individuals who need assistance with courses.

Grants are given for equipment and project costs, or for bursaries. Priority has been given to North East Fife and surrounding areas, but projects have been helped throughout Scotland.

Geographical areas funded: Scotland Fife

Who can apply: The Trust operates by giving grants to organisations and, less frequently, to individuals. Priority has been given to North East Fife and surrounding areas, but projects have been helped throughout Scotland.

When to apply: Meetings of Trustees are held quarterly in February, May, August and November. Applications should be sent by the 14th of the month before the meeting at which they are to be considered. Next deadline: 14 Jan 2023

How to apply: Download the application form on the Trust's website and return it to Henderson Black & Co, giving full details of the project and reason for the request. In appropriate cases, a copy of the last set of accounts should be sent.

More information: www.newparkeducationaltrust.org

IBB Trust | total fund £55,500 | open now

This trust supports a range of charitable organisations, generally with the emphasis on work being done in Dundee and Tayside, or possibly Scotland-wide. Organisations supported include health and welfare organisations and groups which provide assistance to individuals suffering from physical and mental illnesses.

Geographical areas funded: Scotland, Angus, Dundee, Perth & Kinross

Notes on award amounts: Annual total and average from 2021 accounts. The maximum grant was £3,000. They often fund the same organisations each year.

When to apply: Apply at any time. The Trustees meet from time to time in the course of the year to

discuss the applications for assistance and to distribute funds as they determine.

How to apply: Organisations should apply in writing to the Trust, outlining the work they do, and enclosing a copy of their latest accounts.

More information: enquiries@blackadders.co.uk

Adopt an Apprentice | £2,000 - £5,000 | open now

Adopt an Apprentice and not only will your business benefit from a skilled trainee, but you will also receive a financial incentive.

The financial incentive will help cover wage and recruitment costs of taking on a Modern Apprentice who has been made redundant from another employer.

For businesses in the oil and gas industry, the financial incentive is £5,000. For businesses in all other industries the incentive is £2,000.

Eligibility: public, community or charitable organisations

More information: <https://www.ourskillsforce.co.uk/funding-and-support/adopt-an-apprentice/>

Innovation and Growth

Growth Impact Fund | £50,000 - £1.5m | any time

Growth Impact Fund is a partnership between Big Issue Invest and UnLtd to provide social investment for early stage, growing organisations who are looking to help tackle inequality.

Investment is targeted at organisations with diverse representation at board and leadership level. The fund is for organisations that have more than 75% representation at board and at least 50% representation at Senior Leadership Team of individuals who fall into one or more of the following categories:

- Black, Asian or Minority Ethnic
- Disabled
- Women
- LGBTQIA+
- Lived experience of a social challenge
- Experience of socio-economic disadvantage

They will support those who:

- Are looking to significantly grow trading income and social impact
- Are interested in seeking funding as a repayable investment

Notes on award amounts: They offer between £50,000 and £1,500,000 of social investment. They can also provide up to £15,000 of grant funding to support your organisation before social investment, and up to £20,000 grant as additional funding to help grow your organisation.

Who can apply: All legally registered in the UK as a company or a charity.

When to apply: Enquiries can be submitted at any time. They aim to get back to you within 7 to 10 working days.

How to apply: Submit an enquiry form on the Fund website. Your enquiry will be reviewed by a Portfolio Manager and if eligible, you will be invited to submit a proposal.

More information: www.growthimpactfund.org.uk/

Scottish EDGE | £100,000 max | open now

Scottish EDGE is a competition aimed at identifying and supporting Scotland's up-and-coming, innovative, high-growth potential entrepreneurial talent. You should have an ambitious growth strategy and a commitment to deliver upon it.

There are three competitions:

- Scottish EDGE: For early-stage companies/social enterprises across all sectors, offering funding of up to £100,000 on a split grant/loan basis.
- Young EDGE: For companies where all directors are under the age of 30 offering a grant only award of up to £10,000.
- Wild Card EDGE: For pre-trading companies, sole-traders and partnerships, offering a grant only award of up to £10,000.

Geographical areas funded: Scotland

Fund type: Type of funding: Grant, Loan, Prize/award Type of cost: Capital, Revenue

Winners of the Scottish EDGE will benefit from:

- Funding of up to £100,000 on a split 30% grant / 70% loan basis
- Enrolment into the EDGE Alumni programme
- Package of Support from leading business organisations

Who can apply: Your organisation must be Incorporated at Companies House. Scottish EDGE is open to Ltd Companies and registered Social Enterprises/ Charities only. The company must have been in operation for less five years, have less than 24 employees, have a business bank account and be capable of employing at least five more people over the next 3 years

When to apply: Reopening 24 January 2023.

How to apply: Online application and a short video pitch. Paper based or email applications will not be accepted.

More information: www.scottishedge.com

Youth Scotland - What's Your Big Idea? | max £50 | open now

What's Your Big Idea?! is a small grants fund for young people in Scotland supported by the Audrey Milan Fund. Young people can apply for a small amount of funding to help get an exciting idea off the ground. They can apply for help starting a new project with your youth group; use it for a cool idea they've been thinking about to make more money; develop a new skill, like making jewellery, starting a podcast or learning to cook; or something completely different.

Young people are welcome to apply with individual or group ideas and applications can be submitted through a Youth Scotland member group.

Geographical areas funded: Scotland

Notes on award amounts: Youth Scotland are offering initial grants of up to £50 per application. Tell them how the project went and they could top up the application with another £150.

Who can apply: Young people living in Scotland, aged 12-25 are eligible to apply through a Youth Scotland member group.

When to apply: Applications and reviews and awarded on an ongoing basis.

How to apply: Send your application via the Youth Scotland website. It can be in the form of a video, voice message, email or write up of your idea.

Exclusions: This is a fund specifically to support young people get their ideas into reality and as such are unable to fund staffing costs, running costs or capacity building.

More information: www.youthscotland.org.uk/programmes/whats-your-big-idea

Interface – Standard Innovation Voucher | £1,000 - £5,000 | open now

The purpose of a Standard Innovation Voucher is to encourage new first time partnerships between a company and a university or further education college. The vouchers cover the academic project costs and are paid directly to the university or college. The company contributes an equal value in cash or in kind (such as staff time, materials or equipment) or a combination of both.

All SMEs, social enterprises and third sector organisations with main company operations in Scotland can apply for a voucher if they are partnering with a Scottish University or Further Education College. Projects must be innovative (a novel/pioneering idea) and lead to new products, services or processes that will benefit the company, the academic institution and the Scottish economy.

Geographical areas funded: Scotland

Who can apply: SMEs, social enterprises and third sector organisations with main company operations in Scotland who are partnering with a Scottish University or Further Education College.

When to apply: There are no deadlines and applications can be submitted at any time.

How to apply: The application form and guidance can be downloaded from the Interface website.

Exclusions: Only projects which cannot be delivered commercially and require the technical expertise of an academic partner are eligible. The voucher cannot be used to match other public funding schemes. Other exclusions apply.

More information: www.interface-online.org.uk/how-we-can-help/funding/standard-innovation-vouchers

Firstport – Social Entrepreneurs – Boost it | £30,000 - £50,000 | Any time

Boost It is a brand new fund to help social entrepreneurs in Scotland to strengthen their businesses so they can successfully increase trading. It is delivered by Firstport as part of the Social Entrepreneurs Fund, which is funded by the Scottish Government.

Boost It is designed for early stage social enterprises (trading for 3 years or less) that require either a higher injection of capital to get the business off the ground, or further financial support to strengthen and sustain trading.

The fund is specifically targeting those social enterprises who need to increase their levels of trading, rather than those looking to scale up. Currently Boost It will focus on supporting ideas tackling the Climate Emergency- circular economy, carbon reduction, etc.

Geographical areas funded: Scotland

Who can apply: Boost It is for legally constituted social enterprises that have been trading for up to three years but needs further support to increase trading activity and become sustainable.

When to apply: Expressions of interest can be submitted at any time.

How to apply: Complete an expression of interest form via the Firstport website.

More information: www.firstport.org.uk/funding/boost-it/

Heritage Trade Up Programme | max £10,000 | open now

This programme will build the capacity of heritage sector organisations to strengthen their resilience and overall sustainability. It will equip them with the enterprise skills, networks and funding they need to create positive change for people and communities. Participating organisations will become more financially resilient and strengthen their governance structures to meet evolving operational demands. Delivery begins in October 2021, with the application window opening in February 2021.

Notes on award amounts: The Heritage Trade Up Programme will support 52 organisations across the UK, with: Eight days of cohort-based learning; A £10,000 Match Trading grant; Access to a supportive network of like-minded peers.

More information: <https://www.the-sse.org/schools/scotland/>

CATAX support in R&D tax relief | N/A | open now

You would be surprised by what is eligible for R&D tax relief – it's not just for people in white lab coats. And catax have lowered their threshold for Research and development to support smaller companies through the COVID-19 challenge. Scientific research is eligible, but so are activities such as:

- Software development
- Reduction in waste
- Automation
- Development of innovative recipes/formulas
- Development of new materials
- Improved processes
- Development of new products
- Essentially anything that helps you gain a competitive advantage in a new and innovative way could be eligible for tax relief

The tax laws around R&D tax relief are complicated, and the criteria for eligibility can be ambiguous. In order to get the largest tax relief return, you need to have an expert on your side. Our R&D team only do R&D, meaning you'll be guided by the best in the business.

There's no risk attached and the initial assessment will only take around thirty minutes of your time. We'll thoroughly assess you and if we can't see an opportunity for you to claim R&D tax relief, you walk away without spending a penny.

More information: <https://catax.com/research-development/do-i-qualify-rd/>

Support Programme for UK's Co-operative Businesses | N/A | open now

Launched by Co-operatives UK, the Hive is a £1 billion business support programme designed to enable growth among the UK's £37 billion co-operative economy. The initiative will help people who intend to start or grow co-operative or community enterprises, using various online resources, training and advice.

Between 2016 and 2019 the Hive, the first co-operative development programme of its kind in the UK, aims to support the development of the existing 7,000 independent co-operative businesses across the UK as well as help new co-operatives starting up.

The Hive acts as a cross-sectoral programme of support. Regardless of sector, the Hive is able to support organisations with:

- online advice to guide them through starting up, growth and conversions; and
- direct support, via one-to-one advice, group advice, peer mentoring and skills training.

The Hive offers comprehensive online business advice and guidance, alongside one-to-one support, peer mentoring and group training sessions, covering issues such as registration, membership development, and co-operative finance.

The initiative's online co-operative community is expected to unite member-owned businesses across the country, creating networking and business development opportunities.

More information: <http://www.uk.coop/the-hive/>

DSL Business Finance & Scottish Microfinance Fund | £500 - £50,000 | open now

DSL is a Responsible Finance Provider and a member of the Responsible Finance Industry. DSL provides business start-up and growth loans for small businesses and social enterprises that cannot otherwise access funding from banks and other traditional sources.

Business Finance

The purpose of this scheme is to help businesses to grow and establish themselves, with DSL offering support throughout the duration of the loan period.

Applicants may apply for a loan of between £1,000 and £50,000. The maximum term for this loan will be five years with a fixed interest rate worth between 6% and 9%. There will be a 2% administration fee and no early settlement penalties. Private sector match funding will be required.

This loan could be used to cover expenditure such as cash flow, investment in equipment and stock as well as PR and marketing services, renovation or additional recruitment. Applicants must be able to provide the relevant documentation within their application.

Scottish Microfinance Fund (SMF)

Interested parties may apply for a minimum loan of £500 and a maximum loan value of £2,500 through the Scottish Microfinance Fund. The Fund is administered by DSL Business Finance; an organisation providing start-up and growth loans for small businesses and social enterprises.

The purpose of this scheme is to allow businesses that may have previously struggled to obtain funding the opportunity to access low cost microfinance options at a competitive interest rate. The maximum term for the loan is five years with a 6% fixed interest rate. Clients will be provided with a Loan Officer who will support them through each stage. Multiple funding options are available and there will be a team of funding experts on hand to offer guidance. It should also be noted that some sectoral restrictions may apply.

This scheme is intended for new and existing businesses and social enterprises based in Scotland that are employing fewer than ten people with a turnover and balance sheet less than, or else equal to, £2 million.

More information: <https://www.dsl-businessfinance.co.uk/>

Comhairle nan Eilean Siar Micro Business Loans | up to £2,000 | open now

Interest free, unsecured micro business loans are available up to the value of £2,000 with a repayment period of up to two years. Loans are intended to contribute towards general start-up costs, marketing (which may include trade fair attendance), e-commerce enablement and encouraging tourist accommodation providers to "gain a star".

This micro business loan scheme intends to encourage the creation and growth of small businesses which will contribute towards job creation within the local economy. Furthermore, this scheme will assist income generating community enterprises in developing projects that will enhance opportunities to enhance opportunities for long-term sustainability and in stimulating the local economy.

Interested parties should contact Comhairle nan Eilean Siar directly in order to begin the application process. New businesses should provide a business plan alongside financial projections (three years). Existing businesses are expected to provide a proposal overview as well as any other necessary information.

Only one loan can be applied for at any one time, with a maximum of two CnES loans running at any one time. A second loan cannot be provided unless 12 months have lapsed since the last loan was provided with at least 20% of the first loan repaid.

More information: <https://www.cne-siar.gov.uk/business/economic-development-and-business-support/business-gateway/assistance-available/micro-business-loan/>

Comhairle nan Eilean Siar Business Loans | up to £20,000 | open now

This business loan will encourage business start-up activities and will enable business and community development within the Outer Hebrides. New and growing businesses and income-generating community enterprises may receive assistance when developing projects which will enhance opportunities for long-term sustainability and activities that will help to increase economic activity and employment. Loans worth up to £20,000 are available with a maximum repayment period of seven

years. The interest for this loan is 4% fixed (unsecured) for loans worth up to £10,000. The interest for loans above £10,000 is 4% fixed (secured) and 6% fixed (unsecured). The discretionary capital repayment holiday is up to six months in length.

Applications are welcome from sole-traders, partnerships, limited companies, co-operative groups, community enterprises and other legitimate trading entities. Applications should detail business and community development projects located within the Outer Hebrides which demonstrate commercial viability, the potential for employment creation and the ability to generate additional demand for products and services.

More information: <https://www.cne-siar.gov.uk/business/economic-development-and-business-support/business-gateway/assistance-available/business-loan/>

Social Investment Scotland (SIS) – Investment | £10,000 - £2,000,000 | open now

This scheme provides loan funding that can finance the purchase of assets or equipment, get you through timing or cash flow issues, help support a new enterprise or simply bridge some grant funding. They are flexible in their approach and try to fit a financial solution around your needs. There are no application forms to complete. Contact SIS for a conversation on how they can help on 0131 558 7706. The key exclusion is that SIS are unable to provide funding to companies limited by shares, partnerships or individuals.

More information: <https://www.socialinvestmentscotland.com/investment/>

Community Funding

Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund | £15m total fund | any time

The fund aims to develop a culture of mental wellbeing and prevention within local communities and across Scotland with improved awareness of how we can all stay well and help ourselves and others.

Funds are being distributed in each local area by Third Sector Interfaces. For more details on criteria and application processes can be found by contacting your local TSI.

Geographical areas funded: Scotland

When to apply: Application timings vary by area, please check the website link provided for details on local deadlines. Contact your local TSI to find out more. Please note, some areas may be closed.

How to apply: Applications can be made via your local Third Sector Interface. Please contact your local TSI to find out more. To find your TSI, visit <https://tsi.scot/tsi-directory/>

More information: www.tsi.scot/communities-mental-health-wellbeing-fund

People's Postcode Trust | £500 - £25,000 | 3 April, 3 July 2 October

The aim of People's Postcode Trust is to support smaller charities and good causes in the Scotland to make a difference to their community for the benefit of people and planet.

They support projects under the following categories:

- Providing support to improve mental health
- Enabling participation in physical activity
- Enabling participation in the arts
- Preventing or reducing the impact of poverty
- Supporting marginalised groups and tackling inequality
- Improving biodiversity and responding to the climate emergency
- Improving green spaces and increasing access to the outdoors

You can apply for either project or unrestricted funding. For more information on what is eligible under each category, see the funding guidelines on the Trust's website.

Geographical areas funded: Scotland

Notes on award amounts: If you are applying for unrestricted funding, your ask should not exceed 1/3 (one third) of your total income on the annual accounts submitted with your application.

Who can apply: Priority will be given to charities and good causes that -

- Have an annual income under £250,000
- Support communities that rank within the top 15% on the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation
- Are led by and provide services for people from the following minority/marginalised groups: communities experiencing racial inequality; people with disabilities; LGBT+ community
- Maximum annual income: £1,000,000

The funding rounds for People's Postcode Trust 2023 will open at:

10am on 3 April for a minimum of 24hrs

10am on 3 July for a minimum of 24hrs

10am on 2 October for a minimum of 24hrs

How to apply: Application forms and guidance on the Trust website. Questions can be downloaded in advance so you are ready to apply as soon as applications open.

Exclusions:

- Activities taking place outside of Scotland or foreign travel
- Sponsorship
- Medical research, clinical treatment, medical staff and equipment
- The promotion of religion
- Animal welfare

- Distribution of grants/funds to individuals or other organisations
- Local, regional or government institutions and organisations with core statutory responsibilities
- Schools, academies, nurseries and preschools
- Parent teacher associations and universities/colleges

More information: www.postcodetrust.org.uk

Firstport- Launch Me | N/A | any time

LaunchMe is Scotland's social enterprise accelerator. It prepares ambitious social enterprises and community organisations for growth so they can achieve social impact at scale.

As a LaunchMe participant, you can expect the following:

- A bespoke programme of support: Support tailored to the needs of your business and move at your pace
- Access to expert training: Workshops delivered by experts in different business areas – from social impact to market research and more
- A peer network: Connecting with other LaunchMe participants to share experiences, learn from each other, and foster collaboration
- Access and connections to investors: Help to find the right investors for your growth plans
- A hands-on, knowledgeable, and dedicated support team that will encourage, challenge and champion you so you get the most out of the programme

Geographical areas funded: Scotland

Who can apply: Social and community enterprises looking to scale. You must be incorporated and with an asset lock.

When to apply: Expressions of interest can be completed at any time.

How to apply: Apply online via the Firstport website

More information: www.firstport.org.uk/business-support/launchme

West Dunbartonshire Council - Community Loan Fund | £10,000 max | open now

The aim of the Fund is to provide interest free capital loans to Voluntary Organisations that must benefit the West Dunbartonshire area and meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Improving the appearance of the West Dunbartonshire area
- Attract people into West Dunbartonshire
- Create job opportunities within West Dunbartonshire

- Positively raise the profile of West Dunbartonshire
- Enriching the lives of residents within West Dunbartonshire
- Contribute towards the development of a larger scale project with a longer term goals

Geographical areas funded: West Dunbartonshire

Notes on award amounts: Loans will normally be awarded for capital works up to a maximum of £10,000 per project. Loans may be awarded above this level only under exceptional circumstances.

Who can apply: Voluntary organisations with a written constitution (or in the case of a company, memorandum and articles of association) which clearly defines the responsibility, accountability and liability for public funds and establishes transparent and democratic procedures for the management of the Organisation.

How to apply: Application form and guidance on the Council website. You are encouraged to discuss your project with the loan fund administrator before applying.

Exclusions: The Community Loans Fund will not fund items such as the day to day running/staffing costs of an organisation. Other exclusions on the website.

More information: www.west-dunbarton.gov.uk/benefits-and-grants/community-loans-fund/

National Lottery Fund (Scotland) - Cost-of-Living Support Scotland | £10,000 - £75,000 | ongoing

Grants are available for projects to help support individuals, families and communities currently experiencing hardship as a result of the cost-of-living increases. They are looking to fund activity that means people:

- have more resilience and are more able to identify ways to deal with the impact of increased cost of living in their lives
- are able to shape activity in their community to address the increased cost-of-living
- have more access to support and services that will help them to deal with the increased cost of living

Geographical areas funded: Scotland

Who can apply: Most organisations are eligible to apply but they are particularly keen to see applications from smaller voluntary and community organisations who are working with those most vulnerable and disproportionately affected by the increased cost of living.

How to apply: Contact the Scotland team at TNLCF to discuss your idea. A sample application form is available to download from their website.

Exclusions:

- individuals
- mainstream employability support such as job search/access
- anything you spend money on before you get a decision
- activities outside the UK
- activities that actively promote religion

More information: www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/cost-of-living-support-fund

ASDA Foundation – Cost of Living Grant | £500 - £2000 | open now

This grant is designed to support the increased running costs groups will face between September 2022 and February 2023, including rent increases and electricity cost rises.

There are two options within this grant. Groups must be clear from the outset which option they intend to apply for (you can apply for a combination):

- Increased rent and utility bill support: support with increases in bills, and to stay open longer to help people with 'warm spaces'
- Increased food costs support: enables groups to support those impacted by increased food costs

Geographical areas funded: UK

Who can apply: Group must have a presence in and benefit the local community.

When to apply: Apply as soon as possible, the application window will remain open until the budget cap has been reached.

How to apply: Contact the Community Champion at your local store. Applications should be submitted to them. Use the Store Locator on the Foundation website to find your local Community Champion.

Exclusions: Groups can apply for Cost of Living Grant in addition to one other grant or Green Token Giving.

They cannot fund:

- Storage Rental
- Ongoing Salaries
- Promotional Costs
- Alcohol, Raffle Prizes
- Excursions/Day Trips/Restaurant Meals
- Transport Costs
- Insurance
- Memberships
- Vouchers

More information: www.asdafoundation.org/how-to-apply

UK Government – Community Ownership Fund | £250,000 max | 14 April

The Community Ownership Fund will help ensure that communities across England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland can support and continue benefiting from the local facilities, community assets and amenities most important to them.

Voluntary and community groups can bid for match funding to help them buy or take over local community assets at risk of being lost, to run as community-owned businesses. Funding may support the purchase and/or renovation costs of community assets and amenities.

The Fund has four strategic objectives:

- to provide targeted investment for communities to save and sustain community assets that would otherwise be lost to community use
- to strengthen capacity and capability in communities, supporting them to shape their places and develop sustainable community businesses
- to empower communities in left behind places to level up
- to strengthen direct links between places across the UK and the UK government

Proposals will need to prove the value of the asset to local people and that the asset can run sustainably for the long-term benefit of the community. The fund will support a range of community ownership proposals. For example, projects may include:

- sporting and leisure facilities
- cinemas and theatres
- music venues
- museums
- galleries
- parks
- pubs
- post office buildings
- shops

See the UK Government website for full details on criteria and eligibility.

Geographical areas funded: Scotland UK

Notes on award amounts: Matched capital grants of up to £250,000 will be available for most projects. In exceptional cases, up to £1 million matched capital grants will be available to help establish a community-owned sports club or help buy a sports club or sporting facilities at risk of being lost. The Community Ownership Fund will contribute up to 50% of the total capital required.

You can apply for Revenue funding up to a maximum of £50,000 (and no more than 20% of total capital costs applied for through the Fund). Revenue will not need to be matched.

Who can apply: The Community Ownership Fund will consider applications from voluntary and community organisations from all parts of the United Kingdom who have a viable plan for taking ownership of a community asset at risk and running it sustainably for community benefit.

Applications for funding will only be accepted from incorporated organisations which are set up to deliver charitable purpose, social purpose or public benefit. Organisations must show this through their charitable purpose and/or an asset lock within their governing documents.

When to apply: You can submit an Expression of Interest form at any time. You must submit an EOI before a full application can be made. Once accepted, you can submit a full application during one of the bidding windows.

Dates for the next bidding window are to be confirmed.

How to apply: Detailed guidance on eligibility criteria is available on the UK Government website. There is a two stage application process. Stage one involves submitting an Expression of Interest where you will receive a quick outcome on your proposals before submitting a full application. Once a bidding window opens, all those who passed the EOI stage will be invited to submit a full application.

Exclusions: Applicants will need to set out the total project costs, funding already secured and plans to raise any additional funding needed. 'In-kind' match funding will also count as an eligible source of match funding however volunteer time will not be an eligible source of match funding for the purposes of this fund.

- Local authorities including parish councils will not be eligible to bid
- Pay off businesses' debts or to buy an indebted business
- Purchase housing assets
- New-build projects to develop new assets or amenities, unrelated to saving or preserving an existing asset or amenity
- General revenue for community activities or events unrelated to the acquisition or transfer of a community asset or amenity
- Purchase costs of publicly-owned assets

More information: www.gov.uk/government/collections/new-levelling-up-and-community-investments#the-community-ownership-fund

[Corra Foundation - Household Hardship Fund | £500 - £5000 | open now](#)

The Household Hardship Fund is a fund provided by the National Lottery Community Fund and administered by Corra Foundation. The purpose of the Fund is to provide small grants to charities and community groups across Scotland who can pass the funding on to families and individuals on low incomes. This funding is to be used to provide cash payments/vouchers to families and individuals in need of extra support.

Examples of what cash payments or vouchers could cover:

- food/essential items
- fuel costs
- phone/internet costs
- warm clothing
- other essentials that you can show are needed by the people you support

All funds must be passed on to families and individuals by 30 June 2023.

Geographical areas funded: Scotland

Notes on award amounts: The total amount to be distributed to each family or individual should be decided by your organisation depending on circumstances. There is no set minimum or maximum. They ask you to estimate the number of people you will support in the application form.

5% of the total award can be used to cover the costs of your group (so a maximum of £250 if your grant is £5,000)

Who can apply: The Fund aims to reach groups who -

- Have strong local relationships with people in the community
- Are already supporting people in their communities on low incomes
- Have an annual income of less than £100,000, not including any COVID emergency grants your organisation received
- Maximum annual income: £100,000

When to apply: The fund will close when enough applications have been received to fully use the money available. They advise applying as soon as possible.

How to apply: Complete the online application form on the Corra Foundation website.

Exclusions: This fund cannot support running costs/activities of your group, other than a maximum 5% contribution to help with the costs of carrying out this work.

This fund cannot cover the costs of purchasing food or other stock for foodbanks, but foodbanks could apply to distribute cash/vouchers to people they support.

More information: www.corra.scot/grants/household-hardship-fund/

[The National Lottery Community Fund \(Scotland\) – Young Start | £10,000 - £100,000 | open now](#)

Young Start is a grants programme that distributes money from dormant bank accounts. They will support a wide range of projects for up to three years that will make children and young people aged 8 to 24 confident, healthy, connected or enterprising.

They will fund work that achieves at least one of the following three outcomes:

- children and young people have better physical, mental and emotional wellbeing
- children and young people have better connections with the wider community
- children and young people get access to new skills and training opportunities which will help them to get a new job or start a business

Who can apply: Third sector organisations can apply to Young Start. This includes voluntary organisations, community groups, social enterprises, housing associations, sports organisations, co-operatives and charities.

When to apply: There are no deadlines. They will make awards on a rolling basis.

How to apply: Check the Lottery website for details on eligibility and contact the National Lottery Community Fund to discuss your idea.

Exclusions:

- anything you spend money on before your activity starts
- religious or political activities
- items that mainly benefit one person
- work with people living outside Scotland
- curricular activity in schools

More information: www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/young-start

[The Robertson Trust – Community Vehicles Grants | total annually £148,000 | open now](#)

Community Vehicle Grants focuses on work that addresses the impacts of poverty and/or trauma under one or more of the following themes:

- Financial wellbeing
- Emotional wellbeing and relationships
- Educational and work pathways

They can contribute to the costs of a vehicle used to support work that: meets people's immediate needs, provides earlier help, tests new approaches or does more of what work, and is universal or targeted. See website for details of target groups.

Notes on award amounts: Capital funding of £1,000 to £10,000 for a vehicle to support your work. Grants are towards the purchase of a new or used vehicle, or the upgrade of an existing one. The amount of funding will depend on the cost of the vehicle, see guidance for details. Minimum annual income: £25,000 Maximum annual income: £2,000,000

Who can apply: You must be a registered charity with an annual income of between £25,000 and £2 million

How to apply: The application form and guidance are available on the Robertson Trust website.

Exclusions: Charities who are already in receipt of revenue funding from the Trust, Charities who unsuccessfully applied to the previous Open Grants programme within the last 12 months, and Housing Associations and Arm's Length External Organisations.

Activities funded: Transport

More information: www.therobertsontrust.org.uk/funding/community-vehicle-grants/

Screwfix Foundation | N/A | 10 May, 10 August, 10 November

Supports projects that improve, fix and repair buildings, homes and facilities specifically used by people in need throughout the UK. The types of projects they can fund are:

- Improved energy efficient lighting & heating
- Installation of new kitchen, bathroom etc.
- Installation of a sensory room
- General painting & decorating
- Improving safety and security of a building

Geographical areas funded: Scotland

Who can apply: Registered charities based in the UK.

When to apply: Applications are assessed quarterly and the cut off dates are:

June meeting: 11 February – 10 May (outcome 30 June)

September meeting: 11 May - 10 August (outcome 20 September)

December meeting: 11 August - 10 November (outcome 30 December)

How to apply: Apply online, the link to the application form can be found in the fund guidelines.

Exclusions: do not support projects which will be used by general members of the public i.e., sports clubs and associations, uniformed groups such as scout and girl guide groups or organisations that support wildlife or animals as their main beneficiary.

They are also unable to donate products or vouchers and will not fund:

- Items that are easily removable from a property such as soft furnishings, curtains, tables, chairs etc.
- White goods or electronic items
- Grants for research
- Purchase of vehicles
- Purchase of garden machinery or removable furniture such as lawnmowers, chairs or plants.
- Repayment of loans
- Annual Rent or service charges

- Sponsorships
- Salaries

More information: www.screwfix.com/help/screwfixfoundation

HIE – Community Asset Ownership | N/A | open now

HIE can offer financial assistance with capacity building relevant to eligible groups' ongoing development plans. Start-up assistance can help with early investigation of a proposed purchase including professional fees and study visits and initial community consultation. Technical assistance is available to groups in the pre-acquisition stage and to help with bid preparation.

Support is available to encourage community participation through networking visits, skills training and employment of part-time community agents. Community land grants are designed to assist communities to purchase areas of land or other fixed assets. Funding for post-acquisition capital costs or revenue funding for project-management costs is available.

Geographical areas funded: Argyll & Bute Highland Moray Na h-Eileanan Siar Orkney Shetland

Who can apply: Community-led organisations with broad membership from the whole community.

When to apply: Applications can be made at any time.

How to apply: To discuss funding for a project please contact your local HIE office.

Exclusions: Applicants must operate in the HIE area.

More information: www.hie.co.uk/support/support-for-community-organisations/community-assets/

Caithness and Sutherland Fund | £1,000 - £30,000 | March, June, September

Funding is available each year until 2023 for projects that increase the attractiveness of Caithness & North Sutherland as a place to live, work and invest with particular emphasis on achieving environment, social, culture and infrastructure improvements.

Geographical areas funded: Highland

Who can apply: Voluntary or community organisations, School Parent Council (not for statutory function), Community council, Community groups, Community development groups

When to apply: Submit an enquiry form at least three months before your project start date.

How to apply: Enquiry form and guidance can be found on the Fund website.

Exclusions: This fund will not support individuals and sole traders, operations for personal benefit, non-departmental public bodies, government departments, statutory bodies or funding consultant fees.

Exclusions:

- Activities that happen or start before the grant is confirmed
- Any costs you incur when putting together your application (ie consultant's fees)
- Contingency costs
- Repeat or regular events we have funded previously
- Projects that do not demonstrate community support
- See guidance on the funder website for the full list

More information: www.cnsf.org.uk/

Foundation Scotland – RWE Camster Wind Farm Community | £250 - £25,000 | 31 March

This Fund supports charitable activities or services of benefit to those living in the following Community Council areas in Caithness: Latheron, Lybster and Clyth; Watten; and Tannach and District.

The outcomes for this Fund are:

- There are more and better opportunities to take part in sports and recreational pursuits
- Access to and through settlements is safer
- People of all ages enjoy more, better and varied activities and services
- Community life is enhanced and maintained through a wide range of activities, events and improved amenity of settlements
- Economic activity is encouraged within the Fund area
- People have more vocational skills and experience
- The natural and cultural heritage is more valued, experienced and understood by both visitors and residents
- Energy use in homes and community buildings is more sustainable
- Tourism opportunities are promoted and created in the Fund area

Geographical areas funded: Highland

Who can apply: Constituted not-for-profit groups or organisations working to benefit people in these areas may apply.

When to apply: The fund operates two funding rounds per year: 31 March (with awards announced end of May) and 30 September (with awards announced in end of November).

How to apply: Apply online via the Foundation Scotland website.

Exclusions: Standard Foundation Scotland exclusions apply.

More information: www.foundationscotland.org.uk/apply-for-funding/funding-available/camster

Highland Council – Village Halls Grant | max £500 | any time

Provide annual revenue grants to encourage community use of village halls in the Highlands. Halls must be independently owned or leased on a secure and long term basis to the community. Applicants must be a properly constituted, non-profit making organisations which exist for public benefit. The facilities must be available, within reason, to all members of the community. Halls must be run and managed by an elected, representative committee from the community. Priority will be given to halls serving communities with a population of less than 3000 people.

Geographical areas funded: Highland

Notes on award amounts: Provides annual revenue grants up to a maximum of £500 per year to encourage community use of village halls in the Highlands. Halls are able to apply for up to 20 per cent of their annual running costs.

When to apply: Applications can be submitted at any time.

How to apply: Application form and guidance on the Council website.

Exclusions: Priority will be given to halls serving communities with a population of less than 3000 people. Unless there are exceptional circumstances, only one hall in each community will be supported.

More information:

www.highland.gov.uk/directory_record/196481/village_halls_grant/category/155/grants_for_community_groups

Air Discount Scheme | 50% discount | any time

The Air Discount Scheme (ADS) aims to tackle the problem of high air fares for the remotest communities in the Highlands and Islands by providing a discount of 50% on the core air fare on eligible routes. Anyone whose residence is in Colonsay, Orkney, Shetland, the Western Isles, Islay, Jura, Caithness and North West Sutherland can apply for membership.

Geographical areas funded: Argyll & Bute Highland Na h-Eileanan Siar Orkney Shetland

Who can apply: Anyone whose permanent/main residence is in Colonsay, Orkney, Shetland, the Western Isles, Islay, Jura, Caithness and North West Sutherland. Registered Third Sector organisations who have employees/volunteers that have their permanent/main residence in an eligible area.

How to apply: Third sector organisations must register their interest in participating in the Scheme with the ADS Administrative Team. They will then be asked to provide a list of volunteers/employees who they anticipate will use the ADS for travel on behalf of the organisation.

Exclusions:

- People whose residence is not in the eligible geographic area, except students that are studying away from home and their main residence is in an eligible area.
- People travelling on any service where the cost of travel is being met in whole or in part by a third party
- People travelling on Public Service Obligation (PSO) flights
- People travelling for the purpose of business
- People travelling on NHS-funded trips
- Anyone in the eligible geographic area who does not have a live, valid card
- People travelling on any service where the cost of travel is being met in whole or in part by a third party

More information: www.airdiscountscheme.com/

ScotWays – Small Grants Scheme | £500 - £1500 | 31 May, 31 August

The scheme will award grants to enable a community-based and access-related project which might otherwise not proceed. Projects should fit with ScotWays aims which are the preservation, defence, restoration and acquisition, for the public benefit, of public rights of access in Scotland, including public rights of way and related amenity.

Applicant organisations should be members of ScotWays.

Geographical areas funded: Scotland

Notes on award amounts: The grant may be for up to 50% of the total budget for the project, excluding volunteer time.

Who can apply: Applicant organisations should be members of ScotWays.

How to apply: Application form and covering letter are on the ScotWays downloads page. Applications should be sent by email or post to ScotWays.

More information: www.scotways.com/grants/

The National Lottery Community Fund (Scotland) - Community Led Activity | £10,000 - £150,000 | open now

Funding to support communities to bring real improvements to the places they live and the wellbeing of those in need. They will fund organisations to deliver work that achieves the following outcomes:

- Everyone in the community has the opportunity to influence and get involved in community led activity
- People in the community are better connected and work together to improve their wellbeing
- They also want to fund work that is people-led, connected, and strengths-based

Geographical areas funded: Scotland

Who can apply: This funding is for organisations in Scotland that are based in the local area they serve and are run by local people.

Your organisation should have a governing body, such as a committee or board which includes at least three unrelated people and a written governing document, such as a constitution. This governing document should make it clear that your organisation has a social purpose, open membership and community control.

When to apply: Applications can be submitted at any time.

How to apply: Read the guidance on the funder website and then contact the Scotland Advice Team to discuss what you're planning and get an application form.

Exclusions: Retrospective costs, promoting religion, items that only benefit one person.

More information: www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/grants-for-community-led-activity

National Lottery Community Fund –National Lottery Awards for All Scotland | £300 - £10,000 | open now

National Lottery Awards for All offers funding to support what matters to people and communities. The programme is a partnership between the National Lottery Community Fund Scotland, sportscotland and Creative Scotland. It has three funding priorities:

- bringing people together and building strong relationships in and across communities
- improving the places and spaces that matter to communities
- enabling more people to fulfil their potential by working to address issues at the earliest possible stage.
- If you are applying for a project involving the arts, they will prioritise projects that: engage people from areas of high deprivation; remove financial barriers to access creative activities; address rural isolation and encourage activity in rural areas; engage older people, people in care homes and carers; engage care leavers; support integration of refugees and asylum seekers

If you are applying for a project focused on sport, they will prioritise projects that: engage young people from our most deprived areas; engage girls and young women; engage disabled young people.

Who can apply: Suitable for Voluntary or community organisations, Public sector organisations

When to apply: There are no deadlines and applications can be submitted at any time. It will take up to 12 weeks to get a decision.

How to apply: Apply online via the National Lottery Community Fund website.

Exclusions:

- alcohol
- contingency costs, loans, endowments or interest
- electricity generation and feed-in tariff payments
- political or religious activities
- profit-making/fundraising activities
- VAT you can reclaim
- statutory activities
- overseas travel

More information: www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/national-lottery-awards-for-all-scotland

Scottish Education and Action for Development – SEAD FUND | max £250 | open now

SEAD provides small grants for individuals or groups for positive action, and campaigning. They fund proposals where the grant will have the most impact, for example, helping a new campaign to get started, or funding a specific concrete action for a local community.

They are particularly interested in applications that focus campaign activity on the following areas: women's rights, young people and their global rights, climate justice, inequality, poverty and health justice.

Notes on award amounts: Grants are typically £100 - £250. Annual total from 2021 accounts.

Who can apply: Individuals or groups

When to apply: Apply at any time.

How to apply: Application form available on the SEAD Fund website.

Exclusions: They do not normally fund travel, e.g. to visit a conference.

More information: www.sead.org.uk/

Matthew Good Foundation – Grants for Good Fund | £1,000 - £3,500 | 15 March, 15 June, 15 September

Since 2011, the Matthew Good Foundation has nominated good causes for funding through the John Good Group. However, in 2021 they wanted to extend their impact and allow small charities, community projects and social entrepreneurs to apply directly.

Every three months, five shortlisted projects will be voted for by John Good Group employees. These five charities will all receive a share of £10,000 – the more votes a cause receives, the bigger the donation.

They will support small organisations that have a positive impact on communities, people or the environment.

Notes on award amounts: Every three months, they share £10,000 between 5 shortlisted projects. Following the vote, the project that receives the most votes will receive a grant of £3,500, second place £2,500, third place £2,000 and fourth and fifth place will both receive £1,000.

Who can apply: Your application must be on behalf of a local community group, charity, voluntary group or social enterprise that has a positive impact on communities, people or the environment and has an average income of less than £50,000 in the last 12 months. Organisations/groups do not need to be a registered charity, however, you will need to have a bank account in your organisation's/project's name such as a community bank account.

When to apply: Funding will be awarded every three months, in April, July, October and January, with an application deadline of the 15th of the month before.

How to apply: Apply using the online form on the Foundation's website.

Exclusions:

- Activities that promote political or religious beliefs
- Sponsorship/fundraising events
- Applications for sports clubs, such as amateur or private sports clubs or sponsorship
- Applications from organisations that have an income of over £50,000 in the last 12 month

More information: www.matthewgoodfoundation.org/grantsforgood/

Scottish Community Alliance - Community Learning Exchange Fund | up to £750 | open now

The Community Learning Exchange offers communities the opportunity to learn through the exchange of ideas and the sharing of common solutions. When community groups make visits to other communities, the most valuable part is often meeting new people with similar interests and gaining new insights and perspectives on shared challenges.

The Exchange will also fund follow up support between organisations. This might be as a result of a learning visit when it is recognised that more specific and on-going help, support, or advice is required.

As a result of the pandemic and the move to online, they now offer a blended form of the Community Learning Exchange which can include either virtual or face to face visits.

Notes on award amounts: The Exchange will fund up to 100% of the costs of a visit by members of one community to another community project up to a limit of £750, including a host fee.

Who can apply: The Learning Exchange is open to any constituted community group that is either a member of an SCA member network or has been approved by a network as a valid application.

How to apply: Application form on the Alliance website. Prior to applying you should identify your host and discuss your learning outcomes with them to ensure they are the best match for you. You should also check in with whoever is endorsing your application to ensure they are aware of the application being submitted.

More information: www.scottishcommunityalliance.org.uk/community-learning-exchange/

Scottish Government – Rural and Islands Housing Fund | max £10,000 | open now

The Rural and Islands Housing funds aim to increase the supply of affordable housing of all tenures in rural Scotland and will contribute to the 50,000 affordable homes target. The funds have two components. The main one offers capital support (grant and loan) to enable the direct provision of new affordable housing and refurbishment of existing empty properties. A second, smaller component provides a contribution to feasibility studies. Applications for feasibility funding will only be accepted from projects already invited to apply at the Expression of Interest stage.

Geographical areas funded: Scotland

Annually awarded: £5,000,000

Notes on award amounts: The funds can make up to a £10,000 contribution towards feasibility work.

Who can apply: Both funds are open to a wide range of applicants including community organisations, development trusts, private landowners, private developers, traditional housing providers.

When to apply: Applications can be submitted at any time. Those interested in applying should first complete the pre-application questionnaire which will help you decide if the Rural Housing Fund is right for your project.

How to apply: Complete pre-eligibility checker on the Government website and then submit an expression of interest form via email.

Exclusions: The funds list a large number of exclusions, see the Government website for details.

More information: www.gov.scot/policies/more-homes/rural-housing-fund/

Community Groups – Accelerate | N/A | open now

Accelerate is a programme of free business and organisational support targeted at third sector organisations and community groups who are not trading. They will work alongside you to look at a variety of strategies to help ensure the work you deliver in your communities is secure and sustainable.

Support could be used to:

- Develop marketing plans
- Look at other funding options
- Explore new trading ideas
- Plan financially and work on budgets
- Improve branding
- Work on a business plan
- Strengthen your Board
- Look at your legal structure
- Find digital solutions

Notes on award amounts: Accelerate provides 6 days of support.

Who can apply: Third Sector groups and community organisations who are:

- Based in Scotland and delivering benefits in Scotland
- Asset locked (non profit distributing)
- Constituted or pre-constituted
- Non trading (not taking a social enterprise or commercial approach)
- Willing to make change to their organisation to become more sustainable

When to apply: Apply at any time.

How to apply: Complete the Expression of Interest form on the Community Enterprise website.

More information: www.communityenterprise.co.uk/what-we-do/accelerate

Scottish Borders Council – Neighbourhood Support Fund | total avail £450,000 | various

The Neighbourhood Support Fund will assist voluntary and community groups that are active within their communities and who are planning community based projects. Community groups are encouraged to think about how these funds can meet local need to strengthen communities and benefit the lives of people living in the Scottish Borders.

The Fund operates in five Area Partnerships; Berwickshire, Cheviot, Eildon, Teviot and Liddesdale and Tweeddale.

Geographical areas funded: Scottish Borders

Who can apply: Constituted voluntary/community groups in the Borders area with a minimum of 3 members and a bank or building society account in the group's name. Unconstituted groups can also apply for a smaller amount.

When to apply: Application deadlines vary by area. Check the Council website for details for your area.

How to apply: Application forms for each area can be downloaded from the Council website.

More information:

www.scotborders.gov.uk/info/20076/community_grants_and_funding/1190/neighbourhood_support_fund

Aberdeenshire Council – Community Food Fund | max £2,000 | open now

The Community Food Fund is intended to support local projects that promote the availability of good quality, affordable food in communities. This could include projects such as:

- Community food growing
- Cooking projects and community kitchens
- Community Larders or Pantries
- Community Shops

Geographical areas funded: Aberdeenshire

Who can apply: Constituted Community Groups, Registered Charities and Partnerships involving Community Organisations with a constituted group as lead partner in Aberdeenshire.

When to apply: As soon as possible. Funds will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

How to apply: Apply to the relevant Area Manager via the Area Office email address in the application form which is available via the Council website.

More information: www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/communities-and-events/funding/community-food-fund/

Glasgow City Council – Co-operative and Social Enterprise Fund | max £5,000 | open now

The Fund's aim is to encourage the creation of new co-operatives and to grow existing co-operatives. It will support activities that build organisational capacity in areas such as:

- Operations (relating to Social Enterprise, co-operative start up, growth and development needs)
- Skills and skills utilisation
- Marketing and business development

- Governance and financial controls
- Service development and expansion
- New markets

Geographical areas funded: Glasgow

When to apply: Applications can be made at any time.

How to apply: Apply online via the Council's website.

Exclusions:

- Organisations that are insolvent or at risk of insolvency
- Proposals that seek to replace existing debt finance
- Proposals that relate to the ongoing delivery costs of services i.e. core costs related to the existing day-to-day running of the organisation, such as staff costs, rather than specific development activity that will positively impact on the organisation in relation to increasing its capacity, capability and sustainability
- Unincorporated associations
- Businesses outwith the Glasgow boundary

More information: www.glasgow.gov.uk/co-operativeglasgow

National Lottery Community Fund – Bringing People Together | max £300,000 | open now

Bringing People Together funding can support projects that will build stronger connections across communities, and improve the infrastructure and conditions that are needed to strengthen these connections.

They are interested in:

- bold and experimental responses to bringing people together using new, or new combinations of approaches
- new projects or projects that build on existing work
- a range of projects reflecting a mix of communities and places from across the UK

This is funding from our UK Portfolio. The UK Portfolio is where we explore new approaches, experiment with how to do things differently, and look to fund work that is more future focussed.

Notes on award amounts: You can apply for up to £300,000 in total for up to two years

Who can apply: Organisations that can deliver across at least two countries in the UK.

When to apply: Apply at any time, application deadlines are ongoing.

How to apply: Apply online via the Community Fund website. At application stage they are interested in hearing about your ideas and plans rather than a detailed project description.

Exclusions:

- one-off celebratory events and projects that are focussed on service delivery without any clear longer-term sustainability or evidence of impact
- projects that are exclusively transferring their activities to deliver online
- place-based activities which are exclusively focussed on a community space or hub in one area and does not deliver across a minimum of two UK countries
- projects that cannot show how the wider community has informed its design and development

More information: www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/

McCarthy Stone Foundation – Small Grants Programme | max £5,000 | open now

The Foundation awards one-off grants to registered charities and community organisations working towards the primary focus of the following charitable outcomes:

Health and wellbeing of older people

Helping young people overcome educational challenges

Creating and enhancing community spaces

Their priority is finding organisations or charities working with intergenerational activities that benefit both older adults and children, with an element of community regeneration.

Notes on award amounts: Where possible they look to award unrestricted funding.

Who can apply: Your work must be legally charitable and they will accept applications from Charities, CICs, Community Groups and Social Enterprises. You must have a governing document and a registered bank account for the organisation.

When to apply: The next round of grant funding will be in early 2022. It is currently open to Expressions of Interest.

How to apply: Read the guidance notes on the funder website before submitting an expression of interest. Details of what to include can be found in the guidance notes.

Exclusions:

- Contributions to general appeals or circulars
- Religious activity which is not for wider public benefit
- Public bodies to carry out their statutory obligations
- Activities which solely support animal welfare
- Activities which have already taken place
- Grant-making by other organisations
- Privately owned and profit-distributing companies or limited partnerships
- Unrestricted funding is only available to registered charities

More information: www.mccarthystonefoundation.org/

Fife Council – Community Resilience Planning Fund | max £1,000 | N/A

Fife Council's Community Resilience Planning Fund 2021-2022 is available to support projects and activities led by community groups and voluntary organisations aimed at enhancing the resilience of local communities to incidents through enabling a local response.

Funding applied for will cover costs associated with your resilience arrangements and/or project across the following categories:

- Equipment: e.g., snow shovels, defibrillators, flood mitigation measures.
- Materials: e.g., posters, leaflets, business cards or costs associated with events/education projects aimed at promoting local response arrangements and resilience in the local community.
- Volunteer costs: training costs associated with local community resilience work e.g., first aid training.
- Running costs: e.g., costs to rent space to operate/host meetings and/or events associated with resilience work.

Geographical areas funded: Fife

Who can apply: Constituted groups/organisations with a bank account in the name of the organisation and operating in Fife.

When to apply: The next deadline is to be confirmed. Check the Council website for the most up to date details.

How to apply: Complete the application form available on the Council website and submit via email to Emergency.Planning@fife.gov.uk

South Ayrshire Council Grants | max £3,000 | any time

Financial support may be available to appropriately constituted voluntary organisations and community groups which provide and promote social, cultural, economic, environmental and recreation facilities, or support projects which are in the interest of people living in South Ayrshire. There is also a Participatory Budgeting process and a Christmas Lighting Fund.

Geographical areas funded: South Ayrshire

How to apply: The application form and guidance can be downloaded from the Council website.

More information: www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/grants/

Scottish Sea Farms – Heart of the Community Trust | max £10,000 | open now

The broad aim of the Heart of the Community Grant Trust is to provide financial grants for community

projects that deliver lasting change within the regions in which the Company operates. Those regions are: Shetland, Orkney, Highland and Argyll.

The over-arching principle for grant allocation will be to deliver lasting change within communities using the following criteria:

- Health & Health Promotion
- Education
- Personal Development that leads to the enhancement of a community
- Community Projects that benefit the majority

Geographical areas funded: Argyll & Bute Highland Orkney Shetland

Notes on award amounts: Awards can range from a few hundred pounds to as much as £10,000, and can be one-off payments for a particular project or repeat support over several years. The average award is currently between £4,000 and £5,000.

Who can apply: Groups that apply must be established on a not-for-profit basis but do not need to be registered charities.

Maximum annual income: £250,000

How to apply: Each application then goes through a screening process with regional ambassadors. Successful applications will then be submitted to the Heart of the Community Trustees for final verification. Guidelines and application forms are available via the funder website.

Exclusions:

- Unconstituted groups
- Groups whose grant request is for the advancement of religion or politics
- The purchase of second hand vehicles or such equipment that may reflect detrimentally upon the funder should there be subsequent accident or mishap with the said equipment.
- The repayment of loans or payment of debts
- Retrospective funding
- Trips abroad
- Payments towards areas generally understood to be the responsibility of statutory authorities
- Groups who will then distribute the funds as grants or bursaries
- Applications that are for the sole benefit to flora and fauna
- Solely to pay the salary or salary equivalent of any individual connected to the project

More information: www.scottishseafarms.com/community/heart-of-the-community/

South Lanarkshire Council Climate Emergency and Resilience Fund | max £2,5000 | open now

Climate Emergency and Resilience Grants are available to community groups and organisations who need funding to pursue environmental, sustainability or climate change projects.

The fund can be used for community projects which embrace the council's climate change, sustainability, and climate adaptation objectives:

- Improved air quality
- Increased climate resilience
- Improved resource efficiency

- Increased active travel opportunities
- Increased/enhanced urban greenspace
- Improved outdoor access
- Reduction in the reliance of fossil fuels
- Improved energy efficiency
- The use of renewable technology
- Increased renewable energy generation
- Reduction in waste
- Supporting the circular economy
- Adapting to climate change e.g. flood protection

Geographical areas funded: South Lanarkshire

Who can apply: Applicants should either be a community group officially operating in South Lanarkshire Council or a partner organisation.

When to apply: One application can be made each year. A decision will be made within 30 days unless additional supporting information has been requested.

How to apply: Complete the online form on the Council website.

Exclusions:

- Proposals that do not benefit residents or pupils within South Lanarkshire
- The repayment of debt or loans
- To pay group volunteers or organisational employees
- Costs already incurred

More information:

www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200168/getting_involved_in_your_community/2023/new_community_grants/3

West Lothian Development Trust | max £25,000 | open now

The West Lothian Development Trust fund distributes money received from windfarm developments in West Lothian. The fund supports the development of projects in communities within 10km of the Blacklaw Windfarm and Pateshill Windfarms.

Projects should meet one of the following priorities:

- relieve poverty, advance education or social purposes beneficial to an eligible community
- promote and encourage environmental improvement or enhancement
- secure investment, create employment, implement training, promote or secure sustainable development
- provide or assist in the provision of renewable energy

Geographical areas funded: West Lothian

Notes on award amounts: There are two strands of funding, a small grants fund of up to £2,000 and a main grants fund of up to £25,000. A maximum of 70% intervention rate applies to both grants.

Who can apply: Projects will only be funded if the organisation is a community or public sector body.

When to apply|: The West Lothian Development Trust meets bi monthly to assess applications. Applications must be received by 5pm, one week prior to the date of meetings. 2022 meeting dates are to be confirmed check fund website for most up to date details.

How to apply: Application forms and guidance on the funder website. There are separate forms for Small and Main grant applications

More information: www.westlothian.gov.uk/article/44632/West-Lothian-Development-Trust

Third Sector Investment Fund | £250,000 - £3m | any time

The Fund can support organisations across all social sectors, focused on improving the economic and social well-being of individuals, particularly those who are vulnerable and disadvantaged.

Who can apply: Registered charity or social enterprise based in and with operations in the UK.

Exclusions: You must be a registered charity or social enterprise.

When to apply: There are no deadlines and applications can be made at any time.

How to apply: An expression of interest form can be found on the website

More information: www.socialandsustainable.com/the-third-sector-investment-fund/

Orkney Islands Council - Community Development Fund | max £100,000 | open now

The Community Development Fund supports a wide range of local capital projects, such as sports facilities, gardens, slipways, village halls, heritage centres, play parks and exhibitions.

Geographical areas funded: Orkney

Who can apply: Formally-constituted community groups can apply these include community councils, development trusts, community associations, heritage societies and other local community groups.

How to apply: Application form and guidance on the Council website. Prospective applicants are encouraged to discuss their project proposals with a member of the CDF Project Team prior to submitting a completed application

More information: <https://www.orkney.gov.uk/Council/C/Community-Development-Fund.htm>

Greenspace Scotland - Tesco Community Grants | £500 - £1500 | N/A

Tesco Community Grants fund thousands of local community projects across the UK, helping to fight holiday hunger, tackle mental health, support young people, host community events and much more. The grant scheme is open for applications and will provide grants of up to £1500 to support projects focused on children and families. The scheme is open to registered charities and not-for-profit organisations, via an on-line application form.

Local projects that focus on helping children and families. Tesco Community Grants will fund local good causes that focus on supporting children and families.

Examples include:

- a local school needing food for a children's breakfast club
- a voluntary organisation working with families to run holiday clubs
- a charity supporting young people with specialist advice to manage mental health
- a brownie or scout group needing new tents
- a youth sports club needing new equipment
- a family advice centre wanting to recruit more volunteers
- or a local friends of a park group wanting to develop a new toddler area

Funding pots of £500, up to £1000 and up to £1500 will be available for projects and Tesco customers will be able to choose which project receives the most funding by voting in store every time they shop. The scheme is open to registered charities and not-for-profit organisations, via an on-line application form.

More information: <https://tescocommunitygrants.org.uk/>

Cruden Foundation | max £20,000 | open now

Donations from the foundation are made to mainly small and medium sized registered charities throughout Scotland, targeting things like community welfare, medical support and research, the arts, education and heritage conservation.

Who can apply: Registered charities.

How to apply: In writing to the Secretary demonstrating need and purpose of support, accompanied by most recent financial accounts.

Exclusions: Applications from individuals not considered.

When to apply: Board meets three times a year (normally November, February and June). The secretary has authority to approve grants of up to £5,000 between meeting.

More information: <https://www.cruden-ltd.co.uk/group/about-us/corporate-and-social-responsibility>

Shell - Community Grants | up to £1,000 | open now

Shell provide community grants to groups which operate near their sites in Aberdeen, Mossmorran and St Fergus. These are provided both for ongoing community projects and for sponsorship of community events.

Geographical areas funded: Fife Aberdeen Aberdeenshire

Who can apply: Community groups in the communities where Shell operate, namely their sites in Aberdeen city, Mossmorran in Fife, and St Fergus near Peterhead.

How to apply: Application form available via the funder website

More information: <https://www.shell.co.uk/sustainability/society/working-with-communities.html>

Variety - Youth Club Grants | N/A | open now

Variety supports youth clubs because they provide opportunities for improving social skills, team spirit and self esteem. They fund tangible resources including, but not limited to:

- Sports, gym and games equipment
- Computers, printers and IT equipment
- Photography and film equipment
- Consoles, accessories and games
- Arts and crafts materials
- Musical instruments and recording equipment

Who can apply: They consider applications from youth organisations which are affiliated to national youth organisation, such as Ambition or UK Youth or National Association of Boys and Girls Clubs.

How to apply: The guidelines and application form are available on the funder website.

More information: <https://www.variety.org.uk/what-we-do/youth-clubs-grants>

SSE – Tangy Community Fund | avge £3559 | open now

Provides funding to community and charitable projects in the community council areas of Campbeltown, East Kintyre, The Laggan, Southend and West Kintyre. Grants are available to legally-constituted community groups, non-profit organisations and registered charities supporting projects which enhance quality of life for local residents; contribute to vibrant, healthy, successful and sustainable communities; and promote community spirit and encourage community activity.

Fund award sizes: Average: £3,559 Annually awarded: £24,000

Who can apply: You can apply for a grant if you are a legally-constituted community group, a non-profit organisation, a registered charity.

How to apply: Funds are administered by Campbeltown, East Kintyre, The Laggan, Southend and West Kintyre Community Councils on behalf of SSE. To apply for a grant, contact the appropriate community council.

Exclusions: Will not support projects which have a political or religious purpose, subsidise the costs of energy consumption, are for purposes adverse to SSE's interest, replace statutory funding or support individuals for their personal gain.

More information: <https://www.sserenewables.com/communities/community-fund-locations/great-britain/tangy/>

Robertson Trust – Wee Grants | £300 - £2,000 | Open now

The purpose of Wee Grants is to fund initiatives at a local level. Wee Grants focuses on work that addresses the impacts of poverty and/or trauma under one or more of the following themes: Financial wellbeing, Emotional wellbeing and relationships, and Educational and work pathways. See website for details of target groups.

Notes on award amounts: Grants are for one year only.

Who can apply: Constituted community groups and small charities with an annual income of less than £25,000. Maximum annual income: £25,000

Exclusions: Organisations who are already in receipt of funding from the Trust, Organisations who

distribute funding to third parties, and Umbrella organisations

When to apply: Apply at any time, decisions are made within 8 weeks.

More information: <https://www.therobertsontrust.org.uk/funding/wee-grants/>

Robertson Trust – Small Grants | £2,500 - £15,000 | Open now

Small Grants focuses on work that addresses the impacts of poverty and/or trauma under one or more of the following themes: Financial wellbeing, Emotional wellbeing and relationships, and Educational and work pathways. They seek to fund work that: meets people's immediate needs, provides earlier help, tests new approaches or does more of what work, and is universal or targeted. See website for details of target groups.

Notes on award amounts: Unrestricted or restricted revenue funding is available which can include the costs of equipment to support your work.

Who can apply: Registered charities with an annual income of between £25,000 and £100,000.
Minimum annual income: £25,000 Maximum annual income: £100,000

Exclusions: Charities who are already in receipt of revenue funding from the Trust, Charities who unsuccessfully applied to the previous Open Grants programme within the last 12 months, and Housing Associations and Arm's Length External Organisations.

When to apply: Apply at any time, decisions within 8 to 10 weeks.

More information: <https://www.therobertsontrust.org.uk/funding/small-grants/>

Robertson Trust – Community Vehicles Grants | £1,000-£10,000 | any time

Community Vehicle Grants focuses on work that addresses the impacts of poverty and/or trauma under one or more of the following themes: Financial wellbeing, Emotional wellbeing and relationships, and Educational and work pathways. They can contribute to the costs of a vehicle used to support work that: meets people's immediate needs, provides earlier help, tests new approaches or does more of what work, and is universal or targeted. See website for details of target groups.

Fund award sizes: Minimum: £1,000 Maximum: £10,000

Notes on award amounts: Capital funding of £1,000 to £10,000 for a vehicle to support your work. Grants are towards the purchase of a new or used vehicle, or the upgrade of an existing one. The amount of funding will depend on the cost of the vehicle, see guidance for details.

Who can apply: You must be a registered charity with an annual income of between £25,000 and £2 million, minimum annual income: £25,000 Maximum annual income: £2,000,000

Exclusions: Charities who are already in receipt of revenue funding from the Trust, Charities who unsuccessfully applied to the previous Open Grants programme within the last 12 months, and Housing Associations and Arm's Length External Organisations.

When to apply: Apply at any time, decision within 8 to 10 weeks

More information: <https://www.therobertsontrust.org.uk/funding/community-vehicle-grants/>

National Lottery Community Fund (Scotland) Scottish Land Fund | £10,000-£100,000 | open now

The fund will help communities take ownership of the land and buildings that matter to them, as well as practical support to develop their aspirations into viable projects. It supports communities to become more resilient and sustainable through the ownership and management of land and land assets. The Scottish Land Fund is open to organisations in both urban and rural Scotland which are community-led, community-controlled, and defined by a geographic area. The National Lottery Community Fund was previously known as the Big Lottery.

Who can apply: Applicants can be from one of a wide range of representative community bodies, including voluntary organisations, social enterprises or community councils.

How to apply: If you want to apply for funding from the Scottish Land Fund please contact them to discuss your idea. If you are eligible to apply they will give you an application form. You will have a named adviser who will support you through the application process.

Exclusions: Ineligible costs include: costs or expenditure incurred before you accept their grant offer; any costs which someone else is paying for; items that only benefit an individual and are not needed to deliver the project outcomes; funds to build up a reserve or surplus; loan repayments; contributions to general appeals.

When to apply: The current funding round closed to stage 2 applications in August 2020. The fund is still open to stage 1 applications. Stage 1 applications typically take around 6 months.

More information: <https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/scottish-land-fund>

Charity Aid Foundation – Venturesome | £10,000 - £35,000 | open now

CAF provides social investment loans which are unsecured (which means they don't take a charge or security against your assets). Investments are tailored to the needs of the organisations they finance and can be used for specific projects or to support day-to-day working capital. They can provide loans to support growth or cashflow needs, build affordable homes and get social enterprises started.

Fund award sizes: Minimum: £10,000 Maximum: £350,000

Who can apply: They support charities, social enterprises and community groups which are incorporated in the UK. You must have been trading for at least one year and have an annual turnover of at least £60,000.

How to apply: Fill in the short online form and a members of the team will get back to you to discuss your ideas.

More information: <https://www.cafonline.org/charities/borrowing/social-investment>

The Henry Smith Charity - Strengthening Communities Grant | £20,000 - £60,000 | N/A

The Strengthening Communities grant programme is designed to support small charitable organisations working at grassroots level. Through this grant programme we want to make sure that our funding reaches the most disadvantaged areas of the UK, targeting places that are economically marginalised and affected by poverty.

We fund established organisations with a track record of delivering services directly to beneficiaries. We are looking for organisations that are embedded within their communities and are addressing local needs.

We want to fund work that enables:

- People from across the community to participate in activities which improve connectedness, opportunities and wellbeing
- People who are excluded, vulnerable or facing other forms of hardship to have access to community-based services that support positive lasting change
- A stronger, active, more engaged community

To be eligible for funding applicants must meet the following criteria:

Organisation size: £20k - £500k

Location: UK-wide, must be within the 10% most deprived areas

Funding covers: Running costs which may include salaries, project costs, and small capital costs needed to support the work.

Organisation type: community-led charities and not for profit organisations.

More information: <https://www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/explore-our-grants-and-apply/strengthening-communities-grants/strengthening-communities-overview/>

The Henry Smith Charity – Improving Lives Grant | £20,000 - £60,000 | N/A

The Improving Lives grant programme provides grants to charitable organisations that help people when other sources of support have failed, are inappropriate, or are simply not available.

We support established organisations delivering services directly to beneficiaries. We are looking for services which can demonstrate a track record of success, and evidence the effectiveness of the work.

This is our largest grants programme, through which the majority of our funds are distributed.

Organisation size: £50k – £2m (in exceptional circumstances up to £5m)

Location of work: UK only

Funding covers: Running costs, salaries and projects

Organisation type: Charities and not-for-profit organisations, including social enterprises

More information: <https://www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/explore-our-grants-and-apply/improving-lives-grants-programme/improving-lives-grants-programme-overview/>