



TCV Scotland Funding Update – August 2023

Grants for environmental, community and voluntary projects

This Funding Update provides information on local, regional and national funding sources, large and small, for the environmental, community and voluntary sectors. Included are funds which may be currently closed to new applications, but which may re-open at a later date.

ABZ Propeller Fund

Aberdeen International Airport is on the lookout for charities, community groups and organisations to benefit from the ABZ Propeller Fund. Previously known as the Aberdeen International Airport Community Fund, £25,000 has been made available to donate to worthy recipients. The ABZ Propeller Fund is open to groups, charities, and organisations with links to **education, sustainability, and economic regeneration**. The ABZ Propeller Fund makes donations to those projects within close proximity to the airport, in the areas most affected by the airport's operation. Typically, these projects are located in the relevant parts of Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire. Currently a cap of £5,000 on funding is in place but applications for more funding can be submitted and will be judged on merit on approval by the committee and ABZ Propeller Fund Chair. Applications are considered four times a year.

AEH Salvesen's 1985 Charitable Trust

This Trust supports a variety of charitable causes, including: education, health, the arts, heritage, culture or science, environmental protection or improvement, animal welfare.

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A&N Daniell Charitable Trust

The Trustees support registered charities focussed on the following areas:

- The care and education of children and young people with severe learning difficulties
- Environmental conservation, including projects with a wildlife focus combined with local community engagement.

Currently closed to further expressions of interest.

Agnes Hunter Trust SCIO

The Agnes Hunter Trust was established in 1954 to support registered charities delivering health and social welfare projects in Scotland. The Trust focuses on supporting charities that help disabled people.

The Trust provides grants of roughly £3,000 - £15,000 per year. Whilst most of the grants awarded are between £5,000 - £10,000 the Trust reserves a degree of flexibility on these award values. Charities with an income of more than £1million are not eligible. There are two rounds of grants every year:

- A Spring/Summer round – applications submitted between early January to late February, and taken to the Board meeting in late May/early June.
- An Autumn/Winter round – with applications submitted between late June to mid-August, and taken to the Board meeting in late November/early December.

Second round application window: **22 June – 17 August 2023**. The next round will open in January 2024.

Alec Dickson Trust

The Alec Dickson Trust supports young people in the UK who want to use **volunteering** or **community service** to do brilliant things **in their communities**. The Trust believes that young people have the potential to make the world a better place through volunteering. So, it provides grants of up to £500 to individuals or groups of **young people aged 30 or under**, to help them put their ideas into action and run projects that benefit the lives of others – particularly the most marginalised and disadvantaged.

Trustees meet eight times a year to review applications. Applications received less than three weeks before a meeting will roll over to the next one. 2023 Trustee meetings: **30 August, 18 October, 29 November**. 2024 Trustee meetings: **17 January, 28 February, 17 April**. Keep an eye on the Trust's social media for news of application windows being open.

Allander Youth Activities Charitable Trust

The Trust has been established to make grants in support of activities that promote the welfare and advance the education and training of young people. The Trust shall seek to encourage the holding of activities of training value (including outings, expeditions or visits, both in the UK and abroad) by the 24th Glasgow (Bearsden) Scout Group. To the extent that the 24th does not fully utilise the funding available the Trust will encourage the holding of similar activities by other Scout Groups or by units of other voluntary organisations for young people so long as the activities of such organisations are charitable in law. A voluntary organisation is regarded as one that is managed and run by volunteers rather than paid staff.

Grants awarded generally depend on the number of people under the age of 18 taking part and the nature and length of the activity. Activities that include the participation of all or most of the members of your group are preferred. Typically, a grant could range from £5 to £150 per head. The Trustees meet approximately four times per annum although the more straightforward applications are often circulated and dealt with between meetings.

Alpkit Foundation

Small awards of £50 - £500 to community groups, schools and organisations that work to remove barriers in getting people outdoors and to experience wild places. *'We support grass-roots direct action projects that tackle issues such as diversity & inclusion in the outdoors, participation, education, conservation and protection of our natural environment and health & well-being.'*

The Foundation particularly like to support projects that:

- Encourage responsible outdoor activity
- Have long lasting benefits
- Introduce new people to get outdoors
- Demonstrate value for money

The Trustees meet every two months to consider applications. If possible, please apply at least 3 months before the start of a project so that the trustees have time to consider it at their next meeting.

[Arnold Clark Community Fund](#)

Grants of up to £1,000 are available to registered charities, community interest companies, charitable incorporated organisations, social enterprises and community groups. *'The Arnold Clark Community Fund is now closed, we hope to reopen applications in 2023.'*

[Artemis Charitable Foundation](#)

The Foundation supports 'core' charities in the UK and internationally in the areas of poverty, education and the environment, and also makes donations to global disasters and emergencies when they occur. The **Foundation is currently closed to new applications**. *Please check again in March 2024 for details of our plans for applications in 2024.*

[Asda Foundation](#)

The Asda Foundation supports small, grass roots organisations in several ways throughout the year. Working with Asda's Community Champions in store, it works with a range of organisations and groups on a variety of local community projects. Consult the website for current programmes.

[Aviva Community Fund](#)

The Aviva Community Fund supports projects that enable causes to adapt their vital services and enhance innovation to create a brighter, more sustainable future. Eligible causes will be able to submit their projects to the Aviva Community Fund through Crowdfunder. Funding applications are open to registered charities or social enterprises looking to raise up to £50,000. The Fund supports projects in two key areas:

- **Climate Action:** Promoting healthy, thriving communities by preventing, preparing for, and protecting against the impacts of climate change.
- **Financial Wellbeing:** Helping people to take control of their wellbeing by giving them the tools to be more financially resilient and independent.

Projects must be raising funds to help:

- Develop a new approach, product or technology; or
- implement a new initiative or pilot a new scheme; or
- expand existing services to a new area or beneficiary group; or
- adapt services to meet today's needs without compromising those of future generations

Applications are open all year, with quarterly funding rounds.

[Save Our Wild Isles Community Fund](#)

Aviva, in partnership with WWF and RSPB, is giving £1 million to support community groups across the UK to protect and restore nature in their local area.

Projects that are accepted to the Save Our Wild Isles Community Fund will receive 2:1 match funding from Aviva. From 30 March 2023 until £1 million of funding has been allocated, pledges will be matched at a

rate of £2 to every £1 donated. 2:1 match funding will apply to pledges of up to £250. The maximum value of 2:1 match funding a project can receive is £15,000. And £500 is available to kick-start eligible projects.

To qualify for this additional funding your project must demonstrate the following:

It will support communities in areas where need is greatest, specifically areas that are ranked 1-5 according to the [Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation](#)

And

It is working towards one of the following outcomes:

- **Nature restoration** – activity that boosts local biodiversity, by protecting or restoring habitats, creating space for nature, connecting green spaces and/or addressing activities that directly impact biodiversity.
- **Nature connectedness and pro-environmental behaviours** – action that supports greater connection to nature and promotes pro-environmental behaviours at the community level that will benefit nature.
- **Community cohesion and connection** – nature positive activity that encourages collaboration in the local community, by connecting people of diverse backgrounds, generations, and abilities to nature and one another.

[Awesome Foundation – Glasgow](#)

The Glasgow Chapter of the Awesome Foundation gives ‘£500, no-strings-attached mini-grants to cool projects that will make the world - and Glasgow - more Awesome!’ One £500 grant is given away every two months so you can apply any time. Finalists are invited to a gift night which you need to be able to attend in person or online. There are four criteria:

- The project must be based locally (Glasgow - with a G postcode)
- You need to have a budget - prove you have a plan for how additional funds will be raised
- It has to benefit the local community
- Most of all, it has to be Awesome

Next application deadline: **20 September 2023.**

[BA Better World Community Fund](#)

This fund supports charities and social enterprises by offering up to £15,000 in extra funding to eligible projects that crowdfund. Preference will be given to projects that demonstrate an ability to create positive impact across several categories, including:

- Environment
- Diversity, inclusion and wellbeing
- Education and employability
- Thriving communities

[Bank of Scotland Foundation](#)

Update: *Our current strategy and grant programmes were put in place five years ago, before the covid pandemic or the cost-of-living crisis.*

*As the needs of charities and their communities have changed so much, we are working hard behind the scenes to refresh our strategy which will see a set of **new grant programmes launched in 2024** that are tailored specifically to meet the unprecedented challenges charities face due to the current economic landscape.*

As a result, we **have temporarily paused our grant programmes** while we work through the detail of our new programmes but **opportunities to apply for new grant funding will be available towards the end of 2023**. Keep an eye out for updates on our website and social media platforms.

Barcapel Foundation

The Barcapel Foundation provides financial assistance mainly to organisations that have registered charitable status. The Foundation awards grants predominantly, but not exclusively, to charities operating in Scotland. The three priority areas of interest for funding are **health, heritage and youth**. It is highly unusual that a single donation will exceed £100,000 and all potential awards over £20,000 are assessed by a team operating independently of the Directors. NB: You must include a copy of your annual accounts with your application. Next application deadline: **2 October 2023**.

Barchester's Charitable Foundation

The Foundation aims to make a big difference to the lives of older people and other adults with a disability or mental health problems. It helps individuals, small community groups and small local charities. Its funding focus is about connecting or re-connecting people with others in their local community. It supports applications that combat loneliness and enable people to be active and engaged. It helps groups with:

- Activity projects
- Equipment and materials for use by members
- Member transport
- Day trips, outings and group holidays in the UK

Grants to groups range from £100 up to £2,000, with the average grant in 2021 being approximately £725.

BBC Children in Need

At BBC Children in Need, we act where the need is greatest. Our ambition is to create positive and lasting change across the UK for the children and young people who need us most. Current funding programmes include:

- **Project Costs Funding Stream:** Project Costs support the aims and delivery of a specific piece of work. This work will usually be time-limited, and based on a defined set of activities. The Project Costs Funding Stream is for charities and not-for-profit organisations. Applicants to this programme can apply for grants for up to three years. We aim to give quicker decisions for grants of £15,000 or less per year. No application deadlines – apply at any time.
- **Core Costs Funding Stream:** Core Costs support essential organisational and administrative spending of charities and not-for-profit organisations. These are the key expenses required to keep your organisation running. Applicants to this programme can apply for grants for up to three years. We aim to give quicker decisions for grants of £15,000 or less per year. No application deadlines – apply at any time.

Better Community Business Network Grant Initiative

The BCBN is a Muslim-led organisation set up to identify worthwhile community projects and partner with credible charities. BCBN's Grant Initiative aims to provide small third-sector grant awards to empower charities and local community projects. The initiative will distribute a one-off grant award of up to £3,000 per charity or to small but credible community projects, which are able to demonstrate their positive impact on the communities they aim to serve. BCBN annually distributes grants totalling £36,000 to 12 UK charities and community projects.

Applications must:

- Address a community issue or support a local community initiative

- Provide benefits to the local community
- Must be able to demonstrate that the money will be used for project-specifics

Applications are welcomed from groups, including: local community, self-help or voluntary groups and charities (including local branches of national charities). Some of the causes BCBN support: **Education, Health, Ex-Offenders, Homeless/Poverty, Arts & Culture, Environment, Elderly, Disability, Social Cohesion.**

Current application window: **3 July – 27 August 2023.**

British Ecological Society - Outreach Grants

These grants support projects that:

- Increase public understanding of, and engagement with, ecology
- Stimulate discussion about ecology and its implications for society
- Inspire and enthuse people of all ages about the science of ecology, especially those not previously interested
- Develop skills in communicating the science of ecology

NB. Grants will not be awarded for purely nature conservation purposes or any activity that does not promote the science of ecology. Grants of up to £2,000 are available. Second round application deadline: **30 August March 2023.**

B&Q Foundation

The B&Q Foundation supports UK registered charities with a combination of grants, volunteering time and home improvement resources. *From building safe spaces for kids to play in deprived areas, to providing residential support for people with no home of their own – the organisations we back are making a difference to those who don't have access to what most of us take for granted.*

To be considered for a B&Q Foundation grant:

- Your organisation must be a registered charity in the UK.
- The funds will help people in need (by reason of financial hardship, sickness, disability, other disadvantage or distress) in the UK or Ireland.
- The project is to provide, maintain, repair or improve housing or community space; or to support people experiencing bad housing or homelessness.

Grants of up to £5,000 are available for garden projects and up to £10,000 for building or indoor projects. Next application deadline: **14 August 2023.**

Cairngorms National Park

Funding opportunities may be available to help initiatives or projects which support the Park aims. Check the website for current programmes, including:

Outdoor Learning Travel Grant: Offering schools and community groups from across Scotland up to 75% transport costs, up to £200.

Caithness & North Sutherland Fund

The Caithness & North Sutherland Fund was established by the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority and Dounreay Site Restoration Ltd to distribute funding to community organisations for projects that will 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.

You can apply for between £1,000 to £30,000 (requests for higher amounts may be considered in exceptional circumstances). Applications can be made by voluntary or community organisations, school parent council or community councils. Applications are considered on a quarterly basis. 2023 – Round 4 application form closing date: **27 September 2023**.

Carnegie Dunfermline Trust

Grants are awarded over 4 broad categories – creative arts, community, schools and sport and are typically between £300 and £10,000. The Trust provides a programme of grant-giving for Dunfermline and its environs. Its main geographical area covers Dunfermline (including Wellwood, Townhill and Halbeath and Rosyth). Consideration will be given to projects from outwith this main geographical area (from Kingseat, Charlestown, Limekilns, Pattiesmuir or Crossford) provided that the applicants can provide evidence that their project would alleviate poverty, increase health and wellbeing or reduce loneliness AND if the project will primarily benefit people living in the main geographical area of Dunfermline. Applicants can include sports clubs and schools, voluntary sector organisations, clubs and societies and environmental and community development. Trustees meet every two months and applications can be submitted at any time.

Climate Action Fife

The Climate Action Fife **Small Grants Fund** is open to community organisations who want to involve local people in climate action. Constituted community groups or organisations based and working in Fife can apply for funding up to £500.

Your project must be an activity aimed at engaging your local community in the climate emergency. Activities must be aimed at audiences who are not engaged in the climate agenda. The activity should increase knowledge and awareness around the climate emergency and/or increase skills and confidence to take climate action. Example activities include climate-themed film showings, 'climate conversation' groups, or led walks themed around the climate emergency. The grant can cover things like staff costs, volunteer expenses, event materials, room hire and marketing.

Applications for funding will open later in 2023.

Coalfields Regeneration Trust

The Coalfields Regeneration Trust is dedicated to supporting former mining towns and villages throughout the UK. It operates a number of programmes in Scotland including the **Coalfields Investment Programme, Coalfields Community Futures, Coalfields Community Action, Coalfield Regeneration and Capacity Building Development and Support**.

Co-op Local Community Fund

The Co-op Community Fund supports projects across the UK that its members care about. New causes for communities are chosen every 12 months. To be accepted you must have a project in mind that will benefit your local community. You can make an application if your Project:

- brings people together to access food
- helps improve people's mental wellbeing
- creates opportunities for young people to be heard and make a difference
- enables people to save and restore nature and tackle climate change

Many applications are from charities or local community groups, but as long as your organisation isn't run for private profit you can apply. **Applications are currently closed**.

Corra Foundation

The Corra Foundation exists to make a difference to the lives of people and communities. It works with others to encourage positive change, opportunity, fairness and growth of aspirations which improve quality of life. Since 1985 the Foundation has distributed almost £193 million and made almost 24,000 grants to charities across Scotland. These range from the well-known to small individual community groups receiving a few hundred pounds for a local project. It operates a number of funding programmes including:

Henry Duncan Grants

In 2023, Henry Duncan Grants want to fund organisations that increase opportunities for Deaf/Disabled People and / or people living with long term conditions, helping them to participate fully in society and live independently.

Henry Duncan Grants will be open to grassroots organisations with an annual income of £250,000 or less. Organisations can apply for up to £40,000 across five years (£8,000 per year). It is anticipated grants will be made up to a total of £925,000. In recognition of historic inequity in funding, Corra commits at least £330,000 (around 30%) of this fund budget to fund organisations who are Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic Led.

There are two different types of Henry Duncan Grants in 2023. You can apply to only one of these:

- **Organisation Grants:** Unrestricted funding to Deaf/Disabled People's Organisations or user led organisations supporting people living with long term conditions. You can apply for up to £8,000 per year, across five years – a total grant of £40,000.
- **Project Grants for Black, Asian, and Minority Ethnic Led Organisations:** Grants will support projects that increase opportunities for Deaf/Disabled People or people living with long term conditions. You can apply for up to £8,000 per year, across five years – a total grant of £40,000.

Application deadline: **30 August 2023.**

Cruach Trust

The Cruach Trust is a small Scottish charity, which likes to make a difference with its donations. The Trust provides financial support for the natural environment including gardens, and for community and music-related organisations throughout the United Kingdom. The trustees have discretion to make donations in the UK and abroad although the vast majority are to Scottish organisations, with all types of charitable objects. Applications are open to registered or recognised charities, societies, trusts or other bodies. There is a preference for Scottish small and local charities. The Trustees can award grants up to a maximum of £2,000.

Examples of grants:

- Supporting a horticultural apprenticeship, arranged through the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh.
- Grants for organisations working with children, young carers, the elderly, vulnerable and homeless.
- Grants for gardens, wildlife and the natural environment.
- Grants for music, the arts and cultural charities.

Applications deadline: **23 August 2023.**

Cruden Foundation

While the Foundation's Directors' discretion is wide, its constitution requires it to mainly support registered charitable projects in Scotland. There is a strong focus on **community welfare, medical support and research, the arts, education and conservation**. The Foundation supports a range of sizes of charity but tends to focus on smaller charities with lower reserves. Most grants tend to be up to £5,000. The

directors consider applications at their tri-annual Board meetings, normally held in November, February and June.

Cultivation Street

Cultivation Street is a campaign founded by Chartered Horticulturalist and broadcaster David Domoney, to help people to grow and garden together. The campaign runs an annual garden competition with cash prizes of £250 - £1,000.

Competition categories:

- Best School Garden
- Best Community Garden
- Gardens for Better Health
- Gro Your Best

You can register your interest in Cultivation Street 2023.

D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust

The objects of the charity are the **advancement of the arts, health and medical welfare, and environmental protection or improvement** (see below). The Trust supports a diverse range of charities seeking in some way to enhance and improve people's lives. Applicants must be UK registered charities, operating in the UK for the benefit of UK residents, The Trust makes grants which are usually in the range £500-£6,000 and there are three grant-making meetings held annually which normally take place in March, July, and November. The majority of the Trust's grants are single grants over a one-year period. The Trustees will consider applications for core costs or projects. The Trustees favour small-scale, locally based initiatives.

The Environment:

- Social and therapeutic horticulture projects that embrace nature as a tool for mental wellbeing by using gardening or other environmental activities to bring about positive changes in the lives of those who are living with disabilities or ill-health.
- Active involvement in hands-on conservation activities, particularly those that bring about positive changes in the lives of young people living at the margins of society to improve their skills, build their confidence and break down barriers to their employment.
- Rural crafts and skills in heritage conservation, with emphasis on increasingly rare skills that would otherwise be lost.

Application deadline for November grant-making meeting: **10 October 2023.**

Dulverton Trust

The Dulverton Trust is an independent grant-making charity which supports UK charities and CIOs (charitable incorporated organisations) within its funding categories, which include: **Youth Opportunities (under 25s), General Welfare, Conservation and Heritage**. It prioritises organisations that are medium-sized (with income between £200,000 and £3 million), have a national footprint and do not receive a significant proportion of income from government or local authority contracts. There are no application deadlines and Trustees make decisions in February, June and October. Applicants are advised to apply for what they need, but as a guide average grants are between £25,000 - £35,000 per annum.

Edinburgh Airport Community Fund

The Edinburgh Airport Community Fund will consider applications from Edinburgh, Falkirk, the Lothians, and Fife. The Fund was established to ensure local communities benefit from Edinburgh Airport activities. £140,000 is available during 2023. The Fund provides financial support to community groups and charities

committed to improving opportunities, facilities and services available to local people. Objectives of the Fund:

- Offer meaningful support to local groups, organisations and charities in communities impacted by Edinburgh Airport's operations.
- Make a positive difference to those who could benefit from additional funding and potential increased public exposure.
- Fulfil the airport's aspirational commitment to be a trusted neighbour that provides tangible benefits to its community.

Priority will be given to proposals benefitting those living within the communities closest to the airport, or those most affected by aircraft noise and airport operations, and for initiatives relating to:

- The mitigation against and reduction of the effects of a changing climate.
- The reduction of local negative environmental impacts.
- Supporting local biodiversity, rewilding, and/or restoration of the natural world.
- The enhancement of local business, community groups and long-term sustainable partnerships in the airport's surrounding area.
- Improving healthy working lives and increase upskilling and employment opportunities for socially and economically deprived and disadvantaged persons.
- Improving care, opportunity, provide shelter and enable rehabilitation of vulnerable groups in the community.
- Providing urgent, targeted, local support during the cost-of-living crisis.

There is a cap on funding applications of £7,000. Community Fund meetings are triannual, occurring in Spring, Summer, and Autumn. The remaining 2023 meeting dates are: 25th August and 24th November. Funding applications will close two weeks in advance of each meeting date. Any applications received after the cut off points will be kept for the next meeting. Application deadline for August meeting: **13 August**.

[Edinburgh – Community Grants Fund](#)

The Community Grants Fund (CGF) is a small grants scheme provided by the City of Edinburgh Council. Small grants of up to £5,000 can be awarded to constituted groups for local community activity. Grants can be applied for throughout the year.

[Ernest Kleinwort Charitable Trust](#)

The Ernest Kleinwort Charitable Trust supports registered charities in several core areas of activity, including those that: **Deliver international or UK-based wildlife and environmental conservation projects.**

Small grants: up to £10,000

Applications accepted throughout the year.

Medium grants: £10,001 - £20,000

Annual application windows:

- 4 January – 4 February
- 18 April – 12 May
- 10 July – 13 August
- 9 October – 12 November

Large Grants: over £20,001

Annual application windows:

- 4 January – 4 March
- 10 July – 10 September

Please note: Large grants are restricted to charities with whom the Trustees have built up a deep understanding and/or close relationship over a period of several years. For this reason, the application is password protected.

Esmee Fairbairn Foundation

The Esmee Fairbairn Foundation aims to improve our natural world, secure a fairer future and strengthen the bonds in communities in the UK. In 2022 it made grants of £36.2 million towards work in support of its three main aims (below). It also has a £45 million allocation to social investments. The Foundation's grants support organisations' core or project costs, including staff salaries and overheads. It also provides unrestricted funding for charities. It does not give grants for building or equipment costs, or individuals. The Foundation's current strategy has a focus on 3 interdependent aims:

- Our Natural World
- A Fairer Future
- Creative, Confident Communities

Most of the Foundation's grants are for three years (54%) or longer than three years (32%). The Foundation does not consider online applications from organisations with an annual turnover of less than £100,000 and does not accept applications for grants of less than £30,000. In 2021 its median grant size was £180,000 over 3 years, and it made one grant of over £1 million. There are no deadlines – it assesses expressions of interest, and makes funding decisions, on a rolling basis.

Faith in Community Scotland – Greener Spaces, Fairer Places

Small grants are available to faith groups for local actions tackling poverty and climate change. Applications are open to local faith groups registered in Scotland, whose annual income is normally lower than £80,000, and who normally employ no more than two full-time equivalent staff members. Grants are prioritised towards groups with minimal resources. Grants up to £500 are available for local action around the following themes:

- Community mobilising (eg events in your community bringing people together on climate action; outdoor installations and recycling; banner/poster making to raise awareness).
- More effective use of community land (eg using land to grow food; creating a community garden).
- Respecting the environment (eg organising a local clean-up; using buildings in a more eco-friendly way).
- Local action on reducing fuel consumption (eg supporting sustainable energy use).

An additional grant of up to £200 may be available to those who can give up to four hours of mentoring to another local group wishing to learn more about how they can become involved in actions for climate justice.

Finnis Scott Foundation

The Trustees of the Finnis Scott Foundation can make grants for any charitable purpose, but their present policy is to focus grant-making in the areas of **horticulture and plant sciences**, as well as art history and the enhancement, conservation and preservation of art. In general, the Trustees only consider applications for grants up to £10,000 with most grants being £5,000 or less. Exceptionally, larger grants may be considered at the Trustees' discretion.

The Trustees are keen to support horticultural training through bursaries and apprenticeships. Applications should be made by the sponsoring institution: individuals may not apply. Grants are not offered for covering usual salary commitments, nor for expenditure already incurred. The Foundation is unlikely to fund newly established organisations which do not yet have a track record, or have not yet produced

accounts. The Trustees meet quarterly, usually in January, April, July and October. Application deadline for October meeting: **15 September.**

Firstport

Firstport is Scotland's agency for start-up social entrepreneurs and social enterprise. It offers a number of funding programmes including:

Pounds for Purpose

Up to £500 for individuals aged 16-26 looking to address social issues that matter to them. The panel are looking for strong ideas that can spend the grant within 6 months. The panel will also prioritise those ideas that have the potential to become social enterprises.

Start It

Up to £5,000 for individuals looking to start a social enterprise.

Build It

Build It is for social entrepreneurs who have tried and tested a social enterprise idea and want to turn it into their full-time job. Typical requests at this level are:

- Up to £20,000 for a single salary, with a further £5,000 to be spent on additional essential costs.
- Up to £25,000 split between two or more salaries.

Next application deadlines: **28 September 2023, 25 January 2024.**

Foundation Scotland

Foundation Scotland administers a **diverse range of funding programmes** benefitting communities across Scotland. Some of its funds are available on a **Scotland-wide basis** and others are aimed at **specific themes** or geographical areas eg communities close to wind farms. The Foundation's website currently lists 100 separate funds '**From Shetland to Stranraer**', plus their application criteria and level of grants available. Grant examples include:

Baillie Gifford Community Fund

This fund aims to support local organisations working to address food insecurity and social isolation. Priority will go to projects benefitting the most vulnerable groups including children and families on low incomes, veterans, people with disabilities and long-term health conditions and those affected by homelessness. Grants available up to £5,000 per year for three years. The fund can support core costs as well as project costs. However, it can only support applications where the grant request is at least 25% of the total costs. Please do not apply if your project as a whole costs more than £60,000, and note this fund is only open to organisations with an annual income of under £250,000. Next application deadline:

18 September 2023.

David Doig Foundation

The Foundation will support a broad range of activities - in Scotland and worldwide - that will enable disadvantaged young people to access educational opportunities, build aspirations and help to transform lives. This could be around building confidence and self-esteem to enable a return to education, providing opportunities and access to activities that might not otherwise be available to young people due to their circumstances, or for work with children who are at risk of or have been excluded from mainstream education. The David Doig Foundation has a particular interest in engaging young people in education around nature, horticulture, and conservation, which will help enable them to pursue further education and careers in these areas.

Whilst there is no fixed amount for applications, the programme will typically award grants between £1,500 - £3,000. **Currently closed for applications.**

Martin Currie Community Partnership Programme

This programme aims to support registered charities and constituted community groups based in and working in Scotland, with priority given to those based in and around Edinburgh and the Lothians. Projects must be addressing at least one of the following themes:

- **The promotion of diversity and inclusion.** This includes projects and activities that address inequality, providing people with opportunities they wouldn't otherwise have access to.
- **Social and environmental sustainability.** This includes projects which aim to improve sustainability. This may include activities such as the reuse, recycling and upcycling of resources and materials or the upskilling of individuals through training and education.

Grants available up to £7,000. This fund is only open to organisations with an annual income of £250,000 or less. **Currently closed to new applications.**

PF Charitable Trust

The PF Charitable Trust's funding policy is to support work at community level and projects must meet one of the following priorities: **Disability, Health, Children and Families, Youth work, Elderly.** Up to £50,000 is distributed annually in grants up to £5,000.

The fund can support core costs as well as project costs. However, it can only support applications where the grant request is at least 25% of the total costs. Please do not apply if your project as a whole costs more than £20,000. Please note this fund is only open to Registered Charities with an annual income of under £250,000. Open to applications.

Wesleyan Foundation Large Grants Programme

Grants up to £10,000. **Currently closed to new applications.**

Foundation Scotland – [For people and planet](#)

Making your funded projects and activities 'climate smart' and nature-friendly may be a new consideration for many third sector organisations. To help guide you, Foundation Scotland have outlined some of the key issues it expects applicants to consider, along with links to further information or support.

[Foyle Foundation](#)

The Foyle Foundation is an independent grant making trust that distributes grants to UK charities. It welcomes applications from across the country and encourages applications from all areas outside London and the South-East.

Main Grants Scheme: supporting charities whose core work covers **Arts** and **Learning**.

Small Grants Scheme: designed to support charities registered and operating in the United Kingdom, especially those working at grass roots and local community level, in any field, across a wide range of activities. Online applications can be accepted from charities that have an annual turnover of less than £150,000 per annum. Larger or national charities will normally not be considered under this scheme. Applicants must show how any grant will make a significant difference to their current work. Charities can apply for between £2,000 and £10,000. There are no deadlines for submission.

[Gannochy Trust](#)

The Gannochy Trust awards grants to registered charities for work in Perth and Kinross and across Scotland, that deliver the outcomes that the Trust hopes to achieve with its funding. Currently, a greater proportion of its annual giving of around five million pounds is awarded to charities based or working in Perth and Kinross.

Grant levels:

- Small grants of up to £10,000 a year for a maximum of three years
- Main grants of up to £30,000 a year for a maximum of three years
- Major grants of over £30,000 a year for a maximum of three years (Major grants are only available for charities and work based in Perth and Kinross)

What is funded

There are different eligibility criteria for charities based or working in Perth and Kinross, than those across Scotland. Charities are funded to deliver the following aims:

For Perth and Kinross:

To improve the quality of life by delivery of at least one of these:

- Positive change in people's lives and communities.
- Increased inclusion, enablement, independence, mental health and wellbeing.
- Increased access to employment, volunteering, learning, culture, sport, and leisure opportunities.
- Increased equality of opportunity and active citizenship.

To improve the availability or quality of the built and natural environment for wide community use by delivery of at least one of these:

- Greater access to services and facilities.
- Improved infrastructure.
- More sustainable services and facilities that reflect local priorities.

To develop and inspire children and young people (from age 0 to 21 inclusive) by delivery of at least one of these:

- Increased participation, opportunities, and experiences through culture, leisure, play, environment, and heritage.
- Increased access to sporting opportunities at all levels of participation and ability.
- Increased leadership or mentoring.
- Accredited non-formal learning through voluntary activity in the community.

For the Rest of Scotland:

To develop and inspire young people (From age 11 to 21 inclusive)

We want to focus on quality youth work programmes that work alongside young people to deliver at least one of these:

- Increased leadership or mentoring.
- Better employment options that can be tracked and measured.
- Accredited non-formal learning through voluntary activity in the community.
- Programmes that lead to improved mental health or wellbeing are particularly encouraged.

The Gannochy Trust Board meets four times annually. Next application deadline: **20 October.**

Youth Panel Fund

The Youth Panel Fund is a new Gannochy Trust programme designed and assessed by young people for young people in Perth and Kinross.

Garfield Weston Foundation

The Garfield Weston Foundation supports a wide range of charities that make a positive difference, working in different sectors in the UK. These include **welfare, youth, community, environment, education, health, arts, heritage** and **faith**.

We fund small local organisations and large national institutions. Our grants range from £1,000 to several million pounds, depending on each charity's size and scope of work. Our grants can be for your organisation's running costs, for a specific activity or for capital projects. We are flexible and fund what charities need the most.

The types of grants made tend to fall into one of three areas:

- operating/core costs
- capital projects
- projects/specific activities

Grant levels:

- **Regular Grants:** For applications below £100,000. These applications are reviewed by the Trustees on an ongoing basis, so there are no specific deadlines.
- **Major Grants:** For application of £100,000 or more, typically for projects and/or annual income in excess of £1 million. These are reviewed at one of the Foundation's eight Board meetings a year.

Glasgow Airport FlightPath Fund

The Glasgow Airport FlightPath makes donations to those projects within close proximity to the airport, in the areas most affected by the airport's operation. Typically, these projects are located in the relevant parts of Renfrewshire, East and West Dunbartonshire and Glasgow. The Flightpath Fund focuses its awards on three key areas: **Employment, Environment, Education.**

The FlightPath Fund is competitive and each application is considered on its individual merit. Those applications that make the most convincing arguments for funding are most likely to succeed. Awards of more than £5,000 will be the subject of a recommendation by the FlightPath Fund Committee to the Managing Director of Glasgow Airport for approval.

Remaining 2023 meeting dates for the FlightPath Fund committee: **1 September, 3 November, 8 December.** Applications should be submitted no later than three weeks prior to the next meeting.

Gordon and Ena Baxter Foundation

The Gordon and Ena Baxter Foundation supports a wide range of causes across North East Scotland and the Highlands & Islands. The Foundation was founded to "*spread a little fertiliser*" in local communities, and that means supporting good causes across a broad range of themes and activity. These include but are not limited to: **education and training; arts and heritage; health and community care; sports; conservation and the environment.**

Awards vary from £100 up to £25,000. Awards over £1,000 require more investigation and are usually discussed at the board's applications meetings. Match funding has become a key priority when trustees are considering applications. It is advisable to wait until substantial funds are secured prior to making a formal application. As a guide, this should be at least 50 per cent of project costs, but this is considered on an individual basis relative to total costs. Projects with a high degree of community support are particularly welcome.

The trustees of the Gordon and Ena Baxter Foundation hold five funding rounds per year to deliberate on applications which have been investigated by its Foundation Manager. **To discuss eligibility and timings for funding, it is best to introduce your project to the Foundation Manager in the first instance.**

Gordon Fraser Charitable Trust

The Gordon Fraser Charitable Trust makes donations totalling some £140,000 to about 100 charities each year. Recipients must be registered charities, but the trustees have complete discretion as to the type of charitable work supported. In recent years there has been some concentration on support for charities

working with **children or young people**, and those active in the **environment** and the **arts**. There has also been a preference for applications from and for Scotland but not to the exclusion of applications from elsewhere. Applications are considered by the trustees each quarter in January, April, July, and October.

Greenpeace Movement Support Fund

The Movement Support Fund provides funding for your project, event, initiative, research or campaign that advocates for social, racial and/or environmental justice through an intersectional lens. Funding for projects is considered on a case-by-case basis and may not always be fully funded.

The Fund can cover things like:

- Venue costs
- Equipment rental
- Fees for guest speakers
- Materials for an action, investigation or workshop

We actively work to ensure that groups who have historically and currently not had access to funding are seen, heard, and supported. All groups we fund must practice non-violence.

Grow Wild

Grow Wild is the national outreach programme of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew. Every year, Grow Wild supports young people, communities, individuals and organisations through its **Youth** and **Community** grant programmes. **Currently closed for applications.**

Seed kits

Every year, Grow Wild sends out free UK-native wildflower seed kits to community groups, families, colleagues and individuals across the UK to spread the word about wildflowers. Applications for seed kits usually open in early spring.

HDH Wills Charitable Trust

Small Grants

This trust makes donations to general charities, which are small enough in size or are applying for support for a modest project such that the charity will benefit substantially from a donation of between £500 and £2,000. It also makes grants to charities, which focus on the conservation of wildlife and the environment which are typically between £1,000 to £2,000.

The Martin Wills Wildlife Maintenance Trust

The focus of this support is the conservation and maintenance for the benefit of the public of the natural environment and its indigenous woodland flora and fauna with particular reference to the conservation and maintenance of the character and amenity of rural areas. Grants are made only to registered charities, which focus on the conservation of wildlife and the environment. Grants are typically between in the £1,000 to £2,000 range, though sometimes up to £5,000.

Large Grants

These are made by the Trust in a fixed seven-year cycle. In only two years of that cycle are grants made in response to applications from external charities, and then only to charities for wildlife and environmental causes. When Large Grants are made for wildlife and environmental causes they are typically in the £5,000 to £50,000 range. Applications for Large Grants for wildlife and the environment will be accepted until

December 2024.

Henry Smith Charity – Strengthening Communities

The Henry Smith Charity operates a number of grant programmes, including the Strengthening Communities programme which is designed to support small charitable organisations working at grassroots level. The Henry Smith Charity wants to make sure that its funding reaches the most disadvantaged areas of the UK, targeting places that are economically marginalised and affected by poverty.

It funds established community-led charities and not-for-profit organisations with a track record of delivering services directly to beneficiaries. It is looking for organisations that are embedded within their communities and are addressing local needs. It wants 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.

Grants are typically £20,000 - £70,000 for between 1-3 years to cover running costs. Organisations applying to this fund will have an income of £20,000 - £500,000 and will be physically based and work within the 10% most deprived communities in England and Scotland. Applications can be submitted at any time. There are no deadlines.

Highlands and Islands Community Climate Action Fund

The Highlands and Islands Climate Hub offers small grants to community groups for community engagement or seed funding for a community climate action project. This grant is available to existing and emerging community groups who are members of the Highlands and Islands Climate Hub.

- Funding is available up to a maximum of £500 per project, OR, more than this for particularly exciting projects. Additional funding is strictly at the discretion of the Hub's Development Team.
- Discretionary funding can be capped at £2,000 unless additional funding can be sought by the Development Team.
- Projects must be based within the Highlands and Islands.

Applicants are asked that their project is as environmentally friendly as possible and covers a main theme of climate action such as;

- Active Travel
- Waste Reduction and Repurposing
- Food growing
- Sustainable energy
- Repair and re-use
- Restoring natural spaces

Grants are allocated on a first come first served basis. Potential applicants are encouraged to discuss their project idea with the Hub before applying.

Highland Council - Community Regeneration Funding

Highland Council has responsibility of delivering various external funding programmes to enable community-led local action. This allows community groups and organisations to apply for funding, to deliver projects that bring positive change to local areas. Community Regeneration Funding (CRF) is an umbrella term being used to cover multiple funding programmes the Council manages. The broad objective of CRF is to support the themes of **People, Place, Economy** and **Environment**.

The Council understands that applying to several funding programmes can be time consuming, and often confusing, with each having a separate application process and deadlines. It has therefore developed a streamlined process where applicants can apply for funding under a single call for expression of interest. This means that projects will be best matched with the multiple funds the Council manages.

Community Regeneration Funding is currently made up of:

- Highland Coastal Communities Fund
- Place-Based Investment Programme
- Community-Led Local Development Fund
- UK Shared Prosperity Fund

The first round of CRF for revenue projects concluding by March 2024 was financed from the Community-Led Local Development Fund and UK Shared Prosperity Fund and is now closed to applications.

*A second call for expression of interest from the other funding programmes within CRF, will be launched during **August 2023**. These will include capital projects and revenue projects that forecast a timescale running beyond March 2024. More information on this and the available funding will be published nearer the time.*

Highlands and Islands Environment Foundation

The HIEF will support projects throughout the Scottish Highlands and Islands which fit into one of the Foundation's key areas of interest:

- Montane habitats
- Freshwater habitats
- Marine and coastal habitats
- Forests and woodlands

Projects should demonstrate clear, measurable environmental impact and those with opportunities for replicability, to amplify their impact, will be prioritised. Ideally, the proposed activities shall be sufficiently visible to leverage additional support from other funding sources. HIEF support is aimed at local non-profit organisations, associations, clubs or unions, social cooperative enterprises and/or other local bodies, including research centres, are strongly encouraged to apply for grants.

Next application deadline: **18 September**.

Historic Environment Scotland

Historic Environment Scotland offers a number of grants and funding schemes to support projects that promote and protect our historic environment, including **Historic Environment Grants (HEG)** to provide financial support for historic environment projects. Projects must be focused on an aspect of Scotland's historic environment, from the tangible (e.g. historic buildings, ancient monuments and archaeology, designed or cultural landscapes and historic gardens and battlefields) to the intangible (e.g. historic environment skills, stories and traditions).

The types of projects that are eligible under the HEG programme will vary and are likely to be time-limited. Some examples of typical projects eligible for support include:

- Archaeological excavations and research
- Repair and consolidation works
- Skills and training
- Outreach and learning
- Interpretation
- Maintenance and management plans

The HEG programme has three funding tiers:

- Express grants - £1,000 - £25,000
- Small grants - £25,001 - £100,000
- Large grants - £100,001 - £500,000

All applicants to the HEG Programme will first need to submit and have approved an Expression of Interest (EOI) which can be made at any time.

Hugh Fraser Foundation

The Hugh Fraser Foundation makes donations to registered charities which are active in sectors such as the **arts and culture, medical and health, the environment and education, care and support of the young and elderly, people with disabilities and the under-privileged**. So long as the object is charitable the Trustees will consider any application from a registered charity or community interest company. The Trustees' policy is to pay special regard to applications from Scotland, particularly from parts of Scotland where the local economy and/or circumstances make fund-raising for charitable purposes difficult. The Trustees are prepared to enter into commitments over a period of time by making grants in up to three successive years, often to assist in new initiatives which can maintain their own momentum once they have become established. Grants are frequently made by way of pledge where payment is conditional on the full funding and the commencement of the activities or project.

The Trustees normally meet in March, June, September and December. The cut-off date for applications is normally the beginning of the month preceding the month of the meeting date.

International Tree Foundation – UK Community Tree Planting Programme

Every year ITF supports UK community groups to achieve their tree-planting ambitions. Over the summer we issue a 'call for proposals' inviting people to send us their ideas. And we'd love to hear from you and your community group too! Your idea could be something small, such as community woodland or orchard. Or it could be a larger scale project such as landscape restoration or rewilding. We're open to all sorts of ideas and project types, so please get in touch!

The UK Community Tree Planting Programme aims to support community projects that will:

- Create and conserve indigenous trees and woodlands, forests, habitats and associated biodiversity.
- Foster community engagement in tree planting to promote reforestation and to increase awareness of the importance of trees and forests to environmental and human well-being.
- Encourage social cohesion and inclusion.

Essential criteria

ITF's priorities for this round of the UK Community Tree Planting Programme are to support community-based tree planting initiatives that meet the following essential criteria:

- Be based in the UK.
- Plant trees in public/publicly accessible spaces: sites that are accessible to the public, including schools, parks, rights of way, and sites managed by community groups
- Plant indigenous tree species. This may include traditional fruit trees and 'honorary' natives where appropriate
- Engage community members in tree planting and enjoying the benefits of woodlands
- Have clear plans for maintenance and sustainability

Additional criteria

In this Call for Proposals, ITF is also interested in applications which meet one of more of the following additional criteria:

- Engage children and young adults in tree planting and learning about trees
- Engage vulnerable groups and groups with low access to woodlands
- Create biodiversity habitat
- Conserve soil and water
- Demonstrate new approaches, such as agroforestry
- Support rewilding and natural regeneration
- Support work or research on tree pest and disease resistance and climate change adaptation
- Support urban tree planting

There are two streams of funding available:

- Community Woodlands/Hedging: Projects to range from 100 – 10,000 trees planted per year, with a maximum price equivalent to £1.75/tree (inclusive of tree protection and mulch). Most suitable for community woodland or hedging projects.
- Community Orchards: Projects up to 30 trees planted per year.

In addition, ITF provides expert consultation and advice for projects that need it. This may include help with project design, species selection, ground preparation, and so on. Applications can be made up until **1 December 2023**.

Ironmongers' Company

The Ironmongers' Company supports registered charities with projects that provide opportunities for disadvantaged children and young people to fulfil their potential. Grants are only given to registered charities. Projects must meet all of the following criteria:

- For children and young people under the age of 25 who are disadvantaged
- Consist of educational activities that develop learning, motivation and skills
- Have clear aims and objectives to be met within a planned timescale

The Company is looking for projects that deliver clearly defined educational benefits to a specific group of children or young people. Items of equipment will be considered only where a full explanation is given of how they will support this activity. Projects could, for example, support special educational needs, or foster social, emotional or life skills. Preference will be given to projects piloting new approaches where the outcomes will be disseminated to a wider audience. The Company's support should make a recognisable difference, therefore preference will be given to requests where the grant would cover a significant element of the cost and to those from smaller charities.

Grants range from a few hundred pounds up to around £10,000. The average grant awarded is £4,000. The Appeals Committee meets twice a year at the end of March and October. The deadlines for receipt of applications are **15 December** and **31 July** respectively.

Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust

The objectives of the Trust are to donate to UK registered charities whose purposes encompass one or more of the following:

- to benefit or protect animals
- to relieve animals from suffering
- to conserve wildlife
- to encourage the understanding of animals

Donations are considered three times each year in Spring, Summer and Winter, and range from £1,000 to a normal maximum of £10,000. Smaller donations may be awarded between the meetings at the discretion of the Chairman and Administrator of the Trust. The Trust expects all applicants to be registered charities

for at least 12 months unless their annual income is under £5,000. The deadlines for receipt of applications are: **10 January** (for Spring meeting), **1 May** (for Summer meeting), **1 September** (for Winter meeting).

John Lewis Foundation

The John Lewis Foundation exists to create a happier world where all young people can access meaningful employment. We will do this by investing in vulnerable children and young adults, providing education and skills for meaningful employment.

We are:

- Focused on vulnerable children and young adults living in the most disadvantaged communities
- Working with communities in the UK and overseas, where the John Lewis business operates and sources
- Maximising impact by investing in partnerships that catalyse innovative youth employment projects and help bring proven concepts to scale.

Request an application through trustsandfoundations@johnlewis.co.uk.

John McAslan Family Trust

The John McAslan Family Trust seeks out and supports initiatives that make a direct difference to people's lives. It does this through collective participation and by sponsoring a wide range of educational, cultural, community and environmental projects which focus the skills of people of all ages. These projects are often modest in scale, but always big on ambition. They tackle challenges that reflect key global imperatives, and help to energise lives at a local level. In every case the Trust aims to achieve sustainable, life-improving results from its support. The Trust considers applications for sponsorship twice annually, at the beginning of April and November.

John Spedan Lewis Foundation

This foundation supports UK registered charities (with an income under £1 million) for which natural history topics are explicitly stated among their charitable purposes, including wildlife conservation, entomology and ornithology. Grants range from £2,000 to £30,000. The Board of Trustees meets bi-annually to consider applications. **The latest funding call closed on 31 July 2023.**

Learning through Landscapes – Local Schools Nature Grants Scheme

The Local Schools Nature Grants Scheme allows Early Years, Infant, Primary and Secondary school and settings in England, Scotland and Wales to apply for £500 worth of outdoor resources, and a two-hour staff training session. Through the Local Schools Nature Grants Scheme LTL is looking for settings whose learners are passionate about making environmental improvements for the benefit of their pupils, staff and the community.

'We want to work with schools/settings who will make great use of the equipment and training supplied by this programme. The ideal partners will include children in the decision making and incorporate their local community. Applications will be assessed on the strength of the ideas expressed and not the writing skills. You don't need to be an expert bid writer to apply for this funding!'

NB: this scheme does not provide cash grants to schools. Remaining 2023 application dates: **8 September, 10 November.**

Linnean Society – Our Local Nature

The Our Local Nature grant scheme is designed to provide young people with an opportunity to take the lead on projects that involve their local nature and natural spaces, to aid young people in realising their

influence, to have their voices heard, and see their ideas come to life. These grants therefore fund innovative projects that are designed and led by young people in the UK.

Adult applicants should develop their proposal alongside young people and the projects should seek to ***empower local young people to enact changes they want to see***, increasing access to natural spaces and improving understanding of the local biodiversity. The maximum award is £1,000 per proposal. *We welcome and encourage applications for significantly lower amounts - in the last two years we have funded a wide spread of projects ranging from £150 to £1,000.*

These grants are available to individuals and organisations who are linked with a group of young people within the UK. This includes, but is not limited to, school staff, student groups, home education groups, community groups and small charities. There must be evidence that the applicant is linked with a group of young people. The application process is designed to be simple to allow young people to apply with adult support. Applications for this year's Our Local Nature Grants will open on **22 August 2023**.

LNER Customer and Community Investment Fund

The London North Eastern Railway (LNER) annual £500,000 Customer and Community Investment Fund (CCIF) supports charities, customers and the communities along its route. The core themes the fund supports are **mental health, education and employability skills amongst marginalised groups, diversity and inclusion, and environmental sustainability**.

Environmental Sustainability

Supporting environmental projects and encouraging sustainable mobility to reduce the impact of congestion on its customers and communities, cut emissions including from its own operations, improve air quality and help to reduce the impacts of climate change. As part of this, there are three areas the CCIF would like applications to focus on:

- Biodiversity – projects on rewilding areas, creating new or extending existing wildlife corridors and regeneration of urban spaces.
- Sustainable Travel – projects that encourage communities to travel more sustainably, to and from LNER train stations.
- Waste Reduction and the Circular Economy – would be open to projects that would help LNER reduce or would convert waste into a reusable asset.

The fund is open to those located within 10-15 miles of the east coast main line where there is an identified social need. Preference is given to small and medium charities over larger charities. Grants of between £1,000 and £50,000 are available. Application deadline: **24 September 2023**.

Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park

Education Travel Grants: To help schools and groups experience the great outdoors in the National Park. Grants cover up to 75% of total transport costs, up to a maximum award of £200, based on the number of funding criteria met.

Lush Charity Pot

Charity Pot is a Lush hand and body cream where 100% of all sales (minus local taxes) are distributed as grants, to groups working in the areas of:

- Animal Protection
- Environment
- Human Rights (including social justice, peace and equality)

Charity Pot grants provide targeted funding to small, grassroots groups. Not just because they are often best placed to make a real difference with limited resources; but also, because they often struggle to find

funding. Almost all the groups funded by Charity Pot have an annual income of less than £350,000 (most are substantially less) and run entirely or predominantly by volunteers. Charity Pot grants range from £100, up to a maximum of £10,000 per project/application. The average Charity Pot grant is between £2,000 - £4,000. It is unusual to award the maximum of £10,000, as this reduces the range of projects that can be supported.

What is funded?

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Magic Little Grants

Magic Little Grants from Localgiving are funded by players of People's Postcode Lottery. Grants of £500 can go towards any of the following projects:

- Providing support to Improve mental wellbeing
- 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 improving access to the outdoors

Organisations must either be in their first year of operation or have an annual income under £250,000. Funding can be used to launch new projects, support existing ones, or cover core costs associated with ongoing work. Application deadline: **31 October**.

Marsh Charitable Trust

The Marsh Charitable Trust focuses on providing funding which could help small, registered charities pay for various running costs such as volunteer expenses, training days, equipment maintenance and other core outgoings. Grants are unrestricted and range from £300 - £2,000. Successful new applicants can expect to receive a grant at the lower end of this scale. The grants programme provides long-term core funding to registered charities experienced in their chosen field of work. The causes that the Trust supports lie broadly within the following areas of work: **social welfare, literature, arts and heritage, environmental and animal welfare, education and training**. There are no application deadlines.

Mathew Good Foundation - Grants for Good Fund

Every three months £15,000 is shared between 5 shortlisted projects that have a positive impact on **communities, people or the environment**. Every three months, five shortlisted projects are voted for by John Good Group employees. These five charities will all receive a share of £15,000 – the more votes a cause receives, the bigger the donation. Following the vote, the project that receives the most votes will receive a grant of £5,000, second place £3,500, third place £2,500 and fourth and fifth place will both receive £2,000.

Charities and projects are welcome to apply all year round, and your application will be considered in the next funding round. Funding will be awarded every three months, in April, July, October and January, with an application deadline of the 15th of the month before. 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. Applicant organisations/groups do not need to be a registered charity, but you will need to have a bank account in your organisation's/project's name.

McCarthy Stone Foundation

The Foundation runs a number of grant programmes throughout the year for organisations supporting people over 65. *We provide help in three key areas: community grants, project support, and volunteering and work across three key these that drive our vision of a society where older people are valued, engaged and connected with their communities.*

Community Awards: Due to a backlog of organisations the Foundation would like to support, its Autumn community grants will be a closed round only open to invited applicants and previous recipients of a McCarthy Stone Foundation grant. Applications will open again in **Spring 2024**.

Core Cost Funding: The Foundation awards unrestricted core funding to grassroots charitable organisations, who have people over 65 at the heart of their work. Unrestricted funding is only available to registered charities and community groups. Organisations who can demonstrate a strong alignment with the Foundation's charitable aims are invited to apply for unrestricted funding up to £7,500.

Project Funding: This funding is open to registered charities, community groups, and community interest companies limited by guarantee. It is to support a new, or existing, programme dedicated to supporting people over 65 within an organisation. It can also be used towards community green space or building projects, although it cannot be applied retrospectively. Organisations submitting an application for project funding are encouraged to do so on a cost-recovery basis.

Merchants House of Glasgow

'Our grants programme is currently closed for applications. Please revisit the website in late 2023 for updates.'

Mickel Fund

The Mickel Fund donates between £100,000 - £120,000 annually to registered charities working in five core categories including ***'The advancement of the arts, heritage, culture and science'***.

Major Grant Donations - The Fund prefers its contributions to 'make a difference'. Major Donations will be considered for one large-scale local project at a time, for example the donation of £5,000 - £10,000 on a one-off basis.

Annual Donations - For those charities looking towards Annual Contributions Funding, the Mickel Fund will donate £500 - £2,000 per year to the chosen national charity, with the view of being updated and reassessed annually. The annual contributions funding can be donated to both long-term supported charities and/or newly assessed charities. Due to the high volume of applications, the Fund is only able to make annual donations to one charity for each of its five core funding priority categories.

Trustees meet twice a year in Spring and Autumn to consider funding applications. Application closing date for Trustees meeting on 7th September 2023 is **19th August**.

Miller Homes Community Fund

Donations from the fund can be used in a variety of ways to meet the needs and aspirations of people in the area where you live. Groups can apply for a donation ranging between a minimum of £250 up to a maximum of £2,000 to help enhance the lives of individuals and the areas in which they live.

The fund will focus on causes that:

- are linked to education
- promote wellbeing
- promote the environment

- encourage participation in sport

The next funding round for applications is open between **13 September** and **25 October 2023**.

Misses Barrie Charitable Trust

Grants for registered charities undertaking education, welfare or community projects in different parts of the UK including Scotland. In particular, the scheme funds work in the following areas:

- Young people and children
- People with disabilities or special needs
- The elderly

Grants are awarded in the range of £500 - £25,000. Trustees usually meet three times a year.

Misses Barrie Charitable Trust, 34 Victoria Road, Dartmouth, Devon, TQ6 9SA.

Email: charlotte@raymondcarter.co.uk

Morrisons Foundation

The Morrisons Foundation supports registered charities making a positive difference in local communities across England, Scotland, and Wales. Grants are available for up to £10,000 for capital spend or direct project delivery. The Morrisons Foundation prioritises applications from small charities, those with an income of less than £1 million, but applications from larger charities are welcome.

Mushroom Trust

The primary goal of the Mushroom Trust is to support the creation and improvement of greenspaces, particularly in urban environments, through an emphasis on horticultural aspects. The Trust helps to fund projects throughout Scotland, especially those in Edinburgh and the Lothians. In recent years the Trust has supported a broad variety of proposals for the improvement of public parks, the development of allotments, the commissioning of landscape designs for long term planning, the planting of community gardens and orchards, and the creation of therapeutic garden spaces. The Trustees are interested in supporting projects that can demonstrate public involvement and community-based fundraising. Furthermore, the Trustees are keen to support organisations that might have difficulties in obtaining public funding from other sources.

Typically, the Trustees make grants of up to £5,000 to a number of organisations each year. Larger amounts may be available in exceptional circumstances. You can apply throughout the year. However, the deadline for annual donations is usually **31 March** each year. The Trustees tend to meet during the course of the Summer to consider all applications.

MyParkScotland

MyParkScotland helps people to discover and support their local parks. It provides an online crowdfunding platform for people to raise funds for, and donate to, park improvement projects. You can set up a fundraising page for your project and then invite your networks, colleagues, friends and family to support your project.

MyParkScotland also provides a **Crowdfund Resource Kit** to help groups wanting to crowdfund for parks and greenspace projects. The Resource Kit introduces and explains the concept of crowdfunding and helps groups plan, run and deliver their crowdfunding campaigns.

Nancie Massey Charitable Trust

Grants are made to charitable bodies carrying out projects in the following areas: Medical research and Care, The Arts, Education and The Community. They primarily support organisations in Edinburgh. Grants

are generally in the range of £2,000 - £3,000. Trustees meet in February, June and October each year. Applications should be submitted at least 10 days prior to any trustee meeting.

Trust Administrator: Chiene and Tait Chartered Accountants, 61 Dublin Street, Edinburgh, EH3 6NL.
Tel: 0131 558 5800.

National Lottery Community Fund Scotland

NLCF runs a number of funding programmes in Scotland:

- **Awards for All:** grants of £300 - £10,000 - ongoing
- **Community Led:** grants of £10,001 - £150,000 – ongoing
- **Young Start:** grants of £10,001 - £100,000 - ongoing
- **Improving Lives:** grants of £10,001 - £200,000 – ongoing
- **Scottish Land Fund:** grants of £5,000 - £1 million – ongoing
- **Cost-of-Living Support Scotland:** grants of £10,001 - £75,000 - ongoing

UK-wide NLCF programmes include **Bringing People Together** and the **Climate Action Fund** which encourage greater community connections and activity through networks and partnerships.

National Lottery Heritage Fund

The National Lottery Heritage Fund has three priorities for heritage:

- Landscapes and nature
- Community heritage
- Heritage at risk

When making funding decisions, it will prioritise heritage projects that meet at least one or more of the following outcomes:

- inclusion: 'a wider range of people will be involved in heritage' (mandatory outcome)
- economy including job creation: 'the local economy will be boosted'
- wellbeing: 'people will have greater wellbeing'
- local areas: 'the local area will be a better place to live, work and visit'
- skills: 'people will have developed skills'
- organisational resilience: 'funded organisations will be more resilient'

Projects must achieve **at least** its inclusion outcome. In addition to its outcomes, all projects must also consider long-term environmental sustainability.

- Grants from £3,000 - £10,000: **Please note:** applications for grants from £3,000–£10,000 will close in December.
- Grants of £10,000 - £250,000. **Please note:** applications for grants from £10,000–£250,000 will temporarily close in November, reopening in January with new Heritage 2033 guidance.
- Grants of £250,000 - £10 million: **Please note:** Expressions of Interest will temporarily close in September. Development applications will temporarily close in November (delivery round applications are not affected). Applications for grants from £250,000 – £10 million will reopen in January under new Heritage 2033 guidance.

Naturesave Trust

The Naturesave Trust was set up in 1995, to fund environmental and conservation projects throughout the UK. The Trust obtains 100% of its funds from the premiums generated by Naturesave Insurance. Project grants are between £500 - £5,000. Each funding window has a specific theme. The next funding window will open on **1 September 2023**.

[NatureScot](#)

NatureScot is the public agency responsible for Scotland's natural heritage. At any given period it can operate various funding programmes.

Scottish Government Nature Restoration Fund

The strategic goal of the £65 million Nature Restoration Fund (NRF) is to catalyse action at a scale to protect and restore Scotland's biodiversity on land and sea.

As of 20 July 2023, NatureScot is accepting Expressions of Interest all year round for projects that will restore species and habitats, protect our marine and coastal areas, and eradicate invasive non-native species.

Funding is available through two streams – the **Helping Nature** stream supports nature restoration projects with grants available of between £25,000 and £250,000 and the **Transforming Nature** stream is for landscape-scale projects with grants over £250,000.

Full details of the Nature Restoration Fund, and other funds managed by NatureScot are available on the website.

[NHS Tayside Community Innovation Fund](#)

NHS Tayside makes funds available for communities to enhance their environments, promote community spirit and inspire pride in neighbourhoods. Community-led groups are invited to apply for a share of the funds between £500 and £25,000 (maximum of £18,000 for two years and a maximum of £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 looking for NEW and INNOVATIVE ways of helping communities. Applications can be made at any time from constituted voluntary and community groups.

[Nineveh Charitable Trust](#)

The Nineveh Charitable Trust supports a broad range of UK-based projects and activities, with an emphasis on promoting a better understanding of the countryside. As such the Trust promotes:

- The health, welfare, and education of the general public
- The study and appreciation of agriculture, silviculture, ecology, and land management
- The study and appreciation of land and estate management that encourages conservation of the countryside

The Trust prefers to pay grants to UK registered charities or Community Interest Companies. There is no funding limit, although recent awards have generally been between £1,000 - £5,000. The Trustees meet once per quarter to review applications and allocate funding.

[North Ayrshire's 2030 Woodland Grant Fund](#)

This Fund has been developed to help deliver North Ayrshire Council's Tree Planting Strategy, which aims to plant 108,000 trees across North Ayrshire by 2030. *The grant fund will help constituted groups to deliver tree planting projects at grass roots community level.* An initial £25,000 was allocated for the tree planting season between October 2022 and March 2023. *More information and details of how to apply will be available on this site soon.*

North Highland Initiative Community Infrastructure Support Programme

This programme provides grants of up to £2,000 for small initiatives in the community, tourism and support sectors in Caithness, Sutherland and Ross & Cromarty. This specific assistance is aimed at enabling many small communities in this area to become better prepared for the 2023 tourism season and beyond and for the general public's many and varied requirements, through the development of small-scale infrastructure projects. Infrastructure can cover everything from new waste bins to community tree planting, redecorating the village hall, or creating a wildflower meadow. The programme will consider grants which fit at least one of the following priorities:

- Litter and waste capacity within the local area, including public toilets and motorhome facilities
- Environmental improvements and the encouragement of biodiversity
- Creation and identification of designated visitor parking areas, especially for larger vehicles
- More effective visitor signage and information on local facilities/amenities
- Community wellbeing: This makes communities better places to live and work
- The programme will also consider other proposals which you consider part of the local area infrastructure

Please note: The current CISP/ESP funding programme is currently under review. Although we can still accept applications, these may be put on a temporary waiting list until this review is complete. Please follow the NHI Facebook page for updates.

Patagonia International Grants

The outdoor clothing company Patagonia's International Grants Program supports grassroots activist organizations that have direct-action agendas and are working on strategic, multipronged campaigns to preserve and protect our environment.

We believe local battles—campaigns to protect a specific stand of forest, a stretch of river, a native wild species or a community suffering from pollution—build public support and confront larger, more complex issues like climate change, loss of biodiversity and environmental justice.

We are most interested in making these grants to organizations that identify and work on the root causes of problems and approach issues with a commitment to long-term change. We look for innovative groups with proposed projects that are quantifiable; that have specific goals, objectives and action plans, and that include measures for evaluating success.

To qualify for Patagonia International Grants Program funding:

- Your organization must operate for the environmental and public good.
- Your organization, or your fiscal sponsor, must have a bank account for business purposes in the name of your organization.

Typical grant size generally ranges between \$5,000 and \$20,000. Proposals are reviewed and grants decisions are made by an employee grants council in Europe.

There are three annual application deadlines: **31 May, 30 September, 30 January.**

[Paths for All](#)

Smarter Choices, Smarter Places Open Fund

The Smarter Choices, Smarter Places (SCSP) Open Fund aims to encourage people to change their everyday travel behaviours. Grants are available to encourage people to use public transport or other sustainable options such as community car clubs for longer journeys; walking and cycling for short journeys, and home working to replace daily commutes. The Open Fund is available to support public, third and community sector organisations. The fund aims to help cut Scotland's carbon emissions and improve our air quality. It will also help reverse the trend towards sedentary lifestyles and will tackle health inequalities.

Grants are available from £5,000 to £100,000. Funding is available for 50% of a total project cost, although 25% of the total project cost can be in-kind contributions. The 2023/24 Open Fund round opened for applications on **6 June 2023**.

Community Paths Grants

Small grants up to £1,800 to support communities to create, promote and maintain local community paths. This round of funding will close when all available funds have been allocated, or by 1st March 2024.

Community Paths Active Travel Grants

To be eligible for this grant, your project must demonstrate how it will increase people's knowledge about sustainable transport choices available to them. You can use the funding to:

- Promote and signpost active travel routes
- Improve and develop routes that will make it easier to walk, wheel and cycle when making short everyday journeys
- Maintain active travel routes and ensure that they are accessible

Grants of up to £3,000 are available to eligible projects. **Currently closed to applications.**

Ian Findlay Path Fund

A £1.5 million fund for community and third sector organisations to support improvement of path networks and routes. Projects will improve accessibility and resilience of paths to increase walking, wheeling and cycling for everyday journeys. Grants of £10,000 - £100,000, with 30% match funding required (15% can be in kind). Ongoing with no application deadline dates.

[Paul Hamlyn Foundation](#)

The Foundation uses its resources to support social change, working towards a just and equitable society in which everyone, especially young people, can realise their full potential and enjoy fulfilling and creative lives.

[Pebble Trust](#)

Established in 2014, the Pebble Trust has a vision for a **more sustainable, fair, and low-carbon society**, where constraints on fossil fuels lead to a more localised economy with **stronger, more resilient communities**. Born out of a desire to support climate action, the Trust supports individuals, organisations and projects by providing up to £10,000 for projects across the Highlands and Islands, and sometimes beyond, seeking to address the climate and biodiversity crises and contribute to fairer and more just societies.

All projects should increase seek to address the climate emergency and ways of living that are consistent with the resource limits of the planet. The Trust is particularly interested in:

- Applications from grass roots organisations challenging current unsustainable practice
- Applicants attentive to equality, equity and fairness

- Small to medium size projects where Pebble Trust funding forms a major part of project costs
- Projects where our funding will make a real difference to making the project happen

Applications are accepted from charities, community groups, businesses or individuals provided they can demonstrate that the proposed project meets the Trust's **charitable objectives** and will benefit the wider community.

- Priority is given for projects in the Scottish Highlands and Islands, specifically Argyll and the Islands, Caithness and Sutherland, Inner Moray Firth, Lochaber, Skye and Wester Ross, Moray, Orkney, the Outer Hebrides and Shetland.
- Applications will also be considered for projects that have a strategic Scotland-wide impact.

Applications can be made at any time of the year – there are no set periods or deadlines.

People's Health Trust

People's Health Trust is a charity addressing health inequalities in England, Scotland and Wales. It works to ensure that where you live does not unfairly reduce the length of your life, or the quality of your health. People's Health Trust is funded through six society lotteries, each designed to raise money to address health inequalities in a separate part of England, Scotland and Wales. The society lotteries operate through The Health Lottery. Through its funding and support, it encourages resident-focused approaches as a means of addressing the underlying structural causes of health inequalities. The Trust funds projects addressing the circumstances that affect our life expectancy and quality of our health. The Trust's open funding programme is **Active Communities** which provides grants of between £5,000 and £40,000 for up to two years. The programme is open in different parts of the country at different times.

Two types of project are supported: **neighbourhood-based** projects (based in a small local area) and **communities of interest** (a group with shared identity or experiences). **Currently closed for funding and will reopen in Autumn 2023.**

People's Postcode Trust

The aim of People's Postcode Trust is to support smaller charities and good causes in Scotland under the themes:

- Providing support to improve mental wellbeing
- 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
- Enabling participation in physical activity
- Improving green spaces and increasing access to the outdoors

To support decision making, priority may be given to charities and good causes which meet some or all of the following criteria:

- Funding organisations with an annual income of £250,000 and below
- Funding for communities that rank as being in the top 15% on the [Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation](#)
- Funding for groups that are led by and provide services for people from the following minority and marginalised groups: Communities experiencing racial inequity, People with disabilities, LGBT+Community

Grants of £500 - £25,000 are available depending on the type of not-for-profit organisation.

The final funding round for People's Postcode Trust 2023 is: **2 October at 10am for a minimum of 24 hours.**

Peoples Trust for Endangered Species - Conservation Insight Grants

PTES Conservation Insight Grants are for projects focussing on endangered species for up to two years. Grants range from £3,000 to £10,000 per annum up to a maximum of £20,000.

Funds will be awarded for work that seeks to either:

- Find the critical scientific evidence that will facilitate the conservation of a species
- Provide the answer to a key conservation question, which will enable conservationists to undertake critical conservation action
- Undertake the implementation of a key local action which will result in a significantly, positive impact for an endangered species

High priority projects include:

- Gathering evidence to undertake necessary mitigation work
- Using scientific evidence to get changes made to local, national or international policy
- Devising and testing a new methodology for monitoring a species or group of species

Priority is also given to applications for conservation and research work on species classified as endangered, critically endangered and extinct in the wild by the IUCN. **Projects must start no earlier than January 2024.** Application deadline: **20 August 2023.**

Persimmon Community Champions

The Persimmon Community Champions scheme supports local charities, sports clubs and good causes across the UK. Each of Persimmon's 30 offices makes a donation of up to £6,000 every quarter to local organisations, with individual donations up to £1,000.

Perth & Kinross Council Community Environment Challenge Fund

The Community Environment Challenge Fund (CECF) can provide support and funding for community-led environmental projects. Any of the following can be funded:

- Equipment costs, tidy-up and maintenance activities and reasonable professional fees which are directly incurred in respect of the project.
- Improvements to sports pitches and sports ground pavilions.
- The Contributing Third Party (CTP) payment for the Scottish Landfill Communities Fund and other landfill providers.

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. To be considered for funding the project must be accessible to the public. Applications must be submitted by local or national constituted groups (including those acting on behalf of others) and must be developed by community or voluntary organisations.

The minimum grant request is £2,500 up to a maximum of £10,000. 50% match funding is required. For example, an application of £2,500 would have a total cost of at least £5,000. The whole project can be of any size and there is no defined maximum project cost.

Peter Vardy Foundation

The Peter Vardy Foundation was created as a way of distributing 10% of the profits from Peter Vardy Limited to good causes. It exists to improve the lives of vulnerable children and young people both locally and abroad. The Foundation believes that *"Every Life is Worthy"* and that every child should have a safe and secure childhood and so makes grants to charities and other non-profit organisations that support children and young people who are disadvantaged and face challenges in their lives. The Foundation works

together with these organisations to see lives and communities transformed through support, education and care.

Prince of Wales's Charitable Fund

The Prince of Wales's Charitable Fund **Small Grants Programme** awards single or multi-year grants to a maximum value of £5,000 and £15,000 respectively. The average single award is £2,000. The programme's current funding themes are: **Heritage and Conservation, Education, Health & Wellbeing, Social Inclusion, Environment, Countryside.**

Across all of these funding themes the Fund is particularly interested in projects in deprived communities across the UK's four nations. In addition, PWCF is keen to support organisations that are able to demonstrate that the project/activity would support a diverse community or group of beneficiaries. Priority will be given to non-profit organisations of which its Founder, King Charles III is Patron.

Next application deadline: **25 August 2023**, although the Fund reserves the right to close the round at an earlier date if it receives a high volume of funding requests.

Prince's Countryside Fund – Supporting Rural Communities

The PCF is inviting applications for grants of up to £25,000 over two years, for projects that will create a long-term difference in rural communities across the UK. Applicants must be from properly constituted, not for profit organisations with an income of less than £500,000. The Fund supports projects taking place in villages and towns in rural isolated areas, where access to services is limited. Projects must be community led, pursuing solutions that improve the viability and resilience of their community.

Successful projects will achieve one or more of the following programme aims:

- Support people to resolve existing and emerging community issues, circumstances, and priorities in their locality
- Build rural community resilience
- Develop innovative and replicable projects
- Enable leadership and community planning
- Improve the economic or social resilience of a rural community
- Reduce isolation for people living in rural areas through improving service provision
- Create a self-sufficient rural community fit for the future.

The outcomes RCF seek to achieve through our grant programme include:

- Reinvigorating or developing community networks
- Improving the health and well-being of socially isolated people
- Creating a legacy of support and promoting community spirit and cohesion
- Communities supporting one another through volunteering opportunities
- Promoting a greener economy by encouraging people to travel less and utilise locally grown and crafted products
- Rural Communities are more resilient
- Successful community-led solutions

Next application window: **8 September – 20 October 2023.**

Radio Forth Cash for Kid

Radio Forth Cash for Kids is a grant-giving charity helping children from birth up to and including 18 years of age who are vulnerable, come from disadvantaged backgrounds or are living with an illness or disability. It also provides a lifeline to many other charities, organisations and community groups, funding much-needed services and life-changing equipment. All applicants must be within the Radio Forth

broadcast area. The value of the grant is typically £1,000 to £3,000 but it will happily consider applications for larger amounts. Applications are submitted on an ongoing basis. The Local Executive Board meets three times a year after each grant deadline and will reply to successful and unsuccessful applications shortly thereafter. Next application deadline: **31 August 2023**.

Rewilding Innovation Fund

The Rewilding Innovation Fund aims to help remove barriers to rewilding projects within Britain, whether they are at the early planning stages or want a project one step wilder. The Fund is particularly keen to encourage those who take an innovative approach to land and marine rewilding, which will help develop learning and evidence for others within the Rewilding Network. Funds are awarded to projects with potential for the highest impact for people and nature.

Applicants must be a member of the Rewilding Network – you can apply for membership prior to applying to the Fund. Projects must have rewilding at scale – that is more than 40 hectares of land (or any size of marine project). This can be an individual landholding or a cluster of landholdings. If you are rewilding at a smaller scale than this, you are strongly encouraged to connect with others to form a local group, network or cluster to work up a project for application. Grants of up to £15,000 are considered although most will be below £10,000.

The next funding round will open in **Autumn 2023**.

Robert McAlpine Foundation

The Robert McAlpine Foundation gives grants to support small, registered charities situated throughout the UK that fall within specific categories including **children, youth, the elderly, and social**. It particularly likes to support projects where its funding can make a real difference. Grants are usually £5,000 - £10,000. The Trustees meet annually in November to approve grants, for which an application must be received no later than **31 August**.

Robertson Trust

The Robertson Trust offers funding to constituted community groups and registered charities who are working to alleviate poverty and trauma in Scotland, and who have annual income of under £2 million. It operates a number of grant programmes, including:

- **Wee Grants** - For constituted community groups and charities with an annual income of less than £25,000. Funding of up to £2,000 for one year only. Could cover revenue or capital costs to support your work.
- **Small Grants** - For registered charities with an annual income of between £25,000 and £100,000. Revenue funding of between £2,000 and £15,000 for up to five years. Unrestricted or restricted funding. Can include the costs of equipment to support your work.
- **Large Grants** - For registered charities with an annual income of between £100,000 and £2 million. Revenue funding of between £15,000 and £50,000 for up to five years. Unrestricted or restricted funding. Can include the costs of equipment to support your work.
- **Community Vehicle Grants** - For registered charities with an annual income of between £25,000 and £2 million. Funding of up to £10,000 for a vehicle to support your work.

Apply anytime – no set closing dates.

Royal Bank Regenerate Fund

The £150,000 Royal Bank Regenerate Fund has been launched by The Royal Bank of Scotland to support up to 50 local projects with the aim to make a difference to local communities and the environment across

Scotland by providing grants of £3,000. The specific project/activity to be eligible to receive funding by The Royal Bank Regenerate Fund must fall into one of the four categories:

- Energy Efficiency & Buildings
- Environment, Nature & Biodiversity
- Food, Water & Waste Management
- Transport & Mobility

Application deadline: **11.59pm, 11 August 2023.**

Russell Trust

The Russell Trust supports a broad range of charities, particularly in Fife. Award categories include:

- The advancement of education
- The advancement of health
- The advancement of civic responsibility or community development
- The advancement of, arts, heritage, culture, or science
- The advancement of public participation in sport
- The advancement of environmental protection and improvement

Grants are generally in the range of £2,000. Application form via email: russell.trust@tullisrussell.com

SafeDeposits Scotland Community Fund

The SafeDeposits Scotland Community Fund will award grants up to a maximum value of £2,000 to organisations who commit to deliver a project that meets at least one of five criteria:

- Sustainability and the environment
- Employability and career skills
- Social inclusion
- Technology and digital inclusion
- Improving the local community

Up to six grants will be awarded on a quarterly basis and interested parties are invited to submit an application by one of the following dates, to be considered for the subsequent funding round:

- Friday 29th September 2023
- Friday 29th December 2023
- Friday 15th March 2024

On applying for funding from the SafeDeposits Scotland Community Fund, an organisation will be required to provide a summary from its most recent accounts and, where applicable, its latest annual report and financial statement.

Schroder Charity Trust

The Schroder Charity Trust makes grants of up to £5,000 towards core and project costs to charities registered in the UK for work under the following categories:

- Arts, Culture and Heritage
- Education, Training and Employment
- Environment and Conservation
- Health and Wellbeing

- Strengthening Communities

The Trustees are particularly interested in applications which can demonstrate the following:

- Building strong communities and an understanding of how to engage with intended beneficiaries
- Replicable and sustainable work, rather than one off events
- Value for money
- Maximising the use of volunteers
- Support of older people
- Support for marginalised/vulnerable younger people
- The use of helplines and information services
- Sustainability of funding i.e. the charity will not be solely reliant on a grant from the Schroder Charity Trust for their work

In 2021/22 the average grant was £3,835. Approximately 1 in 10 applications are successful. The Schroder Charity Trust operates a rolling programme and therefore does not set fixed deadlines. Organisations can apply at any time. Decisions on applications are made twice a year.

[Scotmid Community Grants](#)

Scotmid's Community Grant scheme helps deserving causes across Scotland, including Children/Youth, Health & Wellbeing, Community Groups, and Environment. The maximum amount available for a Community Grant is £500. Applications are welcomed from groups including: local community, self-help or voluntary groups and charities (including local branches of national charities) or individuals acting for the benefit of the local community, whose primary focus falls easily into one of the following categories:

- Children/Education (eg. schools groups)
- Health (eg. promotion of healthy eating)
- Fairtrade
- Homelessness/Poverty
- Arts & Culture (eg. community musical festivals)
- Environment (eg. promoting a clean/healthy environment)
- Elderly
- Active Lifestyles (eg. encouraging exercise/fitness/sport)

[Scotmid Community Connect](#)

Community Connect is a funding initiative which enables Scotmid members to give back to their communities. Three Good Cause Groups from three Member Regions (North, East and West) will receive a financial award of up to £15,000 following a vote by Scotmid members in the relevant area. Scotmid members collect one Community Connect vote every time they shop in store. They then use their votes to determine the size of the award that each Good Cause Group receives.

To help members make their decision the three Good Cause Groups attend Scotmid's Member Meeting (in April 2024) and present their idea to members. The group with the most votes receives £15,000 and the two runner-ups are awarded £5,000. All Good Cause Groups who have a project or initiative that benefits Communities close to a Scotmid store are welcome to apply.

Application deadline: **17 August 2023.**

[Scottish Community Alliance – Community Learning Exchange](#)

The Community Learning Exchange, funded by the Scottish Government, is an opportunity for communities who are planning new ventures or thinking about future possibilities, to learn from the experience of other communities. While the Community Learning Exchange is administered by the Scottish Community Alliance (SCA), it is primarily intended as a resource to be shared by [SCA's member networks](#) and offered to their

members and partners, and for this reason all applications to the Exchange must come through one of SCA's member networks.

SCA is offering a blended form of the Community Learning Exchange which can include either virtual or in person visits.

Virtual

Up to £200 is available to cover the time it takes to plan and deliver your online exchange

In person

The learning exchange will cover the cost of group, or one to one visits across Scotland- up to a limit of £750.

Funding is limited, and once all the available funding has been committed, no further applications will be accepted.

Scottish Forestry Community Fund

The Scottish Forestry Community Fund supports community groups and organisations that encourage people to use woods more. Eligible activities include woodland-based:

- school care clubs and play schemes
- schemes that promote physical activity eg walking schemes, safe routes to school, natural play and adventure play
- volunteering facilitation focussed on skills training from community bodies, health improvement and community development
- volunteer group establishment and the induction of volunteers
- Projects promoting Gaelic
- providing resources to involve communities in the decision-making process of managing their local woodland
- costs incurred by community bodies (such as valuation costs) when developing Community Asset Transfer Scheme applications – funding will not normally cover legal fees
- developing materials (in appropriate languages e.g. English, Scots, Gaelic, Polish, Urdu etc.) that promote the health and well-being benefits of using woodlands

There are two separate application processes:

- i) for applications up to £1,000 via an application letter
- ii) for applications above £1,000 via an application form

The level of funding will be on a sliding scale:

- up to 100% for projects with a total cost of up to £1,000
- up to 90% for projects with a total cost of between £1,001 – £5,000
- up to 75% for projects with a total cost exceeding £5,000

Contact your [local Scottish Forestry office](#) if you have any questions or you need an application form.

Scottish Government – Climate Engagement Fund

The Climate Engagement Fund (CEF) aims to build understanding of the climate emergency across communities, by offering support for climate engagement activities. The fund will enable organisations and groups across Scotland to lead their own climate change engagement initiatives as climate change communicators – or 'trusted messengers'. Trusted messengers are organisations or groups with existing audiences who are best placed to engage with them on climate change. The total value of the CEF is £550,000. Bidders can request between £50,000 and £100,000 in total for larger scale engagement projects.

We are interested in both local and national climate change engagement projects, and we encourage bids from new-to-climate organisations as well as those well experienced with climate engagement or with projects already in train.

The CEF can be used to:

- engage people and deepen their understanding of the climate emergency and the action that society needs to take to reach net zero.
- help mobilise climate action on the ground, empowering people to act.

Applications will be assessed against the CEF's two central themes:

- **Reaching new audiences:** show how your activity will reach audiences not previously engaged on climate change. For organisations that already engage their audience on climate change, this can include engaging existing audiences with additional activity while expanding the overall reach.
- **Tailored to your audiences:** show how you are using innovative modes, or a variety of modes, to engage people on climate change. The CEF is interested in ideas on how to best engage audiences in a manner that is most suited to them.

Climate engagement activity is different to climate action, in that it does not require to have any greenhouse gas emissions reduction attached to it. The CEF will fund activities, including, but not limited to, one-off or a series of:

- public events/lectures
- climate festivals
- climate conversations
- learning and development (e.g. carbon/climate training, climate coaching)
- skills workshops
- exhibitions/art installations
- participatory arts
- youth development programmes
- staff costs linked to delivery of the project

Bidders can request 100% grant to cover all eligible project costs, however, securing additional funding from partnerships and other funders is welcomed as this can indicate stronger support and collaboration. Application deadline: **1 September 2023**.

[Scottish Government - CARES](#)

The Scottish Government's Community and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES) supports communities to engage with, participate in and benefit from the energy transition to net zero emissions. CARES is managed by [Local Energy Scotland](#) and offers a range of financial support to local energy projects. CARES can support a wide range of projects including installing renewable technologies in community buildings, community benefits and shared ownership. Applicants must be constituted non-profit distributing community organisations, including organisations with charitable status, that are established and operating across a geographically defined community or faith groups.

[Scottish Government – Aspiring Communities Fund](#)

The £24.8 million Aspiring Communities Fund will help community bodies and third sector organisations in our most deprived and fragile communities develop and deliver long-term local solutions that:

- address local priorities and needs
- increase active inclusion

- build on the assets of local communities to reduce poverty and to enable inclusive growth

View a list of [projects approved for the Aspiring Communities Fund](#), updated in February 2019. The Aspiring Communities Fund is not currently accepting applications. Details of future funding rounds will be released when they are available.

Scottish Government Nature Restoration Fund – see section on NatureScot

Scottish Landfill Communities Fund

SLCF money can only be granted to projects that fulfil at least one of the six 'objects' given in [Regulation 29\(5\)](#) of the [Scottish Landfill Tax \(Administration\) Regulations 2015](#).

These objects can be summarised as:

Object A:	The reclamation, remediation, restoration or other operation on land to facilitate economic, social or environmental use.
Object B:	Community based recycling, re-use and waste prevention projects.
Object C:	To provide, maintain or improve a public park or other public amenity.
Object D:	The conservation or promotion of biological diversity through the provision, conservation, restoration or enhancement of a natural habitat or the maintenance or recovery of a species in its natural habitat.
Object E:	The maintenance, repair or restoration of a building, other structure or a site of archaeological interest which is a place of religious worship, or a site of historic or architectural or archaeological interest and is open to the public.
Object F:	The provision of financial, administration and other similar services to projects.

Projects under objects C, D and E are only eligible for funding if the project site is within 10 miles of a landfill site or transfer station.

SEPA does not accept or approve applications for funding. Only Approved Bodies, registered with us, can distribute funds to a project. Applications for funding should come from individuals or organisations that are operated on a not-for-profit basis.

If you would like to apply for funding, you should identify one (or more) Approved Bodies to approach. Funding for your project does not have to come from the Approved Body located nearest to you; you can apply to any or all Approved Bodies for funding. A [Register of Approved Bodies](#) is available on the SEPA website.

Each Approved Body has its own application form and process. We strongly advise that you contact them first to discuss your project before you complete applications forms.

ScottishPower Foundation

The Foundation provides funding to registered charities for the following purposes:

- the advancement of education

- the advancement of environmental protection
- the advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science
- the prevention or relief of poverty and the relief of those in need by reason of disability or other disadvantage
- the advancement of citizenship and community development.

Applications for the 2024 round of funding are now closed.

ScotWays Small Grants Scheme

The scheme awards grants of between £500 and £1,500 to enable community-based and access-related projects which might otherwise not proceed. The grant may be for up to 50% of the total budget for the project, excluding volunteer time. Applicant organisations should be members of ScotWays.

Applications should demonstrate that:

- The project meets ScotWays' charitable objective '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.' In the past, the Society has been involved in route maintenance, mapping, signing and producing leaflets to make information about routes available to the public.
- A key aim of ScotWays is to make more information available to the public about Rights of Way and Access generally.

Application deadlines: **31 August, 31 December, 28 February, 25 May.**

Screwfix Foundation

The Screwfix Foundation supports projects that fix, repair, maintain and improve properties and community facilities for those in need throughout the UK. The Foundation currently offers local registered charities and not-for-profit organisations funding of up to £5,000

Before applying for funding from The Screwfix Foundation, your organisation **must:**

- Be a registered charity or not-for-profit organisation.
- Help those in need. This could be by reason of financial hardship, sickness, distress or other disadvantages in the UK.
- Is looking for funding to support projects that relate to the repair, maintenance, improvement or construction of homes, community buildings and other buildings.

Applications must meet all of the above criteria. Applications are reviewed on a quarterly basis in March, June, September and December. The cut-off date for applications is the 10th of the month prior to the Trustee meeting.

SEAD Fund

The SEAD Fund invites small community groups and individuals to apply for funds to run or kick-start campaign activity that engages with people, has a demonstrable impact, and aims to link local issues with those being experienced by others around the world. Grants are typically £250. Proposals are invited where the grant will have the most impact, for example helping start a new campaign, or funding a specific concrete action for a local community. SEAD – Scottish Education and Action for Development promotes social justice with a focus on the following areas: **Tackling Poverty, Climate Justice, Women's Rights, Young People, Health Justice.**

Sea-Changers

Sea-Changers gives one-off grants to UK-based charities and not-for-profit organisations (including schools) carrying out marine conservation related activities. It welcomes applications from a variety of groups and entities. Sea-Changers is particularly interested in grassroots projects that galvanise community action and

projects that increase the numbers of people taking action for marine conservation. The projects funded will achieve one or more of the following objectives:

- To address the root causes of marine conservation threats and challenges in the UK
- To prevent or reduce negative impacts on UK coastal and marine environments and/or species
- To add to the body of knowledge about marine conservation threats and challenges in the UK

Main grants:

- For grants between £500 and £2,500.
- Two grant rounds per year.
- Deadlines for applications are **31st March** and **30th September** each year.

Small grants:

- For grants of up to £500.
- Apply any time and get a quick decision.

Coastal Fountain Fund 2023

The purpose of the fund is to reduce the impact of single-use plastic water bottles on coastal habitats by funding communities to purchase water drinking fountains and install them for use by the public in busy or environmentally important areas. Grants of up to £2,500 are available, per applicant, towards the cost of a fountain. **Closed for applications.**

South of Scotland Tree Planting Grant

The South of Scotland Tree Planting Grant provides support and funding for small scale tree planting projects that will benefit people, local landscapes and wildlife. Trees are an extremely important feature in the South of Scotland countryside but we are losing many to old age, disease and land use pressures. This grant aims to help people plant more trees in order to reverse this decline. The grant is for tree and woodland planting projects that fall below the size eligible for the Forestry Grant Scheme. Applications are invited from applicants in the Scottish Borders and Dumfries and Galloway.

Eligible projects:

- Trees in school playgrounds
- Small copses
- Field boundary trees
- Tree lines
- Trees in community spaces
- Parkland trees and orchards

The site should be less than 0.25ha in size. The planting will normally be of native species and be appropriate to the locality.

Assistance is provided in two ways to suit the specific project:

- Up to 100% of material costs (ie trees and appropriate shelters, guards, stakes, fencing, mulch mats etc) for private applications from farmers, landowners and individuals (excluding VAT if reclaimable).
- Up to 100% of materials and labour costs for non-profit making organisations such as schools and community groups (including VAT if not reclaimable).

The maximum grant available is £1,000 per applicant per year. Please note applicants must pay for the works upfront and claim the grant back from the scheme administrators. It is part of the conditions of the project that you will maintain and replace trees and shrubs as necessary for a period of 5 years after

planting, at your own expense. Borders Forest Trust staff can give guidance and assist in the planting design and species choice, and can visit your proposed planting site to assess its suitability.

Applications for the next round of funding can be submitted up to **February 2024**.

SSE Renewables

SSE Renewables manages 46 funds, which have supported over 8,000 community projects with grants of over £67 million since 2008. It operates funds including:

Local Funds support communities nearest to a wind farm. SSE Renewables operates community investment funds across Scotland: Highlands and Islands, Moray, Perth and Kinross, Argyll and Bute, Scottish Borders, South Lanarkshire, Ayrshire, Dumfries and Galloway.

Sustainable Development Fund supports strategic projects in the regions where SSE is operating and is directed to projects that can achieve significant impact in local communities. Any successful application must fit in to at least one of these themes:

- **Creating opportunities** – Create or enhance opportunities for education and employment through activities that develop skills and improve an individual's chance of entering the workplace.
- **Empowering communities** – Empower communities to become more resilient and protect vulnerable residents through measures which demonstrate long-term social, environmental or economic improvements.
- **Sustainable places** – Stimulate meaningful regeneration to improve or enhance local infrastructure, landscape, biodiversity or heritage and make a lasting difference to the places we live, work and visit.

Projects in the following areas can apply:

- Dumfries and Galloway: Closed, due to open in Spring 2025
- Highlands: Closed, due to open in Autumn 2023
- Perth and Kinross: Closed
- Scottish Borders: Closed
- South Lanarkshire: Closed, due to open in Autumn 2024

Stafford Trust

The Stafford Trust is a grant making Scottish charitable trust which provides financial support to charities registered in the United Kingdom, with a preference towards charitable organisations in Scotland. It supports charities involved in a range of activities including **child welfare, adult welfare, animal welfare** and **community projects**. Grants vary, but most lie between £500 and £5,000. The Trustees usually meet twice per annum, in Spring and Autumn, to consider applications. The window for applications for the Autumn 2023 meeting is now closed.

St Andrews Community Trust

The Trust will allocate funds to clubs, charitable organisations and good causes in and around St Andrews. Its goal is to support local community projects that meet one or more of its objectives, including focus on the **community, education, environment, heritage, health** and **supporting those in need**. The Trust considers applications three times a year at its board meetings in February, June and October. Over the years, awards have ranged from £150 to £15,000, with the vast majority between £1,000 and £5,000. Final application deadline for 2023: **14 September**.

Sustrans - Love Your Network

The Love Your Network grant is supported with funding from the Scottish Government. It supports community groups in improving their local, traffic-free section of the [National Cycle Network](#) by providing equipment, training and advice:

- Equipment for litter picking – to transform the safety and attractiveness of your local path.
- Tools for maintenance and wildlife management tasks – from shovels and brushes to clear debris, to scythes and seeds for creating and maintaining a wildflower meadow.
- Workshops in wildlife identification and recording – so you can find out more about the birds, bees, butterflies, and other wildlife in your area.

The Love Your Network grant has pre-made bundles of support from the above, but community groups also have the option to build their own application, if they need items or training not featured within an existing bundle. For example, your group could request a bike trailer, hi-vis vests, or battery-powered tools.

The 2023/24 funding round is open for applications until **5 February 2024**.

Sustrans - ArtRoots

ArtRoots is a community fund for art projects along traffic-free National Cycle Network routes in Scotland. Community-led art projects can enhance neighbourhoods and encourage more people to explore their local areas by walking, wheeling and cycling. ArtRoots inspires communities to shape their local environment by making traffic-free routes more attractive and accessible for everyone. The fund also supports projects led by organisations and individuals who can demonstrate strong community involvement, consultation and engagement. Previous ArtRoots-supported projects include:

- Temporary installations
- Performances and events
- Sculptures
- Heritage signs
- Information boards
- Murals.

The standard grant for ArtRoots NCN projects is £2,500. A higher award of up to £6,000 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.

The 2023-2024 ArtRoots funding round is open for new applications until 1 December 2023. Total annual funding is limited, so preference will be given to applications submitted by **1 September 2023**.

Tesco Stronger Starts

Stronger Starts is a £5 million grant programme to boost school funds. Funding is focused on providing nutritious food and activities/resources to boost physical health and mental wellbeing in children and young people. Stronger Starts will fund thousands of local projects across the UK. The main focus is on schools, including nursery, primary and secondary. However, all groups connected to schools and other groups supporting young children will be considered such as PTAs, parent councils, Brownies, Beavers and sports clubs. A wide range of projects fit the bill - improving school playgrounds, growing and food projects, outdoor play and purchasing kit for healthy activities.

The scheme is open to all registered charities and not-for-profit organisations, with priority given to projects that provide food and support to young people. It provides grants of up to £1,500 to local projects from across the whole of Scotland. Tesco Stronger Starts is administered by [Groundwork](#) who are working

with greenspace scotland to support applicants and successful projects in Scotland. Every three months, three local good causes are selected to be in the blue token customer vote in Tesco stores throughout the UK.

Applications are open to all local good causes, but the fund prioritises projects that support children's food security and health and local store nominated good causes. This is not an exhaustive list and other project ideas also welcomed. Examples include:

- School Breakfast clubs
- Holiday clubs
- Play areas
- Food banks
- Counselling and support services for children
- Equipment or non-statutory services for nurseries or schools e.g. forest schools, library books
- Equipment for Brownie, Guide or Scout Groups e.g. camping equipment, badges
- Services or equipment to support children and young people's health
- Equipment/kit for youth sports teams

The Conservation Volunteers – Chestnut Fund

The TCV Chestnut Fund grant scheme has been designed to support grassroots community groups and initiatives wanting to deliver practical volunteering that improves the natural physical environment and better connections between people and green spaces. The Chestnut Fund is part of TCV's commitment to support Community Network members, with the applications being considered and administered by TCV Chestnut Fund Committee. Groups must be members of the TCV [Community Network](#) prior to applying for a TCV Chestnut Fund grant. The Community Network is free to join.

Chestnut Fund grants fall into two categories – **Start-up grants** and **Support grants**.

Start-up grants are for groups who have no money when they are first set up and are available to groups in their first year of existence. The grant will enable them to begin practical work and will cover administrative expenses, e.g. insurance fees, postage, publicity or hire of meeting rooms. The maximum grant will be £200.

Support grants are for groups who have little or no money for tools, equipment and training. This grant is available to all groups, regardless of how long they have been constituted. The maximum grant will be £500.

Groups within their first year can apply for both the Start-up grant and the Support grant. The Chestnut Fund committee meets every 6 weeks to discuss new applications.

The Conservation Volunteers - I Dig Trees

TCV's annual I Dig Trees campaign provides free native species trees to schools and community groups across the UK. Trees are normally supplied during the planting season from November to the end of March. Grown in the UK, our native tree packs have been carefully selected with communities and nature in mind. Trees to suit your needs, that provide maximum benefit for our cherished green spaces and the wildlife within. There's a pack for you! Think about what might matter to your local community. More pollinators? Amenity woodland? A pocket forest in your neighbourhood? Have a look at the options provided and make your order accordingly. **The ordering period for the 2023/24 planting season is now open.**

Thomson Charitable Trust

The objectives of the Trust are to support charitable purposes which include those connected with music, the arts, sport, education and other spheres. Within the framework it is the policy of the Trustees to consider applications:

- For grants of up to £5,000
- For services or activities which benefit people in Perth or the wider area of Perth & Kinross
- With a preference for start-up projects or improvements to the charitable services being offered.
- To exclude applications for employment costs, core funding or other regular annual costs.

The Trustees meet at the end of May and November each year to consider applications, but decisions may be taken between meetings. Some funding for the project should be provided from the organisation's own resources and from fundraising efforts.

Transport Scotland – eBike Grant Fund

Transport Scotland has committed £900,000 towards the ebike grant fund in 2023/24. This year projects can apply for up to £75,000 per application for ebike projects. Local authorities, public sector agencies, further and higher education institutions, active travel hubs and community groups were invited to apply for funding to adopt ebikes, etrikes, ecargo bikes, cargo bikes and trailers, tandems, adapted cycles and trikes towards projects that will provide opportunities to trial ebikes. Applications can be submitted until **22 September 2023** although if all funds are allocated before 22 September 2023, the fund will close to applications.

Tree Council

Funding and support for community tree, hedgerow and orchard establishment.

Branching Out Fund

The Branching Out Fund supports schools, small charities, community groups and Tree Warden Networks seeking to establish trees, hedges and orchards in the 2023/24 planting season. Grants range from £250 - £2,500. Application deadline: **3 December 2023**.

Orchards for Schools

Free orchard tree and hedgerow packs to inspire teachers and pupils across the country to connect, learn about, plant and care for trees. **Currently closed.**

Tudor Trust

The Tudor Trust is an independent grant-making trust which supports voluntary and community groups working in any part of the UK. It is currently closed to new funding applications whilst the staff and trustees re-think how the Trust operates.

UK Government – Community Ownership Fund

The Community Ownership Fund is a £150 million fund over 4 years to support community groups across England, Wales, Scotland, and Northern Ireland to take ownership of physical assets such as land and buildings which are at risk of being lost to the community. The Fund is open to incorporated voluntary or community organisations or a parish, town and community council.

Funded projects should do at least 1 of these 5 things:

- increase feelings of pride in, and improve perceptions of, the local area as a place to live
- improve social trust, cohesion, and sense of belonging
- increase local participation in community life, arts, culture, or sport

- improve local economic outcomes – including creating jobs, volunteering opportunities, and improving employability and skills levels in the local community
- improve social and wellbeing outcomes – including having a positive impact on physical and mental health of local people, and reducing loneliness and social isolation

Funding available:

- You can apply for a mix of capital and revenue funding
- You need to match the capital funding with money from other sources (match funding)
- Capital funding – up to £2 million for all asset types, but most awards are expected to be up to £250,000 of capital funding
- Revenue funding – cannot be more than 20% of capital funding or £50,000, whichever is smaller

How to apply:

- Express your interest in the fund all year round
- Apply during a bidding window if you are successful
- Save and return to an application within the bidding window you are applying in

Key dates:

- Expression of Interest stage - always open
- Round 3 Bidding Window 2: **30 August - 11 October 2023**
- Applications must be submitted by 11:59am on each bidding window's respective closing date
- There will be 4 bidding windows each year at regular intervals
- March 2025 – Fund closes

Wakeham Trust

The Wakeham Trust's core goal is to help small groups of people who are getting together to make a difference in their communities. On the whole, it doesn't support big or established charities. It is especially interested in helping groups that are starting up and need a little seed money to help them get going. The Trust usually makes VERY SMALL grants to VERY SMALL projects because they often find it hard to appeal to larger and more formal funding bodies. If a project is big enough to employ staff, it is probably too big for this trust. All the community projects supported have, as a common theme, the empowerment of ordinary non-professional people. It normally gives grants to projects where an initial £125 to £2,500 can make a real difference.

Warburtons Community Grants

Warburtons Community Grants provides small grants up to £400 to support charitable organisations towards broader activities which improve **Health, Place** or **Skills** for families in their community. Quarterly application deadlines in February, May, August and November.

Weir Charitable Trust

The Weir Charitable Trust aims to support Scottish-based community groups and small charities to provide services across Scotland to help the Scottish community. These groups and charities are likely to have found it difficult to access funds elsewhere.

The Weir Charitable Trust *may* be able to help if you meet **all** of the following criteria:

- You are a small charity or community group with an annual income of less than £125,000.
- You are based and operate in Scotland, providing services to improve the quality of life for the people of Scotland.
- Your application meets one of the five Qualifying Categories - **Sport, Health, Culture, Animal Welfare** or **Recreational Facilities**.
- You are seeking funding of less than £25,000.

Funding can be used for capital projects (such as equipment, fixtures, fittings and refurbishments), running costs, one-off projects, core costs and salaries. In summary, anything you need it for as long as it contributes to providing a benefit to your community. It is unlikely the Trust will fund requests in full - it would expect to see evidence of efforts being made to raise funds by applicants themselves. The closing date for applications is twice a year ie **31 August 2023** and **29 February 2024**.

Woodland Trust

The Woodland Trust provides thousands of free tree packs for schools and community groups to plan their own planting schemes. It normally has two delivery periods in March and November. Applications are open for November 2023 delivery and are expected to close in **August 2023**, or sooner depending on stock availability.

Woodroffe Benton Foundation

The Foundation provides grants to officially recognised charitable organisations within the United Kingdom only in respect of:

- Relief of persons in need, hardship or distress by reason of disaster or as a consequence of social or economic circumstance.
- Provision/maintenance of care and accommodation for the sick and elderly.
- Promotion of education – in particular within the Derbyshire region.
- Environmental Conservation/preservation/protection/Improvement – in particular where this would encourage the provision of access by members of the general public.

The Foundation's Small Grants Programme supports charities with grants of £500 - £2,500. The Trustees prefer to support smaller charities since modest donations are capable of providing potentially greater benefit in such cases. The Trustees prefer to contribute to core operating costs from their Small Grants programme rather than to a specific project where the funding will be legally "restricted" or to capital expenditure – applications in these latter categories are, however, not excluded.

The focus of the August 2023 application round will be **"Improving the quality of life and social engagement for people with severe physical and/or learning disabilities in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland."** Application deadline: **31 August 2023**.

Woodward Charitable Trust

Trustees are looking for organisations which aim to achieve a positive impact in at least one of the following areas: **Children and young people (up to 25 years)**, **Disadvantaged families**, and **Prisoners and ex-offenders**.

The Trustees particularly look to fund projects that help families and young people and that are aiming to improve the life chances of the beneficiaries. They like projects that promote community cohesion and the development of skills that will change the outlook and outcomes for the users. Organisations that promote volunteering and involve both past and present users in their operations or management are encouraged. The Woodward Charitable Trust only makes grants for core costs rather than specific projects as they recognise that smaller charities can find these hard to find.

The Trustees make two types of grants:

- Small grants – up to £3,000, but usually £1,000 or less
- Large grants – Only a few large grants are awarded over £3,000 each year, and these are usually to charities known to the Trustees.

As the Trust's resources are limited, the Trustees prefer to fund small to medium-sized charities with an income of less than £200,000. Grants are usually allocated following Trustees' meetings held in February/March and October/November each year. The next funding round will open in **November 2023**.

Further funding resources:

[Action Funder](#) is a platform to match business support with grants of £500 - £10,000 for community and non-profit organisations.

[GrantFinder](#) is an online subscription service to search for funding from European and UK government sources, local authorities, charitable trusts and corporate sponsors. Members of TCV's [Community Network](#) can request a funding search be made on their behalf by the Community Network Coordinator.

[Grants Online](#) is a subscription-based grants and funding service with a search tool, daily updates to a grants database and a monthly eNewsletter.

[Funding Scotland](#) is a service provided by the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO) to provide access to up-to-date, high-quality information on funding opportunities that is vital to third sector organisations in Scotland. Funding Scotland is free to any organisation in Scotland and provides a search of over 1,400 funding opportunities including grants, loans, prizes and other support. If your organisation is a member with SCVO, you can access even more information and additional features to help manage your funding with its Premium service.

[Foundation Scotland – For people and planet](#)

Making your funded projects and activities 'climate smart' and nature-friendly may be a new consideration for many third sector organisations. To help guide you, Foundation Scotland has outlined some of the key issues it expects applicants to consider, along with links to further information or support.

[Inspiring Fundraising Toolkit](#) is an online resource and is the legacy of the four-year Resourcing Scotland's Heritage partnership programme, led by Arts & Business Scotland with Archaeology Scotland, Built Environment Forum Scotland, greenspace scotland and Museums Galleries Scotland. Inspiring Fundraising aims to help everyone in the heritage sector in Scotland raise funds for their organisation, cause or project, effectively and with greater confidence.

[Environmental Funders Network](#)

The Environmental Funders Network is a UK-based network of foundations, family offices and individual donors supporting environmental causes. Its aim is to increase the amount of financial support for environmental causes and to improve its overall effectiveness.

Most **Local Authorities** have an External Funding Officer or service which provides help and advice on grants available to community organisations, which may include community grants or Common Good funds provided by the council itself. For details contact your council's External Funding Officer or consult the council's website.

The information listed above is believed to be correct at the time of publishing (10 August 2023). This information is not exhaustive and other funds may be available. If you know of a funding source which could be added to this list, please contact g.burns@tcv.org.uk

Feedback welcome! If this list has been useful in sourcing funding for your project, please let us know.

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