



## TCV Scotland Funding Update – Autumn 2021

### Grants for community, environmental and volunteering projects

#### [Aberdeenshire Council – Coastal Communities Challenge Fund](#)

This funding is drawn from revenue generated by the Crown Estate Scotland's inshore waters and is intended to support and develop coastal communities. North-East Scotland Fisheries Local Action Group (NESFLAG) will provide grants of between £2,500 and £25,000 to projects in Aberdeenshire which support the following priorities:

- Supporting the development of active travel routes along, to and from the coastline
- Developing the coastal economy and sustainable tourism
- Creating or enhancing community, leisure and recreational facilities
- Safeguarding, restoring or enhancing the coastal environment

Applications can be made by businesses, charities or community groups. All projects must include match funding of at least 10%. All projects must be completed by **31 March 2022**. **Application deadline: 15 November.**

#### [Action Earth Grants](#)

Action Earth is an annual grants scheme from Volunteering Matters and funded by NatureScot. Any group of volunteers are able to apply for Volunteering Matters Action Earth grants of between £50-250 to run environmental activities in Scotland's green spaces. This could include creating or improving community gardens, wildflower meadows, ponds, woodlands, or other wildlife habitats. Grants for 2021/22 may have been allocated, so for latest information contact [robert.henderson@volunteeringmatters.org.uk](mailto:robert.henderson@volunteeringmatters.org.uk)

#### [Allander Youth Activities Charitable Trust](#)

The Trust provides grants in support of activities which advance the education and training of young people by providing financial support at a local level to charitable voluntary organisations. Applications must comply with the COVID guidelines for your organisation, and only apply when you know your activity can take place. Applications are only accepted for **outdoor** activities. The Trustees normally meet three or four times each year to consider applications. 2022 application forms now available.

## [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. 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.

## [Asda Foundation: Digital Green Token Giving](#)

Every year, Asda customers have the chance to vote for their favourite local good cause when they shop in store via the Green Token Giving programme. Due to Covid, Green Token Giving is currently conducted via an online vote which will work in a similar way to store voting. Each superstore will feature three community projects online that have been nominated by Asda customers and staff. They will all be local, grassroots organisations having a positive impact on their local community. The group with the most online votes will receive a £500 donation, with second and third place each receiving £200.

## [Asda Foundation: Investing in Spaces and Places Grants](#)

This grant is aimed at improving community spaces and places where local people can be together and thrive. The group needs to own or lease the land/premises and it must be located within the community that the group is based. There are three options within this grant, and groups can apply for one option or a mixture of all three:

- Building Repairs
- Building Improvement/Development
- Outdoor Improvement/Development

Funding the project:

- Asda Foundation will only part-fund a project
- Groups must raise at least 50% of the total project cost from other sources
- It will not support applications which include loans to cover remaining project costs
- Groups may apply for funding between £5,000 and £25,000

Each superstore has a Community Champion and their role is to support projects within the community and support bringing people together. They manage all nominations and applications for Asda Foundation grants. The Asda Foundation does **not** accept nominations or applications sent directly from community groups. If you have a project in mind that could benefit from a Spaces and Places Grant and you meet all the eligibility criteria you are welcome to contact your local Community Champion to discuss your project. You can use the [Asda Store Locator](#) to find the details for your local superstore. If the local Community Champion would like to nominate your project, they will be back in touch to complete a Stage 1 Eligibility Questionnaire with you.

The application process is very different to other Asda Foundation grant streams and activity as this is an Asda Regions funding opportunity, rather than an individual store opportunity. The application process is in five stages (outlined below) and funding will be awarded based on an assessment of need across the region as a whole, rather than on a store-by-store basis.

The five stages are:

**Stage 1** (October/November/December) – conversations between community colleagues and local groups about higher value needs/projects. Projects will be discussed as a region and Eligibility Questionnaires submitted by Community Champions by 09/01/2022.

**Stage 2** (January 2022) – Asda Foundation will assess all nominations and create a shortlist.

**Stage 3** (February 2022) – Regional Team Meetings will be held to vote on the projects making it through to the final stage.

**Stage 4** (March-April 2022)– Final shortlisted groups invited to complete full application. –

**Stage 5** (June 2022) – Successful groups notified, and grants sent.

## [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. 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.

Funding applications are open to projects looking to raise up to £50,000.

**Next application deadline: 1 February 2022.**

## [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. 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.

## [Bank of Scotland Foundation](#)

The Bank of Scotland Foundation operates funding programmes including:

**Reach:** Charities with an income of £1.5m or less can apply for funding between £1,000 - £25,000 over one year to address disadvantage or social exclusion. **The application period is 6-16 December 2021.**

## [Banks Community Fund](#)

The Banks Community Fund (which is actually made up of a number of funds) provides support to community groups, voluntary organisations and environmental projects that are charitable, educational, philanthropic or benevolent in purpose and which are located within close proximity of a current or proposed Banks Group development and provide benefit to the local community. Its funds are reviewed by a funding panel, including representatives of the local community. The Banks Community Fund is administered by the [County Durham Community Foundation \(CDCF\)](#).

### **Before applying for a grant:**

Applicants **MUST** contact The Banks Community Fund, fund manager at the CDCF, before applying for a grant. Tel **0191 378 6342** or email [fundmanager@bankscommunityfund.org.uk](mailto:fundmanager@bankscommunityfund.org.uk)

## [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.

Typically, grants awarded will be one-off grants, up to the value of £5,000. However, the B&Q Foundation will consider awarding higher value grants. If your organisation meets the criteria of the grant, register your interest for the next round of funding. The B&Q Foundation will be in touch when there is next availability.

### [Cairngorms National Park](#)

There are a number of funding opportunities available designed specifically to help initiatives or projects which support the Park aims. Check the website for current programmes.

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

### [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** and **Coalfields Community Futures**.

### [Co-op Local Community Fund](#)

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. Many applications are from charities or local community groups, but as long as your organisation isn't run for private profit you can apply. Currently closed to new applications. Applications will open again in Spring 2022.

### [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. It operates a number of funding programmes including **Henry Duncan Micro Grants** which in 2021 are funding community-based support for mental health and wellbeing:

- Open to small charities and voluntary groups supporting communities experiencing disadvantage to improve mental health and wellbeing by reducing isolation and loneliness. This includes Black, Asian, Minority Ethnic and rural communities.
- Organisations with an annual income up to £50,000.
- One-off grants up to maximum of £1,000.
- Rolling application programme with no closing dates.

### [Cycling Scotland](#)

Grant funding for 2021 has now been allocated. To register an interest in funding to support a local, inclusive cycling event in 2022, please email [info@pedal.scot](mailto:info@pedal.scot). Read this [overview](#) to find out the funding criteria for this year, including the main responsibilities of organisers. Please note this is subject to review, after evaluation in 2021.

### [Cruden Foundation](#)

The Cruden Foundation makes donations to mainly small and medium sized registered charities throughout Scotland, targeting things like community welfare, medical support and research, the arts,

education and conservation. If your charitable organisation is interested in applying for a donation from the Cruden Foundation, applications can be made by email to [info@crudenfoundation.org](mailto:info@crudenfoundation.org).

### [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 competition for the best community gardening projects and school gardens around the UK.

### [DPD Eco Fund](#)

Anyone can apply for funding up to £2,000 from the DPD Eco Fund, although particularly encouraged are community groups, educational facilities and start-up companies. All applications need to be of a green, ecological or sustainability nature, with the project benefiting the environment.

### [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, 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 most grants are between £25,000 - £35,000 per annum.

### [Empowering Women Fund](#)

The Empowering Women Fund provides funding to support small women's groups and organisations to develop innovative ways of empowering women in their local area and build the capacity of small organisations. *While this round of funding has closed, we hope to offer more funds in the future and will update this page when we have more information.*

### [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 2019 it made grants of £35.8m to a wide range of work in the arts, children and young people, the environment, food and social change. It also has a £45m 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 2019 its median grant size was £130,000 over 3 years, and it made two grants of over £1m. There are no deadlines – it assesses expressions of interest, and makes funding decisions, on a rolling basis.

### [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. Exceptionally, larger grants may be considered at the Trustees' discretion. Preference is given to smaller charities where a grant would have a significant impact. The Foundation funds both capital and revenue projects. Requests for salaries will not be considered, except in the case of educational support (bursaries and apprenticeships). Grants are not given for expenditure which has already been made. 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.

## **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 geographical areas or themes**. The Foundation's website currently lists 100 separate funds plus their application criteria and level of grants available.

Examples include:

### **Baillie Gifford Community Awards**

This fund is aimed at supporting grassroots community organisations across Scotland. Grants available 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, and note this fund is only open to organisations with an annual income of under £250,000. Apply anytime.

### **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. Apply anytime.

## **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.

- *Our focus will be to make one-year grants only to cover core costs or essential equipment, to enable ongoing service provision, homeworking, or delivery of online digital services to charities that can show financial stability.*

- *Our priority will be to support local charities still active in their communities which are currently delivering services to the young, vulnerable, elderly, disadvantaged or the general community either directly or through online support if possible.*

Applicants must show how any grant will make a significant difference to their current work. Charities can apply for between £1,000 and £10,000. There are no deadlines for submission.

### Gannochy Trust

Under its current three-year strategy (2019-2022), the Gannochy Trust is looking to invest up to £15 million for community groups and organisations in Perth and Kinross and across Scotland.

The Trust's core funding objectives for Perth and Kinross:

- Improve the Quality of Life for people
- Develop and Inspire young people
- Improve the build and natural environment for wide community use

The Trust's core funding objectives for the Rest of Scotland are to **develop** and **inspire** young people by:

- Improving access to accredited training and learning
- Increasing employability and employment options
- Increasing leadership or mentoring

The Trust will only consider applications from organisations and projects that clearly demonstrate that they can achieve the Trust's priorities and funding objectives.

Grants awarded:

- Small – Up to £10,000 per annum for up to three years
- Main – Up to £30,000 per annum for up to three years
- Major (Perth & Kinross only) – Over £30,000 per annum for up to three years

Application deadlines:

- **5 November 2021** (for Trustees' meeting – 16th December)
- **2022 deadlines to be confirmed**

### Garfield Weston Foundation

The Garfield Weston Foundation aims to be responsive to where need is greatest and therefore supports a wide range of charitable activity in the following categories: **Arts, Education, Youth, Health, Museums & Heritage, Community, Environment, Faith, Welfare.**

The Trustees have a preference for charities directly delivering services and activities to those in need, and are especially keen to see applications from charities in the Welfare, Youth and Community sectors and also in regions of economic disadvantage. Almost 2,000 charities across the UK benefit each year from grants made by the Foundation, ranging from small community and volunteer projects to large national organisations. Despite this range, the common theme is that charities demonstrate they are meeting a need effectively with clear outcomes and benefits, good leadership, sensible business plans and a commitment to excellence.

- **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.

## **Gordon and Ena Baxter Foundation**

The Gordon and Ena Baxter Foundation supports community projects based in the North-East of Scotland and the Highlands & Islands. The Foundation strives to support a broad range of good causes, spanning a variety of key themes. 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.

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.

## **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 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 - £60,000 for between 1-3 years. 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 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. 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. Applications are accepted in January, April, July and October.

### **Historic Environment Scotland - Historic Environment Support Fund**

This fund is used to support various one-off, heritage-related projects such as:

- grants for training in traditional skills
- payment for travel and study costs associated with the use of traditional materials
- production of heritage publications
- support for community outreach

All qualifying applications are considered three times a year – at the end of March, July and November. If you are interested in applying for a grant from HES, you will need to submit an expression of interest first to receive feedback on your proposal.

Historic Environment Scotland may offer other [Grants and Funding](#)

### **Hugh Fraser Foundation**

The High Fraser Foundation makes donations to charities working in many different sectors including medical research, hospitals, education, organisations working with the young and aged, the handicapped and the under-privileged and arts organisations. So long as the object is charitable the Trustees will consider any application from a registered charity. 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 meet normally in March, June, September and December. The cut-off for applications is normally a month before each meeting.

### **International Tree Foundation – UK Community Tree Planting Programme**

The ITF is accepting applications for the 2021/22 tree planting season from community groups as part of its UK Community Tree Planting Programme. Grants of up to £6,000 are available.

### **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. The Company is particularly interested in enabling primary age children to develop a strong foundation for the future. Projects could, for example, support special educational needs, address behavioural problems or promote citizenship, parenting or life skills. Preference will be given to projects piloting new approaches where the outcomes will be disseminated to a wider audience. 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.

## [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.

## [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 & Wales to apply for £500 worth of outdoor resources, and a two-hour staff training session. **NB this scheme does not provide cash grants to schools.** Next application deadline: **12 November.**

## [Local Energy Scotland – CARES enablement grant](#)

The Scottish Government's Community and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES) enablement grant funding of up to £25,000 is available to fund non-capital aspects of a community renewable energy project. Funding can help with start-up costs of feasibility studies, community consultations and other preparatory costs.

## [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.
- **Tree Planting Grant Scheme:** To encourage small scale tree planting in the National Park and is open to businesses, organisations, individuals and community or voluntary groups. The grant offers financial assistance up to £3,000 to plant individual trees or small areas of woodland that might not usually be eligible for other funding. **Next application deadline: 31 November.**

## [Lush Charity Pot](#)

Through its Charity Pot, Lush offers grants and funding to small, grassroots charities and campaign groups that are often best placed to make a real difference with limited resources and who often struggle to find funding. It supports organisations around the world that are working in **animal protection, the environment, and human rights.**

Almost all the groups funded have annual incomes of less than £250,000 and most are substantially smaller than this and run entirely or predominantly by volunteers. Your group does not need to be a registered charity, Charity Pot grants support all kinds of groups, including new organisations and start-ups. However, your group should be not-for-profit. If your organisation has many supporters and corporate sponsors, or is able to secure mainstream funding such as government grants, you're probably not suitable for this funding. Grants are between £100 - £10,000, with an average of between £2,000 – £4,000. Applications are accepted at any time.

## [Marsh Christian Trust](#)

The Marsh Christian 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: Arts and heritage, Education and training, Environmental causes and animal welfare, Healthcare, and Social welfare.

The Marsh Christian Trust was founded based on the Christian principles of reaching out, caring for the natural world, and helping those in need. These principles continue to remain a core part of the charity's ethos. However, the Trust's support is inclusive of all organisations, regardless of faith. Recipients of the grant-making programme come from a diverse set of backgrounds. There are no application deadlines.

### Merchants House of Glasgow

The Merchants House of Glasgow provides grants of £500 - £10,000.

There are two main strands in the House's grant making strategy:

- Receive and encourage applications for grant funding for a wide range of charitable activity across the social, educational, health and cultural sectors which has impact in Glasgow and the West of Scotland.
- Make grants from a number of designated and restricted funds for specific purposes.

### 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. Applications received will be considered at the next meeting of the Trustees due to take place in **March 2022 – date to be confirmed**.

### Morrisons Foundation

The Morrisons Foundation awards grant funding for charity projects which make a positive difference in local communities. In the main grants are available to **fully fund** projects up to £25,000.

### 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.

The Trustees have made a variety of donations ranging from £500 to £10,000, with grants typically up to £5,000. You can apply throughout the year. However, the deadline for annual donations is usually 31 March each year (please see note on completing application form for deadline). The Trustees tend to meet during the course of the Summer to consider all applications.

## [MyParkScotland](#)

MyPark Scotland 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.

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
- **Community-led:** grants of £10,001 - £150,000
- **Young Start:** grants of £10,001 - £100,000
- **Improving Lives:** grants of £10,001 - £200,000
- **Scottish Land Fund:** grants of £5,000 - £1 million

Applications to the above NLCF programmes are ongoing.

## **NLCF UK-wide – [Together for Our Planet](#)**

Grants of £1,000 - £10,000 to support communities across the UK to take action on climate change.

**Application deadline: 18 November 2021.**

## [National Lottery Heritage Fund](#)

The National Lottery Heritage Fund is the largest dedicated funder of heritage in the UK. The impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic means it will prioritise heritage projects in 2021/22 that:

- promote inclusion and involve a wider range of people (a mandatory outcome)
- boost the local economy
- encourage skills development and job creation
- support wellbeing
- create better places to live, work and visit
- improve the resilience of organisations working in heritage

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: no application deadlines
- Grants of £10,000 - £250,000: no application deadlines
- Grants of £250,000 - £5 million: quarterly application deadlines. Before you apply you must submit an Expression of Interest form to outline your idea and you will be informed if you are invited to apply.

## NatureScot

NatureScot is the public agency responsible for Scotland's natural heritage. It can operate various funding programmes, including:

## Future Routes Fund

This fund aims to help young people to improve their local environment, increase their knowledge and understanding of Scottish biodiversity, and to provide more opportunities for them to connect with nature. The fund is for projects run by 11-26 year olds and supports them to connect with nature and to make a positive impact on the environment in Scotland. It was created by Scotland's youth biodiversity panel, [ReRoute](#). The young people on the ReRoute panel developed the aims, outcomes and criteria for fund in collaboration with NatureScot and Young Scot. They designed it to be for the benefit of young people, easy to apply for, and they worked hard to encourage submissions from a wide range of young people, regardless of their level of interest in nature. The Future Routes Fund was launched in 2018 as part of Scotland's Year of Young People, with £100,000 available over five years for young people to deliver activities, projects and ideas which engage people with nature.

## NHS Tayside Community Innovation Fund

NHS Tayside is making 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. Next Fund committee meetings: 9 November, 1 February 2022, 5 April 2022. Fund Committee papers are prepared 4 weeks in advance so please apply in plenty of time.

## 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

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.

## Paths for All – Community Active Travel Grants 2021-22

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. **Application deadline: 7 November.**

## **Paths for All - Smarter Choices, Smarter Places (SCSP) 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 buses and 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 £50,000. Funding is available for 50% of a total project cost, although 25% of the total project cost can be in-kind contributions. An Expression of Interest should be submitted first.

**Paths for All - Community Paths Fund** – currently closed to applications.

## **Pebble Trust**

The Pebble Trust is a Scottish charity established in 2014 with a vision of a more sustainable, equal and low-carbon society, where constraints on fossil fuels lead to a more localised economy with stronger, more resilient, communities, and where human activities take account of climate change and the wider environment. The Trust supports projects in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland as defined by the Highlands and Island Enterprise [area](#). Exceptional projects outwith the Highlands and Islands, or projects that have an impact across the whole of Scotland may also be considered. Applications are restricted up to a maximum of £10,000.

The detailed Pebble Trust objectives are:

- The advancement of environmental protection or improvement, in particular supporting organisations and individuals developing sustainable lifestyles and projects which take into account future resource availability, fossil fuel use, climate change and the desirability of a more equal society
- The advancement of community development, in particular encouraging local communities to become stronger and more self-reliant through the adoption of sustainable lifestyles
- The advancement of education and science, in particular carrying out research and education relating to the technical and social aspects of sustainable lifestyles

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
- 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

## **People's Health Trust**

The People's Health Trust was set up to address health inequalities in Great Britain and create fairer places in which to grow, live, work and age. 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.

**Neighbourhood-based projects** – The Trust supports and funds resident-led projects in neighbourhoods experiencing disadvantage because they are the most affected by health inequalities.

**Communities of interest** – The Trust supports and funds projects which connect groups of people with shared identities, experiences, characteristics or common interests who face additional barriers to good health due to discrimination and further inequality.

The Trust runs two main funding programmes:

- [Active Communities](#) – for great local ideas 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.
- [Local Conversations](#) – an approach which involves working together with the residents of a neighbourhood to determine how they would like to use the money raised through their local society lottery.

### [People's Postcode Trust](#)

The aim of People's Postcode Trust is to support smaller charities and good causes in Scotland to make a difference to their community for the benefit of people and the planet. The final funding round of 2021 is now closed. Funding opportunities for 2022 will be confirmed in the New Year.

### [Persimmon Community Champions](#)

The Persimmon Community Champions schemes provides charities and community groups across the UK with grants of up to £1,000 to match money they have already raised themselves. Each of Persimmon's 31 businesses and its PLC head office are giving away up to £2,000 every month to fund local community initiatives.

### [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. 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 grants to a maximum value of £5,000, with an average award of £1,500. The programme's current funding themes are: **Heritage and Conservation, Education, Health & Wellbeing, Social Inclusion, Environment, Countryside.**

Across all of these funding themes, the PWCF is particularly interested in projects in deprived communities across the four nations: England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. In addition, PWCF is keen to support organizations that are able to demonstrate that the project/activity would support a diverse community or group of beneficiaries.

The small grant programme is a rolling programme. Therefore, you may apply for a small grant at any time. However, applications submitted one month before the small grant committee meeting will be considered at the next meeting. The Small Grant Committee considers applications in February, May, July and October.

## [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. The next round will be in 2022 and the applications closing deadline will be **4 February 2022** ahead of the next board meeting.

## [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. 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 £2million. It operates a number of grant programmes:

- **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.
- **Community Building Grants** - For registered charities with an annual income of between £25,000 and £2 million. Capital funding of up to £75,000 towards 'community hubs'.

## **Russell Trust**

The Russell Trust supports a broad range of charities, particularly in Fife. Categories under which grants may be awarded 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. Request an application form via email:

[russell.trust@tullisrussell.com](mailto:russell.trust@tullisrussell.com)

## **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.

## **Scottish Forestry Community Fund – 2021/22**

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

- Schemes that promote physical activity eg walking schemes, safe routes to school, natural play and adventure play
- Developing materials that promote health and wellbeing benefits of using woodlands
- Facilitation of volunteering for skills training from community bodies, health improvement and community development
- Establishment of volunteer groups and the induction of volunteers
- Providing resources to involve communities in the decision-making process of managing their local woodland
- Costs associated with developing Community Asset Transfer Scheme applications eg valuations. Funding will not normally cover legal fees
- Projects that support the [Queen's Green Canopy](#) initiative

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)

Level of funding on a sliding scale:

- 100% for projects up to a total cost of £5,000
- Up to 90% for projects with a total cost of between £5,001 – £20,000
- Up to 75% for projects with a total cost exceeding £20,000

## **Scottish Government - Community and Third Sector Recovery Programme**

The Community and Third Sector Recovery Programme is aimed at charities, community groups, social enterprises and voluntary organisations that are supporting people and communities through lockdown and recovery. As well as providing ongoing crisis support, they will help plan and implement changes to adapt and thrive in a very different social and economic climate.

The programme has two strands: the Adapt and Thrive Programme (currently closed), and the Communities Recovery Fund (now reopened).

## Communities Recovery Fund

The Communities Recovery Fund aims to support community groups, charities, social enterprises, and voluntary organisations who are helping people and communities respond to the challenges presented by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and recovery. Collaborative and partnership approaches will be encouraged to help maximise the funding available for 2021-2022. The fund will prioritise those areas and communities experiencing the greatest impact from the pandemic. These communities were determined through the review of data from the open call for applications which ran from September 2020 to February 2021.

An initial group of 10 local authority areas have been identified as priority areas. These are: Angus, Dumfries & Galloway, East Ayrshire, Highland, Inverclyde, Na h-Eileanan Siar, North Ayrshire, Scottish Borders, South Ayrshire, West Dunbartonshire.

SCVO will work with community organisations, third sector interfaces and local authorities to identify needs and develop expression(s) of interest. Applications from eligible organisations will then be developed for consideration. A further group of priority local authority areas will be approached once the initial areas have been advanced. The fund will consider grants for partnership applications for £50,000 to £100,000, depending on the size of the partnership. Grants for individual organisations will be considered for up to £25,000. Funding is available from 1 June 2021 to 31 March 2022, and all funding must be spent by 31 March 2022.

## Scottish Government - Communities Mental Health & Wellbeing Fund

The £15 million Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund aims to support adult community-based initiatives across Scotland. Grass roots community groups and organisations will benefit from the funds to deliver activities and programmes to people to re-connect and revitalise communities building on examples of good practice which have emerged throughout the pandemic. A range of Third Sector Interfaces will manage the fund in partnership with local integrated health authorities and other partners including Community Planning Partnerships and local authority mental health leads.

Contact your local Third Sector Interface to find out more. To find your TSI, visit <https://tsi.scot/tsi-directory/>

## 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.

### ScottishPower Foundation

The ScottishPower Foundation provides funding to registered charities with an income greater than £50,000 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 are currently closed. It is anticipated that the next round of applications for funding in 2023 will open in July 2022.

### 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. Applications are reviewed on a quarterly basis in March, June, September and December.

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.

### Shift

Shift aims to provide a range of support to organisations currently delivering or intending to deliver activities to encourage the communities they work with to cycle more. Grants of £400 - £800 are available, and any organisation in Scotland that is currently delivering or intends to deliver activities which will support the aims of the programme can apply for a Shift grant. Shift is funded by Transport Scotland and delivered by Cycling UK.

### South of Scotland Tree Planting Grant

The South of Scotland Tree Planting Grant provides support and financial assistance to plant individual trees or small clumps of trees, in order to retain this landscape resource for the benefit of people,

communities and wildlife. The grant is open to any organisations or individuals who wish to carry out a small-scale tree planting project that will enhance the landscape and biodiversity of the South of Scotland and make a contribution to improved public amenity. The site should be less than 0.25ha in size. Examples of eligible projects include: trees in school playgrounds, small copses, field boundary trees, tree lines, parkland trees and orchards. The planting will normally be of native species and be appropriate to the locality.

Assistance is available in two different ways to suit the specific project:

- Up to 100% of material costs (ie: for 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.**

### SSE Renewables

SSE manages 32 funds, which have supported over 2,500 community projects with grants of over £22million since 2008. It operates two types of funds:

- [Local Funds](#) support communities nearest to a wind farm. It supports panels made up of community members who review applications and decide which projects provide the best benefit for the community.
- [Sustainable Development Funds](#) support strategic projects in the local authority regions in which SSE is investing. This fund support projects which take a longer-term view by delivering transformational social, economic and/or environmental changes.

### 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 deadline for applications for the Spring 2022 meeting is **31 December 2021**.

### Sustrans - Love Your Network

The Love Your Network grant programme is run by Sustrans Scotland and funded by Transport Scotland and seeks to empower communities to learn more about their local routes and implement physical improvements which make journeys on the National Cycle Network more attractive and enjoyable. Equipment and training 'bundles' are available for projects which benefit people or wildlife across National Cycle Network routes. Bundles offered include: Litter-picking equipment, hand tools, wildlife identification training, ecology advice. **Application deadline: 6 February 2022.**

### Sustrans - ArtRoots

ArtRoots allows communities to make creative and aesthetic improvements to the National Cycle Network. ArtRoots grants are awarded to projects which will improve spaces, with the ultimate aim of encouraging active travel. Examples of what can be applied for include: sculptures, murals and mosaics, benches and seating, decorative signage, planters and plant pots, interpretation boards. The standard grant for ArtRoots NCN projects will be £2,500. However, a higher award of £5,000 may be available if applicants can

demonstrate that the higher funding award would significantly impact on the outcome and achieve a greater increase in new active travel journeys.

Funding rounds typically run every two months. Community groups are encouraged to submit an expression of interest at any point in the year. 2021/22 application deadlines: 9 November 2021, 11 January 2022, 12 March 2022, 10 May 2022.

### **TCV – Chestnut Fund**

The Chestnut Fund is an independent charity which makes grants available to encourage and enable community groups to carry out conservation activities. The grants are administered by TCV. The 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 can contribute to administrative expenses, e.g. publicity, hire of meeting rooms, telephone bills and insurance fees. The maximum grant will be £160.

**Support grants** are for groups who have 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 £350.

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.

### **TCV - I Dig Trees**

The annual I Dig Trees campaign has been run by TCV and OVO Energy since 2014 to provide free native species trees to schools and community groups across the UK. Trees are normally supplied during the planting season from November to March.

### **Tesco Community Grants**

The grant scheme is open for applications and will provide grants of up to £1,500 to support projects focused on supporting children and families or providing food. The scheme is open to registered charities and not-for-profit organisations, via an on-line application form. The scheme is administered in Scotland by greenspace scotland.

### **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.

### **Tree Council:**

#### **Branching Out Fund**

The Branching Out Fund supports schools, community groups and Tree Warden Networks to plant trees, hedges and orchards. The projects must involve young people up to the age of 21. Ideally planting should take place within National Tree Week 27 November – 5 December 2021, but this is not essential. Grants are of £300 - £1,500. **Application deadline: is 17 December** although early applications are encouraged to ensure availability of stock.

### **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. **Application deadline: 12 November.**

### **Trusthouse Charitable Foundation**

This foundation gives grants to small and medium sized local organisations in the UK with a demonstrable track record of success working to address local issues in communities of extreme urban deprivation and deprived rural districts.

**Small Grants:** Single year grants between £2,000 and £10,000 for core costs, salaries, running and project costs. Your organisation's postcode should fall within the following on the [Indices of Multiple Deprivation](#):

- if you are located in an urban area, you must be in the bottom 15% most deprived areas
- if you are located in a rural area, you must be in the bottom 50% most deprived areas

Your annual income does not exceed £250,000 and you can secure 50% of the project costs. Projects must have a focus on **Community Support**.

**Major Grants:** Single year grants between £10,000 and £100,000 for core costs, salaries, running and project costs, or Multi-year grants for a maximum of 3 years, not to exceed £100,000 in total over this period, for core costs, salaries, running or project costs. **Organisations should have a focus on Family Support.**

Major Grants: You can apply at any time during the year. The Grants Committee Meetings for 2021 were scheduled for January, April, July and October and it is we advised to apply at least two months prior to the meeting. Allow up to 12 weeks for the entire two-stage application process.

Small Grants: you can apply at any time during the year and receive a final decision 8 weeks after your application. Decisions are made outside the Grants Committee Meetings timetable.

### **Tudor Trust**

The Tudor Trust makes grants, and provides other types of support, to voluntary and community groups working in any part of the UK. It particularly wants to help smaller, community-led organisations that work directly with people who are at the margins of society: organisations that support positive changes in people's lives and in their communities.

*'Because we try to respond to the needs identified by organisations themselves, most of our grants take the form of core funding: funding which goes towards the core costs of running an organisation, including salaries, overheads and day-to-day running costs. Last year 92% of our grants, by value, went towards core funding.'*

There is no maximum or minimum grant, though in practice it is unusual for the Trust to make a grant of less than £10,000. Usually grants are made over one, two or three years. There is a two-stage application process, and Tudor has no deadlines – it makes grants on a rolling basis.

## [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.

## [Weir Charitable Trust](#)

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.

**Application deadline: 25 February 2022.**

## [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. It is currently taking applications for trees to be delivered in March 2022.

## [Woodroffe Benton Foundation](#)

The Foundation provides grants to registered charities involved in various activities including Education & Youth development, Environment & Conservation, and Human physical wellbeing.

The Trustees decided at their meeting in May 2021 to temporarily suspend their Small Grants Programme while they review their grant-making policy. Further information will be provided on its website in due course.

## [Youth Scotland Rural Action Fund](#)

The Youth Scotland Rural Action Fund is a Micro Grant fund being supported by The Robertson Trust and The Gannochy Trust. This fund was created in response to the challenges which rural youth groups are facing in funding the delivery of community-based universal youth work. It makes small awards to enable youth groups operating in rural communities to provide more and/or better youth work opportunities for young people. The minimum amount of funding is £100 and the maximum amount per award is £750. **Next application deadline: 15 November 2021.**

## Further funding information:

[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.

[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.

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.

This Funding Update is aimed at helping groups and organisations in the community, environmental and volunteering sectors. The information is believed to be correct at the time of publishing (28 October 2021). Please read funding eligibility criteria and guidelines **fully** before making an application. 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, or have any further comments, please contact [g.burns@tcv.org.uk](mailto:g.burns@tcv.org.uk)

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