



## TCV Scotland Funding Update – Spring 2022

### 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%. Application deadline: **22 May 2022.**

#### [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.

#### [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. Keep an eye on the website for details of 2022/23 grants, or 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 under 18 years by providing financial support at a local level to charitable voluntary organisations. Applicants will be a Scout Group, a section of a Scout Group or the equivalent in another voluntary organisation that directly seeks to improve the welfare of young people through the provision of training and/or education. You may be a local group or part of a National Organisation but not a Scout District, Scout Region or equivalent in other similar organisations.

or you will be an individual member of such an organisation wishing to take part in an activity that will develop you, and as a result of which you gain new skills that you will then use for the benefit of young people within your organisation

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 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. Next application deadline: **30 June**.

### Asda Foundation

The Asda Foundation supports small, grass roots organisations in several ways throughout the year, including:

#### **Empowering Local Communities Grant**

This grant is designed to support a broad range of activities which can contribute towards transforming the community and improving the lives of people in that community. There are four options under this grant: **Building Resilient Communities, Active Lives, Seasonal Celebrations & Festivals, and Leading Healthier Lives**. It's possible to apply for a combination of options. Groups may apply for one Empowering Local Communities Grant per year to a maximum value of £1,500 and minimum value of £500. Applications must be submitted to your local Community Champion by **15 April 2022** and activities must start/take place before **5 June 2022**. Applications should be submitted at least 6 weeks before your activity to give enough processing time

#### **U18 Better Starts Grant**

This grant will support a broad range of activities for this age group all of which can contribute towards empowering the community and improving the lives of children in that area. Groups may apply for one U18 Better Starts grant per year to a maximum of £1,500 and minimum £500. Applications must be

submitted to your local Community Champion by **15 April 2022** and must start/take place before **5 June 2022**. Applications should be submitted at least 6 weeks before your activity to give enough processing time.

### **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. Nominations for the fourth Customer Vote period for 2022 close on **30 June**, with online voting between 1 October and 31 December 2022.

### **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. Round two application deadline: **20 April 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

Next application deadline: **18 May 2022**.

### **Bank of Scotland Foundation**

The Bank of Scotland Foundation operates funding programmes including:

**Reach:** Charities with an income of £1 million or less can apply for funding between £1,000 - £25,000 over one year to address disadvantage or social exclusion. Next application period: **6-16 June 2022**.

## 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**. The next board meeting is on **6 June 2022** for which applications must be submitted by **18 April 2022**.

## 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 range from £100 up to £5,000, with the average grant in 2021 being approximately £725.

## BBC Children in Need

BBC Children in Need has paused its Main and Small Grants Programme for new applications while it has worked on its new funding strategy, launching in **Spring 2022**. It is expecting new grant making programmes to open around **September 2022**.

Whilst it has paused its Main and Small Grants Programme, it has launched the **Youth Social Action Fund** and will soon launch the **We Move Youth Social Action Fund**:

### **Youth Social Action Fund**

BBC Children in Need, in partnership with the #iwill Fund and The Hunter Foundation, are delivering a £3 million fund to support organisations to embed youth social action across the UK. The Youth Social Action Fund is for children and young people aged 18 and under. This fund will help to build children and young people's confidence and skills, empowering them to take an active and leading role in developing solutions to issues which affect their lives and their communities.

This funding will support organisations to bring social action and youth empowerment opportunities to children and young people, to help prevent or overcome the effects of the disadvantages they face. The Fund especially wants to reach:

- organisations who focus on addressing issues of disadvantage affecting children and young people
- children and young people who have some experience of social action and want to develop their skills and experience to do more.
- children and young people who have no experience of social action work at all but want to find out what it is all about.

Grants of up to £15,000 are available for unregistered organisations and up to £50,000 for registered bodies. Potential applicants must register for a one-hour information session by **8 April 2022**.

### **We Move Youth Social Action Fund**

The We Move Youth Social Action Fund will make £1million available this year to support youth social action projects, led by Black children and young people. Full information about the fund will be available soon.

## **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.

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.

## **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 must be based in or intending to use the funds for the benefit of this area. This 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.

## **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.

## **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. The Foundation has made almost 16,000 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. Check the website for details of funds currently open.

## Cruach Trust

The Cruach Trust is a small Scottish charity, which likes to make a difference with its donations. Firstly, the trust provides financial support for gardeners, retired gardeners and for preserving gardens throughout the United Kingdom. The trustees also have discretion to make donations to a wide range of organisations in the UK and abroad, with charitable objectives of whatever nature. Applications are open to 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.

Application deadline: **12 September 2022.**

## Cruden Foundation

While the Foundation's Directors' discretion is wide, its constitution requires it to mainly support charitable projects and activities in Scotland or those which benefit people who live here. There is a strong focus on **community welfare, medical support and research, the arts, education and conservation**. The directors consider appeals at their tri-annual Board meetings.

## 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.

Competition categories:

- School Garden
- Community Garden
- Gardens for Better health
- Gro' Your Best

Entries for the School Garden category close on **20 July 2022**. All other categories close on **1 August 2022**.

## 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:

- Conservation of the countryside and its woodlands, with emphasis on the encouragement of voluntary work and active involvement in hands-on activities, particularly activities that bring about positive changes in the lives of young people and help them to experience the value of nature



- Rural crafts and skills in heritage conservation, with emphasis on increasingly rare skills that would otherwise be lost
- Social and therapeutic horticulture: projects that use gardening or other environmental activities to bring about positive changes in the lives of those who are living with disabilities or ill-health

The next grant-making meeting will be held on **20 July 2022**, with an application deadline of **15 June 2022**.

### 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.

### Edinburgh Airport Community Fund

The Edinburgh Airport Community Fund will award £100,000 to local projects throughout 2022. The fund will consider applications from Edinburgh, Falkirk, and the Lothians. The fund was established to ensure local communities benefit from Edinburgh Airport activities. It 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 and a credible source of good in the 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 environmental impacts.
- 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.

There is a cap on funding applications of £7,000. Community Fund meetings are held quarterly. In 2022, the dates of the meetings are: **29 April, 26 August, and 25 November**. Funding applications will close two weeks in advance of each meeting date.

## 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.

## 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 2020 it made grants of £53.5m towards work in support of its aims and its emergency response to COVID. 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 (temporarily closed to new applications until May 2022)
- 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 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

Grants of up to £500 are available to local faith groups or related organisations in Scotland, working primarily in a specific local community (regional/national groups are not eligible). Priority will be given to groups with limited resources. Grants 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, create 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).

## 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. 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 involved in a number of priority activities including the environment. 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. 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**

Under its three-year strategy for 2019-2022, the Gannochy Trust looked 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

**The Trust is working on its new grants strategy to be published in early 2022.**

2022 application deadlines: **3 June, 19 August, 4 November.**

### **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.
- **Multi-year grants:** Grants available over two or three years.
- **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 Fund supports community groups and charities in Renfrewshire, North-West Glasgow, and East and West Dunbartonshire. The Flightpath Fund focuses its community investment in a number of areas including education, the environment and employment. Over £90,000 is available for distribution during 2022.

The Fund's Community Council's next meetings for 2022 are: **17 June, 16 September, 18 November.** Applications should be submitted no later than three weeks prior to the next meeting.

### **Glasgow's Nature-based Accelerator**

Glasgow's Nature-Based Accelerator is a **6 month fully funded programme** for early-stage nature-based ideas and enterprises that could create positive environmental, social, or economic change in Glasgow. The Nature-Based Accelerator was developed by Good Ideas and Glasgow City Council. It's all about encouraging local and resilient nature-based economies, creating more green jobs, and helping achieve net-zero targets.

What's a Nature-Based enterprise?

- It uses nature directly or indirectly as a key part of its product, service or process.
- It also supports climate change, health & wellbeing and biodiversity policy agendas.

- It's not tied to a legal structure and can be a social enterprise, a collective, a charity or a for-profit business.

Examples include: food or other community growing, beekeeping, nature-focused landscape architecture, eco-tourism, urban forestry, biomaterials, carbon off-setting, and vocational & skills training. Deadline for applications: **15 April 2022**, with application workshop: **28 April 2022**.

### 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.

### Grow Wild

#### **Community Grants**

Grow Wild is offering grants of £2,000 to five groups from across the UK who would like to transform an urban space through planting and taking positive actions for nature. It is looking for groups who will involve other people in their project and create transformations that will benefit their wider community. The grant can transform an urban space with UK native plants and can also be used to engage other people in your project through workshops, events and learning activities.

Application deadline: **4 April 2022**.

#### **Youth Projects**

During 2022, twenty grants of £500 will be awarded to young people aged 14-25 to run their own project, celebrating UK native plants and/or fungi. These projects can be anywhere in the UK, and applicants will need to nominate a supporting organisation to receive the grant on their behalf and help them deliver the project. Launching soon.

### 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 in 2022 are being accepted in March, June and September.

### **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 Hugh 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 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.

## International Tree Foundation – UK Community Tree Planting Programme

The ITF UK Community Tree Planting Programme provides grants to support tree planting by community groups. In the 2021/22 tree planting season, grants of up to £6,000 were 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.

## 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. Next application deadlines: **1 May** (for the summer meeting) and **1 September** (for the winter meeting).

## 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.** The scheme is ongoing throughout 2022 with four funding rounds, with application deadlines: **29 April, 17 June, 2 September, 11 November.**

## Local Energy Scotland – CARES

The Scottish Government's Community and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES) offers a range of financial support to local energy projects: enablement grants, development support and funding, and capital funding.

## 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** and **Woodland Creation Planning Fund:** Now closed for 2021/22.

## 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.

## Magic Little Grants

Grants of £500 can go towards any of the following projects:

- Improving mental wellbeing
- Enabling community participation in the arts
- Preventing or reducing the impact of poverty
- Supporting marginalised groups and promoting equality
- Improving biodiversity and green spaces
- Enabling participation in physical activity
- Responding to the climate emergency and promoting sustainability
- Increasing community access to outdoor space

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.

## 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 for good causes in Glasgow and surrounding areas (see map on website). Applications are considered from the following order of preference:

- A charity registered with OSCR (Office of Scottish Charity Regulator)
- Organisations providing care and assistance to groups of or concerned with disabled, elderly or terminally ill, and the socially deprived
- Organisations providing for the care, advancement and rehabilitation of youth
- Universities, Colleges of Further Education and Schools
- Organisations connected with the Arts – Music, Theatre and the visual arts
- Such organisations of which the Dean of Guild is an Honorary President or Vice-President or other honorary office-bearer, or on which the Merchants House is officially represented

Next application deadline: **15 July.**

### 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. The next meeting of the Trustees is due to take place in **September 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. 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.

### [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 in the financial year up to the end of 2022/23 it will prioritise heritage projects 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. In 2022 it is operating various funding programmes, including the Nature Restoration Fund, the Better Places Green Recovery Fund, the Scottish Marine Environmental Enhancement Fund, and the Future Routes Fund (below).

### **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.

## 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.

## 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. Applicants must be a not for profit, community group or organisation providing a service, based in and serving the people of the North Ayrshire local authority boundary area.

Local groups can apply for a grant up to £5,000 that will help to implement tree planting projects. Projects should also demonstrate how it aligns with the strategic outcomes of 'North Ayrshire's 2030 Woodland: A Tree Planting Strategy', and will

therefore also be assessed based on the project having the ability to have wider reaching and longer-term benefits, such as:

- Community Food Growing (fruit trees)
- Improved habitat creation, enhanced biodiversity and creation of new green corridors
- Benefits to local wildlife
- Woodland areas for health, wellbeing, recreation and physical activity opportunities
- Sustainable Flood Risk Management
- Regenerating and greening an area

Applications for the 2022/23 tree planting season close on **31 October 2022**.

### **North Highland Initiative Community Infrastructure Support Programme**

This programme provides grants of up to £1,000 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 2022 tourism season and beyond through the development of small-scale infrastructure projects. 'Infrastructure' can cover everything from new waste bins to community tree planting. 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

### **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 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. The fund will open for applications in **May 2022**.

#### **Community Paths Grants**

Small grants up to £1,500 to support communities to create, promote and maintain local community paths. The fund will open for applications in **May 2022**.

#### **Community 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 new £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.

Grant size: To be confirmed.

Application: The fund will launch in **summer 2022**.

More information: Read more about [Ian Findlay Path Fund](#)

### **[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](#)**

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 under the themes:

- Improving mental wellbeing
- Enabling community participation in the arts
- Preventing or reducing the impact of poverty
- Supporting marginalised groups and promoting equality
- Improving biodiversity and green spaces
- Enabling participation in physical activity
- Responding to the climate emergency
- Promoting sustainability Increasing community access to outdoor space.

Grants of £500 - £25,000 are available depending on the type of not-for-profit organisation. Remaining 2022 funding rounds open on: **1 April, 2 May, 1 June, 1 July, 1 August, 1 September, 3 October.**

### [Persimmon Community Champions](#)

The Persimmon Community Champions scheme 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 UK 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.

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. Last application deadline was 11 February 2022.

### Rewilding Innovation Fund

The idea behind the Rewilding Innovation Fund is 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 and you are 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're 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 current round of funding focusses on community engagement in rewilding, with priority given to projects which are:

- Following community ownership models
- Implementing community co-design
- Developing the health benefits of rewilding, such as social prescribing

Application deadline: **31 March 2022**.

There will be two more rounds of funding in 2022, as well as an annual Rewilding Innovation Award to provide a larger amount of funding to one successful project.

### 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.

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

### 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.

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.

### **Scottish Forestry Community Fund**

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 – Investing in Communities Fund 2023-26**

The Investing in Communities Fund (ICF) is a streamlined communities fund that is delivered as part of the Empowering Communities Programme. The fund reflects the Scottish Government's commitment to investing in communities so that they can develop the resources and resilience to decide their own aspirations, priorities and solutions in response. The fund supports our most disadvantaged or fragile communities to tackle poverty in all its forms on their own terms. Applications open in **April** with an approximate four week application period.

### **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:

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| 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.

### **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. 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.

#### **Tackling Ocean Plastics Fund:**

The Tackling Ocean Plastics Fund will be open for applications, as part of Sea-Changers' Main and Small Grant Funds, in 2022. This funding stream aims to address the increasing problem of plastics that are damaging the marine environment and the species that call it home.

### **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. **Applications are currently closed – check back in June 2022 for information about the next round of funding.**

### SSE Renewables

SSE manages 34 funds, which have supported over 3,883 community projects with grants of over £38.8m 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 **Autumn 2022** meeting is **30 June 2022**.

### 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 of awards between £1,000 and £5,000.

### Sustain – Food for the Planet

Grants of up to £5,000 are open to any local food partnership, local authority or community group in the UK. The grants aim to support communities to campaign and advocate to make food in their area better for people and the planet. Applicants are encouraged to propose their own ideas for great local action but should focus on areas that have a big impact locally. Application deadline: **15 April 2022**.

### 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. **The Love Your Network grant is currently closed for new applications and will reopen during June 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. Next application deadline: **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 The Conservation Volunteers (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 The Conservation Volunteers (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

Tesco Community Grants fund thousands of local community projects across the UK, helping to fight holiday hunger, tackle mental health, support young people, host community events and more. The grant scheme is open for applications and will provide grants of up to £1,500 with priority given to projects focused on supporting children and families or providing food and tackling food insecurity.

Tesco Community Grants is open to charities and community organisations to apply for a grant of up to £1,500 via an on-line application form. Every three months, three local good causes are selected to be in the blue token customer vote in Tesco stores throughout the UK. Tesco Community Grants is administered by [Groundwork](#) who are working with [greenspace scotland](#) to support applicants and successful projects in 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 in late November/early December, but this is not essential. Grants are of £300 - £1,500 (to be confirmed for 2022). Applications for the **2022/23** planting season will open in **June 2022**.

#### **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.

### 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.

Next application deadline: **31 August 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. Applications for November 2022 onwards delivery will open on **4 April 2022**.

### Woodward Charitable Trust

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

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

The new grant round will open in **May 2022** with a deadline of **29 July 2022**.

### [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.

**Currently closed to applications.**

### **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 (25 March 2022). 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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