



TCV Scotland Funding Update – Autumn 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%. Currently closed for new applications. It is anticipated that the next funding round will open in January 2023.

[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](#)

In 2022, Volunteering Matters Action Earth is offering grants to help local communities to respond to our nature and climate crises. Funded by NatureScot, these nature grants support volunteers of all ages, backgrounds and abilities in practical outdoor activities.

Any group of volunteers is able to apply for Volunteering Matters Action Earth nature grants of between £50 and £250 to run environmental activities in Scotland's green spaces. Activities should emphasise local nature enrichment and biodiversity improvements. This could include creating or improving community gardens, shared spaces, wildflower meadows, ponds, woodlands, and other wildlife habitats. Applications cannot be supported for activities which are primarily about food growing.

Projects must be completed by 31 January 2023.

Applications are prioritised from volunteer groups that do any of the following:

- Work in areas where there is substantial social or economic deprivation
- Improve and develop the health and wellbeing of their local community
- Involve disabled people, vulnerable people, or those at risk of exclusion
- Encourage and involve people under 26 in practical outdoor conservation

Applications are welcome that make major environmental impacts and/or involve mass participation.

[Agnes Hunter Trust SCIO](#)

The Agnes Hunter Trust SCIO was established in 1954 to support registered charities delivering health and social welfare projects in Scotland. In 2021 the Trust converted to become a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO). The Trust focuses on two key areas of funding support:

- Charities that help disabled people.
- Charities that assist with the education and training of disadvantaged people aged 16 years or over who have left school.

The Trust provides grants of roughly £3,000 - £15,000/yr. Whilst most of the grants awarded are between £5,000 - £10,000 the Trust reserves a degree of flexibility on these award values. Termed grant applications for grants covering two or three years are encouraged, as well as one year grants. There are two rounds of grants every year. The next round will open in January 2023, going to the Board in late May/early June 2023.

[Alec Dickson Trust](#)

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

Trustees meet four times a year to review applications. Applications received less than three weeks before a meeting will roll over to the next one. The next application window will open in February 2023.

[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. Applications for 2023 will open around mid-October with those received by 30 November being considered in early December.

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. The Fund is now closed - *'We hope to reopen applications later this year.'*

Asda Foundation

The Asda Foundation supports small, grass roots organisations in several ways throughout the year. Working with Asda's Community Champions in store, it works with a range of organisations and groups on a variety of local community projects. Below are the different ways it supports communities:

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 between £500 - £1,500. The current application window is **19 September – 11 November.**

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 between £500 - £1,500. The current application window is **19 September – 11 November.**

Cost of Living Grant

This grant is designed to support the increased running costs groups will face between September 2022 and February 2023, including rent increases and electricity cost rises. The application window will remain open until the budget cap has been reached.

Digital Green Token Giving

Every year, Asda customers have the chance to vote for their favourite local good cause via the Green Token Giving programme. Green Token Giving is not currently taking place in stores, but Asda launched a new digital version of this activity so you can still nominate and vote for your favourite cause online. Check the website for current nomination and voting periods.

[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.

[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: **9 November 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: **4-10 January 2023.**

[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 most recent application deadline was 5 October 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 to groups range from £100 up to £2,000, with the average grant in 2021 being approximately £725.

BBC Children in Need

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

Project Costs Funding Stream – opening in October 2022.

Core Costs Funding Stream – opening in October 2022.

Better Community Business Network Grant Initiative

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

Applications must:

- Address a community issue or support a local community initiative
- Provide benefits to the local community
- Must be able to demonstrate that the money will be used for project-specifics

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

Term 3: Application deadline **11th November 2022** for awards on 7 December 2022.

B&Q Foundation

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

To be considered for a B&Q Foundation grant:

- Your organisation must be a registered charity in the UK.
- The funds will help people in need (by reason of financial hardship, sickness, disability, other disadvantage or distress) in the UK or Ireland.

- The project is to provide, maintain, repair or improve housing or community space; or to support people experiencing bad housing or homelessness.

Typically grants awarded will be one-off grants, up to the value of £5,000. However, the B&Q Foundation will consider awarding higher value grants.

If your organisation meets the criteria of the grant, register your interest for the next round of funding. The B&Q Foundation will be in touch when there is next availability.

[Cairngorms National Park](#)

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

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

Cairngorms Community Led Vision Fund: A Cairngorms Trust fund to fund a range of activities with positive community, social or environmental impacts. Grants must be spent by 31 March 2023. It is anticipated all funding will be allocated by the end of October 2022.

[Carnegie Dunfermline Trust](#)

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

[Coalfields Regeneration Trust](#)

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

[Co-op Local Community Fund](#)

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

- brings people together to access food
- helps improve people's mental wellbeing
- creates opportunities for young people to be heard and make a difference
- helps people protect local biodiversity or tackle change by reducing carbon emissions

Many applications are from charities or local community groups, but as long as your organisation isn't run for private profit you can apply. Applications are currently closed and will open again in Spring 2023.

[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 24,000 grants to charities across Scotland. These range from the well-known to small individual community groups receiving a few hundred pounds for a local project. Check the website for details of previous grants awarded and for 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.

Applications are currently closed and will reopen in 2023.

[Cruden Foundation](#)

While the Foundation's Directors' discretion is wide, its constitution requires it to mainly support registered charitable projects in Scotland. There is a strong focus on **community welfare, medical support and research, the arts, education and conservation**. Most grants tend to be up to £5,000. The directors consider applications at their tri-annual Board meetings, normally in November, February and June.

[Cultivation Street](#)

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

Competition categories:

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

2022 applications now closed, but you can register for Cultivation Street 2023.

[D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust](#)

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

Trustees will consider applications for core costs or projects. The Trustees favour small-scale, locally based initiatives.

The Environment:

- 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 **16 November 2022**, with application deadline of **11 October 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, the Lothians, and Fife. 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 with the final two meeting in 2022 being on **25 November**. Funding applications 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 2021 it made grants of £51.6million towards work in support of its aims and its emergency response to COVID. It also has a £45million allocation to social investments. The Foundation's grants support organisations' core or project costs, including staff salaries and overheads. It also provides unrestricted funding for charities. It does not give grants for building or equipment costs, or individuals. The Foundation's current strategy has a focus on 3 interdependent aims:

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

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

Finnis Scott Foundation

The Trustees of the Finnis Scott Foundation can make grants for any charitable purpose, but their present policy is to focus grant-making in the areas of **horticulture and plant sciences**, as well as art history and the enhancement, conservation and preservation of art. In general, the Trustees only consider applications for grants up to £10,000 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.

Firstport

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

Pounds for Purpose

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

Start It

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

Build It

Up to £25,000 for individuals who have tried and tested an idea and want to turn it into their full-time job.
Next application deadline: **26 January 2023.**

Foundation Scotland

Foundation Scotland administers a **diverse range of funding programmes** benefitting communities across Scotland. Some of its funds are available on a **Scotland-wide basis**, and others are aimed at **specific themes** or geographical areas '**From Shetland to Stranraer**'. 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.

CalMac Community Fund

The CalMac Community Fund exists to benefit the lives of people living in our communities by supporting non-profit groups achieve their goals. This year, the CalMac Community Fund delivered in partnership with Foundation Scotland, will help people connect with services and each other, and especially helping those who are most in need. The Fund would like to support groups and projects working to tackle the following key themes:

- Reducing social isolation
- Improving health and wellbeing
- Addressing issues related to poverty, especially in relation to the cost-of-living crisis
- Local and community transport

Organisations can apply for an award between £500 and £2,000. Applications will close on **6 January 2023.**

Martin Currie Community Partnership Programme

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

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

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

Crown Estate Scotland Capacity Grants Programme

The purpose of the Community Capacity Grants Programme is to provide early-stage financial support for local projects that will help achieve the following objectives:

1. Create self-sustaining community enterprises that will promote sustainable development through the provision of local economic, social, and/or environmental benefits.
2. Contribute to the regeneration of places through improvements to buildings or community spaces that will support self-sustaining community enterprises delivering sustainable development.

The fund is open to all communities that are:

- Situated up to 5 miles from coastal and estuarine foreshore in Scotland; or
- Situated up to 5 miles from the Scottish Crown Estate's four rural estates (Glenlivet, Fochabers, Whitehills and Applegirth).

Currently closed to new applications.

GVC Fund

The fund aims to support projects that use sport and physical activity to raise awareness, tackle mental health stigmas, and support men with mental or physical health problems to become more active. The fund will support mixed-gendered projects however the priority is men's health. Grants up to £10,000. Next application deadline: **20 October 2022.**

PF Charitable Trust

The PF Charitable Trust's funding policy is to support work at community level and projects must meet one of the following priorities: Disability, Health, Children and Families, Youth work, Elderly.

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

David Doig Foundation

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

Whilst there is no fixed amount for applications, the programme will typically award grants between £1,500 - £3,000. Next application deadline: **28 November 2022.**

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

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

[Foyle Foundation](#)

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

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

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

Gannochy Trust

The Gannochy Trust's 2022 to 2027 Grant Strategy has recently been published and sets out the work it funds, and includes information on criteria, outcomes, and exclusions.

Who are funded

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

What is funded

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

For Perth and Kinross:

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

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

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

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

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

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

For the Rest of Scotland:

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

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

- Increased leadership or mentoring.
- Better employment options that can be tracked and measured.

- Accredited non-formal learning through voluntary activity in the community.
- Programmes that lead to improved mental health or wellbeing are particularly encouraged.

The Gannochy Trust Board meets four times annually. Autumn meeting: **21 October 2022.**

[Garfield Weston Foundation](#)

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

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

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

[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 final meeting for 2022: **18 November.**

Applications should be submitted no later than three weeks prior to the next meeting.

[Glasgow Climate Challenge](#)

Glasgow City Council and Crowdfunder have joined forces to host **#BackTheFuture LIVE: Glasgow Climate Challenge!** - supporting projects making a positive environmental impact on the city and its residents.

Open for entries until **24 October.**

[Glasgow Wellbeing Fund](#)

The Glasgow Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund provides small grants of up to £10,000 for projects that improve mental wellbeing in the city. Resourced by Scottish Government, it aims to support small to medium sized community groups, voluntary organisations and social enterprises to deliver adult mental wellbeing projects across the city's diverse communities. Application deadline: **5 December 2022.**

[Gordon and Ena Baxter Foundation](#)

The Gordon and Ena Baxter Foundation supports a wide range of causes across the North of Scotland. The Foundation was founded to "spread a little fertiliser" in local communities, and that means supporting good causes across a broad range of themes and activity. These include but are not limited to: **education and training; arts and heritage; health and community care; sports; conservation and the environment.** Awards vary from £100 up to £25,000. Awards over £1,000 require more investigation and are usually discussed at the board's applications meetings. Match funding has become a key priority when trustees are considering applications. It is advisable to wait until substantial funds are secured prior to making a formal

application. As a guide, this should be at least 50 per cent of project costs, but this is considered on an individual basis relative to total costs. Projects with a high degree of community support are particularly welcome.

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

[Gordon Fraser Charitable Trust](#)

The Gordon Fraser Charitable Trust makes donations totalling some £140,000 to about 100 charities each year. Recipients must be registered charities, but the trustees have complete discretion as to the type of charitable work supported. In recent years there has been some concentration on support for charities working with **children or young people**, and those active in the **environment** and the **arts**. There has also been a preference for applications from and for Scotland but not to the exclusion of applications from elsewhere. Applications are considered by the trustees each quarter in January, April, July, and October.

[Greenpeace Movement Support Fund](#)

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

[Grow Wild](#)

Every year, Grow Wild supports young people, communities, individuals and organisations through its grant programmes. It's 2022 **Community** and **Youth Project** grants are now closed to applications.

Seed kits

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

[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 - £70,000 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.

Highland Coastal Communities Fund

The Highland Coastal Communities Fund is designed to support economic regeneration and sustainable development around coastal areas in Highland. The fund is derived from revenue generated by Scottish Government Crown Estate marine assets. Each year, local authorities are allocated a proportion of the profits.

Highlands and Islands Environment Foundation

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

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

Projects should demonstrate clear, measurable environmental impact and those with opportunities for replicability, to amplify their impact, will be prioritised. Ideally, the proposed activities shall be sufficiently visible to leverage additional support from other funding sources. HIEF support is aimed at local non-profit organisations, associations, clubs or unions, social cooperative enterprises and/or other local bodies, including research centres, are strongly encouraged to apply for grants. In 2022 there were three grant periods: 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 registered charities which are active in sectors such as the arts and culture, medical and health, the environment and education, care and support of the young and elderly, people with disabilities and the under-privileged. So long as the object is charitable the Trustees will consider any application from a registered charity or community interest company. The Trustees' policy is to pay special regard to applications from Scotland, particularly from parts of Scotland where the local economy and/or circumstances make fund-raising for charitable purposes difficult. The Trustees are prepared to enter into commitments over a period of time by making grants in up to three successive years, often to assist in new initiatives which can maintain their own momentum once they have become established. Grants are frequently made by way of pledge where payment is conditional on the full funding and the commencement of the activities or project.

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

International Tree Foundation – UK Community Tree Planting Programme

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

- Conserve, restore and protect indigenous trees and woodlands, forests, habitats and associated biodiversity
- Support community engagement in tree planting to promote reforestation and to increase awareness of the importance of trees and forests to environmental and human well-being
- Encourage social cohesion and inclusion

Eligibility

- Your organisation must be community-based e.g. a school, community group or non-governmental organisation
- You must have a bank account in the name of the applicant organisation
- You must have signed permission from the owner or manager of the land indicating that the project meets all legal requirements

Essential criteria

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

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

Additional criteria

In this call for proposals the ITF is also interested in applications which meet one or more of the following **additional criteria**:

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

Funding available

There are two tiers of funding available:

- Small scale: A maximum of £1,000 is available for projects of up to 1 year in duration. This could be small community woodland, orchards, hedging projects, etc.
- Larger scale: Projects to range from 1000 – 10,000 trees, with a maximum price equivalent to £1.50/tree (inclusive of tree protection). Most suitable for community woodland or hedging projects.

Applications can be submitted anytime from July onwards, with a final deadline on **16 December 2022**. Applications will be assessed at the end of each calendar month until the end of the year.

Ironmongers' Company

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

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

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

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

Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust

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

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

Donations are considered three times each year in spring, summer and winter, and range from £1,000 to a normal maximum of £10,000. Smaller donations may be awarded between the meetings at the discretion of the Chairman and Administrator of the Trust. The deadlines for receipt of applications are:

10 January (for spring meeting), **1 May** (for summer meeting), **1 September** (for 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 final application deadline: **11 November**.

Linnean Society - Our Local Nature

The Our Local Nature grant scheme is designed to provide young people with an opportunity to take the lead on innovative projects that involve their local nature and natural spaces, to aid young people in realising their influence, to have their voices heard, and see their ideas come to life.

Adult applicants should develop their proposal alongside young people and the projects should seek to *empower local young to enact changes they want to see*, increasing access to natural spaces and improving understanding of the local biodiversity.

This grant is purposefully broad and welcomes novel ideas. Some examples of possible proposals could be: running a school festival about nature; painting community murals showcasing biodiversity in the area; building a community garden; creating a nature walk; hiring a speaker to come and talk about local foraging.

In the past two years grants have been between £150 - £1,000. The third round of the scheme is now open until **1 November 2022**.

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 2022/23**
The aim of this grant is to enhance the tree cover within the National Park to support delivery of National Park Partnership Plan priorities and improve and enhance the natural capital for the benefit of people and wildlife. The scheme is open to businesses, organisations, individuals and community or voluntary groups. The grant offers financial assistance (up to £3,000) to plant individual trees or small areas of woodland that might not usually be eligible for other funding. Closing date for applications: **30 November**.

LNER Customer and Community Investment Fund

The London North Eastern Railway (LNER) annual £500,000 Customer and Community Investment Fund (CCIF) supports charities, customers and the communities along its route. The core themes the fund supports are mental health, education and employability skills amongst marginalised groups, diversity and inclusion, and environmental sustainability. The fund is open to those located within 10-15 miles of the LNER routes in England and Scotland. Applications are welcome from registered charities, community groups and other types of not-for-profit organisations. Grants of between £1,000 and £75,000 are available. Previous application deadline: **31 July 2022**.

Magic Little Grants

Magic Little Grants are funded by players of People's Postcode Lottery. 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, 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

The grants committee meets in February, August and November.

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.

Misses Barrie Charitable Trust

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

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

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

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

Email: charlotte@raymondcarter.co.uk

Morrison's Foundation

The Morrison's 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 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

MyParkScotland helps people to discover and support their local parks. It provides an online crowdfunding platform for people to raise funds for, and donate to, park improvement projects.

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

Nancie Massey Charitable Trust

Grants are made to charitable bodies carrying out projects in the following areas: Medical research and Care, The Arts, Education and The Community. They primarily support organisations in Edinburgh. Grants are generally in the range of £2,000 - £3,000. Trustees meet in February, June and October each year. Applications should be submitted at least 10 days prior to any trustee meeting.

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

National Lottery Community Fund Scotland

NLCF runs a number of funding programmes in Scotland:

- **Awards for All:** grants of £300 - £10,000 - ongoing

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

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

National Lottery Heritage Fund

The National Lottery Heritage Fund 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 has operated various funding programmes: **Nature Restoration Fund**, **Better Places Green Recovery Fund**, **Scottish Marine Environmental Enhancement Fund**, **Peatland Action Fund**, **Community Marine Monitoring Equipment Fund** and **Future Routes Fund**. The website details the funds which are currently closed and those open to applications.

NHS Tayside Community Innovation Fund

NHS Tayside makes funds available for communities to enhance their environments, promote community spirit and inspire pride in neighbourhoods. Community-led groups are invited to apply for a share of the funds between £500 and £25,000 (maximum of £18,000 for two years and a maximum of £25,000 over three years) to establish projects or take action to tackle issues which affect the everyday lives of people living in our communities. The fund is looking for **NEW** and **INNOVATIVE** ways of helping communities. Applications can be made at any time from constituted voluntary and community groups.

Nineveh Charitable Trust

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

- The health, welfare, and education of the general public
- The study and appreciation of agriculture, silviculture, ecology, and land management

- The study and appreciation of land and estate management that encourages conservation of the countryside

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

North Ayrshire's 2030 Woodland Grant Fund

This Fund has been developed to help deliver North Ayrshire Council's Tree Planting Strategy, which aims to plant 108,000 trees across North Ayrshire by 2030. 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 £100,000. Funding is available for 50% of a total project cost, although 25% of the total project cost can be in-kind contributions. Ongoing with no application deadline dates.

Community Paths Grants

Small grants up to £1,500 to support communities to create, promote and maintain local community paths. Currently closed to applications.

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.

Grants of £10,000 - £100,000. Ongoing with no application deadline dates.

Paul Hamlyn Foundation

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

Pebble Trust

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 Islands 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. Currently closed to applications. It's 2023 plans will be posted in January 2023.

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 single or multi-year grants to a maximum value of £5,000 and £15,000 respectively. The average single award is £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.

The small grant programme is currently closed. The programme will reopen ahead of the next round in November 2022.

[Prince's Countryside Fund – Supporting Rural Communities](#)

The PCF is inviting applications for grants of up to £25,000 over two years, for projects that will create a long-term difference in rural communities across the UK. Applicants must be from properly constituted, not for profit organisations with an income of less than £500,000. It particularly welcomes applications from groups and organisations with projects in hamlets, villages and small market towns.

Autumn 2022 grants application window: **1 September – 11 October.**

Spring 2023 grant round opens in March 2023.

[Radio Forth Cash for Kid](#)

Radio Forth Cash for Kids is a grant-giving charity helping children from birth up to and including 18 years of age who are vulnerable, come from disadvantaged backgrounds or are living with an illness or disability. It also provides a lifeline to many other charities, organisations and community groups, funding much-needed services and life-changing equipment. All applicants must be within the Radio Forth broadcast area. The value of the grant is typically £1,000 to £3,000 but it will happily consider applications for larger amounts. Applications are submitted on an ongoing basis. The Local Executive Board meets three times a year after each grant deadline and will reply to successful and unsuccessful applications shortly thereafter. The final application deadline for 2022 was 31 August.

[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 final funding round application in 2022: **14 October 2022.**

Next funding round will open in Spring 2023.

[Robert McAlpine Foundation](#)

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

[Robertson Trust](#)

The Robertson Trust offers funding to constituted community groups and registered charities who are working to alleviate poverty and trauma in Scotland, and who have annual income of under £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.

Apply anytime – no set closing dates.

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

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.

Scotmid Community Connect

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

To help members make their decision the three Good Cause Groups attend Scotmid's Member Meeting (either AGM in April or OGM in September) and present their idea to members. The group with the most votes receives £15,000 and the two runner-ups are awarded £5,000. All Good Cause Groups who have a project or initiative that benefits Communities close to a Scotmid store are welcome to apply. Applications will reopen in **January 2023**.

Scottish Community Alliance – Community Learning Exchange 2022/23

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

Prior to the pandemic, the Learning Exchange operated solely on a face-to-face basis with groups travelling the length and breadth of the country to make visits to communities where there was something of interest to see and learn about. As the world moved online, so did the Learning Exchange. Virtual learning exchanges proved surprisingly effective and in many respects were considered to be more accessible, certainly cheaper to organise, and with a much reduced carbon footprint. For these reasons SCA is now offering a blended form of the Community Learning Exchange which can include either virtual or face to face visits.

Virtual

The Community Learning Exchange will cover up to 100% of the costs of the preparation and delivery time incurred by the host organisation. Virtual visits may be initiated by a community group approaching another, requesting that they 'host' a virtual visit. Alternatively, a community group with knowledge and experience to share, might choose to promote a virtual visit more widely. SCA is keen to explore new and innovative ways that communities use to tell their stories in order to inspire others. To this end, the Exchange will fund proposals for planning and delivery for up to 13 hours at £35 per hour.

Face to face

The Exchange will fund up to 100% of the costs of a visit by members of one community to another community project up to a limit of £750 to include travel, accommodation and subsistence.

Applications can be made at any time for visits up until March 2023. Funding is however limited, and once all the available funding has been committed, no further applications will be accepted.

Scottish Forestry Community Fund

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

The Scottish Government's Community and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES) supports communities to engage with, participate in and benefit from the energy transition to net zero emissions. CARES is managed by [Local Energy Scotland](#) and offers a range of financial support to local energy projects.

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. Investing in Communities Fund (ICF) Round 2 closed for applications at 2pm on Tuesday 28 June 2022.

Scottish Landfill Communities Fund

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

These objects can be summarised as:

Object A:	The reclamation, remediation, restoration or other operation on land to facilitate economic, social or environmental use.
Object B:	Community based recycling, re-use and waste prevention projects.
Object C:	To provide, maintain or improve a public park or other public amenity.

Object D:	The conservation or promotion of biological diversity through the provision, conservation, restoration or enhancement of a natural habitat or the maintenance or recovery of a species in its natural habitat.
Object E:	The maintenance, repair or restoration of a building, other structure or a site of archaeological interest which is a place of religious worship, or a site of historic or architectural or archaeological interest and is open to the public.
Object F:	The provision of financial, administration and other similar services to projects.

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

ScottishPower Foundation

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

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

In addition to addressing at least one of the Foundation's strategic aims, all of the following statements must apply to your organisation:

- You have an active board of at least three unrelated trustees
- You have been registered with one of the UK Charity Regulators for at least one full year. It doesn't accept applications from exempt charities
- You have at least one year of published accounts covering a 12-month operating period that show as received on the relevant charity regulator website
- Your income in the last set of published accounts was greater than £75,000 but does not exceed £10,000,000

Applications for the 2023 round of funding are now closed.

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 is part of Sea-Changers' Main and Small Grant Funds. 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 for the next round of funding can be submitted until **February 2023**.

SSE Renewables

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

- **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 Fund** supports 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 window for new applications for the spring 2023 meeting will close on **31 December 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.

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, and ecology advice**. Community groups also have the option to build their own application, if they need items or training not featured within a bundle. For example, your group could request a bike trailer, hi-vis vests or power tools.

The 2022/23 Love Your Network programme is open for applications until **6 February 2023**.

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. ArtRoots is open for new applications throughout the year.

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 much more. The grant scheme is open for online applications from charities and community organisations and will provide grants of up to £1,500 to local projects from across the whole of Scotland. Every three months, three local good causes are selected to be in the blue token customer vote in Tesco stores throughout the UK.

Applications are open to all local good causes, with priority currently to help projects that support food security, children and young people and local store nominated good causes.

Tesco Community Grants is administered by [Groundwork](#) who are working with [greenspace scotland](#) to support applicants and successful projects in Scotland.

[The Conservation Volunteers – Chestnut Fund](#)

The TCV Chestnut Fund makes small grants available to TCV [Community Network](#) members to encourage and enable community groups to carry out conservation activities. The grants are administered by TCV. The grants fall into two categories – ‘Start-up grants’ and ‘Support grants’.

Start-up grants are for groups who have no money when they are first set up and are available to groups in their first year of existence. The grant will enable them to begin practical work and can contribute to administrative expenses, e.g. publicity, hire of meeting rooms, telephone bills and insurance fees. The maximum grant will be £160.

Support grants are for groups who have no money for tools, equipment and training. This grant is available to all groups, regardless of how long they have been constituted. The maximum grant will be £350.

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

[The Conservation Volunteers - I Dig Trees](#)

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

[The Queen’s Green Canopy](#)

The Queen’s Green Canopy was created to mark Queen Elizabeth’s Platinum Jubilee during 2022. The initiative is supported by many organisations, including TCV, and provides opportunities for individuals, schools, community organisations and others, to plant trees as a living legacy for the Queen’s seventy years of service to the country. Trees are available to be planted throughout the planting season from October to March 2023.

[Thomson Charitable Trust](#)

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

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

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

[Transport Scotland – eBike Grant Fund](#)

Transport Scotland has committed a further £900,000 towards the eBike Grant Fund in 2022/23. Local authorities, public sector agencies, further and higher education institutions, active travel hubs and

community groups are invited to apply for funding to adopt ebikes, etrikes, ecargo bikes, cargo bikes and trailers, tandems, adapted cycles and trikes towards projects that will provide opportunities to trial ebikes. The Energy Saving Trust will be running an ongoing application process and an application can be submitted at any point up until **Friday 18 November 2022**.

The eBike Grant Fund is split into two separate streams:

Category A offers up to £25,000 towards projects that will provide opportunities to their communities to trial ebikes. Next Category A submission date: **18 November 2022**.

Category B offers up to £200,000 per application towards large-scale fleets of pool bikes or public bikeshare/hire schemes and promoting large scale uptake of ebikes. Category B submissions can be made at any point up until **18 November 2022**.

If all funds are allocated before the deadlines stated above, the fund will close to applications.

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 £200 - £2,000. Applications are open for the **2022/23** planting season.

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. Further details will be available by the end of October 2022.

Trees and Hedgerows for Wildlife & Biodiversity Fund

This fund places a special emphasis on wildlife and biodiversity. Grants can support schools, community groups and Tree Warden Networks to plant trees, hedges and orchards. Up to 15% of the amount awarded may go towards the cost of wider ecological enhancements, such as providing or enhancing nesting, feeding and roosting opportunities for birds, bees, bats and insects, and costs associated with pond creation.

UK Government – Community Ownership Fund

The £150 million Community Ownership Fund is a UK-wide scheme to help communities take ownership of assets at risk of closure. It will run until 2024/25. Voluntary and community organisations can bid for match funding. Funding may support the purchase and/or renovation costs of community assets. Proposals will need to prove the value of the asset to local people and that the asset can run sustainably for the long-term benefit of the community.

Up to £250,000 match funded capital will be available for all eligible types of assets. Potential applicants must first complete an Expression of Interest (EOI) form and have this approved before progressing to submit a full application to the Fund. The EOI form can be submitted at any time. The full application will be submitted during fixed windows each year. Key dates for the full application bidding windows in 2022/23 are as follows:

Round 2 bidding window 1 closes on **19 August 2022**. There will be two more bidding windows before March 2023. Dates to be announced in due course.

Wakeham Trust

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

Warburtons Community Grants

Warburtons Community Grants provides small grants up to £400 to support charitable organisations towards broader activities which improve **Health, Place or Skills** for families in their community.

Quarterly application deadlines in February, May, August and November.

Weir Charitable Trust

The Weir Charitable Trust *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: **28 February 2023**.

Wilco Helping Hands

Every Wilco DIY store has a budget to give a little helping hand to local groups and community projects. You could get Wilco gift cards, products or volunteers to help with whatever you're doing for your community - whether it's a raffle prize to help with fund raising or tins of paint and extra helpers to do up a community centre.

Applying:

Step 1: Fill in an application form – they can be found either at your local store or downloaded.

Step 2: Hand it in at the help desk in your local Wilco store.

Step 3: Wilco will be in touch to let you know how your application got on. Applications are reviewed at the end of each month. Please give us as much notice as possible prior to your event to avoid disappointment).

Wilco stores in Scotland: Ayr, Castle Douglas, Clydebank, Edinburgh, Falkirk, Hamilton, Greenock, Irvine, Livingston, Motherwell.

Woodland Trust

The Woodland Trust provides thousands of free tree packs for schools and community groups to plan their own planting schemes. It normally has two delivery periods in March and November. Applications are open

for March 2023 delivery and are expected to close in December 2022, or sooner depending on stock availability.

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

Grants are usually allocated following Trustees' meetings held in February/March and October/November each year. The next funding round will open in **November 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.

Zero Waste Scotland – Circular Economy Investment Fund

The Circular Economy Investment Fund is a funding opportunity for businesses and organisations in Scotland working in all business and social economy sectors. The Fund is looking for innovative projects that have the ability to deliver carbon savings, leverage investment and create jobs.

Proposals are invited from:

- Small to medium sized enterprises (less than 250 employees/turnover less than €50 million);
- Non-profit organisations (charities and social enterprises).

The Fund is interested in:

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

The Fund is focused on impacts in:

- Built environment
- Food systems
- Bioeconomy
- Energy infrastructure
- Heat and energy
- Waste

Zero Waste Scotland – Social Enterprise Net Zero Transition Fund

The Social Enterprise Net Zero Transition Fund (NZTF) is provided by Zero Waste Scotland in partnership with Social Investment Scotland. NZTF is designed to support social sector organisations (SSOs) and the wider third sector to make the transition to carbon net zero.

The fund will support projects that will reduce carbon footprint including activities that:

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

Please note this is not an exhaustive list. The fund provides loans from £10,000. A small grant may also be available for SSO's who have a particular circular economy focus or are proposing specific projects with a focus on re-use, repair and leasing/sharing models.

Further resources:

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

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

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

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

[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 (6 October 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

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