



TCV Scotland Funding Update – February 2023

Grants for community, environmental and volunteering projects

ABZ Propeller Fund

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

AEH Salvesen's 1985 Charitable Trust

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

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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 per year. Whilst most of the grants awarded are between £5,000 - £10,000 the Trust reserves a degree of flexibility on these award values. Termed grant applications for grants covering two or three years are encouraged, as well as one year grants. Charities with an income of more than £1million are not eligible. There are two rounds of grants every year.

First round application deadline: **23 February 2023.**

Second round application window: **22 June – 17 August 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. 2023 Trustee meetings: **19 April, 19 July, 18 October.**

Allander Youth Activities Charitable Trust

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

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

Alpkitt Foundation

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

The Foundation particularly like to support projects that:

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

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

Arnold Clark Community Fund

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

[Asda Foundation](#)

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

[Aviva Community Fund](#)

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

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

Projects must be raising funds to help:

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

Applications are open all year, with quarterly funding rounds.

[Awesome Foundation – Glasgow](#)

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

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

Next application deadline: **29 March 2023.**

[BA Better World Community Fund](#)

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

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

[Bank of Scotland Foundation](#)

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: **5-12 June 2023**.

Invest: For charities that can demonstrate they address disadvantage or social exclusion. To be eligible for this programme charities must have a minimum of **3 years accounts at OSCR and have an annual income of between £50,000 and £1million**. Charities can apply for funding between £10,000 and £50,000 **per year** for between 2 and 5 years. Application deadline: **6 March 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**. Next application deadline: **3 April 2023**.

Barchester's Charitable Foundation

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

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

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

BBC Children in Need

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

Project Costs Funding Stream: Project Costs support the aims and delivery of a specific piece of work. This work will usually be time-limited, and based on a defined set of activities. No application deadlines – apply at any time. *We aim to give quicker decisions for grants of £15,000 or less per year.*

Core Costs Funding Stream: Core Costs support essential organisational and administrative spending of charities and not-for-profit organisations. These are the key expenses required to keep your organisation running. No application deadlines – apply at any time. *We aim to give quicker decisions for grants of £15,000 or less per year.*

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.**

Consult the website for news of 2023 application dates.

British Ecological Society - Outreach Grants

These grants support projects that:

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

NB. Grants will not be awarded for purely nature conservation purposes or any activity that does not promote the science of ecology. Grants of up to £2,000 are available. Application deadline: **28 March 2023.** The second round of funding will be open from 5 July – 13 September 2023.

B&Q Foundation

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

To be considered for a B&Q Foundation grant:

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

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

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

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

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 and Support.**

Co-op Local Community Fund

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

- brings people together to access food
- helps improve people's mental wellbeing
- creates opportunities for young people to be heard and make a difference
- 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. *Since 1985 the Foundation has distributed almost £193million and made almost 24,000 grants to charities across Scotland.* These range from the well-known to small individual community groups receiving a few hundred pounds for a local project. 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 March 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:

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

You can register your interest in Cultivation Street 2023.

D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust

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

The Environment:

- 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

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 £3million), have a national footprint and do not receive a significant proportion of income from government or local authority contracts. There are no application deadlines and Trustees make decisions in February, June and October. Applicants are advised to apply for what they need, but as a guide average grants are between £25,000 - £35,000 per annum.

Edinburgh Airport Community Fund

The Edinburgh Airport Community Fund will consider applications from Edinburgh, Falkirk, the Lothians, and Fife. The fund was established to ensure local communities benefit from Edinburgh Airport activities. 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 triannual, occurring in Spring, Summer, and Autumn. The 2023 meeting dates are: 28th April, 25th August, 24th November. Funding applications will close two weeks in advance of each meeting date. Any applications received after the cut off points will be kept for the next meeting.

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 three main aims (below). 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 made 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 towards salaries and some essential costs for individuals who have tried and tested an idea and want to turn it into their full-time job. Next application deadline: **6 April 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 eg communities close to wind farms. The Foundation's website currently lists 100 separate funds '**From Shetland to Stranraer**', plus their application criteria and level of grants available. Examples include:

Baillie Gifford Community Awards

This fund aims to support local organisations working to address food insecurity and social isolation. Priority will go to projects benefitting the most vulnerable groups including children and families on low incomes, veterans, people with disabilities and long-term health conditions and those affected by homelessness. Grants available up to £5,000. 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.

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. Previous application deadline: 28 November 2022.

Martin Currie Community Partnership Programme

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

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

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

PF Charitable Trust

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

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. Currently closed to new applications.

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

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

[Foyle Foundation](#)

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

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

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

[Gannochy Trust](#)

The Gannochy Trust awards grants to registered charities for work in Perth and Kinross and across Scotland, that deliver the outcomes that the Trust hopes to achieve with its funding. Currently, a greater

proportion of its annual giving of around five million pounds is awarded to charities based or working in Perth and Kinross.

Grant levels:

- Small grants of up to £10,000 a year for a maximum of three years
- Main grants of up to £30,000 a year for a maximum of three years
- Major grants of over £30,000 a year for a maximum of three years

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. Further 2023 application deadlines: **19 May, 4 August, 20 October.**

Garfield Weston Foundation

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

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

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

Grant levels:

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

[Glasgow Airport FlightPath Fund](#)

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

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

2023 meeting dates for the FlightPath Fund committee: 24 March, 16 June, 1 September, 3 November, 8 December. Applications should be submitted no later than three weeks prior to the next meeting.

[Gordon and Ena Baxter Foundation](#)

The Gordon and Ena Baxter Foundation supports a wide range of causes across 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.

The Fund can cover things like:

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

Grow Wild

Grow Wild is the national outreach programme of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew.

Every year, Grow Wild supports young people, communities, individuals and organisations through its grant programmes.

Seed kits

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

HDH Wills Charitable Trust

This trust makes donations to general charities, which are small enough in size or are applying for support for a modest project such that the charity will benefit substantially from a donation of between £250 and £500. It also makes grants to charities, which focus on the conservation of wildlife and the environment which are typically between £1,000 to £2,000.

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.

Highlands and Islands Community Climate Action Fund

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

- Funding is available up to a maximum of £500 per project

- If you are working in collaboration with another community based organisation we can fund up to a maximum of £1,000 per project.
- Projects must be based in the Highlands or Northern Isles

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.

2023 application deadlines: **13 February, 15 May, 18 September.**

Historic Environment Scotland – Historic Environment Grants

Historic Environment Grants (HEG) is a new open programme to provide financial support for historic environment projects. Projects must be focused on an aspect of Scotland's historic environment, from the tangible (e.g. historic buildings, ancient monuments and archaeology, designed or cultural landscapes and historic gardens and battlefields) to the intangible (e.g. historic environment skills, stories and traditions).

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

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

The HEG programme has three funding tiers:

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

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](#)

Every year, ITF supports community groups to achieve their tree-planting ambitions. During the summer we issue a 'call for proposals', inviting you to send your ideas and proposals. This could be something small, such as community woodland or orchard. Or it could be a large-scale project like landscape restoration or rewilding. Currently closed for applications. Check back in the summer for updates.

[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.** Currently closed to applications.

[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:** Currently closed to applications.

[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. Currently closed to applications.

[Lush Charity Pot](#)

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

- Animal Protection
- Environment
- Human Rights (incl. social justice, peace & equality)

Charity Pot grants range from £100, up to a maximum of £10,000 per project/application. The average Charity Pot grant is between £2,000 - £4,000. It is unusual to award the maximum of £10,000, as this reduces the range of projects that can be supported.

What is funded?

Charity Pot grants provide targeted funding to small, grassroots groups. Not just because they are often best placed to make a real difference with limited resources; but also, because they often struggle to find funding. Almost all the groups funded by Charity Pot have an annual income of less than £250,000 (most are substantially less) and run entirely or predominantly by volunteers. Charity Pot grants prioritise projects that aim to create long-term change.

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. Currently closed to applications.

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

'We are currently reviewing our grants criteria and have temporarily closed our grants applications. Please revisit the website for updates from early February 2023.'

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.

Miller Homes Community Fund

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

The fund will focus on causes that:

- are linked to education
- promote wellbeing
- promote the environment
- encourage participation in sport

Misses Barrie Charitable Trust

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

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

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

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

Email: charlotte@raymondcarter.co.uk

Morrisons Foundation

The Morrisons Foundation 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
- **Cost-of-Living Support Scotland:** grants of £10,001 - £75,000 - ongoing

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

National Lottery Heritage Fund

The National Lottery Heritage Fund 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.

Naturesave Trust

The Naturesave Trust was set up in 1995, to fund environmental and conservation projects throughout the UK. The Trust obtains 100% of its funds from the premiums generated by Naturesave Insurance. The theme of this funding window will be, pollution and single use plastic. The Trust will be looking for community projects who are running initiatives to tackle this issue. Application deadline: **28 February 2023.**

[NatureScot](#)

NatureScot is the public agency responsible for Scotland's natural heritage. It operates various funding programmes.

Scottish Government Nature Restoration Fund

The Nature Restoration Fund (NRF) is a competitive fund launched in July 2021, which specifically encourages applicants with projects that restore wildlife and habitats on land and sea and address the twin crises of biodiversity loss and climate change.

The next application call for the £25,000 to £250,000 **Helping Nature** stream is expected to be in early 2023.

The next application call for the over £250,000 **Transforming Nature** stream is expected to be in mid 2023. Projects which complete a development phase can submit a Transforming Nature application as soon as it is ready and in advance of that date.

Other NatureScot funding programmes: **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

An initial £25,000 was allocated for the tree planting season between October 2022 and March 2023. The Grant Fund will open again for new applications in future tree planting seasons.

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 2023 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 public transport or other sustainable options such as community car clubs for longer journeys; walking and cycling for short journeys, and home working to replace daily commutes. The Open Fund is available to support public, third and community sector organisations. The fund aims to help cut Scotland's carbon emissions and improve our air quality. It will also help reverse the trend towards sedentary lifestyles and will tackle health inequalities.

Grants are available from £5,000 to £100,000. Funding is available for 50% of a total project cost, although 25% of the total project cost can be in-kind contributions. 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 Paths Active Travel Grants

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

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

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

Ian Findlay Path Fund

A 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
- Applicants attentive to equality, equity and fairness
- Small to medium size projects where Pebble Trust funding forms a major part of project costs
- Projects where our funding will make a real difference to making the project happen

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. It is funded by 12 local lotteries through the Health Lottery. Through its funding and support, it encourages resident-focused approaches as a means of addressing the underlying structural causes of health inequalities. The Trust funds projects addressing the circumstances that affect our life expectancy and quality of our health.

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:

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

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

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

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

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

- 10am on 3rd April for a minimum of 24hrs
- 10am on 3rd July for a minimum of 24hrs
- 10am on 2nd October for a minimum of 24hrs

Applications will only be accepted during the above time periods and must be **started and submitted** within the submission window.

Persimmon Community Champions

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

Perth & Kinross Council Community Environment Challenge Fund

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

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

The projects must be led and delivered by community groups, must make a significant difference to the local environment, and be widely supported within the community. In addition, there is a requirement for a long-term maintenance commitment for any projects undertaken through the Fund. To be considered for funding the project must be accessible to the public. Applications must be submitted by local or national constituted groups (including those acting on behalf of others) and must be developed by community or voluntary organisations.

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

Peter Vardy Foundation

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

Prince of Wales's Charitable Fund

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

PWCF is keen to fund projects/activities and organisations that are committed to embedding equality, diversity and inclusion principles or aim to support diverse communities.

Application deadline: **20 February 2023.**

Prince's Countryside Fund – Supporting Rural Communities

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

Spring 2023 grant round: **Opens on 7th March and closes on 11th April.**

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.

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.

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.

Application deadline: **2 March 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.

SCA is 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:

- school care clubs and play schemes
- 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

There are two separate application processes:

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

The level of funding will be on a sliding scale:

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

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 Government Nature Restoration Fund – see section on NatureScot

Scottish Landfill Communities Fund

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

These objects can be summarised as:

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

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

ScottishPower Foundation

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

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

Applications for the 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.

Coastal Fountain Fund 2023

The purpose of the fund is to reduce the impact of single-use plastic water bottles on coastal habitats by funding communities to purchase water drinking fountains and install them for use by the public in busy or environmentally important areas. Grants of up to £2,500 are available, per applicant, towards the cost of a fountain. Application deadline: **28 February 2023**.

[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 regions where SSE is operating and is directed to projects that can achieve significant impact in local communities.

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 is now closed.

St Andrews Community Trust

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

Local authorities, public sector agencies, further and higher education institutions, active travel hubs and community groups were invited to apply for funding to adopt ebikes, etrikes, ecargo bikes, cargo bikes and trailers, tandems, adapted cycles and trikes towards projects that will provide opportunities to trial ebikes. 2022/23 fund now closed. Please check the website in 2023/24 for an update on further funding.

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. Currently closed and will re-open in summer 2023.

Orchards for Schools

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

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. Currently closed and will re-open in summer 2023.

Tudor Trust

The Tudor Trust is an independent grant-making trust which supports voluntary and community groups working in any part of the UK. It is currently closed to new funding applications but will be publishing updated funding guidelines on 1st April 2023.

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.

Round 2 bidding window 2 closed on 14 December 2022. *'The dates of future bidding windows will 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. The closing date for applications is twice a year – the end of February and the end of August.

Wilco Helping Hands

Every Wilko DIY store has a budget to give a little helping hand to local groups and community projects. You could get Wilko gift cards, products or volunteers to help with whatever you're doing for your community - whether it's a raffle prize to help with fundraising 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 Wilko store.

Step 3: Wilko 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 November 2023 delivery and are expected to close in August 2023, or sooner depending on stock availability.

Woodroffe Benton Foundation

The Foundation's Small Grants Programme supports charities with grants of £500 - £2,500. The Trustees prefer to support smaller charities since modest donations are capable of providing potentially greater benefit in such cases.

Only applications which fall within the following strategic categories will be eligible for grants during this funding round.

- Education and Youth Development - Work with young people aged 16-25, including those with a physical and/or learning disability, in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland, to improve employability.
- Environment - Environmental projects in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

The Small Grants Programme will re-open between **1st and 31st March 2023**.

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 **May 2023**.

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

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 (7 February 2023). Information includes funds currently closed to new applications, but which may re-open at a later date. 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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