



Funding Focus

Grants for environmental, community and voluntary projects

This guide provides information on local, regional and national funding sources, large and small, for the environmental, community and voluntary sectors. **Please note that information is included on funds which may be closed to applications at the time of publishing (1 October 2024), but which may re-open at a later date, so please keep an eye on any websites relevant to your group or project's circumstances.** The information provided is not exhaustive and other funds may be available. If you know of a funding source that could be added to this list – please let us know!

[ABZ Propeller Fund](#)

Aberdeen International Airport is on the lookout for charities, community groups and organisations to benefit from the ABZ Propeller Fund. The Fund is open to groups, charities, and organisations with links to **education, sustainability, and economic regeneration**. The Fund makes donations to projects within close proximity to the airport, and in the areas most affected by the airport's operation, typically in the relevant parts of Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire. Applications are limited to a maximum of £5,000. The Fund committee meets four times a year with applications open throughout the year.

[AEH Salvesen's 1985 Charitable Trust](#)

The Trust supports a wide variety of charitable causes including education, health, arts, religion, environment, age, ill-health and disability. They tend to make a smaller number of larger grants each year. Apply at any time. Apply in writing via: Murray Beith Murray LLP, 3 Glenfinlas Street, Edinburgh, EH3 6AQ. Source: [Funding Scotland](#)

Aberbrothock Skea Trust

Grants are only given to organisations with charitable status carrying out their objectives within Angus, Dundee, Perth and Kinross, Aberdeenshire and Kincardineshire. The Trustees are particular keen to support:

- projects which improve the quality of life of the residents of Angus (and in particular Arbroath)
- organisations involved in community activities
- groups assisting the disadvantaged and those isolated by mainstream society
- groups assisting the elderly and the sick
- activities promoting good citizenship in the young
- projects promoting sport and artistic development

The trustees meet three times a year in March, August and December. An application form can be downloaded from [Thorntons Law](#)

Source: [Funding Scotland](#)

Agnes Hunter Trust SCIO

The Agnes Hunter Trust was established in 1954 to support registered charities delivering health and social welfare projects in Scotland. The Trust now focuses on supporting charities that help disabled people in Scotland. Grants can offer support for 1, 2 or 3 years. Whilst most grants are between £3,000 - £10,000 per year, the Trust reserves a degree of flexibility on these award values. It does not award grants less than £3,000. There are two rounds of grants every year:

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

Each round is open for approximately 2-3 weeks to allow applicants to submit their form.

Alec Dickson Trust

The Alec Dickson Trust supports young people who, through **volunteering** or **community service**, aim to enhance the lives of others, particularly those most marginalised by society. Applications for grants, of up to £500, are invited from individuals aged 30 and under, or from small groups of young people who believe their actions to be in pursuit of the aims of the Trust. Keep an eye on the Trust's website or social media for news of application windows being open.

Alexander Moncur Trust

The Alexander Moncur Trust is a grant making charity supporting, cultural, educational, health and social projects within Dundee and the surrounding area. As a rough geographic guide, almost all grants are awarded to registered charities or their projects that fall within an area stretching around Dundee, through north Fife, Perth and Angus. To achieve its aim, the Alexander Moncur Trust awards multiple grants, generally up to £5,000. In exceptional circumstances, the Alexander Moncur Trust will award grants significantly in excess of £5,000.

- The deadline for applications for the Spring meeting is 31st March.
- The deadline for applications for the Autumn meeting is 30th September.

Allander Youth Activities Charitable Trust

The Trust provides grants in support of activities which advance the education and training of young people by providing financial support, at a local level, to charitable voluntary organisations. Grant applications for 2025 opened on 1 October 2024 with consideration in early December.

Allied Vehicles Charitable Trust

Launched in January 2022, the Allied Vehicles Charitable Trust was set up to support charity and community organisations. A committee of staff have been considering charitable suggestions and allocated agreed donations. Allied Vehicles Group has agreed to allocate £20,000 each month to the Trust.

Alma and Leslie Wolfson Charitable Trust

Object: The prevention and relief of poverty. The advancement of education. The advancement of religion. The advancement of health. The advancement of civic responsibility or community development. The advancement of, arts, heritage, culture, or science. Source: [OSCR](#)

Alpkit Foundation

£50 to £500 cash to individuals, community groups, schools and organisations to encourage people to get outdoors and have great experiences that otherwise couldn't happen eg giving a cash grant to a school to fund transport costs. *We support grass-roots direct action projects that tackle issues such as diversity & inclusion in the outdoors, participation, education, conservation and protection of our natural environment and health & well-being.*

The Foundation particularly like to support projects that:

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

The Trustees meet every two months to consider applications. There's no limit to the number of times you can receive an award. 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

The Arnold Clark Community Fund helps registered UK charities and community groups close to our branches build stronger communities across the UK.

The Fund provides several funding opportunities including **Our Communities Support** which *is available to organisations who provide services which are widely accessible to those within our local communities and address the needs of the people living within them, supporting our local communities to a better future.*

Applications to Our Communities Support are only eligible in one of the following categories: animal welfare (benefiting humans), arts and culture, community development, disability,

education, recreation, relief support and mental health support – where people/communities in the UK are the primary and immediate focus of investment. Applications are also only eligible if they're made by an organisation that is based/operates solely in the UK and is located within 50 miles of an Arnold Clark branch.

Our aim is to support a wide range of charities and community groups through our different funding options. To help as many organisations as possible within our local communities, funding amounts or sports kit allocations will be decided by the Arnold Clark Community Fund. Funding will continue on a rolling monthly basis. However, we'd recommend you apply as early as you can once the fund is open, as applications could be paused due to high demand.

Artemis Charitable Foundation

The Foundation supports 'core' charities in the UK and internationally in the areas of **poverty, education and the environment**, and also makes donations to global disasters and emergencies when they occur. *Please note that applications will not open again in 2024. We would advise keeping an eye on our website for future updates.*

Asda Foundation

Each year, the Asda Foundation receives a donation from Asda Stores. We use this donation to provide grant funding to grassroots groups at the heart of communities throughout the UK. We work with In-store Asda Community Champions to award grants to the local groups that need them most.

The Foundation operates a number of grants including:

- **Empowering Local Communities Grant:** Funding of £400 - £2,000 to enable local community groups to support a broad range of activities helping to transform communities and improve lives. Application deadline: **08/11/2024**. The application window may close early if the total budget is reached.
- **Under 18 Better Starts Grant:** Funding of £400 – £2,000 to enable community groups to support a broad range of activities that benefit the lives of young people. Application deadline: **08/11/2024**. The application window may close early if the total budget is reached.
- **Investing in Spaces and Places Grant:** Funding of £10,000 - £25,000 to enable communities across the UK to have a safe space for people to be together. *Due to high demand, we have now closed applications for this grant. Please look out for further funding opportunities later this year.*

Aviva Community Fund

The Aviva Community Fund helps local causes build stronger communities across the UK. 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 and eligible causes can apply at any time. Once your application is approved, you'll create a page that explains the project, its aims and add your fundraising target. Aviva will match fund every individual donation you receive up to £250. 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.

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!* 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

Check the website for application deadlines.

Ayrshire Tree Planting Programme

The £1000 grant from the Galloway & Southern Ayrshire UNESCO Biosphere and Ayrshire Tree Planting Programme funds the planting of individual or small groups of trees.

Historically, Ayrshire was dominated by broadleaves woodland but, due to human activities, less than 1% of the land area in Ayrshire now supports native or semi-native woodland.

Planted coniferous woodlands, mostly of Sitka spruce, make up 84% of all the woodland in Ayrshire. We are also losing trees to disease and old age, and we want to encourage people to plant more trees. This will add landscape and biodiversity value to the South of Scotland countryside, for the benefit of people, communities and wildlife.

This project is funded by South Ayrshire Council, Scottish Forestry, the Woodland Trust and Land Energy and is administered by the Galloway & Southern Ayrshire UNESCO Biosphere.

Funding is available to individuals and organisations to plant trees on less than 0.25 hectares (0.6 acres). Projects are encouraged that are designed to be complementary to other natural heritage projects that may have conservation or amenity aims. Land located within South and East Ayrshire and the GSA UNESCO Biosphere is eligible.

Grants are available to:

- **Landowners, farmers and individuals:** A grant of up to 100% of material costs (i.e. trees, shelters, guards, stakes, fencing, mulch mats, etc.). Maximum award value: £1,000 (excluding VAT if recoverable).
- **Not-for-profit making organisations such as schools and community groups:** A grant of up to 100% of materials costs, labour and site preparation. Maximum award value: £1,000 (excluding VAT if recoverable).

The application deadline is 15 March 2025.

BA Better World Community Fund

At British Airways we're committed to playing our part in creating a better, more sustainable and inclusive future for all. Our Community Fund supports organisations and projects that align with all the elements of British Airways Better world including community engagement, diversity, wellbeing, waste reduction, tackling climate change, and promoting nature and biodiversity. We want to empower communities to become more sustainable and therefore will also support projects with innovative ideas that improve social mobility, provide opportunities for education and employability in disadvantaged communities.

Once we have approved your application, you will have 6 weeks to plan, create and launch a crowdfunding campaign. Once you've launched your campaign, we will match every individual donation you receive up to £250 per donation (eligibility criteria applies). The maximum value of extra funding your project could receive from the BA Better World Community fund is £10,000. All projects must have received donations from at least 25 different individual supporters to qualify.

Bank of Scotland Foundation

*Through our new five-year strategy – Building a Brighter Future for Scotland – the needs and aspirations of vulnerable people will drive our work as we aim to fund, support and champion the small and local charities that work to improve their quality of life. Vulnerable people are more susceptible to experiencing harm, discrimination, or disadvantage and **the focus of our grants programmes is supporting charities who help vulnerable groups**. Vulnerable groups include for example people with poor English language skills, people experiencing homelessness or unemployment, people with poor mental health or people experiencing poverty. **To be eligible to apply for a grant your charity must support vulnerable groups**. All of our grants programmes are **multi-year**, offering stability and security during these challenging times.*

Grant programmes for 2024 are now closed to applications. **2025 grant programmes will be announced in late November 2024.**

Banks Community Fund

We established the Banks Community Fund in 1997, but have been supporting communities since we started operations back in 1976. Since then we are proud to have supported hundreds of charitable and environmental causes by working in partnership with communities close to our developments to deliver long lasting positive change that makes a real difference to people's lives.

Our funds are reviewed by a funding panel, including representatives of the local community and administered by the County Durham Community Foundation. This is fundamental to an approach we adopt throughout our business called development with care. Please look at the map on the website to see whether your project is nearby to one of our property sites. Applicants should contact one of the Banks Community Team to assess eligibility for your grant.

Barcapel Foundation

The Barcapel Foundation provides financial assistance mainly to organisations that have **Registered Charitable Status** and are recognised as such by the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR), but may on occasion make awards to non-registered organisations and individuals who have charitable aims. The Foundation awards grants predominantly, but not exclusively, to charities operating in **Scotland**. The three priority areas of interest for funding are **health, heritage and youth**. It is highly unusual that a single donation will exceed £100,000. The Barcapel Foundation Trustees meet twice a year, around May and November. Check the website for next application deadline.

Barchester's Charitable Foundation

Barchester's Charitable Foundation is a registered charity that helps older people and adults with a disability across England, Scotland, Wales and Jersey. Its focus is about connecting or re-connecting people with others in their local community. *We support applications from community health professionals, community groups and registered charities that combat **isolation and loneliness** and enable **older people and adults with disabilities** to be **active and engaged**.*

The Foundation 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 £2,500.

BBC Children in Need

BBC Children in Need funds not-for-profit organisations that work with disadvantaged children and young people aged 18 years and under. Current funding programmes include:

- **Project Costs Funding Stream:** Project Costs support the aims and delivery of a specific piece of work. This work will usually be time-limited, and based on a defined set of activities. The Project Costs Funding Stream is for charities and not-for-profit organisations. Applicants to this programme can apply for grants for up to three years. *We do not make grants of over £120,000 (or £40,000 per year), and most grants we make are for much less than this. We aim to give quicker decisions for grants of £15,000 or less per year. No application deadlines – apply at any time.*
- **Core Costs Funding Stream:** Core Costs support essential organisational and administrative spending of charities and not-for-profit organisations. These are the key expenses required to keep your organisation running. Applicants to this programme can apply for grants for up to three years. *We do not make grants of over £120,000 (or £40,000 per year), and most grants we make are for much less than this. We aim to give quicker decisions for grants of £15,000 or less per year. No application deadlines – apply at any time.*

- **Pudsey Next Steps Funding Stream:** In Scotland, the Pudsey Next Steps programme welcomes applications from organisations that work with children and young people affected by challenges and barriers connected to discrimination, for example, racially minoritised children and young people.

Organisations (with an income less than £100,000) can apply for

- Grants from £1,000 – £15,000 per year for up to three years
- Core (organisational running costs) or Project funding

The deadline for Expressions of Interest for the first round of Pudsey Next Steps funding is **11:59am on Wednesday 16th October 2024.**

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.

The Grant Initiative aims to improve the quality of life and expectations of people and their communities, especially those who come from disadvantaged or socially deprived backgrounds. The grants are awarded to UK charities working in fields such as education, citizenship, disability support, poverty alleviation and community development.

Applications are closed for 2024. Check the website for future application dates.

Blair Foundation

The Foundation was established to create environmental conditions in which wildlife can prosper, as well as improving disability access to such areas. There are no deadlines and applications can be submitted at any time.

Onslow House Onslow Street, Guildford, Surrey, GU1 4TL.

luke.west@smith.williamson.co.uk 01483407100. Source: [Funding Scotland](#)

Borders Tree Grant Scheme

The Borders Tree Grant Scheme funds the planting of individual, or small clumps of trees, which add landscape and biodiversity value to the Scottish Borders countryside – for the benefit of people, communities and wildlife. We are losing trees to disease and old age, and the Scheme wants to encourage people to plant more trees. Applications are invited from residents in the Scottish Borders local authority only. This project is supported by Scottish Forestry, Woodland trust Scotland, Scottish Borders Council and private contributions, and is administered by the Tweed Forum and Borders Forest Trust.

The project is open to any organisations or individuals that can suggest a planting project less than 0.25ha in size, that will enhance the landscape and biodiversity of the Scottish Borders and make a contribution to improved public amenity. It is designed to be

complementary to other natural heritage projects that may have conservation or amenity aims. Please note that hedges are not eligible.

What types of projects are eligible?

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

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

How much can I apply for?

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

- Up to 100% of material costs (ie for trees and appropriate shelters, guards, 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.

British Ecological Society - Outreach and Engagement Grants

This grant will support BES members to deliver independent outreach, public engagement and science communication activities that engage public audiences with the excitement, importance and relevance of ecological science or enhance the experience and skills of others to communicate ecology with public audiences. Grants of up to £2,000 are available. Applications are closed for 2024. Check the website for future application dates.

B&Q Foundation

The B&Q Foundation provides grants for a wide range of charities who are looking to improve or develop spaces that benefit their local communities. Grants generally support with funding of up to £10,000 for building or indoor projects and £5,000 for garden projects. Remaining 2024 funding round application window: **28 October - 15 November**.

Cairngorms National Park

Funding opportunities may be available to help initiatives or projects which support the Park's 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 to or around the National Park, up to £200.
- **Cairngorms Trust:** The Trust provides grants and support for a wide range of community-led projects across the Cairngorms which help safeguard our

environment for future generations – investing in initiatives which inspire and support economic development, social enterprise and community projects.

Caithness & North Sutherland Fund

The Caithness & North Sutherland Fund was established by the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority and Dounreay Site Restoration Ltd to distribute funding to community organisations for projects that will increase the attractiveness of Caithness and North Sutherland as a place to live, work and invest, with particular emphasis on achieving environment, social, culture and infrastructure improvements.

You can apply for between £1,000 to £30,000 (requests for higher amounts may be considered in exceptional circumstances). Applications can be made by voluntary or community organisations, school parent council or community councils. Applications are considered on a quarterly basis.

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’, as determined by the Trustees. Applicants must be based in or intending to use the funds for the benefit of this area. This can include sports clubs and schools, voluntary sector organisations, clubs and societies and environmental and community development. The Trust looks for proposals that are innovative and far reaching together with those that particularly impact on young people. It is also interested in active partnerships where organisations decide to work together and adopt a joint approach. Start-up funding is offered on a one-off basis. Trustees meet every two months and applications can be submitted at any time.

Cash for Kids

Cash for Kids is a grant-giving charity helping the children that need it most across the UK. Cash for Kids are the official charity of Bauer Media who run market leading radio stations and magazines.

General Grants

Our grant rounds support 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. We also provide a lifeline to many other charities, organisations and community groups, funding much-needed services and life-changing equipment. The value of a grant is typically from £1,000 to £3,000 but we will happily consider applications for larger amounts.

Cash for Kids operates in 22 locations across the UK. Please select your region on the [location map](#) to be taken to the page for your area, where you'll be able to find grant and fundraising information, and contact details for the local Cash for Kids team.

CEMVO Ethnic Minority Development Fund

The Ethnic Minority Development Fund (EMDF) is available to any ethnic minority-led third sector organisations in Scotland. By ‘ethnic minority-led’ your organisation/group must have

at least 60% representation of people from an ethnic minority background on your board, including in decision-making roles. The EMDF has been developed in partnership between CEMVO Scotland and The National Lottery Community Fund.

Organisations interested in applying to the EMDF will be required to submit an application that **must** do at least one of the following: –

- Bring ethnic minority people together and build strong relationships across communities
- Help more ethnic minority people to be the best they can be, by supporting them as soon as possible
- Improve places and spaces that matter to ethnic minority communities

Your project also has to involve your community

We believe that people understand what's needed in their communities better than anyone. So, it's important to us that you involve your community in the design, development and delivery of the activities you're planning.

Organisations can apply for up to a minimum of £500 up to a maximum of £15,000 for their project idea.

Clackmannanshire & Stirling Environment Trust

The Trust manages landfill community fund credits raised through the landfilling of municipal waste from both Stirling and Clackmannanshire Councils and in the past successful projects have included improvements to play areas, community halls, historic and religious buildings and local woodlands. Projects aimed at conserving or improving native biodiversity have also received support. For more information, application pack or advice, contact the Trust at morrisona@stirling.gov.uk

Coalfields Regeneration Trust

*We have a variety of programmes and funding opportunities in England, Scotland and Wales focused on improving our five key priorities; **Community, Health, Skills, Jobs and Climate.** Our programmes and funding are delivered in our eligible coalfield areas.*

Coastal Communities Network – Community Support Fund

The Community Support Fund is a dedicated small grant fund operated by Fauna & Flora to support member groups of the Coastal Communities Network, and other relevant community based organisations in Scotland. The grant fund has been established to enable groups to meet specific locally-determined goals and outcomes, with the overall aim of progressing local biodiversity conservation and/or development of local groups with a biodiversity focus. Grants can be sought by Network members for discrete projects, to build the capacity or governance of a group, or to support learning and development. The Community Support Fund offers grants with no lower limit and with an anticipated range of up to £5000. The fund has a maximum overall cap of £25,000 per year and applications will be closed when the available funds are exhausted.

Conundrum Charitable Trust

Conundrum Charitable Trust was established in 2019. It has wide, grant-giving charitable purposes. The Trustees favour causes in Scotland.

Applications are invited from:

- Community Interest Companies with an asset lock
- Constituted voluntary organisations with no charity number
- Constituted sports clubs
- Community benefit societies
- Organisations with tax exempt status but no registered charity number
- Registered charities, CIOs and SCIOs

The Trustees do not ordinarily support organisational core costs or general overheads and favour standalone projects where their funding has a significant impact on overall costs. The Trustees will not support charitable bodies that receive income in excess of £250,000 per annum. The Trustees may make awards of up to £5,000 per annum per applicant.

Co-op Local Community Fund

The Co-op Community Fund supports projects across the UK that our members care about. We work together in partnership with thousands of local causes every year to help them raise as much money as possible. Since 2016, the Co-op has shared more than £108million with nearly 40,000 unique community projects across the UK. The Local Community Fund is now closed and is no longer seeking applications for 2024.

Corra Foundation

Corra is a Scottish grant-making charity that is about strengthening and amplifying people's voices and their power to make change. Check the website for details of funds currently open.

Craignish Trust

The trust focuses on environmental and human rights issues as well as the particular special interests of the Trustees. Previous awards have included grants to organisations working in conservation, refugees, youth, and music. The fund has a Scottish bias but is not exclusive to Scotland. Only charities can apply. There are no deadlines, applications can be submitted at any time.

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Source: [Funding Scotland](#)

Crown Estate Community Capacity Grants

This programme provides early stage financial support for community enterprise projects that contribute to local regeneration and sustainable development, and, ultimately, help create great places to live, work and visit. The fund is open to all communities up to five miles from Scotland's coastline or within five miles of the Crown Estate's rural estates.

We are looking for local projects with demonstrable community support that will: create self-sustaining community enterprises that will promote sustainable development through the provision of local economic, social, and/or environmental benefits

contribute to the regeneration of places through improvements to buildings or community spaces that will support self-sustaining community enterprises.

Over the last four years, more than £950,000 of funding has been made available. Applications are managed by Foundation Scotland and further information and details of how to apply can be found on the [Foundation Scotland website](#).

The previous funding round Expressions of Interest closed on 23 September 2024.

Cruach Trust

The Cruach Trust is a small Scottish charity which likes to make a difference with its donations. The Trust provides financial support for the natural environment including gardens, and for community and music-related organisations throughout the United Kingdom. The trustees have discretion to make donations in the UK and abroad, although the vast majority are to Scottish organisations, with all types of charitable objects. Applications are open to registered or recognised charities, societies, trusts or other bodies. The Trust will only consider applications from Scottish organisations with an income of less than £100,000. 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 gardens, wildlife and the natural environment.
- Grants for organisations working with children, young carers, the elderly, vulnerable and homeless.
- Grants for music, the arts and cultural charities.

The trustees meet annually in September to consider applications and make awards.

Cruden Foundation

While the Foundation's Directors discretion is wide, our constitution requires us to mainly support charitable projects and activities in Scotland or those which benefit people who live here. There is a strong focus on community welfare, medical support and research, the arts, education and conservation. The Foundation supports a range of sizes of charity, but tends to focus on smaller charities with lower reserves. We do not have set limits (minimum or maximum) on how much can be requested, but historically we have tended to gift lower value amounts to a wider range of charities.

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

Cultivation Street

Cultivation Street is an annual 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 for 2024 included:

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

Delamere Dairy Foundation

Though financially supported by Delamere Dairy Ltd and affiliated by name, the Delamere Dairy Foundation, established in October 2020, is a self-governing, independent registered charity with a clear purpose of giving back to local and wider communities through the provision of discretionary grants and other financial assistance. Grants will be awarded for projects within communities throughout Great Britain. Grants are available from £1,000 to £5,000.

Grant applications are welcome from groups or organisations that are “not for profit”; such as charities, community groups and social enterprises, that can demonstrate a clear community benefit in their constitution or governing document. The purpose of the grant application must fit with the objects of the Delamere Dairy Foundation and be for the benefit of the public, namely:

- The advancement of agriculture and of environmental protection
The advancement in life of young people by developing their capabilities so that they may mature as contributory members of society
The relief of financial hardship
The advancement of education
The relief of sickness

Once, received, your application will be processed for our next panel. These are held twice a year, typically in autumn time and again in the spring. The next application window reopens on **1 January 2025**.

D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust

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

The Environment:

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

- Rural crafts and skills in heritage conservation, with emphasis on increasingly rare skills that would otherwise be lost.

The next grant making meeting will be on 11 March 2025 and the final closing date for the submission of online applications for this meeting is **4 February 2025**.

Dulverton Trust

The Dulverton Trust is an independent grant-making charity. We support UK charities with a national reach tackling a range of social issues, protecting the natural world and preserving heritage crafts.

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

Dumfries & Galloway Tree Planting Grant Scheme

Trees are a vital part of the Dumfries and Galloway landscape but are being lost in great numbers due to age and disease. The Dumfries & Galloway Tree Planting Grant Scheme covers the whole of the Dumfries and Galloway area and seeks to grow the numbers of woodland trees with small areas of planting to benefit the Dumfries and Galloway landscape whilst promoting the guardianship of woodland environments in local communities.

The scheme is funded by Scottish Forestry, Woodland Trust Scotland, Dumfries & Galloway Council, the Scottish Government's Nature Restoration Fund and private donations. In Dumfries & Galloway, the Scheme is administered by Dumfries & Galloway Woodlands, with grants available across the entirety of the region.

This grant is for small tree and woodland planting projects which fall below the size eligible for the [Forestry Grant Scheme](#). The maximum grant available is £1,000 per applicant per year. Applications will be assessed on a first-come-first-served basis.

What support can I apply for?

The grant scheme has different criteria for different projects:

- **Landowners, farmers and individuals:** A grant of up to 100% of material costs (i.e. trees, shelters, guards, stakes, fencing, mulch mats etc). Maximum award value: £1,000 (excluding recoverable VAT).
- **Non-profit making organisations such as schools and community groups:** A grant of up to 100% of labour and materials costs. Maximum award value: £1,000 (including VAT if not recoverable).

What planting projects are eligible?

The grant scheme is open to any organisations or individuals who can bring forward a planting project of less than 0.25ha that will enhance the landscape and biodiversity of the Dumfries & Galloway region and contribute to improved public amenity.

Dunlossit and Islay Community Trust

Dunlossit and Islay Community Trust provides charitable support and expertise. Our focus is to engage with groups and individuals within our local community, Islay, wider Scotland and occasionally abroad.

Supported activity includes:

- Supporting the development of community resilience
- Improving the health & wellbeing of older people
- Improving the health & wellbeing of people with disabilities
- Improving the health & wellbeing of younger people
- Promoting the development of good citizenship within communities
- Advancing the education of individuals and communities
- Supporting artistic, literary, social & cultural activities
- Preserving the heritage of communities
- Caring for and preserving the natural environment
- Other charitable interventions at the discretion of the Trustees

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. £300,000 is available during 2024. The Fund provides financial support to community groups and charities committed to improving opportunities, facilities and services available to local people.

Objectives of the Fund:

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

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

- The mitigation against and reduction of the effects of a changing climate.
- The reduction of local negative environmental impacts.
- Supporting local biodiversity, rewilding, and/or restoration of the natural world.
- The enhancement of local business, community groups and long-term sustainable partnerships in the airport's surrounding area.

- Improving healthy working lives and increase upskilling and employment opportunities for socially and economically deprived and disadvantaged persons.
- Improving care, opportunity, provide shelter and enable rehabilitation of vulnerable groups in the community.
- Providing urgent, targeted, local support during the cost-of-living crisis.

The fund aims to support not-for-profit organisations on projects that will leave a lasting, tangible impact. Special consideration will be given to projects that may become self-sufficient as a result of the support.

There is a cap on funding applications of £7,000. Community Fund meetings are triannual, occurring in Spring, Summer, and Autumn. Funding applications close two weeks in advance of each meeting date. For the November 2024 meeting, applications close on **14 November.**

Emerton-Christie Charity

The Emerton-Christie Charity is a grant-making trust donating to other UK-registered charities. While the trustees may select beneficiaries at their discretion, they tend to focus on the following:

- Education/training
- The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives
- Disability
- Arts/culture/heritage science
- Environment/conservation/heritage

The trustees meet annually generally in the Autumn, so you should lodge your appeal ideally by the end of August.

Ernest Kleinwort Charitable Trust

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

Small grants: up to £10,000

Applications accepted throughout the year.

Medium grants: £10,001 - £20,000

Annual application windows:

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

Large Grants: over £20,001

Annual application windows:

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

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

Esmée Fairbairn Foundation

In 2023, the Foundation awarded £58.4million towards a wide range of work in support of its three main aims: to improve **Our Natural World**, secure **A Fairer Future** and nurture **Creative, Confident Communities**. 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.

Most of the Foundation's grants are for three years or longer. The Foundation does not consider 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 2023, the median grant size was £180,000 over 3 years, and three grants were made of over £1million. There are no deadlines – it assesses expressions of interest, and makes funding decisions, on a rolling basis.

Faith in Community Scotland – Greener Spaces, Fairer Places

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

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

Fife Health Charity's Community Grants

Fife Health Charity's Community Grants programme has been developed to help us in our aim to improve the health and wellbeing of people across Fife. Over the next five years we plan to make funding available annually to enable charities working in communities across Fife to help improve people's mental wellbeing. In the first year of this programme we are specifically looking to fund work that supports children and young people.

The 2024 Community Grants programme is open to organisations that are:

- charities registered with OSCR the Scottish Charity Regulator;
- working with young people (ages 0-25) and/or families with children in this age range;
- delivering work and operating in Fife; and

- able to provide a bank statement in their organisation's name.

Charities can apply for grants up to £5,000

- *We encourage, where possible, that you include a 10% overhead cost within the application, up to the grant amount limit.*
- *We will fund projects in full up to the maximum grant amount. Where you are seeking match funding, we will only provide funding where all other funding has been secured and our criteria are met.*

All applications must be submitted by **4 November 2024**.

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 (gardening) and plant sciences**, and **fine art and art history**. In general, the Trustees only consider applications for grants up to £10,000, but because of high demand most grants are of £5,000 or less. Exceptionally, when funds permit, grants of as much as £60,000 are made, payable over several years.

The Trustees are keen to support horticultural training through bursaries and apprenticeships. Applications should be made by the sponsoring institution: individuals may not apply. Grants are not offered for covering usual salary commitments, nor for expenditure already incurred. The Foundation is unlikely to fund newly established organisations which do not yet have a track record, or have not yet produced accounts. The Trustees meet quarterly, usually in January, April, July and October. Application should be made 4 weeks in advance of Trustee meetings. Check the website for application deadlines.

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, including climate change, poverty, inequalities, and conservation. The funding 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. Pounds for Purpose is an open, rolling programme so you can apply at any point.

Start It

This funding programme helps budding social entrepreneurs in Scotland to get their businesses up and running. Up to £5,000 is available for individuals looking to start a social enterprise that addresses a social or environmental issue. Funding comes from the Scottish Government's Social Entrepreneurs Fund. Start It is an open, rolling programme so you can apply at any point

Build It

Build It aims to help early-stage social enterprises working towards becoming financially sustainable. It offers up to £40,000 in grant funding for salary costs so that the new jobs

help the enterprise increase its income, become financially sustainable and continue to deliver social impact without relying on grant funding. Check the website for next application deadline.

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.

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, we have outlined some of the key issues we expect 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 all regions and countries of the UK. The Foundation completes its grant giving programme in 2025.

Main Grants Scheme: supporting charities whose core work covers **Arts** and **Learning**. The majority of **revenue grants** are in the range of £10,000 - £30,000, with a maximum request of £50,000. **Capital grants** are usually in the range of £25,000 - £50,000, and all requests must be under £75,000. The Scheme remains open for applications from charities up until **31 JANUARY 2025** and applications can be submitted at any time up until this date.

Small Grants Scheme: designed to support registered charities, especially those working at grass roots and local community level, in any field, across a wide range of activities. 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. Priority is given to support local charities still active in their communities which are currently delivering services to the young, vulnerable, elderly, disadvantaged or the general community. Charities can apply for between £2,000 and £10,000. The Scheme remains open for applications up until **31 JANUARY 2025** and applications can be submitted at any time up until this date.

Future Woodlands Scotland – Urban Forestry Challenge Fund

In July 2024, Future Woodlands Scotland launched the Urban Forestry Programme, a 10-year initiative to address the need for more trees and green spaces in Scotland's urban areas. The programme prioritises areas in Scotland with the fewest trees, guided by the Tree Equity tool, which aims to balance urban tree distribution. As the Programme's founding partner, bp has committed up to £10 million, as part of its planned Scottish offshore windfarm project, Morven.

The Urban Forestry Challenge Fund offers multiple rounds of funding to support the

3-30-300 rule:

- 3: Everyone can see at least three trees from where they live and work.
- 30: Every neighbourhood has at least 30% tree canopy cover.
- 300: Everyone is within 300m of good public greenspace.

Applications are welcome from any not-for-profit registered or constituted body. This includes community groups, state funded educational institutions, charities, community interest companies, development trusts, local authorities or partnerships made up of these organisations.

All projects must have a strong focus on urban Scotland *and we are particularly interested in supporting projects where people are most in need of the benefits that trees deliver*. As part of your application you will be asked to provide the Tree Equity Priority (low, moderate, high or highest priority) for the neighbourhood(s) where your project is taking place or is relevant to in Scotland: [Tree Equity Score](#)

There are two levels of funding:

- **Smaller grants** from £2,000 up to £20,000. There is a single-stage application process. The deadline for applications is **15 November 2024**.
- **Larger grants** over £20,000 and up to £100,000. The first stage deadline is **15 November 2024**. Successful applicants will be invited to a second stage in early 2025.

[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 £5million pounds is awarded to charities based or working in Perth and Kinross.

Grant levels:

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

What is funded

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

For Perth and Kinross:

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

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

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

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

To develop and inspire children and young people (up until 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 three times annually to consider applications. Application deadlines are available on the website.

Youth Panel Fund (Perth and Kinross only): The Gannochy Trust Youth Panel Fund was designed by young people and will provide grants of up to £10,000 for youth health, youth voice and youth mental health and wellbeing in Perth and Kinross. Youth Panel members have delegated responsibility from the Board of Trustees for assessing and approving funding of up to £100,000 per year.

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**. In total it donates around £100million each year.

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

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

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

Grant levels:

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

[Glasgow Airport FlightPath Fund](#)

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

The FlightPath Fund is competitive, and each application is considered on its individual merit. Those applications that make the most convincing arguments for funding are most likely to succeed. Awards of more than £5,000 will be the subject of a recommendation by the FlightPath Fund Committee to the Managing Director of Glasgow Airport for approval. The FlightPath Fund's Committee meets between five and six times per year to discuss awards. Applications should be submitted no later than three weeks prior to the next meeting. Committee meeting dates are available on the website.

[Gordon and Ena Baxter Foundation](#)

The Gordon and Ena Baxter Foundation supports charities and constituted group which work in North-east Scotland and the Highlands. In terms of local authority areas, this relates to Moray, Aberdeenshire, Aberdeen City, the Highlands, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar, Orkney and Shetland. Awards are for capital expenditure and range from £100 up to £25,000, with the majority ranging from £1,000 to £10,000. Projects should show innovation and fit within five themes:

- **Health and Wellbeing** - to support healthy living as well as good nutrition, including Scots culinary traditions
- **Arts and Heritage** - to promote and support arts and heritage to widen opportunity, access and participation for all
- **Conservation and the Environment** - promoting the conservation and preservation of our natural environment
- **Education** - supporting initiatives which broaden horizons, promote responsibility, and increase access or opportunity for young people
- **Sport** - to support amateur sporting activity, in particular those which encourage youth development.

The Foundation trustees hold four funding rounds per year.

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.

Grocers' Charity

The Grocers' Charity awards about £1 million pounds each year to UK-registered charities. *For our open grants, we typically provide one-off grants of up to £5,000. We receive over 1,000 applications a year and award 14% of the applications received, on average.*

Funding priorities include:

- **Children and young people (up to 25)**
- **Elderly**
- **Health**
- **Environment and Conservation**

The deadlines for an initial enquiry are:

10 January 2025 – *Cancelled due to the extraordinary number of grant applications received by our 6 September 2024 deadline.*

5 September 2025, 9 January 2026.

Greenpeace Movement Support Fund

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

The Fund can cover things like:

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

We actively work to ensure that groups who have historically and currently not had access to funding are seen, heard, and supported. All groups we fund must practice non-violence. The Movement Support Fund is open to applicants from grassroots groups, activists, and community organisers.

Greggs Foundation Community Grants

Ethe Greggs Foundation Community Grants Programme offers grants of £20,000 for up to two years, to local organisations helping to tackle the challenges facing local communities.

Core funding

As a grant-giving organisation, we understand the difficulties many charitable organisations face in accessing grant funding to meet fixed costs. Greggs Foundation Community Grants are a core funding grant to help organisations manage the financial requirements to keep their services running.

Eligibility criteria

To receive a Greggs Foundation Community Grant you must be a not-for-profit organisation with an annual income of between £25,000 and £1 million, and based in one of our geographical areas. Our focus areas change from round to round, and we will publish where these areas are on our website and highlight via social media in each round. We give priority to organisations in geographical areas located near to a Greggs Outlet or in an area of need. In addition to being based in one of our geographical focus areas we are looking for organisations that are delivering activities outlined in our [Theory of Change](#).

Organisations successful in receiving funding are focussed in the following areas:

- *Addressing direct needs in the local community*
- *Providing food and support for individuals*
- *Reducing social isolation and widening networks*
- *Building knowledge, confidence and opportunities*

The Greggs Foundation Community Grant opens for applications 4 times a year. We are currently closed for applications. Please keep an eye on our social media channels to learn when the next funding round opens for applications.

Grow Wild

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

- **Community Programme**
Grow Wild's Community Programme supports groups to transform urban spaces for the benefit of people and wildlife by planting and championing UK native plants.
- **Youth Grants**
Grow Wild's Youth Grants provide 14–25 year olds with £500 to support project ideas which celebrate why UK native plants and/or fungi are so special.

Consult the website for application dates.

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

The Trust is an independent grant-making charity that supports general, environmental and wildlife charities.

Small Grants:

The General Fund

This trust makes donations to general charities, which are small enough in size or are applying for support for a modest project such that the charity will benefit substantially from a donation of between £500 and £2,000. It also makes grants to charities which focus on the conservation of wildlife and the environment, and grants are typically between £1,000 to £2,000. Grants are made on a periodic basis and there is no deadline for applications. The Grants committee makes grant decisions every other month.

The Martin Wills Wildlife Maintenance Trust

The focus of this support is the conservation and maintenance for the benefit of the public of the natural environment and its indigenous woodland flora and fauna with particular reference to the conservation and maintenance of the character and amenity of rural areas. Grants are made only to registered charities, which focus on the conservation of wildlife and the environment. Grants are typically in the £1,000 to £2,000 range, though sometimes up to £5,000. Grants are made on a periodic basis and there is no deadline for applications. The Grants committee makes decisions on an ad hoc basis.

Large Grants

These grants are made by the Trust in a fixed seven-year cycle. In only two years of that cycle are grants made in response to applications from external charities, and then only to charities for wildlife and environmental causes. When Large Grants are made for wildlife and environmental causes, they are typically in the £5,000 to £50,000 range. Applications for Large Grants for wildlife and the environment will be accepted until **31 October 2024**.

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
- Fresh water
- Marine and coastal
- Forest and woodland

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. All applicants need to complete and submit our expression of interest form. If your application is approved, you will be invited to complete and submit a more detailed application form. Check the website for application deadlines.

Historic Environment Scotland

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

The types of projects and activities eligible under the Historic Environment Grants (HEG) programme will vary and are likely to be time-limited with a defined start and end date. Some examples of typical project and activities include, but are not limited to:

- Archaeological excavations and research
- Repair and consolidation works
- Interim works (maximum £50,000 grant)
- Skills and training
- Outreach and learning
- Interpretation
- Maintenance and management plans

The HEG programme has three funding tiers:

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

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

Hugh Fraser Foundation

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

The Trustees normally meet in March, June, September and December. The cut-off date for applications is normally the beginning of the month preceding the month of the meeting date. The application deadline can be confirmed on the website.

idverde Community Investment Fund

The idverde Community Investment Fund aims to empower local people to deliver sought-after projects that improve their local green space or the public realm, enhance the local environment and boost the wellbeing of local people. Funding can be granted for a variety of projects and activities, including promotion, marketing, and education, as well as practical equipment and running costs.

The fund is open for applications from formally constituted, not-for-profit groups, such as charities, volunteer groups, forums, sports teams, societies and schools. Your project must be based in areas where idverde currently operates a contract – check out our main contract locations on the website.

Applications can be made through the online crowdfunding platform, Spacehive. Simply register your project on the platform and set a fundraising goal and spread the word about your project to start receiving pledges from your local community. The Spacehive platform will automatically match relevant funds to suitable projects so that you can apply for funding for your project directly through your Spacehive dashboard.

If your application to the idverde Community Investment Fund is successful we will add the amount of funding granted to your project as a pledge. Your project will receive the funds from the idverde Community Investment Fund and your other Spacehive pledges when your project reaches its funding target.

Because we want to give our support to small, local groups at grass roots level, we have put an upper limit of £1,000 per project. As mentioned above, we might occasionally grant more than this, but you have a much better chance if you apply for no more than £1,000. Applications are assessed by our Funding Panel on a rolling basis, but our total funding pot is limited to £40,000 a year (January – December), so the earlier you can submit your application the better!

Impact Funding Partners

Impact Funding Partners works with the third sector, private companies and individual donors to create social, environmental and economic impact. View the website for details of any funds currently open.

Inspiring Scotland - Neighbourhood Ecosystem Fund

The Neighbourhood Ecosystem Fund seeks to inspire, encourage, and enable communities to explore and deliver ambitious ecosystem restoration projects locally. It also seeks to raise awareness about the importance of local ecosystem restoration and address barriers faced by community-led efforts. The Fund is supported by the Carman Family Foundation, the Scottish Government's Nature Restoration Fund, which is managed by NatureScot, and others. Inspiring Scotland is administering this funding.

The Neighbourhood Ecosystem Fund was launched in 2024, providing funding and support for community-led ecosystem restoration projects across Scotland. In the first round, 14 projects were successful with their applications and received £146,000 of funding.

Additionally, each project will receive £1,500 to be spent on fundraising support to support the future development and growth of the projects.

The Neighbourhood Ecosystem Fund will reopen for applications in 2025. Inspiring Scotland will publicise when the fund will open.

International Tree Foundation – UK Community Tree Planting Programme

Each year the ITF aims to support community tree planting projects. *Over the summer we issue a ‘call for proposals’ inviting people to send us their ideas. And we’d love to hear from you and your community group too! Your idea could be something small, such as a community woodland or orchard. Or it could be a larger scale project such as landscape restoration or rewilding. We’re open to all sorts of ideas and project types, so do get in touch!*

There are two streams of funding available:

- **Community Woodlands/Hedging:** Projects range from 100 – 25,000 trees planted per year, with a maximum price equivalent to £1.95/tree (inclusive of tree protection and mulch). In addition, these projects also receive two maintenance grants, equivalent to 10p/tree, disbursed in the first and second summers after planting, respectively.
- **Community Orchards:** Projects up to 30 trees planted per year.

The Programme has a two stage application procedure. For the 2024 Programme, applications can be made any time up to **13 December 2024**.

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.

James T Howat Charitable Trust

It is the Trustees' current policy to primarily support projects which are for the benefit of Glasgow and her citizens, but Scottish and UK-wide projects will also be entertained at the trustees' discretion if the assistance sought can be applied locally and the amounts requested are modest in extent. The Trustees meet to consider grants in March, June, September and December. Applications should be made by the middle of the month preceeding the meeting. Written applications should be submitted to Harper Macleod LLP. The Ca'd'oro 45 Gordon Street, Glasgow, G1 3PE.

jacqueline.kennedy@harpermacleod.co.uk, 0141 304 3434. Source: [Funding Scotland](#)

Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust

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

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

Donations are considered three times each year in Spring, Summer and Winter, and range from £1,000 to a normal maximum of £10,000. Smaller donations may be awarded between the meetings at the discretion of the Chairman and Administrator of the Trust. The Trust expects all applicants to be registered charities for at least 12 months unless their annual income is under £5,000. The deadlines for receipt of applications are: **10 January** (for Spring meeting), **1 May** (for Summer meeting), **1 September** (for Winter meeting).

John Lewis Partnership Foundation

Working towards a happier world means giving support where it's needed most. Our Foundation is dedicated to sharing the skills and resources we have within the Partnership, focusing on the social and environmental challenges where we can have a positive impact.

The Foundation has a number of funding initiatives, including the **Nature Fund**:

The Nature Fund (previously called the John Spedan Lewis Foundation) supports the understanding, protection and restoration of the natural world. With the help of grants, awards and bursaries, we can continue this important work while also improving participation opportunities for under-represented groups, both in terms of candidates and project beneficiaries. The Nature Fund exists to support projects that protect UK species and habitats, and the restoration of natural spaces. Projects must be UK based and will be considered on the basis of their scope for positive impact.

For more general guidance, the Trustees are looking for projects that:

- are sustainable and create a quantifiable legacy
- demonstrably protect or conserve UK species and habitats or work to restore nature
- renew people's connection with nature
- encourage diverse and inclusive engagement with UK nature
- get young people involved with nature

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.

King Charles III Charitable Fund

This fund (previously the Prince of Wales's Charitable Fund) awards **small grants** of up to £5,000 per year to approximately 100 community-based organisations each year. The programme's current funding themes are: **Heritage and Conservation, Education, Health & Wellbeing, Social Inclusion, Environment, Countryside**. The Fund is currently closed to new applications and will reopen in early 2025.

Landsec Futures Community Grants (including Glasgow)

As part of its Build Well, Live Well, Act Well Sustainability Strategy, Landsec has made a commitment of £20 million over the next 10 years to support improving social mobility within the Real Estate Sector, whilst addressing local need, through its Social Mobility Fund, "Landsec Futures" There are four programmes as part of the Fund, which are 1.) Real Estate Bursaries 2.) Landsec Internships 3.) Employability Partnerships and 4.) Community Grants.

Community Grants will be available for local charities to increase funding for challenges specific to our local communities. These unrestricted grants of up to £3,000 are designed to support not-for-profit organisations with daily activities. Funding opportunities will be transparent, with a shortlist created by the Charities Aid Foundation, and reviewed by community grants panels built from members local to each of our places. This will provide inside perspectives of what funding will make the greatest impact in each area, empowering local community to make future-forward decisions.

We are keen to support the areas close to our Landsec locations, so look forward to hearing from charities/organisations operating in the areas, including Glasgow (Buchanan Galleries).

There are 4 funding rounds each year. Coming up:

7 October – 18 November 2024.

6 January – 10 February 2025.

Learning through Landscapes – Local Schools Nature Grants Scheme

The LtL Local School Nature Climate Grants Award 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 training session:

- £500 worth of products
- NEW - An additional Climate Curriculum Pack (valued at £150)

- 4 hours of CPD on your setting's site, broken down as follows:
 - 2 hours of CPD on the topic chosen from the LSNG training list for any adults from your setting. This is an opportunity for the staff to benefit, not just the lead applicant. This part of the offer is perhaps more valuable than the products, the value lies in the skills and understanding that this part of the award offers. This is not a visit to look at potential physical changes to your site, it will look at how you use your existing space to teach the curriculum outdoors. Your trainer will be in touch before the session to discuss the content.
 - 2 hours on site on the same day to undertake Ltl's Climate Ready School Grounds digital tool. This will generate a report on how your school grounds can be improved, particularly from a climate perspective. We value and encourage input from the Sustainability Lead and the cohort of Eco Committee and/or Pupil Council members.
- 1 year's membership to Learning through Landscapes. This sees access to exclusive discounts, offers and outdoor learning resources.
- 3 webinars on a variety of topics.
- A plaque from the players of the People's Postcode Lottery to display in your setting's reception area.

2024 application dates: 26 April, 6 September, **8 November**.

Linnean Society – Our Local Nature

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

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

These grants are available to individuals and organisations who are linked with a group of young people within the UK. This includes, but is not limited to, school staff, student groups, home education groups, community groups and small charities. There must be evidence that the applicant is linked with a group of young people. The application process is designed to be simple to allow young people to apply with adult support.

This grant is purposefully broad and welcomes novel ideas. Some examples of possible proposals could be: running a school festival about nature; painting community murals showcasing biodiversity in the area; building a community garden; creating a nature walk; hiring a speaker to come and talk about local foraging. The application deadline for 2024 is **24 October**.

LNER Customer and Community Investment Fund

LNER's Customer and Community Investment Fund (CCIF) works to support charities and causes along our route. It provides vital funding to small and medium sized projects that deliver a positive impact to issues that are important to us.

There are three priorities the fund supports: Better for People, Better for Places, and Better for Planet.

Better for People

- Fostering a culture of equality, that champions diversity and inclusivity
- Creating a culture of positive mental health, bringing people and communities together

Better for Places

- Creating skilled and inclusive communities along our networks that can thrive

Better for Planet

- Conserve resources, reduce waste and reuse where possible

The fund is open to those located within 15 miles of the east coast main line. Preference is given to small and medium charities over larger charities. The maximum award is £10,000. Applications are closed for 2024.

Local Councils

All local authorities (councils) in Scotland provide support to local community groups and projects. Check your local council for grant guidelines and availability:

- [Aberdeen City Council](#)
- [Aberdeenshire Council](#)
- [Angus Council](#)
- [Argyll and Bute Council](#)
- [Clackmannanshire Council](#)
- [Comhairle nan Eilean Siar](#)
- [Dumfries and Galloway Council](#)
- [Dundee Council](#)
- [East Ayrshire Council](#)
- [East Dunbartonshire Council](#)
- [East Lothian Council](#)
- [East Renfrewshire Council](#)
- [Edinburgh \(City of\) Council](#)
- [Falkirk Council](#)
- [Fife Council](#)
- Glasgow City Council – [Lets Grow Together Fund](#) and [Area Partnership Budgets](#)
- [Highland Council](#)
- [Inverclyde Council](#)
- [Midlothian Council](#)
- [Moray Council](#)

- [North Ayrshire Council](#)
- [North Lanarkshire Council](#)
- [Orkney Islands Council](#)
- [Perth and Kinross Council](#)
- [Renfrewshire Council](#)
- [Scottish Borders Council](#)
- [Shetland Islands Council](#)
- [South Ayrshire Council](#)
- [South Lanarkshire Council](#)
- [Stirling Council](#)
- [West Dunbartonshire Council](#)
- [West Lothian Council](#)

Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park

At any given period, the National Park may operate several grant schemes to help fulfil its aims, eg:

- **Nature Restoration Fund:** Funding to support projects that restore wildlife and habitats and address the twin crises of biodiversity loss and climate change.
- **Educational 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:** This funding encourages small scale tree planting in the National Park.

Check the website for details of funding schemes currently available.

Lush Charity Pot

Lush Charity Pot grants provide targeted funding to small, grassroots groups delivering projects in the areas of animal protection, human rights, and the environment. This includes campaigning, activism, non-violent direct-action, and implemented projects for rights, regeneration and rewilding.

Organisations can apply for any grant amount up to a maximum of £10,000. The sales of Charity Pot Body Lotion determine the amount of funds available for monthly allocation, therefore the average project grant size is often in the range of £3,000 - £6,000.

We look for projects that create long-term systemic change, addressing the root cause of the problem, and aim to challenge mainstream opinion and behaviour through raising awareness of issues. This can include activism, campaigning and holding governments accountable, or the implementation of regeneration or rewilding projects. Grants can be awarded to registered or unregistered organisations/charities, non-profits, or Indigenous and community groups with an annual revenue of £350,000 or less.

Marsh Charitable Trust

The Marsh Charitable Trust focuses on providing funding which could help small, registered charities pay for various running costs such as volunteer expenses, training days, equipment

maintenance and other core outgoings. Grants are unrestricted and range from £300 - £2,000. Successful new applicants can expect to receive a grant at the lower end of this scale. The grants programme provides long-term core funding to registered charities experienced in their chosen field of work. The causes that the Trust has recently supported lie broadly within the following areas of work: **social welfare, literature, arts and heritage, environmental and animal welfare, education and training**. There are no application deadlines.

Mathew Good Foundation - Grants for Good Fund

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

Charities and projects are welcome to apply all year round, and your application will be considered in the next funding round. Funding will be awarded every three months, in April, July, October and January, with an application deadline of the 15th of the month before. Your application must be on behalf of a local community group, charity, voluntary group or social enterprise that has a positive impact on communities, people or the environment and has an average income of less than £50,000 in the last 12 months. Applicant organisations/groups do not need to be a registered charity, but you will need to have a bank account in your organisation's/project's name.

McCarthy Stone Foundation

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

Community Grants:

Our Community Grants programme has two funding windows in Spring and Autumn, awarding grants to organisations across England, Scotland and Wales. To reflect the increasing cost of living and rising inflation, the maximum grant amount was increased from £5,000 to £7,500 across the year. 2023 was our biggest year to date, with 59 community grants made and £261,849 of funds disbursed. Of these grants, 46 were over £2,000 with 13 smaller grants of between £250 and £1,995. Most of these grants were also made as unrestricted core cost funding, enabling organisations to prioritise the support for where it was needed most

Merchants House of Glasgow

The Merchants House is one of the oldest Social Enterprises in Glasgow. The income generated from the letting of office space in the Merchants House, along with a lively Events Programme and income from unrestricted funds is made available to support registered charities in Glasgow and the surrounding area (see map on website). Grants are in the range £500 - £10,000.

Current grants programme themes:

- Food and Fuel Poverty
- Healthy Living
- Encouraging Social Inclusion
- Applications may be considered outwith these themes.

The 2024 application deadline was 4 June 2024.

Mickel Fund

The Mickel Fund Trustees donate to a wide range of charitable activities which take place in, or have a direct impact on Scotland. The 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**
- **The advancement of education**
- **The advancement of health and the saving of lives**

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

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

Trustees meet twice a year in Spring and Autumn to consider funding applications. The closing date for applications to be considered at the next meeting being held on 6th March 2025 is **3rd February 2025**. Any applications received after this date will be considered at the subsequent meeting due to be held in September 2025.

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

Applications can be submitted year-round, however, awards will be made twice a year in June and November. Autumn 2024 deadline: **28 October**.

Misses Barrie Charitable Trust

The Trust gives to a wide range of charitable causes. Organisations that support young people, music, drama, physical health, mental health, the elderly, disabled people and rescue have been funded in the past. Trustees usually meet three times a year.

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

Email: charlotte@raymondcarter.co.uk Source: [Funding Scotland](#)

Morrisons Foundation

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

Mushroom Trust

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

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

MyParkScotland

MyParkScotland is Scotland's only crowdfunding site specifically for parks and greenspaces. Listing on the site is free of charge and open to groups involved in parks and greenspace across Scotland. This could be for a park improvement project (big or small), or used to part-fund a larger project. You can set up a fundraising page for your project and then invite your networks, colleagues, friends and family to support your project.

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

Parks4Life Community Fund

Parks4Life Community Fund is a partnership project between MyParkScotland and greenspace scotland.

Managed by greenspace scotland, it aims to raise £1 million to help support Scotland's parks. The ambition is to create an endowment fund that will enable communities to bring local parks to life. The primary goal of the Parks4Life Community Fund is to support community groups to deliver on their aim in bringing their parks to life and make the best of our parks for everyone to enjoy now and in the future.

We opened the pilot round of the Parks4Life Community Fund on 10 June with applications being assessed every 2 weeks with the scheme closing once all funds have been allocated. We've have had a fantastic response since the launch of the Fund and so have had to close for applications to the pilot round. We intend to open the fund again in 2025.

Nancie Massey Charitable Trust

Grants are made to charities to support the arts, education, health and wellbeing for people and communities, primarily in Edinburgh. The Trustees are particularly interested in local community organisations that are offer opportunities for children, young people, and older people. Apply at any time. Trustees meet in February, June and October each year, with a deadline of 1 week before each meeting.

Trust Administrator: Chiene and Tait Chartered Accountants, 61 Dublin Street, Edinburgh, EH3 6NL. mail@ct.me Tel: 0131 558 5800. Source: [Funding Scotland](#)

National Lottery Community Fund Scotland

NLCF runs several funding programmes in Scotland:

- **Awards for All:** A quick way to apply for smaller amounts of funding between £300 and £20,000. Ongoing.
- **Young Start:** Helping young people aged eight to 24 to become more confident and play an active part in realising their potential. Grants of £20,001 - £100,000. Ongoing.
- **Scottish Land Fund:** Supporting urban and rural communities to become more resilient and sustainable through the ownership and management of land and land assets. Grants of £5,000 – £1 million. Ongoing.

UK-wide NLCF programmes include:

- **Climate Action Fund – Our Shared Future.** The Climate Action Fund is supporting communities across the UK to take action on climate change. *We want to involve more people in climate action. And we want to inspire bold and exciting change. The minimum you can ask for is £500,000. We expect to fund most projects for between £1 million and £1.5 million over 3 to 5 years. We may fund a small number of larger or longer projects. You'll be able to apply until at least the end of 2024. We plan to close to applications in early 2025.*
- **The UK Fund:** Larger amounts of funding for existing projects. *We'll fund projects that help bring diverse communities together. We'll also fund projects that help children and young people use their voice to influence change. £500,000 to £5 million. Funding is available for 2 to 10 years. Ongoing.*

National Lottery Heritage Fund

*We fund a broad range of projects that connect people and communities to the UK's heritage. Our vision is for heritage to be valued, cared for and sustained for everyone, now and in the future. We can fund heritage projects from £10,000 up to £10 million. What is heritage? We don't define heritage. We ask you to tell us what you think is important and should be preserved. From historic buildings, our industrial legacy and the natural environment, to collections, traditions, stories and more – **heritage can be anything from the past that you value and want to pass on to future generations.***

National Lottery Heritage Grants programme offers funding at two levels:

- £10,000 to £250,000. Ongoing applications – no deadlines.
- £250,000 to £10 million. Final deadline for 2024 – **21 November.**

Naturesave Trust

The Naturesave Trust funds environmental and conservation projects throughout the UK. The Trust obtains 100% of its funds from the premiums generated by Naturesave Insurance. Project grants are between £500 - £5,000. The Trust conducts three funding windows per year (January to February, May to June, and September to October). Each funding window has a specific theme. The subsequent months after each window is closed are to review the applications and then inform the successful applicants.

NatureScot

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

Scottish Government Nature Restoration Fund

The Scottish Government's Nature Restoration Fund (NRF) is currently supporting more than 170 projects delivering exciting on the ground activity to protect and restore Scotland's biodiversity. Collectively these are worth over £50 million. There has been a tremendous response across Scotland to harness the opportunities provided by the NRF. Our [Nature Restoration Fund - supported projects](#) page shows the range of projects supported across Scotland.

*The Nature Restoration Fund has two streams, **Helping Nature**, for grants of £25,000 to £250,000 and **Transforming Nature** grants of £250,000 upwards, including development projects.*

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

Nature Towns & Cities

Nature Towns & Cities is a new initiative set up by The National Trust, The National Lottery Heritage Fund and Natural England aims to help Councils and communities tackle this by bringing nature and green space into their urban communities and places. In Scotland the three organisations are also working closely with NatureScot.

Local authorities and their partners, including community and other civic organisations, are invited to apply for capacity-building grants as part of the initiative. From early 2025 there will also be the opportunity to join a peer network to share learning and practical solutions and take advantage of schemes to attract new investment.

From 1 October, local authorities and their community partners will be able to apply for grants of between £250,000 to £1 million, with The National Lottery Heritage Fund making £15 million in funding available UK-wide. Grants have been designed to provide organisations with capacity and headspace to think and plan their urban green space for the long term. Grants will help to develop partnerships, leadership and capability and build the foundations for change, help to attract new income and investment for delivery and sustainability. **Expressions of Interest open until 12 noon on 12 November 2024.** If your initial proposal is successful, you will be invited to submit a full application between 16 December 2024 and 7 March 2025.

NHS Grampian Community Grants

NHS Grampian Charity is the official charity of NHS Grampian, and safeguards donations made by patients, families and users of health services. The Community Grants Programme supports local charities and community organisations across the Grampian region to develop projects which improve access to health provision, enhance healthcare experiences, and empower individuals to better manage their own health.

Applications which are community based and initiatives which seek to address health inequalities are particularly welcome. The programme is also interested in supporting research which focuses on health inequalities, self-management, prevention and early intervention.

Since the launch of the Community Grants Programme in 2020, more than £700,000 has been allocated to almost 100 local projects. We are pleased to have been able to fund a diverse range of activities including those supporting individuals, families, people experiencing mental health challenges, people affected by chronic illness, carers, and people with disabilities.

NHS Tayside Charitable Foundation

The Foundation is the official charity of NHS Tayside. NHS Tayside Charitable Foundation projects must link to the charity's priorities in order to support the delivery of the vision 'People live better and longer lives in Tayside'.

Themes under which groups can apply for funding:

- **Innovation**
Groups can apply for funding between £500 - £25,000 (maximum of £20,000 for two years and a maximum of £25,000 over three years) to establish innovative projects to tackle issues affecting our community.
- **Prevention**
Groups can apply for funding between £50,000 - £100,000 over 3 years (max £250,000) to help support the priorities focused on prevention.

There are 4 committee meetings every year where funding decisions are taken. Funding applications under £25,000 are tabled at the management committee which meets once a month and anything above is taken to the Charitable Funds Committee.

Nineveh Charitable Trust

The Nineveh Charitable Trust supports a broad range of UK-based projects and activities of benefit to the General Public, with an emphasis on promoting better understanding of the countryside. 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. *Please note there is no funding limit, we are guided by our investment income and the quality of proposals received. The Trustee's meet once per quarter to review applications and allocate funding. Proposals not received in time for a meeting will be rolled over for consideration at the next one.*

North Ayrshire's 2030 Woodland Grant Fund

This Fund has been developed to help deliver North Ayrshire Council's Tree Planting Strategy, which aims to plant 108,000 trees across North Ayrshire by 2030. The grant fund will help constituted groups to deliver tree planting projects at grass roots community level. Check the website for details of the 2024/25 Woodland Grant Fund.

North Highland Initiative

North Highland Initiative works across Caithness, Sutherland, Ross & Cromarty, Wester Ross, Easter Ross and the islands of Orkney, Shetland, Lewis and Harris to deliver programmes and grant funding that help grow and champion the potential of our natural resources and talent, encourage economic stability and build diverse resilient communities.

Community Infrastructure Support Programme

This fund offers specific assistance enabling small communities preparing to welcome visitors but also to provide services and support for everyone who lives across our region. 'Infrastructure' can cover everything from new waste bins, additional signs, or renovations to community tree planting, redecorating the village hall, or creating a wildflower meadow. The overall aim is to create more resilient community structures and spaces for the region, and to make the North Highlands an even better place to live. Grants available up to £2,000.

Oak Trust

The Oak Trust only provides grants to registered UK charities. Preference is given to small charities (annual turnover below £1 million). There are no specific criteria, but consideration is given, among other things, to:

- People who are disadvantaged (in the widest sense)
- Personal development through adventure
- The environment
- Whether the charity will be able to bring life-changing benefits to its clients
- Whether a small grant of, say, £500 will really make a difference to the charity
- How challenging the raising of the money for the particular cause will be
- The number of people assisted per £ spent
- The viability of the charity and where the rest of the money will come from
- How much the charity spends on fund-raising and administration
- Whether the charity works locally, nationally or internationally

The Trust meets twice a year, in April/May and October. All applications are considered at the next meeting following submission.

Spring application deadline: 1 April

Autumn application deadline: 1 October

Paths for All

Ian Findlay Path Fund

A fund for community and third sector organisations to support improvement of path networks and routes. Projects will improve accessibility and resilience of paths to increase walking, wheeling and cycling for everyday journeys. Grants of £10,000 - £100,000, with 30% match funding required (15% can be in kind). Currently open to expressions of interest.

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 and must be match funded.

Community Paths Grants

Small grants up to £1,800 to support communities to create, promote and maintain local community paths.

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.

Smarter Choices, Smarter Places Active Nation Fund

This fund aims to encourage people to change their everyday travel behaviours to drive less and to walk, wheel or cycle as part of their everyday short journeys. Grants available are between £100,000 and £200,000 and need to be match funded. Funding is available for 50% of a total project cost, although 25% of the total project cost can be in-kind contributions.

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. The Foundation operates a number of open funds including the **Youth Fund**, **Ideas and Pioneers Fund**, and the **Arts Fund**. *We actively seek to support work outside of London and across the UK. We only fund work that is charitable.*

Pebble Trust

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

All projects that the Trust supports have to meet its charitable purposes and in particular must contribute to reducing our dependency on fossil fuels and finite resources. Your project should 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 grassroots 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 its funding will make a real difference to making the project happen

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

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

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

People's Health Trust

People's Health Trust is a national charity working with local communities across Great Britain to address health inequalities through the building blocks of health. We want to stop people dying too young and make health equal.

Our work focuses on:

- *Providing funding programmes and targeted support for communities experiencing the greatest marginalisation and disadvantage.*
- *Using our evidence and learning to influence change locally and nationally.*
- *Working with our networks of funded partners to shape our programmes, campaigns and policy work, and ensure the voices of those most marginalised are represented, heard and responded to.*

Since 2011, we have supported over 3,500 projects and reached more than 653,000 people across England, Scotland and Wales through £129 million of funding. This has been made possible by players of The Health Lottery.

We have two funding programmes:

- **Health Justice Fund** *provides a route through which communities experiencing the sharp end of health inequalities can work with us, using their experience and practice, to improve health for the long term.*
- **Active Communities** *funds community groups, not-for-profit organisations and local people wanting to create fairer places to grow, live, work and age.*

People's Postcode Trust

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

- Improving green spaces and increasing access to the outdoors
- Providing support to improve mental health
- 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

To support decision making, priority will 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 set up to support people from the following minority/marginalised groups: Communities experiencing racial inequity, Disabled people, LGBT+ people.

Grants range from £500 - £25,000 depending on the type of organisation:

- Charities registered with the Charity Commission or OSCR, Community Benefit Societies and Community Interest Companies (CICs) with an asset lock (Schedule 1 and 2 only) can apply for between £500 - £25,000.
- Constituted voluntary organisations with no charity number, companies limited by guarantee with an asset lock, excepted and exempted charities and Parochial Church Councils can apply for between £500 - £2,500.

Funding rounds for 2024 are closed. Consult the website for news of 2025 funding rounds.

People's Trust for Endangered Species - Conservation Insight Grants

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

Funds will be awarded for work that seeks to either:

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

High priority projects include:

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

Priority is also given to applications for conservation and research work on species classified as endangered, critically endangered and extinct in the wild by the IUCN. Applications are closed for 2024.

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.

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.

Rewilding Innovation Fund

The Rewilding Innovation Fund aims to remove barriers to rewilding across Britain. Whether your site or project is in early planning stages or looking to try out a new approach, you can apply. From business plans to feasibility studies, community engagement to trialling the latest technology, Rewilding Britain funds works that could potentially unlock further funding for you to move you up the rewilding scale. We choose projects we consider will have the highest impact on people and nature, on land and sea, with opportunities for shared learning with the Rewilding Network.

To apply for funding, projects must be:

- based in England, Wales or Scotland
- cover at least 40 hectares of contiguous land
- part of the Rewilding Network (you may join at the point of application)
- rewilding (or about to) at scale – potentially as a group of landowners and to our rewilding principles

Grants of up to £15,000 are considered although most will be less than £10,000. There are two funding rounds each year, in the new year and summer.

Rewilding Challenge Fund

This £100,000 funding opportunity is awarded by Rewilding Britain to one large-scale rewilding project every year.

Robert McAlpine Foundation

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

Robertson Trust

Currently, our responsive Our Funds are aimed at constituted community groups and registered charities who are working to alleviate poverty and trauma in Scotland, and who have an annual income of under £2 million. It operates a number of grant programmes, including:

- **Wee Grants** – Revenue and capital funding for constituted community groups and registered charities with an annual income of up to £30,000. The maximum award is £5,000. Open year-round with no set closing dates.
- **Small Grants** – Revenue funding for registered charities with an annual income of between £30,000 and £2100,000. The maximum award is £20,000 per annum.

- **Large Grants** – Revenue funding for registered charities with an annual income over £200,000. The minimum award is £20,500 per annum.
- **Transport Grants** - Supporting the costs of a vehicle, or transport costs more broadly, between £5,000 - £20,000 per year for 1-3 years. Open year-round with no set closing dates.

Royal Bank Regenerate Fund

The £150,000 Royal Bank Regenerate Fund was launched by The Royal Bank of Scotland to support up to 50 local projects with the aim to make a difference to local communities and the environment across Scotland by providing grants of £3,000. The specific project/activity to be eligible to receive funding by The Royal Bank Regenerate Fund had to fall into one of the four categories:

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

Applications to the Royal Bank Regenerate Fund are now closed.

Royal Company of Merchants of the City of Edinburgh Community Grants Fund

The Royal Company of Merchants of the City of Edinburgh are investing up to £25,000 per round through the Community Grants Fund into supporting groups and organisations primarily located in Edinburgh City, Midlothian, East Lothian, or West Lothian and who are working across one or more of the listed themes. While equality and diversity is not a listed theme, it is expected that this will be an overarching consequence. Projects should be of general benefit to Edinburgh and the Lothians and the economic environment with priority given to projects where the funding will be a real needle mover. Applications are invited for grants up to £5,000. The Fund is managed by Foundation Scotland.

This Fund aims to support not-for-profit organisations working in the following themes:

- Social needs
- Youth
- Elderly
- Education
- Environmental
- Social Enterprise
- Healthcare
- Sport
- Culture and the Arts

The programme will open for applications in August for decisions in December each year, and February for decisions in June each year.

Royal Countryside Fund – Supporting Rural Communities

Our mission is to empower rural communities to develop community-led solutions that increase their resilience and sustainability. We want to see thriving rural communities that contribute to a sustainable future for the countryside.

Following the launch of our new strategic plan in 2024, we want to build on all that we have achieved through our work with rural communities by adopting a more holistic approach to support; facilitating, connecting, and funding, with a focus on long term sustainability. Our aim is to “power up, not prop up” communities, to inspire change and encourage economic vibrancy.

*We will be developing and testing new approaches of support over the coming year. The first stage of our new programme is supporting rural communities in Cumbria and Northumberland in partnership with The National Lottery Community Fund. After we have announced the successful applicants to the above programme, **we will be launching our new, differentiated UK-wide grant scheme on 10th January 2025.***

Through this programme, we want to support projects that fall under four key themes:

- ***Keeping young people in the countryside***
We will support projects which increase access to skills training and employment opportunities in rural communities, creating greater opportunities for young people to stay, live and work in the countryside.
- ***Powering up rural communities***
We will support organisations which aim to provide financial benefits to the locality through developing innovative, replicable projects which address local needs.
- ***Increasing environmental sustainability***
We will support community-driven projects which aim to increase the environmental sustainability of their community through reducing emissions/environmental impact, creating positive benefits for the community and improving the quality of the local environment.
- ***Building emergency resilience in rural areas***
We will support communities to develop preventative measures and plans to respond to the impacts of climate change and extreme weather events, helping them to be better prepared to cope with and recover from emergencies.

Russell Trust

The Russell Trust supports a broad range of charities, primarily 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

Application form via email: russell.trust@tullisrussell.com Source: [Funding Scotland](#)

SafeDeposits Scotland Community Fund

The SafeDeposits Scotland Community Fund will award grants up to a maximum of £5,000 to organisations who commit to deliver a project that meets at least one of five criteria:

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

Up to six grants will be awarded on a quarterly basis, with up to three grants available in each quarterly funding round. Deadlines coming up: **29 November 2024, 28 February 2025.**

Schroder Charity Trust

After careful consideration, The Schroder Charity Trust's Board of Trustees have made the decision to temporarily close our grants programme. This closure will allow us to undertake a review of our grant making programme and strategy for 2025 and beyond.

The Schroder Charity Trust has been providing one-off grants of up to £5,000 towards a broad range of charitable purposes for a significant period. However, in recent years the volume of applications has increased to an unsustainable level. Our recent analysis has identified that the current success rate for grant applications is approximately 1 in 14. Recognising that the majority of applicants are investing time and resources into proposals that are ultimately unsuccessful, and also reflecting on the impact this has on our own small team, we do not deem the current grants programme to be effective. We have therefore decided to take some time to consider how best to operate in the future.

We anticipate reopening the grants programme in early 2025. Please refer to our website for updates on the programme's status.

Scotmid Community Grants

Scotmid's Community Grant scheme helps deserving causes across Scotland. The maximum Community Grant is £500. The project must address a community issue or support a local community initiative. The group or project must be based in or benefit a community served by one of Scotmid's stores.

Applications are welcomed from groups including local community, self-help, voluntary groups, and charities (including local branches of national charities), or individuals acting for the benefit of the local community. The primary focus must fall into one of the following categories:

- +65 groups (age)
- Active Lifestyles
- Arts & Culture
- Children/Youth
- Community Group
- Co-operative
- Environment
- Fair Trade
- Health & Wellbeing
- Social Inclusion

Scotmid Community Connect

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

To help members make their decision the three Good Cause Groups attend Scotmid's Member Meeting (next in April 2025) 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, whether you're a registered charity or not, who have a project or initiative that benefits communities close to a Scotmid store are welcome to apply.

Scottish Community Alliance – Community Learning Exchange

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

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

- **Virtual** - Up to £200 is available to cover the time it takes to plan and deliver your online exchange.
- **In person** - The programme funds individual and group visits **up to £1,000 per exchange**, including a fee for the host organisation you'd like to visit.

Scottish Forestry Community Fund

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

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

There are two separate application processes:

1. for applications up to £1,000 via an application letter
2. for applications above £1,000 via an application form

The level of funding will be on a sliding scale:

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

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

Scottish Government - 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. We are now in our final year of the current CARES contract, our funding streams have closed to allow projects time to fully complete and submit their final claims before the end of February 2025. The Scottish Government will use the final year of the contract to review the support available to communities through CARES and assess the needs of any future support.

Scottish Government – Climate Action Hubs

In order to provide a strategic regional approach to climate change action, the Scottish Government is supporting a network of regional community climate action hubs with up to £5.5 million in 2024-2025.

The hubs work to:

- build awareness of the climate emergency and actions local groups can take
- support groups to develop climate action projects embed climate solutions into local plans
- **help groups take up funding opportunities**
- facilitate networking
- ensure a joined-up approach to tackling climate change at a regional level

The first two hubs launched in September 2021 and the network has expanded to 20 hubs, as listed on the SCCAN [website](#):

- [Highlands and Islands Climate Hub](#) (covering the Highlands, Orkney and Shetland)
- [NESCAN Hub](#) (covering Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire)
- [Fife Climate Hub](#)
- [Dumfries & Galloway Climate Hub](#)
- [Edinburgh Communities Climate Action Network](#)
- [East Lothian Climate Action Network](#)
- [Midlothian Climate Action Network](#)
- [Angus Climate Hub](#)
- [West Lothian Climate Action Hub](#)

- [Glasgow Climate Action Hub](#)
- [Scottish Borders Climate Action Network \(SBCAN\)](#)
- [Argyll and Bute Climate Action Network \(ABCAN\) Hub](#)
- [Moray Climate Action Network \(Moray CAN\)](#)
- The Outer Hebrides Climate Action Hub led by [Climate Hebrides CIC](#)
- Inverclyde led by the [Inverclyde Community Development Trust](#)
- Forth Valley delivered by [Forth Environment Link](#)
- Dundee delivered by a partnership of organisation led by [Transition Dundee](#)
- Ayrshire Climate Hub delivered by a partnership of organisations led by [The Energy Agency](#)
- [Lanarkshire Climate Action Hub](#)
- [Renfrewshire Climate Action Network \(RenCAN\)](#)

Scottish Government Nature Restoration Fund – see section on NatureScot.

The Scottish Government - Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund for adults

This fund was established in October 2021 to support projects that would help to develop a culture of mental wellbeing and prevention within local communities and across Scotland.

More than 4,700 awards have been made to local projects across Scotland since 2021. A further £15 million has been committed for 2024/25. The Fund's aim is to support communities, enabling them to create the conditions for good mental health and wellbeing at a population level whilst ensuring access to a range of support to match their needs. – TSI Scotland

The fund is managed across Scotland by local Third Sector Interface (TSI) partnerships. To find out about eligibility and local application process, contact your local TSI or consult the [TSI Directory](#)

All local application processes for 2024/25 funding went live on 30 September 2024.

Example

As an example of how the Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund works, below is information about the Glasgow Wellbeing Fund:

Glasgow Wellbeing Fund

The Glasgow Wellbeing Fund, managed by GCVS, provides small grants of up to £10,500 for projects that improve mental wellbeing for adults in the city. The fund aims to support small to medium sized community groups, voluntary organisations and social enterprises to deliver mental wellbeing projects across the city's diverse communities. It is resourced by the Scottish Government, and part of the national Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund.

Grant funding will support projects that work with **adults** (those aged 16 and above). Applications are invited from organisations with a turnover of up to £1 million. Applications may be made by constituted third sector organisations, parent councils and community

councils. Applications from financially small organisations (income under £25,000) are particularly welcome. The Fund will also consider grant applications (up to £2,000) from unconstituted groups where another organisation agrees to hold the grant on their behalf. There is no minimum grant size, but organisations intending to ask for less than £1,000 may want to consider expanding or extending their activity.

Some types of project which may benefit from the Fund include (but are not limited to):

- Arts and creative projects
- Physical and recreation activities
- Befriending or peer support groups
- Lunch, food or cooking clubs
- Gardening and green space activities
- Mindfulness sessions
- Work to support people in distress

Applications to the Glasgow Wellbeing Fund close on **28 October 2024**.

Scottish Government – Climate Engagement Fund

This Fund aims to build understanding of the climate emergency across Scotland, by offering support for climate engagement activities. The fund is currently closed to applicants.

Scottish Landfill Communities Fund - SEPA

The Scottish Landfill Communities Fund (SLCF) is a tax credit scheme encouraging landfill site operators to support community and environmental projects. The SLCF is regulated by the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA).

SLCF money can only be granted to projects that fulfil at least one of the six 'objects'. 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.

Object C: To provide, maintain or improve a public park or other public amenity.

Object D: The conservation or promotion of biological diversity through the provision, conservation, restoration or enhancement of a natural habitat or the maintenance or recovery of a species in its natural habitat.

Object E: The maintenance, repair or restoration of a building, other structure or a site of archaeological interest which is a place of religious worship, or a site of historic or architectural or archaeological interest and is open to the public.

Object F: The provision of financial, administration and other similar services to projects.

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

SEPA does not accept or approve applications for funding. Only Approved Bodies, registered with us, can distribute funds to a project. Applications for funding should come

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

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

Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks Powering Communities to Net Zero

The SSEN Powering Communities to Net Zero fund's core aim is to help communities in its licence areas of central southern England and the north of Scotland become more resilient, and to support the adoption of low-carbon technologies that will help us all to get to net zero.

- Half the fund is available to enable communities to apply for grants that will bolster community-led physical and environmental resilience measures. In most cases, you can apply for funding from £1,000 up to a maximum of £15,000. In exceptional circumstances, multi-community area funding to a maximum of £40,000 can be considered.
- The other half is available for not-for-profit organisations to apply for grants to go towards the purchase of new Low-Carbon Technologies. In most cases, you can apply for funding from £1,000 up to a maximum of £20,000. In exceptional circumstances, multi-community area funding to a maximum of £40,000 can be considered.

To be eligible for funding, your project must benefit communities that lie wholly within the Scottish & Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN) area. If you are unsure who your distribution network operator is, please check [here](#)

You don't need to be a registered charity to apply, but your organisation must have a constitution (governing document or set of rules) and be set up on a not-for profit basis. The 2024 round closed for applications on 31 August.

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 2025 round of funding are now closed.

ScottishPower Renewables – Community Benefit

Our funds can be used to deliver a wide range of initiatives and we encourage the communities receiving our funds to maximise the opportunity through engaging locally to

develop a community action plan. This helps to identify local priorities and the delivery of strategic initiatives with long term benefits.

ScottishPower Renewables operates in locations across the UK, including Dumfries & Galloway, South Ayrshire and Argyll & Bute. Details of local funding contacts within these areas is available at [Community Benefit Fund Contacts List](#)

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. Priority is given to those that will create a longer-term difference and where the Screwfix donation will make an impact and fund the total cost (or the majority) of a project

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.

We do not support projects which will be used by general members of the public i.e., sports clubs and associations, uniformed groups such as scout and girl guide groups or organisations that support wildlife or animals as their main beneficiary.

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

SEAD Fund

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

Sea-Changers

Sea-Changers gives one-off grants to UK-based charities and not-for-profit organisations (including schools) carrying out marine conservation related activities. It welcomes applications from a variety of groups and entities. Sea-Changers is particularly interested in grassroots projects that galvanise community action and projects that increase the numbers of people taking action for marine conservation. The projects funded will achieve one or more of the following objectives:

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

Main grants:

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

Small grants:

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

Coastal Fountain Fund:

- 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. Currently closed for applications. *We hope to re-open it in early 2025.*

Scottish Learning Fund:

- The aim of the Scottish Learning Fund is to enable early-stage and / or small community-based groups in Scotland who are involved in marine conservation activities to **learn, share knowledge, network** and **develop skills** with other groups. The maximum grant is £750.

Shell Community Grants

Community grants of up to £1,000 are available to groups in the communities where we operate, namely our sites in Aberdeen city, Mossmorran in Fife, St Fergus near Peterhead, and Bacton on the Norfolk coast. These grants are available for both ongoing projects and for the sponsorship of events. As this is a community initiative and we target the grants to benefit our neighbours, we regret we do not extend this offer beyond the communities where we operate, and we cannot process applications that do not meet the location criteria.

SSE Renewables Community Investment Programme

SSE Renewables has supported over 11,000 community projects with grants of over £88 million since 2008. Its funds include:

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

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

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

Projects in the following areas can apply:

- Dumfries and Galloway: Closed, due to open in Spring 2025
- Highlands: Closed, due to open in Autumn 2025
- Perth and Kinross: Closed, due to open in Spring 2025
- Scottish Borders: Closed, due to open in Spring 2025
- South Lanarkshire: Open until January 2025.

[Stafford Trust](#)

The Stafford Trust is a grant making Scottish charitable trust which provides financial support to charities registered in the United Kingdom, with a preference towards charitable organisations in Scotland. It supports charities involved in a range of activities including **child welfare, adult welfare, animal welfare and community projects**. Grants vary, but most lie between £500 and £5,000. The Trustees usually meet twice per annum, in Spring and Autumn, to consider applications. The window for applications for the Spring 2025 Trustees meeting closes on **31 December 2024**.

[St Andrews Community Trust](#)

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

[Steel Charitable Trust](#)

The Trustees make discretionary grants where they believe that their contribution will make a real difference in the areas of **Social or Economic Disadvantage, Health, Arts & Heritage, Education and Environment**. The Trust has a rolling grants programme with applications taken all year round from across the UK. They are assessed four times a year. Applications must be registered charities with an annual turnover over £50,000. Grants are a minimum of £10,000 but rarely exceed £25,000. Applications are currently suspended. The Trust is issuing new application guidelines in mid-October.

Sustrans - Love Your Network

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

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

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

Applications can be made until **5th February 2025** although Sustrans reserves the right to close early or extend this date.

Sustrans - ArtRoots

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

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

The standard grant for ArtRoots NCN projects is £2,500. A higher award of up to £6,000 is available for projects which can demonstrate how an increased award would significantly impact project outcomes and achieve a greater increase in new walking, wheeling and cycling journeys.

The 2024-2025 ArtRoots funding round is open for applications until **15 October 2024**.

Tesco Stronger Starts

Stronger Starts supports thousands of local community projects and good causes across the UK. The scheme is open to all schools, registered charities and not-for-profit organisations,

with priority given to projects that provide food and support to young people. It provides grants of up to £1,500 to local projects from across the whole of Scotland. A wide range of projects fit the bill - improving school playgrounds, growing and food projects, outdoor play and purchasing kit for healthy activities.

Tesco Stronger Starts is administered by [Groundwork](#) who are working with greenspace scotland to support applicants and successful projects in Scotland. Stronger Starts is open to charities and community organisations to apply for a grant via an on-line application form. Every three months, three local good causes are selected to be in the blue token customer vote in Tesco stores throughout the UK.

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

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

[The Conservation Volunteers – Chestnut Fund](#)

The TCV Chestnut Fund grant scheme has been designed to support grassroots community groups and initiatives wanting to deliver practical volunteering that improves the natural physical environment and better connections between people and green spaces. The Chestnut Fund is part of TCV's commitment to support Community Network members, with the applications being considered and administered by TCV's Chestnut Fund Committee. Applicant groups must have no more than £3,000 unrestricted funds available. This excludes funding from grants or other sources tied to specific projects. Groups must be members of the TCV [Community Network](#) prior to applying for a TCV Chestnut Fund grant. The Community Network is free to join.

These are grants of last resort and fall into two categories:

- **Start-up grants** are for groups who have no money when they are first set up and are available to groups in their first year of existence. The grant will enable them to begin practical work and will cover administrative expenses, e.g. insurance fees, postage, publicity or hire of meeting rooms. The maximum grant will be £200.
- **Support grants** are for groups who have little or no money for tools, equipment and training. This grant is available to all groups, regardless of how long they have been constituted. The maximum grant will be £500.

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

The Conservation Volunteers - I Dig Trees

TCV's annual I Dig Trees campaign provides free native species trees to schools and community groups across the UK. Trees are normally supplied during the planting season from **November to the end of March**. Grown in the UK, native tree packs have been carefully selected with communities and nature in mind. Packs of 50 trees are available with a mix of species to suit your particular site and needs. These trees are intended for everyone to benefit, so all trees supplied by I Dig Trees must be planted on publicly accessible land and not on private domestic property. Where funding is available, we also provide fruit tree packs for schools to create their very own mini fruit orchard.

Thomson Charitable Trust - Perth & Kinross

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

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

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

Tree Council

The Tree Council actively supports community tree, hedgerow, and orchard projects that boost agricultural productivity and create green spaces that promote physical and mental well-being.

Branching Out Fund

The Branching Out Fund supports schools, small charities, community groups and Tree Warden Networks seeking to establish trees, hedges and orchards. Grants range from £250 - £2,500. Application deadline: **1 December 2024**.

Orchards for Schools

Orchards for Schools is the popular grant programme for UK schools that provides a free pack of fruit-bearing, wildlife-enhancing, carbon-storing orchard or fruiting hedgerow for your school! Please note that applications are now closed and will reopen soon. [Please complete an expression of interest to be notified when the fund reopens.](#)

Network Rail Community Tree Planting Fund

The Tree Council and Network Rail are working in partnership to deliver a programme of community tree planting. Funding for projects is awarded in three bands:

- Main Grants - Projects between £2,500 and £5,000
- Large Grants - Projects between £5,000 and £15,000
- Flagship Grants - Projects over £15,000

This fund is currently closed but please email grants@treecouncil.org.uk to register interest.

UK Government – Community Ownership Fund

The £150 million Community Ownership Fund (COF) exists to help communities across the UK to take ownership of assets at risk of closure. See website for latest updates.

Volunteering Matters Action Earth

The annual Volunteering Matters Action Earth offers grants to help urban communities to respond to our nature and climate crises. Funded by NatureScot, these nature grants support volunteers of all ages, backgrounds and abilities in practical outdoor activities in Scotland's cities, towns and villages. Any group of volunteers in urban areas are able to apply for Volunteering Matters Action Earth nature grants of between £50 and £250 to run environmental activities in Scotland's green spaces in built-up places and centres of population and their surroundings.

Activities should emphasise local nature enrichment and biodiversity improvements. This could include creating or improving community gardens, shared spaces, wildflower meadows, ponds and wetlands, community woodlands and building other wildlife habitats. Please note that applications cannot be supported for activities which are primarily about food growing. Projects must be completed by January 31st 2025.

Wakeham Trust

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

Warburtons Community Grants

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

Weir Charitable Trust

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

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

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

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

West Lothian Development Trust

The Trust supports the development of projects in communities across West Lothian, and which:

- Relieve poverty, advance education or social purposes beneficial to an eligible community.
- Promote and encourage environmental improvement or enhancement.
- Secure investment, create employment, implement training, promote or secure sustainable development.
- Provide or assist in the provision of renewable energy.

Funding is available from a small grants fund of up to £2,000 and a main grants fund of up to £25,000.

The Trust meets bimonthly to assess applications. Upcoming meetings:

2024: 27 November 2024.

2025: 29 January, 26 March, 28 May (AGM), 24 September, 26 November.

Applications must be received 7 days prior to the scheduled meeting.

Woodland Trust

The Woodland Trust provides thousands of free tree packs for:

- Schools across the UK, plus nurseries, colleges, universities and outdoor learning centres.
- All kinds of different groups such as resident associations, sports clubs, parish councils, scouts, guides and many more.

If you're applying as a **school** your trees should be planted on either the school grounds, land the school has arranged regular access to or in an area that is publicly accessible.

If you're applying as a **community group**, the land needs to be accessible to the public. You should also make sure your local community are aware of your plans to plant and are happy for you to go ahead.

The trees can be planted as copses, groves, avenues, shelter belts, hedgerows and many other ways. The amount of space you need will differ depending on how you plant your trees:

- A 30 sapling pack will cover around one tennis court, or create 6-8 metres of double-row hedging.
- A 105 sapling pack will cover 4 tennis courts, or create a double-row hedgerow of 20-25 metres.
- A 420 sapling pack will cover a football pitch, or create a double-row hedgerow of 85-100 metres.

Woodroffe Benton Foundation

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

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

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

Applications are considered at the Trustees' meetings in May, July and October. The deadline for applications is normally six weeks prior to the meeting. The next Small Grant funding round is likely to be open from **1-31 March 2025**. Further information, including confirmation of the focus for the funding round, will be published on the website at least one month in advance of the opening date.

Woodward Charitable Trust

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

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

recognise that smaller charities can find these hard to find. The Trustees favour small-scale, locally based initiatives and most grants are only for one year.

The Trustees make two types of grants:

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

As the Trust's resources are limited, the Trustees prefer to fund small to medium-sized charities with an income of less than £200,000. Grants are usually allocated following Trustees' meetings held in February/March and October/November each year. The next General grant round will open on **4 November 2024** and close on **13 December**.

Further funding resources:

[ActionFunder](#) 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 for third sector organisations in Scotland. Funding Scotland is free to any organisation in Scotland and provides a search of over 1,300 funding opportunities including grants, loans, prizes and other support. If your organisation is a member of SCVO, you can access even more information and additional features to help manage your funding with its Premium service.

[Foundation Scotland – For people and planet](#) outlines some of the key issues applicants should consider to make their funded projects and activities 'climate smart' and 'nature-friendly', along with links to further information or support.

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

[Fundraising Essentials](#) from the Chartered Institute of Fundraising is a written guide and video series to provide a starting point for any individual or charity new to fundraising.

[The Scottish Charity Regulator \(OSCR\)](#) is the independent regulator and registrar for over 25,000 Scottish charities, including community groups, religious charities, schools, universities, grant-giving charities and major care providers. Many of the bodies providing grants are themselves registered charities, information on whom is available on OSCR's [Scottish Charity Register](#)

[Scottish Grantmakers](#) is the membership organisation for grant-making charities working in Scotland. Its charitable purposes are to share best practice in grant-making to promote the voluntary sector and the effectiveness of charities.

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

The information listed in this guide is believed to be correct at the time of publishing – 1 October 2024. 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 encountered a faulty website link, please contact g.burns@tcv.org.uk

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

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