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If you need further information on any of these grants schemes, how to apply or are going to apply, You can contact - thirdsectorenquiries@argyll-bute.gov.uk or call 01369 708547

NEWS AND UPDATES

- [Online Community Survey](#)

A long-term declining population, particularly among young and working age people, is widely recognised as the biggest challenge facing Argyll and Bute. The region's economic success and wellbeing will be built on a growing population and it is recognised that there is therefore a need to retain and attract economically active new residents, inward investors and visitors in order to promote economic development. In looking to address

this issue, it is therefore important that the views, opinions and aspirations of the various stakeholder groups are fully understood and reflected in any future interventions. In order to address this issue, Argyll and Bute Council, within the framework of the Community Planning Partnership is undertaking some detailed research to better understand what is driving this decline and begin to develop a range of responses to address the issues. Your input to the research will be extremely valuable and will help Argyll and Bute Council and partners design and implement a range of economic development interventions to address the problems. We would therefore be most obliged if you could complete the following short questionnaire which seeks your views and opinions on a range of related topics and issues. Your views and opinions will be confidential and not reported on an individual basis. We will also publish a summary of the final report. As a small incentive, we will enter the names of all those completing the questionnaire in a prize draw to win an iPad Air.

Deadline: 10th April 2015 <https://www.snapsurveys.com/wh/s.asp?k=142738208073> to access the survey.

- **Save the Date! WJM's Popular Renewable Energy Mini-Conference**

The theme for this year's conference is "Collaboration and Communities". Every renewable energy project touches a community somewhere and at this year's Conference, WJM be looking at how communities and developers can each get the most out of a collaborative project. Highlands and Islands Enterprise are joining WJM to show how communities, business and local agencies are working together to deliver energy, and create valuable local benefit across the Highlands and Islands. The programme includes:

- Finance for your project: finding investors and becoming investor-ready
- Investing Community Benefit Wisely: maximising impact
- Shared Ownership & Joint Ventures: what developers are looking for in a community collaboration, and opportunities for communities to share ownership

For further information pre-register through invernessevents@wjm.co.uk to be kept up to date on this event.

Tuesday 16th June 2015 Kingsmills Hotel, Inverness, IV2 3LP

<http://www.wjm.co.uk/services-and-sectors/services/renewable-energy>

- **Community Shares Scotland - Edinburgh Roadshow**

Go along to Community Shares Scotland's free Roadshow in The Melting Pot, 5 Rose Street Edinburgh, EH2 2PR to learn more about the community shares model and how it can benefit your community. Meet with other community groups who are interested in setting up a share offer or learn from those who have had success already. There will be a focus on sources of support, resources, emerging best practice, as well as details as to how to engage with the Community Shares Scotland programme.

1st May 2015 from 10:00 to 15:00

<http://communitysharesscotland.org.uk/news-and-events/events/community-shares-scotland-edinburgh-roadshow>

- **Local Charities Invited To Come and Talk Funding With the Foundation**

The Foundation is inviting grassroots charities working in Scotland in local communities with people who are, or at risk of becoming, disadvantaged to come and find out about possible funding at an advice surgery. The first six months of surgery dates and locations has now been published. Advice surgeries give charities the chance to find out if they meet the Foundation's funding criteria and to get tips on how to fill in the application form. For those who can't make the journey, there are Skype surgeries running every month.

<http://www.itsbfoundationforscotland.org.uk/index.asp?cat=news&nid=426&cookies=True>

ARTS AND CULTURE

1. Spirit of 2012 - Spirit of Achievement Arts and Culture Challenge Fund

Spirit of 2012 aims to ensure that the spirit that radiated from the London 2012 Olympics and Paralympics Games is felt across the UK. The Spirit of Achievement Arts and Culture Challenge Fund is available for the creation of opportunities to enable disabled people to participate in arts and cultural activities, individually and with their families. Projects should:

- Increase opportunities for disabled people to participate regularly in arts and cultural activities.
- Provide opportunities for disabled and non-disabled people (particularly families) to participate in activities together.
- Provide regular and sustained opportunities for participation (not one off activities).

- Provide opportunities for disabled and non-disabled people to volunteer together to deliver those activities.
- Provide disabled and non-disabled volunteers with training and skills that both ensure a high quality volunteering experience and boost employability.
- Address a clearly identified and evidenced need, reflecting current public health priorities and including the views of potential beneficiaries.
- Articulate a clear vision of how the project will impact beyond the life of Spirit's funding.

Charities, voluntary and community organisations, Social Enterprises, Community Interest Companies, statutory bodies and private companies in the UK are eligible to apply for grants of between £100,000 and £250,000.

Deadline: 20th April 2015 <http://www.spiritof2012trust.org.uk/challenge-fund>

2. Music Export Growth Scheme

The Music Export Growth Scheme is designed to make grants available to UK registered independent music companies to assist them with marketing campaigns when looking to introduce music projects overseas.

Deadline: 13th April 2015 <http://www.bpi.co.uk/export-scheme.aspx>

3. RSA Morton Award

The Royal Scottish Academy (RSA) Morton Award offers a monetary award to artists working in lens-based media in Scotland, in order to support them to research, develop and produce a new body of work in a lens-based medium.

Deadline: 10th June 2015 http://www.royalscottishacademy.org/pages/scholarships_detail.asp?id=26

4. 2015 Round of the Museums Galleries Scotland Strategic Investment Fund

Funding is provided to support projects that increase the impact of Scottish museums by meeting the aims of the National Strategy and which represent a new way of working for the museum which will progress their own organisational development plans. Applicants may apply for grants of between £5,000 and £40,000. Eligible applicants are registered/accredited museums that are full members of MGS. Organisations must remain a full member of MGS for five years from the date of payment of grant. Applications may be made on behalf of a single museum; a museums service; a group of museums (which may only be grouped for the duration of the project); a museums forum or a partnership, which can include non-museum members. Supported projects should encourage collections to be used, inspire, shape identity, improve understanding and promote confidence, thus making a positive impact on Scottish society.

Deadline: 24th April 2015 <http://www.museumsgalleriesScotland.org.uk/funding/strategic-investment-fund/>

5. Applications Invited from Across the UK for National Archives - Cataloguing Grants

Applications are invited from public sector bodies (except government departments), registered charities and not-for-profit organisations based in the United Kingdom for the cataloguing of archive collections. As competition in recent years has been exceptionally strong, applicants are advised to carefully consider the choice of material included in the application in order to best demonstrate the vital significance of the proposed collection. Preference will be given to applications that:

- Relate to the collections of greatest significance.
- Will trigger other desirable developments or projects.
- Form part of a strategic approach to addressing cataloguing backlogs.
- Are planned effectively and are clearly sustainable in the long term.
- Demonstrate clear public benefit and value for money.
- Demonstrate why the proposed cataloguing cannot be funded through other resources.

Applications are also encouraged for the cataloguing of audio-visual archive collections. As the application form for this Programme is designed primarily for paper-based archives, applicants are advised to interpret sections of the form in the light of the realities of custodianship for audio-visual materials, and to make these interpretations clear. The application process is in two parts. Phase one requires an applicant to introduce an institution and a collection to be catalogued. From here, shortlisted applicants will be invited to submit a phase two application by the end of June 2015.

Deadline: 8th May 2015

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/archives-sector/cataloguing-grants-programme.htm>

BUSINESS AND ENTERPRISE

6. Nominet Trust Social Tech Seed Programme

Social Tech Seed is an open investment programme that offers early-stage investment to entrepreneurs who are looking to develop new ventures using digital technology for social impact. This programme will provide funding and support to help entrepreneurs nurture, develop and test their ideas. The Trust is looking for applications that demonstrate the potential of technology to tackle some of the big social issues in sectors including education, employability, healthcare and the environment. Grant funding of around £15,000 to £50,000 is available to support entrepreneurs in developing their ideas into a more robust digital product or service. Key points of the funding are:

- Projects will also benefit from a package of non-financial business support including mentoring, marketing and comms advice and networking opportunities.
- Each venture will have access to an additional discretionary fund of up to £5,000, should specific expertise be needed to support their early-stage development.
- Funding will be awarded for a maximum period of 12 months.
- Nominet Trust will not require an equity stake or loan repayments.
- Successful projects will retain any IP developed with the funding.

The following are eligible to apply:

- Entrepreneurs, teams or organisations who want to apply their talent and technology to address UK social issues.
- Start-ups, early-stage ventures or teams working within an existing large organisation and looking to develop a radically new approach.
- Individuals - but if successful they will be required to form a registered legal entity.

Deadline: 15th April 2015 <http://www.nominettrust.org.uk/how-to-apply>

7. Build It Awards

Build It awards are for individuals who have already piloted their social enterprise idea, have been trading for about 12 months and have generated income through selling a product or a service. They want to see that you have a business track record and that your idea has generated a positive impact in your community of need. You can apply for up to £20,000 for living expenses so you can fully commit to implementing the idea.

Deadline: 18th June 2015 <http://www.firstportfunding.org.uk/apply/20k-reward/>

8. Santander Social Enterprise Development Awards

The Awards aim to recognise and support social enterprises and Community Interest Companies in the UK that are working to grow their business and improve their local community. The following Awards are available:

- Growth Award offers a prize of up to £10,000 to support UK registered charities and community groups looking to increase trading.
- Catalyst Award offers a prize of £10,000 to social enterprises looking to grow their business.

In addition to the cash prize the winning social enterprises will have access to a range of other opportunities:

- Monitoring and evaluation support so the success of the business can be measured.
- Networking with other Santander Social Enterprise Development Award winners.
- Access to mentoring and business advice.

Deadline: 10th April 2015 <http://www.santanderseda.co.uk/>

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

9. Communities and Families Fund

The Communities and Families Fund is a grants programme funded jointly by the Scottish Government and the Big Lottery Fund in Scotland. The fund will support local projects that help families and communities give children the best start in life.

Applications may be submitted at any time

<https://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/global-content/programmes/scotland/communities-and-families-fund>

10. The Kids Fund

The Field Studies Council works through a network of 17 residential and day Centres in the UK providing courses for schools and colleges at all levels in addition to adult Individuals & families courses, outreach education, training and consultancy. The Kids Fund aims to bring environmental understanding to disadvantaged young people by attending a course at a Field Studies Council centre. It helps disadvantaged young people to attend a course who may otherwise be excluded due to some form of disadvantage - health, mobility, deprivation or financial. The Kids Fund will pay for up to 80% of the course fee for groups of disadvantaged young people to attend a non-curriculum day or residential course at an FSC Learning Location. This includes all equipment, tuition and waterproof hire costs. Food and accommodation are included for residential courses.

Deadline: 1st June 2015 <http://www.field-studies-council.org/supporting-you/applying-to-fsc-kids-fund.aspx>

11. Holiday Grants for Children

Schools, youth groups and not for profit organisations can apply for grants towards holidays or outings within the UK for children aged 13 and under who are from deprived areas or have a disability. Applications can be considered for holidays or outings that have the objective of providing children with a break they would not otherwise have the opportunity to experience. The maximum grant is usually £2,500 for any one trip. Grants are normally limited to a maximum of two-thirds of the total cost of a trip as the charity would expect some local partnership funding to be in place.

Deadline: 19th May 2015 <http://www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/holiday-grants-for-children.html>

COMMUNITY FUNDING

12. Investing in Communities

The Big Lottery has announced they will close Investing in Communities to Stage 1 applications from midday on **30th June 2015**. This applies to all 3 Investing in Communities Investment Areas:

- **Life Transitions**

Life Transitions supports people at key times of change, helping them make their lives better for the future. <https://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/global-content/programmes/scotland/life-transitions>

- **Supporting 21st Century Life**

Supporting 21st Century Life wants to fund projects that build stronger families and stronger communities. <https://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/global-content/programmes/scotland/supporting-21st-century-life>

- **Growing Community Assets**

Growing Community Assets is designed to support communities to take more control and influence over their own future through ownership of assets. <https://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/global-content/programmes/scotland/investing-in-communities-growing-community-assets>

Deadline 30th June 2015 https://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_supporting_21st_century_life

13. Tudor Trust Grant Programmes

The Tudor Trust is an independent grant-making trust which supports voluntary and community groups working in any part of the UK. The Trust particularly wants to help smaller, community-led organisations which work directly with people who are at the margins of society: organisations which support positive changes in people's lives and in their communities.

Applications may be submitted at any time <http://www.tudortrust.org.uk>

14. Bank of Scotland Medium Grants Programme

Bank of Scotland Medium Grants Programme accepts applications between £10,001 and £25,000 from charities registered in Scotland. We particularly wish to help with:

- Developing and improving local communities
- Financial literacy and financial inclusion

Developing and improving local communities

- Initiatives designed to encourage the involvement in the community of those too often excluded
- Working with people on low incomes, at risk from poverty or with problems finding accommodation
- Improving the standard of local facilities

Financial literacy and financial inclusion

- Initiatives promoting financial awareness and money advice
- Enhancing debt counselling services within the community
- Supporting life-skills in all age groups and sections of the community

Deadline: 13th April 2015 <http://bankofscotlandfoundation.org/medium-grants-programme>

15. The Law Society Charity Grants

The Charity provides grants of between £5,000 and £15,000 to voluntary sector organisations for projects that promote human rights; provide access to justice and legal education. Priority is particularly given to projects that promote the needs of excluded, under-represented or disadvantaged groups and minorities.

Deadline: 5th June 2015 <http://www.lawsociety.org.uk/about-us/law-society-charity/apply/>

16. Henry Duncan Awards

The Henry Duncan Awards supports grassroots charities operating in Scotland with an income of less than £500,000 which are delivering programmes or services clearly focused on improving the quality of life for people who are disadvantaged and have fewer opportunities than average, which in turn significantly affects their life chances.

Deadline: 18th May 2015 <http://www.itsbfoundationforscotland.org.uk/index.asp?pg=106>

EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

17. The Prince's Countryside Fund

The aim of the funding is to have a long-term positive impact on rural communities, helping those that live and work there to sustain the countryside by tackling key rural issues. The budget for the spring round is £800,000 with grants of up to £50,000 available to not-for-profit organisations, charities, Social Enterprises, Community Interest Companies, Companies Limited by Guarantee, and Unincorporated Associations. Funding is for a maximum of three years and for a maximum grant of £50,000 per project. Grants must result in outcomes that directly relate to the Fund's objectives to:

- Improve the viability of British farming targeting the areas of greatest need.
- Improve the sustainability of rural communities targeting the areas of greatest need.

Projects must focus on at least one of the following three key countryside issues:

- Developing Thriving Rural Communities by improving service provision in rural areas. Projects should provide innovative solutions to deliver assets and services that keep rural communities together and develop a more sustainable rural economy, such as empowering communities to provide village services or create business hubs and employment for local people.
- Transforming Rural Livelihoods by supporting rural enterprise and farming businesses. Projects should focus on developing stronger, more sustainable farm and rural enterprises with the aim of halting the decline of the rural economy, for example by providing rural businesses with support and advice or supporting farmer led initiatives.
- Creating the Farmers of the Future by providing training opportunities for young people and the unemployed. Projects should help improve skills and increase opportunities of taking up rural careers, in particular in farming, with the aim of helping people to remain within and contribute to the rural economy, for example, training opportunities and apprenticeship schemes that inspire and enable new entrants to consider a career in farming.

Deadline: 9th April 2015 <http://www.princescountrysidefund.org.uk/apply-for-fund/welcome-screen>

18. Adopt an Apprentice

The Adopt an Apprentice (AAA) Programme was launched by the Scottish Government in response to the economic downturn, with the aim of supporting Modern Apprentices (MAs) who were made redundant as a result of this. By offering a financial incentive, the Programme aims to support employers to cover the wage and recruitment costs of taking on an Apprentice who has been made redundant from another employer.

Applications may be submitted at any time

<https://www.ourskillsforce.co.uk/funding-for-skills/adopt-an-apprentice/>

ENERGY, RENEWABLES AND RECYCLING

19. Local Energy Challenge Fund

The Local Energy Challenge Fund is a two phase scheme. Phase 1 will support applications through a grant of up to £20,000, to develop the project proposal, complete early feasibility and prepare for Phase 2. Support will be available from Local Energy Scotland throughout both phases. Intervention levels of up to 100% are available. Phase 1 applications will be assessed by the Local Energy Challenge Fund Panel. Phase one Application Timings:

- Challenge Fund – Project Proposal Applications (phase 1). Call for applications announced on 17th March with phase 1 applications due for submission 25th May 2015.
- Challenge Fund - Phase one offers will be made to successful projects at the beginning of July 2015. Funding and support is available for project development and feasibility to develop phase 2 applications. Phase 2 applications to be submitted 12th February 2016.
- Challenge Fund – Capital and Implementation Applications (phase 2). Subject to next spending

Deadline: 25th May 2015

<http://www.localenergyscotland.org/funding-resources/funding/local-energy-challenge-fund/challenge-fund-how-to-apply/?contact=project#enquiry>

20. Energy Saving Trust Small Business Loans

The Build the Game scheme provides grants for small facility projects up to the value of £100,000. The scheme has flexible criteria and there are many eligible items, so long as it is the right project for the right applicant. This may be the refurbishment of existing facilities or the replacement of capital items. All projects must demonstrate they can support the growth and retention of grassroots football. Before applying applicants must receive advice and support from their County Football Association.

Applications may be submitted at any time

<http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/scotland/businesses/getting-support/sme-loan-scheme>

21. Geothermal Energy Challenge Fund

The Geothermal Energy Challenge Fund has been set up to help support feasibility studies into the capacity of the geothermal resource in abandoned mine workings, hot sedimentary aquifers, and hot dry and hot wet rocks. Ultimately, the aim is to support a local market and the viability of the identified location(s) as a self-sustaining, economically- attractive investment prospect. The Fund's objectives:

- Support projects exploring Scotland's potential geothermal energy capacity to provide heat, utilising minewater, hot sedimentary aquifers, hot dry and hot wet rocks
- Encourage the development of proposals for using geothermal energy to benefit local community, achieving measurable carbon reductions (without sacrificing proper consideration of the impacts on the local environment), which are sustainable in the long term
- Support the development of future viable delivery models that demonstrate commercial viability as part of the energy solution in local developments

The minimum award will be £10,000 and the maximum £50,000. Funding will be delivered as de minimis State aid funding (this permits aid of up to €200,000) or Article 25 (State aid for research and development projects) of the General Block Exemption Regulation. If you are receiving any other de minimis aid from another source, you must declare this as part of your application. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure there is no breach of the €200,000 ceiling to an individual recipient (from all sources) in any rolling three-year fiscal period. Applications are invited from consortia/partnerships which consist of at least two of the following: a community group, registered charity, community benefit society, community interest company, local authority, registered social landlord, academic institution, heat network operator, third sector, or a commercial organisation.

Deadline: 30th April 2015

<http://www.scottish-enterprise.com/services/attract-investment/geothermal-energy-challenge-fund/how-to-apply>

22. The Low Carbon Infrastructure Transition Programme

A range of support mechanisms including project development, expert advice and funding (where applicable) is available through the Low Carbon Infrastructure Transition Programme (LCITP) to support the development of substantive private, public and community low-carbon projects across Scotland. The principal aim of the LCITP is to contribute to the Scottish Government's long-term target of reducing greenhouse gas emissions

by 42% by 2020. The LCITP is a working partnership between the Scottish Government, Scottish Enterprise, Highlands & Islands Enterprise, Scottish Futures Trust and sector specialists. This intervention will focus on supporting the acceleration of projects to develop investment grade business cases allowing them to secure existing streams of public and private capital finance. Applications for project development support are accepted from organisations such as:

- SMEs
- Non SMEs - Private Business
- Community groups
- Registered charities
- Third Sector
- Community Benefit Societies
- Community Interest Companies
- Local Authorities
- Public sector organisations
- Registered Social Landlords
- Academic institutions

Express your interest by sending a brief description of your programme LCITP mailbox at lcitp@scotland.gsi.gov.uk The LCITP team will contact you to build up a picture of your project and recommend the most appropriate next steps within 20 days of receiving your initial project description. If your project is eligible, the LCITP team will make arrangements to support you to complete the application form. Further information can be accessed by calling **0300 244 1353** or **0131 244 0452** or visit <http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Business-Industry/Energy/Action/lowcarbon/LCITP/how-to-apply>

For European schemes or if you are at the early stages of developing a project and would like to know if European funding could form part of your financial package please contact European Unit, Argyll & Bute Council on **01436 658913** for more information and eligibility.

EUROPEAN FUNDING

23. The Ambient Assisted Living Joint Programme (AAL)

A total of €33.1 million is available to fund ICT-based innovative, transnational and multi-disciplinary collaborative projects with a clear market orientation that support older adults to live independently for longer, stay in charge of their own lives and participate in society the way they want. Organisations can apply for funding for products, systems or services to enhance older adults' quality of life by improving their autonomy, participation in social life, skills, and employability.

Deadline 28th May 2015 <http://www.aal-europe.eu/get-involved/call-2015/>

24. Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (ECHE) 2014-2020

The Erasmus Charter for Higher Education allows higher education institutions to apply for funding to:

- Send its students for studies to HEI abroad.
- Receive students for studies from HEI abroad.
- Send its students for placements to enterprises and other organisations such as HEI abroad.
- Send its teaching staff to HEI abroad.
- Receive teaching staff from HEI abroad.
- Receive invited teaching staff from enterprises abroad.
- Send its staff for training abroad.
- Receive staff for training from HEI abroad.
- Organise Erasmus Intensive Language Courses (EILCs).
- Coordinate Erasmus Intensive Programmes (IPs).
- Coordinate Erasmus multilateral projects.
- Coordinate Erasmus academic and structural networks.
- Coordinate accompanying measures.
- Organise preparatory visits.

Application criteria are as follows:

1. Adherence to the fundamental principles of the Charter: a clear explanation is required in case of difficulties with the principles.
2. Quality of the Application - clarity and completeness of the Erasmus Policy Statement is sought as well as the quality of arrangements for support of mobility: recognition of the periods of study/placement, language preparation, monitoring, information, accommodation facilities, etc.

Deadline: 30th April 2015

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/funding/erasmus-charter-for-higher-education-2014-2020_en

GENERAL FUNDING

25. Robertson Trust

The Robertson Trust is an independent Scottish grant-making Trust which exists to provide financial support to registered charities operating in the areas of Care, Health, Education and Training and Community Art and Sport. Each year the Trust makes available approximately £6 million in funding and approves in the region of 400 new grants. These can range in size from £500 to large capital donations in excess of £100,000.

Applications may be submitted at any time <http://www.therobertsontrust.org.uk/>

26. Paul Hamlyn Foundation Grant Programmes

The Paul Hamlyn Foundation is one of the larger independent grant-making foundations in the UK. The Foundation makes grants to organisations which aim to maximise opportunities for individuals to experience a full quality of life, both now and in the future. In particular the Foundations concerned with children and young people, and others who are disadvantaged. The Foundation has three priority areas of funding; the Arts, Education and Learning and Social Justice. The Foundation also makes grants for projects which are concentrated in India. There is no maximum or minimum grant although the average grant awarded in the past has been approximately £19,000.

Applications may be submitted at any time <http://www.phf.org.uk>

HEALTH

27. Funding for Cancer Support Groups and Individuals Affected by Cancer

The grants programme aims to fund individuals and groups that support people affected by cancer or campaign to improve cancer care. The grants available include; Start-up funds to support new self-help and support project for people affected by cancer; Development funds to support the ongoing activities and development of self-help and support projects for people affected by cancer; User Involvement Grants to encourage the involvement of people affected by cancer in the design and improvement of cancer services; and Individual Development Grants to enable people affected by cancer to develop their skills and use their cancer experience to help support others affected by cancer. Applications will be accepted from individuals or groups of people affected by cancer and organisations and professionals working in partnership with people affected by cancer.

Deadline: 15th May 2015

<http://www.macmillan.org.uk/information-and-support/coping/talking-about-cancer/find-groups-and-talks-near-you/how-we-support-your-group.html>

28. Triangle Trust 1949 Fund Open to UK Organisations Working with Carers

The current round is open to organisations with the primary purpose of supporting unpaid carers. Development Grants provide funding towards any costs incurred by the applicant in undertaking its core business so that sustainable income sources can be developed and the organisation's income will not be reduced when the grant comes to an end. Grants are available for up to £40,000 or 50% of current annual income, whichever is lowest, per year for three years. The amount requested each year is expected to taper down as applicants develop other sustainable income streams. Registered charities, not-for-profit social enterprises and community interest companies that are working within the UK and have a UK office are eligible to apply.

Deadline 30th April 2015 <http://www.triangletrust.org.uk/apply-funding>

29. Health Innovation Challenge Fund

The Health Innovation Challenge Fund (HICF) is a £100 million, five-year parallel funding partnership between the Wellcome Trust and the Department of Health. The funders are collaborating to stimulate the creation of innovative healthcare products, technologies and interventions, and facilitate their development for the benefit of patients in the NHS and beyond. The HICF will have a succession of thematic Calls for proposals; each selected to focus on unmet needs in healthcare relevant to the NHS, and will support innovative developments that are within three to five years of launch or adoption. The Health Innovation Challenge Fund invites applicants to apply for funding in any of the areas of special interest listed below.

- Surgical technologies
- Innovative diagnostics
- Trauma and critical care medicine
- Informatics to assist clinical decision making

- Repurposing of technologies and medicines
- Biological therapeutics

Deadline: 5th May 2015

<http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Innovations/Awards/Health-Innovation-Challenge-Fund/index.htm>

LAND AND PROPERTY

30. Stalled Spaces Scotland

Stalled Spaces Scotland offers grants of up to £2,500 to constituted community groups in Argyll and Bute to help carry out environmental improvements which have growing, healthy living and/or youth activity at their heart, whilst also enhancing local underused, vacant or derelict town centre land in one of the following towns: Campbeltown, Helensburgh, Oban, Rothesay or Dunoon. Stalled Spaces Argyll and Bute is part of Stalled Spaces Scotland, a Legacy 2014 programme inspired by Stalled Spaces Glasgow, supported by Architecture and Design Scotland and the Scottish Government. The main objectives for the project are to:

- Support the community to enhance stalled spaces within their town centres
- Involve young people
- Encourage people to lead healthier lifestyles
- Encourage potential for learning and sharing of skills at each of the sites

The desired outcomes from which are:

- The wider community recognise the area is visibly improved
- Young people feel more engaged with their community
- People feel that the project has helped them to lead a healthier life
- People feel that they have learned new skills

The Stalled Spaces Scotland budget is limited (£12,500 in total) and therefore grants will be limited to a maximum award of £2,500, and it is anticipated that 5 awards will be made. Applications will be considered by a panel and both successful and unsuccessful applicants will be advised of the outcome in writing.

For application forms and more information about Stalled Spaces Scotland contact:

Lorna Pearce on: T: 01700 501 374 E: lorna.pearce@argyll-bute.gov.uk

31. Scottish Land Fund

The Scottish Land Fund has now been extended for a further year until March 2016, with an additional £3m invested by the Scottish Government. The Fund now totals £9m. The Fund is designed to help communities buy land and property to help regenerate the fortunes of their local area. The Fund is administered by the Big Lottery Fund, in partnership with HIE. HIE have appointed a team of advisers who will help applicants develop their projects to application stage. The Fund can support acquisitions as diverse as small development sites, to large estates and include uses such as affordable housing, business and industrial space, community open space or visitor and heritage centres. It can provide up to 95 percent of the costs of purchasing land and land assets, as well as project revenue funding for up to two years. The Advisor for Argyll is [Ailsa Raeburn](#) who can be contacted on **01546 605419**. All enquiries for the Scottish Land Fund should be addressed in the first instance to the Big Lottery via their Advice Line number on **0300 123 7110**.

Applications may be submitted at any time <http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/scottishlandfund>

32. Jewson - Building Better Communities Competition

The competition is aimed at transforming spaces and places in need of a little love and attention across the UK. The awards are meant to be used to support building projects of all shapes and sizes, no matter how innovative or ambitious.

- Former Glories – projects that return a building or space to how it used to be while delivering environmental benefits.
- Great British Sport – projects that will create a legacy of community sport and inclusion that will help promote an active and healthy lifestyle in the local area.
- Inclusion for All – projects that need sustainable materials to open up places, spaces and opportunities for the wider community to enjoy.
- Support in the Community – projects that celebrate culture of any kind (music, art, theatre, dance, photography, etc.) and provides lasting support services to local residents.

Deadline: 12th April 2015 <https://www.buildingbettercommunities.co.uk/>

33. Parks for People

Local Authorities as well as not for profit organisations that own public parks and gardens can apply for grants of between £100,000 and £5 million for the regeneration of parks and public gardens (including squares, walks and promenades). To be considered for funding, applicants need to show that the community values the park as part of their heritage; the parks meets local social, economic and environmental needs; and the park management actively involves local people.

Deadline: 1st September 2015

<http://www.hlf.org.uk/looking-funding/our-grant-programmes/parks-people#.VB6VMxawSr2>

34. SRDP 2014-2020 Launch of the Forestry Grant Scheme (FGS) Application System

The on-line application system that allows you to apply for grants from the Forestry Grant Scheme is now live. Customer user guidance desk instructions are available to download from the [Forestry Grant Scheme](#) landing page on the [Rural Payments & Services](#) website to help you through the process. FCS staff request that you to keep referring to the FGS guidance on the Rural Payments & Services website as their suite of [FGS guidance](#) will be constantly added to and clarified throughout April. A second IT deployment is planned therefore FCS staff recommend that you do not submit your application until the week commencing 6th April and advise that potential applicants should not hesitate to contact their local FCS Conservancy office for assistance.

Deadline: 15th May 2015 <https://www.ruralpayments.org/publicsite/futures/topics/all-schemes/forestry-grant-scheme/>

SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION

35. Outward Mobility Fund

The Fund aims to provide Scottish students with support for opportunities to study overseas. All publically funded higher education institutions, colleges and student associations in Scotland are eligible to apply.

Deadline: 15th May 2015

<http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Education/UniversitiesColleges/16640/Intlifelonglearnstrategy/outwardmobilityfund>

36. Gwen Mayor Memorial Trust

The trust gives grants to primary schools in Scotland for projects in the area of the arts, culture, music and sport.

Deadline: 30th September 2015 Tel: 0131 225 6244

37. Bell Foundation

The Foundation makes grants to for projects that deliver innovative work improving language education for children for whom English is not the first language.

Applications may be submitted at any time <https://www.bell-foundation.org.uk/>

38. Awards for All

Awards for All Scotland is an easy way for smaller organisations to get small amounts of funding. They give groups a chance to apply for a grant of between £500 and £10,000 for projects that aim to help improve local communities and the lives of people most in need.

You can apply if you are a not for profit / voluntary or community group, social enterprise, community council, school or statutory body. They fund a range of projects which involve bringing local people together, helping people learn, improving local spaces and getting people more active.

Applications may be submitted at any time <http://www.awardsforall.org.uk/scotland/index.html>

SPORT FUNDING

39. Outdoor Play Spaces Grants Programme

The Lords Taverners, the UK's leading youth cricket and disability sports charity, has announced that special schools catering for children with severe learning and physical disabilities can now register their interest for its Outdoor Play Spaces grants programme. The programme provides funding towards outdoor play equipment.

Please email your expression of interest form and supporting documents to foundation@lordstaverners.org.

For further details please contact Charlotte Brooks on 020 7025 0016.

Deadline: 1st May 2015 <http://www.lordstaverners.org/outdoor-play-spaces-lords-taverners>

40. Dickie Bird Foundation Grants

The Dickie Bird Foundation provides grants to assist financially disadvantaged young people less than 16 years of age to participate in the sport of their choice irrespective of their social circumstances, culture or ethnicity. The aim of the grant is to help young people, who, through no fault of their own, are disadvantaged or underprivileged, due to the financial situation of their family/guardians or carers and therefore are unable to follow or continue in the sport of their choice. The grants are to help with the cost of clothing and equipment, along with a small contribution towards travel expenses within the UK.

Applications may be submitted at any time <http://www.thedickiebirdfoundation.co.uk/>

YOUNG PEOPLE

41. Funding for Community Youth Projects

Telecoms provider O2 has announced that its "Think Big with O2" youth programme supports young people in the UK (aged between 13 and 25) who want to make positive changes to their communities. Initially funding of £300 is available to get projects off the ground. If the project is completed successfully young people may be invited to apply for the second level of the programme -Think Bigger where O2 provides funding of up to £2500. The programme is open to individuals and groups of young people and the money can be used to cover project related costs such as materials & equipment, transportation, advertising, etc.

Deadline: 10th June 2015 <http://www.o2thinkbig.co.uk/>

42. CashBack for Communities – Small Grants Scheme

Cashback for Communities is a Scottish Government initiative that uses funds recovered from criminal activity to support positive activities for young people. Through the scheme Volunteer lead youth groups in Scotland can apply for funding of up to £2,000 to enhance their programmes for young people and get their projects off the ground. The scheme can provide up to £1,000 to support the start-up costs of new projects or groups or up to £2,000 to support projects run by existing local groups. CashBack got Communities is a partnership of six national, volunteer-led youth organisations; Scottish Council - The Scout Association, Girl Guiding Scotland, Boys Brigade, The Girls' Brigade in Scotland, Clubs for Young People (Scotland) and Youth Scotland and to be eligible the applicant needs to be a member of one of the six partnership organisations listed above.

Deadline: 1st June 2015 <http://www.cashbacksmallgrants.org/>

43. CashBack for Creativity: Open Arts Fund

The Open Arts Fund is a strand of Creative Scotland's CashBack for Creativity programme which is being delivered in partnership with YouthLink Scotland. It is a part of the Scottish Government's CashBack for Communities programme which reinvests the proceeds of crime back into communities to benefit Scotland's young people. The fund aims to increase the numbers of young people participating in and accessing high quality arts programmes as well as develop their skills and aspirations for further learning and development. A total of £200,000 is available with individual proposals being able to access awards of up to £10,000. Applications are invited from organisations within the youth work sector and/or those working with young people to support the delivery of free arts activities.

Deadline: 30th April 2015 <http://www.youthlinkscotland.org/Index.asp?MainID=13225>

44. Funding to Support Vulnerable Young People

Funding is available through the Small Grants programme; the School Fees programme and Support for Young People programme. The Small grants programme provides funding for essential items to children and young people whose health, safety and well-being are at risk; the School Fees programme provides support to transform the lives of vulnerable children (aged 11 and over) by funding places at schools with a safe and supportive environment; and the Support for Young People programme provides tailored funding packages of up to £2,000 available for young people aged 16-20.

Applications may be submitted at any time <http://www.buttleuk.org/index.php>

Congratulations to

Kilfinan Community Forest Company on their award of £750,000 from the Scottish Land Fund
Colintraive & Glendaruel Development Trust on their award of £329,650 from the Coastal Communities Fund
Mull & Iona Community Trust who were awarded £451,282 from the Coastal Communities Fund
Campbeltown Community Business Ltd who were awarded £409,724 from the Coastal Communities Fund