

Introduction

There are funders for community development depending on the aim of the project. The main issues around community projects are sustainability and ensuring that groups and organisations are inclusive and opportunities for participation are available to all. Funders prefer to support community led projects which maximise people's ability to strengthen community cohesion and build social capacity. If you are interested in any of the funding opportunities below, where possible it is always best to call the funder to see if your project meets their criteria. Funders like to hear from potential applicants, it saves a lot of time and effort for both applicant and funder. In some circumstances the funder may be able to signpost you another fund which may be a better fit for your project.

Funding	Amount available	Deadline	Criteria	Key Outcomes
<p>Scottish Government Nature Restoration Fund Enquiries E-Mail: NRF@nature.scot https://www.nature.scot/scottish-government-nature-restoration-fund</p>	Grants of between £25,000 and £250,000 for Helping Nature projects lasting up to 24 months	Deadline 25 April 2024 and 12 August 2024	<p>Applications will be accepted from public, private, and voluntary sector organisations as well as private individuals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registered charities and trusts. Constituted community groups. Private individuals and companies - where public benefit will be demonstrated. Partnerships and organisations working collaboratively with others 	<p>The purpose of this fund is to support on the ground action that will address the biodiversity and climate crises by aiding nature restoration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Habitat and species restoration: Management for enhancement and connectivity Freshwater restoration, including restoration of natural flows in rural catchments Coastal and marine initiatives which promote restoration, recovery, enhancement or resilience Control of invasive non-native species (INNS) impacting on nature. Enhancing and connecting nature across, and between, towns and cities.
<p>Waterloo Foundation - Environment Programme Tel: 02920 838980 E-Mail: info@waterloofoundation.org.uk http://www.waterloofoundation.org.uk/environmentAboutTheProgramme.html</p>	Grants of between £50,000 and £100,000 are available	Deadline 01 June 2024	Marine conservation charities and not-for-profit organisations, including schools, based and working in the UK are eligible to apply.	The Foundation awards grants to organisations in both the UK and worldwide and is most interested in projects that help globally, particularly in the areas of the disparity of wealth and climate-related issues.
<p>The S M B Trust Enquiries Tel: 01892 537301 E-Mail: smbcharitabletrust@googlemail.com Applications should be made in writing</p>	Grant of between £1,000 and £2,000 are available	Applications may be submitted at any time	Only UK registered charities are eligible to apply	The Trust offers funding to UK registered charities for activities that support the Christian Faith, social care, famine and emergency aid, the environment and wildlife, and/or education and medical research.
<p>Sea-Changers Grant Programme Tel: 07909 897867 E-Mail: info@sea-changers.org.uk https://www.sea-changers.org.uk/</p>	Grants between £500 and £2,500	Deadline 31 March 2024 and 30 September 2024	Organisations working in the areas of welfare, youth, community, arts, faith, environment, education, health, and museums and heritage can apply.	Sea-Changers aims to promote, for the benefit of the public, the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural marine environment and promote marine bio-diversity.

<p>ScottishPower Foundation Marine Biodiversity Fund Enquiries ScottishPower Foundation 320 St Vincent Street Glasgow G2 5AD https://www.scottishpower.com/pages/scottishpower-foundation-marine-biodiversity-fund.aspx</p>	<p>One project will receive funding for up to three years at a rate of £200,000 per annum</p>	<p>Deadline 19 March 2024</p>	<p>To be eligible, applicants must have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A demonstrable track record of delivering projects in the marine conservation environment. • An active board of at least three unrelated trustees. • Been registered with one of the UK Charity Regulators for at least three full years. • At least three full years of published accounts that show as received on the relevant charity regulator website. • An income in the last set of published accounts that was greater than £800,000. • A bank account into which the funding is to be made that is not based in a restricted country <p>Projects delivered by multiple partners will be eligible to apply – provided partners are also based in the UK.</p>	<p>The project should contribute to the protection and enhancement of the marine/coastal environment, preventing negative impacts and/or enabling the repair and renewal of the marine/coastal environment, including the safeguarding of marine species.</p>
<p>Sustrans – Love Your Network Grant Laura Preston Tel: 0117 926 8893 E-Mail: laura.preston@sustrans.org.uk https://www.sustrans.org.uk/our-blog/projects/2019/scotland/the-love-your-network-grant-for-community-groups-in-scotland/</p>	<p>Grants up to £1,000 are available</p>	<p>Due to reopen April 2024</p>	<p>Constituted community groups, registered charities and social enterprises can apply, as well as informal groups</p>	<p>The aim of the fund is to empower communities living near National Cycle Networks to learn more about their local routes and implement physical improvements to make journeys more enjoyable, such as reducing litter and encouraging biodiversity.</p>
<p>HDH Wills Charitable Trust Tel: 01608 678051 E-Mail: suetrafford@hdhwills.org https://hdhwills.org/</p>	<p>Grants of up to £50,000 are available</p>	<p>Deadline 31 October 2024</p>	<p>Charities registered with the Charity Commission of England and Wales, the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) and exempt or excepted charities are eligible to apply.</p>	<p>The Trust has three funds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Grants: supports smaller charities with general charitable activities across a range of issues as well as charities focusing on the conservation of wildlife and the environment. • Martin Wills Wildlife Maintenance Trust grants: supports the conservation and maintenance - for the benefit of the public - of the natural environment and its indigenous woodland flora and fauna. • Large Grants: supports activities pertaining to environmental and wildlife issues only.

<p>Tree Council - Branching Out Fund- Orchards for Schools- Network Rail Community Tree Planting Fund Tel: 020 4582 9940 E-Mail: info@treecouncil.org.uk https://treecouncil.org.uk/take-action/grants-for-trees/</p>	<p>Grants of between £250 and £2,000 are available</p>	<p>Deadline Some funds closed others still open</p>	<p>Funding can be awarded to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools and further education colleges and universities. • Constituted community groups. • Childcare nurseries or care homes. • Tenants and residents associations' town councils/community councils. • Tree Warden networks • Community interest companies. • Small registered charities. 	<p>Schools can register for our Orchards for Schools grant. The Tree Council and Network Rail are once again working in partnership to deliver a programme of community tree planting for the 2023/24 tree planting season</p>
<p>The Mushroom Trust The Mushroom Trust Brodie's House 31-33 Union Grove Aberdeen AB10 6SD https://mushroomtrust.com/projects/</p>	<p>Grants from £500 to £10,000 are available</p>	<p>Deadline 31 March 2024</p>	<p>Applications are invited from any organisation or group, especially groups that can demonstrate public involvement and community-based fundraising. The Trust is particularly interested in applications from organisations that might have difficulty obtaining public funding from other sources.</p>	<p>The aim of this fund is to support the creation, improvement, and maintenance of green spaces throughout Scotland. This includes both the creation of urban spaces, such as public parks, community gardens and allotments, as well as other environmental and conservation projects, such as ancient woodland restoration projects.</p>
<p>Schroder Charity Trust Tel: 020 3170 5793 E-Mail: info@schrodercharitytrust.org https://schrodercharitytrust.org/homepage</p>	<p>The Trust generally makes grants of up to £5,000.</p>	<p>Applications may be submitted at any time</p>	<p>Registered charities in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland are eligible to apply.</p>	<p>The Trust aim to support charities in the UK who are working in the areas of education and young people, communities, environment and conservation, health, arts, culture and heritage.</p>
<p>The Chestnut Fund Tel: 01302 388 885 E-Mail: chestnut-fund@tcv.org.uk https://www.tcv.org.uk/communities/join-community-network/the-chestnut-fund</p>	<p>Start-up grants of up to £200. Support grants of up to £500.</p>	<p>Applications may be submitted at any time</p>	<p>Small groups that carry out practical conservation work in their local community can apply.</p>	<p>The Chestnut Fund is an independent charity which aims to encourage and enable community groups to carry out conservation activities.</p>
<p>Energy for Tomorrow (EFT) Tel: 01753 494000 E-Mail: eft@centrica.com https://www.centrica.com/sustainability/energy-for-tomorrow/</p>	<p>Grants of up to £100,000 are available.</p>	<p>Applications may be submitted at any time</p>	<p>Applications are accepted from charities, CICs, registered community groups, not-for-profit and for-profit companies.</p>	<p>Climate change is one of the world's biggest challenges – and Centrica believes it needs to be tackled together. Energy for Tomorrow champions innovation, providing funding and support to communities and entrepreneurs with initiatives that can deliver affordable, accessible and sustainable energy solutions for all.</p>

<p>Freshfield Foundation Tel 0151 236 1494 Email paul.k@bwm.co.uk Paul Kurthausen Freshfield Foundation, B W MacFarlane LLP Castle Chambers, 43 Castle Street Liverpool. L2 9SH</p>	<p>Previous grants have been for up to £500,000.</p>	<p>Applications may be submitted at any time</p>	<p>Registered charities working in the UK are eligible to apply.</p>	<p>The scheme is intended to support organisations undertaking projects in the areas of sustainable development, climate change mitigation and overseas disaster relief</p>
<p>People's Trust for Endangered Species - UK Mammals Grant Grant Enquiries Tel 020 7498 4533 Email nida.al-fulaij@ptes.org https://ptes.org/grants/apply-grant/uk-mammals-grant-criteria/</p>	<p>Grants are between £10,000 and £20,000.</p>	<p>Applications may be submitted at any time</p>	<p>Voluntary conservation organisations, scientific researchers, individuals and consortia may apply for projects based in the UK.</p>	<p>PTES provides the UK Mammals Grant to support organisations and individuals with conservation projects focusing on UK mammal species and that address, in particular, one of the following three key research themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring mammals • Habitat availability, loss and modification • Human impacts and mitigation
<p>Lush Charity Pot Tel: 01202 641001 E-Mail: charitypot@lush.co.uk https://www.lush.com/uk/en/a/charity-pot-funding-guidelines</p>	<p>Grants range from £100 to £10,000.</p>	<p>Applications may be submitted at any time</p>	<p>Small non-profit organisations, including registered charities, new organisations and start-ups can apply.</p>	<p>The funding is intended to support groups working in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human rights (incl. social justice, peace and equality). • Animal protection. • Environment. <p>It prioritises groups campaigning to create long-term change which will benefit large sections of society and tries to help those whose radical stance and approach might make it difficult for them to source funding from elsewhere</p>
<p>Craignish Trust Tel: 0131 225 4681 Geoghegan and Co. 6 St Colme Street Edinburgh EH3 6AD</p>	<p>Funding is at the discretion of the Trustees</p>	<p>Applications may be submitted at any time</p>	<p>Eligible organisations must be operating in the UK.</p>	<p>Grants are available for UK charitable organisations whose work focuses on environmental and human rights issues, particularly in Scotland.</p>

<p>Banister Charitable Trust The Trust does not maintain a website or email Tel 03453042424 Banister Charitable Trust Messrs Coutts and Co. 1st Floor, Trinity Quay 1 Avon Street, Bristol BS2 0PT</p>	<p>Grants tend to be in the £5,000 to £50,000 range</p>	<p>Applications may be submitted at any time</p>	<p>Applications will be considered from UK registered charities whose core purposes meet the Trust's objectives which are the promotion, conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment in the UK</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment in the UK. • Further such other purpose or purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales in such manner as the Trustees may in their absolute discretion think fit
<p>Constance Travis Charitable Trust Mr Ernest Raymond Anthony Travis Constance Travis Charitable Trust 86 Drayton Gardens London SW10 9SB E-Mail: travistrust86@yahoo.co.uk</p>	<p>Grants of up to £50,000 are available</p>	<p>Applications may be submitted at any time</p>	<p>Registered or exempt charities or registered community amateur sports clubs are eligible to apply</p>	<p>The Constance Travis Charitable Trust offers grants to local, national and international charities in line with its strategic allocation covering activities in medical care and research, environment protection, international aid, animal welfare, community projects, social mobility enhancement, educational projects and outreach in the arts.</p>
<p>Esmee Fairbairn Foundation – Grants Tel 020 7812 3700 E-Mail: info@esmeefairbairn.org.uk https://esmeefairbairn.org.uk/</p>	<p>The minimum grant size is £30,000+</p>	<p>Applications may be submitted at any time</p>	<p>Charities and organisations that are undertaking work that is legally charitable in the UK can apply. Organisations must have a regular annual turnover of at least £100,000 and must be properly constituted</p>	<p>The funding is intended for projects with the following aims:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving the natural world. • Securing a fairer future. • Strengthening the bonds in communities
<p>Faith in Community Scotland - Greener Spaces, Fairer Places Tel: 0141 221 4576 E-Mail: info@faithincommunity.scot https://www.faithincommunity.scot/gsfp</p>	<p>Grants of up to £500 are available</p>	<p>Applications may be submitted at any time</p>	<p>Local faith groups or related organisations in Scotland working primarily in a specific local community can apply. Priority will be given to groups with limited resources</p>	<p>Grants are available for local faith groups and other related organisations for projects that address poverty and climate change in communities across Scotland.</p>
<p>BA Better World Community Fund (with Crowdfunding) https://bacomunityfund.co.uk/eligibility-criteria?utm_source=intercom&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=cf_ba-better-world&utm_content=launch-eligibility</p>	<p>Grants of up to £15,000 can be awarded</p>	<p>Currently closed but looking to reopen soon</p>	<p>Applications will be accepted from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registered UK Charities. • Registered community benefit organisations. • Registered social enterprises and charitable companies 	<p>The funding is intended to support charities, community benefit societies and social enterprises in the UK with innovative projects that creative positive impact across several categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment. • Diversity, inclusion and wellbeing. • Education and employability. • Thriving communities. • Crisis support. • Colleague engagement

<p>Russell Trust Principal Office The Russell Trust 2.19, 2nd, Block B 1 Summerhall Edinburgh EH9 1PL E-Mail: Russell.trust@tullisrussell.com</p>	<p>Grants are between £250 and £2,000</p>	<p>Applications may be submitted at any time</p>	<p>Applications are accepted from registered charities and other organisations with charitable status.</p>	<p>The funding is intended to support a broad range of charities and educational institutions in the UK, but particularly in Scotland.</p>
<p>Environmental Funders Network – Rapid Response Fund E-Mail: emma@greenfunders.org https://www.greenfunders.org/efn-rapid-response-fund/</p>	<p>The maximum grant available is £25,000</p>	<p>Applications may be submitted at any time</p>	<p>Applications from environmental groups concerning all green issues will be considered</p>	<p>The Rapid Response Fund aims to support groups who are trying to seize unexpected opportunities or react to unforeseen crises with a potentially significant environmental outcome. This means supporting organisations who need immediate help in response to situations that are not possible to predict or anticipate</p>
<p>National Lottery Community Fund - Climate Action Fund: Energy and Climate Tel: 0345 4102 030 E-Mail: general.enquiries@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/climate-action-fund-energy</p>	<p>Grants of £500,000 to £1.5 million over two to five years are available</p>	<p>Applications may be submitted at any time</p>	<p>Applications will be accepted from either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place-based partnerships. • UK-wide partnerships. • Single voluntary or community organisations. 	<p>Funding is intended to support projects that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage communities to use energy in an environmentally friendly way. • Bring communities together so that they can explore ways to promote energy efficiency. • Enable communities to understand and engage with opportunities for clean energy generation, which do not use fossil fuels.
<p>Aviva Community Fund (with Crowdfunding) E-Mail: communityfund@aviva.co.uk https://www.aviva.co.uk/services/more-from-aviva/aviva-community-fund/</p>	<p>The maximum grant available is £50,000</p>	<p>Applications may be submitted at any time</p>	<p>Registered charities, community interest companies, social enterprises and registered community benefit societies that are 'relatively' well-established in their communities can apply. Aviva is particularly interested in encouraging groups to 'push forward and challenge convention'</p>	<p>The funding is intended for 'forward-thinking projects that enable causes to adapt their vital services and innovate to create a brighter, more sustainable future'.</p>



<p>Swire Charitable Trust Tel: 020 7963 9417 E-Mail: info@scts.org.uk https://www.swirecharitabletrust.org.uk/</p>	<p>Funding is at the discretion of the Trustees</p>	<p>Applications may be submitted at any time</p>	<p>UK registered charities can apply. Priority will be given to charities that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operate in some of the most disadvantaged parts of the UK. • Try to engage the most marginalised and vulnerable in their work. • Can clearly demonstrate the needs they are addressing. • Know what they are aiming to achieve and plan to monitor and evaluate outcomes. • Are well placed and well qualified to deliver the work. • Can show a proven track record as well as solid ambitions. • Have the potential to change the way issues are tackled more widely. • Take an effective approach to using volunteers and mentors (where appropriate). • Are seeking to make their income streams more sustainable. • Have strong and quality leadership. • Manage their finances prudently 	<p>Grants are available for UK registered charities working to deliver positive and lasting change to UK society under three programme areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunity, • Environment • Heritage.
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Community Development have a number of resources designed to help groups find their way through the funding maze to assist The Third Sector in identifying funding streams with which to develop their projects and organisations. You can get help to develop your project, information on sources of funding, links to sites that will give you tips on funding and free software, and the monthly funding bulletin. We can offer support in finding information and resources to help with compiling your funding application, and get links to organisations that offer support in taking your project ideas forward **Community Support**

GRANTnet is a straightforward free to use service from Idox provided by Argyll & Bute Council as a tool for community and voluntary groups, sports and other clubs, schools, social enterprises and small businesses to search across a huge range of funding sources to identify suitable funding for their activity or project.

Funding Alert is a free monthly update of funding streams which are open for applications and available in your area. It is a fully interactive document and criteria, contacts and the application process can be accessed simply by clicking on the links. You can download the latest copy here **Funding Alert** or submit a **Note of Interest** or thirdsectorenquiries@argyll-bute.gov.uk and we will add your contact details to our distribution list for the monthly bulletin. You can **unsubscribe** from Funding Alert at any time.

Bespoke funding searches and funding plans are for specific project using information and criteria which you have given us. Bespoke searches and funding plans can be requested at any time by contacting us at thirdsectorenquiries@argyll-bute.gov.uk or communitydevelopment@argyll-bute.gov.uk

Note of Interest forms allow you to request information on a number of topics.



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