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Every month, Funding Alert includes a portfolio of funding opportunities; but there are many more funds out there. GRANTnet is a straightforward free to use service from GRANTfinder, which can help you to identify suitable funding for your activity or project. It allows community and voluntary groups, sports and other clubs, schools, social enterprises and small businesses to search across a huge range of funding sources.



The main features of this interactive database are as follows:

- Easy-to-use search tool.
- Up-to-date information on over 7,000 grants and other incentives.
- Rapid identification of funding sources specific to need.
- Data sourced from EC and UK Government sources, including Government departments, local authorities, charitable trusts and corporate sponsors.

Find out more here: <https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/my-community/grants-and-funding/grantnet>

NEWS

Merry Christmas to all our Subscribers!



Funding Alert Survey – £2Million+ awarded from Funders identified from Funding Alert!

In the results of our recent Survey, you told us that your community group or organisation was awarded around **£2,037,699** from funders identified in our Funding Alert!

We found out:

- 78% of respondents identified sources of funding from Funding Alert
- 96% respondents found Funding Alert Very Helpful / Helpful
- 90% access Funding Alert via email
- 54% of you have subscribed for more than 5 years
- 60% of you pass Funding Alert on to others

Where You Are:

| Funding Alert Subscribers can be Found: | |
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| Oban, Lorn & the Isles | 16% |
| Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands | 16% |
| Bute and Cowal | 20% |
| Helensburgh and Lomond | 6% |
| Argyll and Bute wide | 14% |
| Out with Argyll and Bute | 28% |



What you Want:

- 83% said Funding Alert is great as it is
- 17% of you had asks particular to your own funding quests – and we will be looking into supporting these

Thank you for all your kind comments – some of you were interested in learning more about the Argyll and Bute Community Funding Toolkit, Tailor-Made Funding Support and Workshops. We have emailed information out, but we will be spotlighting these in future Funding Alerts.



We appreciate the time you took to give us feedback - THANK YOU!

Cash for Kids - Mission Christmas 2024

Mission Christmas is now accepting gift applications from organisations supporting local children. Click through and choose your area to apply, and be sure to read the Terms of Grant and Gift Application Criteria. Please note that individual families can't apply directly - a referral must come from a professional such as a teacher, social worker, GP etc. <https://cashforkids.org.uk/mission/apply>



Be a Secret Santa to a child in need this Christmas

Make a meaningful difference to a child's Christmas and be their Secret Santa. Buttle UK's "Be a Secret Santa" campaign invites you to purchase gifts that will bring warmth, joy, and hope to vulnerable children across the UK. By selecting a gift from their list, you're not just giving a present; you're providing essential items that help children thrive, engage in their education, and experience the joy of the holiday season. For more information click here: <https://buttleuk.org/>

Weir Charitable Trust – Changes to Fund in 2025

Due to the continued high demand on the fund there are a number of changes that will take effect in 2025. **The Discretionary Fund – will not be open to applications until further notice.**

Small Award Fund

- Applications must meet one or more of the qualifying criteria of **animal welfare, culture, health, recreational facilities and sport**. Further information and [FAQs](#) are published on the website.
- There will be a move to four closing dates in 2025.
 - Application deadline: 28th February 2025. Outcomes advised April/May.
 - Application deadline: 23rd May 2025. Outcomes advised June/July.
 - Application deadline: 15th August 2025. Outcomes advised August/September.
 - Application deadline: 31st October 2025. Outcomes advised October/November.
- Applications will be considered from registered Scottish charities, constituted groups and community interest companies with an annual income of up to £150,000.
- The maximum award continues to be £25,000.

<https://weircharitabletrust.com/fund-changes-in-2025/>

Robertson Trust: 'Nurturing Relationships'

The Robertson Trust launched its new 'Nurturing Relationships' theme on 20 November 2024 to replace the previous Emotional Wellbeing and Relationships theme. The Trust will accept applications for Small and Large Grants under this theme between **27 November 2024** and **24 January 2025**. There will be a fixed budget, and it is anticipated that a small number of higher value grants will be awarded. Further details about the eligibility criteria for work under this theme will be provided when it becomes available here: <https://www.therobertsontrust.org.uk/news-and-blogs/introducing-nurturing-relationships/>

UPDATES

Worrying about money leaflet

Support for individuals who are worrying about money! We have produced a leaflet with our partners sign posting to where help is available for individual and their families.

Click the link or scan the QR code <https://www.worryingaboutmoney.co.uk/argyll-and-bute>
(link may be slow to load)



Poverty and Cost of Living Crisis

To assist you in navigating all the funds on offer we have pulled the funding opportunities from these funders to a separate supplement that can be downloaded independently. Follow this link: [Poverty and Cost of Living Supplement December 2024](#)

ARTS AND CULTURE

1. Turtleton Charitable Trust

Grants of up to £25,000 are available to registered charities in Scotland for charitable projects in the fields of heritage, the arts and education, particularly focused on support for the disadvantaged and the advancement of education.

Deadline: 31 December 2024 <https://www.turcanconnell.com/the-turtleton-charitable-trust>

2. Awards for Young Musicians

Grants of £100 to £2,000 are available for the UK's most talented young instrumentalists in any genre, aged five to 17 years of age who, because of financial need, may be prevented from fulfilling their creative potential.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://www.youngsounds.org.uk/thrive/>

3. BFI National Lottery Audience Projects Fund

Grants of between £20,000 and £200,000 are available to support various audience related activities in the UK, including film festivals, distribution releases, multiplatform distribution proposals, touring film programmes, large scale and ambitious film programmes. Applications are accepted all year round but must be submitted 16 weeks before the start of any funded activity.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://www.bfi.org.uk/get-funding-support/bring-film-wider-audience/audience-fund>

4. Creative Scotland – National Lottery Open Fund for Organisations

Grants of between £1,000 and £100,000 are available to projects lasting up to 18 months for constituted artistic, creative, or cultural organisations across Scotland to deliver a variety of creative projects and activities and enable business changes or development projects that make the organisation more financially sustainable. The fund is open all year round – with no deadlines.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://www.creativescotland.com/funding/funding-programmes/open-funding/national-lottery-open-fund-for-organisations#support>

5. Foundation Scotland - Cockaigne Fund

Grants of up to £5,000 for charities, unincorporated organisations and individuals involved in classical and traditional music, with emphasis on community initiatives.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/apply-for-funding/funding-available/cockaigne-fund>

BUSINESS AND ENTERPRISE

6. World of Opportunity Programme

Heathrow is calling for SMEs in every corner of the UK to come forward and pitch their products to the world. The UK's hub airport is relaunching its World of Opportunity Programme which helps exporters to get their goods and services sold on international markets. The programme is designed to support the UK's SMEs in boosting their export potential, focusing on trade missions, research, and training. This programme will provide £2,000 grants to 12 SME businesses across the UK, with one grant awarded to a business from each region and nation.

Deadline: 23 December 2024

<https://www.heathrow.com/company/doing-business-with-heathrow/world-of-opportunity>

7. Highlands and Islands Enterprise - Green Grant Fund

The funding is intended to help businesses or social enterprises with projects to reduce or green their energy usage and make progress towards achieving net zero carbon emissions, for example energy efficiency measures, renewables, active non-commuting business travel and waste management. Grants of between £20,000 and £250,000 are available (covering between 10% and 40% of the total cost of a project).

Deadline: Ongoing <https://www.hie.co.uk/support/browse-all-support-services/greengrantfund/>

8. Oban Business Improvement District Frontage Grant Scheme

The Oban Business Improvement District Frontage Grant Scheme offers grant funding to any existing commercial business operating in the town that wishes to improve the appearance of its business frontage, signage or environment. The maximum grant will be £1,200 per business or 75% of the costs. There is an expectation that businesses will use local contractors wherever possible.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://www.bid4oban.co.uk/business-improvement-scheme>

9. Access to Work

Financial assistance is available to help organisations in Great Britain with any extra employment costs that result from employing a person with a disability.

Access to Work provides grants to employers towards extra employment costs which result from an employee having a disability. The programme aims to provide practical advice and support to disabled people and their employers, in order to overcome work related obstacles which result from disability.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://www.gov.uk/access-to-work/apply>

10. Kaleidoscope Investments (Ki)

Kaleidoscope is aimed at giving financial backing to help disabled entrepreneurs in the UK start their own business. The fund will assist in the development of the businesses it invests in and ensure they make a worthwhile return for investors.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://www.kaleidoscope.group/ourservices/kaleidoscope-investments/>

11. Foundation Scotland - Social Investment Fund

Grant and loan investments are available to social enterprises, community organisations and charities across Scotland to benefit local communities. Objectives supported: Prevent and/or relieve poverty, Advance community development, Advance education and urban and rural regeneration.

Deadline: Ongoing

<https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/apply-for-funding/funding-available/social-investment-fund>

12. Graduate Placement Programme

Funding is available to support small to medium sized enterprises and social enterprises with the opportunity to take on a graduate – funding up to 50% of their salary. All allocated funding must be fully spent by March 2025.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://www.hie.co.uk/support/browse-all-support-services/innovation-argyll-and-bute-fund/>

13. Growth Impact Fund

Funding is available to early stage growing social enterprises and charitable organisations in the UK to address the structural barriers that diverse organisations face.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://www.bigissue.com/invest/investments-funds-programmes/>

14. Redundancy Payments - Financial Assistance

Assistance to help employers in the UK with severe cash flow problems to make necessary redundancy payments.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://www.gov.uk/staff-redundant/redundancy-pay>

15. Scottish Community Alliance - Community Learning Exchange Fund

Grants up to £1,000 are available to local community groups in Scotland to facilitate learning exchanges with other community groups.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://scottishcommunityalliance.org.uk/community-learning-exchange/>

16. LaunchMe

LaunchMe is an accelerator programme for ambitious, social enterprise start-ups in Scotland. It aims to develop a pool of strong, capable and ambitious social enterprises that can go on to secure investment, so they can achieve social impact at scale. LaunchMe is looking to support eight social enterprises with the commitment and ambition to grow and achieve greater social impact.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://www.firstport.org.uk/business-support/launchme/>

17. The Prospectory - Idea Fund

The funding is intended to enable people to test out an innovative technical solution that can deliver a social or environmental benefit. The fund offers grants ranging from £250 to £3,000.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://theprosectory.com/idea-fund/>

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

18. Foundation Scotland - Volant Charitable Trust Small Grants Programme

Grants of up to £5,000 are available for organisations to support projects to address poverty and social deprivation during the current cost of living crisis, with emphasis on children, young people and women.

Deadline: 18 December 2024 (midnight)

<https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/apply-for-funding/funding-available/volant-charitable-trust-small-grants-programme>

19. Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust – Family Focus Programme

Grants are available for registered charities, Community Interest Companies, local authorities and statutory organisations for projects that explore and pilot solutions for family members-collectively and as individuals of wounded, injured and sick serving personnel or Veterans.

Deadline: 18 December 2024 (12 noon)

[https://covenantfund.org.uk/programme/family-focus-programme-2024-25/?ct=t\(EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_3_24_2022_12_4_COPY_01\)](https://covenantfund.org.uk/programme/family-focus-programme-2024-25/?ct=t(EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_3_24_2022_12_4_COPY_01))

20. Adamson Trust

Grants for voluntary and community organisations and charities to help with the cost of holidays or respite breaks for disabled children (aged 3 to 17 years) with physical, mental, or emotional impairments. Individual families can apply and, in addition, applications on behalf of groups of children, organisations and other registered charities.

Deadline: 31 December 2024 <https://www.theadamsontrust.co.uk/>

21. Family Fund Trust

Grants are available to help families, or groups applying on their behalf, in the UK who are raising a disabled or seriously ill child or young person up to the age of 18 years.

The Trust believes services to families with severely disabled children are most effective when they can be adapted to families' individual needs and personal ways of coping. The Trust, therefore, encourages families to demonstrate the kind of support that would best meet their needs in easing the stress of caring for severely disabled children.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://www.familyfund.org.uk/>

22. Family Recovery Initiative Fund

The Family Recovery Initiative Fund (FRIF) offers one-off grants of up to £5000 to groups that support families affected by alcohol and drugs in Scotland.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://www.sfad.org.uk/communities/fund-for-families>

23. BBC Children in Need - Core Grants

Grants up to £120,000 to cover core costs for up to three years are available for not-for-profit organisations that are working with disadvantaged children and young people aged 18 years or under who are living in the UK.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/grants/apply/>

24. Buttle UK - Chances for Children

Grants of up to £2,400 are available for children and young people who have experienced a crisis that has recently had a significant and enduring impact on their wellbeing and educational engagement.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://www.buttleuk.org>

25. Variety Club - Equipment Grants

Grants are available for specialist equipment for the direct use of children up to the age of 18 years who are sick, disabled or disadvantaged and are resident in the UK.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://www.variety.org.uk/what-we-do/equipment-grants>

26. Percy Bilton Charity - Grants for Organisations

Grants up to £5,000 are available to UK registered charities with primary objectives to assist one or more of the following groups: disadvantaged/underprivileged young people (under 25 years old); people with disabilities (physical or learning disabilities or mental health problems); older people (aged over 60).

Deadline: Ongoing <https://www.percy-bilton-charity.org/applyOrg>

27. Tesco Stronger Starts Grants

Grants up to £1,500 are available to all schools, registered charities and not-for-profit organisations, with priority given to projects that provide food and support to young people.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://www.greenspacescotland.org.uk/grant-funding>

28. Happy Days Children's Charity

Funding for families with children aged 3-17 who are disabled, have a special needs or have been abused. The aim is to help as many people as possible by funding trips, experiences, respite breaks and group activity holidays for those who need them most. Details of the different types of trips that we offer can be found on the website.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://www.happydayscharity.org/applications>

29. Children's Alliance

Grants are available to not-for-profit organisations across the UK to give children and young people under the age of 18 access to water for learning, developing and playing. The objective of the programme is to give essential life skills and build children's confidence and resilience, both physically and emotionally through water-based activities. Priority will be given to grass roots initiatives delivering water based projects for disadvantaged children.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://childrensalliance.org.uk/our-work/community/>

COMMUNITY WELLBEING FUNDING

30. Woodward Charitable Trust - General Grants

Grants of up to £3,000 are available to fund core costs of smaller registered charities in the UK working in the following areas: isolated children and young people, disadvantaged families, and prisoners and ex-offenders.

The funding is for charitable organisations in the UK, to support core costs in the following areas:

- Children and young people (up to 25 years) who are isolated, at risk of exclusion or involved in antisocial behaviour. This covers gang violence and knife crime, education and mentoring, as well as projects that work to raise self-esteem and employment opportunities and encourage an active involvement in and contribution towards the local community.
- Disadvantaged families. This covers parenting support and guidance, mental health, food poverty, refuges and domestic violence projects.
- Prisoners and ex-offenders and specifically projects that maintain and develop contact with prisoners' families and help with the rehabilitation and resettlement of prisoners and/or ex-offenders after their release.

The fund is expected to be open from 4 November 2024 to 13 December 2024 (noon).

Deadline: 13 December 2024 (noon) https://woodwardcharitabletrust.org.uk/general_applications/

31. Thomas Wall Trust - Grants for Registered Charities

Grants of up to £5,000 are available for UK registered charities for specific projects that improves communication skills for disadvantaged adults and supports NEET people into employment.

Deadline: 06 January 2025 <https://www.thomaswalltrust.org.uk/grants-for-registered-charities-2/>

32. Carraig Gheal Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund

The next round of funding for the main grants for the Carraig Gheal Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund opens again on 1st November. The main grants are for £751 to £10,000 (up to £20,000 for village halls) and are available to constituted groups that are within the five community council areas surrounding the wind farm: Avich & Kilchrenan, Taynuilt, Glenorchy & Innishail, Kilinver & Kilmelford and Kilmore. Decisions on the applications will be made by the Steering Group at the end of March.

Deadline: 31 January 2025 <https://carraighealwindfarm.co.uk/community-2.html>

33. Thomas Wall Trust - Grants for Individuals

The individual grants programme aims to support motivated adults living in the UK to undertake education and training that will increase their chances of employment.

Grants of up to £1,500 are available to undertake accredited vocational training up to level 3 ([Qualification levels explained](#)) and towards other costs associated with studying.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://www.thomaswalltrust.org.uk/grants-for-individuals/>

34. Robertson Trust – Wee Grants

Grants of up to £5,000 are available. Revenue and capital funding for constituted community groups and small charities who support people who are experiencing (or are at high risk of experiencing) poverty and trauma, with an annual income of under £30,000.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://www.therobertsontrust.org.uk/funding/wee-grants/>

35. Argyll Community Housing Association - Community Action Fund

Argyll Community Housing Association Ltd (charity number SC042713) has a small fund from which the Association is in a position to make donations to registered charitable organisations which are worthwhile causes and which have some housing connection or a connection to the Aims & Objectives of the Association. Please note that each group may apply for a maximum amount of £500 in any one year.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://www.acha.co.uk/services-community-action-fund/>

36. Argyll and Bute Council – Common Good Funds

Grants are available for constituted voluntary and charitable organisations to support projects and activities that benefit the residents of Oban, Campbeltown, Rothesay, and Dunoon. Funding can be used for one-off projects and activities that benefit the residents.

Deadline: Various <https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/community-life-and-leisure/common-good-funds>

37. National Lottery Community Fund - The UK Fund

Grants of £500,000 to £5 million are available to not-for-profit groups for projects which forge connections between communities to create a better-connected society across the UK.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/the-uk-fund>

38. Scotmid Co-op Community Grants

Grants up to £500 are available to local voluntary and community groups and charities for projects that support local communities served by Scotmid stores. In Argyll and Bute the locations are: Oban, Lochgilphead, Helensburgh, Dunoon and Rothesay.

Deadline: Ongoing

<https://www.scotmid.coop/community-and-charity/supporting-local-communities/community-grant/>

CLIMATE CHANGE, ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION

39. Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust

Grants are available to animal welfare charities for projects or activities in the UK that benefit and protect animals, relieve the suffering of animals, address the conservation of wildlife or encourage a greater understanding of animals. Grants range from £1,000 to a normal maximum of £10,000.

Deadline: 10 January 2025 <https://www.jeansainsburyanimalwelfare.org.uk/>

40. Workplace Charging Scheme for State-funded Education Institutions

Grants for eligible state-funded UK education institutes to provide support towards the costs of the purchase, installation and infrastructure of electric vehicle chargepoints.

Deadline: 31 March 2025

<https://find-government-grants.service.gov.uk/grants/workplace-charging-scheme-for-state-funded-education-institutions-1>

41. International Tree Foundation - UK Community Tree Planting Programme

The UK Community Tree Planting Programme supports projects run by community groups and voluntary organisations that engage communities in planting and caring for native species of trees. Grant applications for the 24/25 season are now open

Deadline: Ongoing <https://www.internationaltreefoundation.org/uk-grants>

42. Esmee Fairbairn Foundation - Grants

The minimum grant size is £30,000 and available to organisations doing legally charitable work in the UK that focuses on the Foundation's funding priorities of improving the natural world, securing a fairer future, and strengthening the bonds in communities in the UK.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://esmeefairbairn.org.uk/applications/>

43. Material Focus - Electricals Recycling Fund

Grants up to £100,000 and are available to support recycling, reuse or repair organisations that test creative and practical methods for collecting unwanted electricals within the UK.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://www.materialfocus.org.uk/partnerships-with-material-focus/funding-information/funded-project-electrical-recycling-easier-across-uk/>

44. National Lottery Community Fund - Climate Action Fund - Our Shared Future

Grants of £500,000 to £1.5 million over three to five years are available to local not-for-profit groups and partnerships for community-driven projects. They want to reach people who are new to climate action by funding other types of organisations too. And by using people's everyday activities as a starting point for climate action. You'll be able to apply until at least the end of 2024. **There is a plan to close to applications in early 2025.** The final deadline will be announced nearer the time.

Deadline: Ongoing

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/climate-action-fund-our-shared-future>

45. Swire Charitable Trust

Grants are available for UK registered charities working to deliver positive and lasting change to UK society under three programme areas: opportunity, environment and heritage.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://www.swirecharitabletrust.org.uk/our-funding/>

46. Electric Vehicle Chargepoint and Infrastructure Grant for Landlords

Funding to install electric vehicle chargepoints as a landlord, social housing provider or property factor.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://www.gov.uk/electric-vehicle-chargepoint-grant-landlords>

GENERAL FUNDING

47. Stafford Trust

The Stafford Trust supports general charitable projects. Grants vary, but most are between £500 and £5,000. Priority is given to charities in Scotland. The Trustees usually meet twice per annum, in Spring and Autumn, to consider applications. The window for new applications for the Spring 2025 meeting will close on 31st December 2024.

Deadline: 31 December 2024 <https://www.staffordtrust.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/>

48. National Lottery Awards for All – Scotland

For arts and sports projects, applications can be made for up to £10,000 supporting projects for up to 12 months.

For community-led projects (that are not primarily arts or sport focused), applications can be made for up to £20,000 per year supporting projects for up to two years.

Deadline: Ongoing

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/national-lottery-awards-for-all-scotland>

49. Argyll and Bute Council – Common Good Funds

This fund aims to support charities and voluntary organisations that provide services or facilities that will meet a local need or directly benefit the residents of the following towns:

- Oban.
- Campbeltown.
- Rothesay.
- Dunoon.

Deadline: Various

<https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/council-tax-and-benefits/benefits-and-grants/common-good-funds>

50. Wakeham Trust

Funding is available for projects that are small scale and would find it hard to get funding from big trusts, or are currently unfashionable or unpopular among mainstream funders, but are making a real contribution to the local community.

Normally, grants are in the region of £125 to £2,500 for projects where that amount can make a real difference.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://thewakehamtrust.org/>

51. MacRobert Trust

Grants are available for UK registered charities with a preference for organisations based in Scotland which have projects that address the themes set out by The MacRobert Trust.

Theme 1: Armed Forces & Good Citizenship

Theme 2: Education & Professional Excellence

Theme 3: Local Community & Other MacRobert Interests

Deadline: Various <https://www.themacroberttrust.org.uk/grants/>

52. Matthew Good Foundation - Grants for Good Fund

A small number of grants are available for local community groups, charities, voluntary groups and social enterprises in the UK for projects that have a positive impact on communities, people, or the environment.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://www.matthewgoodfoundation.org/grantsforgood/>

53. The Rozelle Trust

The Trust will generally support smaller charities, especially those working at grass roots and local community level where the funds will be able to make a significant difference. Awards will be made to support a wide range of charitable activities to benefit young people and children, those experiencing poverty, and the disabled.

Deadline: Ongoing <http://www.rozelletrust.org/default.asp>

54. Foundation Scotland

Some of the funds are available on a Scotland-wide basis, and others are aimed at specific geographical areas or themes. You'll find grant size and criteria information on each fund's page, together with any unique criteria. Also, every fund lists a deadline for applications, and there may be more than one round of funding each year. When searching, be sure to note all the key dates in the fund listing.

Deadline: Various <https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/apply-for-funding>

HEALTH

55. Ulverscroft Foundation

The Foundation provides funding for projects in the UK that benefit visually impaired people. Grants range from around £100 to £500,000.

Deadline: 19 December 2024 <https://www.ulverscroft-foundation.org.uk/>

56. Lionel Wigram Memorial Trust

Funding is available for charities that are providing services for blind, deaf and disabled people in the UK. The trust examine all applications in December each year, and a cheque will be sent out at that time, if successful. No other communication will be received.

Deadline: Throughout December <https://www.lionelwigrammemorialtrust.org/>

57. Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust – Hidden Voices Programme

Grants of up to £20,000 are available for UK registered charities and CICs for collaborative projects which address the unique mental health and wellbeing needs of marginalised groups in Armed Forces communities focusing on prevention and early intervention.

Deadline: 08 January 2025 (noon) <https://covenantfund.org.uk/programme/hidden-voices-programme-2024-25/>

58. RNIB Technology Grants

The funding is intended for UK residents who are registered blind or partially sighted people and who have been refused funding from their local authority for the items they need. The grant will support the cost of any item that is on the RNIB list of approved equipment.

Deadline: Ongoing

<https://www.rnib.org.uk/living-with-sight-loss/money-and-benefits/benefits-concessions-and-grants/grants-from-rnib/>

59. Anton Jurgens Charitable Trust

Grants are available to UK based charities for projects that support people of all ages who are socially disadvantaged and/or have disabilities.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://ajct.org.uk/en>

60. Vegetarian for Life Grants

Funding is available for charities and charitable organisations supporting older vegetarians and vegans.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://vegetarianforlife.org.uk/resources/grants>

61. Hargreaves Foundation

Grants are available for charities and educational institutions that support those under the age of 18 years, and living with a mental health condition, disability or growing up in poverty through the mediums of sport and education.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://www.thehargreavesfoundation.org/>

62. The Family Recovery Initiative Fund (FRIF)

One-off grants of up to £5,000 are available to organisations and groups working to support families affected by alcohol and drugs in Scotland.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://www.sfad.org.uk/communities/fund-for-families>

63. The Pixel Fund

Grants up to £5,000 are available for registered UK-based charities and registered to support projects that promote the mental health and wellbeing of children and young adults.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://pixelfund.org.uk/>

64. Barchester Healthcare Foundation

Grants are available for small local groups and small local charities to improve the quality of life and combat loneliness in older people as well as adults with a physical or mental disability in England, Scotland, and Wales. Grants for individuals and groups available.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://www.bhcfoundation.org.uk/apply>

65. Birkdale Trust for Hearing Impaired

Grants to advance the education and welfare of children and young people (aged up to their mid-twenties) in the UK who have a hearing impairment.

Deadline: Ongoing <http://www.grantsforthe deaf.co.uk/>

66. Fletchers Foundation

Grants are available to charities and organisations in the UK working to support individuals or families who have suffered life changing circumstances as a result of severe personal injury, accident or medical negligence.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://fletchersfoundation.org.uk/apply-for-support/>

HOUSING, LAND AND PROPERTY

67. Help the Homeless Grant Scheme

Grants for capital projects are available to small and medium-sized charities registered in the UK working to assist homeless people to rebuild their lives and return to the community. The quarterly deadlines for applications for funding each year are: 5pm on 15th March/15th June/15th September/15th December.

Deadline: 15 December 2024 (5pm) <https://www.help-the-homeless.org.uk/applying-for-funding/>

68. Kristina Martin Charitable Trust

A total of £60,000 for the breaking the link between homelessness and poor mental health theme. The level of grant will be at the discretion of the trustees. Priority will be given to those applications which break this link and provide meaningful differences to those affected. This theme is open to UK registered charities that provide support for housing accommodation for those that are presently homeless and ongoing support for improvement of mental health thereafter.

Deadline: 31 December 2024 <https://sites.google.com/kmct.org.uk/kmct/home>

69. Veterans' Capital Housing Fund – Refurbishment Grants Programme

Grants for projects that assist in the refurbishment or extension of rental accommodation that will offer high quality support for veterans with a housing need.

Deadline: 3 January 2025 (noon) <https://covenantfund.org.uk/programme/refurbishment-grants-programme/>

70. Historic Environment Scotland - Historic Environment Grants Programme

Grants of up to £500,000 are available for formally constituted, not-for-profit organisations across Scotland to deliver projects and activities that support Scotland's historic environment.

Deadline: 07 January 2025

https://www.historicenvironment.scot/grants-and-funding/our-grants/historic-environment-grants-programme/#overview_tab

71. Veterans' Capital Housing Fund – Major Capital Grants Programme

Grants for charities and registered social housing providers with at least five year's housing experience to support new builds and significant refurbishments, including extensions, of rental accommodation offering high quality support for veterans with a housing need.

Deadline: 8 January 2025 (noon) <https://covenantfund.org.uk/programme/major-capital-grants-programme/>

72. Scottish Government - Housing Infrastructure Fund

Grants available to registered social landlords and local authorities in Scotland for the unlocking of sites to provide new affordable housing which aligns with the 'Housing to 2040' strategy.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://www.gov.scot/policies/more-homes/housing-infrastructure-fund/>

73. Community Ownership Fund

Round 4 grants are available to voluntary, community and charitable organisations in the UK to support them in taking ownership of local assets such as sporting and cultural venues, meeting spaces, community centres, pubs and shops that are at risk of closure. An updated prospectus and new Expression of Interest form for Round 4, the final round of the Fund, has been published. Round 4 Window 1 is open from 25 March 2024 to 10 April 2024. Round 4 Window 2 will open in late May. Specific timings for the final window will be published in due course.

Deadline: Ongoing

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/community-ownership-fund-round-4-how-to-express-your-interest-in-applying>

74. National Heritage Memorial Fund

Funding for charities, not-for-profit organisations and public bodies to help with the cost of acquiring historic land, buildings, works of fine and decorative art and other objects of interest which are important to national heritage.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://www.nhmf.org.uk/funding>

75. Scottish Land Fund

Grants between £5,000 and £1,000,000 are available to organisations in both urban and rural Scotland which are community-led, community-controlled and defined by a geographic area that can demonstrate significant positive impact for the community as a whole. Applicants will have the opportunity to test out and develop their ideas with support from a Scottish Land Fund Adviser.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/scottish-land-fund#section-2>

POVERTY AND COST OF LIVING CRISIS

Supplement created on separate bulletin

To assist you in navigating all the funds on offer we have pulled 25 funding opportunities that have a focus on “Cost of Living or Poverty” to a separate supplement that can be downloaded independently.

Click this link to open the supplement: [Poverty and Cost of Living Supplement December 2024](#)

SPORT FUNDING

76. Weir Charitable Trust

Grants of up to £25,000 are available to support services/projects in the following categories:

- Sport - Projects to encourage and increase public participation in sport (eligible activities should involve physical skill and exertion).
- Recreational facilities - Providing or organising recreational facilities (buildings, pitches or similar) with the aim of improving the conditions of life for the people for whom the facilities are primarily intended. This is only in relation to facilities which are primarily intended for people who need them due to age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage.

Deadline: 28 February 2025 (5 pm) <https://weircharitabletrust.com/>

77. Sports Facilities Fund

The Sports Facilities Fund aims to support capital projects that provide opportunities for people to get involved in and participate in sport and physical activity in Scotland. Grants of to 50% of eligible project costs up to a maximum of £200,000 may be awarded.

Deadline: 01 April 2024 (5pm) <https://sportscotland.org.uk/funding/sport-facilities-fund/>

78. Boost Charitable Trust

Small grants are available to charities and not-for-profit organisations with a focus on helping disabled and disadvantaged individuals in the UK to participate in sport. Boost has awarded grants across a wide spectrum of sports projects and focusing on five areas of disadvantage:

- Financial hardship.
- Physical and learning disabilities.
- Mental health.
- Medical research and relief.
- Social exclusion.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://www.boostct.org/get-involved>

79. SportsAid Award

Assistance for unfunded talented young sportsmen and women (12-18 years old or up to 35 for disability sports) who participate in specific sports and are preparing to compete in major international competition.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://www.sportsaid.org.uk/faqs>

80. Scotmid Co-op Community Grants

The Community Grant scheme aims to support local communities served by Scotmid and Semichem stores. **In Argyll and Bute, the locations are: Oban, Lochgilphead, Rothesay, Dunoon and Helensburgh.** Grants can be used for one-off investments, purchases or events that address (among other things) active lifestyles - encouraging exercise/fitness/sport. The maximum Community Grant is £500.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://scotmid.coop/community-and-charity/supporting-local-communities/community-grant/>

YOUNG PEOPLE

81. Ironmongers' Company

Grants for projects in the UK that provide opportunities for disadvantaged children and young people under the age of 25 years to fulfil their potential. Grants are available for projects that will deliver clearly defined, educational benefits and develop learning, motivation and skills. Grants range from a few hundred pounds up to around £10,000. The average grant awarded is £4,000.

Deadline: 15 December 2024 <https://www.ironmongers.org/helping-charitable-organisations>

82. Trefoil – Organisational Grants

Trefoil organisational grants are for registered charities or nor-for-profit organisations that help young people with special needs in Scotland. Trefoil does not fund overhead costs e.g., salaries or capital projects.

Deadline: 3 February 2025 <https://www.trefoil.org.uk/apply-here>

83. Hargreaves Foundation

Grants are available for charities and educational institutions that support those under the age of 18 years, and living with a mental health condition, disability or growing up in poverty through the mediums of sport and education. The Foundation aims to distribute a total of around £2 million in grants per year. There is no minimum or maximum grant size.

The following organisations can apply:

- Registered Charities or Charitable Incorporated Organisations.
- Schools and Further Education Colleges (usually exempt charities).
- NHS Trusts.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://www.thehargreavesfoundation.org/>

84. Trefoil – Lilies Finlay Holiday Fund

Trefoil offers holiday grants to children and families who meet the development needs criteria.

Applicants for holiday grants should be under eighteen years old and living in Scotland. Trefoil only funds holidays in the UK and does not support overseas trips.

Applications for holiday grants are open and considered all year. Please apply at least 12 weeks before your holiday. Your applications should be supported by two references.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://www.trefoil.org.uk/apply-here>

85. Leslie Sell Charitable Trust

Grants for trips or projects associated with the Scouts or Guides movement within the UK. Please note the Trustees are unable to consider applications for trips or events submitted **within four months** of your proposed departure or event date due to processing times.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://lesliesellct.org.uk/>

86. National Lottery Community Fund - Young Start Fund

Grants of between £20,001 and £100,000 for up to three years are available to voluntary and community organisations in Scotland for work that helps young people (aged 8 to 24) to become more confident and play an active part in realising their potential.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/young-start>

87. Foux Foundation

Grants are available for registered charities across the United Kingdom and Ireland (and worldwide) to deliver a variety of projects and activities that address health, education, youth opportunity, and the relief of poverty.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://www.fouxfoundation.org.uk/>

TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

88. Robertson Trust – Transport Grants

The new-look Transport Grants offer increased funding of between £5K-20K per year for 1-3 years. For registered charities working in Scotland. Currently **only** accepting applications for Transport Grants for work which addresses our themes of Financial Security, Education Pathways or Work Pathways, or which are focused on removing transport barriers for people and places with higher rates or risks of experiencing poverty and trauma, to ensure they can participate in and connect with their communities. This is in recognition that a lack of access to affordable, reliable transport can impact the ability to participate in society and thrive.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://www.therobertsontrust.org.uk/funding/transport-grants/>

89. Bus Operator Accessible Information Regulations Support Grant

Small operators of local bus services in Great Britain can apply for grant funding to increase the provision of onboard audible and visible information, in order to comply with the requirements of the Public Service Vehicles (Accessible Information) Regulations 2023.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://rtig.org.uk/aig/apply>

90. Paths for All – Ian Findlay Path Fund

Grants are available for charities, community groups, other third-sector organisations and National Park Authorities for projects that improve path networks and promote walking, wheeling, and cycling across Scotland. Funding of between £10,000 - £100,000 is available, with 30% match funding required. If you are at an early stage of your project, the funder can offer up to 100% of design costs.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://www.pathsforall.org.uk/ian-findlay-path-fund>

91. Scottish Sea Farms - Heart of the Community Trust (HCT)

Grants are available for projects that deliver lasting change within Shetland, Orkney, areas of the Highlands and the wider Oban and Mull area focused on health, education, personal development, and community activities including community transport.

Deadline: Ongoing <http://www.scottishseafarms.com/community/heart-of-the-community/>

92. Trusthouse Charitable Foundation

Grants are available for small and medium sized local charities and not-for-profit organisations in the UK with a track record of success working to address local issues in communities of extreme urban deprivation or deprived rural areas. Projects will be expected to focus on community support. This could include community transport schemes in **Rural locations** (with a population of fewer than 10,000 inhabitants in a village/town) in England, Scotland and Wales. Applicant organisations' postcodes must be ranked within the most deprived 50% of the Index of Multiple Deprivation. To check the SIMD ranking of your project area, check on the SIMD website map: <https://simd.scot/#/simd2020/BTTTTFTT/14/-4.7342/56.0089/> and click on the area to see the ranking. The Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation is a relative measure of deprivation across 6,976 small areas (called data zones). If an area is identified as 'deprived', this can relate to people having a low income but it can also mean fewer resources or opportunities. If the area has a ranking of under 3,488 it should be eligible to apply. Support can be available from your local Community Development Officer contact by email, stating your location:

Communitydevelopment@argyll-bute.gov.uk

- Small grants are available of £2,000 to £10,000 for one year. (Successful applicants can reapply for a further two years. No further applications can be made after the completion of a third grant.)

The amount requested must not be for more than 50% of the total cost of the project. Grant recipients must be able to start spending the grant within three months of the award being made.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://www.trusthousecharitablefoundation.org.uk/our-grants>

93. Energy Saving Trust – Plugged in Communities Grant Fund

Grants are available for community transport organisations across Scotland to cover the costs of purchasing or leasing a zero-emission vehicle. The fund aims to support community transport organisations in Scotland to transition to zero-emissions vehicles.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/grants-and-loans/plugged-communities-grant-fund/>

DIGITAL INCLUSION

94. WCIT – IT4Good Grant Programme

Grants of up to £15,000 are available for not-for-profit organisations across the UK to deliver IT projects and activities that support the themes of education, inclusion, IT for charities, and understanding of IT.

Deadline: 10 February 2025 (5pm) <https://wcitcharity.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/>

95. SafeDeposits Scotland – Community Fund

Grants of up to £5,000 are available. to support projects and activities that benefit local communities by addressing the following criteria:

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

Deadline: 28 February 2025 <https://communityfund.safedepositsscotland.com/>

96. The Access Foundation

Grants are available to registered charities, CICs, educational establishments and CIOs for projects that mitigate the digital divide by making computing facilities, support and/or learning available to disadvantaged and vulnerable people.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://theaccessgroupfoundation.com/apply/>