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FINDING GRANTS FOR YOUR GROUPS NEEDS - GRANTnet

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

Happy New Year to all our Subscribers!

Royal Countryside Fund – Supporting Rural Communities

The UK-wide Supporting Rural Communities grant programme is launching on **Friday 10th January 2025**.
This new differentiated funding will support transformative, community-led initiatives across the UK, unlocking the huge potential for positive change in rural communities. The aim is to support innovative solutions that will “power up, not prop up” communities, inspiring change and encouraging economic vibrancy.
Organisations can apply for grants of up to £25,000 over a period of 24 months to deliver activities along the themes of:

- **Keeping young people in the countryside**
- **Powering up rural communities**
- **Increasing environmental sustainability**
- **Building emergency resilience in rural areas.**

Support will be focused on isolated rural areas where the activity is required due to a lack of alternative services. Projects must be community led and show that they actively listen to, understand and respond to the needs of their local community. The fund is also looking for community organisations that demonstrate one or more of the following characteristics:

- **Working towards a long-term vision**
- **Facilitating collaboration/connectedness**
- **Demonstrating innovation.**

Deadline: Ongoing
https://www.royalcountrysidefund.org.uk/how-we-help/rural-communities/supporting-rural-communities-uk/

Delivering Capital Projects from Scottish Islands Development Trusts Association Scotland- drop-in series

Development Trusts Association Scotland are running a bi-monthly check-in (1 every 2 months) for Scottish Islands-based community groups to discuss the challenges with building on islands; part of a **drop-in event series for Scottish Islands-based community groups** to discuss the challenges associated with building on Scottish Islands, share expertise, network, find solutions and suggest policy asks.
The Drop-Ins are informal, and will be facilitated by one of the organising networks and will dive straight into the session's topic. Attendees are encouraged to come prepared with some thoughts and questions for their peers.
Event description
These bi-monthly drop-ins (once every two months) are for Development Trusts Association Scotland (DTAS), Community Land Outer Hebrides (CLOH) and Scottish Islands Federation (SIF) members and are designed as a dedicated forum for Trustees

and staff from Scottish Islands-based community groups to exchange, gain advice and support from their peers on the topic of delivering capital projects from Scottish Islands.
Hosted by: DTAS, Facilitated by: DTAS, CLOH, SIF
Topics are as follows:

- *Working with consultants and contractors* - Wednesday 19th of February, 10am - 11am

Free to Attend
For more information visit: Eventbrite

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 Crisis Supplement January 2025

ARTS AND CULTURE

1. Universal Music UK Sound Foundation School Fund

Funds of £1,000 are available. The scheme aims to support the access to music for schools, students and teachers by supporting the purchase of musical instruments and equipment.
Deadline: 22 January 2025 (13:00) https://www.umuksoundfoundation.com/umuksf-school-awards/

2. Golsoncott Foundation

Funds of up to £3,000 are available from the Foundation whose declared objective is to promote, maintain, improve and advance the education of the public in the arts generally and, in particular, the fine arts and music.
Deadline: 2 February 2025 https://www.golsoncott.org.uk/about-us.html

3. Idlewild Trust

The Trust offers grants to registered charities working in the following two areas:

- Arts Grants: Nurturing Early Stage Professionals - grants support training opportunities for emerging professionals, working creatively and backstage, within the performing and visual arts, post-training, and at an early stage in their career.
- Conservation Grants: Objects and Works of Art - grants support the conservation of cultural heritage of recognised national and international importance in museums, libraries, galleries, historic buildings, or landscapes accessible to the public.

The maximum grant available is £7,000.
Deadline: 14 February 2025 (midday) https://www.idlewildtrust.org.uk/our-programmes

4. Creative Scotland - Youth Music Initiative CPD and Training Fund

Funding is available for individuals and organisations who work with children and young people on out-of-school music projects in Scotland to undertake training and professional development opportunities. The funding is intended to support individuals, organisations and networks to undertake training and continuing professional development that will strengthen youth music in Scotland for the benefit of young people. Training and CPD should deliver the following outcomes:

- People delivering youth music develop their skills and confidence.
- The development, strengthening and increased sustainability of the youth music sector.
- The provision of increasingly high quality, efficient, innovative youth music services.

Awards to individuals will typically range from £100 to £1,000, while awards for organisations will generally range from £500 to £5,000.
Deadline: 31 March 2025 https://www.scottishmusiccentre.com/ymi-cpd

5. 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/**

6. 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**

7. 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
Deadline: Ongoing **https://www.creativescotland.com/funding/funding-programmes/open-funding/national-lottery-open-fund-for-organisations#support**

8. 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

9. 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/**

10. 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**

11. 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**

12. 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/

13. 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

14. 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/

15. 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

16. 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. To be eligible to apply, applicants can access the fund through the **SCA's member networks**.
Deadline: Ongoing https://scottishcommunityalliance.org.uk/community-learning-exchange/

17. 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/

18. 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://theprospectory.com/idea-fund/

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

19. Challenger Children's Fund
Small grants are available to help meet the needs of physically disabled children (under the age of 18) in Scotland. Grants of up to £750 may be considered. More may be granted in exceptional circumstances.
Deadline: 31 January 2025 https://www.ccfscotland.org/

20. Trefoil – Organisational Grants
Grants are available for registered charities and other not-for-profit organisations to deliver projects and activities that support children with additional needs across Scotland. Trefoil is a large grant-making charity registered in Scotland. It is dedicated to supporting the development of children and young people with additional needs in Scotland to enable them to maximise their capabilities and achieve as much independence as possible.
Deadline: 3 February 2025 https://www.trefoil.org.uk/apply-here

21. Kelly Family Charitable Trust
Grants of up to £5,000 are available for UK registered charities, working locally or regionally in the United Kingdom, whose activities nurture and support family life. Funding is for charities to support initiatives that encourage families to work together to overcome challenges.
Deadline: 1 March 2025 https://kfct.org.uk/

22. 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/

23. 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

24. 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/

25. 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://buttleuk.org/apply-for-a-grant/

26. 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

27. 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

28. 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

29. 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

30. 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

31. Taic Freumhan Coimhearsnachd Fund
A challenge fund which aims to support innovative community projects which will increase the use of, and confidence in, Gaelic in communities across Scotland. Maximum value £10,000.
Deadline: 28 January 2025 https://www.gaidhlig.scot/en/funding/funding-schemes/taic-freumhan-coimhearsnachd/

32. National Centre for Resilience - Community Council Fund
This fund aims to support Scottish Community Councils by providing funding to develop local resilience plans that address natural hazards such as heavy snow, landslides, high winds, and other disruptive events, and subsequently enhance their local community's preparedness and response to natural hazards. Grants of up to £500 are available.
Deadline: 31 January 2025 https://ncr.glasgow.ac.uk/?page_id=229

33. National Centre for Resilience - Third Sector Community and Practice Fund
Grants are available for community groups and third-sector organisations across Scotland to deliver projects and activities that enhance resilience to natural hazards in local communities. Grants of up to £15,000 are available.
Deadline: 31 January 2025 https://ncr.glasgow.ac.uk/?page_id=229

34. Money Saving Expert (MSE) Charity

A limited number of grants are available to small to medium-sized UK not-for-profit organisations that deliver activities which make a lasting impact on how people think, behave and manage their money. The maximum grant is £10,000. The MSE Charity will consider full project cost recovery, but costs must only relate to the project itself and not the organisation's core funding.

Deadline: 31 January 2025 https://www.msecharity.com/

35. 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://carraigghealwindfarm.co.uk//community-2.html

36. Bank of Scotland Foundation - Empower Programme

Unrestricted grants are available to registered charities in Scotland that support vulnerable groups. Maximum value £150,000. The funding can be used for core costs, delivery costs, project costs and/or general running costs.

Organisations should demonstrate:

- The vulnerabilities of the people they support.
- How their work makes or will make a difference to the lives of vulnerable people.
- The necessity for the funding and what unrestricted funding would allow the organisation to do.

Examples of vulnerable groups include people:

- With limited English language skills.
- With poor mental health.
- Experiencing homelessness.
- Experiencing poverty.
- Experiencing unemployment.

Deadline: 2 February 2025 https://bankofscotlandfoundation.org/funding-programmes/empower

37. Better Community Business Network Grant Initiative

A small number of grants are available each year to small not-for-profit groups with projects that address a community issue or support a local community initiative; and provide benefits to the local community. Funding is intended to improve the quality of life and expectations of people and their communities, especially those who come from disadvantaged or socially deprived backgrounds. Grants of up to £3,000 are available.

Deadline: 16 February 2025 https://bcbn.org.uk/grant-initiative/

38. Royal Countryside Fund – Supporting Rural Communities

This new differentiated funding will support transformative, community-led initiatives across the UK, unlocking the huge potential for positive change in rural communities. The aim is to support innovative solutions that will "power up, not prop up" communities, inspiring change and encouraging economic vibrancy.

Organisations can apply for grants of up to £25,000 over a period of 24 months to deliver activities along the themes of:

- Keeping young people in the countryside
- Powering up rural communities
- Increasing environmental sustainability
- Building emergency resilience in rural areas.

Deadline: 21 February 2025
https://www.royalcountrysidefund.org.uk/how-we-help/rural-communities/supporting-rural-communities-uk/

39. 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/

40. 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/

41. 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/

42. 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

43. 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

44. 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

45. 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/

46. 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

47. Naturewatch Foundation - Pet Rescue Grant
One or two grants are available each year for not-for-profit UK animal rescue charities working with dogs, cats and/or rabbits who have been affected by the illegal pet trade. The funding is intended to help frontline animal welfare services provide a second chance to pets who have been exploited for profit. A main grant of £10,000 is available annually to UK-registered charities and Community Interest Companies (CICs). Additionally, a mini-grant of £1,000 is available to unincorporated non-profits, including unregistered charities and community groups.
Deadline: 21 February 2025
https://naturewatch.org/campaigns/companion-animals/what-were-doing/pet-rescue-grant/

48. The Mushroom Trust
This fund aims to support the creation, enhancement, and upkeep 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.
Deadline: 31 March 2025 https://mushroomtrust.com/projects/

49. 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

50. 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/

51. 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/

52. 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

53. 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/

54. 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

55. 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

56. 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

57. 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/

58. 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/

59. 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

60. 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

61. 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/

62. 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: 15 March 2025 https://www.ulverscroft-foundation.org.uk/

63. 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/

64. 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

65. 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

66. 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/

67. 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

68. 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/

69. 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

70. 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.grantsforthedeaf.co.uk/

71. 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 illness (born with or acquired), severe personal injury, accident or medical negligence.
Deadline: Ongoing https://fletchersfoundation.org.uk/apply-for-support/

HOUSING, LAND AND PROPERTY

72. 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: 28th/ 29th February 2025
https://www.historicenvironment.scot/grants-and-funding/our-grants/historic-environment-grants-programme/#overview_tab

73. 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 March 2025 (5pm) https://www.help-the-homeless.org.uk/applying-for-funding/

74. 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/

75. 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

76. 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

77. 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 Crisis Supplement January 2025

SPORT FUNDING

78.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/

79. Rowing Foundation

Grants of up to £4,000 are available for equipment that will support the participation of young people and disabled people in rowing in the UK. Applications will be considered from clubs, schools, or other organisations that are involved in the water elements of the sport of rowing. Most of the grants go to UK Rowing Clubs – but the funders may also support any club or organisation involved in 'on water rowing-type' activities.

Applications for boat refurbishment grants are for any boat belonging to a UK rowing club which is used exclusively for Juniors or those in full-time education.

Deadline: 10 March 2025 (noon) https://therowingfoundation.org.uk/

80. Scottish Mountaineering Trust

Grants are available for organisations and individuals to promote public recreation, knowledge and safe enjoyment of the mountains of Scotland. Eligible activities include, but are not limited to:

- Footpath repair and maintenance.
- The promotion of mountaineering education and training particularly aimed at young people.
- Building renovation or maintenance.
- Expeditions where a scientific or otherwise charitable purpose can be demonstrated.

Deadline: 21 March 2025 https://thesmt.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant-new-form-and-guidance/

81. 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/

82. 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

83. 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

84. 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

85. 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

86. 7stars Foundation

Grants are available to support young people challenged by abuse and addiction, those who are young carers, and those who are homeless or without a safe place to call home.

- Project grants of up to £2,500 are available.
- Shine Bright grants of up to £1,500 are available.
- Social Impact grants of up to £1,500 are available.

Deadline: 5 February 2025 https://the7starsfoundation.co.uk/apply-for-funding

87. Baily Thomas Charitable Fund

Grants are available to voluntary organisations, charities and schools in the UK to assist with the care and relief of children, young people and adults with learning disabilities in the UK. The Charity operates the following grant schemes:

- Small Grants: from £250 up to £9,000.
- General Grants: over £9,000.

Deadline: 1 March 2025 https://www.bailythomas.org.uk/grants/general-programme/general-guidelines

88. 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/

89. Trefoil – Lilias 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://static1.squarespace.com/static/576960ce8419c2500dd8401b/t/66e4087691daf96bdf54fb99/1726220407353/Trefoil%2BHoliday%2BHoliday.pdf

90. 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/**

91. 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**

92. 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

93. 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/**

94. 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**

95. 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**

96. 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/**

97. 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/BTTTFTT/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

98. 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

99. WCIT – IT4Good Grant Programme

Grants are 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/

100. 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/

101. 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/