

# May 2025

## Funding Alert Supplement



### Poverty and Cost of Living Crisis

To assist you in navigating all the funds on offer in Funding Alert we have put the funding opportunities from these funders to this separate supplement that can be downloaded independently.

To download the full **Funding Alert** visit our webpage.

<https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/my-community/grants-and-funding/monthly-funding-alert>

### FOR INDIVIDUALS

Advice on Financial Assistance for individuals struggling with energy bills can be found at:

<https://www.changeworks.org.uk/energy-advice/financial-support/>

[Best Start Grants and Baby Payments](#) The Best Start Grant is a package of three payments that will give extra money to low income families during the early years of a child's life. Apply [here](#) or call: 0800 182 2222

[Funded Early Learning and Childcare for age 2](#) Some 2 year old children are eligible for a funded placement of Early Learning and Childcare (ELC). For more information [earlyyears@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:earlyyears@argyll-bute.gov.uk)

[Childcare, School and Education Grants](#) for more information contact [Family Information Service](#)

[Scottish Welfare Fund](#) Grants are available through the Scottish Welfare Fund for anyone on low income to help with daily living expenses. For more information contact your local [Customer Service Point](#)

[Housing Grants](#) including [Private Sector Grants](#) and [Adapting Your Home Grants](#) click on the link for more details or for information of who to contact in your local area, contact your local [Customer Service Point](#)

[Argyll and Bute Flexible Food and Fuel Fund](#) The Fund will help support daily living expenses.

<https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/council-tax-and-benefits/money-advice/flexible-food-fund>

For more information about Council Funded Programmes, click [Here](#)

For information on the Cost of Living, Bills and Benefits, click [Here](#)

### POVERTY AND COST OF LIVING CRISIS FOR GROUPS

Short application deadlines are highlighted in **red** so make sure you're quick off the mark!

#### 1. NFU Mutual Charitable Trust

Grants up to £50,000 are available to large charitable groups and organisations in the UK for projects that further the objectives of the NFU Mutual Charitable Trust, particularly those that educate young people in rural areas and the relief of poverty in rural areas. The Trustees meet twice a year to consider applications received. These meetings are currently held in June and November. For the November meeting applications must be submitted by 4th October 2024.

**Deadline: 23 May 2025**

<https://www.nfumutual.co.uk/about-us/charitable-trust/applications-for-funding/>

#### 2. 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: 30 June 2025** <https://www.theadamsontrust.co.uk/>

### 3. Veterans' Foundation

Grants are available for small and medium-sized charities and not-for-profit organisations that provide support to those in need among serving Armed Forces personnel, veterans, operationally qualified seafarers and their immediate families across the UK. Maximum value: £75,000.

**Deadline: 30 June 2025** <https://www.veteransfoundation.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/>

### 4. 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: 3 June 2025**

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

### 5. Mickel Fund

Grants are available for registered charities for projects in Scotland that address the charitable objectives of the Fund. Any applications received will be considered at the meeting due to be held in September 2025 (tbc)

**Deadline: September 2025** <https://www.mickelfund.org.uk/>

### 6. National Lottery Community Fund - Fairer Life Chances (Scotland)

Grants are available to voluntary and community and public sector organisations in Scotland for projects that support children, young people and families, or help people to be healthier and have better access to support, with a focus on those experiencing poverty, discrimination and disadvantage. Grants of between £20,001 and £500,000 are available. However, it is expected that most grants will be for £250,000 or less.

**Deadline: Ongoing** <https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/fairer-life-chances#section-3>

### 7. Cash for Kids - Cost of Living Grants

General Grants, Holiday Hunger Grants and Children Mental Health Grants are available to charities, community groups and professionals to help disadvantaged children across the UK during the current cost-of-living crisis.

Mission Christmas for gift applications opens in **August** each year.

**Deadline: Ongoing** <https://cashforkids.org.uk/cost-of-living>

### 8. Argyll and Bute Flexible Food and Fuel Fund

Argyll and Bute Council is continuing to run a fund aimed at tackling financial insecurity for adults and families across Argyll and Bute. The Fund offers financial support and wider confidential professional help to anyone suffering hardship. Working in partnership with the Community Food Forum, Bute Advice Centre and Allenergy, households with low incomes and no access to cash savings can apply for immediate financial support. The Fund will help support daily living expenses. **This fund is for individuals.**

**Deadline: Ongoing**

<https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/council-tax-and-benefits/money-advice/flexible-food-fund>

### 9. BBC Children in Need Emergency Essentials Programme

Funding for the purchase of essential items to meet the most basic needs of children and young people in the UK who are facing exceptionally difficult circumstances. Where possible, items will be provided directly rather than awarding a cash grant.

**Deadline: Ongoing** <https://www.familyfundsolutions.co.uk/>

### 10. British Gas Energy Trust

Grants are available to individuals and families across Great Britain to be used to help write off their energy debts. , regardless of energy provider.

The Trust offers two funds:

- Individuals and Families Fund - **Open to Credit and Pre-Payment Meter customers**
- British Gas Energy Support Fund – now closed

Both are intended to tackle fuel poverty by clearing the energy debts of struggling households and respond to the ongoing cost-of-living crisis. You do not need to be a British Gas customer to apply for this fund - you can be a British Gas Customer, or a customer from another supplier with arrears of up to £1,700.

**Deadline: Ongoing** <https://britishgasenergytrust.org.uk/grants-available/>

### 11. Kellogg's Breakfast Club Grants

Kellogg's is awarding grants of £1,000 to school Breakfast Clubs, to help them provide breakfast to those children who need it most. Eligible breakfast clubs must be based in a school in England, Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland and aimed at pupils between reception class and year 13.

**Deadline: Ongoing** (link may be slow to load)

[https://www.kelloggs.co.uk/en\\_GB/our-story/feeding-people-in-need/support-for-school-breakfast-clubs/grants-for-schools.html](https://www.kelloggs.co.uk/en_GB/our-story/feeding-people-in-need/support-for-school-breakfast-clubs/grants-for-schools.html)

### 12. Robertson Trust - Wee Grants

Grants of £300 to £2,000 are available for up to one year for small charities and community groups in Scotland carrying out charitable work in local communities to address poverty and trauma

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

### 13. COSARAF – Hardship Grants

Grants of up to £2,000 but only in exceptional circumstances will individuals receive a grant of more than £500 these are available for third party social organisations to support individuals and families across the UK who are in financial need and have exhausted all other sources of funding.

**Deadline: Ongoing** <https://www.cosaraf.org/what-we-do/hardship-grants/>

### 14. Faith in Community Scotland - Greener Spaces, Fairer Places

Grants of up to £500 are available to local faith groups and other related organisations for projects that address poverty and climate change in communities across Scotland.

**Deadline: Ongoing** <https://www.faithincommunity.scot/gsfps>

### 15. Family Fund Trust

Grants up to £300 are available to support families and individuals for essential personal and household needs to assist families and individuals with low incomes, particularly those living on benefits.

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

### 16. Foux Foundation

Grants are available for registered charities across the United Kingdom and Ireland 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/>

### 17. Hollyhock Charitable Foundation

Grants from £5,000 to £400,000 are available to local not-for-profit groups for projects which bring general benefit to residents and communities across Great Britain, with a focus on health, poverty, education and Christianity. The trustees consider grants on a quarterly basis.

**Deadline: Ongoing** <https://www.hollyhockfoundation.co.uk/>

### 18. Happy Days Children's Charity

Funding for families with children aged 3-17 who are disabled, have a special need or have been abused.

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

### 19. Trefoil – Lillas Finlay Holiday Fund

Trefoil offers holiday grants to children and families who meet our 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. Holiday grants are open and considered all year.

**Deadline: Ongoing**

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/576960ce8419c2500dd8401b/t/66e4087691daf96bdf54fb99/1726220407353/Trefoil%2BHoliday%2BHoliday.pdf>

## 20. Junius S Morgan Benevolent Fund

One-off grants of £500 are available to current and retired nurses, midwives and nursing associates living in the UK and who are experiencing financial hardship for a variety of reasons. There is also a Domestic Abuse Fund to support survivors of domestic abuse who are experiencing financial crisis or hardship as a result of their experience of domestic abuse. Individuals applying to the fund must have worked as a nurse, midwife, or nursing associate in the UK.

**Deadline: Ongoing** <https://www.juniusmorgan.org.uk/grants/>

## 21. Merchant Navy Welfare Board

Grants are available to support organisations serving and retired seafarers, fishers and their dependants.

**Deadline: Ongoing** [https://www.mnwb.org/Grants\\_to\\_Organisations](https://www.mnwb.org/Grants_to_Organisations)

## 22. Randal Charitable Foundation

Both small scale-grants (under £3,000) and larger-scale grants are available for UK based charities, voluntary groups, and other not-for-profit organisations to support projects and activities that directly assist people in the most desperate need, with a particular focus on directly saving lives and improving quality of life.

**Deadline: Ongoing** <https://www.randalfoundation.org.uk/grant-giving/>

## 23. The Rozelle Trust

Financial assistance is available to smaller charities in Scotland that work to support the poor and disadvantaged in their local communities.

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

## 24. Trusthouse Charitable Foundation

Grants of £2,000 to £10,000 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 deprived rural areas.

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

## 25. Victim Support Scotland – Emergency Assistance Fund

Grants are available to support people affected by crime across Scotland and provide a wide range of goods and services to people who would typically lack access to financial help.

**Deadline: Ongoing** <https://victimsupport.scot/get-support/emergency-assistance-fund/>

## 26. Family Action - Welfare Grants Programme

The Welfare Grants Programme is aimed at people who already receive means-tested benefits but still need a little helping hand to afford basics or replace essentials like a broken washing machine. Together with emotional support this can help individuals and families avoid a bigger crisis and get back on track. Grants Open UK wide: The fund is open for applications for people over the age of 60 who live anywhere in the UK including Greater London. On the **5<sup>th</sup> March 2025** there is the intention to reopen grant applications for people living anywhere in the UK who have a diagnosed mental health illness or who have recently experienced domestic abuse. Applications can only be made by a suitable referring organisation such as a statutory agency or charity that provides health or social care, housing associations, probation services and GP's. Members of the public cannot apply themselves directly.

**Deadline: Ongoing** <https://family-action.org.uk/services/welfare-grants-programme/>

## 27. Pets Foundation - Preventing Pet Relinquishment Grants

Grants of up to £80,000 per year are available for projects which aim to keep pets with their owners and out of rescue, including projects providing emergency pet fostering for people facing crisis, subsidised veterinary care, neutering schemes and pet food banks.

Charitable activity	Value:	Application period	Decision timetable
Rescue and rehoming of pets	One-off sum	Open all year round	Decisions made throughout the year.
Pets assisting people	One-off or multi-year (up to 3 years)	Opens April and closes end of May	Decisions made in Autumn
Preventing pet relinquishment	One-off sum	Open all year round	Decisions made throughout the year.

**Deadline: Ongoing** <https://www.petsfoundation.co.uk/preventing-pet-relinquishment/>

### 28. National Lottery Community Fund - Cost of Living Support Scotland

Grants of between £20,001 and £75,000 for up to one year are available for voluntary groups, community organisations, and other not-for-profit organisations across Scotland to help support individuals, families, and communities currently experiencing hardship as a result of the cost-of-living crisis.

**Deadline: Closed for Applications**

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/cost-of-living-support-fund#section-1>

### 29. Grocers' Charity Grant

One-off grants are available to small UK registered charities for work in the specific areas of: relief of poverty, disability and inclusion, the elderly, health, military, environment and conservation, and the arts and heritage.

**Deadline: Closed for Applications**

<https://grocershall.co.uk/the-charity/apply-for-a-grant/our-grant-process>

### 30. Ironmongers' Company

Grants of up to £10,000 available for projects in the UK that provide opportunities for disadvantaged children and young people under the age of 25 years to fulfil their potential. Projects could, for example, support special educational needs, or foster social, emotional or life skills - projects that deliver clearly defined educational benefits.

**Closed for submissions until 31 May 2025.**

**Deadline: Closed for Applications until 31 May 2025.** <https://www.ironmongers.org/helping-charitable-organisations>

### 31. Sheldon Trust

A small number of grants up to £10,000 are available for registered charities undertaking projects to relieve poverty and need in society. Applications are currently **CLOSED** and **will open in June 2025**.

**Deadline: Closed for Applications**

<https://pwwsolicitors.co.uk/charity-grants/sheldon-trust/> or <http://www.thesheldontrust.org/>

### 32. Robertson Trust - Nurturing Relationships

Grants are available to registered charities working to support nurturing relationships within families and communities, to help break the cycle between persistent poverty and intergenerational trauma, and to support recovery.

- Small Grants - £30,000 to £200,000.
- Large Grants - £200,000 to £2 million.

**Deadline: Closed for Applications** <https://www.therobertsontrust.org.uk/funding/nurturing-relationships/>

### 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: Closed for Applications** <https://www.thomaswalltrust.org.uk/grants-for-individuals/>