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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>



The Community Funding Toolkit

The Community Funding Toolkit is a comprehensive guide designed to help community organizations in Argyll and Bute secure funding for their projects.

It provides detailed advice and resources to strengthen project proposals and improve the chances of successful funding applications.

By systematically working through the toolkit, community organizations can create well-planned, compelling funding applications that clearly demonstrate their project's value and potential impact.

[Access the Funding Toolkit here!](#)

NEWS



Six projects selected for Place Based Investment funds: Six projects in Argyll and Bute are poised to benefit from a share of £496,000 from the Scottish Government's Place Based Investment (PBI) Programme after councillors agreed to the funding in principle at a meeting of the council's Policy and Resources Committee.

The selected projects are:

- The Albert Pier, Rothesay – regeneration works to formalise parking arrangements and provide dedicated facilities for visiting coaches. The project represents the next phase of works following the proposed demolition of vacant property on the pier using Crown Estates Funding.

- The Victoria Hall, Campbeltown – repair and refurbish the entire front elevation of this prominent town centre building. This will add value to previous town centre regeneration activities funded via the Conservation Area Regeneration Schemes (CARS).
- Shopfront and business support - flexible fund to support businesses throughout Argyll and Bute with capital improvements to shopfronts/buildings supporting previous regeneration investment.
- Upgrade of CCTV in town centres across Argyll and Bute.
- Helensburgh Outdoor Museum - commission artist/arts organisation to deliver community engagement and to further develop the Outdoor Museum as a heritage-led attraction for Helensburgh. This will deliver further artworks, increasing the potential for the outdoor museum to act as a key tourist attraction for Helensburgh.
- Rockfield Centre, Oban – Phase two of outdoor works to enhance the external space, including improved car park and installation of EV charging facilities.

The PBI programme aims to improve people's lives by supporting community-led projects and aligning investments with local needs and aspirations.

Community Led Local Development Fund

Funding is offered up to a maximum of 90% of overall project costs. Constituted community groups, third sector organisation, and Public sector organisations are eligible to apply and projects must support one or more of the main fund priorities for 2025/26 which are:

- Eradicating child poverty
- Growing the economy
- Tackling the climate emergency
- Ensuring high quality and sustainable public services

Applications will be particularly welcomed where there is a need evidenced in a community led planning exercise such as a local or community plan. For projects addressing the priority of tackling the climate emergency, these should be projects which improve the resilience of communities in the face of it.

Whilst the fund is for capital projects, some revenue funding is available to cover direct project revenue costs generated by capital activity, such as project management.

Expressions of Interest will be submitted through [Aspiring Places](#). You can register now and create a project proposal, which can be connected with this fund. For instructions on how to do this, click here:

[How to connect your project proposal on Aspiring Places with funding](#)

Deadline: Friday 13th June 2025 (Expressions of interest)

Scottish Government's CashBack for Communities programme opens this month

The fund will strengthen community wellbeing across Scotland by supporting young people at risk of involvement in antisocial behaviour, offending or reoffending. The funding, which reinvests criminal assets recovered through the Proceeds of Crime Act, will provide the opportunities and the tools to support young people to make informed decisions about their future. CashBack for Communities partners will deliver early and effective prevention activities for children and young people aged 10-25. This phase of the fund will focus on:

1. **Providing safe spaces and suitable activities** for young people to combat boredom, frustration, and isolation, which can contribute to antisocial behaviours.
2. **Supporting young people to understand their own value and become positive influences** and leaders within their communities.

3. **Delivering holistic support** for particularly vulnerable young people which includes their family or care environment. Where a young person may have the potential to come into conflict with the law, support will be extended for family and caregivers.
4. **Offering support for young people who are already in conflict with the law** to reflect on past behaviours and work towards a more positive future.

Funding will open to applications from **Thursday 12 June** and will provide up to £26 million from April 2026 to end of March 2029.

For more information and to register for information webinars, click [HERE](#)



Deadline: Thursday 7 August, 12pm noon

Scottish Government Climate Engagement Fund Reopens to Applications

The Scottish Government is offering grants of between £25,000 and £80,000 for charities, community groups, community planning partnerships, and other 'trusted messenger' organisations, to deliver projects and activities that help to build an understanding of the climate emergency across communities in Scotland, in line with the strategic objectives of the Scottish Government's Net Zero Nation: Public Engagement Strategy for Climate Change (PES).

A total of £275,000 is currently available for groups to achieve the following:

- Increase the number of individuals and communities who are climate literate.
- Increase the number of individuals and communities who understand the need to act and are empowered to do so.
- Widen participation by engaging new communities and individuals.

Engagement activities that can be considered for funding include public events or lectures, climate festivals, learning and development activities, skills workshops, exhibitions and art installations, or youth development programmes. Projects must be completed by 31 March 2026.

The Fund will support both local and national climate change engagement projects, as well as provide support for both new and continuing activities.



The deadline for applications is 8 June 2025 (23:59).

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/climate-engagement-fund/pages/overview/>

CARES Community Buildings Fund to Reopen (Scotland)

Local Energy Scotland has announced that its Community Buildings Fund will reopen. The Fund is provided by the Scottish Government through the Community and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES).

Groups are encouraged to submit an Expression of Interest for the 2025/26 funding round in advance of the window for full applications opening.

Through the Fund, grants of up to £80,000 are available to community groups, registered charities, and other not-for-profit organisations across Scotland to support the installation of low-carbon and renewable energy measures in community buildings and to help support decarbonisation.

Funding is intended to enable groups to install low-carbon and renewable energy measures in self-managed community buildings, such as village halls, community centres, community hubs, sports facilities, and faith buildings.

Projects must be completed by 28 February 2026.



Full applications are expected to open in Spring 2025 and will be open to the end of October 2025 or whenever funding is fully allocated, whichever is sooner.

More information found on the [Local Energy Scotland website](#)



Money Counts Courses 2025

Brief conversations: is aimed at anyone who is in a position to have a brief conversation with individuals around money worries. The course aims to build the confidence of staff to offer income maximisation help and explains how to ask about money worries and where and how to refer for support. Course length – 45 mins. The training is open to anyone working across Highland and Argyll and Bute.

Dates & Times:

- Tuesday 1st July 10.00 – 10.45am

How to apply?

Please note if you are out with the NHS, you will need to register on Turas. You will find all the necessary instructions on the following link: [Health Improvement Training \(scot.nhs.uk\)](https://scot.nhs.uk/healthimprovementtraining) Once you have registered, you will find the [Money Counts Course](#) by clicking on this link.

The course has been developed in collaboration with NHS Highland, the Trussell Trust, Highland Council and Social Security Scotland. For any enquiries contact, please email: nhsh.healthimprovementtraining@nhs.scot

New Funding Available from Business Gateway – Act Fast!

Thanks to additional funding through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, Business Gateway has reopened some of their most popular support options, including:



- **Small Business Development Grant – up to £10,000**
- **Training, Trade Fair, Accreditation or Digital Grant – up to £1,000**
- **Business Start-Up Grant – up to £1,000**
- **1–2 Days of Fully Funded Expert Help**

This funding is available for this financial year only, and demand is expected to be high. If you have a project in mind, we strongly encourage you to get in touch soon.

Already received a UKSPF grant? You may still be eligible for additional funding if you haven't yet reached the maximum amount – for example, if you've claimed £4,000 through a Small Business Development Grant, you could still apply for up to £6,000 more.

The deadline for applications is 5pm on 1st December 2025 although the programme will close for applications sooner if funds are fully allocated.

🔗 [Find out more about Business Gateway grants and funding](#)



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 June 2025](#)

ARTS AND CULTURE

1. Theatres Trust Small Grants Scheme

Small grants are available for essential works to not-for-profit theatres in the UK that will enable them to be viable and thrive in the future. The scheme aims to fund small capital improvements to theatres run by charities and not-for-profit groups that will make a big impact to a theatre's resilience, sustainability or accessibility, or to improving the diversity of audiences.

Deadline: 6 June 2025 (5pm) <https://www.theatrestrust.org.uk/smallgrants>

2. Universal Music UK Sound Foundation - School Funding

Grants are available to support access to music for schools, students and teachers by facilitating the purchase of musical instruments / upgrade and equipment. Grants of up to £1,000 are available.

Deadline: 25 June 2025 (13:00) <https://www.umuksoundfoundation.com/umuksf-school-awards/>

3. Museums Galleries Scotland - Creative Minds Fund

Grants are available to accredited and non-accredited museums in Scotland for partnership projects with charities and local authorities that will encourage people with mental health issues to engage with cultural activities. Grants of up to £25,000 will be available.

Deadline: 25 June 2025

<https://www.museumsgalleriesscotland.org.uk/funding/creative-minds-fund/#purpose-of-the-fund>

4. Health and Wellbeing in Museums Fund

Grants are available to support health and wellbeing programmes in Museums across the UK. Around 20 grants of between £50,000 to £75,000 are available over two funding rounds in 2025 and 2026.

Deadline: 25 June 2025 <https://www.museumsassociation.org/funding/health-and-wellbeing/>

5. Music for All - Community Project Funding

Grants are available to UK-based community groups that aim to bring musical projects to their local communities. The grants programme aims to give a helping hand to projects and initiatives across the UK that are seeking to bring music to their communities. The funding is for groups that need assistance to fulfil their potential in developing truly sustainable music programmes. Groups, schools and organisations that are bringing music to their communities in the UK can apply. Grants are at the discretion of the funders and values vary from round to round.

Deadline: 27 June 2025 (11.59pm) <https://www.musicforall.org.uk/>

6. Radcliffe Trust

Funding is available for UK charities, not-for-profit and Exempt organisations working in the areas of music, especially chamber music, composition and music education, or in heritage and crafts. Grants are generally in the region of £2,500 to £7,500.

Deadline: 31 July 2025 <https://www.theradcliffetrust.org/>

7. Michael Tippett Musical Foundation

Grants are available for the development of group music making in the UK, especially involving young people, and support the performance and recording of works by Michael Tippett.

Deadline: 30 September 2025 <https://www.tippettfoundation.org.uk/grants>

8. Fidelio Charitable Trust

Grant funding to help individuals (over school age) and groups of exceptional ability in the UK that would not otherwise be able to carry out an artistic project or activity without financial support. Grants of up to £5,000 are available.

Deadline: 1 October 2025 (noon) <http://www.fideliocharitabletrust.org.uk/>

9. Turtleton Charitable Trust

Grants are available to registered charities in Scotland for charitable projects in the fields of heritage, the arts and education. Grants are usually for between £5,000 and £25,000. Funding is intended for the advancement of the arts, culture and heritage, with a preference for visual arts and heritage. However, other aspects of the arts and culture will also be considered. A small number of applications each year focused on support for the disadvantaged and the advancement of education will be considered.

Deadline: 31 December 2025 <https://www.turcanconnell.com/the-turtleton-charitable-trust>

10. Association for Industrial Archaeology - Restoration Grants

Funding is available for the restoration of historically, technically, architecturally, and/or archaeologically important industrial buildings, structures, machinery, vehicles and vessels within the UK. Two funding streams are available:

- Major projects - up to £30,000. Grants must form a significant portion of the total project costs (normally, at least 20% of the total project costs).
- Small projects - up to £10,000 for projects with total costs of no more than £12,500.

The grant is for capital funding only, not ongoing revenue funding.

Deadline: 31 March 2026 <https://industrial-archaeology.org/aia-awards/restoration-grants/>

11. 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/>

12. 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 any funded activity.

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

13. Creative Scotland – National Lottery Open Fund for Organisations

Grants of between £1,000 and £100,000 are 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>

14. Future Flight: Regional Demonstrator

UK registered organisations can apply for a share of up to £600,000 for the development of regional demonstrators of drone, electric take off and landing (eVTOL) or zero emission conventional take off and landing (CTOL) aircraft operations in the UK.

Deadline: Wednesday 11 June 2025 11:00am

<https://apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/competition/2197/overview/0acaa302-3495-47c5-bef6-a285fdf2e170>

15. Transport Accelerator: Maritime 2025

Funding is available to support UK small and medium-sized enterprises with innovative solutions that could make a real difference in the maritime industry. Successful applicants can apply for between £10,000 and £20,000 to deliver a trial of their solution in collaboration with a programme partner. UK registered micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) may apply. They must have an innovative solution at TRL 5-8. The solution must address one or more of the identified challenge areas:

1. Autonomous Operations: Enhancing integration of connected and autonomous machinery in port operations.
2. Storage and Distribution of Future Fuels: Developing modular and efficient storage solutions for alternative fuels in ports.
3. People's Safety Experience: Improving safety for operators and passengers in and around the operational environment.
4. Open Challenge: Innovative solutions that could benefit the UK maritime sector and wider transport sector, including those encouraging retention and career development in maritime.

Deadline: 16 June 2025 <https://cp.catapult.org.uk/opportunity/transport-accelerator-maritime-2025/>

16. Startup Mull

Grants to support any early-stage business on Mull (and surrounding islands) to become established and successful. Any start-up business, working in any industry, established within 12 months and based on Mull (or nearby islands) can apply for support. Existing businesses may be considered for an award but applications must demonstrate how the grant will achieve major changes to the business. Grants between £5,000 and £10,000 are offered and paid directly to the business.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://startupmull.com/the-startupmull-grant/>

17. MMC Venture Capital

Equity investments available to early-stage UK SMEs that demonstrate high growth potential. Although MMC Ventures can provide investments to companies in any sector, they tend to focus support on the following:

- Business software
- Financial services
- Digital media
- E-commerce
- Business services

The fund is open to all early-stage UK businesses that meet the definition of an SME.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://mmc.vc/funds/>

18. Standard Innovation Voucher Scheme (Scotland)

A scheme that aims to build relationships between SMEs (small to medium-sized enterprises) and HEIs (Higher Education Institutes) in Scotland by supporting collaborative projects that will lead to new products and processes that will benefit the business, the institution and the Scottish economy. A wide range of collaborative projects are eligible for support, including:

- Developing new products and processes.
- New service development.
- Improved production processes.
- Experimental testing and measuring.

The award for an individual project is for between £1,000 and £7,500. This will be paid to the academic institution to offset the costs of the collaborative project.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://interface-online.org.uk/vouchers/standard-innovation-vouchers/>

19. Pentech Ventures

Venture capital is available to UK businesses in the area of software development. Pentech invests in teams who believe they can build a category leading software company. Areas of interest include: Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning; Big Data; Infrastructure such as Blockchain; and verticals that are enabled via the efficient use of AI and new infrastructure

approaches, such as FinServ, Health, and Enterprise Transformation. Initial investment is likely to be £500,000 to £2 million, with up to £10 million invested over the lifetime of the investment.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://pentech.vc/about/>

20. 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/>

21. 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 (link may be slow to load) <https://www.bid4oban.co.uk/business-improvement-scheme>

22. 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>

23. 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 (link may be slow to load)

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

24. 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 (link may be slow to load)

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

25. 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/>

26. 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>

27. 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/>

28. 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/>

29. 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

30. 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. Applications are accepted from individual families and on behalf of groups of children, registered charities and other organisations.

Charities and other organisations must provide a copy of their latest audited accounts in addition to other information.

There must be evidence of a disability from a medical or social services professional.

Funding is available for the costs associated with holidays and/or respite breaks. The holiday must be taken by the day preceding the child's 18th birthday.

Deadline: 30 June 2025 <https://www.theadamsontrust.co.uk/>

31. Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust – Free from Fear Programme

This programme seeks to ensure armed forces communities are not disadvantaged. It will support projects that address the complex challenge of domestic abuse, through service provision focused on prevention and support.

For the purposes of this programme, domestic abuse is defined as a pattern of behaviour used to gain or maintain power and control over another person in a familial relationship. Although most victim-survivors are women, domestic abuse can happen to anyone of any age, sex, gender, race or sexual orientation and can take several different forms.

Deadline: 02 July 2025 <https://covenantfund.org.uk/programme/free-from-fear-programme/>

32. 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. The following grants are available:

- **Small grants** of between £500 and £5,000.
- **Standard grants** of between £5,001 and £30,000. This can be for one year or a multi-year grant for up to three years (eg, £10,000 per year over three years).
- **Salary grants** up to £25,000 per year for up to three years, for the exclusive use of salary costs.
- **Major grants** of between £100,000 and £200,000 spread over one to three years.

Deadline: 21 July 2025 <https://www.veteransfoundation.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/>

33. Henry Smith Charity - Holiday Grants for Children

Grants are available for schools, youth groups, not-for-profit organisations, and charities to provide access to one-off recreational trips or holidays for groups of children aged 13 years and younger who experience disadvantage or disability and live in an area of high deprivation.

Deadline: 21 July 2025 (for trips taking place 1 May–31 August 2025)

<https://www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/explore-our-grants-and-apply/holiday-grants-for-children/holiday-grants-for-children-overview/>

34. Kelly Family Charitable Trust

Grants are available for UK registered charities, working locally or regionally in the United Kingdom, whose activities nurture and support family life. The funding is for charities whose activities involve all or most family members in initiatives that support and encourage the family to work as a cohesive unit in tackling problems that face one or more of its members.

Grants will generally be worth up to £5,000. The three principal areas that the charity wishes to support are:

- Interventions that support families and help them in ways that prevent the fracture of the family unit, eg relationship counselling, mediation.
- Families where sexual abuse, physical abuse, domestic violence, alcohol abuse and drugs abuse threaten the integrity of the family unit.
- Prisoners and in particular their families, during and after the period of imprisonment.

Deadline: 1 October 2025 <https://kfct.org.uk/>

35. Mother and Baby Unit Family Fund

A Mother and Baby Unit (MBU) is a specialist inpatient unit for people who:

- develop severe mental health problems in the later stages of pregnancy
- develop severe mental health problems during the year after their baby is born

You can claim towards the cost of travel, food and accommodation when you're visiting someone in an MBU, if you are the:

- partner of the person who gave birth
- baby's other parent
- main carer of the person who gave birth

If you have children who are 16 and under, you can claim towards the costs travel, food and accommodation during their visits to the MBU too.

For further information and how to make a claim, visit: <https://www.mygov.scot/mother-baby-unit-family-fund>

36. Aberlour Urgent Assistance Fund

The Urgent Assistance Fund remains committed to providing emergency cash grants to help families who are struggling to provide essentials such as food, heating, beds and clothing for their children. Applications must be submitted via a sponsor. Sponsors can be frontline professionals working for a registered charity, housing association or public sector organisation who:

- are working directly with the children/young person
- have made a full assessment of the child's or young person's needs

Children and young people must meet the following criteria:

- Aged under 21 OR aged 25 and under if the young person is care experienced.
- Living on a low income and experiencing financial hardship.
- Have experienced a crisis that has recently had a significant and enduring impact on:
 - their wellbeing
 - their development and education
 - The family or young person has recently taken action to improve their situation, are actively engaging with support and are moving on from the crisis.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://www.aberlour.org.uk/get-help/urgent-assistance-fund/auaf-apply>

37. True Colours Trust - UK Small Grants

Small grants are available to UK registered charities and community interest companies that are working to make a difference to the lives of disabled children (up to 25 yo) and their families in the UK. Grants of up to £10,000 are available.

Deadline: Ongoing (link may be slow to load) <https://www.truecolourstrust.org.uk/uk-small-grants>

38. 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/>

39. 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>

40. 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/>

41. 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>

42. 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>

43. 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>

44. 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>

45. 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 disadvantaged children. Applications can be made twice per year in September and March.

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

COMMUNITY WELLBEING FUNDING

46. SSE Hydro Community Fund

Grants for a range of local community projects in community council areas of the north of Scotland that host hydro electric facilities. Grants from £10,000 to £100,000 are available. Awards over £100,000 may be granted under exceptional circumstances but applicants should contact the Community Investment Manager before applying to the Fund. **Location** - Community council areas of: Ardgour, Arrochar, Tarbet and Ardlui, Cairndow, Colintrave and Glendaruel, , East Kintyre, Inveraray, Taynuilt, West Loch Fyne. 26 June 2025 for consideration in September.

Deadline: 26 June 2025

<https://www.sserenewables.com/communities/community-fund-locations/great-britain/hydro-community-fund/>

47. Yorkshire Building Society Charitable Foundation - Small Change Big Difference Fund

Grants to support registered charities and good causes in local communities across the UK to alleviate poverty, improve health and save lives. The Foundations can support applications to fund a specific project or items that will have a positive impact to the beneficiaries e.g. sensory toys for children with special needs, social activities for the vulnerable/isolated elderly or training of charity employees to deliver programmes.

The Foundation will assist with specific tangible items rather than donating to general funds or expenses.

Deadline: 30 June 2025 <https://www.ybs.co.uk/your-society/charitable-foundation>

48. Carraig Gheal Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund

Grants are available to local constituted and non-constituted groups for projects which benefit the community council areas of Avich and Kilchrenan, Taynuilt, Glenorchy and Innishail, Kilinver and Kilmelford, and Kilmore. There are two funding schemes:

- Micro grant scheme - grants of up to £750.
- Main grant scheme - grants from £751 up to £10,000 (**currently closed**).

Deadline: 31 July 2025 <https://carraiggealwindfarm.co.uk/community-2.html>

49. PCT-St Nicholas Care Fund

Grants are available for voluntary sector organisations to assist with social need in the eastern part of Argyll and Bute around Helensburgh and the Gareloch. Small grants are available to organisations and community groups providing direct benefit to communities, particularly in the following priority areas:

- Children and young people.
- The elderly.
- People with disabilities.
- Those suffering from the effects of poverty or unemployment.
- Those suffering as a result of alcoholism and/or drug abuse.
- Those who have been, or are experiencing mental illness.

Deadline: 4 August 2025 <http://www.rcag.org.uk/index.php/the-archdiocese/st-nicholas-care-fund>

50. Circular Electricals Fund

One-off grants are available for a range of organisations to support new ideas and innovative approaches aimed at keeping electricals and their materials in use for longer, and reducing e-waste. The grant can be used for:

- Equipment and materials
- Salaries or wages
- Logistics
- Testing and innovation
- Communications campaigns
- Health and safety
- Data collection
- Other

Deadline: 14 August 2025

<https://www.materialfocus.org.uk/partnerships-with-material-focus/circular-electricals-fund/>

51. Foundation Scotland - An Suidhe Wind Farm Community Fund

Grants are available to not-for-profit organisations for projects which benefit people living within the Dalavich, Furnace, Glenorchy and Inishail or Inveraray areas, which are in close proximity to the An Suidhe Wind Farm. Grants between £300 and £9,000 are available. Requests of more than £9,000 may be funded where exceptional need and impact can be demonstrated.

Deadline: 6 October 2025 <https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/>

52. 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>

53. Pub is the Hub

Pub is the Hub encourages rural pub owners, licensees, and their local communities to work together to support, retain and locate local services, where possible, within the pub, whilst often improving the viability of the business itself. The provider may be able to assist some projects through its own [Community Services Fund](#), which aims to support projects as a fund of last resort, where no local funding for services currently exists. A grant of up to £3,000 may be provided.

Pub is The Hub does not always have funds to be a direct provider of grants or loans for individual diversification projects. It does, however, provide advice help and support at no cost to licensees and seek to work with the local authorities to find the potential funding sources.

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

54. 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. Two levels of funding are available:

- Grants of up to £500.
- Grants of over £500 (the level of funding is at the discretion of the trustees).

Deadline: Ongoing <https://scottishseafarms.com/community/how-to-apply/>

55. 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>

56. Scottish Community Alliance - Community Learning Exchange Fund

The Fund aims to facilitate peer to peer learning exchanges for community groups in Scotland with the overall objective of improving the capacity and resilience of the community sector. Guidance notes, an online application form and a list of SCA member networks and their contact details are available from the Scottish Community Alliance website. Contact the Scottish Community Alliance for further information, email: cle@scottishcommunityalliance.net

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

57. Robertson Trust's Community Spaces Fund

Funding is intended to support the running costs of local community centres, hubs or anchor organisations that are delivering and/or hosting a range of services and activities in places with high levels of deprivation. Examples of eligible work include:

- The running costs of an accessible community hub based in a town with high levels of deprivation. The hub hosts and delivers services for local people, including community meals, family activities, a youth group and drop-in sessions with partner organisations such as the Citizens Advice Bureau and local employability service.
- The running costs of a village hall in a rural community where there are no other community facilities. The hall hosts a range of groups and services, such as a parent and toddler group, a food pantry, and warm space, and provides access to IT facilities.

Grants of between £5,000 and £20,000 per year for up to three years are available to registered charities working in Scotland. Organisations should demonstrate the various services they deliver and/or host related to preventing or reducing poverty and trauma for local people.

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

58. Royal Countryside Fund – Supporting Rural Communities

The UK-wide Supporting Rural Communities grant programme launched 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/>

59. National Lottery Awards for All - Scotland

The National Lottery Awards for All programme is a partnership between The National Lottery Community Fund Scotland, Sportscotland and Creative 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.

Groups can only hold one National Lottery Awards for All grant at a time.

Deadline: Ongoing

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

60. Cruden Foundation

This fund aims to support charitable projects and activities in Scotland for the benefit of people living there. Funding is intended to support projects with a strong focus on community welfare, medical support and research, the arts, education, and conservation. Most grants are in the £2,500 to £5,000 range, although both smaller and larger grants can also be requested.

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

61. UK Community Foundations

Grants for projects in all sectors of the local community. Each foundation has its own character appropriate to the location and grants may be made to a wide range of activities including: health; children and young people; arts and culture; the environment; services. Community foundations can meet all areas of community need, including but not limited to:

- Arts and culture.
- Education.
- Environment.
- Health.
- Community development.
- Children and young people.
- Older people.
- Employment and training.

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

62. 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/>

63. 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/>

64. 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>

65. 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>

66. 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, CONSERVATION and ANIMAL WELFARE

67. Jaguar Land Rover - Defender Awards

Awards are available to registered charities and not-for-profit organisations for projects focused on humanitarian work, and environmental and conservation activities. The Awards are intended to facilitate the work of small charities and organisations working to meet the needs of vulnerable communities and to conserve the natural environment.

Work must fall within the following four categories:

- **Defenders of the Wild**
 - Protecting endangered and at-risk species.
- **Defenders of Humanity**
 - Meeting the needs of vulnerable communities. To help vulnerable communities prepare for, respond to, and recover from crises such as food poverty or flooding.
- **Defenders of the Land**
 - Preserving natural habitats and promoting biodiversity.
- **Defenders of the Sea**
 - Safeguarding marine life and coastal areas.

Deadline: 16 June 2025 <https://www.landover.co.uk/defender/defender-awards/index.html>

68. The Finnis Scott Foundation

Grants are available for UK registered charities working in the areas of horticulture and plant sciences, as well as fine art and art history. Most grants are currently £5,000 or less.

Deadline: 18 June 2025 <https://www.finnis-scott-foundation.org.uk/>

69. HITRANS Funding for Active Travel Infrastructure Projects in the Community and Workplace

Two funding opportunities available – the Workplace Active Travel Infrastructure Grant, and the Community Cycle Parking Grant. These capital grants, funded by **Transport Scotland's People and Place Programme**, aim to make walking, wheeling and cycling easier and more accessible by improving infrastructure in both **community spaces** and **workplaces**. The HITRANS region includes most of Argyll and Bute, except Helensburgh and Lomond.

Deadline: 21 June 2025

https://hitrans.org.uk/travel/funding-for-active-travel-infrastructure-projects-in-the-community-and-workplace/?fbclid=IwY2xjawKio0ZleHRuA2FbQlXMQBicmlkETBQUUNkaDZ2cG5XeDNUYmtSAR7Zp4CnCwPt3PAldLeLoRL5mc3ZXvqeONFwmeb316cimnU7MhTwpum8HbzPIQ_aem_1USEsX0xu0r49bWZM-pQeQ

70. CARES Community Buildings Fund

Grants of up to £80,000 are available to community groups, registered charities, and other not-for-profit organisations across Scotland to support the installation of low-carbon and renewable energy measures in community buildings and to help support decarbonisation. Funding is intended to enable groups to install low-carbon and renewable energy measures in self-managed community buildings, such as village halls, community centres, community hubs, sports facilities, and faith buildings. Projects must be completed by 28 February 2026.

Deadline: 25 June 2025 <https://localenergy.scot/funding/community-energy-generation-growth-fund/>

71. Naturesave Trust

Grants are available to community groups, charities and social enterprises for environmental projects across the UK. Grants of up to £5,000 are available. The theme for the current round is nature connection. Applications are accepted from a range of UK based organisations, including charities, social enterprises, voluntary organisations, small grassroots community groups and businesses.

To be eligible, the organisation and/or project must:

- Be entirely based in the UK.
- Have a website or social media presence.

Deadline: 15 July 2025 <https://naturesave.co.uk/naturesave-trust/>

72. 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. The objectives of the Trust are to donate to projects or activities encompassing one or more of the following areas:

- The benefit and protection of animals.
- The relief of suffering in animals.
- The conservation of wildlife.
- The encouragement of a greater understanding of animals.

Grants range from £1,000 to a normal maximum of £10,000.

Deadline: 1 August 2025 <https://www.jeansainsburyanimalwelfare.org.uk/>

73. Sea-Changers Grant Programme

One-off grants are available to UK-based marine conservation charities and not-for-profit organisations for projects that address specific marine conservation areas. Sea-Changers is the UK charity dedicated to raising money for UK-based marine conservation. Its vision is to create a world where the seas and shores are clean and healthy and marine species are protected. Two levels of funding are available:

- Small Grants programme - up to £500.
- Main Grants programme - between £500 and £2,500.

The Small Grants Programme is currently open. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and reviewed regularly.

The Main Grants programme has two application rounds per year with deadlines of 31 March and 30 September.

The application forms and guidelines are available on the Sea-Changers website.

Deadline: 20 September 2025 <https://www.sea-changers.org.uk/>

74. 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. Grants of between £500 and £10,000 are available.

Eligible projects include:

- Formal gardens.
- Public parks and pathways.
- Community gardens, woodlands, orchards, and allotments.
- Cycle ways.
- Woodland restoration.

The Trustees encourage applications for the initial costs for design work in connection with new projects where this has not yet been considered.

Deadline: 31 March 2026 <https://mushroomtrust.com/projects/>

75. Pets Foundation - Preventing Pet Relinquishment Grants

Grants 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.

Grants of up to £80,000 per year are available. Multi-year funding applications, up to a three-year period, will be considered.

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

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

The funding is for formal partnership working across sectors, led by community and voluntary organisations or public sector organisations for projects that reach more people by either:

- Linking climate action to the everyday lives and interests of local communities and inspiring them to take action.
- Influencing communities at a regional or national level, for example by linking up groups across locations, or a campaign that inspires change across one country, or the whole UK.

Most grants will be between £1 million and £1.5 million over three to five years.

Deadline: Ongoing

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

77. HDH Wills Charitable Trust

Grants are available to support registered charities that are concerned with the preservation of wildlife and the environment. The Trust has three funds:

- General Grants: supports smaller charities with general charitable activities across a range of issues as well as charities focusing on the conservation of wildlife and the environment.
- Martin Wills Wildlife Maintenance Trust grants: supports the conservation and maintenance - for the benefit of the public - of the natural environment and its indigenous woodland flora and fauna with particular reference to the conservation and maintenance of the character and amenity of rural areas.
- Large Grants: supports activities pertaining to environmental and wildlife issues only. (These grants are offered in fixed seven-year cycles, of which only two years are open to external applications.)

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

78. Scottish Forestry Community Fund

Grants are available to voluntary and community organisations, development trusts, social enterprises, charities and local authorities for projects and activities that encourage people to use woods more. The funding aims to encourage and

support greater use of woods by people to improve their health, wellbeing and life chances. Applicants will need to provide match funding for projects above £1,000.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://www.forestry.gov.scot/forests-people/communities/community-fund>

79. Electric Vehicle (EV) Infrastructure Grant for Staff and Fleets

Grants are intended to support Small to Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in the UK with the costs of electric vehicle infrastructure and chargepoints on their business premises.

Deadline: Ongoing

<https://find-government-grants.service.gov.uk/grants/electric-vehicle-infrastructure-grant-for-staff-and-fleets-1>

80. Crofting MOREwoods

The Woodland Trust has funding available for crofters, common grazings, smallholders and communities in the crofting counties, which includes Argyll and Bute. If you are planting 300+ trees as woodland on at least 0.1 hectare, the Trust will contribute to the cost of trees and tree protection. The Trust can also support up to 100m of hedge planting, or more if in combination with woodland planting. **(google Crofting MOREwoods for more info – website stops hyperlinks from this document).**

Deadline: Ongoing Email crofting@woodlandtrust.org.uk

81. Pets Foundation - Rescue Centre Grants

Grants are available for charities and non-profit organisations in the UK whose main objective is the rescue and rehoming of domestic pets in the UK.

The Pets Foundation provides three grant programmes:

- Rescue Centres – to support organisations whose main activities are the rescue and rehoming of UK pets.
- Pets Assisting People – to support organisations whose main activities are one or more of the following:
 - The provision of temporary or ongoing assistance to ensure pets can remain with their owners, where rehoming takes place only when it is not possible to reunite the pet with their owner.
 - Changing the lives of adults and children through the provision of animal-based activities or practical assistance.
- Preventing Pet Relinquishment – to support projects that aim to keep pets with their owners and out of rescue.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://www.petsfoundation.co.uk/grant-programme/>

82. Plug-in Vehicle Grant (PIVG) Scheme

As announced by the Chancellor at the Autumn Budget, £120 million will be provided in 2025-26 to support the purchase of new electric vans via the Plug-in Vehicle Grant and to support the manufacture of wheelchair accessible EVs. The amount of the grant depends on which category the vehicle is in.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/grants-for-plug-in-vehicles>

83. Exchange Market

A pilot funding scheme rewarding arable farmers in the UK for reducing emissions within their supply chains through tailored, verified plans. Farmers can join Exchange Market by having a completed Exchange baseline and a recent Farm Carbon Toolkit assessment. The Soil Association Exchange will then work with applicants to create a verified emissions reduction plan. With annual payments based on verified results, the programme ensures transparency and accountability at every step. Farmers in the scheme can earn up to £60 per tonne of carbon reduced annually, with 50% of payments provided upfront to support their transition.

Deadline: Ongoing (website may be slow to load) <https://www.soilassociationexchange.com/exchangemarket>

84. Esmée 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/>

85. 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/>

86. 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. **There is a plan to close to applications in late 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>

87. 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/>

88. 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

89. Stafford Trust

Grants are available to support registered charities in the UK, with a preference towards charitable organisations operating in Scotland. Grants vary, but most are between £500 and £5,000. Funding is available for project costs, including capital, running costs and salaries.

Deadline: 30 June 2025 <http://www.staffordtrust.org.uk/>

90. People's Postcode Trust – Scotland

The aim of People's Postcode Trust is to support smaller charities and good causes in the Scotland to make a difference to their community for the benefit of people and planet. Grants range from £500 to £25,000. Local charities and other not-for-profit organisations based and working in Scotland can apply.

There will be three funding rounds in 2025:

- **Round 2: opens 24th June 9am and closes 1st July 12 noon Applications open at 9am and close at 12 noon.** The application form will be available on their webpage when the funding round is open.

Deadline: 1 July 2025 (link may be slow to load) <https://www.postcodetrust.org.uk/>

91. Weir Charitable Trust

Grants are available to small charities or community groups in Scotland for work addressing sport, health, culture, animal welfare, or recreational facilities. The Trust will consider applications for grants of up to £25,000 (ave. grant £3,500).

Deadline: 15 August 2025 <https://weircharitabletrust.com/fund-changes-in-2025/>

92. RS MacDonald Charitable Trust

Funding is available for registered charities in Scotland in the following areas: tackling child abuse and neglect; visual impairment; neurological conditions; medical research; and animal welfare. The Trust's principal areas of interest are:

- Tackling child abuse and neglect.
- Visual impairment.
- Neurological conditions.
- Medical research.
- Animal welfare.

Small grant applications are accepted any time. The closing date for Main Grants (for all themes) is 11:00am on 3 September 2025.

Deadline: Ongoing and 3 September 2025 (11:00 am) <https://www.rsmacdonald.com/our-grants/>

93. 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. The Charity provides one-off grants for UK registered charities to support the following areas:

- Relief of poverty.
- Children and young people.
- The elderly.
- Disability.

- Health.
- Military.
- Heritage.
- The arts.
- Environment and conservation.

Deadline: 5 October 2025 <https://grocershall.co.uk/the-charity/apply-for-a-grant>

94. De Brye Charitable Trust

Grants are available for charitable organisations that provide care and housing for the aged, orphans and neglected children or aid physically disabled children and the blind. The majority of grants are between £500 and £5,000.

Deadline: Ongoing **Enquiries: 01727 869141**

95. Mickel Fund

Grants of up to £10,000 are available. Funding is available for projects in Scotland that address one or more of the following categories:

- The advancement of education.
- The prevention or relief of poverty.
- The advancement of health and saving of lives.
- The advancement of the arts, heritage, culture and science.
- The advancement of public participation in sports.

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

96. Gordon Fraser Charitable Trust

The Gordon Fraser Charitable Trust offers grants to registered charities active in Great Britain.

The funding is intended to support projects relating to young people, people with disabilities, the environment and the arts. Grants usually range from £500 to £2,500. However, larger grants may be awarded under exceptional circumstances.

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

97. 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 (link be may slow to load)

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

98. 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>

99. 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/>

100. 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/>

101. 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>

102. 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

103. Ulverscroft Foundation

The Foundation supports charities, community interest groups and social groups in the UK with projects that help visually impaired people. Grants range from around £100 to £500,000.

Deadline: 15 June 2025 <https://www.ulverscroft-foundation.org.uk/>

104. 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 August 2025 <https://www.bailythomas.org.uk/>

105. 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.

Deadline: 25 August 2025 <https://www.trefoil.org.uk/apply-here>

106. National Lottery Community Fund - Supporting Change: Carers (Scotland)

Grants are available to voluntary and community and public sector organisations in Scotland for projects that will reduce health inequalities for unpaid carers through systems change. Unpaid carers are defined as 'Adults or children who look after a relative, friend or neighbour. They might look after someone due to a disability, illness, mental health condition, addiction or old age'.

Deadline: 28 August 2025 <https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/supporting-change-carers>

107. Inman Charity

Grants are available for UK registered charities carrying out medical, social welfare or general welfare activities within the UK. Examples of previously awarded organisations categories include: Medical – Research, Social – Hospice, Social – Older People, Social – Deaf and Blind, Social – Disabled and Welfare, Armed Forces, 108. General. Most grants tend to be between £2,000 and £5,000, with an occasional larger grant.

Deadline: 29 August 2025 <http://www.inmancharity.org/>

108. Gardening With Disabilities Trust

Small grants are available to groups and individuals in the UK who suffer all kinds of chronic disabilities - mental and physical - to help them get gardening again.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://www.gardeningwithdisabilitiestrust.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/>

109. Parkinson's UK Physical Activity Grants Programme

Grants are available for activity providers, communities, networks and organisations across the UK to develop new opportunities for people with Parkinson's to become and stay active or help increase their levels of physical activity. Grants of between £500 and £3,000 are available. Applications will be accepted from activity providers, national governing bodies, Parkinson's groups and branches, and sports and healthcare professionals.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://www.parkinsons.org.uk/information-and-support/grants-physical-activity-providers>

110. 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/>

111. 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>

112. 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>

113. 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/>

114. 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>

115. 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. Grants for individuals and groups available.

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

116. 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

117. 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. Grants of up to £5,000 are available. UK registered charities can apply. Charities must be registered with the Charity Commission in England and Wales or Northern Ireland or with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator. This fund is aimed at supporting small and medium-sized registered charities with an annual turnover of under £500,000.

Deadline: 15 June 2025 <https://www.help-the-homeless.org.uk/applying-for-funding/>

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

Grants for charities and registered social housing providers with 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: 16 June 2025 <https://covenantfund.org.uk/programme/major-capital-grants-programme/>

119. Screwfix Foundation

The funding is intended for both national and local charities across the UK so that they can fix, repair, maintain and improve properties and community facilities specifically for those in need (by reason of financial hardship, sickness, disability or other disadvantage or distress) in the UK. Grants of up to £5,000 are available.

Deadline: 16 June 2025 <https://www.screwfix.com/landingpage/screwfix-foundation>

120. Scottish Government - Cladding Remediation Programme

Homeowners in Scotland concerned about unsafe cladding can access funding to have their buildings assessed. The programme is committed to ensuring that residential buildings with cladding are assessed to identify whether this presents a fire risk. Following this, work may be needed to eliminate or mitigate these risks depending on their severity (referred to as 'remediation').

Deadline: 30 September 2025 (EOI) <https://www.mygov.scot/cladding-open-call>

121. 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/>

122. 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>

123. 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 (link may be slow to load)

<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 June 2025](#)

SPORT FUNDING

124. Barclays Community Sport Fund 2025 to 2027

Grants are available for not-for-profit organisations operating in an area of high deprivation in the UK to make football, cricket, or tennis more accessible to women and girls. The following funding is available:

- **Grants of £1,000** to help sustain and increase access to football, tennis, and cricket for women and girls (as well as engage people from other underrepresented groups, such as people with disabilities, those from racially diverse communities and those from the LGBTQ+ community). Only one £1,000 grant will be awarded per organisation. The grant can be split across football, tennis or cricket activities.
- **Female Coaches for Girls Grants** to support football, tennis, and cricket coaching courses to help increase the number of female coaches delivering sport to girls. Two coaching grants per club to cover the cost of, or a contribution towards, a Level 1 or equivalent introductory qualification and any additional safeguarding and first aid requirements for the chosen sport. This is to upskill up to two female coaches at the club or group.
 - **Level 1 coaching grants: Football - £160 grant; Tennis - £200 grant; Cricket - £200 grant**

Deadline: 22 June 2025 <https://sported.org.uk/barclays-community-sport-fund/>

125. Dan Maskell Tennis Trust

Grants are available to help disabled people in the UK to play tennis through the purchase of wheelchairs, tennis equipment and grants for coaching. Grants of up to £1,600 for a group, club or project are available. Up to £600 is available for individuals.

Deadline: 20 July 2025

<https://www.danmaskelltennistrust.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/grant-criteria-application-notes/>

126. Scottish Mountaineering Trust

Grants are available for organisations and individuals to promote public recreation, knowledge and safe enjoyment of the mountains of Scotland. Funding will not be awarded for expeditions unless they have a clear scientific, educational, or otherwise charitable purpose. Grants cannot be made for the improvement of premises which are not generally available to the mountaineering community. Eligible projects will address the following key themes:

- The provision of recreational facilities, or the organisation of recreational activities.
- The advancement of public participation in sport.
- The advancement of education. (For example, skills training or broader education or research.)
- The saving of lives. (Both saving those in danger and safety of participants.)
- The advancement of arts, heritage, culture, or science. (Including history, traditions, academic disciplines, exploration, and experimentation.)
- The advancement of health. (Both physical and mental health.)

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.
- Publishing books and information about the mountains, mountain activities and people that inform, inspire and educate.
- Providing support to overcome barriers and enable people from all communities and backgrounds to take part in the mountain activities.

Deadline: 19 September 2025 <https://thesmt.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant-new-form-and-guidance/>

127. Sports Facilities Fund

Grants are available for the provision or upgrading of sports facilities in local communities throughout Scotland. Grants of to 50% of eligible project costs up to a maximum of £200,000 may be awarded. Applicants are advised to contact the facilities team at Sport Scotland and to discuss their project with the relevant local authority and governing body of sport. Guidelines and the online application forms can be found on the Sport Scotland website.

Deadline: 21 October 2025 (17:00pm) <https://sportscotland.org.uk/funding/sport-facilities-fund/>

128. The Primary Club

Grants are available to support sport and recreation for blind and visually impaired people throughout the UK. Recent examples of funded projects include:

- Creating children's tactile audiobooks about three sports stars.
- Supporting children's residential outdoor activity breaks in specialised centres.
- Developing a multi-sensory woodland environment in Cornwall, building on a major investment by RNIB.
- Supporting several tandem cycling clubs to supply, maintain and store their equipment.
- Supporting numerous clubs which offer regular training sessions and competitive matches in cricket, goalball, Showdown, baseball, golf, bowls and other sports.

Deadline: 30 November 2025 <https://www.primaryclub.org/funding/>

129. Sports Charity Scotland

Grants are available to charitable organisations in Scotland who operate within sectors representing children, young people and sport. The funding is intended to provide support which can make a significant difference to the delivery of existing activities that will benefit children and young people, the disabled and disadvantaged in Scotland. Most awards made are between £500 and £5,000.

Deadline: Ongoing (link may be slow to load) <https://sportscharityscotland.com/>

130. Sports Scotland - Transforming Scottish Indoor Tennis Fund

The aim of the fund is to support the creation of indoor tennis facilities in area of high demand across Scotland, as well as to provide investment in pre-existing facilities. This is part of a wider strategy to create a national community tennis network and generate working partnerships across local communities while increasing participation in tennis clubs across Scotland.

Deadline: Ongoing
<https://sportscotland.org.uk/funding/othersources/the-transforming-scottish-indoor-tennis-fund/>

131. RYA Foundation

Grants are available for sailing clubs in the UK to promote participation in boating by those who are disadvantaged by reason of youth, age, infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social circumstances.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://www.rya.org.uk/about-us/charities-foundations/rya-foundation/fund>

132. 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>

133. 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>

134. 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

135. Co-op Foundation - Future Communities Fund 2025

Unrestricted grants are available to support not-for-profit organisations whose work predominantly focuses on supporting justice-experienced young people to re-engage with their community within the UK.

Deadline: 12 June 2025 <https://www.coopfoundation.org.uk/blog/fcf-2-open/>

136. Magdalen Hospital Trust

One-off grants are available for small UK registered charities working with vulnerable children and young people especially those at risk of sexual and other forms of exploitation within the UK. The funding is intended to promote the welfare of young people under the age of 25 years, who suffer from various effects of social deprivation, abuse, mental and physical disabilities, inadequate housing, lack of education or training, and the problems derived from unemployment and broken families. Grants tend to range from £500 to £2,000.

Deadline: 20 June 2025 <https://www.magdalentrust.org.uk/>

137. Bòrd na Gàidhlig – Early Years Grants

Grants are available for voluntary early years groups that support parents, families and children aged 0 to 3 years, to encourage and increase the day to day use of Gaelic, and to encourage continuity into Gaelic education throughout Scotland. Two levels of funding are available:

- Grants of up to £4,000 are available for groups delivering only one session per week.
- Grants of up to £15,000 are available for groups delivering more than one session per week.

Deadline: 26 June 2025 <https://www.gaidhlig.scot/en/funding/funding-schemes/early-years-grants/>

138. Weaver's Company Benevolent Fund

Grants are available for UK registered charities and charitable incorporated organisations that can demonstrate impact with ex-offenders, young offenders or young people at risk of offending, either within a local area or nationally. The funding is intended for registered charities working in the current priority areas:

- Supporting offenders and ex-offenders into work, specifically for those looking to build skills and capability to get into sustainable work.
- Helping specific groups within the criminal justice sector that are less popular with funders than others.

The secondary funding area is focused on projects that work with young people (up to age 25 years) from disadvantaged and socio-economically challenged groups to ensure they are given every possible chance to realise their full potential and to participate fully in society. There are two levels of funding:

- Small grants of up to £5,000.
- Main Grants have no maximum amount.

Deadline: 3 July 2025 <https://www.weavers.org.uk/charity/charitable-grants/>

139. The Royal Society - Partnership Grants

Grants are available for partnership projects between a school partner from the UK and a STEM partner from academia or industry for a specific investigative project that increases the appeal of science and engineering to children aged 5 to 18 years across the UK.

Deadline: 11 July 2025 for notification in October. Term projects can start from January onwards.

<https://royalsociety.org/grants-schemes-awards/grants/partnership-grants/>

140. Scottish Government's CashBack for Communities

The fund will strengthen community wellbeing across Scotland by supporting young people at risk of involvement in antisocial behaviour, offending or reoffending. The funding, which reinvests criminal assets recovered through the Proceeds of Crime Act, will provide the opportunities and the tools to support young people to make informed decisions about their future. CashBack for Communities partners will deliver early and effective prevention activities for children and young people aged 10-25. This phase of the fund will focus on:

1. Providing safe spaces and suitable activities for young people to combat boredom, frustration, and isolation, which can contribute to antisocial behaviours.
2. Supporting young people to understand their own value and become positive influences and leaders within their communities.
3. Delivering holistic support for particularly vulnerable young people which includes their family or care environment. Where a young person may have the potential to come into conflict with the law, support will be extended for family and caregivers.
4. Offering support for young people who are already in conflict with the law to reflect on past behaviours and work towards a more positive future.

Funding will open to applications from Thursday 12 June and will provide up to £26 million from April 2026 to end of March 2029.

For more information and to register for information webinars, click [HERE](#)

Deadline: Thursday 7 August, 12pm noon

141. Access Without Limits Grants for Community Organisations

Grants are available for voluntary, community and social enterprise sector organisations to allow them to set up and deliver the Duke of Edinburgh Award to create more opportunities for marginalised young people (14 to 24 years) to access the Award. Grants of up to £10,250 are available. All funding must be spent by 31 March 2026.

Deadline: 31 January 2026 <https://www.dofe.org/access-without-limits/community/>

142. Richard and Siobhán Coward Foundation - Grants for Community Photography

Grants are available to support the provision of participatory projects in the UK which seek to improve the health and wellbeing of children and young people under 25. The use of photography must be a core element of the project. Grants of between £500 and £1,500 are available.

Deadline: 2 April 2026 <https://www.cowardphotography.org/photographic-art-therapy>

143. Wooden Spoon Charity

Grants are available for not-for-profit organisations that are working in the UK to support the lives of children and young people with a cognitive age under 25 years who are disadvantaged physically, mentally, or socially.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://woodenspoon.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/>

144. Cash For Kids - Holiday Hunger Grants

Grants are available to charities, voluntary and community groups to provide food and activities for disadvantaged children and young people during the school holidays. No minimum or maximum values are stated, but awards are usually between £1,000 and £3,000.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://cashforkids.org.uk/grants>

145. Ernest Cook Trust - Outdoor Essentials Grant

Grants are available to UK state funded primary and secondary schools to enable them to get their pupils learning outdoors. The current round of funding offers grants for the following options:

- Nature and Nurture – school grounds improvements.
- Transport and Travel – transport costs to outdoor learning venues.
- Wellies and Waterproofs – outdoor clothing.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://ernestcooktrust.org.uk/what-we-do/everything-outdoors/outdoor-essentials-grant/>

146. Loch Lomond & the Trossachs National Park – Engagement Travel Grants

Grants of up to £250 are available for schools and groups working with disadvantaged people across Scotland to cover transport costs for educational trips to Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park. There is no deadline and applications can be made at any time. Guidance notes and an application form are available from the Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park website.

Deadline: Ongoing

<https://www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/park-authority/how-we-can-help/outdoor-learning/education-travel-grant/>

147. Kellogg's School Breakfast Club Grants Programme

Kellogg's is accepting applications for the Breakfast Club Grants Programme. Grants of up to £1,000 are available to schools across the UK to help fund breakfast clubs aimed at pupils between reception class and year 13 to ensure that those who need it most receive a morning meal. Only one grant per school in each academic year is available.

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

148. 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. The Fund is intended for projects working to achieve the following objectives:

- Children, young people and families thrive.
- People have better relationships, connections, and physical or mental health.

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

149. 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/>

150. Trefoil – Lillias 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>

151. 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/>

152. 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>

153. 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

154. Freight Innovation Fund Accelerator 2025

This fund aims to help small to medium-sized UK businesses focused on accelerating the adoption of commercially ready solutions in the UK freight sector. The Freight Innovation Fund Accelerator is a multi-faceted programme which will accelerate the adoption of commercially ready solutions into the UK freight sector. It aims to help up to 15 small and medium enterprises (SMEs) develop a trial to test their solutions in real-world environments to help solve pressing challenges within the sector.

Solutions must address one of the accelerator challenges:

- Planet-Focused Freight
- Circular Design
- Optimisation and Efficiency
- People in Freight

Deadline: 9 June 2025 23:59pm <https://cp.catapult.org.uk/opportunity/freight-innovation-fund-accelerator-2025/>

155. SSE Hydro Community Fund

Grants for a range of local community projects in community council areas of the north of Scotland that host hydro electric facilities, projects including access to safe, affordable and sustainable community transport opportunities. Grants from £10,000 to £100,000 are available. **Locations:**

Community council areas of: Arrochar, Tarbet and Ardlui, Cairndow, Colintrave and Glendaruel, East Kintyre, Inveraray, Taynuilt, West Loch Fyne.

Deadline: 26 June 2025 for consideration in September

<https://www.sserenewables.com/communities/community-fund-locations/great-britain/hydro-community-fund/>

156. Rees Jeffreys Road Fund

Grants are available for the education of transport professionals, improvement of the roadside environment and research into all aspects of roads, road usage and road traffic.

Deadline: 3 October 2025 <http://www.reesjeffreys.co.uk/>

157. 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/>

158. 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>

159. 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>

160. 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.

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

161. WCIT – IT4Good Grant Programme

Grants 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. Grants of up to £15,000 are available.

This fund aims to support IT projects and activities that relate to one or more of the following priority areas:

- Education.
- Inclusion.
- Tech for charities.
- Public understanding of Technology.

Deadline: 18 August 2025 <https://wcitcharity.org.uk/>

162. Worshipful Company of Information Technologists Charity

Grants are available for the development of innovative IT projects with a charitable or educational focus in the UK. The Charity works with a wide range of non-profit organisations and aims to help them get the best from IT. It is committed to strengthening communities and using the power of technology for good. Generally, grants of up to £15,000 are available.

Deadline: 18 August 2025 (5pm) <https://wcitcharity.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/>

163. 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/>

164. The Family Recovery Initiative Fund (FRIF)

Grants are available to organisations and groups working to support families affected by alcohol and drugs in Scotland. One-off grants of up to £5,000 are available. Projects funded through the FRIF have included Digital Inclusion.

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

165. Clothworkers' Foundation

The Foundation aims to use its funding to improve the quality of life for people and communities that face disadvantage and marginalisation. Funding is available for capital costs, including: digital/audio visual equipment.

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

166. Robertson Trust - Wee Grants

Grants are available for small charities and community groups in Scotland carrying out charitable work in local communities to address poverty and trauma – and support for digital access. Projects might include ESOL classes, digital skills, and support for people looking for work.

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