

Introduction

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

Funding	Amount available	Deadline	Criteria	Key Outcomes
Rewilding Britain - Rewilding Innovation Fund https://www.rewildingbritain.org.uk/support-rewilding/the-rewilding-network/rewilding-innovation-fund	Grants of up to £15,00	Deadline 29 August 2025	To apply for funding, projects must be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Based in Britain Part of the Rewilding Network (includes community, private and public landowners, and managers of rewilding areas on the land and at sea). Rewilding at scale (more than 40 hectares) according to Rewilding Britain's rewilding principles. This can be an individual landholding or a cluster of landholdings. It is recommended that applicants who are rewilding on a smaller scale form a group or network to apply. 	This fund aims to foster new and ambitious community rewilding projects, and to remove barriers to rewilding projects within Britain, whether they're at the early planning stages or want to move a project one step wilder. Funding will be awarded to projects with potential for the highest impact for people and nature.
Waterloo Foundation - Environment Programme Tel: 02920 838980 E-Mail: info@waterloofoundation.org.uk http://www.waterloofoundation.org.uk/environmentAboutTheProgramme.html	Grants of between £50,000 and £100,000 are available	Deadline 01 September 2025	Marine conservation charities and not-for-profit organisations, including schools, based and working in the UK are eligible to apply.	The Foundation awards grants to organisations in both the UK and worldwide and is most interested in projects that help globally, particularly in the areas of the disparity of wealth and climate-related issues.
Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust - Sustainable Future Programme https://www.jrct.org.uk/funding-priorities#sthash.ubisAC8e.dpbs	Discretionary value	Deadline 01 September 2025	Grants are made to a range of organisations. It is not necessary to be a registered charity to apply to the Trust, however, the Trust can only support work which is legally charitable as defined in UK law.	The overall focus of the Sustainable Future Programme is on developing and promoting sustainable, low-carbon alternatives to the current consumerist and growth-based paradigm.

<p>Scottish Government Nature Restoration Fund Enquiries E-Mail: NRF@nature.scot https://www.nature.scot/scottish-government-nature-restoration-fund</p>	<p>Grants of between £25,000 and £250,000 for Helping Nature projects lasting up to 24 months</p>	<p>Deadline 08 September 2025</p>	<p>Applications will be accepted from public, private, and voluntary sector organisations as well as private individuals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registered charities and trusts. • Constituted community groups. • Private individuals and companies - where public benefit will be demonstrated. • Partnerships and organisations working collaboratively with others 	<p>The purpose of this fund is to support on the ground action that will address the biodiversity and climate crises by aiding nature restoration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Habitat and species restoration: Management for enhancement and connectivity • Freshwater restoration, including restoration of natural flows in rural catchments • Coastal and marine initiatives which promote restoration, recovery, enhancement or resilience • Control of invasive non-native species (INNS) impacting on nature. • Enhancing and connecting nature across, and between, towns and cities.
<p>Tree Council - Branching Out Fund https://treecouncil.org.uk/take-action/grants-for-trees/</p>	<p>Grants of up to £2,500</p>	<p>Deadline 14 November 2025</p>	<p>Funding can be awarded to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools. • Further education colleges and universities. • Constituted community groups. • Childcare nurseries or care homes (charity or community funded). • Tenants and residents associations. • Parish/town councils/community councils. • Tree Warden networks (preference will be given to a Tree Council member network). • Community interest companies (limited by guarantee). • Small registered charities. 	<p>Funding is for projects taking place during the 2025/26 planting season (end of November 2025 until early February 2026).</p>

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<p>International Tree Foundation - UK Community Tree Planting Programme</p> <p>For further information on how to obtain this grant locally, please contact the following: ITF Team International Tree Foundation The Old Music Hall 106-108 Cowley Road Oxford OX4 1JE Tel: 01865 922 430 E-Mail: programmes@internationaltreefoundation.org</p>	<p>maximum price equivalent to £2.05 per tree</p>	<p>Deadline 12 December 2025</p>	<p>Community-based organisations, such as a school, community group, social enterprise, non-governmental organisation, or parish council, can apply. Groups must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have a bank account in the name of the organisation. • Have signed permission from the owner or manager of the land indicating that the project meets all legal requirements. • Be based in the UK. 	<p>The Programme supports community projects that will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conserve, restore and protect indigenous trees and woodlands, forests, habitats and associated biodiversity. • Support community engagement in tree planting to promote reforestation and to increase awareness of the importance of trees and forests to environmental and human well-being. • Encourage social cohesion and inclusion.
<p>National Lottery Community Fund - Climate Action Fund - Our Shared Future</p>	<p>Grants of up to £ 1,500,000</p>	<p>Deadline 17 December 2025</p>	<p>Applications will only be accepted from not-for-profit organisations working in a formal partnership.</p>	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Influencing communities at a regional, national or UK level, for example by linking larger campaigns or projects that will inspire people to take action on climate issues, or helping communities to influence the people that make policies that affect them. • Linking climate action to the everyday lives and interests of local communities and using people's day-to-day activities to inspire them to do things differently and work towards lasting impact.

The S M B Trust Enquiries Tel: 01892 537301 E-Mail: smbcharitabletrust@gmail.com Applications should be made in writing	Grant of between £1,000 and £2,000 are available	Applications may be submitted at any time	Only UK registered charities are eligible to apply	The Trust offers funding to UK registered charities for activities that support the Christian Faith, social care, famine and emergency aid, the environment and wildlife, and/or education and medical research.
Material Focus - Electricals Recycling Fund Material Focus Team E-Mail: funding@materialfocus.org.uk https://www.materialfocus.org.uk/partnerships-with-material-focus/funded-project-electrical-recycling-easier-across-uk/	Grants of up to £100,000 for projects that grow existing collection methods and £50,000 to innovate new approaches to repairing, reusing and/or recycling	Applications may be submitted at any time	Applications will be accepted from registered organisations including: Charities. Local authorities. Waste partnerships. Private waste contractors. Other private companies. Compliance schemes.	The funding is for organisations who are expanding collection and processing services for reuse and recycling, as well as driving awareness of these services among local residents, with the aim of making it easier for everyone to reuse or recycle their unwanted electricals.
Whirlwind Charitable Trust Tel: 07885 500 550 E-Mail: applications@whirlwindcharitabletrust.org.uk https://www.whirlwind.org.uk/	Grants from £1,000 to £10,000.	Applications may be submitted at any time	Applications are generally only accepted from registered charities. Preference is given to smaller organisations with low running costs and overheads and extensive use of volunteers, where funds go directly to service delivery.	Grants are available to not-for-profit groups for projects which improve the lives of disadvantaged people, often young people, with an additional focus on understanding and improving the marine environment in the UK.
Volunteering Matters Action Earth Grants Robert Henderson E-Mail: robert.henderson@volunteermatters.org.uk https://volunteermatters.org.uk/project/action-earth/	Grants of between £50 and £250 are available.	Applications may be submitted at any time	Any group of volunteers in Scotland can apply.	This fund aims to help local communities to respond to the ongoing nature and climate crises and support volunteers of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities in practical outdoor activities. The funding is for volunteer groups to run environmental activities in Scotland's green spaces. This could include creating or improving community gardens, wildflower meadows, ponds, woodlands or other wildlife habitats.

Constance Travis Charitable Trust Administrative Manager Constance Travis Charitable Trust 86 Drayton Gardens London SW10 9SB Tel: 01604 862296 E-Mail: travistrust86@yahoo.co.uk Applications should be made in writing	Grants up to £20,000.	Applications may be submitted at any time	Registered or exempt charities or registered community amateur sports clubs are eligible to apply.	Grants are available for local, national and international charities for activities in medical care and research, environment protection, international aid, animal welfare, community projects, social mobility enhancement, educational projects and outreach in the arts.
Schroder Charity Trust Tel: 020 3170 5793 E-Mail: info@schrodercharitytrust.org https://schrodercharitytrust.org/homepage	The Trust generally makes grants of up to £5,000.	Applications may be submitted at any time	Registered charities in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland are eligible to apply.	The Trust aim to support charities in the UK who are working in the areas of education and young people, communities, environment and conservation, health, arts, culture and heritage.
The Chestnut Fund Tel: 01302 388 885 E-Mail: chestnut-fund@tcv.org.uk https://www.tcv.org.uk/communities/join-community-network/the-chestnut-fund	Start-up grants of up to £200. Support grants of up to £500.	Applications may be submitted at any time	Small groups that carry out practical conservation work in their local community can apply.	The Chestnut Fund is an independent charity which aims to encourage and enable community groups to carry out conservation activities.
Future Routes Fund E-Mail: futureroutesfund@nature.scot https://www.nature.scot/funding-and-projects/future-routes-fund-2024	Grants of up to £100,000 are available.	Applications may be submitted at any time	Applications are accepted from charities, CICs, registered community groups, not-for-profit and for-profit companies.	Climate change is one of the world's biggest challenges – and Centrica believes it needs to be tackled together. Energy for Tomorrow champions innovation, providing funding and support to communities and entrepreneurs with initiatives that can deliver affordable, accessible and sustainable energy solutions for all.
Freshfield Foundation Tel 0151 236 1494 Email paul.k@bwm.co.uk Paul Kurthausen Freshfield Foundation, B W MacFarlane LLP Castle Chambers, 43 Castle Street Liverpool. L2 9SH Applications should be made in writing	Previous grants have been for up to £500,000.	Applications may be submitted at any time	Registered charities working in the UK are eligible to apply.	The scheme is intended to support organisations undertaking projects in the areas of sustainable development, climate change mitigation and overseas disaster relief

<p>Lush Charity Pot Tel: 01202 641001 E-Mail: charitypot@lush.co.uk https://www.lush.com/uk/en/a/charity-pot-funding-guidelines</p>	<p>Grants range from £100 to £10,000.</p>	<p>Applications may be submitted at any time</p>	<p>Small non-profit organisations, including registered charities, new organisations and start-ups can apply.</p>	<p>The funding is intended to support groups working in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human rights (incl. social justice, peace and equality). • Animal protection. • Environment. <p>It prioritises groups campaigning to create long-term change which will benefit large sections of society and tries to help those whose radical stance and approach might make it difficult for them to source funding from elsewhere</p>
<p>Craignish Trust Geoghegan and Co. 6 St Colme Street Edinburgh EH3 6AD Tel: 0131 225 4681 Applications should be made in writing</p>	<p>Funding is at the discretion of the Trustees</p>	<p>Applications may be submitted at any time</p>	<p>Eligible organisations must be operating in the UK.</p>	<p>Grants are available for UK charitable organisations whose work focuses on environmental and human rights issues, particularly in Scotland.</p>
<p>Banister Charitable Trust The Trust does not maintain a website or email Tel 03453042424 Banister Charitable Trust Messrs Coutts and Co. 1st Floor, Trinity Quay 1 Avon Street, Bristol BS2 0PT Applications should be made in writing</p>	<p>Grants tend to be in the £5,000 to £50,000 range</p>	<p>Applications may be submitted at any time</p>	<p>Applications will be considered from UK registered charities whose core purposes meet the Trust's objectives which are the promotion, conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment in the UK</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment in the UK. • Further such other purpose or purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales in such manner as the Trustees may in their absolute discretion think fit
<p>Constance Travis Charitable Trust Mr Ernest Raymond Anthony Travis Constance Travis Charitable Trust 86 Drayton Gardens London SW10 9SB E-Mail: travistrust86@yahoo.co.uk Applications should be made in writing</p>	<p>Grants of up to £50,000 are available</p>	<p>Applications may be submitted at any time</p>	<p>Registered or exempt charities or registered community amateur sports clubs are eligible to apply</p>	<p>The Constance Travis Charitable Trust offers grants to local, national and international charities in line with its strategic allocation covering activities in medical care and research, environment protection, international aid, animal welfare, community projects, social mobility enhancement, educational projects and outreach in the arts.</p>

Esmee Fairbairn Foundation – Grants Tel 020 7812 3700 E-Mail: info@esmeefairbairn.org.uk https://esmeefairbairn.org.uk/	The minimum grant size is £30,000+	Applications may be submitted at any time	Charities and organisations that are undertaking work that is legally charitable in the UK can apply. Organisations must have a regular annual turnover of at least £100,000 and must be properly constituted	The funding is intended for projects with the following aims: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improving the natural world. Securing a fairer future. Strengthening the bonds in communities
Faith in Community Scotland - Greener Spaces, Fairer Places Tel: 0141 221 4576 E-Mail: info@faithincommunity.scot https://www.faithincommunity.scot/gsf	Grants of up to £500 are available	Applications may be submitted at any time	Local faith groups or related organisations in Scotland working primarily in a specific local community can apply. Priority will be given to groups with limited resources	Grants are available for local faith groups and other related organisations for projects that address poverty and climate change in communities across Scotland.
BA Better World Community Fund (with Crowdfunding) https://www.bacommunityfund.co.uk/eligibility-criteria	Grants of up to £10,000 can be awarded	Applications may be submitted at any time	Applications will be accepted from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registered UK Charities. Registered community benefit organisations. Registered social enterprises and charitable companies 	The funding is intended to support charities, community benefit societies and social enterprises in the UK with innovative projects that create positive impact across several categories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environment. Diversity, inclusion and wellbeing. Education and employability. Thriving communities. Crisis support. Colleague engagement
Russell Trust Principal Office The Russell Trust 2.19, 2nd, Block B 1 Summerhall Edinburgh EH9 1PL E-Mail: Russell.trust@tullisrussell.com Applications should be made in writing	Grants are between £250 and £2,000	Applications may be submitted at any time	Applications are accepted from registered charities and other organisations with charitable status.	The funding is intended to support a broad range of charities and educational institutions in the UK, but particularly in Scotland.
Environmental Funders Network – Rapid Response Fund E-Mail: emma@greenfunders.org https://www.greenfunders.org/efn-rapid-response-fund/	The maximum grant available is £25,000	Applications may be submitted at any time	Applications from environmental groups concerning all green issues will be considered	The Rapid Response Fund aims to support groups who are trying to seize unexpected opportunities or react to unforeseen crises with a potentially significant environmental outcome. This means supporting organisations who need immediate help in response to situations that are not possible to predict or anticipate

<p>National Lottery Community Fund - Climate Action Fund - Our Shared Future Tel: 0345 4102 030 E-Mail: general.enquiries@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/climate-action-fund-our-shared-future</p>	<p>Grants of £500,000 to £1.5 million over three to five years are available</p>	<p>Applications may be submitted at any time</p>	<p>Applications will only be accepted from not-for-profit organisations working in a formal partnership. This includes partnerships that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are based around a local area or region. • Cover one of the countries that make up the UK. • Cover the whole UK • Are based on a shared theme or identity rather than a place. • Are new or already work together. 	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<p>Aviva Community Fund (with Crowdfunding) E-Mail: communityfund@aviva.co.uk https://www.aviva.co.uk/services/more-from-aviva/aviva-community-fund/</p>	<p>The maximum grant available is £50,000</p>	<p>Applications may be submitted at any time</p>	<p>Registered charities, community interest companies, social enterprises and registered community benefit societies that are 'relatively' well-established in their communities can apply. Aviva is particularly interested in encouraging groups to 'push forward and challenge convention'</p>	<p>The funding is intended for 'forward-thinking projects that enable causes to adapt their vital services and innovate to create a brighter, more sustainable future'.</p>
<p>Swire Charitable Trust Tel: 020 7963 9417 E-Mail: info@scts.org.uk https://www.swirecharitabletrust.org.uk/</p>	<p>Funding is at the discretion of the Trustees</p>	<p>Applications may be submitted at any time</p>	<p>UK registered charities can apply. Priority will be given to charities that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operate in some of the most disadvantaged parts of the UK. • Try to engage the most marginalised and vulnerable in their work. • Can clearly demonstrate the needs they are addressing. • Know what they are aiming to achieve and plan to monitor and evaluate outcomes. • Are well placed and well qualified to deliver the work. • Can show a proven track record as well as solid ambitions. • Have the potential to change the way issues are tackled more widely. • Take an effective approach to using volunteers and mentors (where appropriate). • Are seeking to make their income streams more sustainable. 	<p>Grants are available for UK registered charities working to deliver positive and lasting change to UK society under three programme areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunity, • Environment • Heritage.



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Community Development have a number of resources designed to help groups find their way through the funding maze to assist The Third Sector in identifying funding streams with which to develop their projects and organisations. You can get help to develop your project, information on sources of funding, links to sites that will give you tips on funding and free software, and the monthly funding bulletin. We can offer support in finding information and resources to help with compiling your funding application, and get links to organisations that offer support in taking your project ideas forward **Community Support**

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

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

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

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



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