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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 [Community Funding Toolkit here](#)

SUPPORT FOR FUNDING APPLICATIONS

Need a helping hand with your funding application? Argyll and Bute [Community Development Team](#) are available to provide advice and support on individual funding applications. They can help groups think through how their project aligns with a funder's ethos and priorities, and offer guidance on meeting funding criteria and presenting proposals as clearly and strongly as possible. This support is intended to help applicants put forward well-matched, well-evidenced applications.

Find the contact details of your local Community Development Officers below:



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NEWS



Thank You for your Feedback!

Thank you to everyone who took the time to respond to our feedback survey on Funding Alert! Here's what you told us...

- 77% of you found funds via Funding Alert
- £305,000+ has been successfully applied for
- 98% of respondents found Funding Alert Helpful / Very Helpful
- 92% of respondents get Funding Alert via email
- 56% of you have been receiving Funding Alert for more than 2 years
- 26% of you have been receiving Funding Alert for more than 5 years

Where-ever possible, we will try to accommodate your suggestions – one suggestion was for: **SUPPORT FOR FUNDING APPLICATIONS** which we've added to the section above – hope you find it useful.

Coming in May.....

**Argyll and Bute Council's
Supporting Communities Fund**

Look out for the special Funding Alert Update, on the website and on social media – this month, May 2026





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 [Argyll and Bute - Worrying about Money?](#) (link may be slow to load) **or scan the QR code below**



Poverty and Cost of Living Crisis

To assist you in navigating all the funds on offer we have pulled the funding opportunities from these funders to a separate supplement that can be downloaded independently. Follow this link:

[Poverty and Cost of Living Crisis Supplement May 2026](#)

ARTS AND CULTURE

1. Fidelio Trust

Grant funding of up to £5,000 to help individuals (over 21 years) 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.

Deadline: 15 May 2026 (noon) [Fidelio Trust](#)

2. Health and Wellbeing in Museums Fund

Grants of up to £75,000 are available to support health and wellbeing programmes in Museums across the UK.

Applicants should have:

A proven track record for the work they are doing.

A strategic commitment to health and wellbeing at their Museum.

A clear idea of how they would like to develop their work.

Deadline: 15 May [Museums Association Funding Health-and-wellbeing](#)

3. Scops Arts Trust

A limited number of grants are available to charities across the UK for new high quality projects that provide opportunities for people from all backgrounds to access, enjoy and participate in the arts.

Funding is for projects in a particular area of the performing arts in each grant round:

Early-career artists' performance programmes focusing on performance opportunities - 12 May to 26 May.

Deadline: 26 May 2026 <https://www.scopsartstrust.org.uk/>

4. Scottish Book Trust - Live Literature Programme

The Trust offers funding to schools, libraries, community groups and not-for-profit organisations based in Scotland to deliver literature events or author visits in their local community.

The Programme works by the applicant contacting an author from the Live Literature Author Directory to deliver an event, and the Trust will pay half the set author fee plus expenses. Events can take place in person or remotely. The Programme will cover the £120 of the author's fee plus all author expenses within set guidelines. Organisations must pay a set contribution of £90 plus VAT per author session.

Deadline: 28 May 2026 [Scottish Book Trust Live Literature](#)

5. **Society of Authors - PD James Memorial Fund**

Funding in the form of a regular payment is available to support a small number of authors who find themselves in financial hardship. The funding is intended to support authors who are either aged 60 or over or are completely incapacitated for work.

Deadline: 29 May 2026 [Society of Authors](#)

6. **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. Grants of up to £7,500 are available.

Deadline: 26 June 2026 (midnight) [Theatres Trust Small Grants](#)

7. **Made in Scotland: Funding for Onward International Touring**

Support available for Scottish artists, companies and organisations, who presented work as part of the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, to take advantage of invitations to present work at international festival and venues. The maximum that applicants can routinely apply for is £15,000.

Deadline: 30 June 2026 (17:00) [Support for Artists](#)

8. **BFI Filmmaking Fund - Discovery Feature Funding**

Funding is available to debut directors to support original live action and animation feature filmmaking in the UK. Discovery feature funding provides awards of up to £1 million for projects with debut directors and a production budget between £1 million and £3.5 million.

Deadline: 30 July 2026 (17:00) [BFI Funding](#)

9. **Queen Elizabeth Scholarship Trust - Emerging Maker Grants**

Grants are available for the training and education of UK-based early-career craftspeople who wish to develop their skills and expertise. The grant provides between £3,000 and £10,000 for essential skills training. The grant is open to all UK based makers who identify their practice within the field of craft and have a strong foundation and clear commitment to their craft. Emerging makers are defined as individuals at an early stage of their career, who have been in professional practice for four years or less. **Applications will open 8 July to 12 August.**

Deadline: 12 August 2026 [Emerging Maker Grants](#)

10. **Idlewild Trust**

The Trust offers grants of up to £7,000 to registered charities working in the following two areas:

Arts Grants: Nurturing Early Stage Professionals – grants support training opportunities for emerging professionals, working creatively and backstage, within the performing and visual arts, post-training, and at an early stage in their career.

Conservation Grants: Objects and Works of Art – grants support the conservation of cultural heritage of recognised national and international importance in museums, libraries, galleries, historic buildings, or landscapes accessible to the public.

Deadline: 05 September 2026 [Idlewild Trust](#)

11. **BFI National Lottery Audience Projects Fund**

Funding is 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. Grants of between £20,000 and £200,000 are available, with an upper limit of £500,000 for projects of exceptional scale and ambition.

Deadline: Ongoing [BFI Get Funding](#)

12. **Paul Hamlyn Foundation - Arts-based Learning Fund**

The funding of up to £ 300,000 is intended to create a more equitable school system where high-quality arts-based learning is a core part of all children's education. Applications will be accepted from:

Arts and cultural organisations working in partnership with formal education settings (including state-funded primary and secondary schools, SEND specialist schools, Further Education colleges, alternative provision settings such as Pupil Referral Units, and some types of state-funded Early Years settings).

Organisations that are developing established programmes of work and/or testing new approaches.

Deadline: Ongoing [Paul Hamlyn Foundation - Arts-based Learning Fund website](#)

13. Creative Scotland – Open Fund for Individuals

Supports a wide range of activity initiated by artists, writers, producers and other creative practitioners in Scotland. The fund is intended to support periods of research, development and/or delivery of creative activity, such as specific projects and productions for up to 24 months. It can support an individual's time where this is related to specific creative outcomes. Grants are available for amounts between £500 and £50,000.

Deadline: Ongoing [Creative Scotland – Open Fund for Individuals website](#)

14. National Lottery Open Fund for Organisations

This fund aims to support organisations who seek funding to undertake creative activity such as a specific project or production, a programme of creative work, or a period of research and development. This includes funding for: a specific one-off project or production or a period of creative research and development or a longer term programme of work.

It can also support organisations to undertake business and organisational development that will: enhance their business sustainability through the development of new or more diverse income streams, or consider broader organisational development costs.

Eligible organisations can apply for funding between £1k and £100k for projects or programmes lasting up to 18 months.

Deadline: Ongoing [National Lottery Open Fund for Organisations website](#)

15. 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 [Awards for Young Musicians website](#)

16. 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 [BFI National Lottery Audience Projects Fund website](#)

17. 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 [Creative Scotland – National Lottery Open Fund for Organisations website](#)

BUSINESS AND ENTERPRISE

18. Scottish Grocers' Federation - Go Local Programme

Funding of up to £5,600 is available for independent retailers and convenience stores in Scotland. The SGF Go Local project aims to support independent retailers and convenience stores throughout Scotland to provide dedicated, long term display space for locally sourced Scottish products, with a bias towards fresh and healthy.

Deadline: 31 May 2026 [Go Local](#)

19. Argyll and Bute - Empty Business Property Grant

Grants are available to bring empty properties back into productive use in Argyll and Bute. The funding supports property owners and tenants in Argyll and Bute with the costs of refurbishing or repurposing empty business premises to bring them back into use.

Deadline: Ongoing [Empty Business Property Grant | Argyll and Bute Council](#)

20. SWEF Business Grants

Grants are available for young entrepreneurs across the UK, aged between 18 and 30, to start or grow a new business.

The following levels of funding are available:

- Start-up grants of up to £500 for pre-revenue businesses or businesses turning over less than £500 per month.
- Business grants of up to £2,000 for businesses turning over more than £500 per month that have been trading for less than two years.

Deadline: Ongoing [SWEF Business Grants for 18 - 30 Year Olds in the South West](#)

21. 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 [Startup Mull website](#)

22. 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 & Digital Media

Financial services

E-commerce

Business services

Deadline: Ongoing [MMC Venture Capital website](#)

23. Pentech Ventures

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 [Pentech Ventures website](#)

24. 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 [Highlands and Islands Enterprise - Green Grant Fund website](#)

25. 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)

[Oban Business Improvement District Frontage Grant Scheme website](#)

26. 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 [Access to Work website](#)

27. 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) [Kaleidoscope Investments website](#)

28. 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) [Foundation Scotland - Social Investment Fund website](#)

29. 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 [Growth Impact Fund website](#)

30. Redundancy Payments - Financial Assistance

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

Deadline: Ongoing [Redundancy Payments - Financial Assistance website](#)

31. 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.

Deadline: Ongoing [LaunchMe website](#)

32. 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 [The Prospectory - Idea Fund website](#)

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

33. Challenger Children's Fund

Small grants of up to £750 are available to help meet the needs of physically disabled children (under the age of 18) in Scotland. A high rate for DLA mobility would generally be looked for when considering applications.

Deadline: 22 May 2026 [Challenger Children's Fund](#)

34. Toy Trust

Grants of up to £5,000 are available for registered charities undertaking projects to support disadvantaged and disabled children who are under 13 years of age within the UK and abroad. Funding is available to help disadvantaged children aged below 13 years and their families to:

Alleviate suffering.

Support children through awful experiences.

Encourage achievement through adversity.

Purchase vital equipment.

Provide care.

Bolster existing initiatives.

Initiate brand new projects.

Satisfy basic needs.

Projects should:

Show real benefit for relieving hardship and suffering to beneficiaries.

Run for a minimum of one full year.

Deadline: 15 June 2026 [Toy Trust](#)

35. 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. Funding is at the discretion of the Trust.

Deadline: 30 June 2026 [Adamson Trust](#)

36. Armed Forces Families Fund: Early Years Programme 2026-27

Grants are available for projects lasting up to two years which help enhance early childhood education and childcare settings of young children (birth to 5 years) from Armed Forces families. Grants of £5,000 to £80,000 are available for a standalone project being delivered over a period of up to two years.

Deadline: 15 July 2025 (noon) [Covenant Fund](#)

37. 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. Funding is awarded at the discretion of the Trefoil.

Preference will be given to:

Projects promoting education, health, and social welfare.

Team building activities.

Recreation with an education element.

Therapeutic activities that are not core funded by the statutory authorities.

New development and start-up project costs.

Deadline: 07 August 2026 [Trefoil Grants](#)

38. Happy Days Children's Charity

Funding for families with children aged 3-17 who are disabled, have a special need or have been abused. The Happy Days Charity is a national children's charity dedicated to providing holidays, days out, and theatre trips for disadvantaged young people with special needs. The Charity supports families with children aged 3-17 who have learning difficulties, physical or mental disabilities, acute, chronic or life limiting illnesses, been abused or neglected, witnessed domestic violence, been bereaved or act as carers for a parent or a sibling.

Deadline: Ongoing [Happy Days Children's Charity UK - Apply for Funding](#)

39. 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: [Mother and Baby Unit Family Fund website](#)

40. 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 [Aberlour Urgent Assistance Fund website](#)

41. 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](#)) [True Colours Trust - UK Small Grants website](#)

42. 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 [Family Fund Trust website](#)

43. 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 [Family Recovery Initiative Fund](#)

44. 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 [Buttle UK - Chances for Children](#)

45. 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 [Variety Club - Equipment Grants](#)

46. 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 [Percy Bilton Charity - Grants for Organisations website](#)

47. 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 [Tesco Stronger Starts Grants](#)

48. 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 [Happy Days Children's Charity](#)

COMMUNITY WELLBEING FUNDING

49. Veterans' Foundation - Salary Grants

Grants are available for 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. Grants of up to £25,000 per year for up to three years are available.

Deadline: 30 June 2026 [Veterans Foundation](#)

50. 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. Grants of between £500,000 to £2 million are available over 5 to 10 years. Organisations can also apply for up to £50,000 in development funding.

Deadline: 15 July 2026 [TNL Community Fund](#)

51. Highlands and Islands Enterprise - Community Right to Buy Fund

Grants of up to £5,000 are available to support community groups in the Highlands and Islands in registering their interest in purchasing land or buildings. Funding can cover up to 80% of costs. The Fund aims to aid community groups in overcoming any barriers they are facing in registering their interest in an asset under Community Right to Buy legislation. Groups that are successful in registering community interest in an asset are able to have first option when the asset is being sold. Funding is intended to support the costs involved in registering interest in acquiring land or buildings, including:

- Professional services.
- Legal title search.
- Mapping.

Deadline: Ongoing [HIE community right to buy fund](#)

52. Scotmid Co-op - Community Grants

Grants of up to £500 are available to local voluntary and community groups and charities for projects that support local communities served by Scotmid stores. A successful grant may come in the form of money or Society vouchers or a combination of the two.

Deadline: Ongoing [Scotmid Coop Community Funding](#)

53. Thomas Wall Trust - Grants for Individuals

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

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

Deadline: Ongoing [Thomas Wall Trust Website](#)

54. 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 [Anton Jurgens Charitable Trust website](#)

55. 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 [Pub is the Hub website](#)

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

Grants are available for projects that deliver lasting change within **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 [Scottish Sea Farms - Heart of the Community Trust \(HCT\) website](#)

57. 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](#) 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 [Trusthouse Charitable Foundation website](#)

58. 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 [Robertson Trust's Community Spaces Fund website](#)

59. 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 [Royal Countryside Fund – Supporting Rural Communities website](#)

60. 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 [National Lottery Awards for All - Scotland website](#)

61. 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 [Cruden Foundation website](#)

62. 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 [UK Community Foundations website](#)

63. 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 [Robertson Trust – Wee Grants website](#)

64. 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 [Argyll Community Housing Association - Community Action Fund website](#)

65. 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 [Argyll and Bute Council – Common Good Funds](#)

66. 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 [National Lottery Community Fund - The UK Fund website](#)

67. 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 [Scotmid Co-op Community Grants website](#)

CLIMATE CHANGE, ENVIRONMENT, CONSERVATION and ANIMAL WELFARE

68. HITRANS - Workplace Active Travel Infrastructure Grant

Grants of up to £10,000 are available to businesses, third sector organisations and local authorities in Argyll and Bute - excluding Lomond and Helensburgh to improve facilities that enable staff to walk, wheel or cycle to work.

Deadline: 15 May 2026 5pm [Hitrans](#)

69. Bupa Foundation Green Community Grants

Grants are available for schools, registered charities and not-for-profit organisations across the UK and Republic of Ireland for projects that make a positive difference to the health of local communities. Examples of eligible projects include, but are not limited to:

Improving a local community garden for community use and recreational activities.

Volunteer-led tree or flower planting to improve air quality and biodiversity.

Creating an outdoor classroom, natural playground or 'forest school'.

Creating a community food growing space.

Creating or adapting a green space to make it more accessible.

Creating a 'pocket park' to bring more greenery into a city.

Deadline: 30 June 2026 [Bupa Foundation Green Grants](#)

70. Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust

Grants are available to animal welfare charities for projects or activities in the UK that benefit and protect animals, relieve the suffering of animals, address the conservation of wildlife or encourage a greater understanding of animals. Grants range from £1,000 to a normal maximum of £10,000. Applications for these grants are considered three times a year by a panel of the trustees.

Deadline: 01 August 2026 [Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare](#)

71. Scotmid Co-op - Community Orchard Grants

Small grants are available to community groups in Scotland to plant fruit trees and shrubs near Scotmid stores. Grants of up to £200 are available. Funding can be used to purchase fruit bearing shrubs or trees. Community groups and charities in proximity to Scotmid stores can apply. Groups should verify their eligibility on the Scotmid website.

Deadline: Ongoing [Scotmid Coop Community Orchard](#)

72. Scottish Marine Environmental Enhancement Fund (SMEEF)

Funding is available to enable investment in tangible, effective marine and coastal restoration projects in Scotland, undertaken by organisations across all sectors. The main aim of the Scottish Marine Environmental Enhancement Fund (SMEEF) is to support practical improvements to Scottish marine and coastal ecosystems. Although it is anticipated that most applications for enhancement projects will initially focus on salt marsh, seagrass, sand dunes, native oysters, marine birds and cetaceans; the funder is keen to receive proposals for research to inform a broader range of potential marine and coastal enhancement opportunities across all relevant species and habitats.

Deadline: Ongoing [SMEEF website](#)

73. 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 [Pets Foundation website](#)

74. 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 [Scottish Forestry Community Fund website](#)

75. 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. If you are a crofter or smallholder in the Crofting Counties of Scotland, contact the Woodland Trust for help. Email plant@woodlandtrust.org.uk with information about your tree planting plans for next winter. Remember to include your phone number and address.

Deadline: Ongoing [Plant Trees on Your Land with MOREwoods - Woodland Trust](#)

76. 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 [Pets Foundation - Rescue Centre Grants website](#)

77. 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 [Plug-in Vehicle Grant \(PIVG\) Scheme website](#)

78. 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) [Exchange Market website](#)

79. Esmee Fairbairn Foundation - Grants

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

Deadline: Ongoing [Esmee Fairbairn Foundation - Grants website](#)

80. 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 [Swire Charitable Trust website](#)

81. 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 [Electric Vehicle Chargepoint and Infrastructure Grant website](#)

GENERAL FUNDING

82. People's Postcode Trust - Scotland

The funding is intended to support organisations whose core purpose and everyday work align closely with one of the Trust's current themes:

Enabling participation in the arts.

Preventing or reducing the impact of poverty.

Supporting marginalised groups and/or tackling inequality.

Improving mental health with a focus on organisations that are actively supporting specific mental health issues, rather than general mental wellbeing activities.

Grants of up to £50,000 in total over a three-year period are available, depending on the organisation's income.

Deadline: 01 July 2026 [Postcode Trust](#)

83. 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.

Deadline: Ongoing [RS MacDonald Charitable Trust website](#)

84. East Kintyre Community Fund

The East Kintyre Community Fund is a Scottish registered charity and distributes of funds, mainly from windfarms, in the East Kintyre area. Grants of between **£200** and **£50,000** are available for the relief of those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage.

.Proposals should address:

The advancement of community development and sustainability (including rural regeneration); The advancement of education; The advancement of arts, heritage, culture or science; The provision of recreational facilities; The advancement of environmental protection or improvement.

Deadline: Ongoing [East Kintyre Community Fund website](#)

85. 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. The Trust does not have a website or an email address.

Deadline: Ongoing [Enquiries: 01727 869141](#)

86. Rhododendron Trust

Grants are available to UK registered charities who are working for the welfare of the disadvantaged in the UK and overseas as well as some cultural and wildlife projects.

Deadline: Ongoing [Rhododendron Trust website](#)

87. 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 [Mickel Fund website](#)

88. 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.

Deadline: Ongoing [Gordon Fraser Charitable Trust website](#)

89. 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 [\(link be may slow to load\) National Lottery Awards for All – Scotland website](#)

90. 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 [Argyll and Bute Council – Common Good Funds](#)

91. 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 [MacRobert Trust website](#)

92. 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 [Matthew Good Foundation - Grants for Good Fund](#)

93. 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 [The Rozelle Trust website](#)

94. 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 [Foundation Scotland website](#)

HEALTH

95. Blue Light Wellbeing Fund

The funding is intended to support the physical, mental, and emotional well-being of the entire Blue Light Community - across health, emergency, social care, and armed forces - recognising their vital role in society. There is particular interest in applications for projects that support individuals across multiple Blue Light services, fostering collaboration and shared learning. Priority will be given to initiatives that include clear, well-developed plans for continuing the work beyond the life of the grant. Grants of up to a maximum of £25,000 are available.

Deadline: Ongoing [Blue Light Wellbeing Fund website](#)

96. 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 [Gardening With Disabilities Trust website](#)

97. 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 [Parkinson's UK Physical Activity Grants Programme website](#)

98. 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 [RNIB Technology Grants website](#)

99. 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 [Anton Jurgens Charitable Trust website](#)

100. Vegetarian for Life Grants

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

Deadline: Ongoing [Vegetarian for Life Grants website](#)

101. 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 / poverty through the mediums of sport and education.

Deadline: Ongoing [Hargreaves Foundation website](#)

102. 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 [The Family Recovery Initiative Fund \(FRIF\) website](#)

103. 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 [Barchester Healthcare Foundation website](#)

104. 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 [Fletchers Foundation website](#)

HOUSING, LAND AND PROPERTY

105. Screwfix Foundation

Grants of up to £5,000 are available to UK registered charities and not-for-profit organisations for projects that improve, fix, and repair buildings, homes and facilities specifically used by people in need across the UK.

Deadline: 10 May 2026 [Screwfix Foundation](#)

106. B&Q Foundation - Home Improvement Grants

The funding is intended for UK charities working to improve the lives of people in need by supporting projects that make homes safe, welcoming, and comfortable. Grants are for essential home improvements and home starter kits—helping individuals and families facing homelessness, domestic abuse, disabilities, illness, or financial hardship to feel more settled and supported in their living spaces. Grants of up to £10,000 are available for home improvement projects that will be completed in the next 12 months.

Deadline: 15 May 2026 [B&Q Foundation](#)

107. B&Q Foundation - Home Starter Kit Grants

One-off grants of up to £10,000 are available for UK registered charities who are providing home-starter packs for people in need to move into their home. The funding is intended for UK charities working to improve the lives of people in need by supporting projects that make homes safe, welcoming, and comfortable.

Grants support home starter kits to help individuals and families facing homelessness, domestic abuse, disabilities, illness, or financial hardship to feel more settled and supported in their living spaces.

Deadline: 22 May 2026 [BQ Home Starter Kits](#)

108. Help the Homeless Grant Scheme

Grants of up to £5,000 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.

Deadline: 20 June 2026 [Help the Homeless](#)

109. 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 [National Heritage Memorial Fund website](#)

110. 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) [Scottish Land Fund website](#)

POVERTY AND COST OF LIVING CRISIS

Supplement created on separate bulletin

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

Click this link to open the supplement: [POVERTY AND COST OF LIVING CRISIS SUPPLEMENT MAY 2026](#)

SPORT FUNDING

111. Rowing Foundation

Grants are available for equipment that will support the participation of young people and disabled people in rowing in the UK. The funding is intended to help organisations and clubs involved in 'on water' elements of the sport of rowing who may be too small to apply for larger sources of funding, such as a National Lottery grant. The foundation also offers funding towards the costs of the refurbishment of boats used by juniors.

Deadline: 25 May 2026 (noon) [The Rowing Foundation](#)

112. Sports Facilities Fund

Grants are available for the provision or upgrading of sports facilities in local communities throughout Scotland. Grants of up to 50% of eligible project costs up to a maximum of £200,000 may be awarded. Applications will be considered from any non-profit distributing, constituted organisations whose membership is open to all sections of society.

Deadline: 01 September 2026 (17:00) [Sport Scotland Funding](#)

113. British Dodgeball Coach Training Fund

Part-funding is available to organisations for dodgeball coaching courses and accreditation throughout 2026.

Grants of up to a maximum of £315 are available per organisation.

Deadline: 21 December 2026 [Dodgeball Training Fund](#)

114. 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) [Sports Charity Scotland website](#)

115. 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 [Transforming Scottish Indoor Tennis Fund website](#)

116. 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 [RYA Foundation website](#)

117. 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 five areas of disadvantage: Social exclusion, Financial hardship, Physical and learning disabilities, Mental health, Medical research and relief.

Deadline: Ongoing [Boost Charitable Trust website](#)

118. 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 [SportsAid Award website](#)

119. 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 [Scotmid Co-op Community Grants website](#)

120. Cycling UK - Cycle Access Fund (Scotland)

The Fund aims to remove barriers to cycling for those least likely to have access to a bike. Organisations must be based in Helensburgh & Lomond.

Deadline: Ongoing [Cycling UK - Cycle Access Fund \(Scotland\) website](#)

YOUNG PEOPLE

121. LandAid - Young Futures Fund

Grants are available to not-for-profit organisations supporting young people aged 16-25 who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness. One-year grants of between £5,000 and £40,000 are available. The Young Futures Fund provides grant funding to organisations supporting young people who are at risk of or experiencing homelessness. The fund focuses on projects that increase access to safe, secure, and affordable housing, alongside the support needed to sustain tenancies and progress towards independent living.

Deadline: 22 May 2026 [Landaid Grants](#)

122. Scottish Gambling Education Hub – Gambling Education Youth Fund

Grants of up to £500 are available for groups of young people across Scotland to deliver gambling education and prevention projects and activities. The Scottish Gambling Education Hub is a Fast Forward Programme, in partnership with GambleAware, that supports young people's health and well-being by promoting gambling education and prevention across Scotland. This fund aims to enable youth workers and young people to transform their ideas into action and create their own local gambling education and prevention project.

Deadline: Ongoing [Gambling Education Fund - Scottish Gambling Education Hub](#)

123. Sofronie Foundation

Grants are available for charities and not-for-profit organisations across the UK to deliver educational or vocational projects to improve the lives of disadvantaged young people. Funding is for interventions that:

Increase access to higher education – Educational programmes for young people that raise aspirations, build confidence, and develop skills in preparation for university.

Increase access to vocational training – Initiatives that provide young people with practical skills or offer opportunities of work experience in preparation for future employment.

Deadline: Ongoing [Sofronie Foundation website](#)

124. [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 [Wooden Spoon Charity website](#)

125. [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 [Cash For Kids - Holiday Hunger Grants website](#)

126. [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 [Ernest Cook Trust - Outdoor Essentials Grant website](#)

127. [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 [Engagement Travel Grants website](#)

128. [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 [Fairer Life Chances \(Scotland\) website](#)

129. [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 [Hargreaves Foundation website](#)

130. [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 [Holiday Fund website](#) [Lillias Finlay Holiday Fund Flyer](#)

131. 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 [Leslie Sell Charitable Trust website](#)

132. 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 [Young Start Fund website](#)

133. 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 [Foux Foundation website](#)

TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

134. HITRANS - Workplace Active Travel Infrastructure Grant

Grants of up to £10,000 are available to businesses, third sector organisations and local authorities in the Highlands and Islands to improve facilities that enable staff to walk, wheel or cycle to work.

Deadline: 15 May 2026 [Hitrans Travel Funding](#)

135. 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 [Robertson Trust – Transport Grants website](#)

136. 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 [Bus Operator Accessible Information Regulations Support Grant website](#)

137. 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 [Paths for All – Ian Findlay Path Fund website](#)

138. 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 [Energy Saving Trust – Plugged in Communities Grant Fund website](#)

DIGITAL INCLUSION

139. The DPO Centre – Charity and Community Fund

Grants are available for not-for-profit organisations across the UK to support a range of data protection advice and consultancy services. A total of £100,000 is available across two application periods throughout the year. Grants of up to £10,000 are available to put towards any of the consultancy services the DPO Centre provides.

Deadline: 31 May 2026 [DPO Centre Fund](#)

140. Highlands and Islands Enterprise - Digital and Technology Adoption Capital Grant

Grants are available to businesses and social enterprises in the Highlands and Islands region to support their digital transformation ambitions. Funding is provided at the discretion of Highlands and Islands Enterprise.

Deadline: Ongoing [HIE Digital and Technology Adoption Capital Grant | HIE](#)

141. 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 [The Access Foundation website](#)

142. 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 [The Family Recovery Initiative Fund \(FRIF\) website](#)

143. 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 [Clothworkers' Foundation website](#)

144. 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 [Robertson Trust - Wee Grants website](#)

145. HIE Digital Specialist Advice Grant

HIE Digital Specialist Advice Grant offers up to £5,000 to allow you to access expert consultancy to help with feasibility studies or action plans that drive innovation, efficiency, and growth using advanced digital technologies - such as artificial intelligence, robotics, and cyber security.

Deadline: Ongoing [HIE Digital Specialist Advice Grant website](#)

146. Digital Technology Adoption Grant

HIE Digital and Technology Adoption Capital Grant will support you with funding to implement advanced digital technologies - such as augmented reality, robotics, IoT, and cyber security - to drive transformation, boost efficiency, and reduce emissions. Applicants are encouraged to have a digital action plan or feasibility study in place before applying.

Deadline: Ongoing [Digital Technology Adoption Grant website](#)

SCHOOLS

147. Scottish Book Trust - Live Literature Programme

The Trust offers funding to schools, libraries, community groups and not-for-profit organisations based in Scotland to deliver literature events or author visits in their local community.

The Programme works by the applicant contacting an author from the Live Literature Author Directory to deliver an event, and the Trust will pay half the set author fee plus expenses. Events can take place in person or remotely.

The Programme will cover the £120 of the author's fee plus all author expenses within set guidelines.

Organisations must pay a set contribution of £90 plus VAT per author session.

Deadline: 28 May 2026 [Scottish Book Trust Live Literature](#)

148. Michael Tippett Musical Foundation

This fund aims to support group music-making, especially those that involve young people in the process of composing and developing new ideas. Grants of between £500 and £3,000 are available. Projects taking place in or out of school, college or university, or in community settings in the UK will be considered.

Deadline: 30 September 2026 (midnight) [Tippett Foundation Website](#)

149. The Classical Association - Major Projects

Funding available for projects that look to support and encourage the study of classical subjects in schools and sixth-form colleges. The Association's grants typically fund activities with the aims of:
Supporting the teaching and learning of classical subjects and topics, primarily in UK schools, but also amongst the wider public

Increasing access to classics, widening participation and pursuing EDI objectives in UK classics

Small grants of up to £4,999 will be awarded four times a year.

Large grants of £5,000 and over will be awarded twice a year.

Deadline: 01 June 2026 [Classical Association](#)

150. Sainsbury Family Charitable Trusts - JJ Charitable Trust Literacy Small Grants Scheme

Grants are available for organisations undertaking charitable projects focusing on literacy teaching for children with learning difficulties, including dyslexia, in the UK. Grants of between £5,000 and £20,000 are available.

Groups can apply for a multi-year grant, over a maximum period of three years.

Deadline: 03 June 2026 [Charitable Trust](#)

151. Universal Music UK Sound Foundation (UMUKSF) - School Funding

The funding is intended to support access to music for schools, students and teachers by facilitating the purchase of musical instruments and equipment. Grants of up to £800 are available.

Deadline: 17 June 2026 (10:00) [UK Sound Foundation](#)

152. 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 [Engagement Travel Grants website](#)

153. 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 [Ernest Cook Trust - Outdoor Essentials Grant website](#)

154. Love Reading 4 Kids Funding for Schools

Grants are available to state funded schools in the UK to purchase books. Grants of between £1,000 and £5,000 are available. Applications are accepted from state funded schools in the UK, including primaries, secondaries and early years' settings. PTAs are not eligible to apply, the application needs to come directly from the school.

Deadline: Ongoing [The LoveReading4Kids Funding for Schools Scheme](#)