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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:



Area	Community Development Officer	Telephone	Email
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NEWS

Argyll and Bute Council's 2026/27 DEADLINE LOOMING!

We are inviting applications to the next round of Argyll and Bute Council's Supporting Communities Fund.

The fund is open for applications from until Sunday 5th July 2025 (23:59pm). You can apply via our online form at:

[Supporting Communities Fund | Argyll and Bute Council.](#)

We welcome applications from not-for-profit community organisations, who meet the eligibility criteria, for up to £1,500 to support community projects across Argyll and Bute.

The fund supports projects which impact the following:

- Fairer Communities – tackling poverty by sharing opportunities
- Resilient Communities – capacity building, preparing for and responding to community needs
- Greener, Cleaner Communities – environmental action to support addressing climate change
- Creative Communities - creativity for health and wellbeing.

Examples of previous projects funded can be found on our [website](#)

For further information and to apply for the fund, please visit our [website](#)

For help with your application, or to discuss applying to the fund, please contact us at:

supportingcommunitiesfund@argyll-bute.gov.uk

Deadline: Sunday 5th July 2025 (23:59pm).



Carraig Gheal Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund Deadline Update

Grants of up to **£10,000** are available to constituted groups (**£20,000** for village halls). The closing date is 31st August 2026 and the Steering Group will meet at the end of September to decide which applications to approve and by how much. These are primarily for projects based within the five community council areas surrounding Carraig Gheal Wind Farm: Avich and Kilchrenan, Kilninver and Kilmelford, Kilmore, Taynuilt, Glenorchy and Innishail.

Deadline: 31 July 2026

Carraig Gheal micro grant scheme awards grants of up to **£500**. These are available to individuals, constituted and non-constituted groups which must be based within one of the five community council areas surrounding Carraig Gheal Wind Farm: Avich and Kilchrenan, Kilninver and Kilmelford, Kilmore, Taynuilt, Glenorchy and Innishail. These can be applied for at anytime and are awarded on a first come first served basis.

Deadline: Ongoing

[Carraig Gheal Windfarm Funds](#)

All about business: Entrepreneurs Fund – Reed, the largest family-run recruitment company in the world, is celebrating 66 years in business by supporting 66 young people with their entrepreneurial journey. The fund

will support at least three young entrepreneurs in year one with £20K each, alongside expert mentorship and a national platform to help scale their business, overcome challenges and accelerate growth. You must be 18-26 at the point of application, have an existing business that has been trading for less than 3 years and have at least one paying customer.

Open to Limited Companies and CICs, to be used for capital expenditure, tangible or fixed assets such as equipment or operational expenditure to aid the growth of the business, such as marketing campaigns or liability insurance.

Stage 1 deadline: 7th July 2026

The first round of the [SSEN Argyll and Kintyre 275kV Large Projects Fund](#) is now open. The Year 1 funding round has a value of **£593,000** and is open until **noon on the 4th August 2026**. SSEN will also be launching micro-grants, in partnership with local delivery partners, later in the year.

You can find further information plus the guidance, a sample application form and a link through to the application portal on the [Fund web page](#). On this page, you will also find a link to webinars SSEN is running for groups interested in applying to the fund. They are on: **3rd June: 13:00 - 14:00**.

The Argyll and Kintyre 275kV Local Fund can support projects delivering significant positive impacts in the area of benefit, made up of the community council areas of: Glenorchy & Innishail, Inveraray, Furnace, West Loch Fyne, Lochgilphead, Ardrishaig, Dunadd, Tarbert & Skipness, East Kintyre and West Kintyre.

The Fund themes were developed in consultation with communities and are:

- **Addressing the root causes of depopulation** (for instance, by enhancing infrastructure such as affordable housing, transport, broadband; providing education, skills and training opportunities; establishing or supporting community services and facilities).
- **Improving connectivity** (for instance, by providing activities for groups experiencing social isolation including younger people, older people and marginalised groups; improving access to transport including community transport).
- **Tackling the climate and biodiversity crises** (for instance, through sustainability initiatives; nature restoration projects; improving access to nature and active travel).

Please do not hesitate to get in touch at community.benefit@sse.com if you have any questions about the process or want to discuss a potential application.

Deadline: 4th August 2026 (noon)



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 July 2026](#)

ARTS AND CULTURE

1. Business Catalyst (Small) Grants

Grants of up to £2,000 available to self-employed, sole traders or micro businesses in the jewellery, silversmithing and allied industries to help them grow.

Deadline: 05 July 2026 (17:00) [Business Catalyst Small Grants](#)

2. Esmée Fairbairn Communities and Collections Fund

Grants of up to £100,000 are available to museums and galleries in the UK for strategic development of their inclusive collections work and for partnership projects that improve inclusion and equitable working with community partners. Grants of between £40,000 and £100,000 are available over a period of up to three years.

Deadline: 22 July 2026 [Esmée Fairbairn Communities and Collections Fund](#)

3. 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](#)

4. Radcliffe Trust

Funding is available for UK charities, not-for-profit organisations working in the areas of music, especially chamber music, composition and music education, or in heritage and crafts. Heritage and Crafts Grants are generally in the region of £2,500 to £7,500. Music Grants are generally in the region of £2,500 to £5,000.

Deadline: 31 July 2026 [Radcliffetrust](#)

5. Association of Independent Museums (AIM) – Museum Fundamentals Grant Programme

Grants of up to £20,000 are available for small-to-medium sized museums across the UK to support core museum activities such as conservation, collection care, and exhibition development. This fund aims to support museums with core activities, enabling them to care for collection's more effectively and efficiently and to meet the standards required for Accreditation.

Deadline: 07 August 2026 [Grants Museum-fundamentals](#)

6. PRS Foundation - PPL Momentum Music Fund

Grants are available to support the development of talented emerging UK musicians and bands, helping them to sustain and develop their careers. Grants of between £5,000 and £15,000 are available.

Deadline: 10 August 2026 [PRS foundation.com](#)

7. 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](#)

8. **Queen Elizabeth Scholarship Trust - Scholarships and Apprenticeships**

Scholarships and apprenticeship support is available to fund further study, training and practical experience for craftsmen and women across the UK who want to improve their craft and trade skills. Scholarships are worth between £3,000 and £18,000, depending on how much funding is required for a project.

Deadline: 12 August 2026 [Scholarship Trust](#)

9. **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](#)

10. **PRS Foundation - Open Fund for Music Creators**

Grants of up to £5,000 are available to support the development of outstanding UK songwriters and composers of all genres and backgrounds, at different stages of their career.

Deadline: 07 September 2026 (18:00) [PRS Foundation](#)

11. **BFI National Lottery Creative Challenge Fund**

The funding (£ 150,000) is intended to support UK-based organisations in designing and delivering creative project development programmes in feature film and narrative immersive media. These programmes should benefit participants and their projects by supporting writers, directors, producers and immersive artists.

Deadline: 09 September 2026 [BFI Funding](#)

12. **Theatre Improvement Scheme**

Grants of up to £20,000 are available for not-for-profit theatres in the UK for capital improvement projects that will improve environmental sustainability.

Deadline: 11 September 2026 (12 noon) [Theatres Trust](#)

13. **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.

Deadline: 15 September 2026 [Scops Arts Trust](#)

14. **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: 25 September 2026 (noon) [Fidelio Trust](#)

15. **Youth Music - NextGen Fund**

Grants of up to £3,000 are available to young creatives in the UK to help them take a step forward to participating in and changing the music industries. The funding is intended help early-stage musicians and wider music adjacent creatives to invest in their own projects and make their ideas happen. The fund is especially aimed at those whose lack of finance holds them back from pursuing their goals.

Deadline: 25 September 2026 [Youth Music](#)

16. **Michael Tippett Musical Foundation**

Grants are available to support projects and activities that support young musicians and composers, new music, and music education initiatives. Grants of between £500 and £3,000 are available. The average grant is around £2,000. This fund aims to support group music-making, especially those that involve young people in the process of composing and developing new ideas.

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

17. **Oppenheim-John Downes Memorial Trust**

Small grants are available to British artists, designers, writers and performers over the age of 30 who are experiencing financial difficulties in the pursuit of their careers. Awards typically range from £250 to £1,000.

Deadline: 02 October 2026 [Oppenheim Downes Trust](#)

18. **Heritage Crafts Association - Endangered Crafts Fund**

Grants are available for craft practitioners, community groups and voluntary organisations across the United Kingdom to deliver projects that protect endangered crafts and provide opportunities for makers and trainees to develop their skills. Grants of up to £2,500 are available.

Deadline: 16 October 2026 [Heritage Crafts](#)

19. **The Charlotte Aitkens Trust**

Grants of up to £2,500 are available for charitable organisations within the UK who promote the creative arts for the public benefit, especially literature, whether fiction, non-fiction drama or poetry. The Trust will only accept applications from organisations whose core purpose is in the support of literature and literacy.

Deadline: 31 October 2026 [Charlotte Aitken Trust](#)

20. **Association of Independent Museums (AIM) Training Grants**

Grants are available to support member museums across the UK in developing the skills and expertise of their workforce (paid or voluntary). Grants of £350 are available.

Deadline: 14 December 2026 [Aim-museums](#)

21. **Turtleton Charitable Trust**

Grants are available to registered charities in Scotland for charitable projects in the fields of heritage, the arts and education. Grants are usually for between £5,000 and £25,000, although larger grants or multi-year commitments may be awarded at the discretion of the Trustees in limited circumstances. The Turtleton Charitable Trust was established in 2007 and is administered by Turcan Connell.

Deadline: 31 December 2026 [Turcan Connell Charitable Trust](#)

22. **Museums Galleries Scotland - Museum Futures: Innovation Fund**

Grants are available to museums in Scotland to improve their financial sustainability. Grants of between £20,000 and £250,000 are available. Projects can last up to three years and must begin with six months of the award date.

Deadline: 20 January 2027 (17:00) [Museums Galleries Scotland](#)

23. **Museums Galleries Scotland - Museum Futures: Unlocking Potential Fund**

Grants are available to museums in Scotland to address barriers to strategic development. Grants of between £10,000 and £100,000 are available.

Deadline: 20 January 2027 (17:00) [Museums Galleries Scotland](#)

24. **Association for Industrial Archaeology - Restoration Grants**

Funding is available for the restoration of historically, technically, architecturally, and/or archaeologically important industrial buildings, structures, machinery, vehicles and vessels within the UK. Two funding streams are available: Major projects - up to £30,000. Grants must form a significant portion of the total project costs (normally, at least 20% of the total project costs).

Small projects - up to £10,000 for projects with total costs of no more than £12,500.

Deadline: 31 March 2027 [Industrial-archaeology Restoration-grants](#)

25. **Golsoncott Foundation**

Grants of up to £3,000 are available to voluntary sector organisations in the UK for projects that promote fine arts and music. Applications for the August 2026 trustee meeting are currently being accepted.

The Trustees normally meet on a quarterly basis (February, May, August, and November).

Applications should be submitted at least three weeks before a scheduled trustees' meeting.

Deadline: Ongoing [Golsoncott Foundation](#)

26. 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: Ongoing [Support for Artists](#)

27. 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](#)

28. BFI National Lottery Screen Heritage Fund

The funding is intended to support organisations that hold screen heritage collections to widen access, develop skills and build resilience.

There are three funding strands:

Project funding - for audience-facing projects that ensure more people can engage with heritage collections that better reflect the diversity of the UK; build a thriving screen heritage sector; unlock the UK's screen heritage for education and enjoyment; and help enable everyone to experience a greater range of screen culture.

Resilience funding - to support public screen heritage archives and collection networks across the UK to help the sector adapt and thrive.

Individual Skills funding - to remove the obstacles to getting into the screen heritage sector or for career progression.

The following levels of funding are available:

- Project funding - grants of between £10,000 and £140,000.
- Resilience funding - grants of between £10,000 and £140,000.
- Individual Skills funding - grant of £10,000 per year.

Deadline: Ongoing [BFI Funding](#)

29. 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](#)

30. 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](#)

31. 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](#)

32. 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](#)

33. 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](#)

34. 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

35. Business Catalyst (Small) Grants

Grants of up to £2,000 available to self-employed, sole traders or micro businesses in the jewellery, silversmithing and allied industries to help them grow.

Deadline: 05 July 2026 (17:00) [Business Catalyst Small Grants](#)

36. All About Business Entrepreneurs Fund

A UK-based initiative providing funding and mentoring for entrepreneurs aged 18 to 26 who have an early-stage business trading for less than three years with at least one paying customer, to support growth and scaling activities.

Deadline: 07 July 2026 [Reed Entrepreneurs](#)

37. Shackleton Foundation Grant

Seed funding grants of up to £15,000 and support are available to inspirational leaders and early stage social enterprises in the UK to establish their own non-profit ventures with the potential to provide solutions to intractable social problems faced by disadvantaged and socially marginalised young people. Projects must solely benefit children and young people (aged from 0-25 years) based in the UK.

Deadline: 03 August 2026 [Shackleton Foundation](#)

38. 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 September 2026 [Veterans Foundation](#)

39. Youth Jobs Grant

Employers in Great Britain, of any size, can receive a grant for hiring young people aged 18 to 24 who have been on Universal Credit and seeking work for six months or more. The scheme is intended to assist young people who are not in education, employment or training, with youth unemployment having reached 16.1% in late 2025. The grant of up to £3,000 is designed to support sustained employment and complement normal recruitment activity.

Deadline: October 2028 [Youth Jobs Grant](#)

40. 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](#)

41. 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](#)

42. 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](#)

43. 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](#)

44. 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

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

45. 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](#)

46. 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](#)

47. 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](#)

48. 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](#)

49. 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](#)

50. 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](#)

51. Scottish Government - Oil and Gas Transition Training Fund

Funded training opportunities are available to help oil and gas workers across Scotland retrain for roles in other industries. The funding aims to support oil and gas workers with training and careers advice, enabling them to transition their skills and experience into sectors such as sustainable energy, life sciences, advanced manufacturing and defence.

Deadline: Ongoing [Transition Training Fund](#)

52. 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

53. 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](#)

54. BFBS Big Salute

A small number of grants are available once a year for registered charities supporting members of the armed forces community, including regulars, reservists, veterans, and their families. Grants of up to £10,000 are available. Projects should not begin before January 2027.

Deadline: 31 July 2025 [Big-salute](#)

55. Trefoil – 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](#)

Trefoil Personal Development Grants

Trefoil offers Personal Development Grants to young **people in Scotland under twenty-five years old** with special needs, whether mental, social, or physical, that affect their development.

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

Trefoil Holiday Grants

Trefoil offers holiday grants to individuals, families or small groups. Applicants for holiday grants should be under 18 years of age and residing in Scotland. Trefoil funds holidays in the UK only and overseas trips are not supported.

Deadline: Ongoing [Trefoil Holiday Grants](#)

56. 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 August 2026 [Toy Trust](#)

57. Warburtons Families Matter Community Grants Programme

Small grants of up to £400 are available for local projects, activities and organisations that have charitable aims and that will be of real direct benefit to families in England, Scotland and Wales.

Deadline: 17 August 2026 [Warburtons](#)

58. Kelly Family Charitable Trust

Grants of up to £5,000 are available for UK registered charities, working locally or regionally in the United Kingdom, whose activities nurture and support family life.

Deadline: 01 September 2026 [Kelly Family Trust](#)

59. Children's Alliance

Grants are available for not-for-profit organisations across the UK to give children and young people a better start in life through projects involving the medium of water. The Children's Alliance is a charity and outreach initiative of Water Babies (the largest baby swim school in the UK). Grants of up to £15,000 are available, though the majority of grants awarded are under £10,000.

Deadline: 30 September 2026 [Childrens Alliance](#)

60. 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 September 2026 [Adamson Trust](#)

61. 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](#)

62. 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](#)

63. 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](#)

64. 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](#)

65. 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](#)

66. 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](#)

67. 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](#)

68. 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](#)

69. 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](#)

70. 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](#)

71. 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

72. Argyll and Bute Council's 2026/27 Supporting Communities Fund Open

We are inviting applications to the next round of Argyll and Bute Council's Supporting Communities Fund.

The fund is open for applications from until Sunday 5th July 2025 (23:59pm). You can apply via our online form at: [Supporting Communities Fund | Argyll and Bute Council](#).

We welcome applications from not-for-profit community organisations, who meet the eligibility criteria, for up to £1,500 to support community projects across Argyll and Bute.

The fund supports projects which impact the following:

Fairer Communities – tackling poverty by sharing opportunities

Resilient Communities – capacity building, preparing for and responding to community needs

Greener, Cleaner Communities – environmental action to support addressing climate change

Creative Communities - creativity for health and wellbeing.

Examples of previous projects funded can be found on our [website](#)

For further information and to apply for the fund, please visit our [website](#)

For help with your application, or to discuss applying to the fund, please contact us at:

supportingcommunitiesfund@argyll-bute.gov.uk

Deadline: 05 July 2025 (23:59pm). [Supporting Communities Fund](#)



73. Money Saving Expert (MSE) Charity

A limited number of grants are available to small to medium-sized UK not-for-profit organisations for projects which are focused on delivering activities which make a lasting impact on how people think, behave and manage their money. Grants of between £2,000 and £10,000 are available.

Deadline: 13 July 2026 [MSE Charity](#)

74. 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. Projects must:

- Support carers during changes in their role.
- Make it easier to identify and support carers.
- Improve support for carers who face extra barriers.
- Change how care is understood and valued.

Unpaid carers are defined as 'Adults or children who look after a relative, friend or neighbour. They might look after someone due to a disability, illness, mental health condition, addiction or old age'.

The following costs are eligible for funding:

Organisational running costs.

Equipment.

One-off events.

Staff costs.

Training costs.

Transport.

Utilities.

Volunteer expenses.

Part of the organisation's overheads.

Some capital costs.

Deadline: 15 July 2026 [Supporting Change Carers](#)

75. Carraig Gheal Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund

Grants of up to **£10,000** are available to constituted groups (**£20,000** for village halls). The closing date is 31st August 2026 and the Steering Group will meet at the end of September to decide which applications to approve and by how much. These are primarily for projects based within the five community council areas surrounding

Carraig Gheal Wind Farm: Avich and Kilchrenan, Kilninver and Kilmelford, Kilmore, Taynuilt, Glenorchy and Innishail.

Deadline: 31 July 2026 [Carraig Gheal Windfarm Funds](#)

Carraig Gheal micro grant scheme awards grants of up to **£500**. These are available to individuals, constituted and non-constituted groups which must be based within one of the five community council areas surrounding Carraig Gheal Wind Farm: Avich and Kilchrenan, Kilninver and Kilmelford, Kilmore, Taynuilt, Glenorchy and Innishail. These can be applied for at anytime and are awarded on a first come first served basis.

Deadline: Ongoing [Carraig Gheal Windfarm Funds](#)

76. Foundation Scotland - Nadara Energy A'Chruach Wind Farm Community Fund

Grants are available to community organisations for projects which benefit people living in the community council areas of West Loch Fyne, Dunadd and Lochgilphead in Argyll and Bute. Grants available:

- o Small: £500 to £5,000
- o Medium: £5,001 to £25,000
- o Large: over £25,000

Multi-year Flexible Funding: £2,000 to £10,000 per annum for up to three years

Deadline: 04 September 2026 [Foundation Scotland](#)

77. Foundation Scotland - An Suidhe Wind Farm Community Fund

Grants of up to £9,000 are available to not-for-profit organisations for projects which benefit people living within the Dalavich, Furnace, Glenorchy and Innishail or Inveraray areas, which are in close proximity to the An Suidhe Wind Farm. Grants between £300 and £9,000 are available.

Deadline: 16 September 2026 [Foundation Scotland](#)

78. Scottish Hydro Electric Community Trust

Grants are available to support charities and community projects with the cost of electricity supply connections.

Deadline: 17 September 2026 [SHECT](#)

79. 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 September 2026 [Veterans Foundation](#)

80. Veterans' Foundation - Standard Grants

The Veterans' Foundation provides grants to support charities and organisations delivering services to serving armed forces personnel, veterans, operationally qualified seafarers, and their immediate families who are in need. Beneficiaries are individuals who are experiencing challenges such as unemployment, homelessness, mental or physical ill-health, disability, financial hardship, family bereavement, or other welfare issues. Grants of between £5,001 and £30,000 are available. This can be for one year or a multi-year grant for up to three years (eg £10,000 per year, over three years).

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

81. 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 October 2026 [Postcode Trust](#)

82. Aviva Foundation - Financial Futures Fund

Grants are available for not-for-profit organisations in the UK that are delivering bold, long-term solutions to help people build financial resilience. The funding is for programmes and projects that:

Build financial confidence and capability – helping people manage their money and plan ahead.

Improve access to fair, affordable, and inclusive financial services – such as savings, protection, and pensions. Support people through financial shocks and hardship – including access to essentials and opportunities to build savings.

Address systemic issues – such as debt, housing insecurity, and digital exclusion, which can undermine financial resilience.

The average grant awarded is typically between £250,000 and £300,000, spread over three years.

Deadline: 07 October 2026 [Aviva Foundation](#)

83. Chrysalis Trust

A small number of grants are available for UK registered charities with projects that are less popular and harder to fund that focus on the trust's priorities of relieving poverty and disability and providing access to shelter, education, healthcare and water.

Deadline: 15 December 2026 [Chrysalis Trust](#)

84. SSE Hydro Community Fund

Grants for a range of local community projects in community council areas of: Ardgour, Arrochar, Tarbet and Ardlui, Cairndow, Colintrave and Glendaruel, Comrie and District, East Kintyre, Inveraray, Taynuilt, West Loch Fyne.

Deadline: 13 December 2026 [SSE Renewables](#)

85. 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](#)

86. 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](#)

87. 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](#)

88. 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](#)

89. 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](#)

90. 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](#)

91. 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](#)

92. 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](#)

93. 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](#)

94. 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](#)

95. 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](#)

96. 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](#)

97. 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](#)

98. 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](#)

99. 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](#)

100. 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](#)

101. 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](#)

102. Care Collective Fund

A global grant fund of £ 8,642 supporting grassroots, research, and social impact initiatives that protect oceans, reduce plastic pollution, and strengthen climate resilience. The Care Collective Fund aims to support practical, on-the-ground action to address climate and ocean challenges by funding projects that align with three key strategic pillars:

- **The plastic life cycle** eg plastic pollution prevention, river and coastal interception, community waste management, advocacy and policy work.
- **Maritime and ocean ecosystems** eg blue carbon and marine habitat restoration, marine wildlife protection and rescue.
- **Community care and climate resilience** eg empowering coastal communities and youth, grassroots climate/ocean justice.

It is designed to enable short-term, measurable initiatives that deliver clear environmental and social outcomes, while prioritising locally led, impact-driven projects, particularly in vulnerable coastal communities around the world.

Deadline: 05 July 2026 (23:59) [Care Collective Fund](#)

103. Green Community Grants Programme

Grants of up to £25,000 are available to registered charities and not-for-profit groups across Great Britain for projects that improve nature for local communities. The funding is for organisations whose main aims and objectives fit with one of the following Fund's themes:

Contributing to nature recovery and responding to the climate emergency.

Improving nature-rich spaces and access to them.

The grants can be used for a wider range of sustainable activities, including recycling, litter picking, beach cleans or sustainable transport.

Deadline: 15 July 2026 [Wildlife Trusts](#)

104. Network Rail Community Tree Planting Fund

Grants are available for community groups, charities, community interest companies, schools, and other organisations to support tree-planting projects across England, Scotland, and Wales. Grants of between £2,500 and £10,000 are available. The following can apply:

- Local authorities.
- Charities & other NGOs.
- Community groups.
- Education institutions.
- Individual landowners.

Deadline: 19 July 2026 [Treecouncil Grants](#)

105. Scottish Power Energy Networks Community Tree Planting Fund

Grants of up to £ 10,000 are available for community groups, charities, non-governmental organisations, schools, local authorities and individual landowners to plant trees across central and southern Scotland with a focus on areas such as parks, schools, and community spaces.

Deadline: 19 July 2026 [Community-tree-planting-fund](#)

106. Tree Council - Branching Out Fund

Grants of up to £2,500 are available to assist schools and community groups in undertaking tree planting projects across the UK. The funding is for tree and hedge planting projects taking place during the 2026/27 winter planting season.

Deadline: 19 July 2026 (midnight) [Grants-for-trees](#)

107. Scottish Agri-Environment Climate Scheme (AECS)

A scheme to promote land management practices which protect and enhance Scotland's natural heritage, improve water quality, manage flood risk and mitigate and adapt to climate change. It will also help to improve public access and preserve historic sites. The scheme is open to farmers, groups of farmers and other land managers with land in Scotland and who are registered with the provider and have a Business Reference Number. Applications must be submitted by the deadlines of:

- 31 July 2026 for Stand-alone Organic Conversion and Maintenance applications.

Guidance notes and the online application portal can be accessed from the Rural Payments and Services website.

Deadline: 31 July 2026 [Rural Payments](#)

108. 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](#)

109. Stanley Smith (UK) Horticultural Trust

The objectives of the Trust are:

To promote horticulture.

To promote the conservation of the physical and natural environment by promoting biological diversity.

To promote the creation, development, preservation and maintenance of gardens accessible to the public.

The advancement of horticultural education.

Grants of up to £5,000 are available. Typical grants are usually in the range of £3,500 to £5,000. Applicants are welcome to apply for grants of less than £500.

Deadline: 15 August 2026 [Stanley Smith UK](#)

110. Future Woodlands Scotland - Research and Innovation Grants

Grants are available to organisations in Scotland undertaking new ideas to enhance and develop native woodland, and research the contribution of such woodland to biodiversity and carbon. Grants up to £10,000 are available. The whole project can be of any size and there is no defined maximum project cost.

Deadline: 23 August 2026 [Future Woodlands](#)

111. Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust - Sustainable Future Programme

Grants are available for imaginative and inclusive approaches to tackling the climate crisis and building a just and equitable economy in order to protect the planet for future generations.

Deadline: 02 September 2026 (10am) [JRCT](#)

112. British Ecological Society - Outreach and Engagement Grants

The funding is for BES members to deliver independent outreach, public engagement and science communication activities that engage public audiences with the excitement, importance and relevance of ecological science or enhance the experience and skills of others to communicate ecology with public audiences.

The grant will support diverse formats that reach and engage public audiences in innovative, creative and impactful ways, whether through in-person events, digital formats, or physical resources. Grants of up to £2,000 are available.

Deadline: 08 September 2026 [British Ecological Society](#)

113. NatureScot - Peatland ACTION Fund

Peatland ACTION supports the restoration of degraded peatlands across Scotland, offering funding for land managers. Generally, projects should be greater than 10 hectares, with a cost over £10,000.

Deadline: 30 September 2026 [Nature Scot](#)

114. Sea-Changers Grant Programme

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

Small Grants programme - up to £500.

Main Grants programme - between £500 and £2,500.

Deadline: 30 September 2026 [Sea-changers](#)

115. Scottish Government - Upland Sheep Support Scheme

A scheme providing additional support, on top of the Basic Payment Scheme, to sheep producers who farm in Scotland's rough grazing areas. The funding is intended to help maintain sheep flocks in farm businesses reliant on poorer quality rough grazing found in Scotland's Basic Payment Region three. Payments will be made to help farmers maintain the social and environmental benefits that sheep flocks bring to those areas. The payment rate for eligible animals is not fixed. The rate will vary each year depending on the total number of eligible animals claimed in the calendar year.

Deadline: 30 November 2026 [Rural Payments](#)

116. Scottish Suckler Beef Support Scheme (SSBSS)

Financial support is available to help producers maintain beef suckler herds at levels that sustain Scotland's commercial beef industry while delivering associated environmental and social benefits. The payment rate for eligible animals is not fixed. The rate will vary each year depending on the total number of eligible animals claimed in the calendar year.

Deadline: 14 January 2027 [Rural Payments](#)

117. The Mushroom Trust

Grants are available for organisations in Scotland to support the creation, maintenance and improvement of urban green spaces. This fund aims to support the creation, enhancement, and upkeep of green spaces throughout Scotland. This includes both the creation of urban spaces, such as public parks, community gardens and allotments, as well as other environmental and conservation projects, such as ancient woodland restoration projects. Grants of between £500 and £10,000 are available.

The average grant amount is £5,000.

Deadline: 31 March 2027 [Mushroom Trust](#)

118. Cycling UK - Cycle Access Fund (Scotland)- Helensburgh & Lomond Only

Five funding strands are available:

Individual Bike Ownership – to support organisations that work with adults that are struggling financially to purchase cycles for individuals. Funding for this strand is extremely limited.

Shared Use – to support organisations to purchase cycles and equipment's for non-ownership options.

Recycle – for bike repair organisations and bike recycling centres. Grants of up to £2,000 are available to be spent on £250 per bike and accessories package.

Repair – for bike repair organisations and bike recycling centres. Grants of up to £2,000 are available to be spent on repairs of up to £100 per bike.

Cycle Parking and Storage - to purchase and enhance existing facilities.

Deadline: Ongoing [Cycle Access Fund](#)

119. 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 – in Argyll and Bute these locations are Oban, Dunoon and Helensburgh. Groups should verify their eligibility on the Scotmid website. [store-locator](#)

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

120. 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](#)

121. 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](#)

122. 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](#)

123. 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](#)

124. 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](#)

125. 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](#)

126. 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](#)

127. 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](#)

128. 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](#)

129. 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

130. The Fore

Unrestricted grants are available to enable small charities in the UK to grow, strengthen or become more efficient or resilient. There is a particular interest in supporting grassroots organisations working with underserved communities. The Fore views its grants as investments in the organisations it supports, rather than funding specific projects only.

Deadline: 15 July 2026 [The Fore Trust](#)

131. Weir Charitable Trust

Grants are available to small charities or community groups in Scotland for work addressing sport, health, culture, animal welfare, or recreational facilities. The Trust will consider applications for grants of up to £25,000. There is no minimum grant size. The average award granted is £3,500. Grants are available to support services/projects in the following categories:

- Sport - Projects to encourage and increase public participation in sport (eligible activities should involve physical skill and exertion).
- Recreational facilities - Providing or organising recreational facilities (buildings, pitches or similar) with the aim of improving the conditions of life for the people for whom the facilities are primarily intended. This is only in relation to facilities which are primarily intended for people who need them due to age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage.
- Animal welfare - The advancement of animal welfare.
- Health - The advancement of health, including prevention or relief of sickness, disease or human suffering.
- Culture - Supporting the heritage - tangible or otherwise - of Scotland, through projects that encourage participation in and preservation of Scotland's distinctive culture.

Deadline: 31 July 2026 [Weir Charitable Trust](#)

132. Emerton-Christie Charity

A very small number of one-off grants of up to £3,000 are available for registered charities in the UK undertaking projects in the areas of health, supporting those who are disadvantaged, or the arts.

Deadline: 31 August 2026 [Emerton Christie](#)

133. Woodroffe Benton Foundation - Small Grants Programme

The Foundation aims to support charitable projects in the UK that provide care for the sick and elderly, conserve and improve the environment, promote education, and help those in need as a result of disaster or as a consequence of social and economic circumstances. One-off grants of between £500 and £2,500 are available.

Deadline: 31 August 2026 [Woodroffe Benton](#)

134. Grocers' Charity Grant

One-off grants of up to £5,000 are available to small UK registered charities for work in the specific areas of: relief of hardship; children and young people; disability and inclusion; the elderly; health; military; environment and conservation; the arts; and heritage.

Deadline: 01 September 2026 [Grocers Charity](#)

135. Green Hall Foundation

Grants of up to £10,000 for UK registered charities to fund special projects or the purchase of equipment that will benefit their charitable purposes.

Deadline: 02 September 2026 [Green Hall Foundation](#)

136. CPF Trust

Grants for UK-based charities addressing health and social issues, the arts, education and animal welfare. One-year grants are made at the discretion of the trustees, but are usually between £1,000 and £3,000.

Deadline: 30 September 2026 [CPF Trust](#)

137. 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 October 2026 [Postcode Trust](#)

138. 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](#)

139. 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](#)

140. 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](#)

141. 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**

142. 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](#)

143. 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](#)

144. 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](#)

145. 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](#)

146. 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](#)

147. 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](#)

148. 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](#)

149. 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

150. Baily Thomas Charitable Fund

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

Small Grants: from £250 up to £5,000.

General Grants: over £5,000.

Deadline: 31 August 2026 [Baily Thomas](#)

151. James Tudor Foundation - Mental Health Grant

Grants of up to £25,000 are available to UK registered charities addressing mental health issues affecting children and young people, and adults.

Deadline: 31 August 2026 [James Tudor Foundation](#)

152. Ulverscroft Foundation

The Foundation provides funding for projects in the UK that benefit visually impaired people. Grants range from around £100 to £500,000.

Deadline: 15 September 2026 [Ulverscroft Foundation](#)

153. The Primary Club

Grants are available to support sport and recreation for blind and visually impaired people throughout the UK.

Recent examples of funded projects include:

Creating children's tactile audiobooks about three sports stars.

Supporting children's residential outdoor activity breaks in specialised centres.

Developing a multi-sensory woodland environment in Cornwall, building on a major investment by RNIB.

Supporting several tandem cycling clubs to supply, maintain and store their equipment.

Supporting numerous clubs which offer regular training sessions and competitive matches in cricket, goalball, Showdown, baseball, golf, bowls and other sports.

Deadline: 30 November 2026 [Primary Club](#)

154. 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](#)

155. 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](#)

156. 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](#)

157. 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](#)

158. 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](#)

159. Vegetarian for Life Grants

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

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

160. 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](#)

161. 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](#)

162. 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](#)

163. 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](#)

164. 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 August 2026 [Screwfix Foundation](#)

165. 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: 14 August 2026 [B&Q Foundation](#)

166. 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: 14 August 2026 [BQ Home Starter Kits](#)

167. Help the Homeless Grant Scheme

Grants for capital projects are available to small and medium-sized charities registered in the UK working to assist homeless people to rebuild their lives and return to the community. Grants of up to £5,000 are available.

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

168. 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](#)

169. 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 JULY 2026](#)

SPORT FUNDING

170. Dan Maskell Tennis Trust

Grants of up to £1,600 are available to support people with all disabilities (physical impairment, deaf, learning disability, visually impaired etc) to play tennis through the purchase of wheelchairs, tennis equipment and grants for coaching. Grants of up to £1,600 for a group, club or project are available. Up to £600 is available for individuals.

Deadline: 03 August 2026 [Dan Maskell Tennis Trust](#)

171. Sports Facilities Fund

Grants are available for the provision or upgrading of sports facilities in local communities throughout Scotland.

Grants of to 50% of eligible project costs up to a maximum of £200,000 may be awarded. 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](#)

172. Scottish Mountaineering Trust

Grants are available for organisations and individuals to promote public recreation, knowledge and safe enjoyment of the mountains of Scotland.

Deadline: 21 September 2026 [The SMT](#)

173. Children's Alliance

Grants are available for not-for-profit organisations across the UK to give children and young people a better start in life through projects involving the medium of water. The Children's Alliance is a charity and outreach initiative of Water Babies (the largest baby swim school In the UK). Grants of up to £15,000 are available, though the majority of grants awarded are under £10,000.

Deadline: 30 September 2026 [Childrens Alliance](#)

174. Rowing Foundation

Grants are available for equipment that will support the participation of young people and disabled people in rowing in the UK. There are two funding streams:

Equipment grants of up to £4,000 in any five-year period; this can be comprised of a single grant or smaller grants aggregated over the period. Grants are for up to 50% of the overall project costs.

Boat refurbishment grants of up to £4,000 for up to 50% of the costs of refurbishments of boats used by juniors.

Deadline: 05 October 2026 (noon) [Rowing Foundation](#)

175. Barclays Community Sport Fund 2025 to 2027

Grants are available for not-for-profit organisations operating in an area of high deprivation in the UK to make football, cricket, or tennis more accessible to women and girls. The funding is unrestricted and can be used for anything that will support delivery of football, cricket, or tennis activities for women and girls.

Deadline: 04 November 2026 [Barclays-community-sport-fund](#)

176. 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](#)

177. 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](#)

178. 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](#)

179. 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](#)

180. 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](#)

181. 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](#)

182. 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](#)

183. 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

184. **7stars Foundation**

Grants are available to support young people (18 years and under) challenged by abuse and addiction, those who are young carers, and those who are homeless or without a safe place to call home. The following funding streams are available:

Project Grants: One-off grants of up to £5,000.

Shine Bright Long Term Grants: Two-year grants of up to £30,000 per year.

Child Poverty Grants: Two-year grants of up to £30,000 per year.

Social Impact Grants: Two-year grants of £5,000 per year.

Individual Grants: One-off grants of up to £500.

Applications will be considered from organisations working with young people that require funding in the areas of:

- Abuse
- Addiction
- Child carers
- Homelessness

This fund will reopen for applications on 1 June 2026.

Deadline: 13 July 2026 [7 Stars Foundation](#)

185. **Peter Sell Award**

Grants of up to £5,000 for Scout or Guide groups in the UK to encourage new members and to ensure long term benefits from the award.

Deadline: 14 September 2026 [Peter Sell](#)

186. **Sasha Foundation**

Grants are available for charitable organisations across the UK working to support young people suffering from mental health and drug abuse issues. Typically, grants will be up to £10,000 and at most will be for up to 50% of the total cost of the proposed project.

Deadline: 10 October 2026 [Sasha Foundation](#)

187. **Triangle Trust 1949 Fund**

Grants are available for charities, not-for-profit social enterprises and community interest companies in the UK that are working to support young people with criminal convictions or young people at high risk of offending for the first time. For the 2026 funding rounds, the focus is specifically on young women and girls who have been in the criminal justice system or who are at a high risk of being drawn into it. Grants of between £50,000 and £100,000 for a duration of 18 months to three years.

Deadline: 15 October 2026 [Triangle Trust](#)

188. **Magdalen Hospital Trust**

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

Deadline: 31 October 2026 [Magdalen Trust](#)

189. **Weaver's Company Benevolent Fund**

Grants are available for UK registered charities and charitable incorporated organisations that can demonstrate impact with ex-offenders, young offenders or young people at risk of offending, either within a local area or nationally. Small grants of up to £5,000. Main Grants have no maximum amount.

Deadline: 12 November 2026 [Weavers Charity](#)

190. **Youth Jobs Grant**

Employers in Great Britain, of any size, can receive a grant for hiring young people aged 18 to 24 who have been

on Universal Credit and seeking work for six months or more. The scheme is intended to assist young people who are not in education, employment or training, with youth unemployment having reached 16.1% in late 2025. The grant of up to £3,000 is designed to support sustained employment and complement normal recruitment activity.

Deadline: October 2028 [Youth Jobs Grant](#)

191. 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](#)

192. 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](#)

193. 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](#)

194. 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](#)

195. 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](#)

196. 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](#)

197. 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](#)

198. 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](#)

199. Trefoil – Lilies 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](#) [Lilies Finlay Holiday Fund Flyer](#)

200. 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](#)

201. 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](#)

202. 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

203. 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](#)

204. 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](#)

205. 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](#)

206. 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

207. WCIT Charity

Grants are available for not-for-profit organisations across the UK to deliver IT projects and activities that support the themes of education, inclusion, IT for charities, and understanding of IT. Grants of up to £15,000 are available.

Deadline: 14 August 2026 [WCIT Charity](#)

208. Fat Beehive Foundation

Grants of up to £2,500 are available to small UK registered charities to help them improve their digital presence.

Deadline: 30 September 2026 [Fat Beehive Foundation](#)

209. 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: 01 March 2027 [DPO Centre Fund](#)

210. 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](#)

211. 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](#)

212. 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](#)

213. 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](#)

214. 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](#)

215. 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](#)

216. 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

217. **Network Rail Community Tree Planting Fund**

Grants are available for community groups, charities, community interest companies, schools, and other organisations to support tree-planting projects across England, Scotland, and Wales. Grants of between £2,500 and £10,000 are available. The following can apply:

- Local authorities.
- Charities & other NGOs.
- Community groups.
- Education institutions.
- Individual landowners.

Deadline: 19 July 2026 [Treecouncil Grants](#)

218. **Tree Council - Branching Out Fund**

Grants of up to £2,500 are available to assist schools and community groups in undertaking tree planting projects across the UK. The funding is for tree and hedge planting projects taking place during the 2026/27 winter planting season.

Deadline: 19 July 2026 (midnight) [Grants-for-trees](#)

219. **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 September 2026 [Classical Association](#)

220. **Armed Forces Families Fund - Service Pupil Support Fund**

Grants are available to schools and local authorities for projects which support Service children (aged 4 to 18 years) in the UK along their educational pathway. Grants of £5,000 to £150,000 are available for stand-alone projects delivered over a period of up to two years. The 2026 programme is seeking projects that clearly address one or more of the following outcomes:

Closing the academic gap.

Support for service pupils with SEN/D, ASN, ALN.

Mobility, deployment and separation.

Low numbers of service pupils.

Deadline: 30 September 2026 (noon) [Covenant Fund](#)

221. **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](#)

222. **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: 01 October 2026 [Charitable Trust](#)

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

Grants are available to UK schools to support the purchase of musical instruments and equipment. Grants of up to £800 are available. Applications will open in **August** for funding offers made at the end of **January**

Deadline: October 2026 [UK Sound Foundation](#)

224. 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: 20 November 2026 [Scottish Book Trust Live Literature](#)

225. 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](#)

226. 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](#)

227. 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](#)