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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.
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**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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## ARGYLL AND BUTE IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Argyll and Bute Council has introduced a single **Business Funding Enquiry Form** (BFEF) to help local businesses access the right funding and support. By completing this form, your enquiry will be shared internally with the relevant Council teams who manage a range of funding opportunities.

Completing a BFEF does not guarantee funding, but it ensures your enquiry is routed to the appropriate team for consideration. You need only complete the BFEF once. Specific application forms will be issued for relevant support.

The form collects key information about your business and project, including:

- Business type, sector, and size
- Funding needs and intended use
- Project stage and timeframe
- Expected impact on jobs, community, or the local economy

View Events hosted by Argyll and Bute Business Gateway **HERE**

## NEWS

### Argyll and Bute Council – Strategic Events and Festivals Fund - Upcoming deadline

Grants of up to £30,000 are available for constituted not-for-profit organisations to support organisers of strategic events and festivals that contribute to the culture, heritage, and economy of Argyll and Bute.

This fund aims to support not-for-profit organisations in Argyll and Bute that are intending to hold 'strategic' events and festivals that contribute significantly to the culture, heritage, and economy of Argyll and Bute whilst reaching a national or international audience.

**Deadline: 16 November 2026 (noon)** **Strategic-events-and-festivals-fund**

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**Argyll and Bute - Small Business Grants**

Argyll and Bute Council Grants are available to help small full-time businesses to develop and grow in Argyll and Bute. The funding is intended to help small businesses in Argyll and Bute to invest in improvements that help them grow and develop. The scheme aims to strengthen business performance by supporting projects that improve productivity, competitiveness, skills, profitability, innovation, sustainability, resilience and the transition towards net zero.

**Two grants are available:**

- Grants from £1,000 up to £3,000 for capital or revenue costs, for businesses actively trading for at least six months.
- Grants from £3,000 up to £10,000 for capital expenditure only, for businesses actively trading for at least 12 months.

For businesses that meet the criteria for both grants, they can apply for up to £13,000 maximum.

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**Deadline: 27 November 2026 (17:00)** **Small-business-grants**

**Argyll and Bute - New Business Grant**
Grants are available to help new businesses to start up and grow in Argyll and Bute. The funding is intended to help new businesses in Argyll and Bute start up and grow, supporting entrepreneurship, business development and local economic growth. The New Business Grant is provided by Argyll and Bute Council. The funding is intended to help new businesses in Argyll and Bute start up and grow, supporting entrepreneurship, business development and local economic growth. Grants of up to £1,000 are available for full-time businesses (35+ hours per week).
**Deadline: 26 February 2027 (17:00)** **New-business-grant**

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## Carraig Gheal Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund

The main grant scheme of the Carraig Gheal Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund will open on 1st November with grants of up to **£10,000** available to constituted groups (**£20,000 for village halls**). 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.
**The closing date is 31st January 2027** and the Steering Group will meet at the end of **March 2027** to decide which applications to approve and by how much.

There is also a micro grant scheme which 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: 31st January 2027** **Carraig Gheal Wind Farm**

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## Henry Smith Foundation - Enterprise Gateway Fund

Grants are available for a small number of experienced Intermediary Partners to deliver a package of support to help small voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations and social entrepreneurs within the UK develop new sources of earned income and strengthen long-term financial resilience.
Intermediary organisations can apply for between £500,000 and £1.5 million to administer onward grants and deliver capacity building activities with:

- £4 million ring fenced for asset-locked organisations in England
- £2 million for UK wide non-constituted organisations and individuals.

**Expression of Interests open 28 October 2026 (9am) and close 25 November 2026 (17:00)**
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## 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 my 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 November 2026**

## ARTS AND CULTURE

**1. Screen Scotland - Film Festival and Screening Programme Fund**

Grants are available to support organisations in Scotland that produce film festivals and public screening programmes that increase the reach, depth and diversity of screen culture for audiences. The Film Festival and Screening Programme Fund is provided by Screen Scotland. Grants of between £15,000 and £45,000 are available (if applying for Development Funding, this amount is **per year**).

**Deadline: 11 November 2026** **Screen Scot Funding**

**2. Passion Play Directors Development Programme**

The grants of £2,000 are intended to develop outdoor community theatre, encourage a new generation of Passion Play directors, strengthen directing skills through professional mentoring, and support high-quality productions that bring the Easter story to local communities.

**Deadline: 30 November 2026** **Passion trust**

**3. 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**

**4. 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**

**5. Creative Scotland - Maoin nan Ealan Gàidhlig**

Grants are available to assist individual artists and art organisations with the delivery of Gaelic arts projects in Scotland.

**Deadline: 13 November 2026** **Feisean**

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**6. Museums Galleries Scotland - Creative Minds Fund**
Grants are available to accredited and non-accredited museums in Scotland for partnership projects with charities and local authorities that will encourage people with mental health issues to engage in creative activities. Grants of up to £40,000 for projects lasting up to 18 months are available.
**Deadline: 08 January 2027** **Museums Galleries Scotland**

**7. Leche Trust - Performing Arts**
Grants are available to UK registered charities or local authority run venues across the UK for performing arts projects. Grants are typically around £4,000, though sometimes smaller but rarely larger.
**Deadline: 11 January 2027** **Leche Trust**

**8. Leche Trust - Heritage Conservation Grants**
Grants of up to £5,000 are available to UK registered charities or public authorities for the conservation of historically, artistically and culturally significant buildings and objects dating from before 1837 that are in urgent need of remedial treatment.
**Deadline: 11 January 2027** **Leche Trust**

**9. 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**

**10. 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**

**11. Radcliffe Trust**
Funding is available for UK charities, not-for-profit and Exempt organisations working in the areas of music, especially chamber music, composition and music education, or in heritage and crafts.
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.
There are two application periods per year for both the Music and Heritage and Crafts schemes:

- 1 November - 31 January (for consideration in July)
- 1 May - 31 July (for consideration in December)

**Deadline: 31 January 2027** **The Radcliffe Trust**

**12. Finzi Trust - Young Musicians' Fund**
Grants are available for young musicians aged 25 and under who need financial support to develop their participation, study and practice of music. Grants of between £250 and £7,000 are available.
**Deadline: 01 February 2027** **Gerald Finzi Grant**

**13. Fidelio Charitable 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. The deadlines for 2027 applications are **12 noon** on:
1 February 2027
1 June 2027
1 October 2027
Please note that **closing dates are subject to change**, and applicants should check the website before submitting their application.
**Deadline: 01 February 2027 (noon)** **Fidelio Charitable Trust**

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**14. Idlewild Trust**
The Trust offers grants of up to £8,000 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: Friday 12 February 2027 (12:00pm) Idlewild Trust**

**15. 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**

**16. 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**

**17. 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**

**18. BFI National Lottery Audience Projects Fund**
Funding to 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**

**19. 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**

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**20. 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**

**21. 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**

**22. 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**

**23. 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**

**24. 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**

**25. 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**

**26. Agar Trust – Grants for Individuals and Groups**
Grants are available for young musicians living in rural Scotland to support their musical education and participation in music-related opportunities. Grants of around £200 up to £1,000 are available for individuals aged 8-21 who live in a rural area of Scotland. Grants can contribute towards travel and subsistence costs associated with attending educational opportunities, including short courses, auditions, junior conservatoires, national orchestra, band or choir rehearsals, private tuition, conservatoires or residential music schools.
**Deadline: Ongoing** **Agar-trust**

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**27. 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. **Round 3 opening dates:**
**Applications will open – Thursday 12 November 2026 to 5pm on Wednesday 16 December 2026**
**Deadline: Suspended BFI Funding**

**28. Universal Music UK Sound Foundation (UMUKSF) - School Funding**
Grants of up to £800 are available to UK schools to support the purchase of musical instruments and equipment.
**Applications will open in December for funding offers made at the end of April.**
**Deadline: Suspended Umuksf-school-awards**

**29. 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. **The next round of applications will be announced soon.**
**Deadline: Suspended Business Catalyst Small Grants**

**30. 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. **Next round opens approx. early spring 2027.**
**Deadline: Suspended Heritage Crafts**

**31. 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 13 Jan to 17 Feb 2027**
**Deadline: Suspended Emerging Maker Grants**

## BUSINESS AND ENTERPRISE

**32. 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: November 2, 2026, (17:00) Shackleton Foundation**

**33. Henry Smith Foundation - Enterprise Gateway Fund**
Grants are available for a small number of experienced Intermediary Partners to deliver a package of support to help small voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations and social entrepreneurs within the UK develop new sources of earned income and strengthen long-term financial resilience.
Intermediary organisations can apply for between £500,000 and £1.5 million to administer onward grants and deliver capacity building activities with:
£4 million ring fenced for asset-locked organisations in England
£2 million for UK wide non-constituted organisations and individuals.
**Deadline: Expression of Interests open 28 October 2026 (9am) and close 25 November 2026 (17:00)**
**Henry Smith Foundation**

**34. Argyll and Bute - Small Business Grants**
Argyll and Bute Council Grants are available to help small full-time businesses to develop and grow in Argyll and Bute. The funding is intended to help small businesses in Argyll and Bute to invest in improvements that help them grow and develop. The scheme aims to strengthen business performance by supporting projects that improve productivity, competitiveness, skills, profitability, innovation, sustainability, resilience and the transition towards net zero.
**Two grants are available:**

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- Grants from £1,000 up to £3,000 for capital or revenue costs, for businesses actively trading for at least six months.
- Grants from £3,000 up to £10,000 for capital expenditure only, for businesses actively trading for at least 12 months.

For businesses that meet the criteria for both grants, they can apply for up to £13,000 maximum.
**Deadline: 27 November 2026 (17:00)** **Small-business-grants**

**35. 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: 31 December 2026** **Veterans Foundation**

**36. CABWI Lifelong Learning and Development Fund**
Grants are available for registered charities in the UK providing support that enables people to enter the labour market or gain additional skills to further develop their career. Grants of up to £40,000 are available for one year. Applications will open on 4 January 2027 and close on 15 February 2027 (18:00).
**Deadline: 15 February 2027 (18:00)** **Cabwi**

**37. Argyll and Bute - New Business Grant**
Grants are available to help new businesses to start up and grow in Argyll and Bute. The funding is intended to help new businesses in Argyll and Bute start up and grow, supporting entrepreneurship, business development and local economic growth. The New Business Grant is provided by Argyll and Bute Council. The funding is intended to help new businesses in Argyll and Bute start up and grow, supporting entrepreneurship, business development and local economic growth. Grants of up to £1,000 are available for full-time businesses (35+ hours per week).
**Deadline: 26 February 2027 (17:00)** **New-business-grant**

**38. 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**

**39. 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**

**40. 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**

**41. 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**

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**42. 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**

**43. 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**

**44. 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**

**45. 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**

**46. 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**

**47. 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**

**48. 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**

**49. 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**

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**50. 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**

**51. 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. **The next round of applications will be announced soon.**
**Deadline: Suspended** **Business Catalyst Small Grants**

## CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

**52. 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: Mid November** **Toy Trust**

**53. 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: 31 December 2026** **Adamson Trust**

**54. 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 March 2027** **Kelly Family Trust**

**55. Challenger Children's Fund**
The aim of the scheme is to meet the special needs of children in Scotland who have long-term, significant disabilities by offering funding for anything that would not otherwise be provided by statutory sources. Grants of up to £750 may be considered. Applications are accepted on behalf of physically disabled children under the age of 18, who are resident in Scotland. A high rate for DLA mobility would generally be looked for when considering applications. Applications must be sponsored by one of the following:
Relevant support organisations
Social workers
GPs
Health visitors
District nurses
Therapists
Trainee workers and community care assistants (a qualified person must countersign the application).
**Deadline: Ongoing** **CCFScotland**

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**56. 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**

**57. Corra Foundation Alcohol and Drugs Fund - Children, Young People and Families**
Grants are available to not-for-profit organisations to improve support for children, young people and families impacted by drug use, and ensure all children, young people and families have access to services. The fund will support the implementation of the Scottish Government's Alcohol and Drugs Strategic Plan 2026-35 which aims to prevent harm, promote recovery and save lives. The investment is available through four separate funds:

- Local Support Micro Grants.
- Local Support Grants.
- Partnership and Delivery Grants.
- Children, Young People and Families Grants.

The funding will be administered by the Corra Foundation.
**Deadline: Ongoing** **Grants-alcohol-and-drugs-fund-children-young-people-families**

**58. Tesco Fruit and Veg Grants**
The focus of the fund is getting schools who lack funds and resources to apply for extra financial help they might need to provide healthy food and activities that boost young people's mental and physical wellbeing.
Priority is given to projects working in schools and organisations nominated by Tesco staff.
Customers in Tesco stores throughout the UK vote on which of three local projects they wish to support.
The customer vote determines the amount of money a project receives:
Grants of up to £1,500 for the project with the most votes.
Grants of up to £1,000 for the second most votes.
Grants of up to £500 for the third most votes.
Projects will be shortlisted every four months.

Applications are open to all local good causes that support children and young people, with a particular focus on projects that incorporate provision of healthy food including fruit and veg, such as breakfast clubs, providing holiday club lunches or healthy snacks.

Examples include:

- Breakfast/after-school clubs that provide fruit and veg for pupils
- Sports clubs that provide healthy food as part of the project or at half time
- Growing initiatives to grow fruit and veg or cooking classes using the food to learn
- Holiday clubs that provide healthy meals and snacks
- Projects providing SEND provision with healthy snacks/meals
- Youth clubs that provide a healthy meal/snack
- Addressing holiday hunger amongst children outside of school time
- Healthy eating projects that support families to cook healthy meals on a budget
- Foodbanks to provide food support to families

**Deadline: Ongoing** **Fruit and Veg Grants**

**59. 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**

**60. 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

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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**

**61. 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**

**62. 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**

**63. 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**

**64. 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**

**65. 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**

**66. 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**

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**67. 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

**68. 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

## COMMUNITY WELLBEING FUNDING

**69. Better Community Business Network (BCBN) Grant Initiative**
A small number of grants are available each year to small not-for-profit groups with projects that address a community issue or support a local community initiative; and provide benefits to the local community. Funding of up to £3,000 is intended to improve the quality of life and expectations of people and their communities, especially those who come from disadvantaged or socially deprived backgrounds.
**Round 3: 9 September to 9 November 2026**
**Deadline: 09 November 2026** Bcbn Grant-initiative

**70. CalMac Community Fund**
Grants of up to £10,000 are available for local not-for-profit organisations based on the islands served by CalMac, and coastal mainland ports that CalMac operate from, and who are supporting local people to tackle local needs, especially those experiencing disadvantage. The funding is for local groups in Argyll and Bute based in one of CalMac Port Towns. Grants of between £1,000 and £10,000 are available for up to 12 months only.
Projects must:
- Support people experiencing disadvantage or barriers to opportunity.
- Demonstrate evidence of local need.
- Provide direct benefit to beneficiaries rather than general community activities
- Demonstrate they are not duplicating existing local provision.

Priority is given to the following areas:
- Improve health, wellbeing and quality of life - community-based activities that improve physical or mental wellbeing, build confidence and reduce social isolation, particularly for people who face barriers to participation. This may include accessible sport and physical activity, outdoor activities, creative programmes and opportunities for social connection.
- Tackling poverty and financial hardship - practical support for individuals and families experiencing financial hardship, including access to affordable food and essential household items, together with advice and support that improves financial resilience through income maximisation, debt advice and budgeting support.
- Stronger, Connected Communities - projects that strengthen community connections, reduce loneliness and create opportunities for people to participate in community life, particularly groups that are underrepresented or at greater risk of social isolation.

**Deadline: 16 November 2026 (midnight)** Calmac-community-fund

**71. SafeDeposits Scotland - Community Fund**
Grants of up to £5,000 are available for organisations across Scotland to deliver projects and activities that enhance local communities by addressing issues such as sustainability, the environment, employability, and social and digital inclusion.
**Deadline: 27th November 2026** Safe Deposits Community Fund

**72. Wise Music Foundation**
The funding is intended to support groups who work with people experiencing hardship, distress and illness in the UK. There is emphasis of initiatives that support children, the homeless and people living in poverty. However, a range of other worthy causes activities are also supported (e.g. education, cultural activities and arts & heritage, overseas famine relief, food banks). Grants of up to £5,000 are available.
**Deadline: 30 November 2026** Wise music foundation

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**73. Ross and Liddell Community Bursaries**
Funding of up to £500 is intended to assist local community and voluntary groups in Scotland with buying equipment and material to improve the services they provide to the local community.
**Deadline: 30 November 2026** Community Bursary

**74. W.G. Edwards Charitable Foundation**
Grants of up to £1,500 are available to UK-based charities that can demonstrate how they are making the lives of people over the age of 65 years better. The charity's work should fall into one of the following categories:
**Health and welfare** - grants are for the refurbishment of residential care housing for the elderly and for building projects which are nearing completion. Consideration will also be given to the provision of equipment and furniture to enhance care and improve quality of life.
**Community and innovation** - grants for community initiatives such as exercise classes for the over-65s, lunch clubs, horticultural therapy and day trips. Consideration will also be given to technology projects aimed at benefitting the over-65s.
**Deadline: 04 December 2026** W G Edwards Charitable Foundation

**75. SSE Hydro Community Fund**
Discretionary grants for a range of local community projects in community council areas of: Arrochar, Tarbet and Ardlui, Cairndow, Colintraive and Glendaruel, Comrie and District, East Kintyre, Inveraray, Taynuilt, West Loch Fyne.
**Deadline: 10 December 2026** SSE Renewables

**76. 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

**77. 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: 31 December 2026** Veterans Foundation

**78. Yorkshire Building Society Charitable Foundation - Small Change Big Difference Fund**
Grants to support registered charities and good causes in local communities across the UK to alleviate poverty, improve health and save lives. The grants offered range between £250 up to £2,500.
**Deadline: 31 December 2026** YBS charitable-foundation

**79. Bank of Scotland Foundation - Empower Programme**
The focus of the Empower grants programme is exclusively on funding charities that work with vulnerable individuals. This targeted focus comes as the current economic situation continues to impact charities and at-risk groups throughout Scotland. Unrestricted grants of up to £250,000 over five years (£50,000 per year) are available.
**Deadline: January 2027** Bank of Scotland Foundation Empower

**80. Armed Forces Day Events Grant**
The objective of the fund is to support Armed Forces Day events across the UK to show support for our servicemen and women, past and present. The maximum grant available is £10,000. Grant applications for 2027 AFD Events will open on 11 January 2027 and close on 31 March 2027.
**Deadline: 31 March 2027** Armed Forces Day

**81. 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

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**82. National Lottery Community Fund - Fairer Life Chances (Scotland)**
Grants are available to voluntary and community and public sector organisations in Scotland for projects that support children, young people and families, or help people to be healthier and have better access to support, with a focus on those experiencing poverty, discrimination and disadvantage.
Grants of between £20,001 and £500,000 are available for up to five years.
Most grants will be given for:
£250,000 or less
£100,000 if the organisation has not had long-term funding before (two years or more).
**Deadline: Ongoing** Fairer-life-chances

**83. 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: Ongoing** Veterans Foundation

**84. Corra Foundation Alcohol and Drugs Fund - Partnership and Delivery Grants**
Grants are available to public sector and not-for-profit organisations for collaborative projects that support drug service resources and improve access and pathways to support services. The fund will support the implementation of **the Scottish Government's Alcohol and Drugs Strategic Plan 2026-35** which aims to prevent harm, promote recovery and save lives. The investment is available through four separate funds:
Local Support Micro Grants.
Local Support Grants.
Partnership and Delivery Grants.
Children, Young People and Families Grants.
The funding will be administered by the Corra Foundation. Grants of up to £120,000 per year are available up to April 2029. The maximum grant is £300,000.
**Deadline: Ongoing** Alcohol-and-drugs-fund-partnership-and-delivery-grants

**85. Forte 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 deprived rural areas. Projects should fall into the following two categories:
- Community support – small grants.
- Family support – major grants.

Two levels of grants are available:
Small grants 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.)
Major grants of £10,000 to £50,000 for one year or multi-year grants for a maximum of three years not to exceed £100,000 in total over this period. (No further applications can be made for two years after the completion of the 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** Forte Charitable Foundation Grants

**86. 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

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**87. 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**

**88. 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**

**89. 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**

**90. 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**

**91. 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**

**92. 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**

**93. 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

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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**

**94. 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**

**95. 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**

**96. 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**

**97. 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**

**98. 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

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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**

**99. 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**

**100. 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**

**101. 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**

**102. Hugh Fraser Foundation**
The funding is intended for registered charities and community interest companies which are active in such sectors as the arts and culture, medical and health, the environment and education, care and support of the young and elderly, people with disabilities and the underprivileged. So long as the object is charitable, the Trustees will consider any application from a registered charity in Scotland.
The Trustees favour smaller, more focused causes rather than large highly-publicised appeals.
**Deadline: Ongoing** **Hugh Fraser Foundation**

**103. Arnold Clark Community Fund**
The Arnold Clark Community Fund offers the following support at different times of the year:
**Cost of Living Support** – funding to registered charities and community group that are within a **50-mile radius of an Arnold Clark branch** and whose work directly supports those most affected by the cost-of-living crisis, such as foodbanks, accommodation, poverty relief and where people/communities in the UK are the primary and immediate focus of investment. This is currently open to support food banks, toy banks, homelessness and poverty relief.
**Communities Support** – funding to projects embedded in the communities in which Arnold Clark operates and is available to organisations who provide services widely accessible to those within Arnold Clark local communities, addressing the needs of those living within them. This is expected to reopen in August 2026 with a focus on arts and culture and animal welfare.
**Gear Up for Sport** – 150 sports kits given to support youth sports teams across the UK. Any youth team with up to 30 members aged 4 to 15 years can apply. This strand is expected to reopen in July 2026 for training equipment support.
**Deadline: Ongoing** **Arnold Clark Community Fund**

**104. 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**

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**105. NFU Mutual Charitable Trust**
Grants of up to £75,000 are available to large charitable groups and organisations in the UK for projects that further the objectives of the NFU Mutual Charitable Trust, particularly those that educate young people in rural areas and the relief of poverty in rural areas. **The June 2027 application window will open on 22nd January 2027.**
**Deadline: Suspended** **NFU Mutual**

## CLIMATE CHANGE, ENVIRONMENT, CONSERVATION and ANIMAL WELFARE

**106. 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**

**107. 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: 1st December 2026** **Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare**

**108. Scottish Government - Croft House Grant Scheme**
Financial assistance of up to £38,000 is available to crofters to improve and maintain the standards of crofter housing, with the aim of attracting and retaining people within the crofting areas of Scotland. The four annual deadlines for receipt of applications are:
1 March
1 June
1 September
1 December
Guidance notes and the application form can be found on the Scottish Government Rural Payments and Services website.
**Deadline: 1st December 2026** **Rural Payments Croft-house-grant**

**109. Petplan Charitable Trust**
Grants are available to support animal welfare charities and institutions to promote the health and welfare of animals across the UK. Welfare grants for the direct benefit of species supported by the Trust (ie, dogs, cats, horses, and rabbits). Welfare grants typically range from £5,000 to £25,000.
**Deadline: 08 January 2027** **Pet Plan Charitable Trust**

**110. 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**

**111. 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.

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**Deadline: 15 February 2027** **Stanley Smith UK**

**112. 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**

**113. Future Woodlands Scotland – Ghost Woodlands**
Ghost woodlands are some of Scotland's most threatened types of ancient woodland. These once thriving sites have been reduced to fragments, with less than 20% of their original tree canopy remaining. Despite their condition, ghost woodlands still hold significant ecological value. With the right action, they can be restored to support wildlife, biodiversity, and contribute to Scotland's climate goals.
Future Woodlands Scotland are leading a national programme to identify, support and restore these lost habitats, working closely with landowners and farmers across Scotland. They provide funding (funding varies), advice and the practical support needed to create healthier, more resilient landscapes.
**Check for a ghost woodland on your land with the interactive mapping tool**
**Deadline: Ongoing** **Ghost Woodlands**

**114. 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**

**115. 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**

**116. 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**

**117. 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**

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**118. 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**

**119. 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**

**120. 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**

**121. 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**

**122. 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**

**123. 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**

**124. 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**

**125. Electric Vehicle Chargepoint and Infrastructure Grant for Landlords**
Funding to install electric vehicle charge points as a landlord, social housing provider or property factor.
**Deadline: Ongoing** **Electric Vehicle Chargepoint and Infrastructure Grant website**

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**126. HDH Wills Charitable Trust**
Martin Wills Fund: supports small and medium-sized charities working in the UK and Ireland for projects that protect and restore wildlife and habitats. Grants of £5,000 to £20,000. **Applications to the Martin Wills Fund will be accepted from 1 April to 31 August each year.**
Martin Wills Wildlife Maintenance Trust: supports small wildlife charities working in the UK and Ireland for projects that protect species and restore habitats. Grants of £1,000 to £3,000. **Applications to the Martin Wills Wildlife Maintenance Trust can be made at any time.**
**Deadline: Variable** HDH Wills

**127. 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: 21 October 2026** Wildlife Trusts

**128. 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.
**Applications closed – Next cohort: Spring 2027**
**Deadline: TBA** Care Collective Fund

## GENERAL FUNDING

**129. 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.
**Deadline: 31 December 2026** Turtleton-charitable-trust

**130. Wolfson Foundation**
The size of the grants varies across different programme areas. Grants can range from:

- Charities working with disability funding – £25,000–£75,000.
- Charities working in mental health funding – £25,000–£75,000.
- Charities working with older people funding – £25,000–£75,000.
- Historic buildings and landscapes funding – £15,000–£100,000.
- Hospices and palliative care organisations funding – £25,000–£150,000.
- Libraries and archives – £15,000–£100,000.
- Museums and galleries funding – £15,000–£500,000.
- Performing arts organisations funding – £15,000–£150,000.
- Public engagement with science organisations funding – £100,000–£750,000.
- Secondary schools and sixth form colleges funding – £15,000–£50,000 (for equipment); £15,000–£100,000 (for new build and refurbishment).
- Special needs schools and colleges funding – £25,000–£75,000.

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- Universities and research institutions – £100,000–£1 million.

**Deadline: 05 January 2027** **Wolfson Funding**

**131. 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**

**132. National Lottery Awards for All - Scotland**

Grants are available for voluntary, community and public sector organisations in Scotland to carry out projects that will improve local communities and the lives of people most in need. There are two funding levels:
Grants of between £300 and £20,000 to support community-led projects for up to two years.
Grants of up to £10,000 for arts and sports projects for up to 12 months.
Groups can only hold one National Lottery Awards for All grant at a time.

**Deadline: Ongoing** **National-lottery-awards-for-all-scotland**

**133. 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**

**134. 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**

**135. 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**

**136. 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**

**137. 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**

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**138. 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**

**139. 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**

**140. 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**

**141. 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**

**142. 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**

**143. 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. **CURRENTLY CLOSED – reopens 12pm (midday) on Wednesday 25th November to 12pm (midday) on Wednesday 2nd December**
**Deadline: 02 December 2026** **The Fore Trust**

**144. 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. **Fund will reopen on 31 March 2027.**
**Deadline: CURRENTLY CLOSED** **Grocers Charity**

## HEALTH

**145. Will Charitable Trust**
Grants of up to £20,000 are available to UK registered charities whose work is within the field of care of and services for blind people; long-term care of people with learning disabilities; and care of and services for people suffering from cancer.
**Deadline: 20 November 2026** **Will Charitable Trust**

**146. 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.

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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**

**147. 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: 01 December 2026** **Ulverscroft Foundation**

**148. Green Hall Foundation**
The foundation's objective is to sustainably improve lives among the sick, the elderly, the disabled and the disadvantaged, particularly in the UK. Grants of between £1,000 and £10,000 for UK registered charities to fund special projects or the purchase of equipment that will benefit their charitable purposes.
**Deadline: 02 March 2027** **Greenhall Foundation**

**149. Corra Foundation Alcohol and Drugs Fund - Children, Young People and Families**
Grants are available to not-for-profit organisations to improve support for children, young people and families impacted by drug use, and ensure all children, young people and families have access to services. The fund will support the implementation of the Scottish Government's Alcohol and Drugs Strategic Plan 2026-35 which aims to prevent harm, promote recovery and save lives. The investment is available through four separate funds:

- Local Support Micro Grants.
- Local Support Grants.
- Partnership and Delivery Grants.
- Children, Young People and Families Grants.

The funding will be administered by the Corra Foundation.
**Deadline: Ongoing** **Grants-alcohol-and-drugs-fund-children-young-people-families**

**150. Challenger Children's Fund**
The aim of the scheme is to meet the special needs of children in Scotland who have long-term, significant disabilities by offering funding for anything that would not otherwise be provided by statutory sources. Grants of up to £750 may be considered. Applications are accepted on behalf of physically disabled children under the age of 18, who are resident in Scotland. A high rate for DLA mobility would generally be looked for when considering applications. Applications must be sponsored by one of the following:
Relevant support organisations
Social workers
GPs
Health visitors
District nurses
Therapists
Trainee workers and community care assistants (a qualified person must countersign the application).
**Deadline: Ongoing** **CCFScotland**

**151. 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**

**152. 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**

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**153. 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**

**154. 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**

**155. 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**

**156. Vegetarian for Life Grants**
Funding is available for charities and charitable organisations supporting older vegetarians and vegans.
**Deadline: Ongoing** **Vegetarian for Life Grants website**

**157. 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**

**158. 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**

**159. 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**

**160. Fletchers Foundation**
Grants are available to charities and organisations in the UK working to support individuals or families who have suffered life changing circumstances as a result of illness (born with or acquired), severe personal injury, accident or medical negligence.
**Deadline: Ongoing** **Fletchers Foundation website**

## HOUSING, LAND AND PROPERTY

**161. Leeds Building Society Foundation**
Grants are available for UK registered charities undertaking projects to support those in need of a safe and secure home. The funding is intended to support projects to improve the health, wellbeing and financial literacy of people who are experiencing homelessness. Small Grants of up to £2,500 are available. The average grant period for a small grant will be between six months to a year. Small Grant are available for work anywhere in the UK, unlike the Large Grant which is geographically restricted. Small grants application window for 2026:
8 September 2026 to 11 November 2026 for consideration at the 2 December 2026 meeting.
**Deadline: 11 November 2026** **Leedsbuildingsociety**

**162. 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

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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. **Applications open: 19 October 2026 – 13 November 2026.**
**Deadline: 13 November 2026** **B&Q Foundation**

**163. 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. **Applications open: 19 October 2026 – 13 November 2026.**
**Deadline: 13 November 2026** **BQ Home Starter Kits**

**164. Scottish Hydro Electric Community Trust**
Grants are available to support charities and community projects with the cost of electricity supply connections - either to a new property or to upgrade an existing supply. For community projects a grant of routinely between 50% and 75% may be awarded and the benefit to the community will influence the grant. Charities and community groups in Scotland can apply.
**Deadline: 10 December 2026** **Shect.org**

**165. 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 December 2026** **Help the Homeless**

**166. Historic Environment Scotland - Heritage and Place Fund**
Grants are available to support not-for-profit organisations in Scotland to deliver heritage-focused and community-led regeneration schemes of the local historic environment. The next deadline for Expressions of Interest (EoIs) is 29 January 2027.
**Deadline: 29 January 2027** **Historic Environment Heritage-and-place-fund**

**167. 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: Ongoing** **Screwfix Foundation**

**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. Community and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES) - Community Buildings Fund**
The Community Buildings Fund is available for grant funding, advice and support for community organisations to decarbonise community buildings. Grant funding is available for up to 80% of eligible costs up to a maximum of £80,000. Local Energy Scotland administers the Scottish Government's Community and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES). Local Energy Scotland provides free impartial advice and support for community groups, rural businesses, social enterprises and other stakeholders to advance local energy projects. Funding can be used for decarbonising many types of self-managed community buildings, including:

- Village halls.
- Community centres.
- Community hubs.
- Sports facilities.
- Faith buildings.

**Deadline: Ongoing** **CARES Community Buildings Fund · Local Energy Scotland**

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**170. 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 NOVEMBER 2026**

## SPORT FUNDING

**171. 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**

**172. 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**

**173. Cash4Clubs**
Unrestricted grants are available for community and voluntary sports groups across the UK and Ireland, delivering activities for a social purpose to under-represented communities. Grants of £2,000 (€2000 in Ireland) are available. The funding should be spent within a six-month period.
**Deadline: 01 January 2027 Cash4clubs**

**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.
**Refurbishment Grants are awarded on an ongoing basis throughout the year.**
**Deadline: 01 February 2027 (noon) (equipment) Rowing Foundation**

**175. 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: 1 April 2027 (17:00) Sport Scotland Funding**

**176. 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**

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**177. 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**

**178. RYA Foundation**
Grants are available for sailing clubs in the UK to promote participation in boating by those who are disadvantaged by reason of youth, age, infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social circumstances.
**Deadline: Ongoing** **https://www.rya.org.uk/about-us/our-programmes/rya-foundation/**

**179. 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**

**180. 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**

**181. 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**

**182. 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**

**183. 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.
**2027 deadlines to be published in late November – likely that the first round will close at the end of January.**
**Deadline: Suspended** **Dan Maskell Tennis Trust**

## YOUNG PEOPLE

**184. 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**

**185. Allander Youth Activities Charitable Trust**
Grants are available for voluntary organisations to support activities that promote the welfare and advance the education and training of young people in Scotland. Typically, a grant could range from £10 to £200 per head. Grants for equipment would reflect the expected use. The funding is intended to allow voluntary organisations to extend, in a beneficial way, the normal programme of activities offered to their members. Groups must therefore

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demonstrate that the activity is not part of their routine weekly or regular meetings and/or that the costs involved are not part of routine expenditure. Applications must be submitted during one of the following windows:

- 1 October 2026 - 22 November 2026
- 1 February 2027 - 21 March 2027

**Deadline: 22 November 2026** **Allander Trust**

**186. 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. Additionally, the potential legacy of the award should be demonstrated eg. the purchase of equipment that can be used in later years or by encouraging engagement of people, some of whom may then remain involved in the long term.

**Deadline: 14 February 2027** **Peter Sell**

**187. 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: 27 February 2027** **Magdalen Trust**

**188. 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**

**189. Linder Foundation - Young People**

Grants for UK-based charities that help vulnerable children and young people (aged from 12 to 24 years old) who have suffered trauma during childhood.The aim of the scheme is to improve outcomes of vulnerable young people, particularly those who have suffered from Adverse Childhood Experiences and childhood trauma. This is achieved by supporting charities who work with affected young people. Early intervention and rehabilitation projects to prevent re-offending and to divert young people from involvement in the youth or criminal justice system are supported.

**Deadline: Ongoing** **Linder Foundation**

**190. The King's Trust**

The King's Trust helps young people to overcome barriers and get their lives back on track. Through practical support, including training, mentoring and financial assistance, it helps those aged up to 30 to realise their potential and transform their lives.

The Trust focuses its efforts on young people who, for example, are long-term unemployed, in, or are leaving care, or struggling at school.

**Deadline: Ongoing** **King's Trust**

**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:

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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 – Lilias 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** **Lilias Finlay Holiday Fund Flyer**

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**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**

**203.** **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

**CURRENTLY CLOSED. This fund will reopen for applications on 01 December 2026**
**Deadline: TBA** **7 Stars Foundation**

**204.** **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. **The current funding round is now closed and will re-open in Spring 2027.** The focus in 2027 will be on young women and girls who are already in contact with the criminal justice system or who are at high risk of being drawn in to it.
**Deadline: Suspended** **Triangle Trust**

## TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

**205.** **Transferable Audio-Visual Equipment on Rail Replacement Coaches Scheme**
Grants of up to £100,000 are available to coach operators in Great Britain to support the purchase of transferable audio-visual equipment for rail replacement services that provide accessible passenger journey information.
**Deadline: 18 December 2026 (noon)** **Government-grants.service**

**206.** **Workplace Charging Scheme**
Grant to provide support towards the costs of the purchase, installation and infrastructure of electric vehicle chargepoints at eligible places of work.

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**Deadline: 31 March 2027, 11:59pm (Midnight)** Workplace-charging-scheme

**207. Rees Jeffreys Road Fund - Ready for the Future Grants**
Grants are available to help address significant skills gaps in the highways and transport sector, particularly with a focus on the future development of roads. The Rees Jeffreys Road Fund is a charity that advocates for better and safer roads through improved design, engineering and aesthetics, enhancing the experience for all road users. It is expected that most grants will be less than £10,000.
**Deadline: 9th April 2027 (5pm)** Rees Jeffreys

**208. 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

**209. 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

**210. 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

**211. 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

**212. 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. **Next funding round will open on Monday, September 14 and close on November 3 (or sooner if the cap of 50 is reached). It will reopen again every three months.**
**Deadline: 03 November 2026** WCIT Charity

**213. 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

**214. 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 March 2027** Fat Beehive Foundation

**215. 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.

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**Deadline: Ongoing** **HIE Digital and Technology Adoption Capital Grant | HIE**

**216. 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**

**217. 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**

**218. 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**

**219. 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**

**220. 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**

**221. 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. **Reopening for new registrations and new applications in early 2027.**
**Deadline: Ongoing** **The Access Foundation website**

## SCHOOLS

**222. 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**

**223. 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.

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**Deadline: 01 December 2026** **Classical Association**

**224.** **Finzi Trust - Young Musicians' Fund**
Grants are available for young musicians aged 25 and under who need financial support to develop their participation, study and practice of music. Grants of between £250 and £7,000 are available.
**Deadline: 01 February 2027** **Gerald Finzi Grant**

**225.** **Scottish Schools Pipes and Drums Trust - Open Grant Fund**
One-off cash awards of up to £5,000 are available to support the development of school pipe bands in Scotland. The Trust generally require organisations to have additional project funding in place that matches, or exceeds the value of the SSPDT grant, ie. they will fund up to 50% of the total project cost.
**Deadline: Ongoing (link may be slow to load)**
**Open Grant Fund Guidelines - Scottish Schools Pipes & Drums Trust**

**226.** **Tesco Fruit and Veg Grants**
The focus of the fund is getting schools who lack funds and resources to apply for extra financial help they might need to provide healthy food and activities that boost young people's mental and physical wellbeing.
Priority is given to projects working in schools and organisations nominated by Tesco staff.
Customers in Tesco stores throughout the UK vote on which of three local projects they wish to support.
The customer vote determines the amount of money a project receives:
Grants of up to £1,500 for the project with the most votes.
Grants of up to £1,000 for the second most votes.
Grants of up to £500 for the third most votes.
Projects will be shortlisted every four months.

Applications are open to all local good causes that support children and young people, with a particular focus on projects that incorporate provision of healthy food including fruit and veg, such as breakfast clubs, providing holiday club lunches or healthy snacks.

Examples include:
- Breakfast/after-school clubs that provide fruit and veg for pupils
- Sports clubs that provide healthy food as part of the project or at half time
- Growing initiatives to grow fruit and veg or cooking classes using the food to learn
- Holiday clubs that provide healthy meals and snacks
- Projects providing SEND provision with healthy snacks/meals
- Youth clubs that provide a healthy meal/snack
- Addressing holiday hunger amongst children outside of school time
- Healthy eating projects that support families to cook healthy meals on a budget
- Foodbanks to provide food support to families

**Deadline: Ongoing** **Fruit and Veg Grants**

**227.** **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**

**228.** **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**

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**229.** **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**

**230.** **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 December for funding offers made at the end of April.**
**Deadline: Suspended** **UK Sound Foundation**

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