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If you need further information on any of these grants schemes, how to apply or are going to apply, you can contact thirdsectorenquiries@argyll-bute.gov.uk or call 01369 708547
NEWS AND UPDATES

Take Action Highlands and Islands
Take Action Highlands and Islands are offering a limited number of free tickets to their event in Oban via their website. The day will feature the final of their business idea competition for both schools and community groups from the Highlands and Islands, who will be pitching live to win some amazing prizes including £1000 cash! To inspire the audience some amazing entrepreneurial speakers from the Highlands and Islands will be telling the story of their entrepreneurial journeys.
7th October 2015 www.wearethefuture-takeaction.com

FIT Review Community Energy Workshop
Following the launch of the consultation on the review on the Feed in Tariffs scheme, DECC will be holding workshops on the Feed in Tariff Review in Edinburgh, focused on community groups. This will be held on Tuesday 13th October 13:00 – 15:30 at the Edinburgh Training and Conference Centre, 16 Marys Street, Edinburgh, EH1 1SU. Due to space constraints please book as soon as possible by email.
28th September 2015 info@localenergyscotland.org

Taste for Tourism Launches Competition to Find Young Champion
Young people under 30 with a taste for Scotland's outstanding food and drink and a passion for promoting Scottish fare to the rest of the world are being invited to enter a competition for the chance to address delegates at a major conference designed to bring food tourists to Scotland.
3rd, 4th and 5th November 2015

ARTS AND CULTURE

1. Novice Juvenile Pipe Band Fund
A new fund to assist RSPBA Novice Juvenile and Juvenile Pipe Bands has been launched. The fund will be used to help registered Novice and Juvenile bands with the cost of buses to competitions and for the provision of learning materials and other overheads as appropriate.
Applications may be submitted at any time http://www.rspb.org/documents/NJPBF_Application.pdf

2. Wellcome Trust – Arts Awards
Applications are invited for projects of up to £40,000 through their small grants programme The aim of the awards is to support arts projects that reach new audiences which may not traditionally be interested in science and provide new ways of thinking about the social, cultural and ethical issues around contemporary science. The scheme is open to a wide range of people including, among others, artists, scientists, curators, filmmakers, writers, producers, directors, academics, science communicators, teachers, arts workers and education officers.
Deadline: 27th November 2015
http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Public-engagement/Funding-schemes/arts-awards/index.htm

3. Youth Music Initiative Funding
Creative Scotland is delivering the Scottish Government's Youth Music Initiative (YMI) programme which provides funding to develop opportunities in the music sector for young people (aged 0 - 25 years). In particular, the programme aims to enable young people to achieve their potential in or through music making and to support the development of the youth music sector for the benefit of young people. There are 3 streams to apply under: School Based Music Making; access to Music Making (grants of £1,000 to £100,000 for extracurricular programmes); and strengthening Youth Music (grants of £1,000 to £20,000 for training programmes).
Deadline: 1st December 2015
http://www.creativescotland.com/funding/funding-programmes/targeted-funding/youth-music-initiative

4. The Radcliffe Trust Music Grants
Through its grant making programme, the Radcliffe Trust supports classical music performance and training especially chamber music, composition and music education. Particular interests within music education are music for children and adults with special needs, youth orchestras and projects at secondary and higher levels, including academic research. Applicants must be a registered charity or an exempt charity.
5. **Scottish Shorts 2016**

SFTN has announced that it will be opening the call for applicants to Scottish Shorts 2016 on Wednesday 14th of October. Scottish Shorts 2016 is a short film development and production initiative aimed at new Scotland based writers, directors and producers whose ambition is to make exciting and engaging work that can reach international audiences. SFTN define a new filmmaker as someone with little or no professional experience or film industry support, but with a track record in self-funded or student films, theatre, radio or visual arts. SFTN offers Scottish Shorts 2016 as a first step for filmmakers, with further initiatives available ensuring a clear route of progression from short films to first features. Full guidelines and application form will be available on the SFTN Website from the 14th of October.


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### BUSINESS AND ENTERPRISE

6. **Social Investment Scotland**

Scottish social enterprises with growth ambitions can now apply for funding of £25,000 to £100,000 to help take their business to the next level. SIS Community Capital is providing affordable unsecured finance over a six year term to enable social entrepreneurs to develop their business and focus on delivering positive and sustainable social and environmental impacts before repayments of the loan capital begin. Loans from the new fund are structured to allow you to generate income and use cash flow to build revenues by paying just interest only in the first three years at an affordable rate of just six per cent per annum. The fund will be used to support up to ten social enterprises in Scotland and funding will be offered on a first come, first served basis to eligible enterprises.


7. **Nominet Trust - Social Tech Seed Open to Applications**

Social Tech Seed is an open grant-funding programme that offers funding and support to enable entrepreneurial organisations with a basic, but functional, digital prototype to develop it into a more robust product or service and demonstrate its value to intended users and other stakeholders. Successful applicants can expect to receive:

- Grant funding, typically between £15,000 and £50,000 for a project of 9-12 months duration.
- A support package including mentoring, marketing and comms advice and networking opportunities.
- Access to a discretionary fund of up to £5,000 to access specific expertise to support early-stage development.

Projects should use digital technology to tackle social challenges including environment and sustainability, education, employment, wellbeing and healthcare. The Trust does not ask for an equity stake nor request loan repayments, and allows successful ventures to retain any IP developed. The following are eligible to apply:

- Entrepreneurs, teams or organisations who want to apply their talent and technology to address UK social issues.
- Start-ups, early-stage ventures or teams working within an existing large organisation and looking to develop a radically new approach.
- Individuals can apply for funding but if successful they will be required to form a registered legal entity.

**Deadline: Stage 1 applications 4th November 2015** [http://www.nominettrust.org.uk/how-to-apply/application-deadlines-0](http://www.nominettrust.org.uk/how-to-apply/application-deadlines-0)

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### CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

8. **Funding to Support Family Based Projects**

The Kelly Family Charitable Trust is open to applications from registered charities for projects that support and encourage the family to work as a cohesive unit in tackling problems that face one or more of its members. The overall objective is to reinforce the potential benefit and support that family members as a unit can give to each other. The fund also welcomes applications from sports and health-related charities whose activities comply with the above criteria. Grants are of between £1,000 and £5,000, but higher grants may be considered.


9. **BBC Children in Need – Small Grants Programme**

Not for profit organisations such as such as schools; registered charities; voluntary organisations; churches; and community interest groups; etc. can apply for grants of up to £10,000 through the BBC Children in Need Small Grants programme. The grants are available for projects that help children and young people experiencing illness, distress, abuse or neglect; any kind of disability; behavioural or psychological difficulties; and / or living in situations of deprivation.

**Deadline: 1st December 2015** [http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/4fJVzz5QmQx5rx0S4NVg0Q/small-grants](http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/4fJVzz5QmQx5rx0S4NVg0Q/small-grants)
10. **BBC Children in Need Main Grant Programme**
Funding is available to organisations that work with young people who are suffering from illness; distress; abuse or neglect; are disabled; have behavioural or psychological difficulties; or are living in poverty or situations of deprivation. The Main grants programme is open to applications for grants of over £10,000.

**Deadline: 15th January 2016**
http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/3XW7FvN20PD3xr2c1T62Xly/main-grants

11. **Better Breaks Grants Programme**
Better Breaks is part of the Short Breaks Fund, funded by Scottish Government and administered by Shared Care Scotland. The aim of Better Breaks is to improve the wellbeing of families with a disabled child through making more opportunities available to have a short break. We are particularly keen to support families whose children have disabilities and additional multiple support needs, because these families are likely to need a break the most. A short breaks project might be -

- an adventure holiday for a group of disabled young adults
- holiday or afterschool play-schemes for disabled children
- a weekly social evening for disabled teenagers to see a film or have a meal
- family holidays in a group with others who have similar experiences
- buddy and befriending schemes
- weekly leisure or sports activities that involve disabled young people

The fund is open to 3rd Sector organisations and community groups. We are also keen to encourage partnership applications between 3rd Sector groups and local authorities.

**Deadline: 4th December 2015**
http://www.sharedcarescotland.org.uk/better-breaks/apply-now/

12. **Nuffield Foundation's Children and Families Grant Programme**
Charitable or non-profit making (including research institutes and universities) based in the UK can apply now for grants of between £5,000 and £150,000 to support research in the following areas:

**Child Welfare and Development**
- Exploration of the factors affecting children's welfare and cognitive and social development, and the institutional responses that may be appropriate.
- Child development beyond the early years through to adolescence, particularly adolescent mental health and social and behavioural development, and the factors promoting or delaying successful transitions from formal education to work and productive adult life.
- Family structures and approaches to parenting - including parental working patterns - and the implications of these for family life and children's wellbeing. The Foundation are particularly interested in the factors that contribute to effective parenting and the outcomes of children who experience different types of parenting.
- Partnership formation and dissolution and the consequences for childhood outcomes. The Foundation are particularly keen to ensure there is better information about the contribution that fathers and other co-parents make to parenting.

**Early Years Education and Childcare**
- The quality and cost of childcare provision and the way childcare is best assessed and delivered; the relationship between childcare quality and deprivation; and the role of informal childcare.
- Development and testing of emerging approaches to improve child outcomes.
- The application of emerging (social) science evidence to improve on the design of programmes for very young children (aged 1-3).
- Better understanding of why the costs of childcare have risen, and how far this relates only to the price parents pay, or also reflects underlying cost drivers?
- Empirical work to identify which mechanisms (such as quality assessment/inspection regimes, qualifications, curricula, interventions) are most effective in improving quality in the early years workforce; and how these mechanisms are best and most cost-effectively combined for each age group.
- The extent to which social segregation in early years provision may reinforce social and economic inequalities; and whether more can be done to improve access to, take-up of, and parental engagement with early years education by the most disadvantaged groups in society.

**Child Protection**
- Exploration of issues relating to the child protection system, including adoption, fostering and kinship care.
- Better understanding of the underlying drivers (social, structural and institutional) which affect the numbers of children in, and on the margins, of the looked-after system.
• The quality and role of scientific evidence in the practice of children's social work and opportunities for intervention to improve the use of evidence.
• The operation and design of the wider system, including the configuration of children's services; the quality and professional development of the children's services workforce; and how effective interventions can become embedded or scaled up.

**Deadline: 2nd November 2015**  
http://www.nuffieldfoundation.org/apply-for-funding

### COMMUNITY FUNDING

#### 13. Rural Development: Broadband Scheme
The scheme is part of the Scottish Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 and is administered by Highlands and Islands Enterprise on behalf of the Scottish Government's Rural Payments and Inspections Division. The aim of the scheme is to financially help communities across rural Scotland to co-ordinate demand for broadband access by joining together with other community groups to deliver a superfast broadband solution for their area. The scheme will:

- Support communities to establish and grow the demand for superfast broadband services in areas that are unlikely to be served by the Digital Scotland Superfast Broadband Programme
- Support community projects that create, improve and extend superfast broadband infrastructure in remote and rural Scotland

This scheme is open to rural communities in Scotland and is administered by Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) through the Community Broadband Scotland (CBS) programme. To discuss an application or find out more, contact Campbell Cameron  
campbell.cameron@hient.co.uk 07500 124 783

**Applications may be submitted at any time**  
http://www.hie.co.uk/community-support/community-broadband-scotland/rural-development-broadband-scheme/default.html

#### 14. Fairer Scotland Engagement Fund
The Scottish Government's Fairer Scotland Engagement Fund provides grants of up to £300 (or exceptionally up to £500 for a larger event) to small voluntary organisations and community groups in Scotland to help them run an event or engagement activity with a group of five or more people to gather their thoughts on creating a Fairer Scotland and what matters to them. By 2030, Fairer Scotland aims to create a place where people are healthier, happier and treated with respect, and where opportunities, wealth and power are spread more equally. Discussions and engagement should include:

- What are the issues that matter most to people?
- What do people think needs to be done?
- How can people and their community play a role in helping to shape our future?

**Deadline: 12th October 2015**  
http://www.voluntaryactionfund.org.uk/funding-and-support/fairer-scotland-engagement-fund/

#### 15. Community Food Fund Invites Applications from Scottish Groups
The Community Food Fund is financed by The Scottish Government and has been created to promote local food and drink. In relation to Scotland's National Food and Drink Policy, the Fund will focus on two main outcomes:

- Supporting development of food trails and networks
- Establish local food and drink event, including farmers' markets, that celebrate and promote food and drink throughout the year

All projects must show a benefit to local food and drink producers. Please note the panel has requested that all applicants speak to a member of the Think Local team by **Monday 14th December**.

**Deadline: 15th December 2015**  
http://www.sruc.ac.uk/info/120472/community_food_fund

#### 16. Community Food & Health - Capacity Building Fund
Community Food & Health Scotland which aims to promote healthy eating habits within low-income communities has announced that its Capacity Building Fund is open for applications. The aim of the fund is to support groups and agencies running food and health activities to build the knowledge, skills and expertise they need to help them deliver their activities better. Groups can apply for funding for training or learning opportunities for staff, volunteers, management committees or Board members. The maximum grant that groups can apply for is £500. Organisations that are eligible to apply include community groups, voluntary organisations or social enterprises.

**Applications may be submitted at any time**  
17. Bank of Scotland Foundation’s Small and Medium Grants Programme
Charities registered in Scotland can apply for either a Small Grant (£1,000 to £10,000) or a Medium Grant (£10,001 and £25,000) to develop and improve local communities and financial literacy and financial inclusion. Both the Small and the Medium Grants programme offer funding to:

**Develop and improve local communities** - Initiatives designed to encourage the involvement in the community of those too often excluded.
- Working with people on low incomes, at risk from poverty or with problems finding accommodation.
- Improving the standard of local facilities.

In addition, theMedium Grants programme offers funding for:

**Financial literacy and financial inclusion** - Initiatives that the Foundation is particularly interested in supporting are:
- Promoting financial awareness and money advice.
- Enhancing debt counselling services within the community.
- Supporting life-skills in all age groups and sections of the community.

**Deadline: 12th October 2015** [http://bankofscotlandfoundation.org/funding-programmes](http://bankofscotlandfoundation.org/funding-programmes)

18. Community Radio Fund
Funding will be available to Community Radio Stations towards their core running costs. These can include management costs; administration, financial management & reporting costs; fundraising to support the station; community outreach work; and the costs involved in using volunteers; etc. In previous funding rounds a total of £500,000 was available and there was no upper limit of grant that can be applied for, however applicants are asked to take note of previous grants awarded for an indication of realistic award figures. Grants can only be made to community radio licensees who are broadcasting under a community radio license (and not an RSL, for example). The average grant awarded over the last few years has been in the region if £15,000.


**EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING**

19. Skills Development Scotland Announce Changes to the Flexible Training Opportunities Scheme
The scheme has been established to assist Scottish businesses investing in learning and development activities for employees, in the interests of improving workplace productivity, business growth and sustainability. Businesses with up to 100 employees can access grant funding of up to £3,000 to fund a range of training and qualifications options. Skills Development Scotland will refund up to 50% of each episode of employee training up to a maximum of £1,000 for each employee. Each training episode must cost a minimum of £200 and the maximum level of payment a company can receive is £3,000. Businesses with a total number of employees not exceeding 100 may apply. The incentive is also open to businesses operating as sole traders as well as voluntary and community not-for-profit organisations. Businesses must be based in Scotland and the employees participating in the incentive resident in Scotland. Businesses should be privately run and its staff development costs not funded by the public sector. Training eligible for support includes:

- formal qualifications, including individual units;
- masterclasses;
- learning based on National Occupational Standards;
- industry recognised qualifications;
- supervisory and management training;
- workshops; and
- taster sessions.

**Deadline: 31st March 2016**
[https://www.ourskillsforce.co.uk/funding-for-skills/flexible-training-opportunities/](https://www.ourskillsforce.co.uk/funding-for-skills/flexible-training-opportunities/)

**ENERGY, RENEWABLES AND RECYCLING**

20. New Fund to Boost for Re-use and Recycling of Old Electrical & Electronic Goods
Local councils are being invited to bid for funding from a new scheme to help increase the collection, re-use and recycling of unwanted electrical items. The aim is to also help divert electrical waste from landfill and reduce waste by promoting the re-use of electrical appliances. Up to £775,000 has been made available by retailers, suppliers and manufacturers of electrical equipment as part of the Distributor Take-back Scheme and the WEEE Compliance Fee. Single project bids of up to £40,000 are sought from individual local authorities, with up to £100,000 available for consortia bids. All project proposals must be submitted to weee@bis.gsi.gov.uk and endorsed by the appropriate waste disposal authority.

**Deadline: 30th October 2015** [http://dts.valpak.co.uk/](http://dts.valpak.co.uk/)
21. **Launch of the Water Source Heat Pumps Challenge Fund**

Part of the Low Carbon Infrastructure Transition Programme (LCITP), the Water Source Heat Pumps Challenge Fund has been launched to support the development of proposals for a water source heat pump project in Scotland. The key objectives of the Fund are to:

- Accelerate the delivery of large scale water source heat pump projects supporting district heating schemes in Scotland thought the provision of renewable heat
- Help develop proposals for the utilisation of the heat in Scotland’s rivers, lochs (sea and freshwater) and canals, delivering significant reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and/or energy consumption, which are sustainable on a long term basis, commercially and environmentally
- Support the development of viable water source heat pump schemes which will have a positive social and economic impact on Scotland and the local community.

The Fund has two elements:

- The first will support the preparation of a high quality and comprehensive investment grade business proposal with supporting documentation (such as business plan, strategic development plan, market demand analysis, detailed planning reports and valuations) for a water source heat pump scheme in Scotland within the timescale indicated.
- The second will support those with a well-developed investment grade business proposal but who have been unable to identify private investment and are seeking financial support for a commercially viable demonstrator project.

The Challenge Fund can offer support of up to £75,000 to assist with the development of an investment grade business proposal for a water source heat pump project. Up to £2 million of financial support is also available, where that value is 50% or less of the total cost of the project, to support a commercially viable demonstration project. The Fund is open to applications from small and medium-sized businesses (SMEs), non SMEs, community groups, registered charities, third sector, community benefit societies, community interest companies, local authorities, public sector organisations, registered social landlords and academic institutions. The proposed scheme must be planned for installation in rivers, lochs (sea or freshwater) or canals in Scotland. The Fund is aimed at projects which are unable to progress beyond strategy development and feasibility stage due to an inability to secure investment support for the capital and operating costs required for full installation and operation of a commercially viable water source heat pump scheme. Funding will be provided to support the development of a high quality and comprehensive investment grade business proposal case for a water source heat pump scheme in Scotland. This may include the preparation of the following:

- Business plan.
- Strategic development plan.
- Market demand analysis.
- Valuations.
- Financing options appraisal.

**Expressions of interest: 16th October 2015**


22. **Ashden UK Awards 2016**

The Ashden Awards reward organisations that deliver sustainable energy at the local level, and through this bring social, economic and environmental benefits. This year the Awards are focusing on work to reduce and manage demand for energy, as well as generating renewable energy. In 2016 the Ashden Awards will make a total of up to five UK Awards. The themes for 2016 are focused on the developments required to move the UK rapidly towards a low-carbon economy. Five key themes have been identified: These are; Low-carbon buildings; Supplying heat from low-carbon energy sources; Low-carbon communities; increasing the generation of renewable electricity; and Developing smart grid and energy storage technology. One Gold Award will have a prize fund of £15,000 and the others will win prize funds of £10,000 each. The Ashden Awards will be giving separate awards for UK schools, and for international organisations, details of which are available on [www.ashden.org](http://www.ashden.org)

**Deadline: 3rd November 2015** [http://www.ashden.org/apply/uk](http://www.ashden.org/apply/uk)

23. **Electric Vehicle Loan Scheme Available in Scotland**

On behalf of the Scottish Government, Transport Scotland is making available interest-free loans of up to £50,000 for residents in Scotland to help with the cost of buying a new electric or plug-in hybrid vehicle. The loan scheme is provided in addition to the UK Government’s Office for Low Emission Vehicles - Plug-in Car Grant scheme.

The maximum amount of loan support available to any one applicant is £50,000. Loans are available for up to 100% of the cost of a single vehicle. Loans will have a repayment period of up to six years. Early repayment is permitted at any time. The scheme is open to applicants in Scotland who hold a valid driving licence, and do not currently own an
electric or hybrid plug-in vehicle. Applicants must have a satisfactory credit status, based on credit checks which the Energy Saving Trust will carry out. By the time a vehicle purchased with the help of a loan has been delivered, the loan applicant must have regular, day-to-day access to a domestic, workplace or ChargePlace Scotland publicly accessible chargepoint located in Scotland. Those that do not have access to this kind of chargepoint will need to demonstrate that they are making arrangements to have one installed (or to become a member of the ChargePlace Scotland network) in time for delivery of the new pure electric or plug-in hybrid vehicle. The loan applicant must be the person who has ordered/will order the vehicle and so (once delivered) will become the owner of the vehicle. Loans are only available, and can only be used, for the purchase of a new pure electric and plug-in hybrid vehicle by an individual (not any firm or company) whose principle residence is in Scotland.

**Deadline: 31st March 2016**


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### EUROPEAN FUNDING

**24. Calls for Proposals to Combat Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence against Women**

The European Commission has issued a call for proposals for action grants based on the 2015 annual work programme of the Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme (REC Programme) and of the Justice Programme. The call aims to co-fund transnational projects to combat sexual harassment and sexual violence against women and girls, in line with the specific objective to prevent and combat all forms of violence against children, young people and women, as well as violence against other groups at risk, in particular groups at risk of violence in close relationships, and to protect victims of such violence (Daphne). This call aims to prevent and combat harassment/violence in one or more of the following contexts:

- The workplace.
- In schools and universities.
- Through new technologies and social media.

Projects on sexual harassment or sexual violence in the workplace may focus on specific work sectors. Projects targeted in particular at vulnerable groups and/or at engaging men in combating sexual harassment and sexual violence are welcome. The following types of activities will be funded:

- Training and cooperation of relevant professionals (health services, police, the judiciary, social workers, teachers, employers, trade union representatives, university staff etc.) to better prevent and respond to these forms of violence, including through the establishment of formal or informal procedures and support programmes to respond to cases.
- Development and practical implementation of modules and/or materials to train and educate children (boys and girls), young people, men and/or women to prevent sexual harassment and/or sexual violence in these contexts by bringing about attitudinal and behavioural changes with regard to gender roles, stereotyping and sexualisation, and to educate about the unacceptability of such violence and raise awareness of victims' rights.

Projects must be transnational and should be elaborated in partnership with and/or be led by key players, such as employers, trade union representatives, education professionals, university staff, students' unions or clubs. The involvement of national education and/or employment ministries is particularly welcome. The aim is to fund practical projects ensuring maximum practical benefits and impacts for the target groups. A budget of €3 million is available for this Call.

**Deadline: 13th October 2015**


Please note that applicants must apply through PRIAMOS ([http://ec.europa.eu/justice/grants1/priamos/index_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/justice/grants1/priamos/index_en.htm)). PRIAMOS allows applicants to register, to download the application forms and to submit their applications.

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**25. Cross-Border Territorial Cooperation Programme for Northern Ireland, the Border Region of Ireland and Western Scotland (2014-2020)**

The first calls for project proposals under Cross-Border Territorial Cooperation Programme for Northern Ireland, the Border Region of Ireland and Western Scotland 2014 – 2020 is now open. This programme is designed to address
many of the challenges shared with other border areas across Europe, where developmental problems are exacerbated by the existence of borders. The Argyll and Bute area is eligible under this programme. There are four priorities under this programme which are:

1. **Research and Innovation** – to increase the level of cross-border business and industry relevant research and innovation capacity within the ‘Health & Life Science’s and ‘Renewable Energy’ sectors, and the number and capacity of SMEs engaged in cross-border Research & Innovation aimed at the development of new products, processes and services.

2. **Environment** – to promote cross-border co-operation in the recovery of selected protected habitats and priority species and develop cross-border co-operation capacity for the monitoring and management of marine protected areas and species, and to improve water quality in shared transitional waters and freshwater quality in cross-border river basins.

3. **Sustainable Transport** – to promote cross-border intermodal and sustainable mobility in the cross-border region

4. **Health** – to improve the health and well-being of people living in the region by enabling them to access health and social care services in the most appropriate setting to their needs.


The first calls under the new Programme are now open. These are:

**Environment Call**
- Objective 2.3 ‘Improving Water Quality in Transitional Waters’
- Call Nature: 85% intervention rate
- This call is principally for infrastructure investment in the border region of Ireland and Northern Ireland. It is likely to be very limited opportunities, if any, for Scottish partners in this call. Scottish PMC members are exploring whether Scottish partners can take part sharing their best practice in this area.

**Call open: 5th August 2015**  **Stage 1 Application to be received: 30th October 2015**

**Research and Innovation Call**
- Objective 1.2 ‘Enhance innovation capacity of SMEs
- Call Nature: 85% intervention rate

**Call open: 7th September 2015**  **Stage 1 Application to be received: 21st October 2015**

**Health Call**
- Objective 3.1 Health & Social Care
- Call Nature: 85% intervention rate

It is expected this call will open at:

**Call open: 2nd October 2015**  **Stage 1 Application to be received: 13th November 2015**

More information about this call link can be found at [http://www.seupb.eu/Libraries/2014-2020_Programmes/Timetable_for_Calls_for_Applications_4_August_2015.sflb.ashx](http://www.seupb.eu/Libraries/2014-2020_Programmes/Timetable_for_Calls_for_Applications_4_August_2015.sflb.ashx) or by contacting the national contact point for the UK [caroline.coleman@scotent.co.uk](mailto:caroline.coleman@scotent.co.uk)

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26. **North West Europe**

The second call for project proposals under the INTERREG North-West Europe Programme 2014-2020 is now open. The Programme’s mission is to produce measurable positive change in North-West Europe around three themes:

**Innovation** The objective under this theme is:
- To enhance innovation performance of enterprises throughout the North-west Europe regions.

**Low Carbon** The objectives under this theme are to:
- Facilitate the implementation of low-carbon, energy and climate protection strategies in order to reduce GHG-emissions.
- Facilitate the uptake of low-carbon technologies, products, processes and services in sectors with high energy saving potential in order to reduce GHG-emissions.
- Facilitate the implementation of low-carbon solutions in transport systems to reduce GHG-emissions.

**Resource and material efficiency:**
- The objective under this theme is to optimise (re)use of material and natural resources.

Governmental organisations, civil society (non-profit organisations), education and knowledge institutions such as universities, intermediate bodies such as chambers of commerce or development agencies, enterprises, social enterprises and social housing providers can apply for grants of up to 60% of eligible costs. Applications must include
partners from at least two different Member States in North-West Europe. Once a project concept note is approve, the Programme Secretariat will contact the lead partner directly. Applicants will be given support to develop the project into a full work plan which will need to be submitted within five months of project approval, or ten months if the first deadline is missed. The timetable for the 2nd call for applications is as follows:

Application deadline: 30th November 2015 Decision for Step 1 (Call 2): 26th February 2016

Please note that this is a rolling programme and further call dates will be announced in due course.

More information about the Programme can be found at http://www.nweurope.eu/5b/ or by contacting the national contact point for UK ian.hill@communities.gsi.gov.uk paula.maclachlan@communities.gsi.gov.uk

27. Northern Periphery Arctic Programme
The third call for applications to the Northern Periphery and Artic Programme (one of the EU Territorial Cooperation Programmes) is now open. The Highlands and Islands area of Argyll and Bute is an eligible area under this programme. There are 4 Priorities under the programme which are:

1. Using Innovation to Maintain And Develop Robust And Competitive Communities
2. Promoting Entrepreneurship to Realise the Potential of the Programme Area’s Competitive Advantage
3. Fostering Energy-Secure Communities through Promotion of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency
4. Protecting, Promoting and Developing Cultural and Natural Heritage

The intervention rate for eligible costs ranges from 50-65% depending on the project. There is a requirement to work with partners from across the Programme area which includes Finland, Ireland, UK (Scotland and N. Ireland), Sweden, Faroe Islands, Iceland, Greenland and Norway. This means that the programme area encompasses the Euro-Arctic zone, parts of the Atlantic zone and parts of the Barents region, neighbouring on Canada in the West and Russia in the East. It is also anticipated that the partnership should comprise of partners from public, private and academic organisations. There are two types of projects under the NPAP which are:

- Preparatory project and they require the involvement of a minimum of 2 member states outlined above;
- Main project and they require the involvement of a minimum of 3 member states outlined above.

The third call is open for priority axes 3 and 4 only. Applicants can apply for:

3. Fostering Energy-Secure Communities through Promotion of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency
4. Protecting, Promoting and Developing Cultural and Natural Heritage

The timetable for the 3rd call for applications is as follows:

Call open: 30th September 2015 Application Deadline: 30th November 2015
Decision Date: 23rd February 2016 Stage One: 06-08-2015 to 08-10-2015

More information about the Programme can be found at www.northernperiphery.eu/en/home/ or by contacting the regional contact point for the Highlands and Islands jeff.foot@hient.co.uk

GENERAL FUNDING

28. The Triangle Trust
The Triangle Trust provides funding for charities, not-for-profit social enterprises and community interest companies in the UK that are working with the rehabilitation of offenders or ex-offenders. Development Grants provide funds towards any costs incurred by the applicant in undertaking its core business so that sustainable income sources can be developed and the organisations income will not be reduced when the grant comes to an end. Grants are available for up to £40,000 or 50% current annual income, whichever is lowest, per year for three years. The amount requested each year is expected to taper down as applicants develop other sustainable income streams. Registered charities, not-for-profit social enterprises and community interest companies that are working within the UK and have a UK office are eligible to apply. Organisations must have a constitution whose primary purpose is to support the rehabilitation of offenders or ex-offenders.

Deadline: 5th November 2015 http://www.triangletrust.org.uk/

29. Weir Charitable Trust (Scotland)
Community groups and charities based in Scotland can apply to for funding to support specific activities and services in sport, recreational facilities, animal welfare, health and cultural projects to improve the quality of life for people, either through a particular field of expertise or via a local community. There’s no minimum or maximum that can be applied for or awarded and applicants need to state the amount they need for their project.

Deadline: 26th February 2016 http://weircharitabletrust.com/apply-now
30. Big Lottery Fund's Heroes Return 2
The programme provides Lottery funding to help World War II veterans who saw active service and are resident in the UK or the Republic of Ireland to take part in commemorative visits (within the UK and overseas) to mark the anniversary of events that led to the end of WWII. The grants cover travel and accommodation expenses to enable veterans to make trips back to places across the world where they served. Funding is also available to take part in an official commemoration in the UK. Applicants can apply for a fixed amount grant of between £165 and £8,140, depending on the number of people taking part and the destination. Grants will cover the costs of commemorative visits. A fixed amount of money will be available for each veteran and spouse and/or carer towards the cost of their visit. This will cover travel costs, insurance and accommodation. Destinations are grouped into five zones:
- UK.
- Northern and Western Europe.
- Mediterranean and North Africa.
- Egypt/Libya and Middle East.
- Far East and Rest of World.
Veterans who fought with, or alongside, British Forces in World War II and who are resident in the UK, Channel Islands and the Republic of Ireland may apply. War widows and widowers of veterans are also eligible for funding, and carers and spouses can receive funding to travel with veterans. Applications will be prioritised according to date of travel so that those applications with early travel dates are dealt with first. Application forms should be submitted far enough in advance to allow for processing. The final date to travel is 31st December 2015.
Applications may be submitted at any time https://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_heroes_return

31. Petplan Charitable Trust's Welfare Grants
Welfare grants are offered once a year to UK registered charities to promote the health and welfare of animals, such as dogs, cats, horses and rabbits, in the UK. Applications are currently being accepted for the following funding:
- One major welfare grant of up to £20,000 towards an innovative project to improve animal care and welfare.
- Up to £40,000 to be distributed for general grants of between £5,000 and £7,500. This can include items such as neutering, kennelling costs and veterinary fees.
- Up to £40,000 to be distributed for general grants of up to £5,000. This can include items such as neutering, kennelling costs and veterinary fees.
- Grants to assist with vehicle purchase.
Deadline: 4th December 2015
http://www.petplantrust.org/articles.php?id=41&naviId=4&subnaviId=1&page=Welfare%20Grants

32. Final 2015 Deadline Extended for Macmillan Supporting You to Help Others Grants
The Programme aims to provide people affected by cancer with opportunities to use their experiences to support others, while also receiving support themselves. Funding is available for the following:
- Start-up costs for new self help and support and user groups.
- Development funds to support the ongoing activities and development of self help and support projects for people affected by cancer.
- User involvement grants to encourage the involvement of people affected by cancer in the design and improvement of cancer services.
- Individual development grants to enable people affected by cancer to develop their skills and use their cancer experience to help support others affected by cancer.
Applications that contribute to achieving Macmillan's Inclusion vision of a health and social care system where equal access to, and delivery of the best cancer services are available to everyone living with and beyond cancer are particularly welcome. Individuals or groups of people affected by cancer, and organisations and professionals working in partnership with people affected by cancer in the UK are eligible to apply. Grants can be for up to £500 for projects that have been running for less than 12 months and up to £3,000 for projects that have been in existence for more than 12 months. Grants for individual development are provided for the actual cost of the activity.
Deadline: 30th October 2015

33. Scottish Land Fund
The Scottish Land Fund has now been extended for a further year until March 2016, with an additional £3m invested by the Scottish Government. The Fund now totals £9m. The Fund is designed to help communities buy land and property to help regenerate the fortunes of their local area. The Fund is administered by the Big Lottery Fund, in
partnership with HIE. HIE have appointed a team of advisers who will help applicants develop their projects to application stage. The Fund can support acquisitions as diverse as small development sites, to large estates and include uses such as affordable housing, business and industrial space, community open space or visitor and heritage centres. It can provide up to 95 percent of the costs of purchasing land and land assets, as well as project revenue funding for up to two years. The Advisor for Argyll is Ailsa Raeburn who can be contacted on 01546 605419. All enquiries for the Scottish Land Fund should be addressed in the first instance to the Big Lottery via their Advice Line number on 0300 123 7110.

**Deadline: 9th November 2015** [http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/scottishlandfund](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/scottishlandfund)

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34. **ScotRail Reopens Station Community Regeneration Fund (SCRF) Scotland**

The Fund aims to enable business and community groups to transform redundant station rooms into facilities to benefit local people. Grants of between £5,000 and £75,000 are available. Bids may also be made for larger sums, dependent on in-depth feasibility studies. The Fund is open to businesses and community groups in Scotland. Applicants must propose a project that meets the needs of passengers or the local community, e.g. a community based project which contributes to the local community. Projects must contribute to the sustainability of the railways through the use of a vacant station building, and be suitable for the railway environment, i.e. not impact on the safe operation of the rail service. Funding will only be provided to projects that are able to demonstrate how they will deliver at least one of the following Scottish Government strategic objectives:

- Wealthier and fairer.
- Safer and stronger.
- Greener.
- Healthier.
- Safer and stronger.
- Greener.
- Smarter.


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35. **Nationwide Foundation's Empty Properties Funding Programme**

Not-for-profit organisations can apply now for funding to turn empty properties into safe, decent homes for people in need and make them available at a rate they can afford. Organisations can apply for between £100,000 and £175,000 either as grant funding or as social investment or a combination of the two, depending on which is the most appropriate for the scheme. The funding can be used for:

- Costs of the refurbishment of long-term empty properties. These can be empty residential properties or commercial spaces and must have been empty for more than six months.
- Organisational core costs where these are directly required to bring the empty properties into use, e.g. costs towards salaries for staff supporting volunteers who are working on the renovation of the empty property.
- Legal and other such costs associated with obtaining the empty properties, e.g. landlord negotiation and asset transfer.
- Reasonable wider organisational costs as part of a full cost recovery approach.

There is particular interest in projects which:

- Are financially sustainable or which are working towards financial sustainability.
- Support the training and education of people in need, such as volunteering, apprenticeships or training schemes.
- Acquire property by asset transfer.
- Implement environmental and energy saving aspects into refurbishments to benefit future tenants.


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36. **Townscape Heritage Initiative**

The Townscape Heritage Initiative is Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) grant giving programme that supports schemes to regenerate the historic environment in towns and cities across the United Kingdom. The programme is designed to address problems in areas of particular social and economic need. The scheme is open to single organisations (such as Local Authorities) or partnerships of not for profit organisations and provides grants of between £100,000 and £2 million. If applicants receive a first-round pass, they will need to develop the scheme further within a 12-month development phase and then send a detailed second-round submission. The second round is not competitive; a grant will be offered to the applicant if it meets the HLF’s criteria and priorities.

**SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION**

37. **Funding for Schools to Purchase Musical Equipment**
Schools in the UK, that wish to purchase musical instruments and equipment can apply for funding of up to £2,000 through the EMI Music Sound Foundation's Instrument and/or Equipment Awards. To date the Foundation has made awards to over two thousand schools, individual students and teachers improve their access to music through the purchase or upgrade of musical instruments and equipment. The funding has to be made for music education that is beyond statutory national curriculum music teaching. The Foundation cannot fund retrospectively and schools are not eligible for financial assistance under this scheme if they have already purchased their instruments or if they do so before their application has been approved.

38. **Innovative Geography Teaching Grants**
The Royal Geographical Society is a learned society with the aim of advancing geographical science and supporting its practitioners. One of the Society's key aims is to enhance the teaching and learning of geography in secondary schools. The Society works on behalf of schools providing activities, training, advice and resources. Their main focus is on 12 to 19-year-olds in schools and colleges. Teachers that have an innovative idea for promoting the teaching of Geography in a stimulating way are able to apply for an Innovative Geography Teaching grant from the Royal Society. The grant is open to all geography teachers working in secondary schools and with a university collaborator and aims to enhance pupils' geography education in a stimulating way. Two grants, each of £1,000, will be awarded annually to each teacher-Higher Education team.

**SPORT FUNDING**

39. **Funding for Disability Tennis Equipment**
Individuals, disability groups, clubs and special schools can apply for funding to the Dan Maskell Tennis Trust for the purchase of specialist wheelchairs and tennis equipment. Individuals, groups, clubs and special schools may apply for one or more tennis wheelchairs designed for general use at grass roots level. A deposit of £250 per chair (£750 for individuals) is required and the Dan Maskell Tennis Trust will offer a grant for the remaining cost. There will also be a delivery charge to be met by the applicant. Individuals, groups, clubs and special schools can also apply for kit bags including tennis rackets, balls, and mini nets and coaching aids. The trust may also fund tennis rackets, coaching lessons and development/coaching courses.

40. **Rowing Foundation Grants**
The Rowing Foundation is currently accepting applications to its grants programme. The purpose of the Foundation is to promote the participation in rowing of young people (those under 18 or still in full time education) and the disabled of all ages. The Foundation gives grants of £500-£3,000 to help British rowing organisations and clubs whose requirements may be too small or who may be otherwise ineligible for an approach to the National Lottery or other similar sources of funds. Grants are made to a variety of rowing clubs, centres and schools.
**Deadline: 9th November 2015** [http://www.therowingfoundation.org.uk/apply-online/](http://www.therowingfoundation.org.uk/apply-online/)

41. **Postcode Community Trust - Launch of Community Sports Scheme**
Grants of up to £2,000 are available to enable grassroots sports clubs and organisations to obtain the following kit and equipment:
- Replacement of worn-out equipment and kits.
- A bank of new kits and equipment to support the launch of a new sports project.
- New kit and equipment which will expand capacity to meet demand for activities.
- Kit and equipment which will promote the inclusion of the disadvantaged or minorities within sports.
Priority will be given to projects that are creative, far-reaching and will leave a long-term impact once completed. The Trust will especially welcome applications for projects that are focused on improving life for disadvantaged groups and encouraging their inclusion within sporting activities. Community groups and charities in Scotland are eligible to apply for this round of funding.
42. The Ironmongers’ Company
The Ironmongers’ Company is funding projects that provide opportunities for disadvantaged children and young people to fulfil their potential. Grants are only given to registered charities. Projects must meet all of the following criteria:

- For children and young people under the age of 25 who are disadvantaged
- Consist of educational activities that develop learning, motivation and skills
- Have clear aims and objectives to be met within a planned timescale
- Are within the UK

**Deadline: 31st December 2015** [http://www.ironmongers.org/charity_organisations.htm](http://www.ironmongers.org/charity_organisations.htm)

43. Nurturing Talent - Time to Shine Fund
Funding will be awarded to those young people who demonstrate enthusiasm, ambition and talent in their chosen field and who would benefit from financial help to develop this further. A total funding pot of £20,000 is available in 2015-16. Individual applicants can apply for grants up to £200 while groups of two more people can apply for up to £750. Funding is available to young people aged between 14 and 20 who live in Scotland and wish to develop their talent in Drama; Dance; Music; Film; Visual arts; Literature and the digital arts. The fund provides financial support to help nurture talent in a number ways from recording a demo with your band, to putting on an exhibition of your own artwork, and lots more in between.


44. vInspired Cashpoint Reopens for Applications
Individual young people between the ages of 14 and 25 years old who live in England, Scotland or Northern Ireland can apply for grants of up to £500. vInspired Cashpoint will fund projects that:

- Are designed and run by 14-25 year old volunteers.
- Take place in England, Scotland or Northern Ireland.
- Can be delivered within two months.
- Clearly benefit a chosen community. This could be the community where the applicant lives or where they spend most of their time, or a group of people that the applicant would like to help.
- Are either new or an idea that has been used in the past but which the applicant would like to try again, doing things a bit differently.
- Create at least two new volunteering opportunities for 14 -25 year olds (in addition to the applicant).
- Volunteers give their time to help others, other than just taking part in an activity; for example, coaching local children to play football is volunteering, but playing in a local football match is not volunteering.
- Cost less than £500 and vInspired cashpoint is the only funder.

**Applications may be submitted at any time** [https://vinspired.com/cashpoint](https://vinspired.com/cashpoint)

45. CashBack for Communities: Small Grants Scheme
Cashback for Communities is a Scottish Government initiative that uses funds recovered from criminal activity to support positive activities for young people. Through the scheme Volunteer lead youth groups in Scotland can apply for funding of up to £2,000 to enhance their programmes for young people and get their projects off the ground. The scheme can provide up to £1,000 to support the start-up costs of new projects or groups or up to £2,000 to support projects run by existing local groups. Cashback for Communities is a partnership of six national, volunteer-led youth organisations. These are the Scout Association; Girlguiding Scotland; Boys Brigade; Girls’ Brigade in Scotland; Clubs for Young People (Scotland); and Youth Scotland. To be eligible the applicant needs to be a member of one of the six partnership organisations listed above


46. CashBack for Creativity: Open Arts Fund
YouthLink Scotland has announced the launch of the CashBack for Creativity: Open Arts Fund for 2015/16. The Open Arts Fund is a strand of Creative Scotland’s CashBack for Creativity programme which is being delivered in partnership with YouthLink Scotland. It is a part of the Scottish Government’s CashBack for Communities programme which reinvests the proceeds of crime back into communities to benefit Scotland’s young people. A total of £200,000 will be invested in community based arts programmes with individual proposals being able to access awards of up to £10,000. Applications are invited from organisations within the youth work sector and/or those working with young people to support the delivery of free arts activities.

47. **Funding for Community Youth Projects**
Telecoms provider O2 has announced that its “Think Big with O2” youth programme will re-open for applications on the 30th September 2015. The programme supports young people in the UK (aged between 13 and 25) who want to make positive changes to their communities. Initially funding of £300 is available to get projects off the ground. If the project is completed successfully young people may be invited to apply for the second level of the programme -Think Bigger where O2 provides funding of up to £2500. The programme is open to individuals and groups of young people and the money can be used to cover project related costs such as: materials & equipment; cost of renting space; transportation; advertising, etc.
**Deadline: 11th November 2015** [http://www.o2thinkbig.co.uk/](http://www.o2thinkbig.co.uk/)

48. **Starbucks Youth Action**
UK Youth and Starbucks are inviting groups in Scotland who are working with young people not in education or employment to apply for grants of up to £1,000. Now in its fifth year, Starbucks Youth Action aims to inspire and support 16 to 24 year olds who want to make a positive impact in their community.