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RECENTLY ADDED

PEOPLES HEALTH TRUST ACTIVE COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME

Deadline: Stage 1 applications is Wednesday 02 March 2022 at 1pm

This is currently open for applications in Health Lottery Scotland (focusing on North Lanarkshire, Fife, Aberdeenshire, Aberdeen, **Shetland**, Orkney Islands and Clackmannanshire) with a focus on supporting groups in areas experiencing significant disadvantage.

Active Communities is a funding programme for community groups and not-for-profit organisations, with an income of less than £350,000 a year or an average of £350,000 over two years, seeking investment of between £5,000 and £40,000 for projects lasting up to two years. We're looking for small and local projects, genuinely designed and run by local people. By small, we mean just a small group of people on an estate, in a few streets or villages.

We're also looking for great ideas from communities of interest. By this we mean a group of people who have things in common and wish to come together to address something that is important to them. These ideas could be based in one neighbourhood, or cover a wider area, but they must live close enough to each other to meet up regularly.

For further details, please visit our [website](#) or email us on apply@peopleshealthtrust.org.uk

SUSTAINABILITY CERTIFICATION SCHEME FUND FOR TOURISM RECOVERY

Deadline: 12pm, 24 February 2022

This fund is aimed at providers of sustainability certification schemes, to allow them to offer a discounted or free membership to tourism businesses for one year. This will provide support for tourism businesses to recover from the impacts of Covid-19 in a sustainable manner.

MUSEUMS GALLERIES SCOTLAND - MUSEUMS RECOVERY FUND

Deadline: 5pm on 11 March 2022

This fund is designed to be flexible, providing an element of financial support and security for those independent museums that are most at risk as a result of the ongoing uncertainty due to COVID. The fund can be used to support:

- core operating costs to protect the minimum advised level of reserves* (equivalent of 3 months' worth of operating costs). It is hoped that the fund will help to retain key staff posts and provide security that will allow for seasonal staff to be brought back and some frozen posts to be filled.
- activity to recover visitor numbers and spend (whether new or returning) including marketing, special events and restart costs
- activity that will assist the implementation of new business priorities emerging in response to the pandemic and which will increase resilience

Any organisation that runs an independent Accredited Museum in Scotland. Local Authority, ALEO and University-run museums are not eligible for this fund. Non-accredited independent museums may also be eligible to apply. Check full guidelines on MGS website.

PEOPLE'S POSTCODE TRUST

In 2022 funding rounds will open on the 1st of each month from February until October.

They accept a limited number of applications and close as soon as this cap has been reached. They advise applying as soon as possible after a round opens. The aim of People's Postcode Trust is to support smaller charities and good causes in the Scotland to make a difference to their community for the benefit of people and planet. They support projects under the following categories:

- Improving mental wellbeing
- Enabling community participation in the arts
- Preventing or reducing the impact of poverty
- Supporting marginalised groups and promoting equality
- Improving biodiversity & green spaces
- Enabling participation in physical activity
- Responding to the climate emergency & promoting sustainability

- Increasing community access to outdoor space

You can apply for either project or unrestricted funding.

BANK OF SCOTLAND FOUNDATION - REACH

Opens: 12pm, 7 March 2022

Closes: 12pm 17 March 2022

Grants will be awarded at the end of May 2022.

Opens: 12pm, 6 June 2022

Closes: 12pm, 16 June 2022

Grants will be awarded at the end of August 2022.

The Reach programme is suitable for charities can demonstrate they address disadvantage or social exclusion and will reach the most vulnerable people across Scotland, to provide them with opportunity and equality and making positive, sustainable change. Charities with an income of £1.5m or less can apply. You cannot apply if you are a newly registered charity operational for less than one year with no accounts lodged at OSCR.

For disadvantage, examples include charities addressing primary disadvantage such as homelessness, abuse, mental health or poverty, or secondary disadvantage such as debt issues, learning disabilities, illiteracy, lack of employability skills or health issues.

For social exclusion, examples include charities addressing exclusionary challenges for minorities, people with disabilities, LGBT people, drug users, institutional care leavers, the elderly or the young.

THE ELEPHANT TRUST

Deadline: Sunday 24 April 2022

The Elephant Trust has existed for over 40 years and supports artists, art institutions, and galleries to undertake and complete new and innovative projects. Grants of up to £2,000 are available.

SOCIAL ENTERPRISE NET ZERO TRANSITION FUND

SIS, in partnership with Zero Waste Scotland, is pleased to present the Social Enterprise Net Zero Transition Fund (NZTF), designed to support social enterprises and the wider third sector to make the transition to carbon net zero.

The purpose of the fund is to support these social sector organisations (SSO) in their journey to become carbon neutral, and to develop the circular economy. Through the fund, we are interested in supporting activities that will reduce carbon footprint. The fund provides loans from £10,000. SSO's who have a particular circular economy focus or are proposing specific projects with a focus on re-use, repair and leasing/sharing models, may also be eligible for a small grant award.

SCOTMID - COMMUNITY GRANTS & FUNDRAISING SUPPORT

Apply for a one-off Scotmid Community Grant of £500 for a project that will benefit your local community. Find out more [here](#)

Scotmid is also offering fundraising support for charities or community events. If you are seeking raffle prizes or refreshments for a coffee morning, send them an email [here](#) to see if they can help.

FREELANDS FOUNDATION: SPACE TO DREAM FUND

Deadline: Expressions of Interest – 4 March 2022

Grants up to £95,000 are available to BME-led visual arts registered charities and voluntary organisations. The funds will support bold and impactful visual arts projects delivered by artists of African, Caribbean and Asian heritage. Join their support webinars [on 17 February](#). Expressions of interest are invited [by 4th March](#).

NATURE SCOTLAND: SCOTGOV NATURE RESTORATION FUND

Deadline for expressions of interest: 18 February 2022

Grants up to £250,000 are available to constituted community groups, registered charities and partnerships for projects that help restore Scotland's natural environment on land and sea. Send expressions of interest to NRF@nature.scot by 18th February.

OTHER FUNDS (PREVIOUSLY LISTED):

THE TECH LENDING COMMUNITY FUND

The environmental charity Hubbub in partnership with Virgin Media O2, is launching a £400,000 fund to make tablets and free data available to community organisations across the UK.

The fund is exclusively supporting organisations such as local authorities, charities and social enterprises who work closely with temporary accommodation services, such as centres for refugees, housing for those at risk of homelessness or women's refuges.

The grant will provide one-off, start-up funding of between £50,000 - £120,000 per organisation, to establish or further develop Tech Lending Hubs, where tablets will be loaned to residents in temporary accommodation on a temporary basis. Successful applicants will need to demonstrate that they will be actively collaborating with community groups to ensure that the provision of a tablet loaning service will have a transformative impact.

[HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT SCOTLAND TO LAUNCH NEW HERITAGE & PLACE PROGRAMME IN MARCH](#)

Historic Environment Scotland (HES) is planning to launch a new Heritage & Place Programme on 30 March. This programme will replace and build on the success of their Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS) funding programme which ran from 2007 – 2020 (final schemes to complete in 2025) and awarded over £52m to 73 schemes in 69 conservation areas across Scotland.

The new programme has been designed to take into account the findings from the recent [CARS review](#) with some of the key changes including the introduction of a two-stage application process with a match-funded Development Phase and the removal of requirement for schemes to be solely in conservation areas. HES are working in collaboration with the National Lottery Heritage Fund on this programme who also provide support for heritage place projects (Area schemes). If you would like to find out more about applying for their funding please contact scotland@heritagefund.org.uk.

An overview of the Heritage & Place Programme can be found [here](#) and the full programme guidance and information about the application process will be published on the HES website on 30 March 2022. If you have any questions about the Heritage & Place Programme in the meantime or would like to note your interest, please e-mail HES at grants@hes.scot.

[ASHDEN UK AWARD](#)

Deadline: 15 March 2022

The Ashden Awards reward organisations that deliver sustainable energy at the local level, and through this bring social, economic and environmental benefits. Work should be innovative and have the potential to create a significant impact. Initiatives should boost resilience and be as participatory and democratic as possible. Winning an Ashden Award brings a **prize of up to £25,000** as well as ongoing development support, from professional mentoring to pro-bono legal help.

Award categories open to organisations in the UK are:

- Ashden Award for Energy Innovation
- Ashden Award for Skills in Low Carbon Sectors
- Ashden Award for Greening All Work

[SCOTCH WHISKY ACTION FUND](#)

Deadline: 25 April 2022, 12pm

A new round of the Scotch Whisky Action Fund has opened. The fund distributes grants of up to £25,000 to projects that use new approaches to reducing the impact of alcohol-related harm in local communities. Previous awardees of this fund covered areas like sports, counselling and arts.

[NATIONAL LOTTERY COMMUNITY FUND SCOTLAND SIMPLE GUIDE TO FUNDING PROGRAMMES](#)

National Lottery Community Fund Scotland have recognised the time-consuming nature of searching for funding and have produced a simple guide to their main funding programmes for Scotland:

- National Lottery Awards for All Scotland (up to £10,000) for community or sports projects.
- Young Start (up to £100,000) for projects with children and young people where they play an active role in development, design and delivery.
- Community Led (up to £150,000) for broad community wellbeing activities, in a local area, led by local people.
- Improving Lives (up to £200,000) to tackle specific needs, local or regional projects.
- Scottish Land Fund (up to £1 million) for community-led organisations that want to take ownership of land assets, land rights or buildings important to their local community.

All the programmes have a rolling application process and you can apply at any time.

[HOME HEATING SUPPORT FUND](#)

Deadline: 31 March 2022

Does your organisation provide money and/or energy advice? You can support people even further by referring them to the Home Heating Support Fund from the Scottish Government. The fund supports vulnerable individuals with their energy bills.

[SHETLAND CARERS WINTER WELLBEING FUND 2021/22](#)

Scottish Government has released a £4million funding package to help provide support to unpaid carers, in recognition of the enormous role they play in looking after loved ones, and the added pressure many have faced during the pandemic. £3 million of these funds have been administered by Shared Care Scotland, to organisations, who are already working with different groups of carers, to expand their vital support for adult and young carers.

Shetland Carers, a project within Voluntary Action Shetland, will allocate their £15,619 share of this fund through their new Winter Wellbeing Fund 2021/22. There are four different ways that carers can access support from this fund, ranging from individual grants to breaks through other service providers. Care can apply for support from ONE area of the fund : -

- Apply for a short break grant of up to £150 to allow you to take a break of your choice from your caring role
- Apply for a Shetland Recreational Trust (SRT) More 4 Life subscription through Shetland Carers

- Apply for overnight respite support which will be provided in partnership with Shetland Carer Attendant Scheme
- Apply for a Recovery Grant of up to £150 for financial support to meet the cost of food and household bills, utility costs, travel and fuel costs

This funding has been provided by government specifically to support carers over the winter period with funds to be allocated by 31st March 2022. The focus for the fund should be improved health and wellbeing, improved economic/financial wellbeing and improved social wellbeing. Target groups include carers who are at risk of isolation over the winter period and who have been unable to access breaks.

CATALYST FUND INFORMATION SESSIONS ANNOUNCED

The Catalyst Fund is a new type of social investment offering loans through a flexible, revenue-based repayment model. The fund is administered by Firstport, and open all year round for social enterprises looking for social investment of over £50,000 to help them start and grow their business. If you are interested in applying for the Catalyst Fund, the first step is to attend one of Firstport's information webinars and submit a note of interest. Information webinars organised for the coming months:

- Thursday 24 February, 2-3pm
- Friday 25 March, 10-11am
- Tuesday 26 April, 12-1pm
- Wednesday 18 May, 11-12noon
- Tuesday 21 June, 2-3pm

CYCLING SCOTLAND: PEDAL FOR SCOTLAND GRANTS

Deadline: 28 February 2022, 12PM

Two tiers of grants are available:

- Up to £1,000 for community cycling events with 50-250 participants, delivered independently
- Up to £10,000 for community cycling events with over 250 participants delivered in partnership with Cycling Scotland.

To apply, email info@pedal.scot to arrange an initial discussion about your application.

I'VE GOT AN IDEA FUND'

Do you have a technical idea that is both inventive and fun and delivers a social or environmental benefit? Apply for between £250 to £3K to turn your vision into reality. The fund is open to UK individuals, small groups, and organisations.

[YEAR OF STORIES 2022 – COMMUNITY STORIES FUND](#)

Deadline: 18 March 2022, 5pm

The Community Stories Fund will support organisations and community groups to take part in and celebrate Scotland's Year of Stories, spotlighting the unique stories that matter to them with new, creative events, activities and programming. Applicants are invited to respond to any of the five, cross cutting Year of Stories 2022 programme strands: - Iconic stories and storytellers - New stories - Scotland's people and places - Local tales and legends - Inspired by nature. Grants of between £500 - £5,000 are available.

[ASH SCOTLAND SMALL GRANTS FOR COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS](#)

ASH Scotland have small grants available to support community organisations to improve people's health and wellbeing by addressing smoking. The support available includes access to:

- a small grant of £500
- a package of tailored support
- Free resources and training.

For more information and to apply visit www.ashscotland.org.uk/smallgrants

[THE NATIONAL EMERGENCIES TRUST'S LOCAL ACTION FUND](#)

This match fund of up to £10,000 per project has been launched by the National Emergencies Trust as part of its Coronavirus Appeal. It offers support to voluntary and community organisations in the UK by helping them to counter financial challenges created by the pandemic, including the inability to fundraise in the usual ways, reductions in staff and volunteers, and increased demand on their services.

[CORRA FOUNDATION - #SHIFTTHEPOWER SCOTLAND COMIC RELIEF FUND](#)

Deadline: 12pm on 8 March 2022

#ShiftThePower supports organisations with passionate people to make meaningful change in their communities. In 2022, the fund will be open to grassroots organisations and charities with an income of £250,000 or less whose work fits one of two strategic themes:

- **Children Survive and Thrive** – Supporting children to survive and thrive during the first years of life (0-5 years old) through targeted work and opportunities for children and families facing disadvantage.
- **Mental Health Matters** – Supporting people with mental health issues or challenges to share their stories, live free from stigma and discrimination, and build positive relationships and experiences.

THE AUSTIN AND HOPE PILKINGTON TRUST

Opens: 1 February 2022

Deadline: 28 February 2022

The Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust will be opening the latest round of their grants programme on February 1st. Named 'Arts for All', the round will focus on supporting performers and creatives in the early stages of their careers. £1,000 is available to apply for.

FAMILY FUND - FUNDING FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY OR ILLNESS

Deadline: Ongoing

Family Fund has received funding of £300,000 from the Scottish Government to support children and young people who are in need of additional support due to disability, disabling condition or serious illness.

YOUTH SCOTLAND WINTER FUND

Deadline: Ongoing

Supported by STV Children's Appeal and the Scottish Government, Youth Scotland have reopened their Winter Fund for a second year. The fund supports disadvantaged children, young people and families, who are affected by poverty and hardship, by providing funds to help buy food, clothing, heating and other essentials. Youth Scotland member groups can apply for £500-£3,000 to help support families.

ABERLOUR'S URGENT ASSISTANCE FUND

Deadline: Ongoing

Aberlour's Urgent Assistance Fund welcomes applications from sponsors (including third sector organisations) to help families in Scotland who are struggling financially. Cash grants are available to families with children under the age of 21 to assist with the purchasing of food, utilities, clothing, appliance repairs and other essential needs.

SOCIAL SECURITY SCOTLAND - BEST START GRANTS

Deadline: Ongoing

Social Security Scotland is accepting applications for Best Start Grants and Best Start Food payments.

The Best Start Grant consists of 3 one-off payments:

- Pregnancy and Baby Payment
- Early Learning Payment
- School Age Payment

Best Start Foods Payments are also available to help families buy healthy foods using a pre-paid card.

FOUNDATION SCOTLAND - SCOTCH WHISKY ACTION FUND

Deadline: 25 April 2022, 12pm

The Fund will support and develop a range of projects/initiatives which deliver targeted interventions designed to tackle alcohol-related harms across three themes: young people (aged under 18); families; communities. The Fund will focus on applications from new/innovative or pilot initiatives which aims to test new approaches and which will offer an opportunity for learning that others can use.

WORKPLACE EQUALITY FUND

Deadline: 11 April 2022

In partnership with the Scottish Government, Advice Direct Scotland will be administering the delivery of the latest iteration of the Workplace Equality Fund (WEF) – a source of financial support for Scottish businesses and organisations striving to improve equality-related outcomes for priority groups within the workplace. By supporting employers to address and resolve longstanding barriers facing under-represented groups within the labour market, the fund endeavours to promote and embed principles of inclusivity and fairness within Scotland's workplaces.

The central goal of the fund is to incentivise and support collaborative projects that aspire to reduce employment inequalities and cultivate positive, fair, and inclusive workplace practices. To this end, we are seeking to distribute £800,000 per annum to eligible partnership projects which focus on supporting one or more of the following priority groups:

- Women
- Women returning to the workforce following a career break
- Disabled workers
- Minority ethnic workers
- Over-50s workers
- Workers experiencing gender-based violence
- Workers experiencing symptoms of the menopause
- Workers experiencing social isolation and/or loneliness
- Veterans and spouses of veterans

Projects can apply for a maximum of £75,000 per year (i.e., an overall total of £150,000 across a 2-year period). Note that projects requesting a value of less than £20,000 per year are unlikely to be accepted given the relative likelihood of weak impact on the priority groups

[CREATIVE SCOTLAND CROWDMATCH LIVE + LEARN: INTRODUCTION TO CROWDFUNDING](#)

Creative Scotland and Crowdfunder have teamed up to launch Creative Scotland Crowdmatch which will award up to £10,000 to creative projects across the country. To help with the process they are also hosting a workshop.

[AGNES HUNTER TRUST SCIO](#)

Deadline: 24 February 2022, 5pm

The Agnes Hunter Trust SCIO was established in 1954 to support registered charities delivering health and social welfare projects in Scotland. In 2021 the Trust converted to become a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO). The Trust operates one Grants Programme (grants over £3,000) and applications must be submitted via the online forms.

The Trust focuses on two key areas of funding support:

- Charities that help disabled people.
- Charities that assist with the education and training of disadvantaged people aged 16 years or over who have left school.

[CREATE:INCLUSION FUND](#)

Round three is now open for applications, and will close at **12 noon on 16 February 2022**.

This fund seeks to increase the diversity of people in the arts and creative industries. Applicants can seek funding to help them progress, develop their creative and professional practice and capacity, or to support them to take professional and creative risks.

The Fund is open to individual creative practitioners, organisations, groups and networks in the arts and creative industries.

We particularly encourage applications from individuals who self-identify as sharing one or more protected characteristics defined by the Equality Act 2010; or from groups/organisations which are either minority-led or which focus on working with and for those who share one or more protected characteristics.

[CULTURE & BUSINESS FUND SCOTLAND](#)

This fund enables businesses and arts or heritage organisations to come together and build effective, sustainable partnerships, bringing creative projects – large and small – vividly to life. Funded by the Scottish Government via Creative Scotland and Historic Environment Scotland, and managed by Arts & Business Scotland, the CBFS provides critical £ for £ match funding – making the journey from a great idea, to a great project, possible.

FILM DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTION FUND / SCREEN SCOTLAND

Deadline: 31 May 2022 at 23:55

This fund exists to offer development and production funding for feature length films and documentaries being made by filmmakers based in Scotland.

This fund can support the following stages of the process:

→ Single Project Development Funding: support towards the initial development costs of a single feature film or documentary project.

→ Film Production Funding: support towards the production costs for a film or documentary project

Contact enquiries@creativescotland.com

MARKET AND FESTIVAL ATTENDANCE FUND / SCREEN SCOTLAND

Deadline: 31 May 2022 at 23:55

This fund supports attendance at in-person and online international festivals and markets for screenwriters, directors and producers based in Scotland.

Contact enquiries@creativescotland.com

OPEN FUND | CREATIVE SCOTLAND

Deadline: 31 March 2022 at 23:00

The Open Fund supports a wide range of activity initiated by organisations, artists, writers, producers and other creative practitioners in Scotland.

We have two strands – one for individuals and one for organisations, so the two are not in competition with each other for funds. These strands have separate budgets and applications are considered at separate panels.

Open Fund for Individuals

The Open Fund will support a period of research, development and/or delivery of creative activity for up to 24 months. The fund is for freelance and self-employed artists and creative practitioners living in Scotland who are at least 18 years old.

This fund can support applications for between £500 and £100,000. There are no deadlines for this fund - you can apply year-round.

For further details on the Open Fund for Individuals, visit: <https://www.creativescotland.com/funding/funding-programmes/open-fund/open-fund-for-individuals>

Open Fund: Sustaining Creative Development

The Open Fund: Sustaining Creative Development aims to enable organisations to explore ways of working that will help them to adapt and respond to the current changing circumstances for up to 12 months.

This fund can support applications for between £1,000 and £100,000. There are no deadlines for this fund - you can apply year-round.

For further details on the Open Fund: Sustaining Creative Development, visit: <https://www.creativescotland.com/funding/funding-programmes/open-fund-sustaining-creative-development>

PRODUCTION GROWTH FUND / SCREEN SCOTLAND

Deadline: 31 May 2022 at 23:55

This fund supports the growth of Scotland's screen production sector, creating employment opportunities, encouraging the use of facilities and providing opportunities for Scotland-based producers.

CREATIVE SCOTLAND COVID-19 CANCELLATION FUND FOR CREATIVE FREELANCERS

Grants of between £500 and £2,000 are available to support freelance creative professionals based in Scotland who work in the arts, screen and creative sector, and who are experiencing immediate financial difficulty due to the cancellation or deferral of events because of Covid-19, that were due to take place between 27th November 2021 and 31st March 2022.

EARLY NOTICE OF INVESTING IN COMMUNITIES FUND 2023-2026 OPENING IN MARCH/APRIL 2022 TO GIVE YOU TIME TO PREPARE YOUR APPLICATION!

Please note that all applications will need to address “Ensuring a just transition to Net Zero”. If you would like help in developing this aspect of your application you can get support from:

- [Changeworks](#) can support climate action, just transition and tackling fuel poverty – get in touch if you are interested in partnership approaches: apalmer@changeworks.org.uk
- North Highlands & Islands Climate Action Hub can help advise on designing and developing your projects and carbon literacy. www.nhclimatehub.co.uk or enquiries@nhclimatehub.co.uk
- A presentation about the fund is available at: [Investing in Communities Fund round two: draft guidance note - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](#)

INVESTING IN COMMUNITIES FUND 2023-2026

This Scottish Government funding programme will have an annual budget of approximately £10m per year during the period of 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2026. It is designed to support revenue projects, but can consider a small complementary capital budget.

Grants up to £350k are available over a three consecutive financial years, with a maximum of £150k in any one financial year. The minimum available in any one financial year is £5k.

Successful applicants will be expected to commence project activity as soon as possible after 1 April 2023, and by no later than 30 September 2023. Applications to the Fund need to address **ALL FOUR** priority areas for action:

- Tackling Poverty & Inequality, including Child Poverty
- Developing and Sustaining Place Based Approaches
- Community-led Regeneration
- Ensuring a just transition to Net Zero

Applicants must also submit clear and concise proposals about how their proposed projects and services:

- support disadvantaged, vulnerable & fragile communities – urban, rural & island
- are inclusive, rooted in the community with strong place based collaborative partnership working
- address locally identified need, involving local people in design, development & delivery
- reflect the current context of the community you work in
- commit to the Fair Work First criteria

The following groups or organisations are eligible to apply:

- Charity / community or voluntary organisation
- Housing association / housing co-operative / registered social landlord
- Community Council
- Not for profit company / Social enterprise / Community interest company (CIC) that are based in Scotland and rooted in the community they serve

Please note the following points also apply to eligibility criteria:

- Be incorporated - **registered as a SCIO with OSCR, or a company limited by guarantee with Companies House** or;
- **Community benefit society regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA)** or;
- **Community Council with a scheme of establishment with the local authority and a written constitution**

- Have a governing body such as a board or committee and a governing document
- Meaningfully involves local people in its decision making processes
- Be solvent, and hold a UK bank account
- Have annual accounts

The indicative timeline for potential applicants is as follows:

Fund opens:	March/April 2022
Fund closes:	4-6 week application window
Independent panel assessment:	October 2022
Applicants notified of decision:	November 2022
Grant Offer letters issued by no later than:	March 2023
Project start:	April – September 2023

This funding information is being issued early to enable potential applicants to begin work as soon as possible on planning and developing their project proposals. For more information see Scottish Government web link below.

[Community empowerment: Empowering Communities Programme - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/community-empowerment/empowering-communities-programme)

MCS CERTIFICATION FUND

The MCS certification fund will provide heating engineers with funds to pay their first year fees to become MCS certified on heat pumps (either air, ground or water source). This grant will pay 75% of the certification fees up to a maximum of £1,000 and will run until the end of March 2022 or until all funds have been allocated. Please note that funding cannot be offered retrospectively to those who are already MCS certified, this scheme is only for those are not yet MCS certified for heat pumps.

For more information on the fund and details on how to apply please visit the Energy Saving Trust website: <https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/grants-and-loans/mcs-certification-fund/>

CORRA FOUNDATION: SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT FUNDING DRUGS SERVICES FUNDS

LOCAL SUPPORT FUND

Rolling application programme

- Focused on community-based organisations which deliver frontline services to support people who use or used drugs, people in recovery and families affected by someone else's drug use.
- Funding of up to £50,000 per year for five years, which can be used for existing or expanded service delivery, general running costs, staffing, equipment, etc.

- Open to organisations with an annual income of up to £500,000 i.e. charities, social enterprises, community groups and other voluntary organisations

MICRO GRANTS

Rolling application programme

- Focused on small community-based groups which deliver frontline services to support people who use or used drugs, people in recovery and families affected by someone else's drug use.
- Funding of between £1,000 to £10,000 per year for up to five years.
- Open to organisations with an annual income of up to £50,000 i.e. charities, social enterprises or constituted community/voluntary groups that operate on a not-for-profit basis.

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19): BUSINESS VENTILATION FUND

Deadline: 31 March 2022

The Scottish Government's [Business Ventilation Fund](#) will help organisations improve ventilation and air quality on their premises to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. Organisations can claim up to £2,500 per eligible premises to recover the costs of carrying out work to improve ventilation and air quality. This could include:

- installing of carbon dioxide monitors
- repairs to windows and vents

To be eligible for funding, organisations must:

- be a small or medium-sized enterprise
- be in an eligible sector
- have physical premises
- pay non-domestic rates

Support will initially target high-risk settings where people come into close contact, such as restaurants, bars and gyms. Social enterprises, Trusts, Partnerships, Community Interest Companies or Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisations may apply for funding provided they meet all other [eligibility criteria](#).

Please visit the Scottish Government website to read the full guidance and complete the self-assessment form: [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): Business Ventilation Fund - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](#)

FLEXIBLE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FUND (FWDF)

(Access up to £5k of Funding for Training)

Deadline: 21 July 2022

The Flexible Workforce Development Fund is now available to all organisations operating within Scotland across the private, public or third sector through North East Scotland College (NESCol). Small and medium-sized enterprises can receive funding of up to £5,000. The fund can be used to completely cover training costs, or to partially

cover training at a higher cost. The deadline for applications is 31 July 2022. Don't delay as funds may be fully issued before this deadline.

UK GOVERNMENT - COMMUNITY OWNERSHIP FUND

Round 3 opens May 2022.

The UK government has launched a new £150 million Community Ownership Fund to help ensure that communities across England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland can support and continue benefiting from the local facilities, community assets and amenities most important to them. The priorities for the first round are to invest in projects which are ready to access capital funding and complete their projects within 6 months. Voluntary and community groups can bid for match funding to help them buy or take over local community assets at risk of being lost, to run as community-owned businesses. Funding may support the purchase and/or renovation costs of community assets and amenities.

Proposals will need to prove the value of the asset to local people and that the asset can run sustainably for the long-term benefit of the community. The fund will support a range of community ownership proposals. For example, projects may include: - sporting and leisure facilities - cinemas and theatres - music venues - museums - galleries - parks - pubs - post office buildings - shops The Community Ownership Fund will provide up to 50% of total capital costs, matching other funds and resources raised by the applicant. Bidders can also apply for some revenue funding to help with the associated revenue costs of taking an asset into community ownership. See the UK Government website for full details on criteria and eligibility

PATHS FOR ALL: THE SMARTER CHOICES, SMARTER PLACES (SCSP) OPEN FUND

The Smarter Choices, Smarter Places (SCSP) Open Fund aims to encourage people to change their everyday travel behaviours. Grants are available to encourage people to use buses and community car clubs for longer journeys; walking and cycling for short journeys, and home-working to replace daily commutes.

The Open Fund is available to support public, third and community sector organisations. The fund aims to help cut Scotland's carbon emissions and improve our air quality. It will also help reverse the trend towards sedentary lifestyles and will tackle health inequalities. Grants available are between £5000 and £50,000 and need to be match funded.

ESMÉE FAIRBAIRN FOUNDATION: IMPROVING OUR NATURAL WORLD

Grants are available to community or charitable organisations with annual income in excess of £100,000 for projects that preserve and improve species health and habitats; promote sustainable and ethical food; and ensure clean and healthy freshwater. Apply any time.

FOUNDATION SCOTLAND: BAILLIE GIFFORD GRASSROOTS SPORTS FUND

Grants up to £5,000 are available for small, grassroots sports organisations to enable people of all ages and abilities to participate in sport and improve the sustainability of clubs, including general running costs. Apply any time.

YOUTHLINK SCOTLAND SOCIAL ISOLATION AND LONELINESS FUND (ROUND TWO)

As part of the Scottish Government's commitment to addressing social isolation and loneliness, YouthLink Scotland has received £240,000 to allocate to youth work groups and organisations supporting young people most affected by social isolation and loneliness. Grants of up to £5,000 are available.