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DIRECTORY OF GRANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CAUSES (PRODUCED BY GCVS)

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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- A presentation about the fund is available at: [Investing in Communities Fund round two: draft guidance note - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](#)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 \(www.gov.scot\)](http://www.gov.scot)

FAMILY FUND SEEKING APPLICATIONS FROM FAMILIES IN SCOTLAND

Deadline: February 2022

Family Fund - a charity that provides grants to families raising a disabled or seriously ill child or young person - is calling for more families in Scotland to apply for a grant before February 2022. Thanks to funding from the Scottish Government, they have grants available for essential items such as clothing, computer equipment, family breaks, domestic appliances or sensory toys and play equipment.

SCOTTISH RECOVERY CONSORTIUM – RECOVERY SEED FUND

The Scottish Recovery Consortium (SRC) Recovery Seed Fund is available to all new (under 12 months) & unconstituted Lived Experience recovery groups/organisations, with an initial award of up to £5000 on offer to help towards start-up & running costs. A key advantage of this fund is the additional on-going support that will be given to develop your group/organisation to become sustainable, skilled and independent.

SCREEN SCOTLAND - FILM FESTIVALS FUND

Deadline: 31 December 2021

This fund is open to new and existing film festivals based in Scotland that present programmes to audiences, and to other constituted groups and sole traders based in Scotland, that meet the aims and criteria of this fund.

CREATIVE SCOTLAND - CREATE INCLUSION FUND

Deadline: 16 February 2022

This fund is to help increase the diversity of people in the arts and creative industries in Scotland.

CO-OP COMMUNITY FRIDGE FUND: ROUND 2

Deadline: 1 February 2022

Co-op has teamed up with the Hubbub Foundation to offer grants up to £4,000 to enable voluntary and community groups to establish new community fridge projects. Full support, guidance and resources are also available to ensure your new Fridge is a success.

NATIONAL EMERGENCIES TRUST: LOCAL ACTION FUND

NET has teamed up with Crowdfunder to offer match-funding grants up to £10,000 to voluntary and community organisations for a wide variety of projects to address the effects of the pandemic. NET will match-fund individual donations pound for pound. Apply any time.

MCS CERTIFICATION FUND

Having MCS certification in Scotland for heat pumps has never been more important as around 50% of homes will need to convert to zero or low emissions heating systems by 2030. Anyone installing a heat pump or other renewable systems under a Scottish Government scheme must be MCS certified.

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/>

SUPPORTING BIRTH PARENTS WHOSE CHILD(REN) HAVE BEEN PERMANENTLY REMOVED FROM THEIR CARE

Deadline: 12 noon on 27 January 2022

Managed by the [Corra Foundation](#), this Scottish Government fund aims to improve support for birth parents who no longer have care of their children on a permanent basis as a result of child protection processes. Funding will be awarded to organisations that are already working directly with birth parents who are or have been subject to Child Protection proceedings

THE WOMEN & GIRLS MATCH FUND

Deadline: 11 January 2022

Applications for the Big Give's new match funding campaign, [The Women and Girl's Match Fund](#), are open from Monday 13th December to Tuesday 11th January. The Women & Girls Match Fund is a week-long match funding campaign which will launch on International Women's Day 2022, Tuesday 8th March.

Up to £25,000 of match funding is available per charity. Match funds have been provided by DCMS' Tampon Tax fund.

As well as accessing Champion funds, evidence shows that donors are more likely to give, and to give more in match funding campaigns. The Big Give also offers a free suite of resources, training and guidance for all participating charities.

The Big Give is also hosting a webinar about the Women and Girls Match Fund on Tuesday 14th December at 12pm, we will provide further information about the campaign and answer any questions you may have. Sign up for the webinar [here](#).

OTHER FUNDS

SHETLAND CHARITABLE TRUST'S SMALL GRANTS SCHEME

Deadline: 26 January 2022

This fund can provide up to 75% of eligible costs and offer grants between £500 - £5,000 to groups with an annual turnover below £50,000. Community projects across a range of fields including social care and welfare, arts & culture, environment or sport & recreation may be considered.

Applicants are required to demonstrate how their project will contribute towards the Trust's ambitions of promoting inclusion and/or reducing inequalities in Shetland as well as the impact and outcomes delivered.

YOUTH MUSIC RECHARGE FUND

Deadline: 14 January 2022

Grants up to £90,000 over three years are available to voluntary organisations to support children and young people to make, learn or earn in music. Funding is intended to support post-COVID19 recovery to improve the capacity and capability of organisations.

CORRA FOUNDATION: SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT WINTER SUPPORT SMALL GRANTS FUND

Deadline: 27 January 2022, 12pm

Grants from £500 to £5,000 are available to small charities, community groups and social enterprises to support families and individuals on low incomes with vouchers or cash for food, fuel, household items, clothing or extra costs over the holiday period (for example gifts for children). **Apply by 16 December if funding is needed before Christmas.** Decisions will be made on a rolling basis and please note the fund may close early if all the money has been allocated.

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.

CORRA FOUNDATION: HENRY DUNCAN GRANTS - MICRO GRANTS

Deadline: 23 December 2021, 12pm

Open to small charities and voluntary groups supporting communities experiencing disadvantage to improve mental health and wellbeing by reducing isolation and loneliness. This includes Black, Asian, Minority Ethnic and rural communities. One-off grants of max. £1,000. Open to organisations with an annual income up to £50,000.

BSA - THE HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS CLIMATE CHANGE COMMUNITY GRANT

Deadline: 5pm on 31 January 2022

A new small grant of up to £4500 for Highlands and Islands groups to build partnerships with researchers and make a difference in your local community. This grant is funded by [UKRI](#) and delivered by the [British Science Association](#) (BSA) with local support from [Science Ceilidh](#) for projects adapting and responding to local climate change issues collaboratively with researchers to be delivered in April 2022 to October 2022.

Community groups – especially those who do not typically engage with science, research and innovation – are invited to apply for funding to support projects based on a new idea or building on existing work by the community that would benefit from partnership with a researcher.

They are also keen to hear from groups who are traditionally underrepresented in science, research and innovation (including through geography, socio-economic background or protected characteristics including Disability and ethnicity).

You do not need to have a connection with a researcher already but will be asked to think of potential ways you could work together and learn from each other through the project. We will then help match you to an appropriate researcher and provide support through the project if you are selected through the independent panel. These could include ideas on how we: grow and eat; travel sustainably; source and use sustainable power; live in the future; manage waste and consumption; and protect our natural environment and biodiversity.

They will be sharing ideas of how you could work with a researcher, what types of projects are eligible and answering any questions you may have through a webinar on Monday 13 December, 2 - 4pm. This will be captioned, BSL-interpreted and available afterwards to catch-up if you can't join live.

Funded projects will be notified in February, matched in March for delivery beginning in April until October 2022.

THE CIRCULAR FUTURE FUND: THE MILLION POUND CHALLENGE

Deadline: 9 January 2022

In partnership with Hubbub, the John Lewis Partnership is launching a £1 million fund to support trailblazing ideas and innovations that can accelerate the transition towards a more circular economy.

The Partnership would like to fund projects which will have a measurable impact (now or in the future), and a clear legacy. They are looking for innovators with pioneering new approaches to challenge the outdated 'take, make, dispose' model. Examples include rethinking waste with new products or materials, finding creative ways to shift consumer mindsets or developing new business models and services.

The three focus areas for the fund are:

- Textiles
- Household products, technology and services
- Food

The fund will support a small number of high quality, innovative projects to support over one year, starting in May 2022. Grants of between £150,000-£300,000 are available. Charities, Community Interest Companies, Social Enterprises and Academic Bodies are all eligible to apply.

SHETLAND COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING FUND

Deadline: 21 January 2022 (or when all funds are allocated)

Voluntary Action Shetland (VAS) is delighted to launch the Communities Health and Wellbeing Fund on behalf of the Scottish Government. In partnership with a range of local agencies and through the development of a local partnership plan, this Fund will support initiatives that supports adults in the community aged 16 years and above, which promote mental health and wellbeing at a small scale, grass roots, community level throughout Shetland. It will be accessible to groups, no matter how small or inexperienced they are, and can support new and existing groups or projects. These do not have to have mental health and wellbeing as their main focus, but their application does have to clearly benefit the mental wellbeing of people in their community.

Applications can be accepted from a range of voluntary, 'not for profit' organisations, associations, groups and clubs or consortiums/partnerships which have a strong community focus for their activities. Applications will be accepted from **19th November 2021** until **21st January 2022**. A maximum of £5,000 can be applied for to support activities until 31st March 2022.

WATCH AN INFORMATION SESSION ON THE FUND AT:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N3_rKyvxQII

For an application pack and for any initial enquiries please e-mail: vas@shetland.org or telephone: Market House Reception 01595 743900

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 \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/Topics/healthandcare/coronavirus/covid-19/business-ventilation-fund)

HIGHLANDS & ISLANDS CLIMATE CHANGE GRANT

Deadline: 31 January 2022

Grants of up to £4,500 are available to community groups who wish to work with a researcher to want to run a project on a local climate change issue that matters to your community. Eligible groups must be based in the Highlands & Islands area and projects seeking funding should take place between April – October

2022. Projects/activities could include:

- How we grow and eat food (food and farming)
- How to travel sustainably (sustainable transport)
- How to source and use sustainable power (energy, renewable)
- How and where we will live in the future (e.g. housing, de/repopulation, migration)
- How to manage waste and consumption (waste management and consumption) and;
- How to protect our natural environment and biodiversity (the natural environment and biodiversity e.g. addressing flooding, water shortage, habitat protection).

For more information see web link below:

[Highlands and Islands Climate Change Community Grant | British Science Association](#)

MUSEUMS GALLERIES SCOTLAND - SMALL GRANTS FUND

Deadline: 28th Jan 2022

This first round of the MGS Small Grants fund will focus on supporting accredited museums to get back on track after an extremely difficult year. It is designed to be flexible so that it can respond to the changing needs of the sector as it starts to recover from the impacts of the pandemic. It will cover small-scale project activity, as well as resource and activity that is not project based, providing it will deliver outcomes in one or more of these areas:

- Building organisational resilience
- Re-engaging with audiences
- Critical repairs and maintenance
- Environmental sustainability

FOUNDATION SCOTLAND: WOMEN'S FUND FOR SCOTLAND

Deadline: 10 January 2022

Grants up to £5,000 are available to constituted voluntary organisations for projects in Scotland that support women's development, self-sufficiency and social and economic equality. It makes grants across six key themes:

- Building skills and confidence
- Improving health and well-being
- Growing social connections
- Moving on from abuse
- Developing leadership and innovation
- Combating poverty and building financial resilience

The fund supports women's organisations, especially those run by and for women, community-based organisations running projects with women and girls, and projects supporting disadvantaged women and girls.

YOUNG COMPANY CAPITAL - ROUND 2

Deadline: 6 January 2022, 12pm

As part of a continued response to supporting economic recovery following the pandemic, this fund aims to stimulate an increase in regional employment for individuals aiming to move into self-employment whilst helping to support growth and resilience in young companies. The scheme can provide grant funding of up to 50% of eligible costs for capital equipment for start-up or young companies/social enterprises (less than five years old). In very exceptional circumstances a higher intervention level may be considered. The maximum grant available is £100k.

CREATIVE LIVES - TOGETHER AGAIN MICRO GRANTS

Deadline: 31 January 2022

As creative groups start to meet up in person again, Creative Lives is offering 18 micro-grants to help make that happen. In particular, these 'Together Again' grants are to help groups or projects based in areas of Scotland, or with participants, experiencing deprivation. You can use the grants for anything that will help your creative group meet up in person again (or help get a new group off the ground). Examples include:

- Enhanced cleaning for your venue
- Hall hire (if you temporarily need to move to a bigger space)
- To cover transport costs that enable participation (if using public transport is now difficult)
- To cover artists costs to reinvigorate or kick-start your activity
- New materials (e.g. if your art materials have been lost through lack of use; you can no longer share certain items)

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.

CREATIVE SCOTLAND - OPEN FUND FOR INDIVIDUALS

This fund is designed to support creative activity such as a specific project, production or a period of research and development. It can support an individual's time where this is related to specific creative outcomes. There are no deadlines for this fund – you can apply year-round.

UK GOVERNMENT - COMMUNITY OWNERSHIP FUND

Round 2 will open in December 2021 and Round 3 in 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.

[THOMAS WALL TRUST](#)

Deadline: 10 January 2022

Grants up to £5,000 are available to registered charities that empower disadvantaged adults to gain critical life skills necessary for employment. Priority for projects supporting people experiencing multiple deprivation, women, disabled people, refugees and asylum seekers.

[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.

[CLOTHWORKERS' COMPANY: CHARITY GOVERNANCE AWARDS](#)

Deadline: 26 January 2022

The Charity Governance Awards highlight inspirational success stories from charities that can demonstrate outstanding governance. They showcase how good charity governance has a direct impact to improve the lives of the people and causes they support. Boards can apply within four categories with prizes of £5,000 awarded to the winner of each category. Entry is free.

[VICTIM CENTRED APPROACH FUND](#)

The Victim-Centred Approach Fund (VCAF) is a new Scottish Government funding programme which will invest at least £10 million per year to provide practical and emotional support to victims, survivors and witnesses of crime across Scotland. The first round of the VCAF will open for applications in October 2021 and funding is available for three years from April 2022 until March 2025.

Applications are welcome from third sector organisations, community interest companies and public bodies that have a focus on providing support to victims,

survivors and witnesses of crime in Scotland. [Register your interest in applying to the VCAF.](#)

[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.

[SUSTRANS LOVE YOUR NETWORK GRANT](#)

Deadline: 6 February 2022

Community groups can apply for equipment and training to engage with spaces along the National Cycle Network and learn how to support its wildlife. Groups can access: Litter-picking equipment to transform the safety and attractiveness of your local path; Training with a wildlife expert to learn how to record the birds, bees and butterflies in your area. [Check out the Building Roots project which did just this](#); Access to tools, from trowels to scythes, to make more significant improvements to spaces along the Network.

[SHETLAND ARTS: VISUAL ARTIST AND CRAFT MAKER AWARDS](#)

Deadline: Tuesday 1 February 2022 (5pm)

Shetland Arts, in partnership with Creative Scotland and Shetland Islands Council, invite applications from artists and makers for bursaries of £500 or £750 towards their creative and professional development. The Visual Artist and Craft Maker Awards (VACMA) are a programme of small grant schemes, supported and administered by a range of local authorities and art agencies across Scotland to support visual artists and craft makers. There are two strands, one for Established Artists (£750) and one for Emerging Artists / Recent Graduates (£500).

SHETLAND COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND – ADVANCE GRANT SCHEME

The Advance Grant Scheme is financed by the Viking Community Fund, will run during the construction of the wind farm and is open to a wide range of organisations in Shetland – whether a local group or Shetland-wide – and even businesses and individuals in some circumstances

The scheme is run by Shetland Community Benefit Fund and only projects supported by one of the islands' 18 community councils can qualify for funding. There are two tiers for applications – Tier One for small projects of £50 – £500 and Tier Two for projects over £500. All the documents are available on the website. You are strongly advised to read the Guidelines for Applicants first. These will have to be accepted for any application to be successful. Please also read the SCBF policies.

There are separate application forms for Tier One and Tier Two applications. If you are wanting to apply for funding over £5,000 you must first [email](#) a summary of the proposal with costs to SCBF before any application is submitted. SCBF expects Tier Two applicants to seek other sources of funding to support your project. If you would like more information please email ags@scbf.org.uk or call [07538 417 175](tel:07538417175).