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5 THINGS TO THINK ABOUT AS COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING RETURNS

COVID-19 FUNDS: For full details of covid-19 related funding visit SCVO's Coronavirus Third Sector Information Hub.

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

RECENTLY ADDED

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:

- Monday 31 January, 1-2pm
- 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

CREATIVE SCOTLAND: CANCELLATION FUND FOR CULTURAL ORGANISATIONS

Opens: 26 January 2022

Deadline: 2 February 2022

Guidance for organisations seeking to apply to the COVID-19 Cancellation Fund for Cultural Organisations has now been published.

WEBINAR ON RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE FUND AND SOCIAL ENTERPRISE NET ZERO TRANSITION FUND

[Social Investment Scotland](#) (SIS) is hosting a webinar on Thursday, 10th February 2022 (2pm) that will go into more detail on two new Funds at the end of the year: The [Recovery & Resilience Fund](#) – targeted at larger charities and social enterprises looking for low-cost, long-term capital to shore up their reserves; and the [Social Enterprise Net Zero Transition Fund](#), which aims to help social sector organisations take their first step, or continue, their journey to net zero. See [Registration Form](#)

MUSEUMS GALLERIES SCOTLAND: CAPITAL RESILIENCE FUND

Deadline: 14 February 2022

Grants up to £75,000 for Scotland's museums to support capital costs that directly increase the resilience of museums. Please contact the MGS grants team before applying by the 14th February deadline.

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.

NATURE RESTORATION FUND

Deadline for Expression of Interest: 18 February 2022

Opening for a second round, the Nature Restoration Fund awarded 54 projects last year that restored wildlife and habitats and addressed biodiversity loss and climate change.

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.

TESCO'S LITTLE HELPS CAMPAIGN

Deadline: 6 February 2022

Tesco is calling for applications from groups for their newly launched campaign, Little Helps. The fund will distribute £5,000 to projects that benefit their local communities, particularly food provision and support to the young.

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.

Eligible organisations:

The following are eligible to apply to be part of the match funding programme:

- Registered charities, including charitable incorporated organisations
- Constituted organisations and non-registered charities
- Community interest companies
- Churches and other religious organisations (if the funded activity is not deemed to be proselytising).
- Other voluntary community organisations or those not constituted but deemed appropriate by Crowdfunder under this Programme would be eligible, with appropriate endorsement from the statutory body, charity, parochial church council or community foundation etc.

Eligible services include:

- Health and wellbeing services
- Activities that relieve pressure on local statutory services
- Services for vulnerable people self-isolating
- Services addressing food poverty
- Community response coordination
- Services supporting those experiencing, or at risk of, domestic abuse, those facing homelessness and those working with refugees and or asylum seeker communities
- Services supporting young people's access to education
- Services supporting those in poverty or at risk of poverty

OTHER FUNDS (PREVIOUSLY LISTED):

CORRA FOUNDATION - #SHIFTPower 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.

HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS CLIMATE CHANGE COMMUNITY GRANTS

Deadline: 31 January 2022, 5pm

Community groups in the Highlands and Islands are encouraged to apply for a grant of up to £4,500 to run projects on climate change issues in collaboration with researchers from the British Science Association (BSA) through the Climate Change Community Grants Scheme.

For those that missed the webinar, the recording is [here](#). The full guidance documents, FAQ and slides are [here](#).

They are keen to see evidence in the project proposal of wide engagement from a community - think "bottom-up" rather than "top-down" - in terms of the need, decision-making and activities with the researcher too.

Details about what the role of the researcher is covered [here](#). You don't need to have worked with a researcher before and you don't need to have partnered with one before the deadline - just tell us what your idea is and how a researcher might be able to help in terms of exchanging (in both directions!) skills, knowledge and supporting action.

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.

SCOTTISH EDGE

Deadline: 15th February 2022

Scottish EDGE is a competition aimed at identifying and supporting Scotland's up-and-coming, innovative, high-growth potential entrepreneurial talent. You should have an ambitious growth strategy and a commitment to deliver upon it. You must be head-

quartered in, or relocating to, Scotland and aiming to attain at a minimum £200K of increased sales over the next three years.

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.

CORRA FOUNDATION - WINTER SUPPORT SMALL GRANTS FUND

Deadline: 2nd February 2022

The purpose of the Winter Support Small Grants Fund is to provide small grants to charities and community groups across Scotland who can pass the funding on to families and individuals on low incomes. They expect that successful applicants to this fund will be organisations who are already supporting families and individuals on low incomes through other activities.

This might include projects such as: children's groups, lunch clubs, churches/faith groups, youth groups, food pantries/banks. Examples of what cash payments or vouchers could cover: - food/essential items - fuel costs - phone/internet costs - warm clothing - extra costs over the holiday season (for example gifts for children) - other essentials that you can show are needed by the people you support.

UFI CHARITABLE TRUST - VOCTECH SEED

There will be two VocTech Seed calls in 2022:

Call 1 opens on 12 January and closes at 5pm on 9 February 2022

Call 2 opens on 15 June and closes at 5pm on 13 July 2022

Next Deadline: 9 February 2022

The VocTech Seed fund helps create a pipeline of new learning solutions by supporting innovative and creative projects at an early stage of development, enabling new ideas to reach a point where they can demonstrate their potential to customers or funders and reach the market. Funding is to support the development of early stage ideas, small scale testing, proof of concept work and the development of strategies to scale once Ufi funding has ended.

This call will support projects that show the potential to have a real impact in the world of vocational learning, and to ultimately make a difference to how people learn and to the number of people gaining new skills. Projects must aim to improve outcomes for learners and improve the quality of vocational teaching and training.

SEA-CHANGERS COASTAL FOUNTAIN FUND 2022

Deadline: 13 February 2022

The purpose of the fund is to reduce the impact of single-use plastic water bottles on coastal habitats by funding communities to purchase water drinking fountains and install them for use by the public in busy or environmentally important areas. So far we've funded 10 fountains around the UK with more imminent!

Grants of up to £2,000 are available, per applicant, towards the cost of a fountain.

We welcome applications from all types of not-for-profit organisations who have identified a need and are well-placed to get the stakeholder involvement needed to make the project a success. We particularly welcome applications from Wales, Scotland and Northeast and Northwest England as these areas have been under-represented in previous years.

WORKPLACE EQUALITY FUND

Deadline: 11th of 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.

LET'S DO NET ZERO: OFF ELECTRICITY GRID COMMUNITIES FUND

Deadline for Expressions of Interest: 31 January 2022

This fund aims to decarbonise and future-proof the existing local independent electrical grids of those communities that are not connected to the national electricity grid. CARES funding available through this call is to develop and deliver specific capital projects.

There is no specific deadline for full applications for this funding call. However, to provide an indication of likely budget requirements please complete and submit the expression of interest by 31 January 2022.

For more information on the fund, please email info@localenergy.scot

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.

- What will we fund?

We will fund live-action and animated features, and live-action and animated high-end television drama series that demonstrate the ability to create employment opportunities for crew, that utilise production facilities companies based in Scotland, provide co-production opportunities for producers based in Scotland and that deliver a direct and significant economic benefit to the screen production sector in Scotland.

- What can I apply for?

→ Awards are likely to range from £200,000 up to a maximum of £500,000.

→ The ratio of the Estimated Scottish Spend to the level of funding requested should be a minimum of 8:1.

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.

This can include the cancellation or deferral of performances, productions, exhibitions and shows from which freelancers would have received income.

You will need to provide a CV and written evidence that you had a performance, exhibition or show planned, and separate written evidence that it has been cancelled or deferred. This fund has a set budget and it is anticipated that there will be a high level of demand – so if you are eligible, you are advised to apply as soon as possible.

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](https://www.changeworks.org.uk) 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 \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/resources/publications/2021/12/Investing-in-Communities-Fund-round-two-draft-guidance-note/)

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)

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.

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 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.

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.

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.