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5 THINGS TO THINK ABOUT AS COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING RETURNS

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

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SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT FUNDING - INVESTING IN COMMUNITIES FUND ICF ROUND 2: 2023-2026 - INFORMATION WEBINAR SESSIONS

The Scottish Government will be hosting an hour webinar session on Wednesday 8 December 2021 (1400-1500) for interested stakeholders and prospective applicants as part of pre-launch activity for the next round of the Investing in Communities Fund (ICF), which is currently anticipated to open for applications towards the end of March or early April 2022.

The Investing in Communities Fund aims to support community anchor organisations based in the places they serve by delivering activity across the following four areas for action in our most disadvantaged and fragile communities across Scotland:

- tackling poverty and inequality;
- sustaining place-based approaches;
- community-led regeneration;
- ensuring a just transition to net zero.

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.

SOCIAL INVESTMENT SCOTLAND - SOCIAL ENTERPRISE NET ZERO TRANSITION FUND

The Social Enterprise Net Zero Transition Fund is designed to support social enterprises and the wider third sector to make the transition to carbon net zero. The purpose of this **loan fund** is to support social sector organisations in their journey to become carbon neutral, and to develop the circular economy. Through the fund, they are interested in supporting activities that will reduce carbon footprint.

Organisations 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.

Loans of between £10,000 - £1,500,000 may be considered and must be repaid in full by 31 March 2031. Small grants up to £20,000 may also be available for projects with a particular focus and carbon reduction outcomes.

SIS will also be running two workshops providing background on the purpose of the fund, who is eligible and how to apply:

- [Tuesday, 7th Dec at 1pm](#)
- [Monday, 13th Dec at 12.30pm](#)

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.

TRANSPORT SCOTLAND - FERRIES ACCESSIBILITY FUND

Deadline: 17 December 2021

The fund supports the Accessible Travel Framework for Scotland, whose purpose is to:

- Support disabled people's rights by removing barriers and improving access to travel
- Ensure disabled people are fully involved in work to improve all aspects of travel.
- There must be a clear link into active and sustainable travel and be linked to ferry passage, particularly in areas such as sustainable communities, the built environment and encouraging multi-modal travel.

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.

CASHBACK FOR COMMUNITIES YOUTH WORK FUND

Deadline: 17 December 2021, 1pm

Youthlink Scotland is now receiving applications for the latest round of the Scottish Government's Cashback for Communities Youth Work Fund. Funded projects are required to take place between 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023.

Projects are required to delivery targeted youth work activity programmes for young people between 10 and 24 years of age that:

- Support young people most at risk of being involved in antisocial behaviour, offending or re-offending into positive destinations
- Support young people most at risk of entering the justice system.

OTHER FUNDS

SHETLAND COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING FUND

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](#).

SHETLAND ISLANDS COUNCIL PHASE 2 OF ITS DISCRETIONARY FUND
Deadline: 13 December 2021, 5pm

This new grant is specifically targeted at those that have been without Scottish Government financial support since October 2020 following the adoption of Scotland's Strategic Framework.

Grants of £4,000 will be available to sole traders and micro businesses (1-9 employees), or £10,000 for small business (10-49 employees). Applicants must:

- have a primary base of operations in Shetland
- trade as a sole trader; micro business (1-9 employees); or small business (10-49 employees)
- have been actively trading in the period up to 31 October 2021
- normally have an annual sales/income over £3,000
- have experienced a significant drop in income as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and restrictions, with at least a 20% reduction in the period 1 April to 30 June 2021 compared to the same period in 2019
- not be connected to a tax haven as set out in the [Coronavirus \(Scotland\) \(No 2\) Act 2020](#)

Businesses will not be eligible if:

- they have received a grant through the Strategic Framework Business Fund and/or Islands Equivalent Payment, or the first phase of the Discretionary Fund
- they are classed as Taxi, Private Hire and Coach Operator, Mobile Close Contact Service, Travel Agent, Tour Guide or Operator, Visitor Attraction, Wedding and Events venue, accommodation provider or any other category of business which has been eligible for other funding via the Scottish Government
- they are in administration, insolvent or a striking-off notice has been made
- they have breached wider COVID regulations/requirements leading to enforcement action

Once you have read the guidance provided using the link below, and if you are still not sure whether you are eligible, or whether you have received a grant through the Strategic Framework Business Fund, Islands Equivalent or the first phase of the Discretionary Fund, please get in touch. We can check this for you – email us at businessgateway@shetland.gov.uk or call 01595 707451 (noting these grants were mostly paid out in February and March 2021).

If you previously applied to the Discretionary fund under Phase 1, you may still apply to Phase 2, providing all criteria can be met.

Please use this link for more information and how to apply online:
<https://www.shetland.gov.uk/grants/covid-19-discretionary-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](#)

CO-OP CARBON INNOVATION FUND

Opens: 22 November; Deadline: 10 December, 12pm

Grants up to £100,000 are available to voluntary organisations for community projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Carbon Innovation Fund will support projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and could be related to one of the following:

- Farming and food production practices
- Initiatives around regenerative agriculture/agro-ecology
- Community supported agriculture initiatives
- Supporting diversity, resilience and learning amongst key players in the food & farming sector
- Behaviour change (among consumers or producers)

THE ALEC DICKSON TRUST

Deadline: 13 December 2021

The Trust supports young people who are able to demonstrate that through volunteering or community service they can enhance the lives of others, particularly those most marginalised by society. They especially welcome the opportunity to support innovative projects. In this round, the Trust welcomes applications from UK-based volunteering or community service projects, organised and run by people under 30 years old, which directly or indirectly respond to COVID-19.

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.

THE ARNOLD CLARK COMMUNITY FUND

Up to £1k available for organisations who work in areas supporting Food Banks, Toy Banks, Housing & Accommodation and Poverty Relief

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.

NATIONAL LOTTERY COMMUNITY FUND- PLATINUM JUBILEE FUND

Deadline: 5pm, 15 December 2021

A £3.5 million fund which will provide grants of up to £50,000 to 70 impactful community projects across the UK, celebrating Her Majesty's 70 years of public service. It will fund projects across the UK to mark the Platinum Jubilee. Up to £50K available over 2 years, with applications needing to fit one or more of:

- **Across Generations:** Strengthening relationships between generations and creating a legacy for future generations.
- **Community Renewal:** Supporting new opportunities for people to develop skills and experiences in their local community, as well as opportunities to bring people together in new ways, and in new or different places and spaces.
- **Our Shared Natural World:** Deepening our care and action locally for the natural world.

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.

CONNECTING SCOTLAND

Deadline Extended to 12 December 2021

Connecting Scotland is a Scottish Government programme set up to tackle digital exclusion during the coronavirus crisis. It is delivered with the support of local councils, [SCVO](#) and a wide [range of organisations](#) from across Scotland and the UK. [Previous application rounds](#) have targeted those at high clinical risk from coronavirus, families with children, young care leavers, older people and disabled people.

They are now inviting 'fast track' applications from organisations working to tackle poverty and inequality. If you apply through this process you are committing to distribute devices and provide basic monitoring information within 14 days of receipt. This means you should already know who you plan to support prior to applying. Organisations can apply for support for up to 10 people they are currently working with. This support can include:

- Digital devices – iPads and/or Chromebooks
- Internet connectivity – a mobile WiFi hotspot with 24 months unlimited data
- Training and support – for staff and volunteers to become 'digital champions' to support people to use the internet confidently and safely

[Fast track applications](#) are intended for organisations who can identify specific people they are currently working with that meet the eligibility criteria and have capacity to deliver devices to them quickly this autumn/winter.

THE WILLIAM SYSON FOUNDATION: FUNDING FOR SCOTTISH ARTS

Small grants up to £5,000 and larger grants are available to third sector organisations operating within the Scottish arts sector. Applications are invited this winter for projects and activities that promote the advancement of the visual arts, performing arts, literature and heritage. The fund has a rolling application process.

PETPLAN CHARITABLE TRUST: WELFARE GRANTS

Deadline: 10 December 2021

Grant funding is available to animal welfare registered charities to benefit the health and welfare of dogs, cats, horses and rabbits.

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.

BANK OF SCOTLAND FOUNDATION: REACH GRANTS PROGRAMME

Opens 6 December and closes 16 December

Grants up to £25,000 are available to registered charities for projects that address social exclusion and disadvantage. Prepare in advance because the application window timescale is short.

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.

THE HEDLEY FOUNDATION

The Hedley Foundation supports small to medium sized UK charities to help and improve the quality of life of people in the UK, particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds. Funding Categories are:- Youth Support; Disability Support; Supporting the Elderly & Terminally Ill and Miscellaneous (projects to support carers, homeless people, ex-offenders and those about to leave custody). The next trustee meeting is 26th Jan and applications are invited at least 6 weeks beforehand.

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.

THE SPORTSMAN'S CHARITY

Deadline: Ongoing

Funds raised at the Sportsman's Charity Dinner (February 2022) will be distributed to registered Scottish charities for specific projects relating to sport, children and young people, and people living with disability and disadvantage. They have a special interest in supporting smaller charities.

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.](#)

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.

INTERNATIONAL TREE FOUNDATION: UK COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING

Deadline: 16 December 2021

Community groups and schools can apply for small scale projects (up to £1,000 for small community woodland, orchards, hedging projects, etc.) or for larger scale projects (1000 – 5000 trees) up to £6,000 is available.

CROWN ESTATE SCOTLAND: CAPITAL INVESTMENT CHALLENGE FUNDS – LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS

Deadline: Friday 10 December 2021, 5pm

This fund is a commitment to support and develop local communities through commercial investment of capital, particularly where they complement existing or planned interventions that deliver place-based projects on the ground. We are seeking to identify investment opportunities to grow revenue and capital value, whilst delivering benefits to coastal and rural communities linked to the Scottish Crown Estate through projects that involve local partnerships. Submissions should be made to partnershipsfund@crownestatescotland.com.

For full details on the fund, its criteria and the application process, please see the [Stage 1 Application Form which is available here](#).

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.

THE NATURESAVE TRUST

Deadline: 31 December 2021

Grants of between £500 to £2,500 are available for environmental projects provided by charities, voluntary and grassroots organisations. Priority is given for nature conservation, biodiversity improvements, installation of renewable energy systems and projects that help to create more sustainable communities.

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).

SUSTRANS SCOTLAND: POCKET PLACES PROGRAMME

Expressions of Interest are reviewed three times a year (around March, July and November)

Grants up to £25,000 are available for community groups, housing associations and other community-led initiatives for ideas that could make your street a more pleasant, greener place to live in and make it safer for walking, wheeling and cycling. Glasgow is a priority area. They are looking for quick, low cost ideas that could have an immediate benefit and significant impact within a short time scale or with a small budget.

SHARED CARE SCOTLAND - SHORT BREAKS FUND: BETTER BREAKS

The programme provides 12 month grants to third sector organisations to develop and deliver short breaks projects and services for children and young people with disabilities (aged 20 and under), and their carers (adult and/or young carers). Projects must be able to evidence how their activities will benefit both children and young people with disabilities and their carers, by providing a break from their normal routine. These breaks should increase opportunities for children and young people to engage in activities they enjoy, give carers a break from their caring role, and improve wellbeing for all involved. Grants are for one year and will be awarded in March 2022.