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RECENTLY ADDED / HIGHLIGHTED FUNDS

NAME	DEADLINE	DESCRIPTION
<u>ABERLOUR URGENT ASSISTANCE FUND</u>		<p>Aberlour's Urgent Assistance Fund can provide immediate relief to families with children (aged 21 and under, or 25 and under if the child is care experienced) who are suffering extreme hardship. Families who are struggling to provide food, heating and clothing for their children.</p> <p>This support is usually via cash grants to assist with a range of needs, such as food, utilities, clothing, bedding, appliance repairs, replacement of appliances that have failed, or other essentials. To qualify for cash grants from the Trust:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There must be a child in the family who is 21 or under (or 25 and under if the child is care experienced). • That child must be facing hardship. <p>Applications must be endorsed and submitted by a sponsor e.g. social workers, health care professionals, teachers, clergy and third sector organisations. Sponsors can apply using the online form on the Aberlour website.</p>
<u>AIA RESTORATION GRANTS</u>	31st March 2026	<p>Grants up to £30,000 are available for major projects and £10,000 for small projects, for the restoration of historically, technically, architecturally, and/or archaeologically important industrial buildings, structures, machinery, vehicles and vessels within the UK. The application needs to relate to a single, tangible structure or artefact, or a cohesive collection of artefacts such as machine-tools in a workshop.</p>
<u>ALLIANCE FOR YOUTH ORGANISING - EXPLORE FUND</u>	16 Feb 2026	<p>The Alliance for Youth Organising will provide five grants of £15,000 for projects exploring gaps in action or understanding for the youth organising field. These grants will use an action learning approach.</p> <p>The Alliance intends that the five successful projects will be connected and learn from each other. Explore community convenings will take place at the beginning, middle and end of the grant period. These will be online, with additional funding provided to cover costs of any face-to-face meeting. The Alliance will also facilitate connections within its networks and funded community in support of the projects and the sharing of learning.</p>
<u>ART FUND - STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES</u>	16 January 2026	<p>Grants are available to harness the talent of university students to help realise a project at a museum or gallery in the UK. Grants of up to £10,000 are available. Art Fund will consider 100% funding towards the costs associated with paying students for their time to help cultural organisations deliver projects.</p>

<u>BAIRDWATSON CHARITABLE TRUST</u>	6th February 2026	<p>The Bairdwatson Charitable Trust provides grants in Scotland for work relating to training for employment, employment support and vocational skills. It is particularly interested in employment and skills training for young people who are unemployed and in re-training, and support for unemployed people to get them back into work.</p>
<u>BENEFACT GROUP - MOVEMENT FOR GOOD</u>		<p>Movement for Good awards are available to charities that are changing people's lives for the better. The public can nominate a charity they would like to see receive the money and competition winners will then be drawn at random.</p> <p>They have supported a range of causes, from funding heat pads to keep hedgehogs warm to helping a telephone befriending service for isolated carers.</p> <p>Between Jan 1st – Dec 2026, during this time anyone can nominate their favourite charity or charities for an award of £1,000 – it's one nomination per charity, per person. The more nominations a charity gets, the better their chances of being drawn, so once you've nominated please share with your network. There are three £1,000 draws in 2026, so the earlier you nominate, the more chances your charity has of being drawn.</p> <p>Once nominated, you will remain in the draw for 2026 (excepting special draws, see below).</p> <p>There will be three special draws throughout 2026, with awards of £5,000 for each of the following categories: Animals & wildlife; Health & wellbeing; & Community.</p> <p>If your charity is in the £1,000 draw, they'll need to be entered into the special draw too if eligible.</p> <p>Draws are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 23-27 March (£1,000) • 11-24 May (£5,000 - Health & Wellbeing) • 22 June - 5 July (£5,000 - Community) • 7-11 September (£1,000) • 5-18 October (£5,000 - Animals & Wildlife) • 1-16 December (£1,000)
<u>BRITISH ECOLOGICAL SOCIETY - OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT GRANTS</u>	Opens: 12th January 2026	<p>Grants are available to deliver independent outreach, public engagement and science communication activities that engage public audiences with the excitement, importance and relevance of ecological science or enhance the experience and skills of others to communicate ecology with public audiences.</p> <p>The grant will support diverse formats that reach and engage public audiences in innovative, creative and impactful ways, whether through in-person events, digital formats, or physical resources.</p>

<u>CABWI CHARITY</u>	26th January 2026	<p>Funding towards learning and development that enables young people and adults to gain additional skills and confidence to enter the labour market.</p> <p>They support applications that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with individuals with complex barriers to employment, enabling them to move closer or into employment, including but not restricted to ex-service personnel and ex-offenders. • To work directly with young people and adults who are not in employment, education, or training (NEET), to improve their access to employment and the labour market. • Increase the life skills of people so that they may further develop their careers, with a particular focus on the water, utilities, and construction industries. <p>In 2026 they will be particularly keen to support innovative approaches that highlight new ideas/ways of tackling barriers to training and employment.</p>
<u>CLIMATE ACTION HUB FUNDING — HIGHLANDS & ISLANDS CLIMATE HUB</u>		<p>The Climate Action Fund is back, offering small grants of up to £1,000 to support new community-led climate projects across Highland, Orkney, and Shetland. Whether you're planning a local event, starting a new group, or launching a sustainability project, this fund can help bring your ideas to life. Projects funded must be able to complete and report on the impact of their project by 28th February 2026.</p>
<u>COCKAIGNE FUND (FOUNDATION SCOTLAND)</u>	Ongoing	<p>The Fund supports creative, challenging, and original projects that explore cultures and traditions, past and present with a particular interest in historically-informed projects related to classical and traditional music of all periods.</p> <p>The Fund may also consider community projects that push boundaries, strive for excellence, and enable people to access new musical experiences. Priority is given to projects leading to public performance or sharing – the decision-making panel includes people from classical, traditional, and community music backgrounds in which they are all still active, and understand the importance of live performance.</p>
<u>CRAFT POTTERY CHARITABLE TRUST - CERAMIC ART: GRANTS TO ARTISTS</u>	15 January 2026	<p>Small grants are available to studio ceramic artists in the UK to support their professional practice, research, and the development of new work. Grants of up to £1,500 are available.</p>
<u>DELAMERE DAIRY FOUNDATION</u>	Opens: 1 January 2026	<p>Applications are welcome from charities and organisations whose purpose fits with the objects of the Delamere Dairy Foundation for the benefit of the public, which are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The advancement of agriculture and of environmental protection • The advancement in life of young people by developing their capabilities so that they may mature as contributory members of society

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The relief of financial hardship • The advancement of education • The relief of sickness <p>Applications are open in Spring and Autumn.</p>
<u>FORTE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION</u>	Check website	<p>Grants range from £10,000 to £100,000 are available for voluntary sector organisations delivering family support services across the UK, with an annual maximum of £50,000, and can be awarded for project periods spanning one to three years.</p> <p>Funding can cover core operational expenses, including salaries, running costs, and project-specific activities, with project costs limited to 50% of the total project budget.</p> <p>Initiatives need to address complex family challenges:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early intervention programmes • Support for families struggling with addiction • Assistance for families of prisoners
<u>GROW WILD COMMUNITY PROGRAMME</u>	4 February 2026, 3pm	<p>Grants of up to £2,000 are available to support 23 community-led projects across the UK that want to bring local people together to transform urban areas by sowing and growing UK native wildflowers and/or fungi. Successful groups can also apply for a £500 follow-on grant for spring 2027 to support ongoing activities, along with access to tailored online training sessions and opportunities to connect with other participating groups.</p>
<u>HIE - CALL FOR MARINE ECONOMY PROJECTS</u>	EOI closing date is Wednesday 21 January 2026.	<p>We're seeking innovative, large-scale projects to drive sustainable growth in the blue economy to form a bid to the UK Government's Local Innovation Partnership Fund. If our bid is successful, up to £20 million over five years could be available to accelerate commercialisation and help turn ideas into reality.</p> <p>Important: This is not a funding application. We're asking for project ideas to include in a regional bid led by HIE. The stronger the bid, the better chance of securing funding.</p>
<u>HIE- PEATLAND RESTORATION FUND</u>	EOI closing date of 30 January 2026.	<p>We're helping businesses play a vital role in tackling climate change. Through our Peatland Restoration Fund, eligible contractors in the Highlands and Islands can access grants of up to £25,000 to adapt excavators for sensitive peatland work. This funding supports conversions to wide tracks and tilt rotator hitches, making restoration safer and more efficient</p>
<u>IMPROVING ACCESS FUND</u>	19 th January, 12pm	<p>Administered by Inspiring Scotland this Fund is a key part of the Scottish Government's £3 million Disability Equality Plan. Jointly designed with Disabled People's Organisations, the Fund will provide grants for projects that improve access to essential services and promote independent living, choice, and participation.</p> <p>It will focus on three priorities:</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accessible financial advice and support • Inclusive participation in communities and everyday life • Better mental health and wellbeing. <p>The aim of the Improving Access Fund is to advance equality for disabled people by supporting peer-led initiatives that align with the social model of disability. The Fund will enable financial support for disabled households, promote full inclusion and participation, and improve mental health outcomes for disabled people.</p> <p>Key Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding is for the delivery of activities from April 2026 to March 2027. • A total of £1.5 million is available. • Organisations can apply for up to £80,000, or up to £5,000 if they are not incorporated.
<u>INSPIRING SCOTLAND - DEMENTIA RESILIENT COMMUNITIES FUND</u>	4 Feb 2026, 12pm	<p>This fund will invest in national projects that strengthen and expand dementia community supports across Scotland by developing a sustainable national infrastructure that will improve the lives of people with dementia and their care partners.</p> <p>The fund will invest in national projects that will help to achieve the following outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local communities have increased capacity and resources to provide dementia support and address gaps and unmet needs • A sustainable national infrastructure is established, enabling long-term growth and coordination of dementia community supports across Scotland. • Collaboration between national organisations and local groups is strengthened, creating a more connected and resilient network of dementia community supports which deliver best practice. • Systemic barriers and inequalities in accessing community supports are removed, increasing people’s access to culturally appropriate services. <p>Organisations must be working on a national basis and be able to demonstrate they are taking a strategic approach to developing the infrastructure of community support across Scotland. Projects must support both people with dementia and their care partners/unpaid carers. Funding is for the delivery of projects from April 2026 to March 2027.</p>
<u>JAMES TUDOR FOUNDATION - MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMME</u>	6th February 2026	The Mental Health programme from the James Tudor Foundation supports UK-registered charities that help children and young people recovering from Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and parents affected by ACEs, mental illness, or addiction.
<u>JOSEPH ROWNTREE CHARITABLE TRUST -</u>	Registration: Monday, February 16, 2026	The JRCT want to support people to create a world in which power is more equally shared, and in which powerful institutions are responsive and accountable to wider society and aligned with the long-term public interest. Their funding priorities are:

<u>POWER AND ACCOUNTABILITY</u>	Deadline: Monday, March 2, 2026, 10am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening corporate accountability • Strengthening democratic accountability • Encouraging responsible media
<u>JUST ENOUGH BRAVE - GOOD BUSINESS FUND</u>	15 Jan 2026	<p>The Good Business Fund is a grant offered to charities and social enterprises. If your organisation is passionate about making a positive impact then this grant may be for you.</p> <p>The Good Business Fund is Just Enough Brave's way of championing environmental sustainability and supporting organisations that share their vision. They want to hear from charities, social enterprises, and businesses that have a clear and positive environmental or social purpose and are dedicated to making a real difference in the world. If you're one of them, they're eager to join forces with you!</p> <p>Alongside Just Enough Brave's digital partner Altitude Design, every year, they offer up to £15,000 worth of free creative and digital consultancy time.</p>
<u>KFC YOUTH FOUNDATION - COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAMME</u>	Opens: 12th January 2026	<p>The KFC Foundation welcomes funding applications from organisations which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benefit young people aged 11-25 years old • Supports those in a position of social disadvantage (i.e. care leavers, those experiencing homelessness, young carers, young parents, young people at risk of or with experience of the criminal justice system) • Support by providing spaces that allow young people to feel safe and secure, helping to unlock talent and build life skills, provide mentoring and improve their chances to gain meaningful employment. • Ultimately empower all young people to fulfil their potential and build a positive future. • Will demonstrate positive results from their project within 12 months of our funding being received <p>To apply, submit a two minute video and complete an online expression of interest form which can be accessed from the Foundation's website. If you are shortlisted after the first stage, you will be asked to complete a more detailed application on the application portal.</p>
<u>MACMILLAN CARE GRANTS</u>	23 January 2026	<p>The CARE Grants Programme supports community organisations across the UK to tackle unfairness in cancer care. We want to fund projects that challenge the current system and create lasting change for people facing the greatest barriers to care.</p> <p>We will fund projects under three themes:</p> <p>1. Cultural Responsiveness in Cancer Care Projects that help healthcare services better understand and meet the cultural needs of different communities and remove barriers to person-centred care.</p>

		<p>2. Shared Decision-Making Projects that make it easier for people to understand their treatment options, take part in decisions about their cancer care, and reduce unfair differences in how this happens.</p> <p>3. Dementia-Friendly Cancer Care Projects that support people living with both cancer and dementia, improve their care experience, and help them and their carers take part in treatment decisions.</p>
<u>MUSEUMS GALLERIES SCOTLAND - INNOVATION FUND</u>	1 Feb 2026	The fund supports museums to develop innovative, ambitious, and experimental activities that directly improve the museum's financial position. Both Accredited and non-Accredited museums can apply for grants between £20,000 and £250,000.
<u>MUSEUMS GALLERIES SCOTLAND - SMALL GRANTS FUND</u>	<p>Re-opens: 26th November 2025</p> <p>Deadline: 21st January 2026</p>	<p>The Small Grant Fund supports museums to develop their work and deliver against the priority areas of Scotland's museums and galleries Strategy. The fund can support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small scale project work • Acquisition of equipment and other resources to address time specific needs • Preparation and scoping work to plan and inform future strategic development
<u>MUSEUMS GALLERIES SCOTLAND - UNLOCKING POTENTIAL FUND</u>	1 Feb 2026	The fund helps museums to address issues that are currently preventing them from building financial sustainability. This can include outdated systems, poor website functionality, or a skills deficit. Both Accredited and non-Accredited museums can apply for grants between £10,000 and £100,000.
<u>MUSIC FOR ALL - COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING</u>	14th January 2026	Music for All is delighted to be offering an exciting opportunity for youth clubs to apply for an award made up of tech/studio equipment plus cash grants of between £1000 and £6000. Organisations must be developing music provision for local young people by providing music making opportunities outside of their school/higher education setting.
<u>RICHARD AND SIOBHÁN COWARD FOUNDATION - COMMUNITY PHOTOGRAPHY GRANTS</u>	<p>Opens: 18 January</p> <p>Closes: 12pm, 2 April 2026</p>	<p>Grants of between £500 and £1,500 are available to support the provision of participatory projects which seek to improve the health and wellbeing of children and young people under 25. The use of photography must be a core element of the project.</p> <p>The Foundation funds projects for children and young adults under the age of 25 to take part in organised activities that allow them hands-on experience of photographic techniques. Activities must have the ultimate aim of achieving a beneficial therapeutic effect on the children's or young people's physical and/or mental health and wellbeing. Projects can use either digital or analogue photography.</p>

<u>ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND SOCIAL & COMMUNITY CAPITAL</u>		<p>Social & Community Capital is a charity funded by Royal Bank of Scotland to help social enterprises, charities and community businesses. They provide funding and support for organisations based in the key focus areas of Midlands, North West of England and Scotland who don't qualify for mainstream finance.</p> <p>There are four loans to meet different needs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Property Purchase Loan: Funding to renovate or purchase a property. Apply for £30k to £500k. • Flexible Growth Funding: Looking to grow and increase your impact. Apply for £30k to £350k. • Working Capital Loan Flexible finance to cover overheads and smooth out cashflow. Apply for £30k to £250k. • Bridging Loan: Pay VAT or cover overheads before grant funding arrives. Apply for £30k to £250k. <p>To apply call 0207 672 1411 or email <u>rbsscc@rbs.co.uk</u>, or complete the enquiry form online via their website.</p>
<u>SAFEDEPOSITS SCOTLAND COMMUNITY FUND</u>	27th February	<p>Designed to provide small grants (£5,000) to projects enhancing communities across Scotland. They can support a wide range of projects from enhancing play areas to planting trees, and from providing isolated individuals with social opportunities and helping young people prepare for work.</p>
<u>SHETLAND CHARITABLE TRUST</u>	23rd January 2026	<p>Shetland Charitable Trust's two small grant schemes are currently open to applications.</p> <p>Innovation Grant Scheme Under the Innovation Grants Scheme criteria, the Trust accepts applications from any constituted community group or registered charity. Innovation Grants are a one-off award up to a maximum of £3,000 per applicant, and it can fully or part fund a range of initiatives.</p> <p>Small Grant Scheme Under Small Grants criteria, the Trust accepts applications from any constituted community group or registered charity with an annual income of less than £100,000. Small Grant Scheme has a maximum award of £5,000 per applicant, per year.</p>
<u>SHETLAND'S GREEN PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING (PB) PROGRAMME</u>		<p>Do you have an idea, big or small, that could make your community greener, more resilient, or more sustainable? Whether you're part of a local group, club, or development organisation, this is your chance to make it happen! The Green PB project will distribute grants of up to £7,500 to community projects taking action on climate change. Funding will be decided by public vote at an event in March 2026.</p> <p>Funding is available for projects that help protect Shetland's environment, reduce carbon emissions, and strengthen our communities. You don't need to be a climate expert, we'll help you develop your idea!</p> <p>Applications open: January 2026 Public voting event: March 2026</p>

		Find out more about Green PB here: Shetland Green Participatory Budgeting — Highlands & Islands Climate Hub
TESCO STRONGER STARTS GRANTS		<p>Meet the Funder with Tesco Stronger Starts – Online Event, Tuesday 3 February 2026, 10am – 11am</p> <p>SCVO are hosting a free online event with Tesco Stronger Starts. Learn about their funding programme which supports thousands of children’s and young people’s projects across the UK. The scheme is open to all schools, registered charities, and not-for-profit organisations. There will be a chance to get grant application tips, learn about the Tesco blue token customer vote process, ask questions, and to network directly with other community groups.</p> <p>About Tesco Stronger Starts</p> <p>Tesco Community Grants fund thousands of local community projects across the UK, helping to fight holiday hunger, tackle mental health, support young people, host community events and much more. Community groups, schools, charities and not for profits can all apply for grants for projects that bring benefit for the community.</p> <p>Every three months, three local good causes are selected to be in the blue token customer vote in Tesco stores throughout the UK. Following the vote, the project that receives the most votes in its area will receive a grant of up to £1,500. Second place will receive up to £1,000 and third place will receive up to £500. Your will be awarded the amount that you requested, not the maximum amount available to that place.</p> <p>A maximum of £1,500 can be awarded to applicants, which can fund 100% of your project costs.</p>
THE ALLIANCE FOR YOUTH ORGANISING - ANCHOR FUND	26th January 2026	The Alliance for Youth Organising will provide anchor grants of £40,000 a year for two years to UK-based organisations that are supporting youth organising. The purpose of the funding is to support wider access to youth organising and strengthen the youth organising field.
THE BIG GIVE - SMALL CHARITY WEEK	11th February 2026 (5pm)	<p>Small charities are the heartbeat of communities, tackling social challenges and transforming lives with limited resources. The inaugural Small Charity Week match funding campaign will help to build the resilience, skills and profile of the small charity sector whilst helping them raise vital, unrestricted funding to further their impact.</p> <p>Small Charity Week utilises Big Give’s ‘1:1’ model of match funding. Small charities apply to Big Give and their application is assessed by Big Give and their partner, Global’s Make Some Noise. Successful charities are awarded a sum of match funding which is ring-fenced for their organisation. This match funding is</p>

		<p>unlocked by public donations given through Big Give's online fundraising platform during the week of the campaign.</p> <p>Applications now open. 2026 Campaign Timeline:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11th February 2026 (5pm): Applications close • 6th May 2026: Offer deadline • 22nd – 29th June 2026 (Starts midday and ends at 5pm): Campaign
<u>THE MSE CHARITY</u>	Opens: 19th January 2026	<p>The MSE Charity supports organisations that deliver activities which make a lasting impact on how people think, behave and manage their money. There is a different themed round each year. The theme of the next grant round is Life Changing Transitions.</p> <p>Complete the pre-application Eligibility Quiz to check your organisation is eligible to apply, if successful this will unlock access to the Stage 1 - Outline Proposal form. It is important to apply as soon as possible as only the first 40 applications will be considered.</p>
<u>THE PARISTAMEN CHARITY - BLUE SKY COLLABORATIVE GRANTS</u>	31 January 2026	<p>For the Paristamen Blue Sky grant 2026, the theme is "Christian Engagement with Asylum Seekers and Refugees in Scotland".</p> <p>A grant of up to £25,000 to enable a charity to do something as a significant one-off initiative or as a pilot – maybe something unusual or controversial would be unattractive to traditional funders.</p>
<u>THE ROBERTSON TRUST – TRANSPORT GRANTS</u>	Rolling basis	<p>The Transport Grants of <u>The Robertson Trust</u> are for registered charities working in Scotland supporting people who are experiencing (or are at high risk of experiencing) poverty and trauma. Funding of between £5,000 and £20,000 per year, for 1-3 years, is available to contribute towards the costs of transport to support your work.</p> <p>Applications are accepted on a rolling basis to support work which addresses any of the four funding themes: <u>Financial Security</u>, <u>Education Pathways</u>, <u>Work Pathways</u>, and <u>Nurturing Relationships</u></p>
<u>UFI CHARITABLE TRUST - VOCTECH ACTIVATE</u>	Opens: 6th January 2026 Closes: 5PM on 3 February 2026	<p>The VocTech Activate grant fund supports the development of new ideas that use digital tools and approaches to transform how people gain skills for work.</p> <p>They encourage ideas which have the potential to transform how vocational learning happens, rooted in a real-world understanding of the problems, issues and opportunities in the vocational sector. Projects will need to show how the idea is novel. Projects must focus on adult vocational learning in the UK (be aimed at adults aged 16+)</p>
<u>VIKING COMMUNITY FUND - COMMUNITY</u>	15th February 2026	<p>The Community Halls grant scheme is an initial one-off fund financed from bank interest earned by the Viking Community Fund in 2024/25.</p>

<p><u>HALLS GRANT SCHEME</u></p>		<p>Grants can be used to support a wide range of costs and activities, for example equipment costs, maintenance, or refurbishment of community halls. Grant requests for running costs will not be accepted.</p> <p>Applications must sustain and develop the local community, show community involvement, represent value for money, and be financially viable.</p> <p>A total of 5 grants up to £10,000 will be made from the fund.</p> <p>Decisions will be made in early March 2026.</p> <p>Who Can Apply? Community halls in Shetland only, applications from other community buildings will not be accepted Applications must be accompanied by a governing document, annual accounts or an income and expenditure statement for the last financial year, a bank statement dated within the last 4 months, and quotes for any equipment or project costs (if relevant).</p> <p>For further information about the scheme, and to complete an application form, please visit: <u>Community Halls Grant Scheme</u></p>
<p><u>VISUAL ARTIST AND CRAFT MAKER AWARDS</u></p>	<p>03 February 2026 (17:00hrs)</p>	<p>Visual artists and crafts makers in Scotland can apply for funding through small grants. The Visual Artist and Craft Maker Awards (VACMA) are a programme of small grants schemes delivered in partnership with local authorities and art organisations across Scotland. The schemes are managed locally by these partners.</p> <p>VACMA is offering fixed bursaries of £500 and £1,000:</p> <p>The £500 Early-Career Bursary is for artists and makers who have graduated within the past three years, or those who can demonstrate experience of the public presentation of their work within the same timeframe.</p> <p>The £1,000 Bursary is for artists and makers who can demonstrate more than three years' experience of the public presentation of their work.</p>
<p><u>YOUTHBANK – SHETLAND YOUTH VOICE</u></p>	<p>12 February 2026 at 5pm</p>	<p>YouthBank is an innovative grant making and empowerment initiative run by young people for young people, offering small grants to support ideas that benefit the local community. YouthBank builds on young people's skills and experiences to enable them to give cash for action, funding young people's ideas for the benefit of the wider community.</p> <p>Shetland Youth Voice is proud to be supporting a local YouthBank with support from the CLLD Fund with £12,000 to distribute.</p>

		<p>Funding will be considered to any youth group or organisation supporting 12-25 year olds in Shetland that focuses on Shetland Youth Voice's priorities of transport, jobs & fair work, public spaces, and mental health & wellbeing.</p> <p>Who can apply?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants must be aged between 12 and 25 • Projects must benefit young people and promote a positive image of young people • All applications must be youth-led • Applications must come from groups only, individuals will not be considered • The initial application must adhere to the criteria • Funding up to £1,000 is available (can contribute towards a more expensive project) <p>For grant information please contact: ShetlandYouthVoice@Shetland.gov.uk</p> <p>Once your application is submitted, Shetland Youth Voice will get in touch to arrange a meeting or call to discuss your proposal in more detail.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply here. • See further guidance here. • What is Shetland Youth Voice?
<p>ZETLAND EDUCATIONAL TRUST</p>	<p>Opens in February 2026</p>	<p>The purpose of the Trust is to enhance the educational benefit of people belonging to Shetland. The Trust will fund projects that fall under the following headings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educational Excursions • Special Equipment • Promotion of Ability and Skill in Swimming • Promotion of Knowledge of Shetland • Educational Experiments and Research <p>The Trust aims to support a wide a range of beneficiaries with smaller sums (e.g. £200-£2000) of money that will allow projects to happen that wouldn't otherwise be able to happen. The Trust will also consider larger projects where it is thought the overall educational benefits would make a real difference to the enhancement of education in Shetland. Projects that are considered to be innovative and make creative use of resources as well as being new will be viewed favourably.</p> <p>Application Process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue packs February 2026 for planned activities from 1st April 2026 to 31st March 2027

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deadline for receipt of completed applications Monday 31st March 2026 (tbc)• ZET Management Group meets in April• Award letter to be issued after the Easter Holidays• Terms to be accepted within a 12 week deadline• Invoices to be submitted as soon as possible. |
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PREVIOUSLY LISTED GRANTS:

NAME	DEADLINE	DESCRIPTION
<u>ABBVIE - GRANTS, DONATIONS & CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS</u>	Opens on 1st September 2025	<p>Abbvie is a pharmaceutical company. Their grants, donations and charitable contributions are awarded to eligible organisations, to support health, education, science or community-based projects undertaken by Healthcare Organisations or Charitable Institutions.</p> <p>It will re-open on 1st September 2025, at which point guidance for applicants and the online application form will be available online. All internal applications are reviewed by a committee who meet 4 times a year. Due to a high volume of applications, they may close the application window from time to time</p>
<u>ALLANDER YOUTH ACTIVITIES TRUST</u>	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You will be a Scout Group, a section of a Scout Group or the equivalent in a voluntary organisation that directly seeks to improve the welfare of young people through the provision of training and/or education. You may be a local group or part of a National Organisation but not a Scout District, Scout Region or equivalent in other similar organisations. Or you will be an individual member of such an organisation wishing to take part in an activity that will develop you and as a result of which you gain new skills that you will then use for the benefit of young people within your organisation.
<u>ALLIED VEHICLES CHARITABLE TRUST</u>	Ongoing	Funding is at the discretion of the Trust. Thus far, grants have ranged from £400 to £6,000 per project. Local and national charities, voluntary organisations, community groups and schools from across Scotland can apply.
<u>ALPKIT FOUNDATION</u>	Ongoing	<p>Max award: £500. The funding is intended for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diversity and inclusion projects that engage individual and groups from a diverse range of backgrounds. Environmental projects that seek to support, conserve, or generate understanding of our environment and wild places Health projects enabling people to gain physical and mental wellbeing from the Great Outdoors. Education projects such as First Aid, D of E, Forest Schools and Mountain Leader. Participation projects that get more people experiencing the Great Outdoors.

<u>AMERICAN EXPRESS – COMMUNITY GIVING PROGRAMME</u>	Ongoing	Grants are available for not-for-profit organisations to help empower more diverse and inclusive workforces and communities, build inclusive economic growth and financial literacy, and advance climate innovation and action.
<u>AMOS CHRISTIAN TRUST</u>	Apply at any time.	<p>The AMOS Christian Trust support projects by offering grants to organisations/groups for the advancement of the Christian Religion and the spreading of the gospel. Primarily, it is intended that the Trust should provide funding for projects where they are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short term to get the project started – normally one year. • A one-off project. • Improving or developing existing projects. • Running an event. <p>Grants should be used within 12 months of receipt. Applications will be considered by the Trustees and you will be advised of the outcome within 3 months.</p>
<u>ANTON JURGENS CHARITABLE TRUST</u>	Ongoing	Grants are available to UK based charities for projects that support people of all ages who are socially disadvantaged and/or have disabilities.
<u>ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE FUND: PROJECT VIABILITY GRANT</u>	Ongoing	Grants up to £10,000 are available for constituted community groups and social enterprises to explore the viability or development costs associated with the regeneration of historic buildings.
<u>ARMED FORCES COVENANT FUND TRUST - HIDDEN VOICES PROGRAMME</u>	12 noon on 21 January 2026 (for decisions end of March)	The Hidden Voices Programme will award grants of up to £25,000 to enable and deliver accessible mental health and wellbeing support for those with seldom heard needs in Armed Forces communities.
<u>ARNOLD CLARK COMMUNITY FUND</u>	n/a	<p>The Arnold Clark Community Fund helps registered UK charities and community groups close to branches build stronger communities across the UK. They have two programmes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost of Living Support • Our Communities Support
<u>ASSOCIATION FOR INDUSTRIAL ARCHAEOLOGY - RESTORATION GRANTS</u>	31 March 2026	<p>Funding is available for the restoration of historically, technically, architecturally, and/or archaeologically important industrial buildings, structures, machinery, vehicles and vessels within the UK. Two funding streams are available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Major projects - up to £30,000. Grants must form a significant portion of the total project costs (normally, at least 20% of the total project costs).

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Small projects - up to £10,000 for projects with total costs of no more than £12,500. <p>The grant is for capital funding only, not ongoing revenue funding.</p>
<u>AVIVA COMMUNITY FUND</u>	No closing date	The Aviva Community Fund helps local causes and projects – with funding, but also with access to tools and resources, like volunteering and professional coaching. It aims to help communities build the kind of long-term, sustainable projects that they need.
<u>AVIVA COMMUNITY FUND – CROWDFUNDING REQUIRED</u>	Ongoing	Grants up to £50,000 are available for not-for-profit organisations in the UK who can raise their initial funding through a crowdfunding campaign for projects that address Aviva’s current themes of climate champions and financial empowerment.
<u>AWARDS FOR YOUNG MUSICIANS</u>	Anytime	Awards for Young Musicians supports outstanding young instrumentalists making music in any genre. If you can clearly show that you are talented and committed and that you need financial help with your music costs then you can apply for an Award of up to £2000. The average award in 2020 was £550. Young musicians aged between 5 and 17 years of age and are living and studying in the UK are eligible to apply.
<u>B&Q FOUNDATION</u>	9.30am, 22nd Apr - 6.00pm 9th May 9.30am, 14th Jul - 6.00pm, 1st Aug 9.30am, 20th Oct - 6.00pm, 7th Nov	Funding is available for registered charities who are creating or improving spaces so that more people have a place to feel at home. They focus on charities that support people who are most in need because of homelessness, financial hardship, sickness, disability or other disadvantage.
<u>BAILLIE GIFFORD COMMUNITY AWARDS</u>	Ongoing	The fund aims to support local grassroots organisations working to address food insecurity and social isolation
BANISTER CHARITABLE TRUST	Ongoing	The funding is intended to be used for charitable projects that promote the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment in the UK. The Trust does not maintain a website or an email address. Groups should write or call the Trust for further details on how and when to apply. Banister Charitable Trust Ludlow Trust Co Ltd Tower Wharf Cheese Lane BRISTOL BS2 0JJ Tel: 0117 313 8200
<u>BANK OF SCOTLAND FOUNDATION</u>		<u>ENERGISE:</u> To be eligible to apply, charities must: – Have an income of £150k or less. Have a minimum of one year accounts lodged at OSCR. Charities can apply for a 2 year unrestricted grant of £20k (£10k per annum).

		<p><u>ENABLE</u></p> <p>To be eligible to apply, charities must: – Have an income of £500k or less. Have a minimum of three years accounts lodged at OSCR. Charities can apply for a 3 year grant of between £30k – £90k (£10k – £30k per annum) for restricted funding for volunteering projects/costs/initiatives.</p>
<u>BBC CHILDREN IN NEED</u>	Project Costs and Core Funding – Apply anytime	BBC Children in Need will for the first time directly fund charities' core costs over the next three years as part of its new strategy. Grants up to £15,000 are available for not-for-profit organisations and up to £120,000 for registered charities supporting children and young people aged 18 or under.
<u>BBC CHILDREN IN NEED EMERGENCY ESSENTIALS PROGRAMME</u>		BBC Children in Need Emergency Essentials Programme supports children and young people who are facing exceptionally difficult circumstances, and is delivered by Family Fund Business Services. The programme provides items that meet a child's most basic needs such as a bed to sleep in, a cooker to provide a hot meal and other items or services critical to a child's wellbeing. All applications must be made by a registered referrer. You can contact us via email (stating your application ID if possible) at emergencyessentials@familyfundsolutions.co.uk or call us on 01904 550011, between 9.30am and 3.00pm, Monday to Friday.
<u>BBC CHILDREN IN NEED PROJECT COSTS STREAM</u>	n/a	Support for charities and not-for-profit organisations working with children and young people to deliver a specific piece of work.
<u>BENEFACT TRUST</u>		<p><u>Community Impact Grants</u> : A programme of funding aimed at supporting projects that directly address the social challenges faced by some of the most vulnerable communities in our society.</p> <p><u>Building Improvement Grants</u>: For the essential repair and improvement of churches and Christian buildings.</p> <p><u>Heritage Skills for Christian Buildings Grants</u>: Focused on the preservation of essential heritage skills and careers through apprenticeships, scholarships, and training courses.</p> <p><u>Methodist Grants</u>: For building projects that support Methodist churches in their mission and ministry, with a particular focus on church growth, community engagement and accessibility.</p> <p><u>Roof Alarm Grants</u>: To protect churches from metal theft.</p>
<u>BFI NATIONAL LOTTERY AUDIENCE PROJECTS FUND</u>	Ongoing	Grants of between £20,000 and £200,000 are available to support various audience related activities in the UK, including film festivals, distribution releases, multiplatform distribution proposals, touring film programmes, large scale and ambitious film programmes. Applications are accepted all year round but must be submitted 16 weeks before any funded activity.

<u>BIG ISSUE SOCIAL IMPACT DEBT FUND IV</u>		Loan finance from £500k – £4m for established UK organisations in the Health and Social Care, Affordable Housing and Homelessness, and Community and Social Infrastructure sectors.
<u>BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION - DEFIBRILLATOR PROGRAMME</u>		The British Heart Foundation is giving out a limited number of free defibrillators to community groups in the UK. Applications are expected to close in February 2026, however this may change depending on the volume of applications they receive.
<u>BUSINESS CHARGEPOINT FUNDING</u>		To support the use of electric vehicles across Scotland, Transport Scotland offers grant funding to help organisations install electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure on their premises. The funding is distributed by Energy Saving Trust and is currently available for chargepoints that will only be used by occupiers, staff and visitors.
<u>BUSINESS ENERGY SCOTLAND: SME LOAN SCHEME (INC GRANTS)</u>		Business Energy Scotland offers grants of £20,000 and interest free loans up to £100,000. These are available to charities, community organisations and social enterprises to install energy-efficient systems or to upgrade building fabric. Apply any time.
<u>BUTTLE UK</u>	Ongoing	Grants up to £2,400 for children and young people who have recently come through a crisis. Award grants that support children and young people’s education and wellbeing. While our grants can contain funding for household items, it isn’t the main purpose of the grant. Applications must be made by a support worker who is working closely with the family or young person. Support workers are also responsible for spending the grant and providing receipts.
<u>CARES DEVELOPMENT FUND</u>	Applications will be open until funding is fully allocated.	The fund supports communities to take the first step in either community-owned renewable energy projects or investigating <u>shared ownership</u> and is open to communities at the start of their community energy journey. First steps include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raising awareness of your energy project idea. • Completing an options appraisal to understand the types of projects you might carry out. • Completing a first step feasibility study to see if your idea might work. • Funding some staff time to progress your idea. Grant funding of up to £30,000 is available to cover up to 100% of eligible costs. Funding must be used to meet a key and achievable project milestone by the end of February 2026.

<u>CASH FOR KIDS - COST OF LIVING GRANTS</u>		<p>Cash for Kids is supporting children and young people through the cost-of-living crisis, with £1.6 million available to support 32,200 children across the UK.</p> <p>In response to the crisis hitting so many families right now we've launched this new fund, to provide emergency essentials that support the physical and mental well-being of children who are struggling. These could include food, clothing and household energy costs, but we'll also consider anything that helps meet children's most basic needs. Grants are £50 per child per household, and we aim to get the funds to families as soon as possible.</p>
<u>CASH FOR KIDS - HOLIDAY HUNGER GRANTS</u>	Closes when funds spent	<p>Holiday Hunger Grants are available to organisations and service providers who support children and young people (up to and including 18 years old) that have a genuine need for support, are disadvantaged due to poverty, the increase in the cost of living and face food insecurity.</p> <p>This funding is specifically to provide disadvantaged children and young people who have a lack of access to food AND activities in the school holidays. Projects must focus on outcomes that encourage children to eat more healthily and be more active during the school holidays.</p>
<u>CERVUS TRUST FOUNDATION SCOTLAND</u>	Any time	<p>The Cervus Trust is interested in supporting charitable activities under the following themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food Poverty: projects that are empowering and help people to help themselves e.g. community growing projects rather than foodbanks. • Mental Health: projects targeting those with depression and anxiety, support for those who have experienced adverse childhood experiences (ACES), projects that help to develop emotional resilience; projects supporting carers with their mental health. • The Arts: using arts, including music tuition, as an enabling tool to develop skills, confidence, and emotional wellbeing. • Education: projects which involve outdoor education and play are preferred. School-based initiatives will be a low priority unless they involve non-statutory provision and involve the wider community. • Disadvantaged families and children: support for projects that will help families and children to thrive. <p>Applications accepted at any time and usually processes in 10 weeks. Get in touch with Foundation Scotland to discuss your project before applying.</p>
<u>CHANGEX - THE ACCENTURE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY CHALLENGE</u>		<p>The fund supports communities to start one of six proven ideas!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Orchard • Fresh Water Watch • Climate Action Toolkits in secondary schools • The Green Plan • Community Fridge

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repair Cafe <p>If your community has been considering a project which relates to those mentioned above, this could be your chance to secure some funds towards it.</p>
<u>CHARLES HAYWARD FOUNDATION - OLDER PEOPLE - SMALL GRANTS</u>	n/a	Funds preventative and early intervention programmes being delivered at the community level which allow older people to stay in their own homes and remain independent. They are particularly interested in programmes which show some creativity in improving the quality of life of older people. Up to £7,000.
<u>CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE GRANT FUNDING</u>	Any time	Children's Alliance are providing grant funding to get children into water safely to learn, develop and purposefully play for the benefit of children's physical and mental wellbeing. They are looking to support grass roots initiatives delivering water based projects for disadvantaged children. Applications must support children under the age of 18 years.
<u>CIRCULAR ECONOMY INVESTMENT FUND</u>	N/A	This fund, administered by Zero Waste Scotland, offers investment to SMEs based in Scotland for work that will help to deliver circular economy growth.
<u>CIRCULAR TEXTILES FUND</u>		This fund supports the development of circular supply chains across the textiles industry in Scotland to help businesses achieve net zero carbon emissions. Zero Waste Scotland is administering the fund, which is backed by the Scottish Government, to help reduce the environmental impact of textiles.
<u>COMMUNITY ENTERPRISE FUND - FIRSTPORT</u>		<p>The Community Enterprise Fund is a funding programme that helps community organisations to start trading or set up social enterprises in Scotland. It offers grants of up to £5,000, to be spent over 6 months. Funding comes from the Scottish Government's Social Entrepreneurs Fund (SEF).</p> <p>Firstport's new grant programme offers up to £5,000 to help community organisations in Scotland take the first steps toward starting a social enterprise. The grant supports early-stage ideas that aim to generate income and reinvest profits to deliver social good. Support is available through <u>Just Enterprise</u> for groups needing help developing their ideas.</p>
<u>COMMUNITY RIGHT TO BUY FUND - HIE</u>	Ongoing	<p>Max award: £5,000. The Community Right to Buy Fund provides support for communities to access professional services, where needed, to help with registering an interest under Community Right to Buy legislation. This could include legal title searches or help with mapping.</p> <p>Communities can apply for up to £5,000 to help with registering a community interest in land/buildings through the Community Right to Buy legislation. Get in touch to discuss your proposal. If your problem is complicated and requires specialist professional services – perhaps legal issues around land ownership or boundaries – we have small grants available through our Community Right to Buy Fund. A grant of up to £5,000 for up to 80% of costs may be available to your organisation.</p>

<p><u>COMMUNITY SPACES GRANTS - THE ROBERTSON TRUST</u></p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Community Spaces aims to support local communities experiencing poverty and trauma in Scotland and is for registered charities with an annual income of between £30,000 and £500,000. Applicants can apply at any time and there is no set closing date for applications.</p> <p>With our <u>guidance</u> now available, the fund will provide revenue funding of between £5,000 and £20,000 per year, for up to 3 years, to support the costs of community centres, hubs and anchor organisations that are delivering and/or hosting a range of services and activities to meet the needs of their community. Applicants should show how the various services they deliver and/or host relate to preventing or reducing poverty and trauma for local people.</p> <p>Funding is intended to support the running costs of local community centres, hubs or anchor organisations that are delivering and/or hosting a range of services and activities in places with high levels of deprivation. Examples of eligible work include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The running costs of an accessible community hub based in a town with high levels of deprivation. The hub hosts and delivers services for local people, including community meals, family activities, a youth group and drop-in sessions with partner organisations such as the Citizens Advice Bureau and local employability service. • The running costs of a village hall in a rural community where there are no other community facilities. The hall hosts a range of groups and services, such as a parent and toddler group, a food pantry, and warm space, and provides access to IT facilities. <p>By community, we mean a geographic community. This could be in an urban or rural area experiencing high rates of poverty and trauma.</p> <p>We are particularly interested in supporting applications from organisations that can show how they reach out to and remove barriers for groups of people in their community who are at higher risk of experiencing poverty and trauma, such as disabled people, people experiencing racial inequity and asylum seekers and refugees, to ensure that they know about and can access the services and activities on offer.</p>
<p>CONSTANCE TRAVIS CHARITABLE TRUST</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Max award: £50,000. The trust offers grants to local, national and international charities in line with its strategic allocation covering activities in the following categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical, health, sickness • Economic, community, development, and employment • Environment, conservation and heritage • Arts and culture • Animals • Overseas aid and famine relief

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and training • Relief of poverty • Disability Accommodation and housing • Religious activities • Sports and recreation <p>The Trust does not maintain a website or provide a telephone number. Applications must be made in writing. The Trustees may make grants with no formal application; however, if considered appropriate, organisations may be invited to submit a formal application. Applications can be made at any time and will be considered at one of the Trustee board meetings which are normally held six times a year. Contact the Constance Travis Charitable Trust for further information. Administrative Manager Constance Travis Charitable Trust 86 Drayton Gardens London SW10 9SB Tel: 01604 862296</p>
<u>CONUNDRUM CHARITABLE TRUST</u>	1 March 1 September	The Trust funds a wide range of charitable work in Scotland, ranging from the arts, animals, faith, health, care, education, young people and veterans. Open to most non-profits, with the Trust favouring stand-alone projects (vs core costs) where their funding can have the most significant impact. Applications can be for up to £5,000 per year.
<u>CO-OPERATIVE AND COMMUNITY FINANCE</u>	Ongoing	<p>Max award: £75,000. The scheme's primary purpose is to enable people to own and democratically control the businesses in which they work, or which operate in their local community. This is achieved by the provision of finance and financial services, throughout the UK, to those enterprises which practise or support the principles of cooperation; common ownership; employee, community or social ownership; equal opportunity and workplace democracy; and sustainable development.</p> <p>Applications are welcome from those:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Starting a social enterprise, co-operative or employee-owned business. • Who are seeking to expand a social enterprise, co-operative or employee-owned business. • Wishing to take over an existing business and convert it to a co-operative or social enterprise. (This may be where a business would otherwise close, be sold to a third party, or become a privatised public utility.)
<u>CORRA FOUNDATION LOCAL SUPPORT FUND - NATIONAL DRUGS MISSION FUNDS</u>	Ongoing until funds are spent	<p>The Local Support Fund (LSF) is for grassroots and community-based organisations in Scotland, which deliver frontline services to support people who use or used drugs, people who are in recovery and/or their families.</p> <p>To apply, email the grants team for a chat about your project or call us on 0131 444 4020.</p>

<u>CREATIVE SCOTLAND - MADE IN SCOTLAND ONWARD INTERNATIONAL TOURING FUND</u>	Remains open until it is fully allocated	<p>The aim of the Onward International Touring Fund is to enable artists, bands and ensembles based in Scotland to take up new international touring opportunities for work programmed as a direct result of the inviting promoter seeing the work at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. This fund exists to support costs linked to flights, freight, visas and the translation of marketing materials. Other costs are expected to be met by the inviting promoter.</p>
<u>CREATIVE SCOTLAND CROWDMATCH</u>		<p>Creative individuals, groups or businesses are encouraged to share their creative ideas in order to take part in a competition to win up to £10,000 from Creative Scotland towards their crowdfunding campaign.</p> <p>Anyone delivering activity in at least one of the following themes can apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arts • Screen • Creative industries <p>Individuals who are freelance or self-employed artists and creative practitioners residing in Scotland, aged 18 years or above. Any type of constituted artistic, creative or cultural organisation based in Scotland can apply.</p>
<u>CREATIVE SCOTLAND NATIONAL LOTTERY OPEN FUND FOR ORGANISATIONS</u>	No deadlines	<p>Grants up to £100,000 are available for artistic, creative, or cultural projects lasting up to 18 months. Priority is given to community activities with public benefit. Suitable for organisations focusing on sustaining creative development. Eligible organisations can apply for grants of between £1,000 and £100,000 to support creative activity that runs for up to 18 months. The types of activity eligible for funding are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a specific one-off project or production • a period of creative research and development • a longer-term programme of work <p>The funding can also support business and organisational development that will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • increase business sustainability by developing new or more diverse income streams • address broader organisational development costs. <p>Organisations seeking up to £20,000 should receive a decision within 10 weeks of applying. Organisations seeking between £20,001 and £100,000 should receive a decision within 14 weeks of applying.</p> <p>The funding programme is open all year round, with no deadlines. Eligible organisations can apply at any time.</p>

<p><u>CREATIVE SCOTLAND: FUTURE FUNDING FRAMEWORK</u></p>		<p>If you are a voluntary organisation delivering arts, creative and cultural activities, check the updated planning timetable for multi-year funding published this week by Creative Scotland. Their Open Fund also relauches in October. Information sessions to follow.</p>
<p><u>CULTURE & BUSINESS FUND SCOTLAND</u></p>		<p>Culture organisations in arts and heritage can now apply to the The Culture & Business Fund Scotland (C&BS), designed to support innovative and mutually beneficial partnerships between culture and business organisations across Scotland, for up to £1 for every £2 invested by business organisations.</p> <p>Through the C&BS Fund since the launch of the programme in 2017, a total of just over £3.1 million has been invested with 169 C&BS Fund investments made across all 32 local authority areas. C&BS Fund is an investment programme which receives direct investment from the Scottish Government</p>
<p><u>CYCLING SCOTLAND: CYCLING FRIENDLY GRANTS</u></p>		<p>Grants up to £20,000 are available for community groups and voluntary organisations for local projects that will improve cycling facilities and increase the number of people cycling. Other funding programmes are available.</p>
<p><u>CYCLING TOURISM FACILITIES FUND (HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS ENTERPRISE) MOVE YOUR CYCLING FACILITIES UP A GEAR</u></p>		<p>This fund is for businesses and community enterprises operating in the tourism sector to develop and enhance their cycle tourism facilities. The minimum grant is £5,000 up to a maximum of £25,000 for capital expenditure, which will cover up to 50% of total eligible project costs. Funding can be used towards a variety of capital projects including investing in fixtures, fittings, construction, adaptation, or upgrade of premises to improve cycling tourism facilities. Examples of eligible projects include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New secure covered cycle storage • New open cycle parking, sheltered cycle parking • Enhancement of existing cycle parking/storage increase capacity and/or security • Lockers and storage • Drying facilities • Bike maintenance equipment <p>If you would like to talk to someone about the fund, email enquiries@hient.co.uk.</p>
<p><u>CYCLING UK - THE CYCLE ACCESS FUND</u></p>		<p>The Cycle Access Fund supports those least likely to have access to a bike and provides capital grants to organisations through four different funding strands:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual Bike Ownership • Shared Use • Recycle • Repair

		<p>Organisations can apply whose registered business/charity address is in SPT, Sestran, ZetTrans and Nestrans (Strathclyde, Shetland, North East, South East)</p> <p>No stated deadlines, apply at any time. Complete an expression of interest form for your chosen funding strand via the website.</p>
<u>DAN MASKELL TENNIS TRUST</u>	<p>13th of April 20th of July 26th of October</p>	<p>Disabled individuals as well as disability groups, tennis clubs, schools, and associations across the UK that work with disabled people can apply for grants from the Dan Maskell Tennis Trust to support participation in tennis. Individuals may receive up to £600, while groups, clubs, or projects can obtain up to £1,600. The grants can be used for coaching with LTA-licensed coaches, court hire, tennis wheelchairs, and equipment like rackets. Applicants seeking sports wheelchairs may need to provide a personal contribution.</p>
<u>DEVELOPMENT GRANT FUNDING FOR BUSINESSES AND THIRD SECTOR ORGANISATIONS IN SHETLAND</u>		<p>The Shetland Islands Council Economic Development Grant Scheme provides grants of up to £25,000 to small to medium-sized businesses (SMEs) and third sector organisations based in Shetland.</p> <p>Financial assistance is available for businesses that can demonstrate that their projects meet key eligibility criteria and will result in benefits to the Shetland economy.</p> <p>You can receive a grant for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • capital expenditure – for example, buildings (including construction costs, upgrades or improvements and associated professional fees) and equipment • revenue expenditure – for example, professional fees, consents, permissions, salary costs, and volunteer expenses <p>Your application may need to be supported by a business plan, which a Business Gateway adviser can help you with.</p> <p>Applicants must be a small to medium-sized business (SME) or a third sector organisation based in Shetland.</p>
<u>DIGITAL XTRA</u>		<p>Grants up to £5,000 will be awarded to schools and community organisations looking to start up or scale up extracurricular tech activities for young people. Activities must teach children and young people skills and concepts such as coding, robotics, games design, data science and cyber to help inspire Scotland's next generation of digital makers, leaders, and technologists.</p>
<u>DISTRICT HEATING LOAN FUND</u>		<p>The District Heating Loan Fund provides capital loan funding of more than £1 million to organisations in Scotland that use renewables technologies to build out heat networks.</p>

<u>DPO CENTRE CHARITY AND COMMUNITY FUND</u>		<p>The DPO Charity Fund provides access to data protection consultancy services at an 80% funded rate. Eligible charities can apply for funding towards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information Asset Register and Data Mapping • Policy Drafting and Review • Impact Assessments and Gap Analysis • Data Protection Training • Data Sharing and International Transfers • Privacy-by-Design • Data Protection Readiness
<u>DR. GUTHRIE'S ASSOCIATION (SCOTLAND) SCIO</u>	25 May and 25 September	<p>Funding is available to support disadvantaged children and young people in Scotland. Priority will be given to smaller charities whose grants can make a difference and who may find it difficult to obtain funds elsewhere. Grants are usually less than £2,000.</p>
<u>EASY FUNDRAISING APP</u>	n/a	<p>The newly updated easyfundraising app enables you to easily raise money for your voluntary organisation when you shop on your phone or tablet. Get money back when you shop with over 6,000 online retailers, which is then passed to your organisation as a donation, at no extra cost. Retailers include ASDA, Amazon, B&Q, Argos, Sainsbury's, eBay, Just Eat, and many more.</p>
<u>EBIKE BUSINESS LOAN</u>		<p>The eBike Business Loan offers Scottish businesses up to £30,000 interest-free to help reduce the carbon impact and fuel costs of their transport arrangements through the purchase of ebikes.</p>
<u>EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOUNDATION - BERRIDGE TRUST</u>	Any time	<p>The Berridge Trust supports the training of teachers of cookery or nutrition. It has a relatively low income of less than £1,000 per year and awards are made to organisations only rather than individuals.</p>
<u>EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOUNDATION - MAIN FUND</u>	Stage 1 application deadlines for UK projects: 14th January 2026	<p>The Educational Opportunity Foundation supports charitable organisations working to improve access to education or the quality of education for children and young people under the age of 25, both in the UK and internationally.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UK based projects, Educational Opportunity Foundation will only consider applications that are specifically targeted towards care experienced young people. Projects must be interventions designed to improve their educational outcomes and life chances. Funding is available for one to three years. They will fund between £30,000 to £90,000 per project (maximum £30,000 per year for multi year projects). Funding is available for new or pilot projects, or projects which have started in the past 12 months.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internationally based projects, Educational Opportunity Foundation supports projects which seek to improve the quality, sustainability, and access to education for young people within marginalised and vulnerable communities. Funding is available for one to three years, for new or pilot projects. They will fund between £10,000 to £60,000 per project (maximum £30,000 per year). Annual grant payments cannot exceed 50% of an organisation's 3-year average income. Educational Opportunity Foundation will fund between 25% to 100% of the total project costs, but will give preference to projects with some degree of matched funding.
<u>EILIDH'S TRUST</u>		The Trust funds music education for children and young people across Scotland, helping build confidence, creativity, and connection through the arts. Inspired by Eilidh MacLeod's love of music, the charity offers grants and supports inclusive, community-based projects.
ENERGY SAVING TRUST <u>ENERGY INDUSTRY VOLUNTARY REDRESS SCHEME</u>		<p>Energy Saving Trust has been appointed by Ofgem to distribute payments from companies who may have breached Ofgem rules. Registered Charities, Community Interest Companies, Co-operative Societies and Community Benefit Societies can apply for funds to deliver energy related projects that meet the scheme priorities and benefit people in England, Scotland and Wales. Energy Saving Trust will be administering the scheme until 2026.</p> <p>Supporting energy consumers in vulnerable situations This core priority aims to help people who are most at risk from cold homes and high energy bills. Occasionally there may be additional priorities linked to a funding round e.g., a specific geographical focus or type of energy consumer. Any additional priorities will be made clear to applicants when a funding round opens.</p> <p>Innovation Projects Up to 15% of Energy Redress funds can support the development of innovative products and services related to energy that have a realistic prospect of delivering benefits to existing and/or future energy consumers and that help to reduce the environmental impact of energy use. Projects seeking support through the Innovation Funding Stream should involve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • testing or trialling the roll-out of products or services that are ready to implement but not yet accessible to energy consumers or certain groups of energy consumers • conducting research or analysis into the development of products or services not yet accessible to energy consumers or certain groups of energy consumers <p>Carbon Emissions Reduction Fund (CERF)</p>

		<p>Up to 15% of Energy Redress funds can also be used to support energy-related activities aimed at reducing carbon dioxide emissions from energy use. These projects must focus on energy generation, distribution or energy use.</p> <p>Projects seeking support through this funding stream must demonstrate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • measurable and lasting reductions in the carbon intensity of energy end use and accelerate the transition to Net Zero CO2 • have a realistic prospect of delivering broadly replicable benefits to existing and/or future energy consumers <p>Just Transition Fund</p> <p>Under the Carbon Emissions Reduction priority, this fund aims to accelerate the development of community renewable energy schemes and build the capacity of the sector to deliver impactful renewable energy projects that promote a Just Transition to Net Zero.</p> <p>Projects supported through this fund must bring tangible benefits to energy consumers in vulnerable situations, for example using profits from energy sales to create local fuel poverty funds, or providing affordable energy direct to people who struggle with their energy bills.</p> <p>NB The Energy Redress Scheme is not presently designed to support energy saving improvements or energy generation technology in individual community buildings and facilities.</p>
<u>ENERGY SAVINGS TRUST - PLUGGED-IN COMMUNITIES GRANT FUND</u>	First Come First Served	<p>The Plugged in Communities Grant Fund supports community transport operators in Scotland to purchase or lease zero emission community transport vehicles. Funding can cover the following zero-emission vehicles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cars • Light goods vehicles • Minibuses • Mopeds/ motorcycles <p>You must provide community transport services and have been operating for at least 12 months. Complete a pre-application check on the Fund website to get started.</p>
<u>ESMEE FAIRBAIRN FOUNDATION</u>	No Deadlines	<p>The Foundation is one of the largest independent grant-makers in the UK. In 2022, they provided £36.2m in grant funding towards a wide range of work in support of the three main aims: to improve Our Natural World, secure A Fairer Future and nurture Creative, Confident Communities. They also have a £45m allocation to social investments and a £10m allocation to impact investments. It funds work towards the organisation's three main strategic aims:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Natural World • A Fairer Future

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creative, Confident Communities
<u>EUROPEAN YOUTH FOUNDATION</u>	15 January, 15 May	The European Youth Foundation (EYF) provides financial and educational support to a wide range of youth projects, focusing on a range of different topics. Whether projects take place at local or international level, EYF-supported projects all share some common characteristics. Learn more about these characteristics and check examples of projects supported at the dedicated page .
<u>FAITH IN COMMUNITY SCOTLAND</u>	Ongoing	Grants up to £500 are available for any local faith group or related organisation working primarily in a small, specific geographic community to tackle poverty and climate change. Top-up grants are available for mentoring support.
<u>FAITH IN COMMUNITY SCOTLAND: FAITHFUL WELCOME SMALL GRANTS</u>	Any time	Grants up to £500 are available for any faith group registered as a charity in Scotland to support refugees and asylum seekers through hospitality events, community integration and participation activities
<u>FAITH IN COMMUNITY SCOTLAND: GREENER SPACES, FAIRER PLACES</u>	Any time	Grants up to £500 are available for any faith group or related organisation working locally to tackle poverty and climate change.
<u>FAMILY FUND</u>		<p>Family Fund provides a wide range of grants to families raising a disabled or seriously ill child, or young adult, on a low income. See the full list of funding schemes here: Which grant programmes are available? - Family Fund. From Tuesday 17 September 2024, families in Scotland will be able to reapply for a Family Fund Scotland programme grant every 24 months instead of every 18 months.</p> <p>This means that any families in Scotland who have applied for a grant from us before, will need to wait 24 months from the date they last applied before being able to apply for another grant. This is already the case for families living in England, Northern Ireland, and Wales.</p>
<u>FAMILY FUND MOBILITY SUPPORT (FFMS) SCHEME</u>	n/a	The Family Fund has announced £5 million worth of funding for the Mobility Support scheme (FFMS). The fund will provide crucial support to families with a seriously ill or disabled child under three with mobility needs.
<u>FCC SCOTTISH ACTION FUND</u>	<p>Opens 26 February 2025 and closes at 5.00pm on 14 May 2025</p> <p>Opens 3 September 2025 and closes at</p>	<p>The FCC Scottish Action Fund offers funding to projects through the Scottish Landfill Communities Fund (SLCF). It will consider applications across all types of projects included in the SLCF:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land Reclamation (Object A): The reclamation, remediation, restoration or other operation on land to facilitate economic, social or environmental use. • Community Recycling (Object B): Community based recycling, re-use and waste prevention projects. • Public Amenities and Parks (Object C): To provide, maintain or improve a public park or other public amenity.

	5.00pm on 19 November 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biodiversity (Object D): The conservation or promotion of biological diversity through the provision, conservation, restoration or enhancement of a natural habitat or the maintenance or recovery of a species in its natural habitat. • Historic Buildings (Object E): The maintenance, repair or restoration of a building, other structure or a site of archaeological interest which is a place of religious worship, or a site of historic or architectural or archaeological interest and is open to the public.
<u>FIGURATIVE - THE ARTS & CULTURE IMPACT FUND</u>	Anytime	<p>An £18 million social impact investment fund for socially driven arts, culture and heritage organisations registered and operating in the UK. The Arts & Culture Impact Fund provides affordable repayable finance that can be used, among other things, to acquire new assets, improve built infrastructure, develop new ventures or scale up existing revenue streams.</p> <p>The Arts & Culture Impact Fund sets out to achieve several objectives for the arts, cultural and heritage sectors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide organisations with appropriate and bespoke repayable finance • Develop the financial resilience of borrowers • Support organisations to better monitor, evaluate and communicate their social impact • Attract additional investment into the sector to help organisations thrive • Promote the wider positive impact the arts, culture and heritage have on society and support more organisations to benefit individuals and communities through their work.
<u>FIRSTPORT - COMMUNITY ENTERPRISE FUND</u>		<p>Community Enterprise Fund is a new grant programme offering up to £5,000 to help community organisations take the first steps toward starting a social enterprise. Funded by the Scottish Government's Social Entrepreneurs Fund, this grant supports early-stage ideas that aim to generate income and reinvest profits to deliver social good. If groups need help developing their idea, support is available through Just Enterprise. For any questions, feel free to reach me at minakshi@firstport.org.uk or our team at info@firstport.org.uk.</p>
<u>FIRSTPORT - LAUNCHME</u>	Ongoing	<p>LaunchMe is an investment readiness programme that will prepare you to secure the investment you need to grow and scale your social impact. We will work intensively with you through a bespoke business support programme, including access as needed to workshops, peer group sessions and one-to-one professional expertise.</p>
<u>FLETCHERS FOUNDATION</u>	Any time	<p>Fletchers Foundation provides financial grants that can be used for aids and equipment, rehabilitation treatment, or a whole host of wider uses that will help individuals with their recovery or quality of life.</p> <p>You can apply if:</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You or a member of your family are living with the long-term effects of serious personal injury, medical negligence, or illness. You are a registered charity, school or local group working with individuals and families living with the long-term effects of serious personal injury, medical negligence, or illness.
<u>FORVIS MAZARS FOUNDATION - COMMUNITY GRANTS</u>	<p>Expressions of interest rounds: 1-23rd April 1-23rd October</p> <p>Full applications will be invited to be submitted in the following rounds:</p> <p>17th November - 8th December 2025.</p>	<p>The Foundation's purpose is to support under resourced young people to achieve their potential and feel positive about their future, across three key areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closing the gap: Reducing the attainment gap by supporting young children and their parents and carers to develop foundational skills, e.g., literacy and numeracy for success at school (0-7rs) Developing life skills: More young people are better prepared for life, through equal access to opportunities that develop essential life skills e.g., teamwork, leadership, ambition and self-belief (8-16yrs) Improving access: Reducing the number of young adults not in education employment or training, by widening access to the education and jobs market and developing their networks, relationships, and cultural knowledge (16-25yrs) <p>There are three funding streams. This listing is for Community grants: Flexible funding for core costs, capacity building or dedicated projects, supporting charities working in local communities to drive social mobility. Grants of £10,000 - £20,000 p.a. awarded twice a year to registered charities with an income of £100,000 - £3,000,000.</p> <p>To apply, you will first need to register. Once you have successfully registered, you will be taken directly to the Expression of Interest form. If your EOI is successful, the Foundation will contact you with a link to the full application form ahead of applications opening so that you can download and review the application.</p>
<u>FOUNDATION SCOTLAND - BAILLIE GIFFORD INTERNATIONAL FUND</u>	<p>Round 3: To be confirmed</p>	<p>This fund is aimed at supporting registered charities who are working in International Aid Development to deliver their work. Primarily, the fund aims to increase participation with climate action and encourage behavioural change. Baillie Gifford is committed to funding the following priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increasing knowledge, understanding and participation with climate action Developing community-led initiatives in relation to climate action that encourage greater community power The types of activity the fund aims to support include projects that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Educate and inspire people to engage in climate action Build local skills, tools and resources to promote understanding and action Create 'green' skills and jobs for local people Support sustainable farming initiatives or ethical food systems

<u>FOUNDATION SCOTLAND - COCKAIGNE FUND</u>	Any time	<p>The Cockaigne Fund supports boundary-pushing musical research, development, and performances to delight, inform, and move participants and audiences alike.</p> <p>The Fund supports creative, challenging, and original projects that explore cultures and traditions, past and present. They have a particular interest in historically-informed projects related to classical and traditional music from the 9th to 19th centuries. The Fund may also consider community projects that push boundaries, strive for excellence, and enable people to access new musical experiences.</p>
<u>FOUNDATION SCOTLAND - HELP FOR APPLICANTS</u>		<p>If you're thinking about applying for funding from Foundation Scotland, explore their new range of information, advice and resources to help you succeed. Access help with <u>applying for a grant here</u>, and browse grant funding opportunities currently available and upcoming <u>fund deadlines here</u>.</p>
<u>FOUNDATION SCOTLAND - MARY JANET KING FUND</u>	Applications can be submitted at any time and decisions take approximately 10 weeks from receipt of your application.	<p>Grants up to £5,000 are available to for Scottish grassroots and community groups working with young people in arts and music, particularly with activities that encourage the uptake of music.</p> <p>The fund supports piano scholarships at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland in Glasgow but also welcomes applications from community groups working with young people in arts and music. They are particularly interested in projects which are helping young people to take up music. Priority will be given to grassroots organisations.</p>
<u>FOUNDATION SCOTLAND - SOCIAL INVESTMENT FUND</u>	Ongoing	<p>Grant and loan investments are available to social enterprises, community organisations and charities across Scotland to benefit local communities. Objectives supported: Prevent and/or relieve poverty, Advance community development, Advance education and urban and rural regeneration.</p>
<u>FOUNDATION SCOTLAND - THE GATEWAY EXCHANGE FUND</u>	reopens in October 2025	<p>This fund was created to continue the work of the original Gateway Exchange - a centre in Edinburgh which in the 1980s offered help and support to those returning to the community from prisons and mental health institutions or recovering from drug addiction. The emphasis was on recognising that each individual has potential. This was encouraged particularly through use of the arts and creative self-expression, also through building a strong and connected sense of community.</p> <p>The Gateway Exchange Fund seeks applications which are in line with this spirit of creating innovative solutions to situations which challenge the individual's sense of worth and identity. This fund will support activity across Scotland that empowers people to move on with their lives and fulfil their potential, where they would otherwise not have the opportunity. Priority will be given to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects which help prisoners or ex-prisoners • Projects which help those in recovery from drug addiction • Mental health projects • Projects supporting refugees and asylum seekers • Projects supporting women and men recovering from sexual abuse

<u>FOUNDATION SCOTLAND'S SOCIAL INVESTMENT FUND</u>		<p>Foundation Scotland's Social Investment Fund offers blended grant and loan investment to social enterprises, community organisations and charities working across Scotland.</p> <p>The fund can invest between £10,000 and £250,000 per organisation; up to 25% (£62,500) of this can be in the form of a non-repayable grant and the remainder a repayable loan. Potential applicants can check their elegibility criteria here and then complete an enquiry form</p>
<u>FOUX FOUNDATION</u>	Any time	<p>The Foux Foundation is focused on helping in the areas of: health, education, youth opportunity and poverty. Living across three different continents, the trustees take a global approach and are keen to support the appropriate organisations regardless of location. They fund:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The relief of sickness and promotion of good health • The advancement of education • The advancement of disadvantaged young people • The prevention or relief of poverty
<u>FOYLE FOUNDATION SMALL GRANTS SCHEME</u>	No deadline	<p>The small grants scheme supports smaller UK registered charities with an annual turnover of less than £150,000 a year, especially those working at grassroots and local community level, in any field, across a wide range of activities.</p> <p>One year grants of between £2,000 and £10,000 are made towards core costs, projects, essential equipment or building projects provided charities can demonstrate this makes a significant difference to their work.</p>
<u>FRIENDS PROVIDENT FOUNDATION</u>		<p>Friends Provident Foundation offers a series of funds to support organizations reshaping the economy to be more equitable and sustainable. The Shifting Cultural Perceptions strand offers funding of £50,000 per year for three years for up to 6 organisations to help with exploring the question 'how we can begin to shift perceptions and beliefs about the economy, about what it is and what it could be?' with facilitated programme learning days, activities and more.</p>
<u>FUNDING SUPPORT FOR CLEAN ENERGY TRANSITION</u>		<p>The Clean Energy Transition Partnership is a competitive funding call that aims to get as many Scottish companies as possible involved in developing new clean energy solutions.</p> <p>There is a 2-stage application process. Scottish Enterprise can only consider projects that have already been selected through the Clean Energy Transition Partnership ranking process. The ranking process is an independent evaluation by a group of international experts. Only the highest-ranking projects will receive funding.</p> <p>There are 10 modules that describe specific topics and/or challenges that applicants should address in their project proposal. Applicants must choose and apply to a specific module in their proposal.</p>

<u>FUNDING TO ENHANCE GRASSROOT SPORTS</u>		£8.6 million funding will be available for Scotland to enhance community access to sports and physical activities, particularly in deprived areas, and to increase participation among under-represented groups, including women, girls, ethnic minorities, and disabled individuals. Funding will be distributed to projects that support the development of new and improved pitches, changing rooms, goalposts, and floodlights and / or offer multi-sport facilities to encourage broader community engagement.
<u>GARFIELD WESTON FOUNDATION</u>	Apply any time	Match funding grants up to £100,000 and more are available to registered charities to support a range of causes. Currently inviting applications relating to Youth, Welfare and Community. Grants can be used to support core operating costs, capital projects, equipment purchases, or for defined time-limited projects.
<u>GOOGLE AD GRANTS</u>	n/a	Ad Grants provides access to in-kind advertising every month for text ads and you will also get access to tools to help you build effective marketing campaigns. This support can be used to help attract donors, raise awareness for your organisation, and recruit volunteers with in-kind advertising on Google Search.
<u>GRANTS FOR TRANSPORT RESEARCH AND INNOVATION</u>		<p>This Grant Programme offers up to £45,000 for organisations, businesses and academics, to research innovative transportation ideas to improve the transportation system and boost economic growth. There is a new category for Scotland. Project criteria can include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nation specific transport solutions • Local transport decarbonisation • Maritime decarbonisation • Critical and emerging technologies • Wider solutions that have potential <p>Find more information here, grant guidance here, apply here or attend the application support webinar:</p>
<u>GREEN HALL FOUNDATION</u>	Opens: 1 September 2025	<p>The objective of the Green Hall Foundation is to sustainably improve lives: among the sick, the elderly, the disabled and the disadvantaged particularly in the UK. Overseas project are also supported provided that the applicant charity is registered in the UK. Preference is given to appeals where the Foundation can meet a significant proportion of the funding required and to appeals where permanent equipment or building is required as opposed to funding salaries or the charity running costs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each May meeting will be open to Charities in all income brackets. • Each November meeting will only be open to Charities with an annual income of £250,000 or less. <p>Apply as soon as the cycle opens as only the first 150 applications will go forward to the Trustees for consideration at each meeting. Rounds often close within a hour or two of opening. Once open, the Foundation website displays the number of applications received.</p>

<p><u>GREEN JOBS CAPITAL FUND</u></p>		<p>This fund helps businesses and social enterprises in the Highlands and Islands to create and preserve jobs that produce goods or services that benefit the environment. This could be by conserving natural resources, or creating more environmentally friendly processes in those organisations.</p> <p>For this fund, green jobs are considered (one of the following):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • jobs in businesses that provide goods or services that benefit the environment or conserve natural resources - for example, any job in a renewables or low carbon technology company, including warehouse and office staff, engineers and researchers • jobs that focus on making an organisation's production processes more environmentally friendly or use fewer natural resources, either as their main focus or as part of a wider role - for example, a designated sustainability officer, or a purchasing manager who aims to source more sustainable materials and suppliers <p>The funding is to be used only for capital expenditure to support these jobs. This can include spending on equipment, machinery, fixtures and fittings and information technology infrastructure.</p> <p>The application process has 2 stages. The first stage is to complete the online expression of interest form on the Highlands and Islands Enterprise website. There is no deadline for this.</p> <p>Your expression of interest form will be reviewed. If your application meets the basic criteria, you'll be allocated a development manager who will advise you on what you need to provide to make a stage 2 application.</p> <p>If your application is unsuccessful, Highlands and Islands Enterprise will explain why and will highlight other support options where possible.</p>
<p><u>GROWTH IMPACT FUND</u></p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Funding is available to early stage growing social enterprises and charitable organisations in the UK to address the structural barriers that diverse organisations face.</p>
<p><u>HAPPY DAYS CHILDREN'S CHARITY</u></p>		<p>Happy Days Children's Charity works with local communities across the UK to provide vital respite breaks for individuals, families and groups who support children and young people aged from 3 to 17 years with a wide range of additional needs.</p>
<p><u>HEALTH AND WELLBEING IN MUSEUMS FUND</u></p>		<p>10 grants of £50,000 to £75,000 will be awarded to enable the development and continuation of groundbreaking health and wellbeing programmes in UK museums.</p>

<u>HEAT NETWORK FUND: APPLICATION GUIDANCE</u>	n/a	The Scottish Government is making £300 million available over the next parliamentary session to support the development and rollout of zero emission heat networks across Scotland. This fair and open fund aims to stimulate commercial interest, investment and maximise Scotland's vast potential in the low carbon sector, whilst contributing to the positive progress on reducing Scotland's greenhouse gas emissions.
<u>HENDERSON LOGGIE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION - HENDERSON LOGGIE</u>	No information available	Registered as a Scottish charity on 10th June 2024, the Henderson Loggie Charitable Foundation supports organisations aiding individuals facing challenges such as ill health, disability, financial hardship, and other disadvantages. Led by a team of dedicated volunteer Trustees, we ensure resources reach those most in need.
<u>HIE - DIGITAL AND TECHNOLOGY ADOPTION CAPITAL GRANT</u>	Closes when all funds are allocated. Early application advised.	This grant can provide organisations based in the Highlands and Islands region funding to support digital transformation ambitions. HIE recommend that organisations applying for this fund should have a digital action plan or feasibility study in place before making an enquiry. If you require support with this, please see HIE's <u>Digital Specialist Advice Programme Fund</u> , which may help cover the costs of 1-2-1 consultancy on digital technologies.
<u>HIE - DIGITAL SPECIALIST ADVICE GRANT</u>		Digital Specialist Advice Grant offers up to £5,000 to allow you to access expert consultancy to help with feasibility studies or action plans that drive innovation, efficiency, and growth using advanced digital technologies - such as artificial intelligence, robotics, and cyber security.
<u>HIE - FOOD AND DRINK TECHHUB SUPPORT AND FUNDING</u>		Boost productivity, cut costs and go greener with Food and Drink TechHUB! Our programme enables your food and drink business to access tailored support and funding to become more productive, Improve decision-making and reduce your carbon footprint.
<u>HIE - R&D GRANT FUNDING</u>		HIE's Research and Development (R&D) grant funding can help you develop new products, processes and services. This funding is discretionary and all sizes of businesses are eligible
<u>HIE - YOUNG BUSINESS CAPITAL GRANT</u>	March 2026	Start-ups and social enterprises trading for under five years can apply for between £10,000 and £75,000 to support capital projects that drive innovation, productivity, and job creation. Whether you're expanding premises, investing in new equipment, or entering new markets, this non-repayable funding could cover up to 50% of your project costs. Priority is given to ventures in remote, rural, and island areas, and applications are open until March 2026. Ready to grow? Submit your Expression of Interest today!
<u>HIE - YOUNG BUSINESS CAPITAL GRANT</u>	March 2026	The grant aims to stimulate an increase in productivity, innovation and employment in the Highlands and Islands through capital investment in start-up/young businesses and social enterprises who have been trading for less than five years.

		<p>The funding is a non-repayable grant of up to £75,000 which will cover between 20% and 50% of the total cost of a project. The minimum grant award is £10,000. Projects with a total cost of £20,000 or less are therefore unlikely to be eligible. HIE will prioritise projects based in remote, rural and island areas where applicants may be eligible for up to 50% funding towards project costs.</p>
<u>HIE GREEN GRANT FUND</u>		<p>Our Green Grant Fund aims to support businesses and social enterprises across the Highlands and Islands to transition to net zero.</p> <p>The funding is a non-repayable grant of up to £250,000, which will cover between 10% and 40% of the total cost of a project. The minimum grant award is £20,000. Projects with a total cost of £50,000 or less are therefore unlikely to be eligible.</p> <p>Projects can include anything that helps businesses and social enterprises to reduce carbon emissions and make progress towards achieving net zero, for example through energy efficiency measures, renewables, or waste management. We will prioritise projects based in remote and rural areas where applicants may be eligible for up to 50% funding.</p> <p>HIE's contribution to projects will be based on the financial need of the business or social enterprise. Applicants will be required to provide financial information on request to allow an assessment to be made.</p> <p>For more info and expression of interest go to <u>HIE Green Grant Fund HIE</u>.</p>
<u>HIGHLANDS & ISLANDS COMMUNITY CLIMATE ACTION FUND</u>	Rolling - monthly	<p>The Highlands & Islands Climate Hub is delighted to offer its members small grants for new community organisations or to launch a new climate action project. The Fund is available to existing and emerging community groups who are members of the Highlands and Islands Climate Hub. There is a small funding pot available for funding applications up to £1,000. Applications are assessed on a rolling monthly basis. We close our funding on the last day of every month.</p>
<u>HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS COMMUNITY CLIMATE ACTION FUND</u>	rolling basis with decisions made each month	<p>The Climate Action Fund will be temporarily closed to applications in February. Look for news of it re-opening in Spring! <u>Find the Funding News here</u>.</p>
<u>HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS ENTERPRISE - DIGITAL AND TECHNOLOGY</u>		<p>The Digital and Technology Adoption Capital Grant can provide organisations based in the Highlands and Islands region funding to support digital transformation ambitions.</p>

<p><u>ADOPTION CAPITAL GRANT</u></p>		<p>Introducing digital technology into your business has many advantages, including cutting costs, speeding up processes, improving customer insights, creating the ability to make faster business decisions, reduce carbon emissions and increase revenue.</p> <p>HIE recommend that organisations applying for this fund should have a digital action plan or feasibility study in place before making an enquiry.</p> <p>Community and Voluntary Organisations in the Highlands and Islands can apply for up to £5k towards digital and technology specialist advice and also for a capital grant based on their requirements.</p>
<p><u>HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT SCOTLAND: NEW GRANTS FRAMEWORK</u></p>		<p>Historic Environment Scotland provides a range of grants and funding schemes to organisations developing projects that will benefit Scotland’s historic environment. Funding applications can focus on any aspect of Scotland's historic environment. To apply, you'll need to submit an initial expression of interest. A grants manager will then respond. If your expression of interest is approved, you'll be invited to submit a full application with more detailed information about the project.</p> <p>Express Grants (£1,000 to £25,000) – open all year Small Grants (£25,001 to £100,000) – deadlines 30 April; 31 August; 31 December Large Grants (£100,001 to £500,000) - 30th June; 31st October; 28th/ 29th February</p>
<p><u>HOME INSTEAD - SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES</u></p>	<p>Apply January; April; July and October</p>	<p>Money raised from Home Instead Offices and external supporters funds groups who support the mental, physical, and emotional wellbeing of ageing adults. This might be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular weekly or monthly events and activities such as weekly cinema club, weekly knit and natter or Thursday lunch club • One off activities such as a day trip or a Christmas lunch • Activities such as yoga or a guest speaker for your group such as a local historian <p>Applications from small grass roots organisations, local registered charities, and individuals if it is to provide access to your group, i.e. transport costs or communications devices to access your groups activities.</p>
<p><u>HUGO BURGE FOUNDATION - CREATIVE GRANTS</u></p>		<p>Grant funding is available to support projects, individuals, and organisations across the UK that promote creativity through three key areas: Creative Education, Creative Communities, and Creative Individuals. The funding is intended to support creativity across the UK. There are three key areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creative Education: Supporting projects that provide young people (ages 0-29) with opportunities to engage in creative activities. This includes funding for workshops in schools, field trips to cultural sites, and the purchase of materials for student engagement. • Creative Communities: Aiding organisations, festivals, fairs and community groups that develop and deliver cultural and creative arts initiatives within their local areas.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creative Individuals: Providing individual artists, including those in visual and expressive arts, writers and craftspeople, with funding to support their artistic projects. <p>For the Creative Education and Creative Communities strands, the maximum award is £15,000. For Creative Individuals, the maximum award is £5,000.</p>
<u>IAN FINDLAY PATH FUND – PATHS FOR ALL</u>		Grants of £10,000 - £100,000 (match funding required) for community groups and educational establishments towards path management projects that: improve accessibility and resilience of existing paths between homes, community facilities, active travel routes and public transport facilities; remove barriers to make existing paths more accessible to more people; link paths to community destinations such as homes and public transport connections; improve and create routes to aid the development of 20-minute neighbourhoods.
<u>IDLEWILD TRUST</u>	13 Feb 2026, 12pm	<p>Idlewild Trust is an independent grant-making trust that runs two grants programmes supporting specific areas within conservation and the arts.</p> <p>Arts: Nurturing Early-Stage Professionals supports organisations which offer high-level training to early career participants (18yrs+) in the performing, fine and applied arts – for example, musicians, dancers, actors, writers, artists, composers, curators, and theatre-makers.</p> <p>Idlewild Trust offers three multi-year awards for the Arts stream -- only available to charitable organisations whose programmes Idlewild has supported previously. Application for these awards is by invitation only and the amount available for each award under this scheme will be £21,000 over 3 years.</p> <p>Round 2: Applications open on Monday 1 December 2025, close on Friday 13 February 2026 at midday .</p>
<u>INDEPENDENT LIVING FUND SCOTLAND - TRANSITION FUND</u>		<p>Are you a young disabled person aged 16-25, and living in Scotland? You could be eligible for up to £4,000 in funding, for 1 year! ILF Scotland can support you to try new activities and experiences that will help you</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Become more engaged and active in your community • Enhance your independence and confidence • Help you to spend more time with other people
<u>INTERNET FREEDOM FUND OTF (OPENTECH.FUND)</u>	Applications are accepted on a rolling basis	<p>Open Technology Fund (OTF)'s Internet Freedom Fund supports innovative internet freedom projects, including technology development, research, digital security projects, and convenings.</p> <p>Funding categories are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technology Development • Applied Research • Digital Security • Events and Community Convenings

<u>JEAN SAINSBURY ANIMAL WELFARE TRUST (JSAWT)</u>		<p>Grants to charities working to offer sanctuary, rehoming and rehabilitation to animals in the UK and/or internationally. and for organisations involved with the conservation of wildlife, the rescue, rehabilitation. The funding supports general running costs or capital purchases.</p> <p>Donations are considered three times each year in spring, summer and winter, by a panel of up to 7 trustees and range from £1,000 to a normal maximum of £10,000. Smaller donations may be awarded between the meetings at the discretion of JSAWT's Chair and Administrator.</p>
<u>JEANS FOR GENES GRANT PROGRAMME</u>		<p>The annual <u>Jeans for Genes</u> campaign raises money and awareness, uniting schools, organisations and individuals to help fund and support incredible charities and groups all over the UK that provide vital services to the genetic condition community. By supporting the resilience and sustainability of organisations serving the genetic condition community the Programme hopes to achieve their ambition that every individual in the UK living with a genetic condition and their families, are able to access the appropriate support at the time they need it so that they feel supported, valued and included.</p>
<u>JHP VISUALS - SUSTAINABILITY FILM GRANT</u>	Apply at any time	<p>JHP Visuals is offering to subsidise up to 50% of the value of a marketing project for three eligible charities or social enterprise organisations in Scotland each year.</p> <p>This grant is designed to make professional marketing campaigns more attainable.</p> <p>As an outline, a project with a total value of £4,000 (ex VAT) would typically involve providing a comprehensive shoot plan, sending a production team to a site within the central belt for one day, and delivering a short film, a suite of photos and up to three social posts in multiple formats.</p> <p>This grant is available for all registered charities or social enterprises based in Scotland whose work benefits the environment or people in a sustainable way and who are looking to implement a marketing campaign to help them further their work and engage with audiences, stakeholders, or funders.</p>
<u>KILN FAMILY TRUST</u>	Any time	<p>The Trust's grant-making focuses on the following areas of interest to trustees: - Amateur sport - Environment, wildlife & conservation - Advancement of health - Gender equity & empowerment</p>
<u>LANDSCAPES THE NATIONAL LOTTERY HERITAGE FUND</u>		<p>Funding is available to support projects that address the key challenges faced by UK's landscapes and nature. Landscape projects must deliver one or more of the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservation at a landscape scale • Increasing people's understanding of the cultural value of landscapes and seascapes • Bigger, better, well-connected and more resilient habitats for nature • Reconnecting people with nature <p>See: <u>Landscapes, seas and nature good practice guidance The National Lottery Heritage Fund</u></p>

<p><u>LANDTRUST - SCOTTISH LANDFILL COMMUNITIES FUND</u></p>		<p>This is a Government initiative which was introduced to reduce the impact of landfill sites on neighbouring communities by funding local environmental projects. The aim of the scheme is to enable landfill operators to support various types of environmental projects by donating a percentage of their landfill tax liability. Projects must conform to one of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • projects that involve reclaiming land, the use of which has been prevented by some previous activity • projects that reduce or prevent pollution on land • projects that provide or maintain public amenities or parks within 10 miles of a landfill site • delivery of biodiversity conservation for UK species habitats • projects to restore or repair buildings for religious worship, or of architectural or historical interest within 10 miles of a landfill site • community based recycling, re-use and waste prevention projects
<p><u>LEARNING DISABILITY SUPPORT FUND</u></p>		<p>Inspiring Scotland have launched a <u>Learning Disability Support Fund</u>. The Fund aims to sustain and support organisations working directly with people in Scotland with learning disabilities to build a more inclusive society, reduce inequality and provide opportunities for fulfilling lives. It will run from October 2025 to March 2028 (30 months) and will provide both core and project funding. The total funding available over this period is £1,625,000. Register your expression of interest <u>here</u></p>
<p><u>LINTEL TRUST - SMALL GRANTS FUND</u></p>	<p>30th April 2025 13th August 2025 7th October 2025 5th February 2026</p>	<p>Lintel Trust, Scotland's housing charity have re-opened their small grants fund. Grants of either £500 or £1,000 are available. They support projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • tackling social isolation in housing communities • promoting digital participation for housing communities • enabling older people to remain independent and in their own home • enabling people with disabilities to live independently • assisting people moving from homelessness into a secure tenancy
<p><u>LISTED PLACES OF WORSHIP GRANT SCHEME</u></p>	<p>Anytime until 31 Mar 2026</p>	<p>The Listed Places of Worship (LPW) Grant Scheme gives grants that cover the VAT incurred in making repairs to listed buildings in use as places of worship.</p> <p>The scheme covers repairs to the fabric of the building, along with associated professional fees, plus repairs to turret clocks, pews, bells and pipe organs. All faiths and areas of the UK are equally able to make use of scheme.</p> <p>The Scheme is run by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) and managed by East Midland Business Ltd. The scheme will run until 31 March 2026.</p>

<u>MARSH CHARITABLE TRUST</u>	Rolling programme	The Trust focuses on providing funding which could help small organisations pay for various running costs, such as volunteer expenses, training days, equipment maintenance and other core outgoings. Grants are unrestricted and range from £300-£2,000. Successful new applicants can expect to receive a grant at the lower end of this scale.
<u>MATERIAL FOCUS: ELECTRICALS RECYCLING FUND</u>	Apply any time	Grants up to £100,000 are available for a range of organisations and agencies to encourage everyone to reuse or recycle their unwanted electricals. Priority to develop existing household collection services and to test new approaches.
<u>MATTHEW GOOD FOUNDATION GRANTS FOR GOOD FUND</u>		Every three months, this fund divides £10,000 between five shortlisted projects that have a positive impact on communities, people, or the environment. Local community groups, charities, voluntary groups and social enterprises in the UK are eligible to apply. have an average annual income of less than £50,000 to apply
<u>MCCARTHY STONE FOUNDATION</u>	n/a	This funding is for organisations or programmes that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support intergenerational activity • Build partnerships with charities, local schools, and community groups • Support children to engage with older people in their community • Promote intergenerational learning opportunities
<u>MOTABILITY FOUNDATION - BUILDING A RESILIENT COMMUNITY AND SHARED TRANSPORT SECTOR</u>	30 January 2026	<p>This funding round is for organisations that are looking to deliver something innovative related to shared community transport, which has the potential to either be replicated elsewhere, or develop a tool that can be of benefit to other providers.</p> <p>They are awarding funding to organisations working in ways that can demonstrate best practice and ways of working that have the potential to build a sustainable, stronger more resilient community and shared transport sector. This might include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New operating models. • Shared infrastructure. • Collaborative approaches. • Digital transformation. • Enhancing volunteer capacity. <p>Grant funding must be used to support disabled people living in the UK and creating a more sustainable and resilient community and shared transport. Projects can provide support on a national scale or focus on specific regions, addressing local needs and challenges. They're particularly interested in funding projects that deliver meaningful impact in deprived areas, or to underrepresented groups.</p>

<p><u>MUSEUMS GALLERIES SCOTLAND - CREATIVE MINDS FUND</u></p>	<p>Now open</p>	<p>The Creative Minds Fund will support museums and organisations working with people experiencing mental health issues to create engagement opportunities. Projects will involve participants in creative activities related to the museum and its collection.</p> <p>This fund aims to develop programming that includes and benefits people experiencing mental health issues. It also aims to strengthen relationships between Scottish museums and mental health organisations and increase the museum sector's confidence and capacity to become more inclusive places.</p> <p>This fund can support a wide range of costs for engagement programmes including costs for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Materials for activities • Events • Exhibitions • Mental health training and support for participants and project team • Museum and Heritage skills training for participants • Marketing, communication and design costs • Salary cost for new staff, additional staff time, and fees for freelancers • Expenses and travel costs for project team and participants <p>If you are considering applying to the Creative Minds Fund, please get in touch with the grants team at <u>grants@musemsgalleriesscotland.org.uk</u> by the Expression of Interest (EOI) deadline. The grants team are happy to advise on all potential applications. Applicants who talk to MGS before application are more likely to be successful. Apply via application portal on website.</p>
<p><u>NATIONAL CENTRE FOR RESILIENCE</u></p>		<p>Now open for applications for 2025-2026 to support resilience projects in Scotland! Grants are available through the Knowledge Mobilisation Fund, Community Council Fund, and Third Sector Project Fund. These funds empower academics, councils, and community groups to strengthen local resilience to natural hazards.</p>
<p><u>NATIONAL LOTTERY - FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS</u></p>		<p>If have an idea for an environmental project, there is a range of grants available to apply for. Grants range from £300 up to £20,000 through our open <u>Awards for All programme</u>, to grants over £500,000 through our <u>Climate Action Fund</u>.</p>
<p>NATIONAL LOTTERY COMMUNITY FUND</p> <p><u>COMMUNITY ACTION FUND</u></p>		<p><u>COMMUNITY ACTION FUND</u></p> <p>Awarding grants of between £20,001 and £250,000 for up to five years, Community Action will support projects that help communities of all shapes and sizes to come together around activities that matter to them, or which help communities to be environmentally sustainable. In a departure from our previous Scotland</p>

<p><u>FAIRER LIFE CHANCES FUND</u></p>		<p>programmes, we are opening up our definition of community to include people who share an identity, interest or experience, as well as people living in the same place.</p> <p>We want to fund projects that bring communities together to improve wellbeing and develop positive relationships within those communities. And that encourage connection with other people and/or connection with the environment. It will support projects that are more open, inclusive and led by the people who will benefit from their activities and services.</p> <p><u>FAIRER LIFE CHANCES FUND</u></p> <p>Awarding grants of between £20,001 and £500,000 for up to five years, Fairer Life Chances will fund projects that support children, young people and families, or that help people to be healthier and have better access to support. We want to fund vulnerable or excluded communities and, in particular, those that find it hardest to access support.</p> <p>Please visit the <u>Scotland page of our website</u> to find out more about programme outcomes and priorities. A blog explaining what we want to see in a strong funding application will be available our <u>Scotland blog site</u> from tomorrow.</p> <p>Organisations wishing to apply should contact us for a conversation either by email at <u>advicescotland@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk</u> or call us on 0300 123 7110.</p>
<p><u>NATIONAL LOTTERY COMMUNITY FUND - STRENGTHENING ORGANISATIONS</u></p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>This grant programme is targeted at organisations in Scotland that National Lottery Community Fund (NLCF) currently fund.</p> <p>NLCF want to support organisations to try out new ideas and ways of working, or to develop their organisation and improve their current work. To be considered for this funding programme applicants must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently have funding from NLCF for one or more projects • Work with people affected by poverty, disadvantage or discrimination • Involve the people you support in designing how you work <p>The work to be funded must meet one of the following outcomes - organisations that are funded are able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overcome challenges and plan for the future • Try out new ideas and ways of working

		Funding between £300 to £50,000 is available, for up to two years. For more information and to discuss your idea please refer to website: NATIONAL LOTTERY COMMUNITY FUND - STRENGTHENING ORGANISATIONS
NATIONAL LOTTERY COMMUNITY FUND - THE UK FUND	No deadline	<p>This fund is for organisations that want to do more to help communities come together and help make us a better-connected society. Your project must either work across the UK, or be able to inform, influence or scale across the UK.</p> <p>We want to fund projects that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> strengthen relationships between people whose experiences of life have not been the same. For example, relationships between people of different ethnic backgrounds, generations, occupations or geographies create connections between online and offline worlds help make sure people from all backgrounds can shape the future of their communities. <p>Watch the webinar about The UK Fund. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NqJK5pN6CO8</p> <p>Check that your idea meets the funding criteria in our guidance document.</p>
NATIONAL LOTTERY COMMUNITY FUND AWARDS FOR ALL PROGRAMME		<p>National Lottery Community Fund Awards for All programme has increased the maximum grant amount for community-led projects to £20,000 over two years.</p> <p>Awards For All supports projects that aim to help improve local communities and the lives of people most in need. Priorities are: bringing communities together, improving places that matter to communities, enabling people to fulfil their potential and supporting people, communities and organisations facing more demand due to cost of living crisis.</p> <p>Funding for Community led projects: Awards for All can provide between £300 and £20,000 and can support projects for up to two years.</p> <p>Funding for arts and sports projects: Awards for All can provide between £300 and £10,000 and can support projects for up to 12 months.</p>
NATIONAL LOTTERY COMMUNITY FUND SCOTTISH LAND FUND	Ongoing	The supports communities in Scotland, both urban and rural, to take ownership of land and buildings. It offers practical support to develop projects, helping communities become more resilient and sustainable through land ownership and management. Community-led, geographically defined groups are eligible to apply.

<u>NATIONAL LOTTERY COMMUNITY FUND – IMPROVING LIVES FUND</u>	Ongoing	<p>Grants from £10,001 to £200,000 to help people facing challenging circumstances.</p> <p>We know people, communities and organisations are facing increased demands and challenges as a result of the cost-of-living crisis. If you would like to talk to us about a project in response to this, please get in touch at advicescotland@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk</p>
<u>NATIONAL LOTTERY HERITAGE FUND</u>	Rolling programme	<p>The National Lottery Heritage fund is once again accepting project funding applications up to £100,000. This National Lottery funding is there to help the heritage community recover from the effects of the pandemic, and re-engage with the communities hardest hit over the last year. Grants between £3,000 and £100,000 are available to organisations working with heritage to build their resilience and engage with those most in need in our communities.</p> <p>Applications are welcome from community groups that are not heritage-based but can deliver heritage focused activity and have not previously received a grant from The National Lottery Heritage Fund.</p> <p>Heritage can be anything from the past that you value and want to pass on to future generations. Heritage can mean different things to different people. As a guide heritage could include people’s memories and experiences, cultural traditions, nature, community archaeology, collections of objects, books or documents in museums, libraries and archives, history of people and communities or places and events and places and objects linked to our maritime and transport history.</p> <p>You can apply whenever you are ready, your application will be assessed within eight weeks.</p>
<u>NATIONAL LOTTERY OPEN FUND FOR ORGANISATIONS</u> AN UPDATE OF THE OPEN FUND: SUSTAINING CREATIVE DEVELOPMENT FUND	No deadlines	<p>The National Lottery Open Fund for Organisations is an update of the Open Fund: Sustaining Creative Development Fund which Creative Scotland administered between 2020 and early 2023.</p> <p>The fund aims to continue to support organisations who seek funding to undertake creative activity such as a specific project or production, a programme of creative work, or a period of research and development. Any type of constituted artistic, creative or cultural organisation based in Scotland can apply.</p> <p>Eligible organisations can apply for funding between £1k and £100k for projects or programmes lasting up to 18 months.</p>
<u>NATIONWIDE COMMUNITY GRANT</u>		<p>Community Grants supports projects which provide housing solutions. Applications are open to any organisations that provide solutions to help:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevent people from losing their home • Help people into a home • Support people to thrive within the home environment

		Charities, Community Land Trusts and housing co-operatives who are making positive changes in their local areas can apply. Apply as soon as possible as applications will close once the cap has been reached. The cap for each region is 40 applications.
<u>NESTA - GREENER HOMES CALL FOR IDEAS</u>	Any time	Nesta, the UK's innovation agency for social good, is offering up to five x £10,000 development grants for compelling broadcast and/or digital projects that incorporate themes about how the ways we heat and power our homes are changing. They are looking for entertaining, fresh stories and approaches that bring a range of audiences to this subject.
<u>NHS COMMUNITY BENEFIT GATEWAY (CBG)</u>		<u>NHS Community Benefit Gateway (CBG)</u> is a free and easy to use online portal connecting NHS Scotland suppliers with third sector organisations who are looking for assistance. This can be anything from supporting training, volunteering, professional advice, donation of equipment, assistance with building community facilities and more. Third sector organisations upload their community need and NHS suppliers can bid to offer support. Get inspired by <u>case studies of community organisations</u> that used the CBG portal. Find out more and share your needs <u>here</u> .
<u>PARKINSON'S UK - PHYSICAL ACTIVITY GRANTS</u>	Rolling, until all funds allocated.	Supports activity providers, communities, networks, organisations and others to develop opportunities for people with Parkinson's to become and stay active. They are looking for new opportunities for people affected by Parkinson's to participate in physical activity and sport or increased participation in these areas. The key outcomes of the fund are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People with Parkinson's become and stay active, and/or significantly increase their levels of activity if they are already active. • More physical activity provision for everyone with Parkinson's across the UK. • Improved social wellbeing in people with Parkinson's as a result of attending the project.
<u>PAUL HAMLYN FOUNDATION - ARTS-BASED LEARNING FUND</u>	ongoing	The funding of up to £ 300,000 is intended to create a more equitable school system where high-quality arts-based learning is a core part of all children's education. Applications will be accepted from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arts and cultural organisations working in partnership with formal education settings (including state-funded primary and secondary schools, SEND specialist schools, Further Education colleges, alternative provision settings such as Pupil Referral Units, and some types of state-funded Early Years settings). • Organisations that are developing established programmes of work and/or testing new approaches.
<u>PAUL HAMLYN FOUNDATION: ARTS ACCESS & PARTICIPATION</u>	Ongoing	Organisations addressing inequalities of opportunity to access and participate in the arts. The Foundation wants to support change in the way the arts are created, presented, accessed and experienced

<p><u>PEOPLE'S POSTCODE TRUST</u></p>	<p>Round 1: 24th March 9am to 31st March 12 noon</p> <p>Round 2: 24th June 9am to 1st July 12 noon</p> <p>Round 3: 25 September to 6 October</p>	<p>The aim of People's Postcode Trust is to support smaller charities and good causes in the Scotland to make a difference to their community for the benefit of people and planet. They support projects under the following categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enabling participation in physical activity • Enabling participation in the arts • Preventing or reducing the impact of poverty • Supporting marginalised groups and tackling inequality • Improving biodiversity and responding to the climate emergency • Improving green spaces and increasing access to the outdoors • Providing support to improve mental health (Focus on organisations that actively support specific mental health issues) <p>Application forms and guidance on the Trust website. Questions can be downloaded in advance so you are ready to apply as soon as applications open.</p>
<p><u>PERCY BILTON CHARITY - GRANTS FOR ORGANISATIONS</u></p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Grants up to £5,000 are available to UK registered charities with primary objectives to assist one or more of the following groups: disadvantaged/underprivileged young people (under 25 years old); people with disabilities (physical or learning disabilities or mental health problems); older people (aged over 60).</p>
<p><u>PETER HARRISON FOUNDATION - ACTIVE LIVES</u></p>	<p>Trustees meet four times a year: Deadlines are: 1 January (for decision 30 April) 1 April (for decision 31 July) 1 July (for decision 31 October) 1 October (for decision 31 January)</p>	<p>Funds applications for physical activity initiatives that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offer high-impact, life-enhancing opportunities for those who live in the top 10% of areas of deprivation • Remove barriers to participation for disabled or disadvantaged people • Focus on grassroots involvement rather than elite participation in physical activity • Focus on skills development and confidence building for individuals • Incorporate effective strategies for wider impact, perhaps through training, partnerships and/or dissemination activities • Demonstrate a high degree of involvement across the organisation from beneficiaries and those with lived experience • Have a well-developed plan for sustainability and seek to deliver a legacy • Reflect their values: Excellence, Entrepreneurship, Integrity, Sustainability
<p><u>PETS FOUNDATION - PREVENTING PET RELINQUISHMENT GRANTS</u></p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Grants are available for projects which aim to keep pets with their owners and out of rescue, including projects providing emergency pet fostering for people facing crisis, subsidised veterinary care, neutering schemes and pet food banks. Grants of up to £80,000 per year are available. Multi-year funding</p>

		applications, up to a three-year period, will be considered.
<u>PETS FOUNDATION - RESCUE CENTRE GRANTS</u>	Ongoing	<p>Grants are available for charities and non-profit organisations in the UK whose main objective is the rescue and rehoming of domestic pets in the UK. The Pets Foundation provides three grant programmes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rescue Centres – to support organisations whose main activities are the rescue and rehoming of UK pets. • Pets Assisting People – to support organisations whose main activities are one or more of the following: - The provision of temporary or ongoing assistance to ensure pets can remain with their owners, where rehoming takes place only when it is not possible to reunite the pet with their owner.; Changing the lives of adults and children through the provision of animal-based activities or practical assistance. • Preventing Pet Relinquishment – to support projects that aim to keep pets with their owners and out of rescue
<u>POUNDS FOR PURPOSE</u>		<p>Pounds for Purpose offers £500 awards for project costs to young people in Scotland aged 16 to 26 who have an idea to make a positive difference to their community or the environment. Projects must be developed by the young person or persons applying and report back within 6 months. Projects with themes that bring about positive change will be supported such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tackling inequality. • Bringing people together to reduce isolation. • Promoting positive mental health. • A greener world – reducing negative impact on the environment and creating a more sustainable future. • Caring for others – working to support and look after vulnerable members of society.
<u>PRS FOR MUSIC FOUNDATION - BEYOND BORDERS</u>		<p>Beyond Borders stimulates and strengthens cross-border collaborations between music creators, performers and presenters. It supports the creation, touring and promotion of innovative and high-quality new music across all genres and encourages engagement with audiences across England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland through multiple performances and digital activity. Applications must consist of at least three partners, each from a different country. Larger partnerships, incorporating international organisations, are encouraged</p> <p>Funding is available for projects that include new commissions, recordings and repeat performances of music written in the past five years.</p>

<u>RAYNE FOUNDATION - OPEN GRANTS PROGRAMME</u>		Funding focuses on four key areas: enhancing young people’s mental health, using arts for social change, improving life quality for carers and older people, and providing better opportunities for refugees and asylum seekers. Suitable for projects in these areas aiming for impactful social benefits.
<u>SAFEDEPOSITS SCOTLAND COMMUNITY FUND</u>	Friday 27th February 2026	<p>SafeDeposits Scotland, the country’s leading tenancy deposit protection scheme, has introduced a Community Fund designed to provide small grants to projects enhancing communities across Scotland.</p> <p>The SafeDeposits Scotland Community Fund will award grants to organisations who commit to deliver a project that meets at least one of five criteria, namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainability and the environment • Employability and career skills • Social inclusion • Technology and digital inclusion • Improving the local community
<u>SAVE OUR WILD ISLES COMMUNITY FUND</u>		<p>Aviva, in partnership with WWF and the RSPB, is giving £1 million to support community groups across the UK to protect and restore nature in their local area.</p> <p>WWF, the RSPB and Aviva have come together to launch the <u>Save Our Wild Isles Community Fund</u> to make it easier for communities to take action for nature. From creating community gardens and replanting wildflower meadows, to protecting local wildlife and promoting community connection to nature – together we can help communities around the UK bring nature back to life and make our isles wilder.</p> <p>CEMVO Scotland and EMEN can help and are working with the Save Our Wild Isles Community Fund to help support organisations in Scotland who are keen to apply.</p> <p>Whether you’re looking for support with your application, peer-to-peer training, or the opportunity to meet likeminded people in your area - join a support network near you! If you're based in Scotland, please reach out to Aekus Kamboj from CEMVO Scotland via email at <u>Aekus.Kamboj@cemvoscotland.org.uk</u>.</p>
<u>SCOT GOVT/CORRA FOUNDATION - LOCAL SUPPORT FUND</u>	n/a	<p>The Local Support Fund is focused on community-based organisations delivering frontline services to support people who use drugs, people who are in recovery and their families. It aims to facilitate rights-based, relational support for people so that they can easily access the right support at the right time. Open to organisations with an annual income of up to £500,000. Applicants can be charities, social enterprises, community groups and other voluntary organisations. Funding of up to £50,000 per year for four years.</p>

<u>SCOT GOVT/CORRA FOUNDATION - MICRO GRANTS</u>	n/a	<p>The Local Support Fund – Micro Grants are focused on supporting small community-based groups to deliver frontline services to support people who use or used drugs, people in recovery and/or families affected by someone else’s drug use.</p> <p>Micro Grants are for organisations with an annual income of up to £50,000</p> <p>Applicants can be charities, social enterprises or constituted community/voluntary groups that operate on a not-for-profit basis.</p> <p>Funding from £1,000 to £10,000 per year for up to four years can be requested.</p>
<u>SCOTMID COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME</u>	No closing date	<p>Applications are welcome from local communities, self-help or voluntary groups and charities (including local branches of national charities) or individuals acting for the benefit of the local community.</p> <p>The group or project must be based in or benefit a community served by a Scotmid store and within the geographic boundaries of one of Scotmid’s Regional Committees. The maximum Community Grant available is £500.</p>
<u>SCOTTISH 4G INFILL (S4GI) COMMUNITY FUND</u>		<p>S4GI partner Cellnex UK has advised that grants of up to £2,000 are now available to support initiatives focused on digital projects, community wellbeing, learning & development and more.</p> <p>The fund will prioritise projects located near any of the 55 S4GI mobile masts. Communities and organisations interested in applying can find further information about eligibility criteria and a link to the application process on Cellnex’s website: S4GI Community Fund - Cellnex.</p> <p>For more information, please contact community.relations@cellnextelecom.co.uk. For reference, details of the 55 S4GI locations and map can be found here: Scottish 4G infill programme: progress update, and here is the list of the three S4GI masts located in Shetland.</p> <p>Reawick (mainland), Brurray (Out Skerries), Ham (Foula)</p>
<u>SCOTTISH CO-INVESTMENT FUND</u>	n/a	<p>The Scottish Co-Investment Fund from Scottish Enterprise provides match-funding for Scottish start-up, early-stage or growing companies that are seeking investment alongside accredited co-investment partners to support their growth plans.</p> <p>Funding is typically available in amounts from £100,000 up to £2 million, as part of a total deal size that typically ranges from £200,000 up to £10 million.</p>
<u>SCOTTISH COMMUNITY ALLIANCE - COMMUNITY LEARNING EXCHANGE</u>		<p>Community Learning Exchange fund provides small grants to support local community groups in Scotland to connect and share peer learning. It offers up to £1,000 per exchange, including a fee for the host organisation. The programme is open throughout the year.</p>

<u>SCOTTISH FORESTRY COMMUNITY FUND</u>	Ongoing	Grants are available to voluntary and community organisations, development trusts, social enterprises, charities and local authorities for projects and activities that encourage people to use woods more. The funding aims to encourage and support greater use of woods by people to improve their health, wellbeing and life chances. Applicants will need to provide match funding for projects above £1,000.
<u>SCOTTISH LAND FUND</u>	See guidelines	<p>The Scottish Land Fund supports rural and urban communities to become more resilient and sustainable through the ownership and management of land and land assets. It offers grants of between £5,000 and £1 million to help communities take ownership of the land and buildings that matter to them, as well as practical support to develop their aspirations into viable projects.</p> <p>It is funded by the Scottish Government and delivered in partnership with The National Lottery Community Fund and Highlands and Islands Enterprise. There is a 2-stage application process. As a guide, the minimum time between application and funding decision is usually around 4 months. To apply, contact The National Lottery Community Fund Scotland to discuss your idea at advicescotland@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk or on 0300 123 7110. If your project is eligible you will be assigned a Scottish Land Fund Adviser from Highlands and Islands Enterprise, who will help you develop your idea and get ready to submit your application.</p>
<u>SCOTTISH SOCIAL GROWTH FUND</u>		<p>The <u>Scottish Social Growth Fund</u> provides loans from £100,000 to £500,000 to help charities and social enterprises scale their impact.</p> <p>With fixed interest rates and flexible repayment options, the fund is well-suited for organisations planning to purchase property, expand services, or develop new income streams.</p>
<u>SCOTTISH SOCIAL GROWTH FUND</u>		Social Investment Scotland - <u>Scottish Social Growth Fund</u> offers flexible loan finance to help social enterprises and charities in Scotland grow, develop new services, or strengthen their long-term sustainability. Loans between £100K - £500K available for up to 14 years with fixed interest rates and flexible repayment options, coupled with investment readiness guidance.
<u>SCREEN SCOTLAND - FILM DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTION FUND</u>	rolling	<p>Funding is available to support the development and production of feature-length films and documentaries made by filmmakers based in Scotland. Both live-action and animated films are eligible.</p> <p>There are 2 routes for funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single Project Development Funding – helps cover the initial development costs of a single feature film or documentary project, usually with grants of between £3,000 and £50,000 • Film Production Funding – helps cover the production costs of a film or documentary project, usually with grants of between £100,000 and £500,000

		<p>The fund will support projects with international appeal that have the potential to be distinctive, high-quality and commercially and/or creatively driven.</p> <p>Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, with no deadlines. For production applications, you should apply no later than 12 weeks before you intend to begin pre-production.</p>
<u>SCREEN SCOTLAND - PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND</u>		<p>This fund provides support for individuals already working in Scotland's film and television sectors to access training, mentoring and other professional development activity, both nationally and internationally.</p> <p>Priority will be given to applicants who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • work in areas with skills shortages • are from groups that are under-represented in the screen industries <p>You can apply for grants of between £250 and £5,000.</p>
<u>SCREEN SCOTLAND - SCREEN EDUCATION FUND</u>	Rolling	<p>The Screen Education Fund supports projects that help make screen education more accessible, inclusive and sustainable. Applications should align with the fund's key priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the development and growth of screen education across Scotland. • Support the continued professional development of teachers and educators to deliver screen education. • Support the long-term sustainability of screen education by through projects which will strengthen its provision across Scotland. • Promote the value and benefit of screen education. <p>The fund is designed for innovative projects with the potential to develop increased understanding of formal, informal and non-formal screen education and supports learning in schools, communities, and other non-traditional settings - wherever screen education can thrive.</p>
<u>SEA CHANGERS SCOTTISH LEARNING FUND</u>	On going	<p>Scottish Learning Fund is to enable early-stage and / or small community-based groups in Scotland who are involved in marine conservation activities to learn, share knowledge, network and develop skills with other groups. Travel between Scotland's coastal communities, particularly those of the Highlands and Islands, can be prohibitive for small voluntary and community groups - we seek to address those challenges with this fund.</p> <p>The Fund totals £11,000 and is made possible by a single donation to Sea-Changers by the William Grant Foundation.</p>
<u>SEA-CHANGERS</u>	31 March 30 September	<p>Sea-Changers gives one-off grants (i.e. not continual funding) to UK-based charities and other organisations (including schools) carrying out marine conservation related activities.</p> <p>Main grants - For grants between £500 and £2,500, Two grant rounds per year. Deadlines for applications are 31st March and 30th September each year.</p>

		Small Grants - For grants of up to £500. Apply any time and get a quick decision.
<u>SHACKLETON FOUNDATION</u>	29th Jan/ 29th April / 29th July / 4th November.	<p>The Shackleton Foundation provides support to social leaders and entrepreneurs as well as early-stage social enterprises who work to improve the lives of disadvantaged young people in challenging circumstances.</p> <p>A single grant of up to £10,000 to support leaders with innovative social ideas aimed at generating positive social change for disadvantaged and socially marginalised young people. The projects should be long-lasting and far-reaching with a clear social purpose and not solely reliant on grants and donations.</p>
<u>SHETLAND AMENITY TRUST HERITAGE GRANT FUND</u>	tbc	Currently closed.
<u>SHETLAND BUSINESS START UP GRANT</u>		<p>The Shetland Business Start-Up Grant is funded jointly by Shetland Islands Council's Economic Development Service and Highlands and Islands Enterprise. The grant is administered by the Business Gateway Shetland team and is open to applications from new small businesses located in Shetland.</p> <p>The objectives of the fund are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure early engagement of new business starts with Business Gateway, who will support the production of business plans, cash flow forecasts and provide early stage support to help improve viability, increase ongoing sustainability and growth. • Provide new business start-ups with funds to support capital investment, training costs and marketing and promotion. • Encourage and support young entrepreneurs and new businesses which will contribute to Shetland's transition to net zero. <p>In the first instance, applicants should contact Business Gateway Shetland to discuss the project and check eligibility. A business adviser will be assigned and will provide guidance and assistance to develop the project and to support submission of the required information, including the business plan and financial forecast. Prior to submitting an application, applicants will be expected to take part in a Business Gateway start-up workshop/webinar, if reasonably practicable. Business Gateway offers a broad range of regular webinars, and more detail can be found <u>here</u>. Please note that all Business Gateway services are free of charge.</p> <p>All applications will be assessed and verified against the grant criteria by Business Gateway Shetland. All decisions are subject to the availability of funds. It is possible that all eligible applicants may not receive funding. For more details, including grant eligibility, please use this <u>link</u>.</p>

		To apply, prospective applicants should contact us in the first instance by email at businessgateway@shetland.gov.uk or by phoning 01595 707451, or by speaking to your Business Gateway Adviser if you already have one assigned.
<u>SHETLAND CHARITABLE TRUST INNOVATION AND SMALL GRANT SCHEMES 2025/26</u>		<p>Shetland Charitable Trust Innovation Grant Scheme and Shetland Charitable Trust Small Grant Scheme for 2025/26 have both today re-opened for applications.</p> <p>The Innovation Grant Scheme can consider applications for projects up to £3,000 whereas the Small Grant Scheme can provide funding up to £5,000 to eligible projects.</p> <p>Both schemes will be open to applications for projects that will be completed before 31 March 2026 or until allocated funds for each scheme have been fully disbursed, whichever occurs soonest.</p>
<u>SHETLAND ISLANDS COUNCIL - SUPPORT TO COMMUNITY FACILITIES</u>		<p>This grant aid scheme designed to assist a number of named voluntary organisations, which manage and/or maintain youth facilities and sports facilities, with their annual running costs.</p> <p>This grant scheme is only open to a specified list of facilities. See "Who can apply".</p>
<u>SHIFT SCOTLAND – CYCLING UK</u>		Specialist support and funds to run a programme of activities in the local community to empower more people to use bicycles for short journeys.
<u>SOCIAL HOUSING NET ZERO HEAT FUND</u>		This Scottish Government fund will help social housing landlords across Scotland install zero emission heating systems and energy efficiency measures. The funding can be used for the retrofit or refurbishment of existing housing and is not for new build social housing.
<u>SOCIAL INVESTMENT SCOTLAND - BRIDGING LOANS</u>	Apply at any time	<p>A bridging loan is a short-term loan that provides quick access to funds for social enterprises and charities that need to cover a short-term cash shortfall.</p> <p>Social Investment Scotland's bridging loans serve as short-term financing solutions that help social enterprises manage temporary cash flow issues or seize growth opportunities without waiting for long-term funding. Get in touch with Social Investment Scotland to discuss.</p>
<u>SOCIAL INVESTMENT SCOTLAND - GROWTH GUARANTEE SCHEME (GGS)</u>		<p>This scheme, managed by the British Business Bank, is designed to improve access to finance for small businesses across the UK. SIS is now able to open this scheme up to charities and social enterprises across Scotland, alongside our other funding programmes.</p> <p>Loans under the scheme are available between £25,001 and £375,000 across terms of between three months and six years. The GGS provides SIS with a 70% government backed guarantee on loans, and aims to improve access to finance to boost overall investment and economic growth. Their investment managers</p>

		would be delighted to discuss this new scheme with you, alongside other loan programmes (available from £10,000 and up).
SPAR £100K COMMUNITY CASHBACK		<p>There will be multiple grants available for local voluntary or community organisations and charities who need it most. Shoppers from all over the UK can apply for a grant for an organisation or charity they feel deserves funding. All applicants need to do is share the exceptional contribution a local organisation has made to their community and what the grant would be put towards. Click here for full information and to apply.</p> <p>For any queries regarding applications please contact: communitycashback@spar.co.uk</p>
SPORTED		<p>Sported is a national “Sport for Change” charity offering free membership to grassroots community sports groups, which includes one-to-one help and support to help you grow and thrive. There are currently a range of grants available which members are able to apply for.</p> <p>Other support on offer includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A monthly funding bulletin • A monthly newsletter • Access to the Sported Hub which contains a wide variety of information and benefits • Regular webinars on relevant topics (fundraising, governance, safeguarding, business planning etc) • A team of professional volunteers that can support you with challenges you are facing such as business planning, marketing, demonstrating impact etc. • Funding opportunities
SPORTSCOTLAND: SPORTS FACILITIES FUND	1 April and 1 September each year	<p>SportScotland’s Sport Facilities Fund offers funding to create or improve places where people take part in sport and physical activity. Grants of up to £100,000 are available for sports club, community organisations and social enterprises to provide or upgrade community sports facilities.</p> <p>Priority will be given to activities that promote inclusion and returning to sport. You can also contact facilities@sportscotland.co.uk to discuss your project and eligibility before submitting your application.</p>
SSEN TRANSMISSION COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND		<p>SSE's network in the north of Scotland will play a leading role in the clean energy transition, connecting and transporting renewable electricity from wind, hydro and marine generation. SSE's Community Benefit Fund will allow a share of the benefits to go directly to those communities hosting this new infrastructure. It aims to kickstart impactful projects or initiatives that will bring meaningful benefits to communities.</p> <p>The fund has two streams:</p>

		<p>Regional: for projects benefiting communities located within the SSEN Transmission network area</p> <p>Any successful application must meet one or more of the following themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People: Focusing on skills, training and employability; • Place: Emphasising the community and culture of the north of Scotland; • Alleviating fuel poverty: Looking at strategic ways to help people across the region. <p>If your project benefits communities located within the SSEN Transmission network area, you may be eligible to apply for our Regional Fund. Our network area covers the same parts of Scotland as our sister-business, SSEN Distribution. You can provide your post code on the Energy Networks Association website to check which network area you reside in. You don't have to be a registered charity to apply, but your organisation must have a constitution and not be set up for individual profit. We anticipate that the regional projects will be of higher value and have a greater transformational impact which may cover several regions within our network area.</p> <p>Local: for projects benefiting communities situated close to SSE infrastructure.</p> <p>Opening in 2025 - Shetland HVDC Link The Shetland HVDC 260km subsea link connects Shetland to the mainland just north of Wick, securing power in Shetland for future generations. More information on this fund will be available soon.</p>
STANDARD INNOVATION VOUCHER SCHEME (SCOTLAND)	Ongoing	<p>A scheme that aims to build relationships between SMEs (small to medium-sized enterprises) and HEIs (Higher Education Institutes) in Scotland by supporting collaborative projects that will lead to new products and processes that will benefit the business, the institution and the Scottish economy. A wide range of collaborative projects are eligible for support, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing new products and processes. • New service development. • Improved production processes. • Experimental testing and measuring. <p>The award for an individual project is for between £1,000 and £7,500. This will be paid to the academic institution to offset the costs of the collaborative project.</p>
SWEF BUSINESS GRANT	14 May 2026	<p>Business Grant - for young people (18-30 yo) in Scotland who are struggling to invest in their business venture and/or keen to take the business to the next level. Up to £2,000 of funding is available to support growth and development, such as expanding operations, upgrading equipment, or other business needs that will help increase your revenues.</p>
SWEF GRANTS START UP GRANT	14 May 2026	<p>Start-up Grant - Young people (18-30 yo) who are in the early stages of setting up their business, or whose business is currently earning less than £500 per month. This grant provides up to £500 to help get things off the ground. The funding can support essential start-up costs such as equipment, materials, stock, website</p>

		creation, product development, or training.
<u>SWIRE CHARITABLE TRUST</u>	Ongoing	Grants are available for UK registered charities working to deliver positive and lasting change to UK society under three programme areas: opportunity, environment and heritage.
<u>TECHSTART VENTURES EQUITY FINANCE</u>		The Scottish Growth Scheme is a package of financial support for small and medium enterprises in Scotland. As part of this, Techstart Ventures Equity Finance offer equity finance of up to £2 million for eligible businesses. It can be used for growth funding, research and development, working capital and capital expenditure.
<u>TESCO STRONGER STARTS GRANT FUNDING</u>		<u>Tesco Stronger Starts</u> is open to all schools, registered charities, social enterprises and not-for-profit organisations that support children and young people to apply for a grant of up to £1,500. Every three months, three local good causes are selected to be in the blue token customer vote in Tesco stores throughout the UK. <u>Tesco Application Guidance Notes.docx - Google Docs</u>
<u>THE ACCESS FOUNDATION</u>	Any time	Provides funding to organisations which align with the following objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital Opportunities To have as a key objective the mitigation of the digital divide by making computing facilities, support and/or learning available to disadvantaged and vulnerable people. • Chosen Charity Be one of (or shortlisted for) the chosen Access Group Company Charities of the Year, of any year, past or present. • Emotional Connection Be a charity for whom there is a strong emotional connection with a member of staff of The Access Group (e.g. through support they or a close relative have received from the charity). In this case, we would expect the member of staff to be involved in the application process.
<u>THE ADINT CHARITABLE TRUST</u>	Any time	Grants are made of between £250 and £15,000 to registered charities for general charitable purposes, but there is a preference for charities working in the fields of education, training, disability, sport and/or recreation.
<u>THE ALICE MCCOSH TRUST</u>	Opens: 1 October 2026 Closes: 30 November 2026	The object of the Alice McCosh Trust is to advance education by providing or assisting with grants for work or study related to natural history and/or the environment. The grant could, for example, cover the cost of a school field trip or project, an expedition as part of a research project or the development of new teaching materials for schools or institutes of higher education.

		<p>Who can apply Applications are invited from individuals attached to institutions and those following a programme of study or qualification, as well as people engaged in private/personal study related to natural history and/or the environment.</p> <p>Applications should be emailed to the Trust Secretary between 1 October and 30 November each year. Applications received at other times, or sent by post, will not be considered.</p>
<u>THE ALLEN LANE FOUNDATION</u>		The Foundation's focus is on funding specific groups that experience marginalisation and/or discrimination and currently make grants through seven funding programmes.
<u>THE ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE FUND (AHF)</u>	<p>Applications of up to £15,000 in Scotland can be submitted at any time.</p> <p>The quarterly Grants Panel considers applications from Scotland of more than £15,000</p>	<p>A registered charity, working since 1976 to promote the conservation and sustainable re-use of historic buildings for the benefit of communities across the UK, particularly in economically disadvantaged areas. It supports communities to find enterprising ways to revitalise the old buildings they love. It provides charities and social enterprises with a unique mix of advice, grants and loans to help them give valued historic buildings new, relevant and financially sustainable purposes, now and for future generations.</p> <p>The AHF can provide grants to help with assessing the viability of a project, or to help fund development costs for historic building related regeneration projects.</p> <p>The AHF's core grants and project support programme in Scotland is made possible with funding from Historic Environment Scotland. Through the delivery of early-stage Project Viability Grants (up to £10,000) and Project Development Grants (up to £40,000), it provides financial support for groups looking to test potential project ideas, prove the viability of their plans, and then develop these to the point where they are ready to apply to larger capital funders.</p> <p>Thanks to funding from the William Grant Foundation, projects in Scotland may also be eligible to apply to the Tailored Support Fund, which is intended to help organisations and projects that may not fit within the criteria for the AHF's core grants programme. With grants of up to £10,000 available, this funding could, for example, be used in situations where an unexpected cost arises, or emergency repairs are required; support meanwhile uses, or other physical enabling works that help sustain the development of a larger project; and support projects or aspects of a project that are particularly innovative or possibly hard to fund through other sources.</p> <p>Loan Support - As the UK's only specialist lender for charities and social enterprises working on or operating from historic buildings, the AHF can also support projects in Scotland with loan finance.</p>

<u>THE BRITFORD BRIDGE TRUST</u>	30 March 30 June 30 Sept 31 Dec	<p>The Britford Bridge Trust is a charity supporting the prevention or relief of poverty; the advancement of education; the advancement of health or the saving of lives; and the advancement of the arts, culture, heritage, or science. Applicants must have national or international reach.</p> <p>Apply at any time. Applications to the trust are reviewed quarterly. Quarterly cut offs are 30 March, 30 June, 30 September and 31 December each year.</p>
<u>THE CLOTHWORKERS' FOUNDATION</u>		<p><u>THE CLOTHWORKERS' FOUNDATION - DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS WEBINAR</u></p> <p><u>The Clothworkers' Foundation</u> has recently expanded the eligibility criteria for our Open Grants Programmes and it may be of interest to the organisations that you support.</p> <p>We now offer capital grants for digital infrastructure projects and will consider applications for products and software (such as websites, databases and apps). You can find full guidance on digital infrastructure applications <u>here</u>.</p>
<u>THE COMMUNITY LEARNING EXCHANGE FUND</u>		<p>The <u>Community Learning Exchange fund</u> from the <u>Scottish Community Alliance</u> offers funding to support community learning visits. This will help local community groups to connect and share peer learnings across Scotland. This fund supports learning visits that take place virtually and in-person.</p>
<u>THE CRUACH TRUST</u>	Ongoing	<p>Max award: £2,000. Primarily, the Cruach Trust financially supports gardeners, retired gardeners and preserving gardens throughout the United Kingdom.</p> <p>The Trust also supports a wide range of charitable projects and activities, including medical research, the arts, culture, the natural environment, education, or those experiencing hardship.</p> <p>Registered charities, societies, trusts or other groups in the UK with an annual income below £100,000 may apply. Small Scottish charities and local charities are prioritised.</p> <p>A range of activities are supported. Previously funded projects include: horticultural apprenticeships; groups working with children, young carers, the elderly, vulnerable and homeless; gardens, wildlife and natural environment; music, the arts and cultural activities; medical research and support.</p>
<u>THE CYCLE ACCESS FUND</u>		<p>This fund supports those least likely to have access to a bike and provides capital grants to organisations through four different funding strands - <u>Individual Bike Ownership</u>, <u>Shared Use</u>, <u>Recycle</u> and <u>Repair</u>. It's open to a wide range of organisations with no limit to the number of strands you can apply to, and provides a variety of opportunities for individuals to benefit from the fund.</p>

<u>THE DULVERTON TRUST</u>	Rolling	<p>The Trust awards grants to UK charities registered in Scotland, England and Wales. Single year grants range from £25,000 to £35,000 with preference given to medium sized charities, meaning charities with an annual income between £200,000 and £3m.</p> <p>Youth Opportunities is the largest <u>category</u> and aims to support charities that help socio-economically disadvantaged children and young people aged 25 and under to develop life skills that enable them to thrive and foster employability skills and skills to succeed at school. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and Trustee meetings are held in February, June and October. It is recommended to apply at least 3 months in advance of the meeting that considers the application.</p>
<u>THE EDWARD GOSTLING FOUNDATION - CAPITAL GRANTS</u>	Any time	<p>The Foundation provides funding of up to £250,000 for major capital projects that will cost at least £1M and support the commitment to creating new and sustainable capacity that will transform lives and bring about a step change in the way care is delivered. The Foundation supports certain charities every year but is still open to applications from new charities. Applications must fit their 4 themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health & wellbeing • Independent living • Respite • Transition
<u>THE FAMILY RECOVERY INITIATIVE FUND</u>		<p>The FRIF offers one-off grants of up to £5000 to groups that support families affected by alcohol and drugs in Scotland. The aim of FRIF is to improve the wellbeing of family members affected by someone else's harmful substance use based on creating opportunities for people to connect with other people through group activities, and if required, access further support (with this group or through services). The FRIF is funded by the Scottish Government Drugs Policy Unit and is supported and managed by Scottish Families. If you are interested in applying for a grant from the Family Recovery Initiative Fund, the first step is to contact Debra Nelson or Tich Watson at Scottish Families to discuss your idea: Debra: 07379830357 or <u>debra@sfad.org.uk</u>. Tich: 07775252380 or <u>richard@sfad.org.uk</u></p>
<u>THE GANNOCHY TRUST</u>	2 May 2025 3 Oct 2025	<p>For the Rest of Scotland: To develop and inspire young people (From age 11 to 21 inclusive) We want to focus on quality work with young people to deliver at least one of these:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased peer leadership or peer mentoring. • Better employment options that can be measured. • Accredited non-formal learning through voluntary activity in the community. <p>Programmes that lead to improved mental health or wellbeing are particularly encouraged.</p>
<u>THE GOLSONCOTT FOUNDATION</u>		<p>The Foundation supports projects that demonstrate and deliver excellence in the arts, be it in performance, exhibition, artistic craft, or scholarly endeavour.</p>

		All applications for grants should be sent to the administrator at the registered office a few weeks before the scheduled trustees' meeting, i.e., by early February, May, August and November in advance of the meeting later that month. Applications should be supplied in digital form and hard copy, which should not be stapled; accounts and other supporting information should be supplied in hard copy only.
<u>THE GOSLING FOUNDATION</u>	Any time	The Foundation funds units, establishments and ships of the Royal Navy & Royal Marines; and Youth groups (e.g. Sea Cadets, Scouts, Girl Guides, performing arts).
<u>THE HAPPINESS FUND</u>	New dates out shortly	<p>The Happiness Fund is available to enable and support projects which improve mental health and wellbeing, inclusion, learning and skills development in local communities. They are specifically looking for grassroots organisations that are set up for and by the local community.</p> <p>The main outcomes of the Fund are: - Mental health - Wellbeing & happiness - Inclusion - Learning and skills development The fund is intended to support the setting up of new groups and activities, but to be successful, applicants will need to indicate how the activity/group can become self-sustainable or able to attract funding from other sources for the longer term.</p> <p>There are three stages to the applications process: stage one is a qualifying round, stage two a full application and stage three an interview.</p>
<u>THE HARGREAVES FOUNDATION</u>	n/a	Applications are open for organisations seeking funding to support those under the age of 18, and living with a mental health problem, physical disability or growing up in poverty through the mediums of sport and education.
<u>THE HAYS TRAVEL FOUNDATION</u>	Anytime	The Foundation looks to support children and young people through education, sport, advancement of health, arts and culture and the prevention of poverty. It is open to registered charities and community interest companies with a specific focus on children and young people, in the areas where Hays Travel operates.
<u>THE HENRY MOORE FOUNDATION</u>	Opens 1st February 2026	<p>Henry Moore Grants continue Moore's legacy by supporting sculpture across historical, modern and contemporary registers and seeking to fund research that expands the appreciation of sculpture. The Foundation supports the growth and development of sculpture through its Grants programme. Organisations and individuals involved in the field of sculpture can apply. They fund in the following categories: New Projects, Collections, Research and Development, Fellowships, Conferences.</p> <p>Applications are considered four times per year, and may be submitted between the following dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9am on 1 February – 11pm on 1 March

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9am on 1 May – 11pm on 1 June • 9am on 1 August – 11pm on 1 September • 9am on 1 November – 11pm on 1 December
<u>THE HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS ENVIRONMENT FOUNDATION (HIEF)</u>		Community-led groups aiming to protect and restore nature are encouraged to apply for grants, ranging from £5,000 to £15,000. There are also opportunities to receive match-funding towards a Crowdfunder campaign (more here). More information on how to apply, and the types of projects we support, can be found on our website here . Any groups interested are encouraged to contact louis@hief.scot for feedback on their proposal prior to applying.
<u>THE HOSPITAL SATURDAY FUND – GRANTS FOR INDIVIDUALS</u>	Grant meetings are held quarterly	<p>For Individuals:</p> <p>The Hospital Saturday Fund will consider giving partial or full grants to individuals for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specialised mobility equipment, wheelchairs, mobility scooters, car adaptations, medical appliances and aids, hearing aids, nebulisers, specialised vision aids, specialised computer equipment, therapeutic equipment/treatment, orthopaedic beds, mattresses or pillows, riser /recliners chairs, lift hoist/aids. • Physiotherapy, Hydrotherapy, Acupuncture, Speech Therapy, Osteopathy, Chiropractic treatment, Reflexology, Massage Therapy and Aromatherapy. • Home adaptations, walk in showers, accessibility adaptations to bathrooms, access ramps, non-slip flooring, stair lifts.
<u>THE HOSPITAL SATURDAY FUND - LARGE GRANTS</u>	Grant meetings are held quarterly	<p>Grants up to £10,000 are available for registered health charities, charitable hospices and medical organisations for a range of capital projects, research, training and running costs. Applications are considered quarterly.</p> <p>The Hospital Saturday Fund will consider giving grants towards medical capital projects, medical care or research and in support of medical training. The Hospital Saturday Fund will also consider grants for running costs.</p>
<u>THE INMAN CHARITY</u>	Ongoing	<p>Small grants to UK charities. The directors are particularly interested in supporting the following areas of charitable work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical research • Care of the elderly • General welfare • Hospices • The Deaf and Blind • Care of the physically & mentally disabled

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Armed Forces <p>Apply at any time. Applications must be received by the end of February or the end of August to be sure of consideration at the Spring or Autumn Meetings.</p>
<u>THE IRONMONGERS' COMPANY - STEM PROJECTS</u>	Various	<p>The Ironmongers' Foundation wishes to support initiatives that encourage young people to study science subjects at school and go on to pursue STEM-related further education or vocational training, particularly in the area of Materials Science.</p> <p>The Foundation Committee meets three times per year in January, May and September. The deadlines for receipt of applications are 1 December, 1 April and 1 August respectively.</p>
<u>THE JOHN ELLERMAN FOUNDATION</u>		<p>Funds charitable organisations that at their core are committed to ensuring the rights of people, society and the natural world for current and future generations.</p> <p>The funding guidelines for our Strategy for 2025 to 2030 are now live, and you can book onto a series of webinars from June to August - more details can be found by clicking here.</p>
<u>THE JOSEPH RANK TRUST</u>	Opens: 1st October 2025	<p>The Trustees have two main areas of interest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> projects that demonstrate a Christian approach to the practical, educational and spiritual needs of people of all ages and the adaptation of Church properties with a view to providing improved facilities for use by the church and its work in the community in which it is based. <p>Please note there is no application form. Applications must be sent in hard copy and NOT by email. See website for details on what to include in your application.</p>
<u>THE MAPLE TRUST</u>	Ongoing	<p>This small trust supports charities working in Scotland, focusing on children and young people. Apply at any time. Applications will be considered by the trustees at their bi-annual meetings in February and August. Shetland organisations can apply during 1st Aug 2025 – 31st July 2026.</p> <p>There is a two stage process. Email Brodies with a short summary of your charities and projects; applications that are successful will be invited to submit a full application.</p>
<u>THE MATRIX CAUSES FUND</u>	31 March 30 September	<p>The Matrix Causes Fund provides support to organisations which promote access to justice (particularly for people trying to get support to meet their basic personal needs), equality of opportunity, or a sustainable environment.</p> <p>Members of Matrix make monthly contributions to the Fund and a sub-committee considers applications for funding. Other than in exceptional circumstances, the Causes Fund will only provide an organisation with</p>

		<p>one-off funds of up to £5,000, or funds of up to £3,000 a year for 3 years for a specific project which supplements the organisation's core activities.</p> <p>There are two funding cycles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cycle 1: Applications are accepted between 1 January 2025 and 31 March 2025 • Cycle 2: Applications are accepted between 1 July 2025 and 30 September 2025 <p>Applications cannot be accepted outside of the dates above and cannot be held on file for the next cycle. Each cycle will have a maximum of 30 applications accepted for funding.</p>
<u>THE MICKEL FUND</u>	Opens: 19th September 2025	<p>The Mickel Fund grants are distributed twice a year with the sole purpose of improving the lives in and around Scotland, and where possible on a global scale, with a focus on five core funding priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The advancement of education • The prevention or relief of poverty • The advancement of health and the saving of lives • The advancement of the arts, heritage, culture & science • The advancement of public participation in sport
<u>THE MORRISONS FOUNDATION</u>		<p>The Morrisons Foundation supports registered charities making a positive difference in local communities across England, Scotland, and Wales.</p> <p>Grants are available for up to £10,000 for capital spend or direct project delivery. The Morrisons Foundation prioritises applications from small charities, those with an income of less than £1m, but applications from larger charities are welcome. Before submitting an application, please read the Grant Funding Policy in full. If you are still unsure whether your application is what we're looking for, please get in touch.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To download a guidance PDF document containing the list of questions included in the Morrisons Foundation online grant application form, please click here • If you have any questions after reading this, please contact: foundation.enquiries@morrisonspc.co.uk.
<u>THE MUSEUMS ASSOCIATION - ESMÉE FAIRBAIRN COLLECTIONS FUND</u>	21 January 2026	<p>The Esmée Fairbairn Collections Fund supports museums to improve their inclusive collections and participatory practice with community partners. The fund will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support work that furthers the established strategic aims of the applicants in relation to diversity, equity and inclusion, and/or is community-led. • Offer core funding to museums, to offer greater flexibility and support embedded change in organisations. Grants will be of a similar size and duration to in previous years.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance learning from grantees and share this with the wider museum sector, for example foregrounding leading practice in funded museums and undertaking research with action learning sets. <p>It is an essential requirement of the Collections Fund that applicants use collections to further their aims for inclusion; and that community groups, partners and/or stakeholders have prominent roles in your work.</p> <p>There is a two-stage application process. The first stage is to submit an expression of interest using the form available to download from the Fund website.</p>
<u>THE MUSHROOM TRUST</u>	31 March 2026	<p>This fund aims to support the creation, enhancement, and upkeep of green spaces throughout Scotland. This includes both the creation of urban spaces, such as public parks, community gardens and allotments, as well as other environmental and conservation projects, such as ancient woodland restoration projects. Grants of between £500 and £10,000 are available. Eligible projects include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formal gardens. Public parks and pathways. Community gardens, woodlands, orchards, and allotments. Cycle ways. Woodland restoration. <p>The Trustees encourage applications for the initial costs for design work in connection with new projects where this has not yet been considered.</p>
<u>THE NEIL MACKENZIE TRUST</u>	various	<p>Supports the advancement of education and public participation in sport by assisting individuals to participate in physical outdoor activities in Scotland and other countries, assisting individuals to learn about the history and culture of Scotland and other countries, assisting individuals with training in outdoor skills.</p> <p>Various grants are available with varying amounts and criteria.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply at any time, applications are reviewed on a monthly basis. The deadline for applications for expeditions in summer 2025 is 15th March 2025. For expeditions during winter 25/6 the deadline is 15th October 2025 The next deadline for Educational Expedition Grant applications will be 15th March 2025.
<u>THE OAK TRUST</u>	Ongoing	<p>Max award: £4,000</p> <p>Grants are available for registered UK charities that are supporting people who are disadvantaged, plus there is assistance for medical and environmental groups.</p>
<u>THE PAUL HAMLYN FOUNDATION MIGRATION FUND</u>	No deadlines	<p>The Paul Hamlyn Foundation's Migration Fund is currently open for applications. Through the Migration Fund, the Foundation wants to support organisations who are working towards helping migrants and diaspora communities, building solidarity and collaboration across communities, and challenging the harm,</p>

		<p>inequity and oppression within their organisational structures and work. The fund is open to applications from non-profit organisations across the UK. Newly established and unincorporated groups are also welcome to apply if they fit the criteria.</p> <p>The Foundation can also provide pre-application support and a bursary of up to £500 to apply.</p>
<u>THE PIXEL FUND</u>		<p>This Fund provides grants of between £2,500 and £5,000 to charities based in the UK in order to support the improvement in mental health and well-being of children and young adults. Eligible organisations must demonstrate a measurable difference to the charities' users and be core-focussed on mental-health-related matters. A strong preference is given to organisations with an annual income of under £10m. Applications are reviewed quarterly.</p>
<u>THE PLUGGED-IN COMMUNITIES GRANT FUND ROUND 3</u>		<p>This funding will support community transport organisations in making the switch to zero emission vehicles. Successful applicants will be offered 100% of costs to replace one vehicle with a zero-emission community transport vehicle, up to the cost of £75,000.</p>
<u>THE PRINCE'S TRUST'S "GRANT HUB"</u>		<p>Provides two distinct opportunities for 18- to 30-year-old entrepreneurs to apply for financial help when starting their business – an initial Test My Business Idea grant, as well as start-up funding when they are ready to launch.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Grant Hub allows The Trust to increase the levels of funding it offers, as well as offering more flexibility in the products available for young people. The Grant Hub platform will make applying for business support clearer, quicker and more accessible for young entrepreneurs in need of support. It forms part of The Trust's <u>Enterprise programme</u>, which has helped over 90,000 young people start their own business. • The Test My Business Idea grant allows young entrepreneurs to apply for multiple grants up to £500 as they work out how best to deliver their product or service, conduct market research, or purchase key pieces of equipment. This is designed to give young people the opportunity to reflect on what they've learned and the direction their business is going before applying for further funding. <p>The new hub also offers the opportunity for young people to apply for start-up funding of up to £30,000 once they are ready to launch their business. This consists of grants of up to £5,000 and British Business Bank-backed Start Up Loans of between £500 and £25,000. Young people are able to apply for this during the first three years of their business support from The Trust, allowing for flexibility and reactivity when navigating the start-up phase of running their business.</p>

<p><u>THE PRINCE'S TRUST DEVELOPMENT AWARDS – FUNDING TO TRAIN AND LEARN</u></p>		<p>Young people aged 16-30 can apply for funding to cover the cost of course fees, tools or equipment to help them achieve their goals.</p> <p>The Prince's Trust can provide young people with a Development Award. The amount of each Award depends on your unique needs, future career goals and personal development plans. Awards are available from £10 right up to a maximum of £500.</p> <p>To be eligible for an Award, you must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aged 16 to 30 and living in the UK. • Studying less than 14 hours a week or not in compulsory education. • Unemployed or working less than 16 hours a week. <p>Development Awards can support: Accredited course fees up to Level 3 (A-level equivalent).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tools, equipment or uniforms for a job or qualification. • Job licence fees. • Transport to a new job until your first pay slip.
<p><u>THE PROSPECTORY - IDEA FUND</u></p>	<p>reopen on July 1st</p>	<p>“I've got an idea” is a micro fund for either individuals or small groups or organisations who have a novel technical idea which they want to try out. They are looking for ideas that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • are based on a novel technical idea • would deliver a social or environmental benefit • are intriguing, inventive and have an element of fun <p>Previous awards are varied and have included: 3d printing instruments for people with disabilities; school pin badges which monitor air pollution; and an energy harvesting dancefloor.</p> <p>Email the funder with some information about your idea. A list of what to include can be found on the funder website.</p>
<p><u>THE RADCLIFFE TRUST -FUNDING FOR CRAFTS, HERITAGE & CLASSICAL MUSIC PROJECTS</u></p>	<p>31 January 2026 31 July</p> <p>Reopens: 1st November 2025</p>	<p>Grants between £2,500 and £7,500 for projects in traditional crafts, heritage, and classical music. Two funding schemes are open:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Music Scheme - supports classical music performance and training, particularly for those with special needs, youth orchestras, and projects at secondary and higher levels • The Heritage & Crafts Scheme - supports craft and conservation projects that offer training, and practical work

		<p>For consideration by the Trustees in June: Our deadline is 31st January for applications to both the Music and Heritage & Crafts schemes for consideration in June.</p> <p>For consideration by the Trustees in December: Our deadline is 31st July for applications to both the Music and Heritage & Crafts schemes for consideration in December.</p>
<u>THE RANDAL FOUNDATION</u>	Ongoing	<p>The Randal Foundation is committed to supporting innovative projects and initiatives that drive positive, life saving and life-transforming change in communities in the UK and around the world. Organisations should only enquire if you are delivering directly lifesaving impact, and/or impact which is significantly improving lives as a direct result of their interventions.</p> <p>Enquiries can be made for grant support for projects only with the following themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alleviating poverty, specifically directly and sustainably alleviating extreme poverty • Healthcare for the vulnerable, making lasting change and bringing immediate benefit • Tackling mental ill-health, addressing root causes and supporting long-term recovery • Education for the most disadvantaged, tackling systemic inequalities, releasing potential and creating opportunity for children and young people. Excludes education supplementing or replacing state obligations • Prisoner rehabilitation, reducing reoffending and supporting reintegration into society • Woman and children at risk of violence and exploitation, providing protection, support, and pathways to safety and stability
<u>THE RAYNE FOUNDATION</u>		<p>Grants for charitable and not-for-profit organisations across the UK that work in the fields of arts, health and wellbeing, education and social issues. No deadlines for applications. This Foundation makes grants to charitable and not-for-profit organisations across the UK that work in the fields of arts, health and wellbeing, education and social issues and undertake projects that directly benefit marginalised groups. The Foundation considers applications that meet a broad range of criteria but also welcomes especially applications that address the following issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young people's improved mental health • Arts as a tool to achieve mental health • Improved quality of life for carers and for older people <p>Grants target issues and organisations which do not enjoy widespread public support and typically fall in the range of £10,000 to £20,000 per annum for up to three years. Applicants should note that projects are unlikely to be funded in full. There is a two-stage application process and applications can be made at any time. Application guidelines can be downloaded on the Rayne Foundation website.</p>

<p><u>THE ROBERTSON TRUST - SMALL AND LARGE GRANT PROGRAMMES</u></p>	<p>Open all year</p>	<p>Small Grants focuses on work that addresses the impacts of poverty and trauma under one or more of the following themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial Security • Education Pathways • Work Pathways <p>Updated guidance is now available. The new-look Small Grants offer increased funding of between £5,000-£20,000 per year, typically for 3 years. This marks an increase from the previous maximum of £15,000 per year.</p> <p>The new-look Large Grants now offer funding of between £20,000-£50,000 per year. This marks a change from the previous minimum of £15,000.</p> <p>The Robertson Trust will be launching a fourth funding theme later this year, following on from its previous Emotional Wellbeing and Relationships theme, with a sharper focus aligned to the aims of its strategy. The Small and Large grant programmes are open all year round with no set closing dates.</p>
<p><u>THE ROBERTSON TRUST - WEE GRANTS</u></p>		<p>Revenue and capital funding for constituted community groups and small charities with an annual income of under £30,000.</p> <p>The purpose of Wee Grants is to support organisations who are focused on building strong communities in places which have higher rates of poverty and trauma, or who are working with certain groups of people who are at a higher risk of experiencing poverty and trauma. You can apply for a Wee Grant to part or fully fund your work or project up to £5,000.</p>
<p><u>THE SCOTTISH HYDRO ELECTRIC COMMUNITY TRUST</u></p>	<p>Thursday 19 February (for meeting 12 March)</p> <p>Thursday 14 May (for meeting 4 June)</p> <p>Thursday 17 September (for meeting 8 October)</p>	<p>The Scottish Hydro Electric Community Trust is an independent charitable trust. The Trust offers help to customers faced with high charges for an electricity connection within the Scottish Hydro-Electric (now SSE) distribution area.</p> <p>The Trust was established in 1998 with independent Trustees appointed to award grants to offset high connection costs in deserving individual domestic cases and for special community projects.</p> <p>First you should obtain a quotation for an electricity connection from Scottish and Southern Energy Networks (SEN), your local Distribution Network Operator (DNO) (or from a licensed Independent Network Operator (IDNO)). You need this quotation for your grant application. Apply online via the Trust's website.</p>

<p><u>THE ST. JAMES'S PLACE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION</u></p>	<p>No deadline</p>	<p>The St. James's Place Foundation is the charitable arm of the St James's Place Wealth Management Group which aims to improve the quality of life for children and young people in need as a result of disability or disadvantage.</p> <p>Small grants of up to £10,000 are available to UK Registered Charities with an annual income of up to £750,000. A small number of major grants are also available to UK Registered Charities with an annual income of up to £8m.</p> <p>The foundation will support projects that provide directly for under-25s in the UK who suffer from physical or mental health difficulties or conditions, or a life-threatening or degenerative illness. This includes young people under 25 caring for others.</p> <p>There are no deadlines or closing dates for applications. Applications for funding can be made via an online application form.</p>
<p><u>THE STEEL CHARITABLE TRUST - UNITED KINGDOM UNDER-26 FUND</u></p>	<p>10 March at noon - 15 April (for decisions end of June)</p> <p>16 April - 15 July (for decisions end of September)</p> <p>16 July - 15 October (for decisions end of December)</p> <p>15th January</p>	<p>This fund aims to improve outcomes for children and young people in the UK (regardless of their nationality, culture or ethnic origin) who are wholly or mainly under 26 years of age. The overarching focus is on creating educational and/or access opportunities for young people in circumstances, groups or locations that face economic challenges or social marginalisation that may lead to significant disadvantages in later life. They say 'mainly' under the age of 26 because they do not want to discourage what could be a strong application from, for example, an organisation supporting young people in the age range 21-26. However, it would be disingenuous to apply if the target audience was 25-30-year-olds.</p> <p>All sorts of work could be funded through this programme, as long as the beneficiaries are in the UK and are wholly, or mainly, under the age of 26.</p>
<p><u>THE STEEL CHARITABLE TRUST UK UNDER-26 FUND</u></p>	<p>16th October</p>	<p>This fund aims to improve outcomes for children and young people in the UK who are wholly or mainly under 26 years of age. The overarching focus is on creating educational and/or access opportunities for young people in circumstances, groups or locations that face economic challenges or social marginalisation that may lead to significant disadvantages in later life.</p>
<p><u>THE THEATRES TRUST - SMALL</u></p>	<p>January 2026 (date tbc).</p>	<p>Theatres Trust's Small Grants Programme, supported by The Linbury Trust, funds small projects that make a big impact to a theatre's resilience, sustainability, accessibility or improving the diversity of audiences.</p>

<u>GRANTS PROGRAMME</u>		<p>This scheme will prioritise improvements to theatre buildings to protect live performance use and remove barriers to participation and attendance. Priority will also be given to projects where the grant is the sole external funder and/or achievable within the total fund awarded. The fund is intended to support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • improvements and repairs to building fabric • purchase of key plant and machinery • purchase of capital items that improve physical access and the audience/participant experience • purchase of equipment to improve digital access. <p>Previous awards have been issued to venues to improve access and mobility, and building energy efficiency.</p>
<u>THE TREE COUNCIL - NETWORK RAIL COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING FUND</u>		<p>The Tree Council and Network Rail are working in partnership to deliver a programme of community tree planting for the 2023/24 tree planting season. Projects should demonstrate how they meet this year's theme of 'Trees & People'. They are looking for well planned and sustainable tree planting schemes that will directly benefit people and communities. Criteria and guidelines vary depending on whether you are applying for a Main, Large or Flagship grant. See the Tree Council website to view the full guidelines.</p> <p>This fund is now open please email grants@treecouncil.org.uk to register your interest and get more information.</p>
<u>THE ULVERSCROFT FOUNDATION</u>	Rolling	<p>The Ulverscroft Foundation supports projects that help visually impaired people. Within any group of people there will be an element of visual impairment; grants can only be considered if the VI element is significant. Trustees meet quarterly to consider applications: in January (deadline 15 December), April (deadline 15 March), July (deadline 15 June) and October (deadline 15 September). Please note: the dates of our meetings may be subject to change.</p>
<u>THE W.G. EDWARDS CHARITABLE FOUNDATION</u>	10 March 10 June 10 September 10 December	<p>The Trustees are interested in supporting a diverse range of charities which support older people over the age of 65, from large institutions to small community-run organisations.</p> <p>Grants are loosely divided into Health and Community categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health and welfare: grants for refurbishment of residential care housing for the elderly and for building projects which are nearing completion. Trustees also consider the provision of equipment and furniture to enhance care and improve quality of life. • Community and innovation: supports community initiatives for the over-65s such as exercise classes, horticultural projects and musical therapy. They also consider grants for technology projects aimed at benefitting the over-65s, however they do not fund IT for staff or volunteers.
<u>THE WEIR CHARITABLE TRUST</u>	5.00pm Friday 6th February 2026	<p>This fund supports services/projects, run by Scottish-based community groups and small charities, in the following qualifying categories: sport, recreational activities, animal welfare, health and culture.</p>

		<p>Deadlines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5.00pm Friday 6th February 2026 (outcomes advised end March/April 2026) • 5.00pm Friday 1st May 2026 (outcomes advised by end June/July 2026) • 5.00pm Friday 31st July 2026 (outcomes advised by end September/October 2206) • 5.00pm Friday 30th October 2026 (outcomes advised by end December 2026)
<u>THE WOLFSON FOUNDATION - FUNDING FOR PLACES</u>	<p>Two funding rounds each year:</p> <p>Round 1 - Open from 20 November - 5 January (for decisions in June)</p> <p>Round 2 - Open from 14 May - 1 July (for decisions in December)</p>	<p>The Foundation's main grants programme provides support for places. These grants are for capital initiatives, i.e. buildings (new build or refurbishment) and equipment.</p> <p>They fund a broad range of organisations working across the fields of education, science and medicine, health and disability, places of worship, heritage, and arts and humanities. Each category has its own specific funding criteria, more detail on which can be found on the Foundation's website.</p> <p>Please see the How to apply section under each specific category on the Funding for Places page. Once you've checked that your project is eligible, you can submit a Stage 1 application via the online form. It usually takes around 5 months between submitting a Stage 1 application and hearing the outcome of a Stage 2 application. If eligible, you will be invited to submit a Stage 2 application, normally around 1 month after the deadline.</p>
<u>THE WOODLAND TRUST - FREE TREE PACKS</u>	<p>Jan 2026</p>	<p>Tree packs give the opportunity to bring people together to plant trees - encouraging local wildlife, protecting our landscape against tree disease and creating wooded areas. There are thousands of free trees to give away to schools, community and youth groups.</p> <p>Packs are dispatched in November and March when the trees are dormant and perfect for planting. Schools across the UK, plus nurseries, colleges, universities and outdoor learning centres plus kinds of different groups such as resident associations, sports clubs, parish councils, scouts, guides can apply. You don't need to belong to an official organisation. The land the trees are planted on need to be accessible to the public. Applications for March 2026 delivery are now open. Applications are expected to close in January</p>
<u>THE7STARS FOUNDATION</u>	<p>1 December – 31 January for March funding review</p> <p>1 March – 30 April for June funding review</p>	<p>Grants are targeted to further the potential and opportunity of children and young people who are surviving abuse, at risk of or experiencing homelessness, caring for a loved one, and challenged by addiction (either personally or through a member of their family). They have several funding streams, each with slightly different eligibility criteria. See the Foundation website for full details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Funding: Grants for charities to deliver a project for young people, aged 16 years old or under, aligned to the prioritised themes.

	1 July – 31 August for October funding review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shine Bright: Grants for charities to purchase educational, wellbeing, or recreational items for young people, aged 16 years old or under, aligned to the prioritised themes. • Social Impact: Grants aligned to awareness days (see list on fund website). A maximum of three charities will be shortlisted for each award, with the 7stars agency team voting on which charity will be awarded.
<u>TRANSPORT SCOTLAND: ACTIVE TRAVEL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES</u>		A range of grant funding is available for local projects that will encourage more people to engage with active travel, such as walking and cycling. See this helpful directory:
<u>TRIODOS BANK - CROWDFUNDING</u>	Apply at any time.	<p>Triodos Crowdfunding helps charities, social enterprises and community groups connect directly with investors to raise finance. Finance is raised from individual and institutional investors through the crowdfunding platform in the form of charity bonds, community share and bond offers, secured and unsecured debt in the form of bonds.</p> <p>Contact capitalraising@triodos.co.uk to discuss.</p>
<u>TRUE COLOURS TRUST - UK SMALL GRANTS</u>	Ongoing	Small grants are available to UK registered charities and community interest companies that are working to make a difference to the lives of disabled children (up to 25 yo) and their families in the UK. Grants of up to £10,000 are available.
<u>TRUSTHOUSE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION</u>	No deadlines and applications can be made at any time	<p><u>Small Grants Programme</u>: single year grants between £2,000 and £10,000 for core costs, salaries, running and project costs. Open to any charitable organisation in the UK with a total annual income under £250,000 with a focus on community support. The organisation must be located in the bottom 15% most deprived urban areas or the bottom 50% most deprived rural areas. Grants are offered up to a maximum of 50% of the total costs applied for (max 50% of any salary). This is a rolling programme with no deadlines.</p> <p><u>Major Grants Programme</u>: Single year grants between £10,000 and £100,000 for core costs, salaries, running and project costs or Multi-year grants for a maximum of 3 years, not to exceed £100,000 in total over this period, for core costs, salaries, running or project costs. Open to any charitable organisation in the UK with a total annual income up to £1m with a focus on Family Support. The organisation must be located in the bottom 15% most deprived urban areas or the bottom 50% most deprived rural areas. Grants are offered up to a maximum of 50% of the total costs applied for (max 50% of any salary).</p>

<u>TRUSTHOUSE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION - SMALL GRANTS</u>	Ongoing	<p>Nonprofits with annual income under £250,000 serving deprived rural areas or urban communities can apply for up to 50% of costs, including core, salary, and project expenses. Funding focuses on Community Support. Applications are open year-round.</p>
<u>UK YOUTH - COST OF LIVING FUNDING</u>		<p>UK Youth and Pears Foundation have launched a fund to support youth organisations through the cost of living crisis aims to benefit thousands of young people across the country. The fund aims to ensure that as many vital youth services as possible are able to keep the lights on and support young people in their local community. It will support youth organisations delivering high quality youth provision whose work is being hindered, curtailed or cut back due to rising core costs or a need to address unprecedented demand.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth organisations with an annual income of no more than £500,000. • Organisations must have been in operation for at least 2 years. • At least 70% of beneficiaries must be aged 8 – 25 years old. • Maximum annual income: £500,000
<u>UNIVERSAL MUSIC UK SOUND FOUNDATION - SCHOOL AWARDS</u>		<p>The Foundation provides grants towards the purchase of musical instruments and/or equipment for individuals who are in full time education and Schools who require the equipment to improve their music department. They also fund courses and training opportunities for music teachers who work within schools.</p> <p>In 2025 we will begin the transition from running two funding rounds per year to three rounds per year, giving more opportunities for you to apply to us for support. The new funding schedule is as follows (please note this is a guideline only, exact dates will be provided on our website):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications will open in April for funding offers made in September • Applications will open in August for funding offers made in January • Applications will open in December for funding offers made in April
<u>UNLTD AWARDS</u>		<p>The programme provides specialist support for social entrepreneurs to help them grow as social leaders. They combine cash and coaching to help nurture ideas and grow impact. It doesn't matter what stage of development your social venture is at. It can be an idea on paper, or a social venture in practice already.</p> <p>If successful, depending on your age, location, and the sectors in which you and your social venture operate, you will be assigned to one of their programmes for funding and up to a year of support. They aim to fund individuals/ventures which make a difference to people's lives, communities, or the planet. They are committed to 50% of awards going to Black, Asian and minority ethnic social entrepreneurs, and/or disabled social entrepreneurs across their funding programmes.</p>

<p><u>UNLTD, FUNDING FUTURES PROGRAMME</u></p>		<p>UnLtd have launched their Funding Futures Programme, a new partnership aimed at young people (16-30) tackling financial exclusion in their communities.</p> <p>They are looking to fund Young Social Entrepreneurs (16-30) whose activities or ventures directly tackle financial exclusion, and the most impactful ideas to help those side-lined by the financial system. These might include ideas around:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial education, financial literacy, money / debt management, or the affordability of goods and services • Supporting people experiencing financial hardship and from marginalised communities to access good jobs and meaningful employment. <p>Find further information, full eligibility criteria and how to apply here. UnLtd also want to ensure their application process is as accessible as possible and applicants with additional support needs can find out how to support to apply here.</p>
<p><u>VARIETY CLUB - EQUIPMENT GRANTS</u></p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Grants are available for specialist equipment for the direct use of children up to the age of 18 years who are sick, disabled or disadvantaged and are resident in the UK.</p>
<p><u>VICTIM SUPPORT SCOTLAND - VICTIM'S FUND</u></p>		<p>The Victims' Fund is open to people affected by crime across Scotland, who are in urgent need of financial help as a result of what they have experienced. People can access assistance for a wide range of goods and services where they have no other access to funds.</p> <p>Administered by Victim Support Scotland, it is open to any victim of crime who is resident in Scotland who is currently accessing victim and other support services. It is also available for people who live outside of Scotland who have been bereaved by a crime that has occurred within Scotland. Support organisations can apply for funding on behalf of victims. NB Applications must be endorsed and submitted by a referral organisation acting in their professional capacity.</p>
<p><u>VIKING COMMUNITY FUND – BURSARY FUND</u></p>		<p>Viking Community Fund has now opened the Bursary Fund for young people up to the age of 25, studying locally at UHI Shetland or undertaking a local apprenticeship. The fund will be advertised through the local media from Friday this week (6th June). The online application form and guidelines can be accessed on our website (Apprenticeships, Bursary & Training Funds)</p>
<p><u>VIKING COMMUNITY FUND – COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME TIER 3 (CGS T3)</u></p>	<p>Closes 31st May – decision mid-July</p> <p>Closes 30th September –</p>	<p>The Viking Community Fund Community Grant Scheme Tier 3 is for projects which cover more than 3 community council areas in Shetland and that 'sustain and develop' local communities. Applications for support of between £200 and £15,000 are invited with a funding pot of £45,000 available during each funding round. For further information and to apply please visit the SCBF website Community Grant Scheme</p>

	<p>decision mid-November</p> <p>Closes 31st January – decision mid-March</p>	
<p><u>VIKING COMMUNITY FUND – COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME TIER 3 (CGS T3)</u></p>	<p>Closes 30th September – decision mid-November</p> <p>Closes 31st January – decision mid-March</p> <p>Closes 31st May – decision mid-July</p>	<p>The Viking Community Fund Community Grant Scheme Tier 3 is for Shetland wide projects that ‘sustain and develop’ local communities. Applications for support of between £200 and £15,000 are invited with a funding pot of £45,000 available during each funding round. For further information and to apply online please visit the SCBF website <u>Community Grant Scheme</u></p>
<p><u>VIKING COMMUNITY FUND - STRATEGIC FUNDING</u></p>	<p>31st October – decision mid-December</p> <p>31st January – decision mid-March</p> <p>30th April – decision mid-June</p> <p>31st July – decision mid-September</p>	<p>The Viking Community Fund Strategic Fund seeks applications from projects which meet one or more of the 6 priorities for funding. They are,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More younger people wanting to stay and/or come back to Shetland. • Better transport links within and between communities. • Better broadband and/or mobile phone connections. • Reduced cost of living in Shetland. • Improved housing supply and affordability. • Preservation and enhancement of Shetland's natural environment. <p><u>‘A Lasting Legacy for Shetland’</u>, the first 5-year business plan for use of the Viking Community Fund, provides further information on the priorities. To apply and for guidelines please visit the SCBF website <u>Strategic Fund</u></p>

<p><u>VIKING COMMUNITY FUND – STRATEGIC REACTIVE FUND</u></p>	<p>Closes 28th February – decision mid-April</p> <p>Closes 30th June – decision mid-August</p> <p>Closes 31st October – decision early December</p>	<p>The Viking Community Fund Strategic Reactive Fund seeks applications from projects which meet one or more of the 6 priorities for funding. They are,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More younger people wanting to stay and/or come back to Shetland. • Better transport links within and between communities. • Better broadband and/or mobile phone connections. • Reduced cost of living in Shetland. • Improved housing supply and affordability. • Preservation and enhancement of Shetland's natural environment. <p>£80,000 is available for each funding round and applications over £10,000 are sought. <u>'A Lasting Legacy for Shetland'</u>, the first 5-year business plan for use of the Viking Community Fund, provides further information on the priorities. To apply and for guidelines please visit the SCBF website <u>Reactive and Proactive Strategic Funds</u></p> <p>If you have a larger project, which will leave a lasting legacy on one of the 6 strategic priorities, please contact SCBF directly – <u>Eleanor.Gear@scbf.org.uk</u> to discuss our Proactive Strategic funding.</p>
<p><u>VISITSCOTLAND - NATIONAL EVENTS PROGRAMME</u></p>	<p>Wednesday 22 October at 2pm for events taking place April - September 2026</p> <p>Wednesday 14 January at 2pm for events taking place September - December 2026</p>	<p>The Programme is designed to support innovative new projects and activity at events. Events will need to align with the key impact areas outlined in our National Events Strategy and must also have delivery budgets of more than £20,000 and attract over 1,000 in-person attendees. Finally, they must showcase Scotland's key event and tourism assets.</p> <p>Events looking to apply to the National Events Funding Programme must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify relevant strategic development activity for funding support • Take place in Scotland and outside the local authority areas of Edinburgh and Glasgow • Drive domestic tourism within Scotland i.e. encourage residents of Scotland to travel and attend your event <p>Align with the five impact areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • economic – tourism and business • brand, identity and reputation • media and profile • social and cultural and environmental sustainability <p>The ability of events to deliver against these event impacts determines the support EventScotland can offer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have delivery budgets of more than £20,000 • Attract in total over 1,000 in-person attendees

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Showcase Scotland's key event and tourism assets: our people; our cultural identity and heritage; our natural environment; our built facilities; our signature events; our academic and sectoral credentials. • Create positive impacts for the host region and/or Scotland as a whole
<u>VOLUNTEERING MATTERS ACTION EARTH: GRANTS TO HELP LOCAL COMMUNITIES TO RESPOND TO OUR NATURE AND CLIMATE CRISES</u>	n/a	<p>Funded by NatureScot, these nature grants support volunteers of all ages, backgrounds and abilities in practical outdoor activities. Any group of volunteers are able to apply for Volunteering Matters Action Earth nature grants of between £50 and £250 to run environmental activities in Scotland's green spaces. Activities should emphasize local nature enrichment and biodiversity improvements. This could include creating or improving community gardens, shared spaces, wildflower meadows, ponds, woodlands and other wildlife habitats. We cannot support applications for activities which are primarily about food growing.</p> <p>For more information and to register for an Action Earth grant please visit the Volunteering Matters: website, or you can email robert.henderson@volunteeringmatters.org.uk</p>
<u>WARMER HOMES SCOTLAND FUND</u>		The Scottish Government's Warmer Homes Scotland programme aims to make Scotland's homes warmer and more comfortable by supporting those struggling to pay energy bills and heat their homes. Possible support measures may include: wall and loft insulation, draught-proofing, central heating and renewables.
<u>WOLFSON FOUNDATION: FUNDING FOR PLACES</u>	Various (July and December)	Various capital infrastructure grants are available to registered charities for new builds, refurbishment and/or equipment associated with a wide range of community projects. Careful preparation is essential. This guide has Tips for Success .
<u>YOUNG SOUNDS UK THRIVE</u>	Ongoing	Grants of £100 to £2,000 are available for the UK's most talented young instrumentalists in any genre, aged five to 17 years of age who, because of financial need, may be prevented from fulfilling their creative potential. The Thrive programme offers grants to young musicians whose families are on a lower income. We support them with musical opportunities based on their own circumstances and level of need, along with funding which can be used flexibly to enable them to progress on their musical journey.
<u>YOUTH MUSIC NEXT GEN FUND</u>		<p>Grants are available to young creatives in the UK to help them take a step forward to participating in and changing the music industries. Grants of up to £3,000 are available. Applications will be accepted from 18-25 year old creatives (under-30s who identify as d/Deaf, neurodivergent or Disabled) in the UK who lack the finance to develop their creative project or idea. The scheme will support the future of the music industries, which may include singers, rappers, songwriters, producers, DJs, A&Rs, managers and agents, right through to roles that have yet to be defined. Round 13 opens on 9 January 2026. The deadline for applications will be 6 February 2026.</p> <p>We want to support the future of the music industries. Singers, Rappers, Songwriters, Producers, DJs, A&Rs, Managers and Agents, right through to roles that have yet to be defined.</p>

<p><u>ZERO WASTE SCOTLAND- CIRCULAR ECONOMY ACCELERATOR GRANTS</u></p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Zero Waste Scotland is Scotland’s Circular Economy Body. As part of their ongoing programme of support, grant funding is available to early-stage projects potentially capable of delivering at scale or delivering interventions with the potential to be replicated across a sector, industry or region.</p> <p>Projects must also align with one or more of the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help people care by advocating for change and demonstrating how we can do it. Projects will deliver activity to increase society’s demand for circular practices through stimulating the development and uptake of technologies, products and services to support a circular economy in Scotland. • Make circularity easier and do more where it matters most by identifying and addressing the conditions supporting circularity in Scotland. Through encouraging the collaboration of organisations across value chains, including enterprises and academia, projects will implement circular economy strategies, principles and practices in high-impact sectors • Improve the infrastructure needed to accelerate the adoption of circular economy practices by keeping materials in use in Scotland’s economy through using less, using for longer, using again, and/or switching to regenerative material use. Projects will support the creation of valuable markets to optimise materials management and processing in Scotland. <p>To apply email grants@zerowastescotland.org.uk for an application form and supporting guidance document.</p>
<p><u>BAILEY THOMAS CHARITABLE FUND</u></p>	<p>Large grant deadlines 1 Dec, 1 Mar and 1 Aug</p>	<p>Grants for registered non profits (not CICs) for the care and relief of those affected by learning disability and research in the UK. Funding for both specific projects and general running and core costs. Will fund buildings and equipment. Small grants up to £5k</p>
<p><u>BBC CHILDREN IN NEED - CORE COSTS FUNDING STREAM</u></p>	<p>Apply at any time</p>	<p>Core costs support essential organisational and administrative spending. These are the key expenses required to keep your organisation running. These might include, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management and administration • HR and payroll • General office expenses • Accountancy and audit • Communications and outreach • Monitoring, evaluation, and learning • Governance, regulatory, and compliance costs <p>Core Costs grants are awarded as restricted funding. Before you submit an Expression of Interest, you must attend a pre-application advice session. Then complete an Expression of Interest form on the Children in Need website. If they would like to support the work, you will then be sent a full application.</p>

BBC CHILDREN IN NEED - PROJECT COSTS FUNDING STREAM	Apply at any time	<p>Project costs support the aims and delivery of a specific piece of work. This work will usually be time-limited, and based on a defined set of activities. Through this programme, Children in Need will fund organisations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with children and young people aged 18 years and under • Working in the heart of their communities, particularly in times of crisis • Putting children and young people at the centre of everything they do, from design to delivery • Addressing challenges faced by children and young people, building their skills and resilience • Empowering children and young people, and extending their choices in life • Keen to keep learning about and developing their work with children and young people • Committed to making a difference in children and young people's lives <p>Core Costs grants are awarded as restricted funding. They must be used to cover your organisation's essential running expenses.</p>
KELLOGG'S - BREAKFAST CLUB PROGRAMME		<p>Kellogg's has teamed up with Forever Manchester to award grants to school Breakfast Clubs, to help them provide breakfast to those children who need it most. A limited number of grants are available so priority will be given to schools that have either 35% and above of children eligible for pupil premium funding or eligible for free school meals.</p> <p>Schools that are based in an area which is classified as falling in the 10% of most deprived areas according to the Index of Multiple Deprivation. Now open for secondary schools only.</p>
SCREEN SCOTLAND - BROADCAST CONTENT FUND	Applications are accepted on a rolling basis with no specific funding deadlines.	<p>Funding is available to support broadcast content development and production in any genre in Scotland. The fund encourages the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • development of new projects • scaling-up of already successful activities • production of commissioned programmes <p>There are 2 routes to funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broadcast Content Development Funding – supports the development costs of a single project (usually with a grant of between £10,000 and £50,000) or a slate of projects (with a grant of up to £100,000) • Broadcast Content Production Funding – supports the production costs of a single one-off programme or series, usually with a grant of between £100,000 and £500,000

<p>SHETLAND ARTS COMMISSIONING FUND 2025/26</p>	<p>Group 1 (Closing date December 2025) Soar, Participate & Generator</p> <p>Group 2 (Closing date May 2026) Catalyst, Boost & Playwrights' Bursary</p>	<p>Call outs for the Shetland Arts Commissioning Fund 2025/26 have been broken down into different titles and split into two groups for applications at different points in the year.</p> <p>SOAR (EMERGING) These commissions are for new and emerging artists. This commissioning pot has a focus of what you as an artist need to continue your practice, so it could be used for research and developmental time, provide access to opportunities or give you chance to develop a scratch idea. Apply for up to: £3,000</p> <p>PARTICIPATE (ENGAGEMENT PROJECTS) These commissions are for artists who wish to deliver participatory projects, with a focus on the process of bringing people together to participate in the arts. Some projects may also have a performance or product outcome. Apply for up to: £10,000</p> <p>GENERATOR (NEW WORKS) These commissions are for artists to have an opportunity to create work, and if applicable, present it. We will always ask for at least an informal sharing for these commissions however if you believe you'll be ready for full presentation, your commission could also include a formal presentation of the work. Apply for up to: £10,000</p> <p>INFORMATION SESSION FRIDAY 7 NOVEMBER, 1PM - 2PM, MAREEL Creative Project Manager, Kathryn Gordon, will lead this information session, talking in more detail about the application process and each commissioning type. Interested artists can come along and learn more about the funds, ask questions and meet others interested in applying. book to attend here.</p>
<p>VICAR'S RELIEF FUND (VRF)</p>		<p>Awards fast emergency grants of up to £500 to help people who are experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless. These grants can cover rent in advance, deposits, ID and removal costs. If all the required information is provided, they aim to process and pay grants within 5 working days.</p> <p>Please note they do not accept applications from individuals. If you're a paid frontline worker supporting people at risk of, or currently experiencing homelessness, you can apply on their behalf.</p> <p>Join the Q&A session on Tuesday 9 December between 2-3:30pm to hear more.</p>
<p>CORRA FOUNDATION - BOOST SMALL GRANTS FUND</p>	<p>Remains open until funds are spent</p>	<p>The Boost Fund is for small community-led organisations across Scotland supporting local people affected by poverty or disadvantage. Groups can apply if their activities will support their communities and the people who live there. Grants are flexible and groups can apply for many different costs. The work you are doing might be about providing practical help, or organising activities and gatherings, or addressing another local need.</p>

		<p>The Boost Fund will provide grants of £500 - £3,000 to constituted groups and charities with an annual income of £50,000 or less. Unconstituted groups can apply for grants of between £250 - £1,500.</p> <p>There is £750,000 available to distribute until March 2026, and Corra Foundation anticipate making approximately 250 - 300 grants. Approximately 10% of the funding available will be made in grants to unconstituted groups.</p> <p>Please note that The Boost Fund continues to support groups working with children and families, but now also supports wider community activity. The Boost Fund will remain open for applications until all funds are spent. This fund aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide an accessible funding opportunity for small community-led organisations. • Ensure supportive community-led activities are available. <p>This funding is to support the work and running of small groups helping communities affected by poverty or disadvantage. The application will ask you to explain what challenges, especially poverty, your community faces.</p> <p>Corra Foundation will prioritise applications from groups that can show a need for funding. For more information or an application form see web link below:</p> <p>Boost Fund supporting communities across Scotland</p>
<p>HELP THE HOMELESS</p>	<p>5pm on 20th March/20th June/20th September/20th December</p>	<p>Funds from Help the Homeless are available to small charitable organisations from across the UK. It is to fund capital project wholly or mostly supporting homeless people. We fund capital costs with grants of up to £5,000. We do not make donations to individuals.</p>
<p>NATURESCOT - PEATLAND ACTION</p>	<p>30 Sep 2026</p>	<p>Peatland Action (PA) is a peatland restoration project run by Scottish Natural Heritage and funded mainly by Scottish Government. The funding primarily supports on-the-ground restoration activities. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • installation of peat dams in man-made ditches to increase water levels • allowing the peat-building mosses called sphagnum to re-establish. • more novel techniques such as peat hag re-vegetating by using the surrounding vegetation to stabilise the bare eroding peat

		Email peatlandaction@nature.scot and a Project Officer for support and assistance to complete the application.
RBS - SOCIAL & COMMUNITY CAPITAL	rolling	<p>Social & Community Capital is a charity funded by Royal Bank of Scotland to help social enterprises, charities and community businesses. They provide funding and support for organisations based in the key focus areas of Midlands, North West of England and Scotland who don't qualify for mainstream finance.</p> <p>There are four loans to meet different needs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Property Purchase Loan: Funding to renovate or purchase a property. Apply for £30k to £500k. • Flexible Growth Funding: Looking to grow and increase your impact. Apply for £30k to £350k. • Working Capital Loan Flexible finance to cover overheads and smooth out cashflow. Apply for £30k to £250k. • Bridging Loan: Pay VAT or cover overheads before grant funding arrives. Apply for £30k to £250k. <p>To apply - call 0207 672 1411 or email rbsscc@rbs.co.uk, or complete the enquiry form online via their website.</p>
REDUNDANCY PAYMENTS - FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WEBSITE	Ongoing	Assistance to help employers in the UK with severe cash flow problems to make necessary redundancy payments.
LOCAL ENERGY SCOTLAND - CARES COMMUNITY SOLAR FUND	Funding is open on a first come first served basis until the end of March 2026 or until fully allocated	<p>The Scottish Government's Community and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES) is supporting community and faith organisations to install solar PV and battery storage in their buildings. This is a short-term pilot, funded by the Scottish Government and Great British Energy, with funds needing to be spent and claimed by 31 March 2026.</p> <p>Demand is expected to be high for this funding, with many communities already in a position to mobilise projects very quickly. Funding will be allocated on a first come first served basis. If you are developing a new project, read the guidance and self-assessment checklist carefully and prioritise seeking a quote if you think you are eligible.</p> <p>To be able to install within the pilot timescale, easier installation projects will be more suited to this funding. Therefore, while it is not a requirement, they suggest that the proposed project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is not in a conservation area or within the curtilage of a listed building. • Is under 50kW of solar PV. • Is on an easily accessible roof, which is built after 1930s (as the roof will be more likely to meet structural requirements). • Is not part of a more significant building renovation that would increase the risk of programme delays.

		<p>Grants of up to 80% of eligible costs can be funded up to a maximum grant amount of £80,000.</p> <p>Eligible applicants must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be a constituted and registered charity or company and provide your OSCR or Companies House registration number. • Demonstrate you operate across a geographically defined area and community or community of interest, including faith groups. • Be non-profit distributing (surplus is not distributed amongst members at any point, including on wind up).
THE IRONMONGERS' COMPANY - STEM PROJECTS	<p>Opens: 1 January 2026 Deadline: 1 April 2026</p>	<p>The Ironmongers' Foundation wishes to support initiatives that encourage young people to study science subjects at school and go on to pursue STEM-related further education or vocational training, particularly in the area of Materials Science.</p> <p>The Foundation works in partnership with other organisations to deliver specific projects, which must meet all of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grants are made to registered or exempt charities only. Applications will not be accepted from schools. Projects involving corporate partners must have charitable purposes and be for public benefit, not private gain • Activities must be within the UK • Preference will be given to projects engaging young people between the ages of 11 and 18 from disadvantaged backgrounds. Participants should be within this age range or be educators working with young people within this age range <p>Activities must be additional to those funded by government or other sources e.g. covered by school budgets.</p>
THE LECHE TRUST	<p>Round 2 will open in December 2025</p>	<p>The Trust offers grants in two areas: performing arts and heritage conservation.</p> <p>Priorities for performing arts grants are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the development, production and/or performance of new works in music, theatre, dance and performance across all genres • to support artists' professional development through programmes that address a clear need or gap in development. These programmes can be aimed at early or mid-career artists but they need to reflect current context and practices. <p>Heritage conservation grants support the conservation of historically, artistically and culturally significant buildings and objects dating from before 1837 that are in urgent need of remedial treatment.</p>
THE SASHA FOUNDATION	<p>1 April 2026 1 October 2026</p>	<p>The Sasha Foundation (TSF) was set up to support charities that work with mental health issues in memory of Sasha Love. In the UK this involves supporting young people with a bias towards young people, who are</p>

		suffering from depression and mental health issues or who are confronting drug abuse issues. Additionally, it involves supporting education and healthcare projects and programs in the third world, with a bias towards education for young women.
THEO MOORMAN TRUST FOR WEAVERS	05 February 2026	The Trust provides biennial grants to support weavers in further developing their craft through equipment, sabbaticals, or creative projects. The objective is to enable creative freedom, craft development, and the advancement of hand-weaving as an art form. Grants of between £500 and £5,000 are available.