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RECENTLY ADDED / HIGHLIGHTED FUNDS

NAME	DEADLINE	DESCRIPTION
<u>BANK OF SCOTLAND – ENERGISE</u>	Opens 2nd June Closes 11 June	<p>Energise has two funding tiers based on the income of charities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • charities with an income of below £50k are eligible for £20k (£10k per year over 2 years) • charities with an income of £50k-£150k are eligible for £40k (£20k per year over 2 years) <p>Our Energise programme provides unrestricted funding. Unrestricted funding can be used towards core costs, delivery costs, project costs and/or general running costs enabling charities to use their funding in the way that helps them best.</p>
<u>BARCLAYS COMMUNITY SPORT FUND BARCLAYS</u>	22 June 2025	The £1.4 million-a-year fund provides grants to community groups that are making football, cricket, or tennis more accessible to women and girls and operating in areas of high deprivation.
<u>CARES COMMUNITY BUILDINGS FUND</u>	31 October 2025	<p>This fund will support community organisations to decarbonise their community buildings and to reduce their energy bills by installing renewable technologies such as heat pumps and solar panels. Funding will be available for many types of community building, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • village halls • community centres • community hubs • sports facilities • faith buildings. <p>Funding of 80% of eligible costs up to £80,000 will be available. Read the guidance here: <u>CARES Community Buildings Fund - Local Energy Scotland</u></p> <p>We'll be hosting <u>two guidance webinars</u> on Zoom to provide an overview of the fund's objectives, eligibility criteria, and the application process and support available from the Local Energy Scotland team. These sessions will take place as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday 20 May 2025, 6pm-7pm. • Wednesday 28 May 2025, 12.30pm-1.30pm.

		Up to 80% of eligible costs can be funded up to a maximum grant amount of £80,000. The fund will be open to applications until the end of October 2025, or until funding is fully allocated, whichever is sooner.
<u>CASHBACK FOR COMMUNITIES</u>		The Scottish Government's CashBack for Communities offers funding to support young people at risk of involvement in antisocial behaviour, offending or reoffending. Webinars on how to apply are on 20 May, 28 May and 3 June.
<u>COMMUNITY ENERGY GENERATION GROWTH FUND</u>	25 June 2025	<p>The Community Energy Generation Growth Fund supports local communities to install wind turbines and solar panels or develop other types of renewable energy generation, such as hydro, to meet local needs.</p> <p>Local Energy Scotland will be running webinars for communities who may be interested in applying to the Community Energy Generation Growth Fund and who would like more information. These sessions will provide a clear overview of the fund's objectives, eligibility criteria, and the application process and support available from the Local Energy Scotland team.</p> <p>The webinars will take place as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday 21 May 2025 from 12.30pm-1.30pm on Zoom. Register here. • Thursday 29 May 2025 from 6pm-7pm on Zoom. Register here. <p>Community energy Scotland can support communities with project planning including feasibility studies etc. Please get in touch with becky.ford@communityenergy.scot</p>
<u>INSPIRING SCOTLAND - AUTISTIC ADULT SUPPORT FUND</u>	12pm (midday) on Wednesday 21 May 2025	<p>The fund aims to help adults with an autism diagnosis, self-identified autistic adults, and their families and carers understand what neurodivergence means for them and improve their wellbeing.</p> <p>Successful proposals will meaningfully involve autistic people in the development, design, and delivery of the activity. They will be strengths-based, making the most of, and building on, the skills and experiences of autistic people and assets within communities. Additionally, they will complement existing provision by demonstrating a good understanding of what others are doing locally and how to direct people towards other resources. Finally, they will be evidence-based, delivering support that is autism-informed and has a credible evidence base.</p> <p>The fund will run from October 2025 to March 2028 (30 months/2.5 years). All projects must meet all of the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your project supports autistic adults • Your project supports the programme outcomes (see fund guidance) • Your project meets a need or fills a gap in provision

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Autistic people are meaningfully involved • Support provided is evidence based • Your organisation works with others • Your project will measure progress to understand the difference you are making • Your project is inclusive of all autistic people • You have a robust safeguarding framework and practice <p>To apply for this funding, you must be a Scottish not-for-profit organisation with a 'legal personality', working closely with autistic people. Collaborative applications made in partnership with other organisations are eligible to apply.</p>
<u>NATIONAL LOTTERY COMMUNITY FUND: SUPPORTING CHANGE - CARERS (SCOTLAND)</u>		Grants up to £2,000,000 over ten years are available for established community groups, voluntary organisations and public sector organisations for projects that will improve the health and wellbeing of unpaid carers through meaningful and lasting system change. Apply before 28 August at tnlcommunityfund.org.uk
<u>POWERING COMMUNITIES TO NET ZERO FUND - SSEN</u>	25 June 2025	<p>The Powering Communities to Net Zero fund has recently reopened with two funding strands: Low Carbon Technology fund and Physical and environmental resilience fund. The fund has a closing date of the 25th of June and the eligible area is the North of Scotland distribution network.</p> <p>The Low Carbon Technology fund can be used for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solar Panels • Heat Systems • Battery storage • Renewable energy generation • Smart Heating Controls • Energy Efficiency Measures • Electric Vehicle Charging <p>This fund is a minimum of £1,000 to a maximum of £20,000.</p> <p>The physical and environmental resilience fund can be used for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects that enhance community facilities, services, and communication to mitigate the impact of, or support the local response to a significant emergency such as extended loss of power or severe weather events or climate change. This fund is a minimum of £1,000 to a maximum of £15,000. <p>Link to the website with further info is here</p>

<u>ROSA - RISE FUND</u>	4pm on Monday 23 June 2025	<p>Rosa's Rise Fund provides organisational development funding for Black and racially minoritised-led women's and girls' organisations across the UK. The funding is for organisational development work relating to areas such as strategy, governance, leadership, alliances and partnerships, funding, demonstrating impact and systems and processes.</p> <p>Rise Fund aims to achieve the following outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women and girls will be supported by women's and girls' organisations led by and for Black and racially minoritised women, ensuring women and girls can be safe, healthy and equal. • Women's and girls' organisations will be empowered and strengthened, meaning that they will be in a stronger position to survive, thrive and grow into the future.
<u>SOCIETE GENERALE - BRIGHT FUTURES GRANTS</u>	Expressions to Interest deadline: midday on 03 June Full application opens 25 June and closes 31 July	<p>The SG UK Foundation's new fund, Bright Futures, is investing £1 million over three years to empower and equip people from marginalised groups to access education and employment, driving lasting social and economic impact.</p> <p>Designed by the Foundation with input from the Bright Futures Committee of representatives across SG UK, the fund's two investment pillars include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donations: One-off investments of £2.5k to staff-nominated organisations focused on supporting health and wellbeing initiatives for marginalised people. • Grants: Larger, long-term investments of £10k - £50k supporting confidence, aspirations, and mental health for marginalised people.
<u>SOCIETE GENERALE - NEW UK CHARITY PARTNER</u>	Expressions to Interest deadline: 6pm on Friday 20 June Full application deadline: 29 August (notified in January/February 2026)	<p>Societe Generale is looking for their next charity partner, to work with from March 2026 for a five-year term. Their aim is for this partnership to help us achieve their CSR strategy: to improve employability prospects for people from socially disadvantaged backgrounds.</p> <p>They are happy to fund a specific project that achieves this outcome or to fund the core work of a charity where that is their main focus.</p>
<u>STAFFORD TRUST</u>	30 June 2025	<p>The Trust will consider applications for grants from charities registered in the United Kingdom, with preference being given to charitable organisations operating in Scotland. They fund local community projects and child welfare projects.</p>

<u>TAKE A BREAK GRANT</u>	5:00pm 30 June 2025	Scotland's short breaks fund for parent carers, including eligible kinship carers, of disabled or seriously ill children and young people aged 0 to 17. Carers of young people aged 18 to 20 are encouraged to apply. The aim of this programme is to support unpaid parent carers' quality of life, health and wellbeing by providing cash grants to help them access a short break.
<u>THE ADAMSON TRUST - DISABLED CHILDRENS HOLIDAY CHARITY</u>	30 June 2025	The Trust provides financial assistance to help finance holidays, including respite care, for physically and mentally disabled children (aged 3 to 17 years), with preference being given to those locally resident in Scotland.
<u>THE BIG GIVE - CHRISTMAS CHALLENGE</u>	5 July 2025	<p>The Christmas Challenge is an online match funding campaign that can help your charity to raise more money this Christmas. It offers supporters of participating charities the opportunity to have their donations doubled when the campaign goes live from late November - early December.</p> <p>Key benefits include: access to funding from Champion organisations; a powerful incentive to donors to have their donations doubled; attracting new supporters; raising your charity profile and joining others to raise awareness of the issue. The Christmas Challenge 2025 will take place from 2nd - 9th December.</p>
<u>THE BIG GIVE: WOMEN AND GIRLS MATCH FUND</u>	30 May 2025	Match funding is available for established registered charities that are led by, for and with women and girls. For projects that improve the lives of vulnerable, disadvantaged, or underrepresented women and girls. Incorporate and promote this opportunity as part of your fundraising campaign.
<u>THE NATIONAL LOTTERY COMMUNITY FUND - SUPPORTING CHANGE: CARERS</u>	28 Aug 2025	<p>This funding is for projects that will reduce health inequalities for unpaid carers, through systems change, i.e. making meaningful and lasting changes to the way things work. Your project must reduce health inequalities that unpaid carers experience. You must show TNLCF how you'll:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • make long-term changes to the systems that affect unpaid carers' health • involve people with experience of care in influencing these changes. • particularly, how you'll help unpaid carers have more control over decisions that affect their health and wellbeing. • work with other organisations use learning and evidence to inform your project.
<u>WEIR CHARITABLE TRUST: SMALL AWARD FUND</u>	23 May 2025	Grants up to £25,000 are available to small community groups and voluntary organisations for projects that meet one or more qualifying criteria of animal welfare, culture, health, recreational facilities or sport. Application deadlines each quarter, next is 23 May.

PREVIOUSLY LISTED GRANTS:

NAME	DEADLINE	DESCRIPTION
<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>ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE FUND:</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>PROJECT VIABILITY GRANT</u>		
<u>ARMED FORCES FAMILIES FUND - EARLY YEARS PROGRAMME</u>	4 Jun 2025 8 October 2025	<p>The Early Years programme is designed to help Armed Forces families access good quality early childhood education and childcare provision close to where they live or serve.</p> <p>Apply now.</p> <p>Round one applications will close midday, 4 June 2025 and you'll receive a decision by the end of August 2025.</p> <p>Round two applications will close midday, 8 October 2025 and you'll receive a decision by the end of December 2025.</p>
<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: available to organisations whose work directly supports those most affected by the cost-of-living crisis. They will support organisations that fall in one of the following categories: foodbank, accommodation, poverty relief and where people/communities in the UK are the primary and immediate focus of investment. • Our Communities Support: available to organisations who provide services widely accessible to those within our local communities, addressing the needs of those living within them. They will support organisations that fall in one of the following categories: animal welfare (benefiting humans), arts and culture, community development, disability, education, recreation, relief support and mental health support – where people/communities in the UK are the primary and immediate focus of investment.
<u>AUSTIN AND HOPE PILKINGTON TRUST</u>	Grant Round 1: 1 - 28 February Grant Round 2: 1 - 30 April Grant Round 3: 1 - 31 July Grant Round 4: 1 - 30 September	<p>The Trust gives grants to registered charities that work in the UK. They focus on specific priorities every year.</p> <p>In rounds 1 and 2 for 2025, the theme is The Arts: Improving Access. The focus will be on performing arts projects – theatre, dance or music – that improve audience access and participation.</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>BAILEY THOMAS CHARITABLE FUND</u>	Large grant deadlines 1 Dec, 1 Mar and 1 Aug	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
<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	<p>Max award: £50,000</p> <p>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. In the past, this has included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The purchase of land Improving access to a nature reserve • Creating a lakeside path • Orchard projects • Protecting and recovering threatened plant species • Habitat restoration. • Conservation, research and education • Education centre gardens and wildlife areas. • Bird boxes for churches and village halls. • Volunteering projects.

		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>		<p><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> <p><u>ENABLE</u> 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 – BIG SKY GRANT FUND</u>		<p>This new programme will offer grants of up to £5,000 to support the emotional wellbeing and mental health of children aged 8-13 living in island and remote rural communities.</p> <p>Grants are for early support to prevent problems developing at a later stage and could be through things like sports groups, art classes, and youth clubs. This is also part of our commitment to funding grassroots organisations who provide vital positive relationships to support children and young people.</p> <p>The programme in Scotland is already open to those working in Orkney, Shetland and the Western Isles and is now opening in Highland and Argyll & Bute.</p> <p>Applications will be by invitation only. You can find out more information about Big Sky which is a part of our A Million and Me programme on our website. https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/grants/the-work-we-do/our-focussed-funding/a-million-and-me/a-million-and-me-partners-and-collaborations/big-sky-programme/</p>

<u>BBC CHILDREN IN NEED EMERGENCY ESSENTIALS PROGRAMME</u>		<p>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.</p> <p>All applications must be made by a registered referrer.</p> <p>The BBC Children in Need Emergency Essentials Programme has now reopened, operating as normal, and we aim to process applications within 10 working days. As usual, please only contact us about an application if absolutely necessary, to prevent delays to that application being processed.</p> <p>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.</p>
<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>BBC CHILDREN IN NEED: TEMPORARY CLOSURE</u>	15 April 2025	This popular grant maker will be unable to accept new Expressions of Interest applications after 15 April. Their new grant making system will be launched at the end of September 2025.
<u>BENEFACT GROUP - MOVEMENT FOR GOOD – NOMINATE A CHARITY AWARDS</u>	Check website for deadlines	<p>Movement for Good is our annual programme of giving that anyone can get involved in, and again this year we'll be donating over £1 million to charities and good causes nominated by you. Nominations made from Jan 1st 2025 – December 19th 2025 will be entered into all remaining £1,000 draws. Nominations from previous years do not roll over.</p>
<u>BENEFACT TRUST</u>		<p>Funding is now available under the following grants programmes:</p> <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>Heritage Skills for Christian Buildings Grants Focused on the preservation of essential heritage skills and careers through apprenticeships, scholarships, and training courses.</p> <p>Methodist Grants 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>Roof Alarm Grants To protect churches from metal theft.</p>
BRITISH FILM INSTITUTE - BFI NATIONAL LOTTERY AUDIENCE PROJECTS FUND	Rolling	<p>The BFI National Lottery Audience Projects Fund supports ambitious, audience-facing independent UK and international film and broader screen activity of national scale.</p> <p>Projects should be focused on increasing access and growing the participation of audiences that are representative of the UK population. Equal priority will be given to the cultural and social ambitions of projects, and they expect these two ambitions to work together to realise the fund's aims. The fund will support film exhibitors, film distributors, and other organisations delivering audience development activity with multi-year and short-term projects as well as research and development.</p> <p>Applications are accepted all year round but must be submitted 16 weeks before the start of any funded activity. They can support projects of any duration but all activity must be completed by 31 March 2026 unless you have approval from the Audiences team prior to making an application.</p>
BUSINESS CHARGEPOINT FUNDING		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.
BUSINESS ENERGY SCOTLAND: SME LOAN SCHEME (INC GRANTS)		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.
BUTTLE UK	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>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.</p> <p>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>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 • Repair Cafe

		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.
<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>CHARLES HAYWARD FOUNDATION - SOCIAL & CRIMINAL JUSTICE - MAIN GRANTS</u>	23rd May 2025 (for July Grant's Committee meeting) 19th September 2025 (for November Grant's Committee meeting)	<p>Aims to prevent people entering the criminal justice system and to support those already in the system to move on and rebuild their lives.</p> <p>They fund projects in the following categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Targeted early intervention programmes aimed at reaching the most troubled and vulnerable families in a community. • Preventative and diversionary projects for young people at risk of offending including tailored interventions identifying and addressing the particular needs of girls and young women. • Programmes, particularly those with a focus on young offenders, combining prison based and community interventions dealing with rehabilitation of offenders, accommodation and support on release, helping with maintaining family relationships, mentoring, and mapping and creating pathways to employment. • Schemes offering viable alternatives to custody, in particular for women and young people. • Programmes of support directed towards rehabilitating the victims of domestic abuse and criminal exploitation.
<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>CLIMATE ENGAGEMENT LAB – 2024 OPEN CALL FOR INNOVATION PARTNERSHIP</u>		<p>Climate Outreach is looking for a new innovation partner organisation to reach and motivate specific audiences in the UK. The <u>Climate Engagement Lab</u> is looking to support an existing project that is engaging people who are concerned about politics and climate change, but aren't generally part of the climate conversation and are deeply and instinctively distrustful that 'elites' will do much to help. Through the partnership, they will provide free support for a group that's engaging working class communities on climate or climate-adjacent (i.e. transport, energy, food) projects.</p> <p>The chosen partner will get support to apply evidence-backed insights to their project, along with up to £3,000 to cover the costs of participation.</p>
<u>COASTAL COMMUNITIES FUND – SHETLAND ISLANDS COUNCIL</u>		<p>The Shetland Islands COUNCIL COASTAL COMMUNITIES FUND offers grants of between £5,000 and £100,000 to projects that support the community and economic development of Shetland by investing in infrastructure, community capacity building, developing community assets and encouraging inclusive growth.</p> <p>The grant scheme is designed to mobilise change and deliver positive outcomes for Shetland and its communities. The scheme seeks to support the community and economic development of Shetland by investing in infrastructure, community capacity building, and developing community assets and encouraging inclusive growth.</p> <p>The scheme also aims to encourage regeneration of Shetland's communities by supporting projects that safeguard sustainable economic growth and jobs, promote inclusion and contribute towards poverty reduction.</p> <p>Projects seeking funding must be a strong fit to Shetland's Partnership Plan 2018 – 2028, and the shared vision that "Shetland is a place where everyone is able to thrive; living well in strong, resilient communities; and where people and communities are able to help plan and deliver solutions to future challenges."</p> <p>For grant requests up to £25,000 it is a single stage application process, by invitation. Please contact officers to discuss your proposal.</p> <p>For requests over £25,000, it is a two stage application process:</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stage One is an Expression of Interest and applicants are required to clearly demonstrate what outcome(s) and impacts their project will deliver. See website for form. • Stage Two requires completion of the full application form and is by invitation only. <p>Applications may be submitted at any time and will be considered at the next meeting.</p> <p>Single state / Stage 2 deadlines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 31 March 2025, 5pm • 14 July 2025, 5pm • 29 September 2025, 5pm • 12 January 2026, 5pm <p>Stage 1 deadlines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21 April 2025, 5pm • 4 August 2025, 5pm • 20 October 2025, 5pm • 2 February 2026, 5pm
<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>
<u>COMMUNITY SPACES GRANTS - THE ROBERTSON TRUST</u>	-	<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 guidance 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>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>
CONSTANCE TRAVIS CHARITABLE TRUST	Ongoing	<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 • Education and training • Relief of poverty • Disability Accommodation and housing • Religious activities • Sports and recreation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grants of up to £20,000 are made to smaller organisations. • Grants of up to £50,000 are available for larger national charities. • Grants exceeding £50,000 are made in exceptional cases.

		<p>Please note many of the charitable institutions receiving grants of between £20,000 and £50,000 receive funding each year.</p> <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>

CORRA FOUNDATION - <u>BOOST SMALL GRANTS PROGRAMME</u>	Round 2 will open at the end of April Round 3 will open at the start of September	<p>Boost Small Grants programme is managed by Corra and is funded in partnership with STV Children's Appeal and Comic Relief.</p> <p>Boost is for local community organisations across Scotland supporting children and families affected by poverty. Not all of your work has to be with children and families but the project you want a grant for should directly benefit children and families. The work you are doing might be about providing practical help, or organising activities and gatherings, or addressing another local need.</p> <p>Boost Small Grants 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. There will be around £400,000 available to distribute in 2025, and we expect to make around 160 grants. Approximately 10% of the funding available will be made in grants to unconstituted groups.</p> <p>Dates This year Boost will be run in three rounds, with about 1/3 of the grants made in each round. Round 1 will open at noon on 25 February 2025 and will close at noon on 11 March 2025 Round 2 will open at the end of April Round 3 will open at the start of September Each group can only hold one Boost grant in a 12 month period. If you are unsure whether you are eligible please contact us at <u>communitygrants@corra.scot</u> and we will be happy to help.</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

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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>
<u>CREATIVE SCOTLAND: FUTURE FUNDING FRAMEWORK</u>		<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 relaunches in October. Information sessions to follow.</p>
<u>CULTURE & BUSINESS FUND SCOTLAND</u>		<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</p>

		<p>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>
<u>CYCLING SCOTLAND: CYCLING FRIENDLY GRANTS</u>		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.
<u>CYCLING TOURISM FACILITIES FUND (HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS ENTERPRISE) MOVE YOUR CYCLING FACILITIES UP A GEAR</u>		<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>
<u>CYCLING UK - THE CYCLE ACCESS FUND</u>		<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>Enabling individuals to access a bike in an affordable, easy and convenient way is a vital contribution to reducing health and income inequality. It makes our communities safer and more pleasant by reducing short car journeys. Cycling UK know that many people in Scotland experience barriers to accessing a cycle and, by offering their funding across different strands, they aim to tackle different barriers and help more people to cycle.</p> <p>Organisations can apply whose registered business/charity address is in SPT, Sustran, 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>DELAMERE DAIRY FOUNDATION</u>		<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 • The relief of financial hardship • The advancement of education • The relief of sickness <p>Applications are open in Spring and Autumn.</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

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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>		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.
<u>DISTRICT HEATING LOAN FUND</u>		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.
<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. Funding can support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> creative and outdoor pursuits for disadvantaged children and young people; and

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> support young unemployed people
<u>EASY FUNDRAISING APP</u>	n/a	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.
<u>EBIKE BUSINESS LOAN</u>		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.
<u>EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOUNDATION - BERRIDGE TRUST</u>	Any time	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.
<u>EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOUNDATION - MAIN FUND</u>	Any time	<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. 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>ENERGY SAVINGS TRUST - PLUGGED-IN</u>	First Come First Served	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:

<u>COMMUNITIES GRANT FUND</u>		<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 • Creative, Confident Communities
<u>ETHNIC MINORITY DEVELOPMENT FUND (EMDF)</u>	Opens 12 Feb	<p>A new funding opportunity from <u>CEMVO Scotland</u> and <u>The National Lottery Community Fund Scotland</u>.</p> <p>Available to any ethnic minority-led third-sector organisation in Scotland, with grants of £500 - £15,000 available.</p>
<u>EUROPEAN YOUTH FOUNDATION</u>	15 January, 15 May	<p>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 <u>at the dedicated page</u>.</p>
<u>FAITH IN COMMUNITY SCOTLAND</u>	Ongoing	<p>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.</p>
<u>FAITH IN COMMUNITY SCOTLAND: FAITHFUL WELCOME SMALL GRANTS</u>	Any time	<p>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</p>

<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: <u>Which grant programmes are available? - Family Fund</u>. 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 5.00pm on 19 November 2025</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. • 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>FILM HUB SCOTLAND - FILM EXHIBITION FUND</u>	<p>28 March 2025</p> <p>16 May 2025</p>	<p>The Film Exhibition Fund aims to help audiences across Scotland access and enjoy a diverse range of films, regardless of geography or circumstance.</p> <p>The fund will support exhibitors to deliver audience development activity that addresses one or more of the BFI and FAN priority outcomes, in line with BFI's Screen Culture 2033 strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engaging with children and young people • Accessing a wider choice of film • Tackling social, economic and geographic barriers • Engaging with heritage collections that reflect the diversity of the UK <p>All supported activity will need to address our cross-cutting principles of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equity, Diversity and Inclusion • Environmental Sustainability
<u>FLETCHERS FOUNDATION</u>	<p>Any time</p>	<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. <p>Applications from local community groups, registered charities, or schools working with individuals and their family with the long-term effects of serious personal injury, medical negligence, or illness.</p> <p>Applications and supporting documentation to the trustees will be submitted to the Trustees on the last Friday of the month, and you will receive a response within two weeks of that.</p>
<u>FOUNDATION SCOTLAND - BAILLIE GIFFORD</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</p>

<u>INTERNATIONAL FUND</u>		<p>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: • 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 - 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'S SOCIAL INVESTMENT FUND</u>		<p>Foundation Scotland's <u>Social Investment Fund</u> 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 <u>eligibility criteria</u> 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.</p>

		<p>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>		<p>£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</p>

		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 <u>here</u>, grant guidance <u>here</u>, apply <u>here</u> or attend the application support webinar:</p>
<u>GREEN HALL FOUNDATION</u>		<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.</p> <p>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> <p>Each May meeting will be open to Charities in all income brackets.</p>

		<p>Each November meeting will only be open to Charities with an annual income of £250,000 or less.</p> <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>
<u>GREEN JOBS CAPITAL FUND</u>		<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>

<u>HAPPY DAYS CHILDREN'S CHARITY</u>		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.
<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>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 ENVIRONMENT FOUNDATION</u>		For Highland & Islands across a range of areas like fresh water, forest and woodland etc.

<u>HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS COMMUNITY CLIMATE ACTION FUND</u>	rolling basis with decisions made each month	The Climate Action Fund will be temporarily closed to applications in February. Look for news of it re-opening in Spring! Find the Funding News here.
<u>HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS ENVIRONMENT FOUNDATION</u>	Next deadline: 2 June 2025	<p>Grants of up to £15,000 are available for community-led projects aiming to protect or restore nature in the Highlands and Islands - projects in the Scottish highlands and islands which fit into one of the Foundation's areas of interest: Montane, Fresh water, Marine & coastal, and Forest & woodland.</p> <p>Applications for grants will be accepted in three periods in 2025. Application deadlines are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9am, Monday, 3rd March 2025 • 9am, Monday, 2nd June 2025 • 9am, Monday, 1st September 2025 <p>All applicants need to complete and submit an expression of interest form. If your application is approved, you will be invited to complete and submit a more detailed application form. All successful applicants will need to sign a Grant Agreement specifying the terms and conditions of our collaboration.</p> <p>Please download and complete the expression of interest form below or contact sally@hief.scot for a paper version (Download Expression of Interest form). The form, and full criteria, can be found on the HIEF website. Get in touch with louis@hief.scot to discuss a project idea or find out more.</p>
<u>HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT SCOTLAND: NEW GRANTS FRAMEWORK</u>		<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>

<u>HOME INSTEAD - SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES</u>	Apply January; April; July and October	<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>
<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>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. Funding categories are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technology Development • Applied Research • Digital Security • Events and Community Convenings <p>Applications go through a two-stage application process:</p>

<u>IT4GOOD GRANTS PROGRAMME</u>	Wednesday 7 May, 5pm	<p><u>The WCIT Charity</u> offers grants of up to £15,000 for activities within the themes of education, inclusion, IT for charities, and understanding of IT by constituted not-for-profit organisations across the UK.</p> <p>Activities include the development and delivery of new services, solutions, training, apps, analytics, AI, robotics, or accessibility features/hardware.</p> <p>Proposals should demonstrate an innovative use of IT, be scalable for wider replication, and be sustainable over time.</p>
<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</p>

		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.
<u>KELLY FAMILY CHARITABLE TRUST</u>	1 September 1 March	<p>Interested in funding charities whose activities involve the whole family, in initiatives that seek to tackle issues that face one or more of its members, and whose aims include the strengthening of family bonds by helping all elements of the family unit to grow together and support each other.</p> <p>They are also interested in charities that support families which have been the subject of domestic abuse and violence and families of prisoners. Grants will generally be in the range of £1,000 to £5,000, but Trustees will consider requests for higher amounts.</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>
<u>LANDTRUST - SCOTTISH LANDFILL COMMUNITIES FUND</u>		<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.</p> <p>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

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> community based recycling, re-use and waste prevention projects
<u>LEARNING DISABILITY SUPPORT FUND</u>		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>
<u>LINTEL TRUST - SMALL GRANTS FUND</u>	30th April 2025 13th August 2025 7th October 2025	<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
<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	<p>This funding is for organisations or programmes that:</p> <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

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote intergenerational learning opportunities
<u>MCCARTHY STONE FOUNDATION - CREATING CONNECTIONS PROGRAMME</u>	Opens 1 Aug 2025 Closes 29 Aug 2025	Our Creating Connections Grant Programme will be awarding 20+ grants of up to £7,500 to charities and community groups who are helping to reduce loneliness and isolation for the over 65's. You may be providing direct person-centered interventions such as befriending OR group based social activities. We also support Community Transport who assist in bringing together older people.
MISSES BARRIE CHARITABLE TRUST	Ongoing	<p>Max award: £3,000. The Trust does not maintain a website. Applications may be submitted at any time. Applications should be accompanied where appropriate by up to date accounts or financial information.</p> <p>Due to the large number of unsolicited applications received each week, the Trustees are not able to notify applicants who are unsuccessful.</p> <p>For further information on how to obtain this fund, please contact the following: Enquiries Misses Barrie Charitable Trust 34 Victoria Road Dartmouth Devon TQ6 9SA Tel: 01737 248065 Contact info: charlotte@raymondcarter.co.uk</p> <p>The Trust offers grants to both national charities and local charities in Devon, Surrey, Warwickshire, Worcestershire and Scotland for charitable work in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> General charitable purposes. Advancement of health or saving of lives. Arts, culture, heritage and science. Amateur sport. Environment, conservation and heritage. Children and young people. Older people. People with disabilities.

<u>MOTABILITY: ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORT</u>	ongoing	<p>Recently launched grants up to £4M are available for registered charities and organisations working in the Community Transport sector:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Transport Grants to develop and improve community transport for disabled people • The Wheelchair Sector Grant Programme will improve access to quality affordable wheelchairs.
<u>MUSIC FOR ALL - THE POWER OF MUSIC FUND</u>	Opens: 1 May 2025	<p>The Power of Music Fund offers small grants to local organisations that use music making to support people living with dementia and their carers.</p> <p>Applications from underrepresented communities such as those from the Global Majority will be prioritised, as will applications that can evidence that the people receiving support, or are intentionally being targeted, share a particular identity or lived experience.</p> <p>The beneficiaries must be people living with dementia and their carers and the application must describe how the grant will provide a musical moment(s) of joy for a person or people living with dementia. The application can support costs associated with rehearsals/performance(s) including transport for participants.</p>
<u>NATIONAL CENTRE FOR RESILIENCE</u>		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.
<u>NATIONAL CHURCHES TRUST - LARGE GRANTS</u>	1st July 2025	The Large Grant Programme can award grants towards major urgent structural repair projects, or the introduction of kitchens and accessible toilets. Priority is given to projects that demonstrate well-developed plans for the building that are supported beyond the congregation, and into the future.
NATIONAL LOTTERY COMMUNITY FUND <u>COMMUNITY ACTION FUND</u> <u>FAIRER LIFE CHANCES FUND</u>		<p>The National Lottery Community Fund is opening two new funding programmes.</p> <p>Community Action and Fairer Life Chances will focus on helping communities to tackle poverty, disadvantage, and discrimination, and we'll ask groups to tell us how they will reach and support people facing these challenges.</p> <p>They will award bigger and longer grants and fund organisations of different sizes and levels of experience. They will also support many smaller organisations to apply for multi-year funding for the first time, allowing them to develop over a more sustained period.</p>

COMMUNITY ACTION FUND

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 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.

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.

FAIRER LIFE CHANCES FUND

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.

Please visit the [Scotland page of our website](#) 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 on our [Scotland blog site](#) from tomorrow.

Organisations wishing to apply should contact us for a conversation either by email at advicescotland@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk or call us on 0300 123 7110.

<u>NATIONAL LOTTERY COMMUNITY FUND - CLIMATE ACTION FUND - NEW FUNDING STREAM</u>		<p>We want to involve more people in climate action. And we want to inspire bold and exciting change.</p> <p>We'll fund projects that reach more people by either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • linking climate action to the everyday lives and interests of local communities. And inspiring them to take action. • influencing communities at a regional or national level. Like linking up groups across locations. Or a campaign that inspires change across one country, or the whole UK. <p>You should be in a partnership with</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a mix of organisations and sectors • smaller groups that represent the people you're working with. <p>You do not have to be a climate or environment-focused organisation to apply</p> <p>We want to reach people who are new to climate action by funding other types of organisations too. And by using people's everyday activities and interests as a starting point for climate action. The minimum you can ask for is £500,000. We expect to fund most projects for between £1 million and £1.5 million over 3 to 5 years. We may fund some exceptional projects up to £3 million, and for up to 7 years. We aim to fund up to 25 projects.</p>
<u>NATIONAL LOTTERY COMMUNITY FUND - STRENGTHENING ORGANISATIONS</u>	Ongoing	<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 <p>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</p>
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:</p>

		<p>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>
<u>NATIONAL LOTTERY COMMUNITY FUND SCOTTISH LAND FUND</u>	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. 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	No deadlines	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.

OPEN FUND: SUSTAINING CREATIVE DEVELOPMENT FUND		<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 <p>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.</p>
<u>PARKINSON'S UK - PHYSICAL ACTIVITY GRANTS</u>	Rolling, until all funds allocated.	<p>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.</p> <p>The key outcomes of the fund are:</p> <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>PARKINSON'S UK - PHYSICAL ACTIVITY GRANTS</u>		<p>Grants of up to £3,000 to support physical activity projects for people with Parkinson's all over the UK.</p> <p>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</p>

		opportunities for people affected by Parkinson's to participate in physical activity and sport or increased participation in these areas.
<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
<u>PEOPLE'S POSTCODE TRUST</u>	<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: To be confirmed later in 2025</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>
<u>PETER HARRISON FOUNDATION - ACTIVE LIVES</u>	<p>Trustees meet four times a year:</p> <p>Deadlines are:</p> <p>1 January (for decision 30 April)</p> <p>1 April (for decision 31 July)</p> <p>1 July (for decision 31 October)</p> <p>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

<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>RAYNE FOUNDATION - OPEN GRANTS PROGRAMME</u>		<p>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.</p>
<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>SCALE ACCELERATOR: PREVENTING CHILDHOOD SEXUAL VIOLENCE</u>		<p>Spring Impact has now opened applications for Scale Accelerator: Preventing Childhood Sexual Violence. Supported by Oak Foundation, the programme provides fully-funded consultancy for ambitious NGOs working on reducing the number of children that experience sexual violence across the EU and UK.</p> <p>The programme is designed to help organisations reach more people with their work and drive change at a much larger scale. By taking part, participants will gain a clear, actionable plan and strategy for scale, frameworks and tools to build the capacity of their wider team, and the mindsets and confidence needed to make the journey to scale sustainable, achievable, and a whole lot easier.</p> <p>All eligible NGOs will be granted a free place on Getting Scale Ready, a 5-week online course designed to kick-start your journey to scale. The completion of this course will be the first step in the application process.</p>
<u>SCARF FUEL FUND</u>		<p>The Fund supports residents in Scotland against the impacts of fuel/energy poverty and it is open until December 2025 or until the funds run out.</p> <p>Participating partners are asked to identify those eligible to benefit from the scheme and to provide two forms of evidence, as proof of the beneficiary's eligibility. The fund will provide energy vouchers of £49 for households with traditional prepayment gas and electric meters where the household is responsible for going to top up the meter.</p> <p>Find more information here, read the terms & conditions here, eligibility criteria here, partner request form here and the new redress voucher online questions here.</p> <p>For any questions please email Janine Esson, Team Leader, or call on 01224 213 005</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.</p> <p>Open to organisations with an annual income of up to £500,000.</p> <p>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 BOOK TRUST - LIVE LITERATURE FUNDING</u>	23 May 2025 26 September 2025	<p>Grants are available to help bring literature alive with an author, poet, playwright, graphic novelist or storyteller visit. They like to support interesting, imaginative sessions which show a commitment to the promotion and enjoyment of reading and writing. As funding is limited, a maximum of five sessions can be requested in a single application. The panel will only award the maximum five sessions if they feel the request is justified by an application.</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 HYDRO-ELECTRIC COMMUNITY TRUST</u>		<p>The Scottish Hydro Electric Community Trust (SHECT) can provide grant aid support to individuals and community organisations towards the cost of an electricity connection to a new domestic dwelling or a community owned property in more rural parts of Shetland. Recently there have not been many applications from Shetland while other parts of the country, including Orkney and the Western Isles, see good numbers of applications.</p> <p>To be eligible for grant assistance, the property to be connected must be for domestic use or be for a community project which is not profit distributing. The level of funding available is set out as follows:</p> <p>Domestic customers - A grant up of up to 50% of the connection cost may be awarded.</p> <p>Community projects - A grant up of up to 75% of the connection cost may be awarded. Benefits to the community will influence grant award.</p> <p>Trustees of The Scottish Hydro Electric Community Trust meet periodically through the year. The next Trustee meetings and associated deadlines are detailed below:</p> <table><tr><td>Trustee meeting</td><td>Application deadline</td></tr><tr><td>Thursday 5 June 2025</td><td>Wednesday 21 May 2025</td></tr><tr><td>Thursday 25 September 2025</td><td>Wednesday 10 September 2025</td></tr></table> <p>For more detailed information about eligibility criteria and/or for an application form please visit The Scottish Hydro Electric Community Trust website here</p>	Trustee meeting	Application deadline	Thursday 5 June 2025	Wednesday 21 May 2025	Thursday 25 September 2025	Wednesday 10 September 2025
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<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</p>						

		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.
<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>SEA CHANGERS - MAIN AND SMALL GRANTS</u>		<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>We welcome applications from a variety of groups and entities.</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> <p>Small Grants For grants of up to £500. Apply any time and get a quick decision.</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.</p> <p>There are many examples of marine conservation good practice in Scotland. We want to enable organisations to learn and seek advice from one another, share good practice, network and jointly develop skills. We recognise that in-person learning and networking can accelerate the development of community projects and the spread of such good practices.</p>

		<p>However, 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> <p>Small Grants - For grants of up to £500. Apply any time and get a quick decision.</p>
<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>SHARED CARE SCOTLAND - SHORT BREAKS FUND</u> CREATIVE BREAKS	5pm 22nd May 2025	<p>£1.5 M funding for short breaks projects for carers and the people they care for: APPLY NOW!</p> <p>The <u>Creative Breaks</u> programme provides 12 month grants to third sector organisations to develop and deliver short breaks projects and services for carers of adults (aged 21 years and over), and young carers (caring for children or adults), and the people that they care for.</p> <p>Short breaks activities can take many different forms – including breaks away (i.e., overnight stays, residential breaks), days out, and/or shorter sessions (i.e., regular activities). Activities must be designed to enable carers to have a life outside or alongside their caring role, and to support their health and wellbeing. Short breaks should also benefit the cared-for person and others (e.g., family members) and help sustain the caring relationship.</p>

		<p>Short break activities can be for the carers, for the people they care for, or for both the carers and the cared-for people to enjoy together. To be eligible for Creative Breaks funding, projects must be able to evidence how their activities will benefit both the carers and the people they care for, by providing a break from their normal routine.</p> <p>A total of around £1.5 Million is available. Grants are for one year (October 2025 – September 2026). For full details, click here</p> <p>This funding is for third sector (voluntary organisations) operating in Scotland. You do not have to be a registered charity to apply. However, your organisation must have a constitution that states your organisation's purposes are solely charitable and that it delivers public benefit in achieving its purpose(s). For full details on eligibility criteria, download our guidance here</p> <p>How do we apply? To apply, visit the Creative Breaks page on our website and download the application form, budget template and guidance for applicants.</p> <p>Completed applications should be submitted by 5pm on Thursday 22nd May 2025 (late or incomplete applications will not be accepted)</p> <p>Help available! The Short Breaks Fund team is here to help. We strongly recommend that you take advantage of the support available to help you develop the strongest possible application.</p> <p>We are delivering two workshops' sessions on-line, please book a place on one of our sessions which will be run via TEAMS. For dates and times of these sessions please visit the Creative Breaks page on our website. Alternatively, you can call in to discuss your application in more detail during one of our phone-in sessions (see the Creative Breaks page for details).</p> <p>For full details on our workshops and call-in days, click here</p>
SHETLAND AMENITY TRUST HERITAGE GRANT FUND	tbc	Currently closed.
SHETLAND BUSINESS START UP GRANT		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

		<p>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 here. 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 link.</p> <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.</p>
<p><u>SHETLAND ISLANDS COUNCIL - SUPPORT TO COMMUNITY FACILITIES</u></p>		<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. This grant scheme is only open to a specified list of facilities. See "Who can apply".</p> <p>This grant scheme is only open to the following facilities:</p> <p>Sports Facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bressay Sports Club • Burra Isle Football Association

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cunningsburgh Football Club • Delting Football Club • Fraser Park Trust • Sandwick Football Club • South Mainland Community Association • Strom Park Development Trust • Whalsay Golf Club • Whalsay Sports Development Trust <p>Youth Facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brae Youth Centre • Cunningsburgh Village Club • Livister Youth Centre • Mossbank Youth & Community Centre • Sandveien Neighbourhood Centre • Sandwick Youth & Community Centre • Scalloway Youth Centre • Westside Youth Centre • Whitedale Youth Club • Unst Youth Centre • Yell Youth Cafe <p>All applications for grant assistance must be submitted within 6 months of your group's new financial year commencing.</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	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.

		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.
<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 would be delighted to discuss this new scheme with you, alongside <u>other loan programmes</u> (available from £10,000 and up).</p>
<u>SP ENERGY NETWORKS' TRANSMISSION NET ZERO FUND</u>	Currently closed	<p>The <u>SP Energy Networks' Transmission Net Zero Fund</u>, which aims to help communities develop their net zero plans, is approaching its funding support stage. Eligible organisations that have projects meeting the Net Zero Fund criteria will be able to apply for funding support.</p> <p>We have launched our Transmission Net Zero Fund to help vulnerable communities develop their net zero plans to ensure that no one is left behind on the Scotland's journey to Net Zero. Net Zero means we need to decarbonise buildings, electrify transport and rethink how we power and heat our homes. We want to enable our communities' decarbonisation plans and a just transition for all, so this fund will help them develop robust routes to achieving Net Zero. We're looking forward to supporting them to be well underway with delivery of their plans by 2030 (#FutureFor30) which will in-turn, support Scotland's ambitious Net Zero targets.</p> <p>The fund will operate in three phases - initially delivering community workshops, secondly, supporting development of formal plans and finally, providing funding support.</p>
<u>SPORTED</u>		<p><u>Sported</u> 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

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
<u>SPORTSCOTLAND: SPORTS FACILITIES FUND</u>	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>
<u>STEPHEN LLOYD AWARDS</u>	14 May 2025	<p><u>The Awards</u> are an annual programme providing funding and support to early-stage projects that are forward-thinking, inspiring and creative in their solutions.</p> <p>The aim of the Awards is to help create success by finding and nurturing innovative ideas and projects that can lead to practical, sustainable social or environmental change. The Awards are particularly interested in supporting novel, early stage ideas that address social or environmental problems at a systemic level. These are essentially 'big ideas' that might not, or cannot, reach the mainstream channels for support or funding.</p> <p>Meet the inspiring 2024 <u>Winners</u> and <u>Finalists</u>. Discover their incredible achievements as they strive for impactful change! Take a look at an inspiring <u>film</u> celebrating ten years of the Awards</p>
<u>TECHSTART VENTURES EQUITY FINANCE</u>		<p>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.</p>

<u>THE ACCESS FOUNDATION</u>	Any time	<p>Provides funding to organisations which align with the following objectives:</p> <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 ALLEN LANE FOUNDATION</u>	All applications received now, until early April - considered in June 2025 Trustee meeting.	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.</p> <p>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</p>

		<p>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 BIG GIVE - THE WOMEN & GIRLS MATCH FUND</u>	Closes 20 Jun 2025	The Women & Girls Match Fund is a match funding campaign for charities that are working to improve the lives of vulnerable, disadvantaged or underrepresented women and girls in England and Scotland.
<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.</p> <p>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</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</p>

<u>FOUNDATION - CAPITAL GRANTS</u>		<p>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 debra@sfad.org.uk, Tich: 07775252380 or richard@sfad.org.uk</p>
<u>THE FORE</u>	Opens 27 Mar 2025	<p>The Fore offers development funding and strategic support to early-stage charities and social enterprises. It makes unrestricted grants which have the potential to have a transformational impact on an organisation.</p> <p>Successful applicants will receive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An unrestricted grant: Up to £30,000, spread across 1 to 3 years • Access to skills and networks: Including peer support and pro bono support from experienced professionals • Access to training: Through our workshops programme and fully funded impact measurement support courses <p>We are hosting an online Q&A session on Thursday 27th March, 11am to 12pm. If you want to hear more from The Fore team about our application process and pose your own questions before you register your interest in applying, you can sign up here. If you can't make it on the day, please still register if you would like to receive the recording.</p> <p>If you have any questions, we are happy to help – Please email us at info@thefore.org</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)</p> <p>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> <p>Deadlines: 2nd May 2025, for consideration at the grant-making meeting on 16th July 2025. 3rd October 2025, for consideration the grant-making meeting on 3rd December 2025.</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> <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.</p>
<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 HEALTH LOTTERY FOUNDATION</u>	Will open later this year	Fund projects in England, Scotland and Wales that unite people to improve health, wellbeing and happiness. It will open later in 2025 for applications, from small community projects through to national charities. It will focus on 6 key themes: chronic disease, disability inequity, healthcare IT, health disparity, preventative care, and young people. The Lottery has raised over £133m since 2011, funding more than 3,500 projects. Ethics Note; funded by gambling.
<u>THE HENRY MOORE FOUNDATION</u>		<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 • 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 HOSPITAL SATURDAY FUND – GRANTS FOR INDIVIDUALS</u>	Grant meetings are held quarterly	<p>For Individuals: 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 • 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>Arts, Environment, and Social Action</p> <p><u>The John Ellerman Foundation</u> offers grants of between £10,000 and £50,000 per year for up to 3 years to UK-registered charities with an income of between £100,000 and £10m to advance the wellbeing of people, society and the natural world by focusing on the arts, environment and social action. There is no deadline for applications to this fund.</p>

<u>THE JOSEPH RANK TRUST</u>	Opens: 1 May 2025 for July Trustees Meeting	<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 MAGDALEN HOSPITAL TRUST</u>		<p>Funding for projects working with vulnerable children and young adults, especially those at risk of sexual and other forms of exploitation. They prefer to fund project costs rather than core costs. Projects can include those that provide: training for work and personal development, clubs and play schemes, safeguarding education, mental health support and counselling, emergency care.</p> <p>The Trustees will next be meeting in March, July and November 2025. Submission dates for applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For March meeting: between 1st and 28th February 2025 • For July meeting: between 19th May and 20th June 2025 • For November meeting: between 1st and 31st October 2025 • No applications will be considered outside these dates.
<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 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

		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.
<u>THE MICHAEL TIPPETT MUSICAL FOUNDATION</u>	30 September 2025	<p>The funds single priority is the development of group music making, especially involving young people in projects incorporating composition and creative ideas.</p> <p>They wish to see composition as central to projects put forward for support. These can include applications from organisations for group projects working with young composers, perhaps at postgraduate or early professional level, offering innovative ways for young composers to develop their talents and experience through engaging with group musical activity.</p> <p>Grants awarded will be made towards creative musical activity, not instruments or equipment. Projects might be first-time initiatives or the development of existing projects and must be based in the UK.</p>
<u>THE MICKEL FUND</u>		<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@morrisonsplc.co.uk.
<u>THE MORRISONS FOUNDATION</u>	Ongoing	<p>Max award: £10,000</p> <p>Projects should address the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tackle poverty and social deprivation. Enhance community spaces, facilities and services. Improve health and wellbeing. <p>The funding is for specific projects that make a difference to people's lives, with special consideration for vulnerable and disadvantaged groups. Capital spend or direct project delivery costs are supported.</p>
<u>THE MUSEUMS ASSOCIATION - ESMÉE FAIRBAIRN COLLECTIONS FUND</u>		<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. 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 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, 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

		<p>applying for business support clearer, quicker and more accessible for young entrepreneurs in need of support. It forms part of The Trust's Enterprise programme, which has helped over 90,000 young people start their own business.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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>THE PRINCE'S TRUST DEVELOPMENT AWARDS – FUNDING TO TRAIN AND LEARN</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:</p> <p>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.

<u>THE RADCLIFFE TRUST - HERITAGE & CRAFTS</u>	31 Jul 2025	<p>The Radcliffe Trust supports the development of the skills, knowledge and experience that underpin the UK's traditional cultural heritage and crafts sectors. This includes support for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • craft and conservation training • practical projects, particularly those that include a strong training element • strategic and capacity-building projects which demonstrate clear benefits to the sector • special needs projects whose emphasis is on skills development. <p>However, the Trust remains committed to flexible, open and inclusive grant-giving and will consider other projects, should they fall broadly within its remit.</p> <p>Application window opens on the 1st May and closes on the 31st July for applications to both the Music and Heritage & Crafts schemes for consideration in December.</p> <p>Please note any projects that start prior to the 1st January (following the trustees meeting) will not be considered, save in exceptional circumstances.</p>
<u>THE RADCLIFFE TRUST -FUNDING FOR CRAFTS, HERITAGE & CLASSICAL MUSIC PROJECTS</u>	31 January 31 July	<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 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</p>

		<p>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>
<u>THE ROBERTSON TRUST - SMALL AND LARGE GRANT PROGRAMMES</u>	Open all year	<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.</p> <p>The Small and Large grant programmes are open all year round with no set closing dates.</p>

<u>THE ROBERTSON TRUST - WEE GRANTS</u>		<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>
<u>THE ST. JAMES'S PLACE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION</u>	No deadline	<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>
<u>THE STEEL CHARITABLE TRUST - UNITED KINGDOM UNDER-26 FUND</u>	<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>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.</p> <p>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>

<u>THE STRATHMARTINE TRUST</u>	9am, 2 May 2025	The Strathmartine Trust offers grants with the primary object of supporting research and education in Scottish History. The Trustees seek applications for grants to assist with the completion of existing projects and to aid publication.
<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.</p> <p>Your application should include at least the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • details of your current service to visually-impaired people, if any, and how it will be improved or enhanced by the proposed project. • an estimate if possible of how many blind and visually-impaired people currently use your service, and how many will use it in the future; • any funding received or pledged to date for the project in question, and the names of other organisations to which you have applied; • a copy of your latest annual report and accounts; • confirmation that your organisation has a safeguarding policy for vulnerable children and/or adults, as appropriate; • confirmation that your organisation has an equal opportunities policy. <p>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	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>Grants are loosely divided into Health and Community categories:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
<u>THE WEIR CHARITABLE TRUST</u>	16 May 2025 15 Aug 2025 31 Oct 2025	<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 for 2025: Friday 16th May 2025 at 5pm 15th August 2025. Outcomes advised September/October. 31st October 2025. Outcomes advised November/December.</p>
<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>THE7STARS FOUNDATION</u>	1 December – 31 January for March funding review	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

	<p>1 March – 30 April for June funding review</p> <p>1 July – 31 August for October funding review</p>	<p>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. • 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>THOMAS WALL TRUST</u>	5 May 2025	<p>The Thomas Wall Trust believes that communication skills are critical capabilities for people who want to improve their employment prospects, self-confidence, resilience, and life chances.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Trust offer grants to specific projects or core activities that develop these critical life skills for people from disadvantaged groups. • They welcome proposals which target people experiencing multiple deprivation or other groups demonstrably facing major hurdles to employment, especially; women, people with physical, mental, or learning disabilities, refugees and asylum seekers. • They will fund projects for a charity that equips disadvantaged people (aged 18 and over) with the necessary communication skills ready for employment, and prioritise match funded projects and self-sustainable projects which aim to become less reliant on grants in the future. <p>The application process is divided into two stages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stage one is to complete the Expression of Interest form where you will be asked to complete some basic contact details and a description of what you require funding for. • If successful, you will be invited to Stage two – Applicants will be asked to submit a Project Plan (including budget details) using the template (available to download from the website), latest set of audited financial accounts, and any relevant policies.

<u>TOY TRUST FUNDING</u>		<p>This fund supports organisations whose work benefits disadvantaged children and their families. Organisations must have unrestricted net assets of not more than £200,000 or less than one year's income to apply. Projects can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support children and their families through challenging experiences • Purchase vital equipment • Provide care and other vital services • Initiate brand new projects • Satisfy basic needs
<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>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

		<p>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> <p>This is a two-stage process where applicants can submit an initial Expression of Interest Form.</p> <p>This is a rolling programme with no deadlines.</p>
<u>TRUSTHOUSE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION - SMALL GRANTS</u>	Ongoing	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.
<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>UNLTD, FUNDING FUTURES PROGRAMME</u>		<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.

		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 .
<u>VICTIM SUPPORT SCOTLAND - VICTIM'S FUND</u>		<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>
<u>VIKING COMMUNITY FUND – APPRENTICESHIP SUPPORT FUND FOR SMALL BUSINESSES</u>	31st May 2025	<p>To support the Viking Community Funds Strategic Priority of 'More Younger People Wanting to Stay and/or Come Back to Shetland' Shetland Community Benefit Fund have launched an apprenticeship support fund for small businesses (under 15 employees).</p> <p>The fund is open to small businesses or social enterprises who are looking to employ an apprentice. The apprentice needs to be under the age of 25 and permanently reside in Shetland. Financial support of up to £15,000 across the first 3 years of the apprenticeship could be available towards the following expenses,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salary costs • Travel and accommodation costs to college and overnight stays (not already covered by the apprenticeship funder) • Specialist clothing and equipment • Course fees (if not covered by another party) <p>Applications and Guidelines are available on the SCBF website Apprenticeships, Bursary & Training Funds and completed applications should be returned to admin@scbf.org.uk</p>
<u>VIKING COMMUNITY FUND – COMMUNITY</u>		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

<u>GRANT SCHEME TIER 3 (CGS T3)</u>		<p>of £45,000 available during each funding round. For further information and to apply please visit the SCBF website Community Grant Scheme</p> <p>Closes 31st May – decision mid-July</p> <p>Closes 30th September – decision mid-November</p>
<u>VIKING COMMUNITY FUND – STRATEGIC REACTIVE FUND</u>	<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. 'A Lasting Legacy for Shetland', 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 Reactive and Proactive Strategic Funds</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 – Eleanor.Gear@scbf.org.uk to discuss our Proactive Strategic funding.</p>
<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>

		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
WARMER HOMES SCOTLAND FUND		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.
WESLEYAN FOUNDATION - COMMUNITY GRANTS	Applications open 1st September – 4th October	<p>The Community Grants programme supports grassroots charities across the UK to deliver vital community services.</p> <p>Applications' activity could include one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects which support Mental Health • Projects which support Disabilities including Learning Disabilities and Autism • Bereavement support • Projects which are helping with the Cost of Living – cooking workshops, community kitchens, skills or object shares • PSE (Personal Social Education) • Domestic Violence Support (including women's refuges) • Isolation / Befriending / Listening Services • Projects which support Vulnerable and Elderly • Projects which support Dementia / Quality of Life • Social prescribing – alleviating the pressure from the NHS • Employment – reskilling people, actively preparing people for a new job / new career, interview prep etc • Education projects for any age • Projects which are challenging discrimination / supporting BAME/Gender/LGBTQ groups • Climate Action / Environmental education projects. • Activities to remove carbon from the atmosphere such as tree planting, heathland restoration or supporting algae farms; • Remediating polluted areas via litter picking / clean-ups. • Improvement of public community space to stimulate people getting more frequent access to outside space and wildlife. <p>North West, North East, Scotland, Northern Ireland applications open 1st September – 4th October</p>

		Next deadline: 4 Oct 2025
<u>WESLEYAN FOUNDATION - EQUALITY GRANTS</u>	Open 1st May - 1st June 2025	The equality grant is aimed at driving greater equality for disadvantaged groups in our society. The goal is to help a wide variety of communities, where they face a struggle for equality such as BME, LGBTQ+, Disability, Faith, Women's and Men's rights groups.
<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 <u>Tips for Success</u> .
<u>YOUTH MUSIC NEXT GEN FUND</u>		<p>The Youth Music NextGen Fund is for early-stage musicians and wider music adjacent creatives to invest up to £2,500 in their own projects and make their ideas happen. The fund is especially aimed at those whose lack of finance holds them back from pursuing their goals.</p> <p>It's open to 18–25-year-olds (and up to 30-year-olds who identify as d/Deaf or Disabled) who live in England, Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland.</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>

<u>THE GOLDSMITHS' FOUNDATION - GRANTS PROGRAMME</u>	10am on Monday 5 May 2025	<p>The Goldsmiths' Foundation supports organisations that focus on vocational skills and training, working at the intersection of creativity and social change. The Foundation aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build capacity and resources for technical and vocational skills development in creative industries, especially within historically underfunded communities • Realise the role that skills development, and creative people, makers and designers can play in addressing issues of social justice. • Create the infrastructure for a more equitable creative industry sector. <p>For this inaugural grant funding round they are funding organisations working in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Craft • Design • Art • Architecture <p>There is a two step process, applications are reviewed by the Foundation Advisory Group and recommendations made to Foundation Trustees.</p>
<u>THE HUNTER FOUNDATION - SCOTLAND'S CHANGEMAKERS</u>	5pm on 18 April 2025	<p>If you want to be part of the Scotland's Changemakers programme, apply now for the chance join our second cohort on a journey to change Scotland for the better.</p> <p>We welcome social entrepreneurs and charities on a programme of support that will help you to build your network and develop the tools to make even more of a difference for the things you care about. Check out our video to see some of the brilliant individuals who have already joined us to scale their impact. The programme is fully underwritten by <u>The Hunter Foundation</u> and hosted at our headquarters at <u>Blair Estate</u>. Depending on where you are on your journey we will allocate you to one of two programmes best suited to your strategy, with the chance for both groups to come together twice a year as one.</p> <p>Entry requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A social business or charity headquartered in Scotland • Proven social impact • Clearly articulated scale ambition to increase reach and impact by a minimum of 50% in the next 3 years • Demonstrable growth mindset <p>You must be able to attend all of the programme dates (see application form):</p> <p>As this is a fully funded programme, please only apply if you are able to attend all of the proposed programme dates which are:</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12th & 13th May (residential) [9:30am on 12th close 5pm on 13th] • 17th June (daytime) [9:30am to 5pm] • 14th August (daytime) [9:30am to 5pm] • 23rd September (daytime) [9:30am to 5pm] • 13th & 14th November (residential) [9:30am on 13th close 5pm on 14th] <p>All events are held at our Ayrshire HQ Blair Castle and Estate https://blairestate.co.uk</p> <p>Complete the application form including a pitch video from the CEO/founder/organisation's leader. Email the form to changemakers@thehunterfoundation.co.uk</p>
<u>ASDA FOUNDATION - LOCAL COMMUNITY SPACES FUND</u>	<p>Opens Wednesday 7th May 2025, 10am</p> <p>Closes Wednesday 28th May 2025, 10am.*</p>	<p>We know accessible community spaces can be a lifeline for local people, and many of these spaces require funding to repair, renovate and develop them so that they can continue delivering vital activities and services. In addition, loneliness and isolation continue to be highlighted through our Community Insight Survey as top areas of concern for local communities throughout the UK.</p> <p>To be eligible to apply for this fund, your community space must be an accessible place where members of the community can interact, seek support and access a variety of services and activities.</p> <p>Grants between £10,000 and £20,000 are available to grassroots groups, delivering projects which meet at least one of the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carry out essential repairs to enable the space to continue to function. • Renovate an existing space to accommodate more users/activities. • Create a new community space where groups can meet and undertake activities. • Improve accessibility to, or within, a community building. <p><i>*The planned closing date for this grant is Wednesday 28th May, 10am, however, if we have a high level of applications, we may close the application window earlier. If we are oversubscribed in a particular geographical area of operation, we may choose to close individual areas before closing the total grant programme. Any changes to the application date will be communicated on the Asda Foundation website, social medial channels and grant management system to provide prior notice of the change.</i></p>
<u>B&Q FOUNDATION</u>	<p>9.30am, 22nd Apr - 6.00pm 9th May</p> <p>9.30am, 14th Jul - 6.00pm, 1st Aug</p>	<p>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.</p>

	9.30am, 20th Oct - 6.00pm, 7th Nov	In the April 2025 funding round the B&Q Foundation will solely be looking to provide funding to charities supporting people experiencing homelessness. The grants are to provide, maintain, repair or improve housing or community space for these charities. Please note this focus may be adjusted for future rounds. Previous projects supported have included improvements such as decorating, fixing roofs, refurbishment of garden space, upgrading key fixtures and fittings, and creating new buildings or rooms.
<u>BARCLAYS COMMUNITY SPORT FUND</u>		<p>Introducing the Barclays Community Sport Fund, an exciting opportunity for football, cricket and tennis clubs to access funding to help impact their communities through sport.</p> <p>Delivered by Sported, the Fund comprises two grants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £1,000 Access Grant to support delivery of activities for girls • Female Coaches for Girls Grant to contribute to Level 1 or equivalent qualification
<u>BRITISH ECOLOGICAL SOCIETY - OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT GRANTS</u>	Round 2: 8th September 2025	<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> <p>All Grants must be for projects that meet at least one of the top-level BES aims:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicate evidence-based messaging for what ecology is, how nature works, and the use of ecological science as a solution to local and global challenges. • Raise awareness and public understanding of ecological careers, their relevance and importance, breadth, and diversity, and show that anybody can become an ecologist. • Share how individuals can take action to benefit the environment, themselves, and society. • Increase the ability of others to deliver the above aims through outreach and engagement activities. <p>The lead applicant must have a BES membership.</p> <p>If you apply during round 2, projects should start from early December 2025 to early June 2026.</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.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.</p> <p>Get in touch with Foundation Scotland to discuss your project before applying.</p>
<u>CYCLING UK - CYCLE ACCESS FUND</u>		<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: funding for organisations that work with adults who are struggling financially. • Shared Use: funding for organisations to purchase cycles and equipment that enable cycle-sharing schemes such as bike libraries, pool cycles, bike subscription schemes, loan cycles and bike share schemes. • Recycle: funding for bike repair organisations and bike recycling centres to repair cycles for donation to people who are financially struggling. • Repair: funding for bike repair organisations, bike recycling centres and bike shops to repair cycles belonging to people who are financially struggling. <p>There is no limit to the number of strands organisations can apply to.</p> <p>Submit an expression of interest via the Cycling UK website. There are separate forms for each funding strand.</p>
<u>DAN MASKELL TENNIS TRUST</u>	13th of April 20th of July 26th of October	<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>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

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>You can apply if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your organisation's primary activity is in arts, culture and heritage • Your organisation is registered and operating in the UK • Your organisation has a clear social mission, reflected in its structure and governance • Your organisation is able to demonstrate measurable social impact on individuals or communities in the UK.
FIRSTPORT - COMMUNITY ENTERPRISE FUND		<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> <p>To help you learn more, Karen Fitzsimmons, our Relationship Manager, will host two short online information sessions where she'll walk through the fund's purpose, eligibility, and application process.</p> <p>Book our information session on the following dates-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday, 12 May, 10:00–11:00 am, Click here • Wednesday, 21st May, 14:30-15:30, Click here
FIRSTPORT - SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURS - BUILD IT	<p>Noon 26 June 2025 with pitching panels on 26 and 28 August 2025</p> <p>Noon 25 September 2025 with pitching panels on 19 and 20 November 2025</p>	<p>Build It aims to help early-stage social enterprises working towards becoming financially sustainable. It offers grant funding for salary costs so that the new jobs help the enterprise increase its income, become financially sustainable and continue to deliver social impact without relying on grant funding.</p> <p>Your enterprise must be up and running and able to provide evidence of income generation and social impact to date and been trading for 3 years or less. Profits from the enterprise must be reinvested in the business and its social aims; no assets or uncapped dividends can be transferred out of the organisation to private individuals or bodies.</p> <p>Your enterprise must be an independent organisation – it is neither a project nor a subsidiary of an existing body. It must aim to provide direct social benefit to individuals, communities and/or the environment.</p>

<u>HEALTH AND WELLBEING IN MUSEUMS FUND</u>	Opening on Monday 28 April	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.
<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>HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT SCOTLAND - PARTNERSHIP FUND</u>	Expression of Interest by 15 August 2025. Application deadline is 12 September 2025 for decision by mid-December 2025.	Partnership Fund is open to applications from third-sector organisations delivering strategic outcomes with national impact for Scotland's historic environment or the Scottish historic environment sector. You must have a track-record of making a significant contribution to HES Grants Priorities and address a clear and demonstrable need or opportunity for Scotland's historic environment sector which is not being met by other organisations.
<u>MUSEUMS GALLERIES SCOTLAND - CREATIVE MINDS FUND</u>	Expression of Interest will open on the 29 May 2025.	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. 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. This fund can support a wide range of costs for engagement programmes including costs for: <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

		If you are considering applying to the Creative Minds Fund, please get in touch with the grants team at grants@museumsgalleriesscotland.org.uk 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.
<u>NETWORKS FUNDING PROGRAMME</u>	12pm on Friday 6th of June 2025	The Networks Funding Programme is now open for 2025, offering to support knowledge-sharing and professional development for arts and culture professionals across the UK. They are offering a variety of grants to fund activity taking place between June and October 2025 and are particularly interested in activity that aims to strengthen business planning, governance, fundraising, earned income, cash management and audience development.
<u>PRS FOR MUSIC FOUNDATION - BEYOND BORDERS</u>	re-opens in 1 month	<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>SAFEDEPOSITS SCOTLAND COMMUNITY FUND</u>	Friday 30th May 2025 Friday 29th August 2025 Friday 28th November 2025 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>SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT - ECOSYSTEM FUND</u>	20th May 2025	The Ecosystem Fund can help organisations, groups, individuals and activities that support Scottish entrepreneurs and start-ups. Grants are available to help fund new, innovative, and inclusive entrepreneurship support activities across Scotland.
<u>SCREEN SCOTLAND - FILM FESTIVAL FUND</u>	19 September 2025 (for decision by 27 November)	The National Lottery Film Festival and Screening Programme Fund supports organisations who are looking to produce film festivals and screening programmes in Scotland for a public audience.

	12 January 2026 (for decision by 12 March 2026)	<p>Activities supported by the fund should increase the reach, impact and diversity of film screenings and events for communities throughout Scotland and meet Screen Scotland's Audience Development priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scotland has a diverse screen culture, showcasing the best contemporary and heritage films from Scotland and around the world, raising up new or unheard voices. • Communities across Scotland have access to shared spaces with meaningful, relevant, and enjoyable opportunities to engage in screen culture. • Scotland's venues, festivals and platforms are sustainable - financially and environmentally - and are positive places to visit and to work within. <p>This fund is project funding, not core organisational funding. However, they encourage using the fund to cover core costs that directly relate to the delivery of your project and development of your team and organisation during the project dates. They encourage you to secure additional funding from other sources, such as sponsors, partners, charities, private or other public funding, to help deliver and expand your programme. Applicants may apply for personal access costs for the project team in line with Creative Scotland's guidelines.</p> <p>This fund will support activity happening between 1 September 2025 and 31 August 2026, and for up to 31 August for applications for Development Funding.</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>SHETLAND CHARITABLE TRUST - BELMONT BUILT HERITAGE GRANT SCHEME</u>	Friday 27th June 2025 (for decision September 2025)	<p>The Belmont Trust was established to safeguard and protect an important example of the historical and architectural heritage of Shetland, Belmont House, for the benefit of the public.</p> <p>The purpose of the Belmont Built Heritage Grant Scheme is for built heritage to be valued, cared for and sustained, now and in the future. Their grant support will ensure built heritage remains accessible, relevant, sustainable and valued.</p>

		<p>What they aim to achieve with the grant funds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Built heritage at Risk: The Trust will commit funding to protect, conserve and revitalise built heritage that is in poor condition or at risk of loss, decline, damage, neglect or of being forgotten – ensuring it is valued and better understood. • Invest in places: Built heritage has a unique role in bringing people together where they live, work and visit. The fund aims to increase people's connection with the built heritage of their local places through targeted support in historic built heritage. • Revitalise and maintain: They invite proposals to develop innovative ways to sustain and manage built heritage, revitalising diverse types of built heritage. <p>The Built Heritage Grant Scheme is a one-time fund and it is not anticipated it will be repeated.</p>
<u>SPAR £100K COMMUNITY CASHBACK</u>		<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.</p> <p>Click here for full information and to apply.</p> <p>For any queries regarding applications please contact: communitycashback@spar.co.uk</p>
<u>SURF AWARDS</u>	<p>Opens: 5 June 2025.</p> <p>Closes: 5pm on 1 September 2025 (for decision by 4 December)</p>	<p>The SURF Awards provide an opportunity for regeneration projects of all sizes to demonstrate value to funders and partners, support team-building and develop a national profile.</p> <p>The purpose of the SURF Awards is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To recognise and reward best practice and innovation in community regeneration; • To promote and disseminate best practice across Scotland as means of sharing knowledge and experience, and thereby enhancing future policy and practice; • To highlight the role that regeneration projects have in improving the wellbeing of individuals and communities. <p>2025 categories are TBC.</p> <p>Complete the application form on the SURF website and submit via email to emma@surf.scot</p>
<u>THE HAYS TRAVEL FOUNDATION</u>	Anytime	<p>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.</p>

<u>THE HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS ENVIRONMENT FOUNDATION (HIEF)</u>	EOI – 2 June 2025	<p>Accepting applications for the next round of funding, with an EOI deadline of June 2nd.</p> <p>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@hieff.scot for feedback on their proposal prior to applying.</p>
<u>THE IRONMONGERS' COMPANY - GRANTS TO CHARITIES</u>	Opens 31 May 2025	<p>The Ironmongers' Company wishes to support projects that provide opportunities for disadvantaged children and young people to fulfil their potential. Grants are only given to registered charities. Projects must meet all of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For children and young people under the age of 25 who are disadvantaged • Consist of educational activities that develop learning, motivation and skills • Have clear aims and objectives to be met within a planned timescale • Are within the UK
<u>THE THEATRES TRUST - SMALL GRANTS PROGRAMME</u>	<p>5pm on Friday 6 June 2025.</p> <p>The next round will have a deadline in 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. 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 W.G. EDWARDS CHARITABLE FOUNDATION</u>	23 May 2025	<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.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community and innovation: supports community initiatives which improve the quality of life for the over-65s such as exercise classes and horticultural projects; arts projects such as musical therapy and theatre groups; in addition to specific projects including the creation of memory boxes. <p>To make an application for the July 2025 meeting, email your application between May 19–23, 2025. There are four application rounds each year, usually:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 - 10 March (for meeting in April) 1 - 10 June (for meeting in July) 1 - 10 September (for meeting in October) 1 - 10 December (for meeting in January) <p>Late applications may be carried over to the following meeting.</p>
THREE GUINEAS - ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR DISABLED PEOPLE	12 June 2025 by 6pm	Grants are available for projects supporting Disabled or neurodivergent people to exercise their rights in areas such as income, welfare benefits, debt, housing, homelessness, community care, personal liberty, and equal access to goods and services. Funding is open to not-for-profit organisations providing legal advice, advocacy, or helping overcome barriers to accessing these services
UNIVERSAL MUSIC UK SOUND FOUNDATION - SCHOOL AWARDS	25 June 2025 at 1pm	<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.</p> <p>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
VIKING COMMUNITY FUND – APPRENTICESHIP SUPPORT FUND FOR SMALL BUSINESSES	31st May	<p>To support the Viking Community Funds Strategic Priority of 'More Younger People Wanting to Stay and/or Come Back to Shetland' Shetland Community Benefit Fund have launched an apprenticeship support fund for small businesses (under 15 employees).</p> <p>The fund is open to small businesses or social enterprises who are looking to employ an apprentice. The apprentice needs to be under the age of 25 and permanently reside in Shetland. Financial support of up to £15,000 across the first 3 years of the apprenticeship could be available towards the following expenses,</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salary costs • Travel and accommodation costs to college and overnight stays (not already covered by the apprenticeship funder) • Specialist clothing and equipment • Course fees (if not covered by another party) <p>Applications and Guidelines are available on the SCBF website Apprenticeships, Bursary & Training Funds and completed applications should be returned to admin@scbf.org.uk</p>
VIKING COMMUNITY FUND – COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME TIER 3 (CGS T3)	<p>Closes 31st May – decision mid-July</p> <p>Closes 30th September – decision mid-November</p> <p>Closes 31st January – decision mid-March</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>
VOLANT CHARITABLE TRUST - SMALL GRANTS PROGRAMME	<p>Tuesday 3 June 2025 (for decisions early October 2025)</p>	<p>The Volant Charitable Trust Small Grants Programme is prioritising the focus of its awards on charities and organisations who are particularly addressing poverty and deprivation, helping to support vulnerable groups who are most affected, with an emphasis on women, children and young people.</p> <p>Project areas of interest, in order of priority, include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Poverty and deprivation (with an emphasis on women, children and young people): This includes support for vulnerable families facing extreme poverty; Food provision and promotion of healthy eating in areas of extreme deprivation; and Mental health projects for vulnerable groups living in poverty. 2. Women: This includes support for isolated and lone mothers ; Community integration support for black and minority ethnic women and children and asylum seekers; Support services for women prisoners and their families; Support for victims of sexual abuse, rape, domestic violence, and those working in the sex industry; Provision of antenatal and postnatal care for young mothers or those affected by postnatal depression.

		<p>3. Children and Young people: This includes counselling for vulnerable children; Support services and outreach projects for those who are disadvantaged or deemed to be 'at risk' through neglect, emotional and physical abuse, alcohol, or drug misuse.</p>
<u>YOUTH OCEAN ACTION FUND — YOUNG SEA CHANGERS SCOTLAND</u>	<p>Monday 26th May, 9am</p>	<p>The fund is designed to support young people with bold, innovative ideas for ocean advocacy and help make them a reality. The fund will support campaigns or other activities that advance youth-led ocean action and skills development related to tackling marine issues (e.g. pollution, fishing, aquaculture, climate change etc).</p> <p>The fund is split into two grants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual grant - £25 to £150 - for training, skill development or event costs • Project/campaign grant - £100 to £500 - for campaigns, community engagement or other advocacy projects <p>We'll also be hosting <u>online Q&A sessions</u> in May to support idea development and applications.</p>

