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FORTHCOMING FUNDING WEBINARS/ MEET THE FUNDER SESSIONS:

Shetland Funding Event - Tuesday 8th December 2026, 7.00pm – 8.30pm, Online, Microsoft Teams

The Council's Grants Unit is hosting an online funding event with National Lottery Community Fund and Local Energy Scotland. This event is open to local community groups and voluntary organisations and is an opportunity to hear about their current grant programmes.
To book a space, please contact the Grants Unit at grantsunit@shetland.gov.uk or by telephone at 01595 743828.

SCVO Meet the Funder sessions take place on the **first Tuesday of each month at 10am**.
They're a great chance to hear directly from funders, learn more about their programmes and ask questions.

Coming up:

- Meet the Funder with the Aviva Foundation - 2nd of December 2026, 10am–11am
- Meet the Funder with Community Enterprise Scotland: Accelerate Programme - 6th of January 2027, 10am–11am
- Meet the Funder with KFC Foundation - 3 February 2027, 10 am–11 am
- Meet the Funder with easyfundraising - 3 March 2027, 10 am–11 am
- Meet the Funder with Social Investment Scotland - 7 April 2027, 10 am–11 am

If you have any questions or would like to know more, feel free to contact the team at fundingscotland@scvo.scot

Robertson Trust: Large grants webinar, 24 November

Large grants programmes offer up to £50,000 each year for five years. Join this webinar from Robertson Trust to learn about the two-stage application process and what the Trust is looking for in a strong application. There will also be time for questions. Book your place to join on **24 November**: Webinar - The Robertson Trust

FUNDING RESOURCES:

- Visit SIC's free Funding search engine which local groups and organisations can sign up for: Funding Shetland – Shetland Islands Council
- SCVO's online search engine – Funding Scotland

CIOF FUNDRAISING ESSENTIALS: FREE RESOURCES
If you're new to fundraising, supporting a small charity, or want to introduce new income streams for your community group or voluntary organisation, find inspiration and ideas in these helpful short training videos and written guide.

GRANTNEST | FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR CICS ALL IN ONE PLACE!
GrantNest are a small UK project that helps Community Interest Companies find funding opportunities they can actually apply for. Each month, they publish a free Grant Pack that highlights verified UK grants open to CICs.

ENVIRONMENTAL/ CLIMATE FUNDING

- **FUNDING FOR CLIMATE/ ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES**
- **DESIGNING PROJECTS FOR PEOPLE AND PLANET?**
  Foundation Scotland have outlined some key issues applicants should consider to make projects and activities 'climate smart' and nature-friendly, plus links to further information and support.
- **HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS CLIMATE HUB - FUNDING FINDER**

YOUTHLINK SCOTLAND FUNDING DIRECTORY FOR YOUTHWORK PROJECTS

COST OF LIVING CRISIS - GRANT FUNDING, RESOURCES & SUPPORT FOR CHARITIES & COMMUNITY GROUPS

UK GOVERNMENT FIND A GRANT SERVICE Find a grant is a UK government service that allows businesses to search all UK government-funded grants. Businesses can use the website to browse or search for available grants, check if they are eligible and find out how to apply for each grant.

FOUR MINUTES TO GOOD FUNDRAISING: To help you catch up with the changes in the revised Code of Fundraising Practice, the Fundraising Regulator has created a short video. The Code is essential reading for all types of fundraising activity, including grant applications. Watch here on YouTube

SHETLAND ISLANDS COUNCIL HINTS AND TIPS

For some helpful tips to planning your project or developing a good application, please see our Quick Guides below.

- Quick Guide to Project Planning
- Quick Guide to Applying for Funding

FREE ENERGY EFFICIENCY ASSESSMENTS FOR COMMUNITY FACILITIES

If your organisation owns or manages a community facility, why not take advantage of a free energy efficiency assessment from Business Energy Scotland? You will receive a tailored report outlining recommended energy efficiency improvements for your building, together with estimated energy savings. These reports can also provide valuable supporting evidence when applying for grant funding to upgrade community facilities. Find out more.

NAME	DEADLINE	DESCRIPTION
A B CHARITABLE TRUST	**29th Jan 26 (decisions April 2027)** **20th April 27 (decisions July 2027)**	The A B Charitable Trust is focused on supporting the most marginalised and excluded groups in the UK, who are often from communities experiencing poverty and racial injustice. They support work that promotes human dignity and defends the human rights of the most marginalised and excluded people. Their priority areas are: • The human rights framework • Access to justice • The criminal legal system and penal reform • Migrants and refugees There are three grant programmes. Only the Open Programme accepts applications, the other two are by invitation only.
BANK OF SCOTLAND FOUNDATION - EMPOWER PROGRAMME	**Opens: 11th January 2027 Closes: 20th January 2027**	The focus of the Empower grants programme is exclusively on funding charities that work with vulnerable individuals. This targeted focus comes as the current economic situation continues to impact charities and at-risk groups throughout Scotland. Unrestricted grants of up to £250,000 over five years (£50,000 per year) are available.
CABWI LIFELONG LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT FUND	**Opens: 4 January 2027 Closes: 15 February 2027 (18:00)**	Grants are available for registered charities in the UK providing support that enables people to enter the labour market or gain additional skills to further develop their career. Grants of up to £40,000 are available for one year.
CHRYSALIS TRUST	**15th December**	A small number of grants are available for UK registered charities with projects that are less popular and harder to fund that focus on the trust's priorities of relieving poverty and disability and providing access to shelter, education, healthcare and water.
FAT BEEHIVE FOUNDATION	**30 March 2027**	Grants of up to £2,500 are available to small UK registered charities to help them improve their digital presence. We award grants of up to £2,500 to small UK charities twice a year, with applications reviewed at trustee meetings in April and October. The deadline for applications is the end of September for the October meeting and the end of March for the April meeting
FINZI TRUST - YOUNG MUSICIANS' FUND	**01 February 2027**	Grants are available for young musicians aged 25 and under who need financial support to develop their participation, study and practice of music. Grants of between £250 and £7,000 are available.
FORTE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION	**Ongoing**	Grants are available for small and medium sized local charities and not-for-profit organisations in the UK with a track record of success working to address local issues in communities of deprived rural areas. Projects should fall into the following two categories: • Community support • Family support Two levels of grants are available

		The amount requested must not be for more than 50% of the total cost of the project.
HENRY SMITH FOUNDATION - ENTERPRISE GATEWAY FUND	**Expression of Interest deadline: 5pm, Wednesday 25 November 2026.**	Enterprise Gateway Fund is a three-year fund designed to help small voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations and social entrepreneurs develop new sources of earned income and strengthen long-term financial resilience. **Application deadline: Friday 22 January 2027, 5pm**
HIE - DIGITAL AND TECHNOLOGY ADOPTION CAPITAL GRANT	**Reopens: 31st October 2026**	This grant can provide organisations based in the Highlands and Islands region funding to support digital transformation ambitions. HIE recommend that organisations applying for this fund should have a digital action plan or feasibility study in place before making an enquiry. If you require support with this, please see HIE's Digital Specialist Advice Programme Fund, which may help cover the costs of 1-2-1 consultancy on digital technologies.
HIE - TECHNOLOGY KICKSTART GRANT	**31 May 2027**	The Technology Kickstart Grant offers grants between £2,000 to £10,000 to help people and smaller enterprises in the Highlands and Islands develop and test new digital or technology ideas. It can help with early research and development, such as creating a first working version of a product, service or process and testing whether there is customer interest
HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS COMMUNITY CLIMATE ACTION FUND	**Funding Round 3 Closes: 30th November 2026**	Small grants are available to kickstart a climate action project in your community or carry out community engagement around climate change.
HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT SCOTLAND - HERITAGE AND PLACE FUND	**Expressions of Interest (EOI): 29 January 2027**	Historic Environment Scotland's Heritage and Place Fund supports long-term, partnership-led projects to **restore historic buildings, develop traditional skills and celebrate local heritage.** **Local authorities, national park authorities and eligible Scottish not-for-profit organisations can apply, with delivery grants typically ranging from £750,000 to £1.5 million.** **Development Phase Application: 7 August 2027**
HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT SCOTLAND - SCOTLAND'S PLACES OF WORSHIP FUND	**31 March 2027**	Listed places of worship across Scotland can access support through the Scotland's Places of Worship Fund, which helps cover the VAT costs of eligible repair, maintenance and conservation works. Up to £1 million is available through the pilot scheme, with funding allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. The fund can help eligible organisations manage the cost of caring for important community buildings, supporting a range of internal and external repair and maintenance works.
IDLEWILD TRUST	**12 February 2027 (12:00pm)**	The Trust offers grants of up to £8,000 to registered charities working in the following two areas: **Arts Grants:** Nurturing Early Stage Professionals – grants support training opportunities for emerging

		professionals, working creatively and backstage, within the performing and visual arts, post-training, and at an early stage in their career. **Conservation Grants:** Objects and Works of Art – grants support the conservation of cultural heritage of recognised national and international importance in museums, libraries, galleries, historic buildings, or landscapes accessible to the public.
LECHE TRUST - HERITAGE CONSERVATION GRANTS	**11 January 2027**	Grants of up to £5,000 are available to UK registered charities or public authorities for the conservation of historically, artistically and culturally significant buildings and objects dating from before 1837 that are in urgent need of remedial treatment.
MUSEUMS GALLERIES SCOTLAND - MUSEUM FUTURES: INNOVATION FUND	**20 January 2027 (17:00)**	Grants are available to museums in Scotland to improve their financial sustainability. Grants of between £20,000 and £250,000 are available. Projects can last up to three years and must begin with six months of the award date.
MUSEUMS GALLERIES SCOTLAND - MUSEUM FUTURES: UNLOCKING POTENTIAL FUND	**20 January 2027 (17:00)**	Grants are available to museums in Scotland to address barriers to strategic development. Grants of between £10,000 and £100,000 are available.
MUSIC FOR ALL - COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING	**Round 4 closes: 30th November 2026**	At the Music For All Charity they believe that everyone should have the opportunity to learn to play music. They make grants available to address the musical needs of community music groups and educational organisations. They support projects and initiatives taking place throughout the UK that all aim to bring music to their community and would benefit from a “helping hand” to fulfil their potential in becoming truly sustainable music programmes. Grants are available under a number of different categories, each with their own criteria and award amounts. See the Music for All website for full details of these. Currently the categories are: • Electro acoustic guitars (to suit varying abilities/levels) • Pbuzz instruments • Ukuleles • Keyboard bundles • Drum kits • Orange crush mini amps When applying for a Music for All grant, you are required to nominate an independent referee who has to fill out a quick five minute form, alongside your application form, that must be submitted by the funding round deadline as well.

NATIONAL CHURCHES TRUST - CHERISH GRANTS	**19 January 2027**	The Cherish project provides grants to churches, chapels or meeting houses for church maintenance, urgent repair work or project development. They aim to see churches open and in regular use, available to all. A guide is available to assist you in **applying for this grant**
NATURE RESTORATION FUND	**Expressions of Interest are now open, with a deadline of 12 noon on Thursday 26 November 2026**	The Nature Restoration Fund, managed by NatureScot, supports projects that help restore nature and biodiversity across Scotland, including woodlands, rivers, seas and habitats. Grants are available through two funding streams: **Helping Nature (£25,000–£250,000)** and **Transforming Nature (£250,000+)**.
NATURESCOT - COMMUNITY-LED MARINE BIODIVERSITY MONITORING EQUIPMENT FUND	**29 Jan 2027**	The Community Marine Monitoring Equipment Fund is a dedicated fund aimed specifically at supporting community and local groups with the purchase of marine survey equipment to participate in community-led marine biodiversity surveys and monitoring. It aims to enhance participation in community collection of marine data through the surveying and monitoring of local inshore waters. Fund aims: • Provide communities and local groups with the resources and equipment to participate in biodiversity surveys. • Enable community and/or youth engagement in marine monitoring. To apply, complete an application form (available via their website). They strongly encourage potential applicants to discuss their applications with NatureScot prior to applying -- do this by emailing **CommunityMarineSurvey@nature.scot**.
OIL & GAS TRANSITION TRAINING FUND - SCOTLAND		A new **£6 million Oil and Gas Transition Training Fund** is now open, offering funding and careers advice to help former and current oil and gas workers retrain for roles in sectors including renewable energy, life sciences, advanced manufacturing and defence. The scheme is open to people in Scotland who have worked in the oil and gas industry within the last two years.
PETS FOUNDATION - RESCUE CENTRE GRANTS	**Ongoing**	Grants are available for charities and non-profit organisations in the UK whose main objective is the rescue and rehoming of domestic pets in the UK. The Pets Foundation provides three grant programmes: **Rescue Centres** – to support organisations whose main activities are the rescue and rehoming of UK pets. **Pets Assisting People** – to support organisations whose main activities are one or more of the following: The provision of temporary or ongoing assistance to ensure pets can remain with their owners, where rehoming takes place only when it is not possible to reunite the pet with their owner. Changing the lives of adults and children through the provision of animal-based activities or practical assistance.

		Preventing Pet Relinquishment – to support projects that aim to keep pets with their owners and out of rescue
PINK RIBBON FOUNDATION	**28 May 2027**	Any charity working in the field of breast cancer can apply for a grant. Applications should focus on relieving the needs of people who are suffering from, or have been affected by, breast cancer by providing, or assisting in the provision of, information, care or emotional, practical and financial support. They can also advance public education in the understanding of breast cancer, its early detection and treatment.
REDUNDANCY PAYMENTS - FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE	**Ongoing**	Assistance to help employers in the UK with severe cash flow problems to make necessary redundancy payments.
REES JEFFREYS ROAD FUND - READY FOR THE FUTURE GRANTS	**9th April 2027 (5pm)**	Grants are available to help address significant skills gaps in the highways and transport sector, particularly with a focus on the future development of roads. The Rees Jeffreys Road Fund is a charity that advocates for better and safer roads through improved design, engineering and aesthetics, enhancing the experience for all road users. It is expected that most grants will be less than £10,000.
ROYAL COUNTRYSIDE FUND – SUPPORTING RURAL COMMUNITIES		This new differentiated funding will support transformative, community-led initiatives across the UK, unlocking the huge potential for positive change in rural communities. The aim is to support innovative solutions that will "power up, not prop up" communities, inspiring change and encouraging economic vibrancy. Organisations can apply for grants of up to £25,000 over a period of 24 months to deliver activities along the themes of: • **Keeping young people in the countryside** • **Powering up rural communities** • **Increasing environmental sustainability** • **Building emergency resilience in rural areas.** Support will be focused on isolated rural areas where the activity is required due to a lack of alternative services. Projects must be community led and show that they actively listen to, understand and respond to the needs of their local community.
RSE - 'HEALTHY PLANET, HEALTHY PEOPLE': CATALYST AWARDS	**1 December**	Healthy Planet, Healthy People': Catalyst Awards are designed to support community-led research that promote the health of individuals through fostering healthy environments and communities, and enabling access to healthy foods.
SAFEDEPOSITS SCOTLAND - COMMUNITY FUND	**27th November 2026**	Grants of up to £5,000 are available for organisations across Scotland to deliver projects and activities that enhance local communities by addressing issues such as sustainability, the environment, employability, and social and digital inclusion.

SCOTTISH BOOK TRUST - BOOK WEEK SCOTLAND FUNDING	**midnight on Wednesday 13 January 2027**	In 2027, Book Week Scotland will take place from 14–20 June, and Scottish Book Trust will be building a programme of events inspired by the theme of wonder. If your organisation would like to programme a unique, exciting event for Book Week Scotland 2027, Scottish Book Trust wants to hear from you! Organisations can apply for one grant to plan and deliver an in-person or digital event.
SCOTTISH FORESTRY COMMUNITY FUND	**Ongoing**	Grants are available to voluntary and community organisations, development trusts, social enterprises, charities and local authorities for projects and activities that encourage people to use woods more. The funding aims to encourage and support greater use of woods by people to improve their health, wellbeing and life chances. Applicants will need to provide match funding for projects above £1,000.
SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT - OIL AND GAS TRANSITION TRAINING FUND	**Ongoing**	Funded training opportunities are available to help oil and gas workers across Scotland retrain for roles in other industries. The funding aims to support oil and gas workers with training and careers advice, enabling them to transition their skills and experience into sectors such as sustainable energy, life sciences, advanced manufacturing and defence
SCREWFIX FOUNDATION	**Next deadline: 10 Feb 2027**	Supports projects that improve, fix and repair buildings, homes and facilities specifically used by people in need throughout the UK. The types of projects they can fund are: • Improved energy efficient lighting & heating • Installation of new kitchen, bathroom etc. • Installation of a sensory room • General painting & decorating • Improving safety and security of a building Trustees meet to review applications in March, June, September and December. The cut off date for applications will be the 10th of the month prior to the Trustee meeting: • 10 February (for decision 30 March) • 10 May (for decision 30 June) • 10 August (for decision 30 September) • 10 November (for decision 30 December)
SHETLAND COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND – COMMUNITY HALLS GRANT SCHEME	**Closes 15 January 2027**	• Applicants must be a community hall in Shetland • Funding can be used for improvement works, equipment costs or repairs & maintenance – however, priority will be given to projects which focus on energy efficiency improvements • Applicants required to provide a minimum of two comparable quotes with completed application form • 6 grants up to £10,000 are available from this bidding round
SHETLAND HDVC LINK LOCAL FUND (SSEN)		Designed in collaboration with communities. The way this fund is delivered has been shaped by local community councils and community representatives. In Shetland, the funding is delivered through Win Furt,

		a charity set up by the local people of Tingwall, Whiteness and Weisdale to lead on community projects. Win Furt aim to use the funding for the construction of cycle and footpaths in the area, following feedback from the community which identified this as a priority.
SIC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT SCHEME		• Funding designed to support local communities in their efforts to generate economic activity • Eligible organisations include private business as well as voluntary and community organisations • Stimulate local economic activity by providing funding towards projects which deliver on key outcomes • Grants available up to £25,000 for eligible projects
SSEN - REGIONAL COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND	**24 November**	Third round of applications Applications are welcomed from suitable initiatives across our operating area, spanning communities in Argyll and Tayside, the North East, the Highlands, Orkney, Shetland and the Western Isles. A total of £2m is available through this funding round, with organisations able to apply for grants of between £40,000 and £500,000 between now and 24 November for projects that deliver against one or more of three core themes: • Skills and employability: Support employment, apprenticeships and skills development. • Heritage and culture: Celebrate shared heritage and strengthen community identity through arts, language and music. • Alleviating fuel poverty: Improve home energy efficiency and support those most at risk of fuel poverty.
STANLEY SMITH (UK) HORTICULTURAL TRUST	**15 February 2027**	The objectives of the Trust are: To promote horticulture. To promote the conservation of the physical and natural environment by promoting biological diversity. To promote the creation, development, preservation and maintenance of gardens accessible to the public. The advancement of horticultural education. Grants of up to £5,000 are available. Typical grants are usually in the range of £3,500 to £5,000. Applicants are welcome to apply for grants of less than £500.
SWEF BUSINESS GRANTS	**Ongoing**	Grants are available for young entrepreneurs across the UK, aged between 18 and 30, to start or grow a new business. The following levels of funding are available: • Start-up grants of up to £500 for pre-revenue businesses or businesses turning over less than £500 per month. • Business grants of up to £2,000 for businesses turning over more than £500 per month that have been trading for less than two years
TAKE A BREAK SCOTLAND		Take a Break is Scotland's short break grant scheme for parent carers (unpaid carers and eligible kinship carers) of disabled or seriously ill children and young people aged 0-17.

		This aim of the scheme is to improve unpaid carers' quality of life, health and wellbeing by providing cash grants to help them access a short break from the day-to-day routine of caring. Carers can use Take a Break grants flexibly to help meet their interests and circumstances. All grants are discretionary and subject to available funding at any time. Family Fund administer Take a Break on behalf of the Scottish Government.
THE ALICE MCCOSH TRUST	**Closes: 30 November 2026**	The object of the Alice McCosh Trust is to advance education by providing or assisting with grants for work or study related to natural history and/or the environment. The grant could, for example, cover the cost of a school field trip or project, an expedition as part of a research project or the development of new teaching materials for schools or institutes of higher education. Applications are invited from individuals attached to institutions and those following a programme of study or qualification, as well as people engaged in private/personal study related to natural history and/or the environment. Emailed the Trust Secretary between 1 October and 30 November each year. Applications received at other times, or sent by post, will not be considered.
THE BIG GIVE - EARTH RAISE	**5pm on Friday 15th January 2027**	Earth Raise is a match funding campaign for charities which are working on environmental issues as part of their core mission. All public donations made to participating charities via the **BigGive website** during the week of the campaign (usually April) will be matched up to a specific amount. Each participating charity will be awarded a ring-fenced amount of match funding which will be used to match public donations. All the match funding is provided by donors; charities do not need to secure their own pledges for the campaign. Charities can apply for general funding rather than a specific project and can use the campaign to raise unrestricted funds.
THE BIG GIVE - SMALL CHARITY WEEK	**13th January 2027 (5pm):**	Small charities are the heartbeat of communities, tackling social challenges and transforming lives with limited resources. The inaugural Small Charity Week match funding campaign will help to build the resilience, skills and profile of the small charity sector whilst helping them raise vital, unrestricted funding to further their impact. Small Charity Week utilises Big Give's '1:1' model of match funding. Small charities apply to Big Give and their application is assessed by Big Give and their partner, Global's Make Some Noise. Successful charities are awarded a sum of match funding which is ring-fenced for their organisation. This match funding is unlocked by public donations given through Big Give's online fundraising platform during the week of the campaign.
THE FORE SPRING 2027 FUNDING ROUND	**Expression of interest open between 25th November, 12pm**	The Fore's Spring 2027 Funding Rounds will open soon. We offer unrestricted grants of up to £45,000 in total, designed have a transformational impact on your whole organisation, supporting growth, structure, sustainability and/or efficiency.

	to 5th December, 12pm	*For organisations working in the Nature Recovery space, get ready as we're excited to have additional funding for charities and social enterprises working in this area for this round. For more information on the organisations we're particularly encouraging to register interest, read the blog.* **Successful applicants receive:** • An unrestricted grant of up to £45,000 in total, spread across 1 to 3 years • Access to free, highly skilled support provided by experienced professionals • Access to our workshops programme, covering areas such as fundraising, communications, finance, strategy and more • A fully funded place on an impact measurement course • Access to peer networking opportunities **Who is eligible to apply?** UK registered charities, CIOs, CICs limited by guarantee and charitable CBSs/non-charitable CBSs with an asset lock with an annual income of under £500,000 are eligible. To check your eligibility, please take our short quiz here. **How to apply:** 1. You will need to register your interest in applying. Registration will be open for one week from **12pm (midday) on Wednesday 25th November, to 12pm (midday) on Friday 4th December.** During this time, please register your interest on our Apply for Funding webpage (this will take 2 to 3 minutes). 2. On **Monday 7th December**, all registered applicants will receive confirmation of whether they have been allocated a place on the funding round along with details of how to apply. If there are more applicants registered than places available, places will be allocated at random. 3. Once you have received confirmation of your place on the funding round, write your application before the deadline of **5pm, Monday 11th January**. Join one of our online information sessions to find out more and ask our Programme Manager and one of our Strategic Applicant Consultants any questions you might have before you register your interest in applying: • For organisations working in the nature recovery space, your session is on **Thursday 3rd December, 10am to 11am**. Sign up here. • For everyone else, your session is on **Wednesday 25th November, 3pm to 4pm**. Sign up here. If you have any questions, we are happy to help – please email us at info@thefore.org.

THE HINRICHSEN FOUNDATION	**11 Dec 2026, 5pm**	Grants for the performance, commissioning and recording of contemporary and experimental music in the UK. Projects must focus on the performance, commissioning (with confirmed performance) and/or recording of contemporary music.
THE MUSEUMS ASSOCIATION - ESMÉE FAIRBAIRN COMMUNITIES AND COLLECTIONS FUND	**Expression of interest: 20 Jan 2027**	The Esmée Fairbairn Collections Fund supports museums to improve their inclusive collections and participatory practice with community partners. The fund will place more emphasis on equitable working, supporting wellbeing and legacy planning. They now offer core grants to single museum organisations for strategic development of their inclusive collections work; and partnership project grants for museums and community organisations working equitably with collections to achieve shared aims for inclusion. They offer: • **Partnership project grants** to museums and community organisations that work equitably together and share aims for diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI). They look for ambitious and compelling ideas for inclusive project work with collections, with a focus on how the work contributes to local community agendas and needs. • **Core grants** to museums that have established strategic aims for DEI, and that are ready to use their collections and our funding to support social and climate justice in ways that are relevant to local contexts and relationships. They look for work that addresses organisational or systemic change with potential for strong legacy and future community partnership. Applicants should move away from a project output approach and focus more on the organisational or systemic change that they wish to influence through their work
THE MUSHROOM TRUST	**31 March 2027**	Grants are available for organisations in Scotland to support the creation, maintenance and improvement of urban green spaces. This fund aims to support the creation, enhancement, and upkeep of green spaces throughout Scotland. This includes both the creation of urban spaces, such as public parks, community gardens and allotments, as well as other environmental and conservation projects, such as ancient woodland restoration projects. Grants of between £500 and £10,000 are available. The average grant amount is £5,000
THE NATIONAL LOTTERY COMMUNITY FUND - SMALL ECO AWARDS	**Apply anytime**	Small Eco Awards provide accessible grants for communities in Scotland to take local, practical action to protect the environment. The programme supports community-led projects that can help to: • improve local places • protect nature • reduce waste • support climate resilience • connect people with the environment • create greener, healthier and more sustainable communities You don't have to be an environment organisation to apply. Small Eco Awards is for community groups with practical ideas that can make a positive difference to where they live.

THE NUFFIELD FOUNDATION - ESSENTIAL EMPLOYMENT SKILLS FUND	**10 December 2026**	Funding to build the evidence on how to support young people facing significant barriers to work to develop essential employment skills and ultimately access good jobs. This is a new fund to build high-quality evidence on how best to support those young people aged 16-24 who face significant barriers to work to develop essential employment skills and ultimately access good jobs. Under the new Essential Employment Skills Fund, the Nuffield Foundation is offering grants to evaluate UK programmes, share learning and inform the wider scaling-up of effective practice. There is also potential to provide additional funding towards the costs of programme delivery where this is not covered from other sources, including through partnership funding models.
THOMAS WALL TRUST - GRANTS FOR INDIVIDUALS	**Opens: December 2026**	The individual grants programme aims to support motivated adults living in the UK to undertake education and training that will increase their chances of employment. Grants of up to £1,500 are available to undertake accredited vocational training up to level 3 (Qualification levels explained) and towards other costs associated with studying.
TIME TO LIVE GRANT AND CARERS REGISTER (SHETLAND CARE ATTENDANT SCHEME)		A carer is someone that cares for a family member, partner, or friend who cannot manage without their support due to illness, disability, mental health issues, or addiction. Caring activities can range from personal care, emotional support, managing medications, shopping and more. The Time to Live grant is available for all carers as an individual short break. Carers have used Time to Live funding in a variety of ways to support their wellbeing, take a break from caring, pursue interests, and improve their quality of life. This could be anything from a gym membership to an overnight hotel stay, streaming subscriptions, gardening equipment, classes and more. Please see website for full details here. If you are a carer in Shetland, please consider joining the carers register to receive support, advice and information here.
TURTLETON CHARITABLE TRUST	**31 Dec 2026**	Grants are available to registered charities in Scotland for charitable projects in the fields of heritage, the arts and education. Grants are usually for between £5,000 and £25,000, although larger grants or multi-year commitments may be awarded at the discretion of the Trustees in limited circumstances. The Turtleton Charitable Trust was established in 2007 and is administered by Turcan Connell.
VIKING COMMUNITY FUND – COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME TIER 1 AND TIER 2	**Open all year**	The Viking Community Fund Community Grant Scheme Tier 1 and Tier 2 is for area specific projects that 'sustain and develop' local communities. For further information and to apply online please visit the SCBF website Community Grant Scheme Tier 1 • Applications £50 to £1,000 • Apply online • Open all year round (subject to remaining funding in your area) • Multiple applications up to an annual total of £2,000

		• Local community council decision making • Outcome within 8 weeks Tier 2 • Applications £1,001 and above • Apply online • Projects within individual or across 3 community council areas • Open all year round (subject to remaining funding in your area) • One application permitted every 12 months • Local community council decision making • Outcome within 8 weeks
VIKING COMMUNITY FUND – COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME TIER 3 (CGS T3)		The Viking Community Fund Community Grant Scheme Tier 3 is for Shetland wide projects that 'sustain and develop' local communities. Applications for support of between £200 and £15,000 are invited with a funding pot of £70,000 available during each funding round. For further information and to apply online please visit the SCBF website Community Grant Scheme **Closes 31st May – decision mid-July** **Closes 30th September – decision mid-November** **Closes 31st January – decision mid-March**
VIKING COMMUNITY FUND – STRATEGIC FUND		The Viking Community Fund Strategic Fund seeks applications from projects which meet one or more of the 6 priorities for funding. They are, • 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 To apply and for guidelines and FAQs please visit the SCBF website Strategic Fund **Closes 31st October – decision mid-December** **Closes 31st January – decision mid-March** **Closes 30th April – decision mid-June** **Closes 31st July – decision mid-September**

WORKPLACE CHARGING SCHEME	**31 March 2027, 11:59pm (Midnight)**	Grant to provide support towards the costs of the purchase, installation and infrastructure of electric vehicle chargepoints at eligible places of work
YOUTH JOBS GRANT	**October 2028**	Employers in Great Britain, of any size, can receive a grant for hiring young people aged 18 to 24 who have been on Universal Credit and seeking work for six months or more. The scheme is intended to assist young people who are not in education, employment or training, with youth unemployment having reached 16.1% in late 2025. The grant of up to £3,000 is designed to support sustained employment and complement normal recruitment activity.

PREVIOUSLY LISTED GRANTS:

NAME	DEADLINE	DESCRIPTION
ABBVIE - GRANTS, DONATIONS & CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS		Abbvie is a pharmaceutical company. Their grants, donations and charitable contributions are awarded to eligible organisations, to support health, education, science or community-based projects undertaken by Healthcare Organisations or Charitable Institutions. Applications are reviewed by a committee who meet 4 times a year. Due to a high volume of applications, they may close the application window from time to time
ABERLOUR URGENT ASSISTANCE FUND		Aberlour's Urgent Assistance Fund can provide immediate relief to families with children (aged 21 and under, or 25 and under if the child is care experienced) who are suffering extreme hardship. Families who are struggling to provide food, heating and clothing for their children. This support is usually via cash grants to assist with a range of needs, such as food, utilities, clothing, bedding, appliance repairs, replacement of appliances that have failed, or other essentials. To qualify for cash grants from the Trust: • There must be a child in the family who is 21 or under (or 25 and under if the child is care experienced). • That child must be facing hardship. Applications must be endorsed and submitted by a sponsor e.g. social workers, health care professionals, teachers, clergy and third sector organisations. Sponsors can apply using the online form on the Aberlour website.
ACCESS TO WORK	**Ongoing**	Financial assistance is available to help organisations in Great Britain with any extra employment costs that result from employing a person with a disability. Access to Work provides grants to employers towards extra employment costs which result from an employee having a disability. The programme aims to provide practical advice and support to disabled people and their employers, in order to overcome work related obstacles which result from disability
ALLIED VEHICLES CHARITABLE TRUST	**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.
ALPKIT FOUNDATION	**Ongoing**	Max award: £500. The funding is intended for: • 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.
AMERICAN EXPRESS – COMMUNITY GIVING PROGRAMME	**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.
AMOS CHRISTIAN TRUST	**Apply at any time.**	The AMOS Christian Trust support projects by offering grants to organisations/groups for the advancement of the Christian Religion and the spreading of the gospel. Grants should be used within 12 months of receipt. Applications will be considered by the Trustees and you will be advised of the outcome within 3 months.
ANTON JURGENS CHARITABLE TRUST	**Ongoing**	Grants are available to UK based charities for projects that support people of all ages who are socially disadvantaged and/or have disabilities.
ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE FUND: PROJECT VIABILITY GRANT	**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.
ARNOLD CLARK COMMUNITY FUND	**n/a**	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: • Cost of Living Support • Our Communities Support
ASSOCIATION FOR INDUSTRIAL ARCHAEOLOGY - RESTORATION GRANTS	**31 March 2027**	Funding is available for the restoration of historically, technically, architecturally, and/or archaeologically important industrial buildings, structures, machinery, vehicles and vessels within the UK. Two funding streams are available: • Major projects - up to £30,000. Grants must form a significant portion of the total project costs (normally, at least 20% of the total project costs). • Small projects - up to £10,000 for projects with total costs of no more than £12,500.
AUSTIN AND HOPE PILKINGTON TRUST	**Grant Round 4: 1 - 30 September**	The Trust gives grants to registered charities that work in the UK. They focus on specific priorities every year. Grant 4: Unpaid carers • Projects that provide therapeutic support, including healthy eating and outdoor activities. • To be eligible, a project must focus exclusively on unpaid adult (18 or over) carers as its beneficiaries, without extending services to other groups.

AVIVA COMMUNITY FUND – CROWDFUNDING REQUIRED	**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.
AVIVA FOUNDATION – COMMUNITY FUND	**Rolling**	The Aviva Community Fund supports projects that are fighting climate change and building stronger, more resilient communities across the UK and are investing in two key areas: • Climate Action: Promoting healthy, thriving communities by preventing, preparing for and protecting against the impacts of climate change • Financial Wellbeing: Helping people take control of their wellbeing by giving them the tools to be more financially independent and ready for anything
AVIVA FOUNDATION - FINANCIAL FUTURES FUND	**Currently closed**	The Financial Futures Fund works in partnership with organisations across the UK to improve financial resilience. Their purpose is to fund long-term solutions that help people feel more secure, confident, and in control of their financial future. They invest in programmes and projects that: • Build financial confidence and capability – helping people manage their money and plan ahead. • Improve access to fair, affordable, and inclusive financial services – such as savings, protection, and pensions. • Support people through financial shocks and hardship – including access to essentials and opportunities to build savings. • Address systemic issues – such as debt, housing insecurity, and digital exclusion, which can undermine financial resilience. Contact financialfutures@aviva.com to express your interest and discuss next steps.
AWARDS FOR YOUNG MUSICIANS	**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.
B&Q FOUNDATION	**Currently closed**	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.
BAILEY THOMAS CHARITABLE FUND	**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
BAILLIE GIFFORD COMMUNITY AWARDS	**Ongoing**	The fund aims to support local grassroots organisations working to address food insecurity and social isolation

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<tr><td>BAIRDWATSON CHARITABLE TRUST</td><td>Closed</td><td>The Bairdwatson Charitable Trust provides grants in Scotland for work relating to training for employment, employment support and vocational skills. It is particularly interested in employment and skills training for young people who are unemployed and in re-training, and support for unemployed people to get them back into work.</td></tr>
<tr><td>BANISTER CHARITABLE TRUST</td><td>Ongoing</td><td>The funding is intended to be used for charitable projects that promote the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment in the UK. The Trust does not maintain a website or an email address. Groups should write or call the Trust for further details on how and when to apply. Banister Charitable Trust Ludlow Trust Co Ltd Tower Wharf Cheese Lane BRISTOL BS2 0JJ Tel: 0117 313 8200</td></tr>
<tr><td>BANK OF SCOTLAND FOUNDATION ENERGISE PROGRAMME</td><td>Currently closed</td><td>The Bank of Scotland Foundation Energise programme offers unrestricted funding to small Scottish charities supporting vulnerable people.

Two funding strands are available: £20,000 over two years for charities with income under £50,000, and £40,000 over two years for charities with income between £50,000 and £150,000. The programme helps grassroots organisations across Scotland strengthen their services and increase support for vulnerable communities

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Their focus is on connecting or re-connecting people with others in their local community. They support applications that combat loneliness and enable people to be active and engaged.</td></tr>
<tr><td>BARCLAYS COMMUNITY SPORT</td><td>Currently closed</td><td>The Barclays Community Sport Fund offers grants, bespoke support, and exclusive ticketing opportunities to make football, tennis, and cricket more accessible to women and girls in communities across the UK.</td></tr>
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FUND - FEMALE COACHES FOR GIRLS GRANT		There are two grants that you can apply for: • Access grant: A grant to help sustain and increase access to football, tennis, and cricket for women and girls (as well as engage people from other underrepresented groups, such as people with disabilities, those from racially diverse communities and those from the LGBTQ+ community) • **Female coaches for girls grant:** Funding for football, tennis, and cricket coaching courses to help increase the number of female coaches delivering sport to girls
BBC CHILDREN IN NEED	**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.
BBC CHILDREN IN NEED - PROJECT COSTS FUNDING STREAM	**Apply at any time**	Project costs support the aims and delivery of a specific piece of work. This work will usually be time-limited, and based on a defined set of activities. Through this programme, Children in Need will fund organisations: • Working with children and young people aged 18 years and under • Working in the heart of their communities, particularly in times of crisis • Putting children and young people at the centre of everything they do, from design to delivery • Addressing challenges faced by children and young people, building their skills and resilience • Empowering children and young people, and extending their choices in life • Keen to keep learning about and developing their work with children and young people • Committed to making a difference in children and young people's lives Core Costs grants are awarded as restricted funding. They must be used to cover your organisation's essential running expenses.
BBC CHILDREN IN NEED EMERGENCY ESSENTIALS PROGRAMME		BBC Children in Need Emergency Essentials Programme supports children and young people who are facing exceptionally difficult circumstances, and is delivered by Family Fund Business Services. The programme provides items that meet a child's most basic needs such as a bed to sleep in, a cooker to provide a hot meal and other items or services critical to a child's wellbeing. All applications must be made by a registered referrer. You can contact us via email (stating your application ID if possible) at emergencyessentials@familyfundservices.co.uk or call us on 01904 550011, between 9.30am and 3.00pm, Monday to Friday.
BENEFACT GROUP - MOVEMENT FOR GOOD		Movement for Good awards are available to charities that are changing people's lives for the better. The public can nominate a charity they would like to see receive the money and competition winners will then be drawn at random. Between Jan 1st – Dec 2026, during this time anyone can nominate their favourite charity or charities for an award of £1,000 – it's one nomination per charity, per person. The more nominations a charity gets, the better their chances of being drawn, so once you've nominated please share with your network. There are three £1,000 draws in 2026, so the earlier you nominate, the more chances your charity has of being drawn. Once nominated, you will remain in the draw for 2026 (excepting special draws, see below).

		There will be three special draws throughout 2026, with awards of £5,000 for each of the following categories: Animals & wildlife; Health & wellbeing; & Community. If your charity is in the £1,000 draw, they'll need to be entered into the special draw too if eligible. Draws are: • 7-11 September (£1,000) • 5-18 October (£5,000 - Animals & Wildlife) • 1-16 December (£1,000)
BENEFACT TRUST		Community Impact Grants : 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. Building Improvement Grants: For the essential repair and improvement of churches and Christian buildings. Heritage Skills for Christian Buildings Grants: Focused on the preservation of essential heritage skills and careers through apprenticeships, scholarships, and training courses. 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. Roof Alarm Grants: To protect churches from metal theft.
BFI NATIONAL LOTTERY AUDIENCE PROJECTS FUND	**Ongoing**	Grants of between £20,000 and £200,000 are available to support various audience related activities in the UK, including film festivals, distribution releases, multiplatform distribution proposals, touring film programmes, large scale and ambitious film programmes. Applications are accepted all year round but must be submitted 16 weeks before any funded activity.
BIG ISSUE SOCIAL IMPACT DEBT FUND IV		Loan finance from £500k – £4m for established UK organisations in the Health and Social Care, Affordable Housing and Homelessness, and Community and Social Infrastructure sectors.
BLUE LIGHT CARD FOUNDATION - WELLBEING FUND	**Ongoing**	The funding is intended to support the physical, mental, and emotional well-being of the entire Blue Light Community - across health, emergency, social care, and armed forces - recognising their vital role in society. There is particular interest in applications for projects that support individuals across multiple Blue Light services, fostering collaboration and shared learning. Priority will be given to initiatives that include clear, well-developed plans for continuing the work beyond the life of the grant. Grants of up to a maximum of £25,000 are available.

BOOST CHARITABLE TRUST	**Apply at any time. The trustees aim to make a formal decision within three months.**	Boost Charitable Trust is a grant-making charity whose mission is to fund and support inspiring programmes which help improve the lives of the disabled and disadvantaged through the power of sport. Email your application to sarah.johnson@boostct.org.
BRITISH ECOLOGICAL SOCIETY - OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT GRANTS	**closed**	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. 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. All Grants must be for projects that meet at least one of the top-level BES aims: • 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.
BRITISH GAS ENERGY TRUST	**Ongoing**	Grants are available to individuals and families across Great Britain to be used to help write off their energy debts, regardless of energy provider. The Trust offers two funds: • Individuals and Families Fund - Open to Credit and Pre-Payment Meter customers • British Gas Energy Support Fund – now closed Both are intended to tackle fuel poverty by clearing the energy debts of struggling households and respond to the ongoing cost-of-living crisis. You do not need to be a British Gas customer to apply for this fund - you can be a British Gas Customer, or a customer from another supplier with arrears of up to £1,700.
BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION - DEFIBRILLATOR PROGRAMME		The British Heart Foundation is giving out a limited number of free defibrillators to community groups in the UK. Applications are expected to close in February 2027, however this may change depending on the volume of applications they receive.
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.
CARES - COMMUNITY SHARED OWNERSHIP		Shared ownership gives community groups the opportunity to invest in a commercially owned renewable energy project. CARES staff can help at every stage of the process, providing professional advice, including legal support on early-stage documents such as Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) and Non-Disclosure Agreements (NDAs), as well as guidance on later-stage agreements and financial matters.
CARES - THE COMMUNITY BUILDINGS FUND	**The Community Buildings Fund will close to applications at the end of October 2026, or when funding is fully allocated**	The Community Buildings Fund helps community organisations cut energy bills and reduce carbon emissions by installing renewable technologies such as heat pumps and solar panels. Funding is available for many types of community buildings, including village halls, community centres, community hubs, sports facilities and faith buildings. The fund can cover up to 80% of eligible costs, up to a maximum grant of £80,000. Because of the Scottish Election in May we are unable to issue grant offers or confirm overall scheme funding until a new Government is in place and approves the awarding of new funds.
CARES - THE COMMUNITY ENERGY GENERATION GROWTH FUND	**Currently closed**	The Community Energy Generation Growth Fund helps community groups across Scotland develop renewable energy projects such as onshore wind, solar PV and hydro. It focuses on projects that can reach an important milestone by 15 March 2027 - for example submitting a planning application, completing technical designs or installing renewable technology. The fund offers grants for feasibility studies, project development and contributions to construction costs. Applications are assessed competitively, so please read the fund guidance before applying. You can submit an expression of interest now. • Approved projects must be completed and all funding claimed by the 15 March 2027. As planned project timelines can change, we encourage you to start your project and claim the funding as early as possible to allow for any unexpected delays. • Funding will be awarded through a panel assessment process.

		• Most renewable energy projects will complete over longer periods, therefore applicants can reapply to CARES for further funding to continue their projects in future, but there is no guarantee that funds will be available or that further applications will be successful.
CARES DEVELOPMENT FUND	**Applications will be open until funding is fully allocated.**	The fund supports communities to take the first step in either community-owned renewable energy projects or investigating shared ownership and is open to communities at the start of their community energy journey. First steps include: • Raising awareness of your energy project idea. • Completing an options appraisal to understand the types of projects you might carry out. • Completing a first step feasibility study to see if your idea might work. • Funding some staff time to progress your idea. Grant funding of up to £30,000 is available to cover up to 100% of eligible costs. Funding must be used to meet a key and achievable project milestone by the end of February 2026.
CASH FOR KIDS - COST OF LIVING GRANTS		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. In response to the crisis hitting so many families right now we've launched this new fund, to provide emergency essentials that support the physical and mental well-being of children who are struggling. These could include food, clothing and household energy costs, but we'll also consider anything that helps meet children's most basic needs. Grants are £50 per child per household, and we aim to get the funds to families as soon as possible.
CASH FOR KIDS - HOLIDAY HUNGER GRANTS	**Closes when funds spent**	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. 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.
CERVUS TRUST | FOUNDATION SCOTLAND	**Any time**	The Cervus Trust is interested in supporting charitable activities under the following themes: • Food Poverty: projects that are empowering and help people to help themselves e.g. community growing projects rather than foodbanks. • Mental Health: projects targeting those with depression and anxiety, support for those who have experienced adverse childhood experiences (ACES), projects that help to develop emotional resilience; projects supporting carers with their mental health. • The Arts: using arts, including music tuition, as an enabling tool to develop skills, confidence, and emotional wellbeing.

		• Education: projects which involve outdoor education and play are preferred. School-based initiatives will be a low priority unless they involve non-statutory provision and involve the wider community. • Disadvantaged families and children: support for projects that will help families and children to thrive.
CHANGEX - THE ACCENTURE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY CHALLENGE		The fund supports communities to start one of six proven ideas! • 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.
CHARLES HAYWARD FOUNDATION - OLDER PEOPLE - SMALL GRANTS	**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.
CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE GRANT FUNDING	**Currently closed**	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.
CIRCULAR ECONOMY INVESTMENT FUND	**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.
CIRCULAR TEXTILES FUND		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.
CLIMATE ACTION HUB FUNDING — HIGHLANDS & ISLANDS CLIMATE HUB		The Climate Action Fund is back, offering small grants of up to £1,000 to support new community-led climate projects across Highland, Orkney, and Shetland. Whether you're planning a local event, starting a new group, or launching a sustainability project, this fund can help bring your ideas to life. Projects funded must be able to complete and report on the impact of their project by 28th February 2026.
COASTAL COMMUNITIES FUND	**Currently closed**	This grant aid scheme is administered by Shetland Islands Council and financed from net revenues generated by Scottish Crown Estate assets. 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.

		The scheme also aims to encourage regeneration of Shetland's communities by supporting projects that safeguard sustainable economic growth, promote inclusion, and contribute towards poverty reduction. Eligible organisations include community groups, voluntary organisations and registered charities Grants available up to £50,000 available for capital or revenue projects
COCKAIGNE FUND (FOUNDATION SCOTLAND)	**Ongoing**	The Fund supports creative, challenging, and original projects that explore cultures and traditions, past and present with a particular interest in historically-informed projects related to classical and traditional music of all periods. The Fund may also consider community projects that push boundaries, strive for excellence, and enable people to access new musical experiences. Priority is given to projects leading to public performance or sharing – the decision-making panel includes people from classical, traditional, and community music backgrounds in which they are all still active, and understand the importance of live performance.
COMMUNITY ENTERPRISE FUND - FIRSTPORT		The Community Enterprise Fund is a funding programme that helps community organisations to start trading or set up social enterprises in Scotland. It offers grants of up to £5,000, to be spent over 6 months. Funding comes from the Scottish Government's Social Entrepreneurs Fund (SEF). Firstport's new grant programme offers **up to £5,000** to help community organisations in Scotland take the first steps toward starting a social enterprise. The grant supports early-stage ideas that aim to generate income and reinvest profits to deliver social good. Support is available through Just Enterprise for groups needing help developing their ideas.
COMMUNITY RIGHT TO BUY FUND - HIE	**Ongoing**	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. 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.
COMMUNITY SPACES GRANTS - THE ROBERTSON TRUST	**Ongoing**	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.

		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. Funding is intended to support the running costs of local community centres, hubs or anchor organisations that are delivering and/or hosting a range of services and activities in places with high levels of deprivation. Examples of eligible work include: • The running costs of an accessible community hub based in a town with high levels of deprivation. The hub hosts and delivers services for local people, including community meals, family activities, a youth group and drop-in sessions with partner organisations such as the Citizens Advice Bureau and local employability service. • The running costs of a village hall in a rural community where there are no other community facilities. The hall hosts a range of groups and services, such as a parent and toddler group, a food pantry, and warm space, and provides access to IT facilities. By community, we mean a geographic community. This could be in an urban or rural area experiencing high rates of poverty and trauma. 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.
CONSTANCE TRAVIS CHARITABLE TRUST	**Ongoing**	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: • 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 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
CONUNDRUM CHARITABLE TRUST	**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.
CO-OP FOUNDATION: GREEN OPPORTUNITIES FUND		Funding will become available for voluntary organisations providing employment skills for young people. This Fund aims to influence young people aged 14-20 to develop green skills and promote green jobs and careers.
CO-OPERATIVE AND COMMUNITY FINANCE	**Ongoing**	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. Applications are welcome from those: • 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.)
CORRA FOUNDATION LOCAL SUPPORT FUND - NATIONAL DRUGS MISSION FUNDS	**Ongoing until funds are spent**	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. To apply, email the grants team for a chat about your project or call us on 0131 444 4020.

CORRA FOUNDATION - ALCOHOL AND DRUGS FUND – LOCAL SUPPORT MICRO GRANTS	**no fixed closing date**	The Local Support Micro Grants are funds available through the Scottish Government's Alcohol and Drugs Fund, administered by the Corra Foundation. This fund is intended to support the implementation of the Scottish Government's and COSLA's Alcohol and Drugs Strategic Plan Preventing Harm, Promoting Recovery: Scotland's Alcohol & Drugs Strategic Plan 2026 – 2035. Local Support Micro Grants is for grassroots and community-based groups in Scotland, which deliver frontline services to support people affected by alcohol and drugs, people in recovery and/or their families. Local Support Micro Grants is open to Scottish charities, social enterprises or constituted community/voluntary groups that operate on a not-for-profit basis, with an annual income of up to £75,000. Organisations can apply for between £1,000 and £15,000 per year to fund work up to April 2029. This fund is intended to help organisations to stabilise or increase capacity, continue services and provide further reach into the community. It aims to facilitate rights-based, relational support for people so that they can easily access the right support at the right time. This fund will open to applications in June 2026. It is a rolling fund, so there is no fixed closing date. We expect applicants to be notified of decisions within two months of applying. Decision-making panels will meet in July, September, and November 2026 and every two months thereafter.
CORRA FOUNDATION - BOOST SMALL GRANTS FUND	**Remains open until funds are spent**	The Boost Fund is for small community-led organisations across Scotland supporting local people affected by poverty or disadvantage. Groups can apply if their activities will support their communities and the people who live there. Grants are flexible and groups can apply for many different costs. The work you are doing might be about providing practical help, or organising activities and gatherings, or addressing another local need. The Boost Fund will provide grants of £500 - £3,000 to constituted groups and charities with an annual income of £50,000 or less. Unconstituted groups can apply for grants of between £250 - £1,500. There is £750,000 available to distribute until March 2026, and Corra Foundation anticipate making approximately 250 - 300 grants. Approximately 10% of the funding available will be made in grants to unconstituted groups. Please note that The Boost Fund continues to support groups working with children and families, but now also supports wider community activity. The Boost Fund will remain open for applications until all funds are spent. This fund aims to:

		• Provide an accessible funding opportunity for small community-led organisations. • Ensure supportive community-led activities are available. This funding is to support the work and running of small groups helping communities affected by poverty or disadvantage. The application will ask you to explain what challenges, especially poverty, your community faces. Corra Foundation will prioritise applications from groups that can show a need for funding. For more information or an application form see web link: Boost Fund supporting communities across Scotland
CORRA FOUNDATION - RACIAL EQUITY FUND	**Currently closed**	This fund provides unrestricted funding to organisations that are led by people from Black and racially minoritised communities. This new fund is part of Corra's commitment to supporting racial equity by providing targeted support to groups that have historically been under-resourced, in turn limiting their voice and power.
CORRA FOUNDATION – THE HOUSEHOLD HARDSHIP FUND		The Household Hardship Fund is a £1.5 million fund provided by the Scottish Government and administered by Corra Foundation. It provides small grants to charities, community groups and social enterprises across Scotland who can pass the funding on directly to families and children on low incomes. • Groups can apply for up to £7,500 if their annual income is under £125,000. • Groups can apply for up to £15,000 if their income is between £125,000 and £250,000. The funding will be used to provide families and children with cash or vouchers to meet pressing needs such as food, fuel, clothing. All funds must be passed on to families and children by 15 June 2026. Please only apply for the amount of money that you are confident you can distribute by 15 June 2026. The minimum amount a group can apply for is £500. This fund will close when enough applications have been received to fully use the money available. This is likely to happen quite quickly as demand is expected to be high. We therefore encourage you to apply as soon as possible, as decisions will be made as applications are received.
COSARAF – HARDSHIP GRANTS	**Ongoing**	Grants of up to £2,000 but only in exceptional circumstances will individuals receive a grant of more than £500 these are available for third party social organisations to support individuals and families across the UK who are in financial need and have exhausted all other sources of funding.
CREATIVE SCOTLAND - NATIONAL LOTTERY OPEN FUND FOR ORGANISATIONS	**No deadlines**	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: • a specific one-off project or production

		• a period of creative research and development • a longer-term programme of work The funding can also support business and organisational development that will: • increase business sustainability by developing new or more diverse income streams • address broader organisational development costs. 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. The funding programme is open all year round, with no deadlines. Eligible organisations can apply at any time.
CREATIVE SCOTLAND - MADE IN SCOTLAND ONWARD INTERNATIONAL TOURING FUND	**Remains open until it is fully allocated**	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.
CREATIVE SCOTLAND – OPEN FUND FOR INDIVIDUALS	**Ongoing**	Supports a wide range of activity initiated by artists, writers, producers and other creative practitioners in Scotland. The fund is intended to support periods of research, development and/or delivery of creative activity, such as specific projects and productions for up to 24 months. It can support an individual's time where this is related to specific creative outcomes. Grants are available for amounts between £500 and £50,000.
CREATIVE SCOTLAND CROWDMATCH		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. Anyone delivering activity in at least one of the following themes can apply: • Arts • Screen • Creative industries 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.
CREATIVE SCOTLAND: FUTURE FUNDING FRAMEWORK		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.

CROWN ESTATE SCOTLAND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES FUND	**closed**	Crown Estate Scotland launched the latest round of the Sustainable Communities Fund with £590,000 available across its two grant schemes. Community Capacity Grant (CCG) scheme. Eligible community groups can apply for £20-50k as early stage financial support for enterprising projects fitting specific themes, such as climate-resilient communities and circular economy activity. Projects must take place within 5 miles of the Scottish Crown Estate, meaning all coastal communities and those neighbouring their four rural estates can apply.
CRUDEN FOUNDATION	**Ongoing**	This fund aims to support charitable projects and activities in Scotland for the benefit of people living there. Funding is intended to support projects with a strong focus on community welfare, medical support and research, the arts, education, and conservation. Most grants are in the £2,500 to £5,000 range, although both smaller and larger grants can also be requested.
CULTURE & BUSINESS FUND SCOTLAND		Culture organisations in arts and heritage can now apply to the The Culture & Business Fund Scotland (C&BS), designed to support innovative and mutually beneficial partnerships between culture and business organisations across Scotland, for up to £1 for every £2 invested by business organisations. 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
CYCLING SCOTLAND: CYCLING FRIENDLY GRANTS	**-**	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.
CYCLING TOURISM FACILITIES FUND (HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS ENTERPRISE) MOVE YOUR CYCLING FACILITIES UP A GEAR		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: • 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 If you would like to talk to someone about the fund, email enquiries@hient.co.uk.
CYCLING UK - THE CYCLE ACCESS FUND		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: • Individual Bike Ownership • Shared Use • Recycle • Repair Organisations can apply whose registered business/charity address is in SPT, Sestran, ZetTrans and Nestrans (Strathclyde, Shetland, North East, South East). No stated deadlines, apply at any time. Complete an expression of interest form for your chosen funding strand via the website.
DAN MASKELL TENNIS TRUST	**13th April 20th July 26th October**	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.
DELAMERE DAIRY FOUNDATION		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: • 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 Applications are open in Spring and Autumn.
DEMOCRATIC FINANCE SCOTLAND - MICRO GRANTS		Upto £5000 to be used to market and promote your business. Communities can apply to the Micro Grant Fund for up to £5,000 to market and promote their democratic finance community engagement campaign. The Micro Grant has previously funded launch events, promotional videos, marketing materials, website updates, social media and PR campaigns. They provide direct and practical support to any community either with, or with a desire to adopt: A democratic and accessible governance structure, an enterprising, empowering and sustainable approach, a grassroots focus on securing, boosting and retaining local wealth

DIGITAL XTRA		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.
DISTRICT HEATING LOAN FUND		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.
DPO CENTRE CHARITY AND COMMUNITY FUND		The DPO Charity Fund provides access to data protection consultancy services at an 80% funded rate. Eligible charities can apply for funding towards: • 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
DR. GUTHRIE'S ASSOCIATION (SCOTLAND) SCIO	**25 May and 25 September**	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.
DTAS: DEMOCRATIC FINANCE SCOTLAND		Support for democratic, community-led organisations to reduce grant dependency and explore alternative, local income streams. Examples include community shares, community bonds, grassroots legal giving, local philanthropy, and one-off community lotteries.
DWP PATHWAYS TO WORK INNOVATION FUND	**Currently closed**	This fund from the Department for Work & Pensions is seeking ambitious, innovative projects from across the UK that support disabled people and people with long-term health conditions to access and sustain employment. Open to voluntary, public and private sector organisations across the UK, the fund will invest up to £60 million in new approaches, technologies, partnerships and employment support models. You can access the full documents at this link: DWP Pathways to Work Innovation Fund Application Pack DWP Scotland are also delivering an online Webinar on Tuesday 06 October, 2-3pm. You can book your place at this link: DWP Policy & Priorities in Scotland 2026 – Deep Dive The session will cover a range of DWP funding and policy priorities relevant to Scotland including Youth Hubs, Youth & Jobs Guarantees, new Jobs & Careers Service, Flexible Support Funding and, of course, the Innovation Fund.

DWP PATHWAYS TO WORK INNOVATION FUND GUIDANCE	**Closed**	The Innovation Fund is part of Pathways to Work, the government's £3.5 billion investment to support disabled people and people with health conditions to move into, stay in and progress in work. The PtW Innovation Fund has 2 objectives: • to support disabled people and people with long-term health conditions move towards, enter, stay and progress in work • to build evidence about what works and for whom, so that successful approaches can be adopted more widely Grant funding will be provided to test new and innovative ideas that support these aims.
EASY FUNDRAISING APP	**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.
EASYFUNDRAISING - IMPACT FUND	**Currently closed**	The easyfundraising Impact Fund offers 15 grants to UK not-for-profit organisations to help them continue or enhance their work. The grant is unrestricted and can be used where it's needed most. Grants will be awarded to the causes that best show how they will use the grant. Causes will be selected across a range of categories and geographical areas and the Impact Fund is open to causes of all sizes and structures.
EBIKE BUSINESS LOAN		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.
EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOUNDATION - BERRIDGE TRUST	**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.
EILIDH'S TRUST		The Trust funds music education for children and young people across Scotland, helping build confidence, creativity, and connection through the arts. Inspired by Eilidh MacLeod's love of music, the charity offers grants and supports inclusive, community-based projects.
ENERGY SAVING TRUST ENERGY INDUSTRY VOLUNTARY REDRESS SCHEME		Energy Saving Trust has been appointed by Ofgem to distribute payments from companies who may have breached Ofgem rules. Registered Charities, Community Interest Companies, Co-operative Societies and Community Benefit Societies can apply for funds to deliver energy related projects that meet the scheme priorities and benefit people in England, Scotland and Wales. Energy Saving Trust will be administering the scheme until 2026. **Supporting energy consumers in vulnerable situations**

		This core priority aims to help people who are most at risk from cold homes and high energy bills. Occasionally there may be additional priorities linked to a funding round e.g., a specific geographical focus or type of energy consumer. Any additional priorities will be made clear to applicants when a funding round opens. **Innovation Projects** Up to 15% of Energy Redress funds can support the development of innovative products and services related to energy that have a realistic prospect of delivering benefits to existing and/or future energy consumers and that help to reduce the environmental impact of energy use. Projects seeking support through the Innovation Funding Stream should involve: • testing or trialling the roll-out of products or services that are ready to implement but not yet accessible to energy consumers or certain groups of energy consumers • conducting research or analysis into the development of products or services not yet accessible to energy consumers or certain groups of energy consumers **Carbon Emissions Reduction Fund (CERF)** Up to 15% of Energy Redress funds can also be used to support energy-related activities aimed at reducing carbon dioxide emissions from energy use. These projects must focus on energy generation, distribution or energy use. Projects seeking support through this funding stream must demonstrate • measurable and lasting reductions in the carbon intensity of energy end use and accelerate the transition to Net Zero CO2 • have a realistic prospect of delivering broadly replicable benefits to existing and/or future energy consumers **Just Transition Fund** Under the Carbon Emissions Reduction priority, this fund aims to accelerate the development of community renewable energy schemes and build the capacity of the sector to deliver impactful renewable energy projects that promote a Just Transition to Net Zero. Projects supported through this fund must bring tangible benefits to energy consumers in vulnerable situations, for example using profits from energy sales to create local fuel poverty funds, or providing affordable energy direct to people who struggle with their energy bills. NB The Energy Redress Scheme is not presently designed to support energy saving improvements or energy generation technology in individual community buildings and facilities.
ENERGY SAVINGS TRUST - PLUGGED-IN	**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:

COMMUNITIES GRANT FUND		• Cars • Light goods vehicles • Minibuses • Mopeds/ motorcycles 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.
ERNEST COOK TRUST - OUTDOOR ESSENTIALS GRANT	**Ongoing**	Grants are available to UK state funded primary and secondary schools to enable them to get their pupils learning outdoors. The current round of funding offers grants for the following options: • Nature and Nurture – school grounds improvements • Transport and Travel – transport costs to outdoor learning venues • Wellies and Waterproofs – outdoor clothing
ESMÉE FAIRBAIRN COMMUNITIES AND COLLECTIONS FUND	**Currently closed**	The fund places more emphasis on equitable working, supporting wellbeing and legacy planning. We now offer core grants to single museum organisations for strategic development of their inclusive collections work; and partnership project grants for museums and community organisations working equitably with collections to achieve shared aims for inclusion. Grants up to £100,000 are available and run for up to 3 years. Up to 12 grants will be awarded per year over two funding rounds.
ESMEE FAIRBAIRN FOUNDATION	**No Deadlines**	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: • Our Natural World • A Fairer Future • Creative, Confident Communities
EUROPEAN YOUTH FOUNDATION	**15 January, 15 May**	The European Youth Foundation (EYF) provides financial and educational support to a wide range of youth projects, focusing on a range of different topics. Whether projects take place at local or international level, EYF-supported projects all share some common characteristics. Learn more about these characteristics and check examples of projects supported at the dedicated page.
FAITH IN COMMUNITY SCOTLAND	**Ongoing**	Grants up to £500 are available for any local faith group or related organisation working primarily in a small, specific geographic community to tackle poverty and climate change. Top-up grants are available for mentoring support.

FAITH IN COMMUNITY SCOTLAND: FAITHFUL WELCOME SMALL GRANTS	**Any time**	Grants up to £500 are available for any faith group registered as a charity in Scotland to support refugees and asylum seekers through hospitality events, community integration and participation activities
FAITH IN COMMUNITY SCOTLAND: GREENER SPACES, FAIRER PLACES	**Any time**	Grants up to £500 are available for any faith group or related organisation working locally to tackle poverty and climate change.
FAMILY FUND		Family Fund provides a wide range of grants to families raising a disabled or seriously ill child, or young adult, on a low income. See the full list of funding schemes here: Which grant programmes are available? - Family Fund. From Tuesday 17 September 2024, families in Scotland will be able to reapply for a Family Fund Scotland programme grant every 24 months instead of every 18 months. 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.
FAMILY FUND MOBILITY SUPPORT (FFMS) SCHEME	**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.
FIDELIO TRUST	**12 noon on:** **1 February 2027** **1 June 2027** **1 October 2027**	Grant funding of up to £5,000 to help individuals (over 21 years) and groups of exceptional ability in the UK that would not otherwise be able to carry out an artistic project or activity without financial support. **Closing dates are subject to change, and applicants should check the website before submitting their application.**
FIGURATIVE - THE ARTS & CULTURE IMPACT FUND	**Anytime**	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.
FIRSTPORT - COMMUNITY ENTERPRISE FUND		**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.

FIRSTPORT - LAUNCHME	**Ongoing**	LaunchMe is an investment readiness programme that will prepare you to secure the investment you need to grow and scale your social impact. We will work intensively with you through a bespoke business support programme, including access as needed to workshops, peer group sessions and one-to-one professional expertise.
FIRSTPORT START IT FUNDING		The Start Up Fund is for grants of up to £5,000 for individuals looking to start a social enterprise, a helping hand for those with a social, environmental and/or community issue they're looking to tackle Firstport are offering free 15 minute phonecalls to help you discuss your idea and find out if the Start Up Fund is for you!
FLETCHERS FOUNDATION	**Any time**	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. You can apply if: • 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.
FOUNDATION SCOTLAND - BAILLIE GIFFORD INTERNATIONAL FUND	**Currently closed**	This fund is aimed at supporting registered charities who are working in International Aid Development to deliver their work. Primarily, the fund aims to increase participation with climate action and encourage behavioural change. Baillie Gifford is committed to funding the following priorities: • 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
FOUNDATION SCOTLAND - COCKAIGNE FUND	**Any time**	The Cockaigne Fund supports boundary-pushing musical research, development, and performances to delight, inform, and move participants and audiences alike. 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.

FOUNDATION SCOTLAND - HELP FOR APPLICANTS		If you're thinking about applying for funding from Foundation Scotland, explore their new range of information, advice and resources to help you succeed. Access help with applying for a grant here, and browse grant funding opportunities currently available and upcoming fund deadlines here.
FOUNDATION SCOTLAND - MARY JANET KING FUND	**Decisions approximately 10 weeks from receipt of your application.**	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. 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.
FOUNDATION SCOTLAND - THE GATEWAY EXCHANGE FUND		This fund was created to continue the work of the original Gateway Exchange - a centre in Edinburgh which in the 1980s offered help and support to those returning to the community from prisons and mental health institutions or recovering from drug addiction. The emphasis was on recognising that each individual has potential. This was encouraged particularly through use of the arts and creative self-expression, also through building a strong and connected sense of community. The Gateway Exchange Fund seeks applications which are in line with this spirit of creating innovative solutions to situations which challenge the individual's sense of worth and identity. This fund will support activity across Scotland that empowers people to move on with their lives and fulfil their potential, where they would otherwise not have the opportunity. Priority will be given to: • Projects which help prisoners or ex-prisoners • Projects which help those in recovery from drug addiction • Mental health projects • Projects supporting refugees and asylum seekers • Projects supporting women and men recovering from sexual abuse
FOUNDATION SCOTLAND'S SOCIAL INVESTMENT FUND		Foundation Scotland's Social Investment Fund offers blended grant and loan investment to social enterprises, community organisations and charities working across Scotland. The fund can invest between £10,000 and £250,000 per organisation; up to 25% (£62,500) of this can be in the form of a non-repayable grant and the remainder a repayable loan. Potential applicants can check their elegibility criteria here and then complete an enquiry form
FOUX FOUNDATION	**Any time**	The Foux Foundation is focused on helping in the areas of: health, education, youth opportunity and poverty. Living across three different continents, the trustees take a global approach and are keen to support the appropriate organisations regardless of location. They fund: • 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
FOYLE FOUNDATION SMALL GRANTS SCHEME	**No deadline**	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. 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.
FUNDING SUPPORT FOR CLEAN ENERGY TRANSITION		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. 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. 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.
FUNDING TO ENHANCE GRASSROOT SPORTS		£8.6 million funding will be available for Scotland to enhance community access to sports and physical activities, particularly in deprived areas, and to increase participation among under-represented groups, including women, girls, ethnic minorities, and disabled individuals. Funding will be distributed to projects that support the development of new and improved pitches, changing rooms, goalposts, and floodlights and / or offer multi-sport facilities to encourage broader community engagement.
GARDENING WITH DISABILITIES TRUST	**Ongoing**	Small grants are available to groups and individuals in the UK who suffer all kinds of chronic disabilities - mental and physical - to help them get gardening again
GARFIELD WESTON FOUNDATION	**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.
GOOGLE AD GRANTS	**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.
GRANTS FOR TRANSPORT RESEARCH AND		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:

INNOVATION		• Nation specific transport solutions • Local transport decarbonisation • Maritime decarbonisation • Critical and emerging technologies • Wider solutions that have potential Find more information here, grant guidance here, apply here or attend the application support webinar:
GREEN HALL FOUNDATION		The objective of the Green Hall Foundation is to sustainably improve lives: among the sick, the elderly, the disabled and the disadvantaged particularly in the UK. Overseas project are also supported provided that the applicant charity is registered in the UK.Preference is given to appeals where the Foundation can meet a significant proportion of the funding required and to appeals where permanent equipment or building is required as opposed to funding salaries or the charity running costs. • Each May meeting will be open to Charities in all income brackets. • Each November meeting will only be open to Charities with an annual income of £250,000 or less. 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.
GROW WILD COMMUNITY PROGRAMME	**CLOSED**	Grants of up to £2,000 are available to support 23 community-led projects across the UK that want to bring local people together to transform urban areas by sowing and growing UK native wildflowers and/or fungi. Successful groups can also apply for a £500 follow-on grant for spring 2027 to support ongoing activities, along with access to tailored online training sessions and opportunities to connect with other participating groups.
GROWTH IMPACT FUND	**Ongoing**	Funding is available to early stage growing social enterprises and charitable organisations in the UK to address the structural barriers that diverse organisations face.
HAPPY DAYS CHILDREN'S CHARITY		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.
HDH WILLS - MARTIN WILLS WILDLIFE MAINTENANCE TRUST	**rolling**	The Martin Wills Wildlife Maintenance Trust provides grants to small wildlife charities working in the UK and Ireland for projects that protect species and restore habitats. They fund projects that: • Protect species and enhance biodiversity

		• Restore and improve habitats • Support the work of conservation organisations Grant applications are reviewed on a month-by-month basis. You should know within 4-6 weeks the result of your application.
HEALTH AND WELLBEING IN MUSEUMS FUND		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.
HEAT NETWORK FUND: APPLICATION GUIDANCE	**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.
HENDERSON LOGGIE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION - HENDERSON LOGGIE	**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.
HENRY SMITH		1. Proud Homes — opens 6 May. Safe, inclusive homelessness services for LGBT+ young people. £50K per year over 4 years (£200K in total) for formally registered not for profit organisations with a charitable purpose incl CICs and Community Benefit Society) 2. Early Years and Parenting — opens 3 June. Parenting support built around trust, not judgement. 3. Equity Justice — opens 24 June. Walking with racially minoritised young men through the justice system. 4. Career Ready — opens July. Specialist job coaches for young people with learning disabilities.
HERITAGE CRAFTS ASSOCIATION - ENDANGERED CRAFTS FUND	**Currently closed**	Grants are available for craft practitioners, community groups and voluntary organisations across the United Kingdom to deliver projects that protect endangered crafts and provide opportunities for makers and trainees to develop their skills. Grants of up to £2,500 are available.
HIE - DIGITAL SPECIALIST ADVICE GRANT		Digital Specialist Advice Grant offers up to £5,000 to allow you to access expert consultancy to help with feasibility studies or action plans that drive innovation, efficiency, and growth using advanced digital technologies - such as artificial intelligence, robotics, and cyber security.

HIE - FOOD AND DRINK TECHHUB SUPPORT AND FUNDING		Boost productivity, cut costs and go greener with Food and Drink TechHUB! Our programme enables your food and drink business to access tailored support and funding to become more productive, Improve decision-making and reduce your carbon footprint.
HIE - R&D GRANT FUNDING		HIE's Research and Development (R&D) grant funding can help you develop new products, processes and services. This funding is discretionary and all sizes of businesses are eligible
HIE GREEN GRANT FUND		Our Green Grant Fund aims to support businesses and social enterprises across the Highlands and Islands to transition to net zero. 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. 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. 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. For more info and expression of interest go to HIE Green Grant Fund | HIE.
HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS ENTERPRISE - DIGITAL AND TECHNOLOGY ADOPTION CAPITAL GRANT		The Digital and Technology Adoption Capital Grant can provide organisations based in the Highlands and Islands region funding to support digital transformation ambitions. Introducing digital technology into your business has many advantages, including cutting costs, speeding up processes, improving customer insights, creating the ability to make faster business decisions, reduce carbon emissions and increase revenue. HIE recommend that organisations applying for this fund should have a digital action plan or feasibility study in place before making an enquiry. Community and Voluntary Organisations in the Highlands and Islands can apply for up to £5k towards digital and technology specialist advice and also for a capital grant based on their requirements.

HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT SCOTLAND: NEW GRANTS FRAMEWORK		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. 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
HOME INSTEAD - SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES	**Apply January; April; July and October**	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: • 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 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.
HOSTELLING SCOTLAND'S HAPPY HOSTELLER FUND	**Currently closed**	This programme provides funded residential breaks for disadvantaged young people and families across Scotland. The scheme is open to schools, youth groups, early years centres and registered charities, but is not open to individual applicants or families applying on their own.
HUGO BURGE FOUNDATION - CREATIVE GRANTS		Grant funding is available to support projects, individuals, and organisations across the UK that promote creativity through three key areas: Creative Education, Creative Communities, and Creative Individuals. The funding is intended to support creativity across the UK. There are three key areas: • Creative Education: Supporting projects that provide young people (ages 0-29) with opportunities to engage in creative activities. This includes funding for workshops in schools, field trips to cultural sites, and the purchase of materials for student engagement. • Creative Communities: Aiding organisations, festivals, fairs and community groups that develop and deliver cultural and creative arts initiatives within their local areas. • Creative Individuals: Providing individual artists, including those in visual and expressive arts, writers and craftspeople, with funding to support their artistic projects. For the Creative Education and Creative Communities strands, the maximum award is £15,000. For Creative Individuals, the maximum award is £5,000.
IAN FINDLAY PATH FUND – PATHS FOR ALL		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.
INDEPENDENT LIVING FUND SCOTLAND - TRANSITION FUND		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 • Become more engaged and active in your community • Enhance your independence and confidence • Help you to spend more time with other people
INTERNET FREEDOM FUND | OTF (OPENTECH.FUND)	**Applications are accepted on a rolling basis**	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: • Technology Development • Applied Research • Digital Security • Events and Community Convenings
JAMES TUDOR FOUNDATION - PHYSICAL HEALTH PROGRAMME		The Physical Health programme from the James Tudor Foundation supports UK-registered charities that help people with chronic conditions, physical disabilities, life changing injuries, or that provide healthcare to marginalised communities. The Physical Health programme funds: • Therapeutic interventions and/or disease-specific patient information and support for: People living with acute, chronic, or degenerative physical conditions; People living with physical disabilities; People recovering from life-changing injuries. • Direct healthcare services to marginalised communities • Air ambulances operating in South West England, Wales, Scotland, and Northern Ireland
JEAN SAINSBURY ANIMAL WELFARE TRUST (JSAWT)		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. 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.
JEANS FOR GENES GRANT PROGRAMME		The annual Jeans for Genes 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.
JHP VISUALS - SUSTAINABILITY FILM GRANT	**Apply at any time**	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. This grant is designed to make professional marketing campaigns more attainable. 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. This grant is available for all registered charities or social enterprises based in Scotland whose work benefits the environment or people in a sustainable way and who are looking to implement a marketing campaign to help them further their work and engage with audiences, stakeholders, or funders.
JOSEPH ROWNTREE CHARITABLE TRUST - RIGHTS AND JUSTICE	**Currently closed**	As part of the Quaker tradition, JRCT is committed to the creation of a world that guarantees equal treatment for all people. Funding priorities are: • Protection and promotion of equality and human rights and their enforcement in the UK. • Promoting rights and justice for minorities who face the most severe forms of racism. • Promotion of rights and justice for refugees and other migrants by identifying and tackling root causes, structures and systems that may deny them their rights.
KALEIDOSCOPE INVESTMENTS (KI)	**Ongoing**	Kaleidoscope is aimed at giving financial backing to help disabled entrepreneurs in the UK start their own business. The fund will assist in the development of the businesses it invests in and ensure they make a worthwhile return for investors.
KILN FAMILY TRUST	**Any time**	The Trust's grant-making focuses on the following areas of interest to trustees: - Amateur sport - Environment, wildlife & conservation - Advancement of health - Gender equity & empowerment
LANDSCAPES | THE NATIONAL LOTTERY HERITAGE FUND		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: • 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 See: Landscapes, seas and nature good practice guidance | The National Lottery Heritage Fund

LANDTRUST - SCOTTISH LANDFILL COMMUNITIES FUND		This is a Government initiative which was introduced to reduce the impact of landfill sites on neighbouring communities by funding local environmental projects. The aim of the scheme is to enable landfill operators to support various types of environmental projects by donating a percentage of their landfill tax liability. Projects must conform to one of the following criteria: • projects that involve reclaiming land, the use of which has been prevented by some previous activity • projects that reduce or prevent pollution on land • projects that provide or maintain public amenities or parks within 10 miles of a landfill site • delivery of biodiversity conservation for UK species habitats • projects to restore or repair buildings for religious worship, or of architectural or historical interest within 10 miles of a landfill site • community based recycling, re-use and waste prevention projects
LEARNING DISABILITY SUPPORT FUND		Inspiring Scotland have launched a Learning Disability Support Fund. 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 here
LINTEL TRUST - SMALL GRANTS FUND		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: • 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
MARSH CHARITABLE TRUST	**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.
MATERIAL FOCUS: ELECTRICALS RECYCLING FUND	**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.
MATTHEW GOOD FOUNDATION		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

GRANTS FOR GOOD FUND		
MCCARTHY STONE FOUNDATION	**n/a**	This funding is for organisations or programmes that: • Support intergenerational activity • Build partnerships with charities, local schools, and community groups • Support children to engage with older people in their community • Promote intergenerational learning opportunities
MICHAEL TIPPETT MUSICAL FOUNDATION	**Currently closed**	Grants are available to support projects and activities that support young musicians and composers, new music, and music education initiatives. Grants of between £500 and £3,000 are available. The average grant is around £2,000. This fund aims to support group music-making, especially those that involve young people in the process of composing and developing new ideas.
MOTHER AND BABY UNIT FAMILY FUND	**Ongoing**	A Mother and Baby Unit (MBU) is a specialist inpatient unit for people who: • Develop severe mental health problems in the later stages of pregnancy • Develop severe mental health problems during the year after their baby is born You can claim towards the cost of travel, food and accommodation when you're visiting someone in an MBU, if you are the: • Partner of the person who gave birth • Baby's other parent • Main carer of the person who gave birth If you have children who are 16 and under, you can claim towards the costs travel, food and accommodation during their visits to the MBU too.
MUSEUMS GALLERIES SCOTLAND - CREATIVE MINDS FUND	**08 January 2027**	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. 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.

MUSEUMS GALLERIES SCOTLAND - SMALL GRANTS FUND	**Currently closed**	The Small Grant Fund supports museums to develop their work and deliver against the priority areas of Scotland's museums and galleries Strategy. The fund can support: • Small scale project work • Acquisition of equipment and other resources to address time specific needs • Preparation and scoping work to plan and inform future strategic development
NATIONAL CENTRE FOR RESILIENCE		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.
NATIONAL CHURCHES TRUST - LARGE GRANTS	**Currently closed**	The National Churches Trust is the national, independent, charity dedicated to promoting and supporting church buildings of historic, architectural and community value across the UK. 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. Their priority is funding up to £50,000 towards the cost of major urgent structural repair projects costed at more than £80,000 including VAT. They will also consider projects that introduce kitchens and accessible toilets to enable increased community use, costed at more than £30,000 including VAT. Stage 1 is a simple form to check that the parameters of your project are suitable for our programme and it is worthwhile your time submitting a longer application. This is managed by our officers. If you pass Stage 2 you will have a more complex form to complete.
NATIONAL DEAF CHILDREN'S SOCIETY COMMUNITY GRANT	**rolling**	An initiative offering between £1,000 to £10,000 to UK groups supporting deaf children and their families. For this funding cycle, the focus is on projects that support deaf children in the early years (aged 0–5). Support can be provided either directly or indirectly, and projects may also include older deaf children, deaf young people, families, and professionals.
NATIONAL HERITAGE MEMORIAL FUND	**Rolling - Complete expression of interest online**	The National Heritage Memorial Fund exists as a fund of last resort to support the UK's most outstanding heritage, which is at risk of loss. It also exists to create a publicly accessible and timeless collection as a memorial for those who have given their lives for the UK. Since 1980, we have funded acquisition, conservation and preservation that has safeguarded over 1,400 iconic buildings, land and heritage items across England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. We award grants to UK based organisations to safeguard heritage in perpetuity.

NATIONAL LOTTERY - FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS		If have an idea for an environmental project, there is a range of grants available to apply for. Grants range from £300 up to £20,000 through our open Awards for All programme, to grants over £500,000 through our Climate Action Fund.
NATIONAL LOTTERY COMMUNITY FUND **COMMUNITY ACTION FUND** **FAIRER LIFE CHANCES FUND**		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 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.
NATIONAL LOTTERY COMMUNITY FUND - CLIMATE ACTION FUND - FOOD SYSTEMS		National Lottery Community Fund (NLCF) wants to fund projects that strengthen the food system and reduce food insecurity for people and communities. NLCF want to support ways of producing enough healthy, affordable food without harming the planet. Projects must work towards systems change. Grants of between £2.5m and £7m are available, and projects expected to run for between 5 to 7 years. Applicants must apply as part of a partnership

NATIONAL LOTTERY COMMUNITY FUND - STRENGTHENING ORGANISATIONS	**Ongoing**	This grant programme is targeted at organisations in Scotland that National Lottery Community Fund (NLCF) currently fund. 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: • 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 The work to be funded must meet one of the following outcomes - organisations that are funded are able to: • Overcome challenges and plan for the future • Try out new ideas and ways of working Funding between £300 to £50,000 is available, for up to two years. For more information and to discuss your idea please refer to website: NATIONAL LOTTERY COMMUNITY FUND - STRENGTHENING ORGANISATIONS
NATIONAL LOTTERY COMMUNITY FUND - THE UK FUND	**No deadline**	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. We want to fund projects that: • 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. Watch the webinar about The UK Fund. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NqJK5pN6CO8 Check that your idea meets the funding criteria in our guidance document.
NATIONAL LOTTERY COMMUNITY FUND		National Lottery Community Fund Awards for All programme has increased the maximum grant amount for community-led projects to £20,000 over two years.

AWARDS FOR ALL PROGRAMME		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. Funding for Community led projects: Awards for All can provide between £300 and £20,000 and can support projects for up to two years. 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.
NATIONAL LOTTERY COMMUNITY FUND SCOTTISH LAND FUND	**Ongoing**	The supports communities in Scotland, both urban and rural, to take ownership of land and buildings. It offers practical support to develop projects, helping communities become more resilient and sustainable through land ownership and management. Community-led, geographically defined groups are eligible to apply.
NATIONAL LOTTERY COMMUNITY FUND – IMPROVING LIVES FUND	**Ongoing**	Grants from £10,001 to £200,000 to help people facing challenging circumstances. 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
NATIONAL LOTTERY HERITAGE FUND	**Rolling programme `**	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. 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. 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.
NATIONAL LOTTERY OPEN FUND FOR ORGANISATIONS	**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.

AN UPDATE OF THE OPEN FUND: SUSTAINING CREATIVE DEVELOPMENT FUND		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. Eligible organisations can apply for funding between £1k and £100k for projects or programmes lasting up to 18 months.
NATIONWIDE COMMUNITY GRANT		Community Grants supports projects which provide housing solutions. Applications are open to any organisations that provide solutions to help: • Prevent people from losing their home • Help people into a home • Support people to thrive within the home environment Charities, Community Land Trusts and housing co-operatives who are making positive changes in their local areas can apply. Apply as soon as possible as applications will close once the cap has been reached. The cap for each region is 40 applications.
NATURESCOT - PEATLAND ACTION	**Currently closed**	Peatland Action (PA) is a peatland restoration project run by Scottish Natural Heritage and funded mainly by Scottish Government. The funding primarily supports on-the-ground restoration activities. This includes: • installation of peat dams in man-made ditches to increase water levels • allowing the peat-building mosses called sphagnums to re-establish. • more novel techniques such as peat hag re-vegetating by using the surrounding vegetation to stabilise the bare eroding peat Email peatlandaction@nature.scot and a Project Officer for support and assistance to complete the application.
NESTA - GREENER HOMES CALL FOR IDEAS	**Any time**	Nesta, the UK's innovation agency for social good, is offering up to five x £10,000 development grants for compelling broadcast and/or digital projects that incorporate themes about how the ways we heat and power our homes are changing. They are looking for entertaining, fresh stories and approaches that bring a range of audiences to this subject.
NFU MUTUAL CHARITABLE TRUST	**The June 2027 application window will open on 22nd January 2027.**	The NFU Mutual Charitable Trust offers grants range from £1,000 to £75,000 for initiatives that have a significant impact on rural communities. In particular, the Trustees are interested in projects that support the education of young people in rural areas or that help to relieve poverty within these communities.

NHS COMMUNITY BENEFIT GATEWAY (CBG)		NHS Community Benefit Gateway (CBG) is a free and easy to use online portal connecting NHS Scotland suppliers with third sector organisations who are looking for assistance. This can be anything from supporting training, volunteering, professional advice, donation of equipment, assistance with building community facilities and more. Third sector organisations upload their community need and NHS suppliers can bid to offer support. Get inspired by case studies of community organisations that used the CBG portal. Find out more and share your needs here.
OPPENHEIM-JOHN DOWNES MEMORIAL TRUST	**Currently closed**	Small grants are available to British artists, designers, writers and performers over the age of 30 who are experiencing financial difficulties in the pursuit of their careers. Awards typically range from £250 to £1,000.
PARKINSON'S UK - PHYSICAL ACTIVITY GRANTS	**Grants will run until the end of 2026**	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. They are looking for innovative and new projects that will: • Support people with Parkinson's to take part in movement-based activities that help build their confidence and encourage a growing interest in being physically active and/or • Support people with Parkinson's who are currently inactive to begin engaging in physical activity and to maintain ongoing participation This year the grants will be focusing on people with Parkinson's who are currently inactive, supporting them to begin engaging in physical activity and to maintain ongoing participation. Therefore "gateway activities" that get people active are now eligible. Examples of gateway activities can include: • Art based activities such as theatrical acting, musical and circus skills • Singing and movement • Playing large musical instruments that requires big movements like Samba Drumming • Gardening or Horticulture projects The application form and guidance can be downloaded from the Parkinson's UK website. As part of the application process you must consult with local Parkinson's UK staff.
PAUL HAMLYN FOUNDATION - ARTS-BASED LEARNING FUND	**ongoing**	The funding of up to £ 300,000 is intended to create a more equitable school system where high-quality arts-based learning is a core part of all children's education. Applications will be accepted from: • Arts and cultural organisations working in partnership with formal education settings (including state-funded primary and secondary schools, SEND specialist schools, Further Education colleges, alternative provision settings such as Pupil Referral Units, and some types of state-funded Early Years settings). • Organisations that are developing established programmes of work and/or testing new approaches.

PAUL HAMLYN FOUNDATION: ARTS ACCESS & PARTICIPATION	**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
PEOPLE'S POSTCODE TRUST	**Currently closed**	The aim of People's Postcode Trust is to support smaller charities and good causes in Scotland to make a difference to their community for the benefit of people and planet. The Trust support projects under the following categories: • 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) Grants of up to £2,500 are available to community groups with no charity number. Registered charities and Community Interest Companies can apply for up to £25,000 towards eligible costs.
PERCY BILTON CHARITY - GRANTS FOR ORGANISATIONS	**Ongoing**	Grants up to £5,000 are available to UK registered charities with primary objectives to assist one or more of the following groups: disadvantaged/underprivileged young people (under 25 years old); people with disabilities (physical or learning disabilities or mental health problems); older people (aged over 60).
PETER HARRISON FOUNDATION - ACTIVE LIVES	**Trustees meet four times a year: Deadlines are: 1 January (for decision 30 April) 1 April (for decision 31 July) 1 July (for decision 31 October)**	Funds applications for physical activity initiatives that: • 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

	1 October (for decision 31 January)	• Have a well-developed plan for sustainability and seek to deliver a legacy • Reflect their values: Excellence, Entrepreneurship, Integrity, Sustainability
PETS FOUNDATION - PREVENTING PET RELINQUISHMENT GRANTS	**Ongoing**	Grants are available for projects which aim to keep pets with their owners and out of rescue, including projects providing emergency pet fostering for people facing crisis, subsidised veterinary care, neutering schemes and pet food banks. Grants of up to £80,000 per year are available. Multi-year funding applications, up to a three-year period, will be considered.
PETS FOUNDATION - RESCUE CENTRE GRANTS	**Ongoing**	Grants are available for charities and non-profit organisations in the UK whose main objective is the rescue and rehoming of domestic pets in the UK. The Pets Foundation provides three grant programmes: • Rescue Centres – to support organisations whose main activities are the rescue and rehoming of UK pets. • Pets Assisting People – to support organisations whose main activities are one or more of the following: - The provision of temporary or ongoing assistance to ensure pets can remain with their owners, where rehoming takes place only when it is not possible to reunite the pet with their owner.; Changing the lives of adults and children through the provision of animal-based activities or practical assistance. • Preventing Pet Relinquishment – to support projects that aim to keep pets with their owners and out of rescue
POSTCODE LOTTERY - DREAM FUND	**Currently closed**	Created to encourage charities to collaborate and apply for their dream project. One award of £5,000,000 will be granted to a single transformational and groundbreaking project. The Dream Fund supports charities to develop innovative solutions to society's most challenging problems. Projects can be 1 to 5 years, lead partner (annual income >£5mn) must be registered charity, partners can include universities, other not for profits. Projects focus on the funding themes of the nine UK focused Postcode Trusts. These can include health, wellbeing, families, children, environmental conservation, biodiversity, wildlife and animals, culture and heritage and others.
POUNDS FOR PURPOSE		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: • 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.
PRS FOR MUSIC FOUNDATION - BEYOND BORDERS		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 Funding is available for projects that include new commissions, recordings and repeat performances of music written in the past five years.
RAYNE FOUNDATION - OPEN GRANTS PROGRAMME		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.
RBS - SOCIAL & COMMUNITY CAPITAL	**rolling**	Social & Community Capital is a charity funded by Royal Bank of Scotland to help social enterprises, charities and community businesses. They provide funding and support for organisations based in the key focus areas of Midlands, North West of England and Scotland who don't qualify for mainstream finance. There are four loans to meet different needs: • Property Purchase Loan: Funding to renovate or purchase a property. Apply for £30k to £500k. • Flexible Growth Funding: Looking to grow and increase your impact. Apply for £30k to £350k. • Working Capital Loan Flexible finance to cover overheads and smooth out cashflow. Apply for £30k to £250k. • Bridging Loan: Pay VAT or cover overheads before grant funding arrives. Apply for £30k to £250k. To apply - call 0207 672 1411 or email rbsscc@rbs.co.uk, or complete the enquiry form online via their website.
REDUNDANCY PAYMENTS - FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WEBSITE	**Ongoing**	Assistance to help employers in the UK with severe cash flow problems to make necessary redundancy payments.

RHODODENDRON TRUST	**Apply at any time**	The Rhododendron Trust is a grant-making charity focused mainly on the welfare of the disadvantaged in the UK and overseas, but also supporting arts and wildlife charities. An important further consideration is that a donation from the trust should make a significant contribution to the charity's work – which leads the trust to favour smaller charities over charities which already have a large income. Priority themes are: for UK Charities: • Carers and Breaks • Disability and Mental Health • Deprivation • Prisoners and Refugees • Arts Donations are made once a year, generally in March after a meeting of the charity Trustees
RICHARD AND SIOBHÁN COWARD FOUNDATION - COMMUNITY PHOTOGRAPHY GRANTS	**Currently closed**	Grants of between £500 and £1,500 are available to support the provision of participatory projects which seek to improve the health and wellbeing of children and young people under 25. The use of photography must be a core element of the project. The foundation funds projects for children and young adults under the age of 25 to take part in organised activities that allow them hands-on experience of photographic techniques. Activities must have the ultimate aim of achieving a beneficial therapeutic effect on the children's or young people's physical and/or mental health and wellbeing. Projects can use either digital or analogue photography. Projects might be a single workshop or event, or a programme of linked activities and might involve working with the participants solo or in groups. Examples of activities that might be included are: - outings with a photographer to learn how to take pictures of people or landscapes using digital or analogue film - dark room experiences - creating images using techniques such as cyanotype or pinhole cameras - learning printing techniques using a range of media.
RNIB TECHNOLOGY GRANTS	**Ongoing**	The funding is intended for UK residents who are registered blind or partially sighted people and who have been refused funding from their local authority for the items they need. The grant will support the cost of any item that is on the RNIB list of approved equipment.
ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND SOCIAL & COMMUNITY CAPITAL		Social & Community Capital is a charity funded by Royal Bank of Scotland to help social enterprises, charities and community businesses. They provide funding and support for organisations based in the key focus areas of Midlands, North West of England and Scotland who don't qualify for mainstream finance. There are four loans to meet different needs: • Property Purchase Loan: Funding to renovate or purchase a property. Apply for £30k to £500k. • Flexible Growth Funding: Looking to grow and increase your impact. Apply for £30k to £350k. • Working Capital Loan Flexible finance to cover overheads and smooth out cashflow. Apply for £30k to £250k. • Bridging Loan: Pay VAT or cover overheads before grant funding arrives. Apply for £30k to £250k.

		To apply call 0207 672 1411 or email rbsscc@rbs.co.uk, or complete the enquiry form online via their website.
SAVE OUR WILD ISLES COMMUNITY FUND		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. WWF, the RSPB and Aviva have come together to launch the Save Our Wild Isles Community Fund 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. 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. 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 Aekus.Kamboj@cemvoscotland.org.uk.
SCOPS ARTS TRUST	**Currently closed**	A limited number of grants are available to charities across the UK for new high quality projects that provide opportunities for people from all backgrounds to access, enjoy and participate in the arts.
SCOT GOVT/CORRA FOUNDATION - LOCAL SUPPORT FUND	**n/a**	The Local Support Fund is focused on community-based organisations delivering frontline services to support people who use drugs, people who are in recovery and their families. It aims to facilitate rights-based, relational support for people so that they can easily access the right support at the right time. Open to organisations with an annual income of up to £500,000. Applicants can be charities, social enterprises, community groups and other voluntary organisations. Funding of up to £50,000 per year for four years.
SCOT GOVT/CORRA FOUNDATION - MICRO GRANTS	**n/a**	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. Micro Grants are for organisations with an annual income of up to £50,000 Applicants can be charities, social enterprises or constituted community/voluntary groups that operate on a not-for-profit basis. Funding from £1,000 to £10,000 per year for up to four years can be requested.

SCOTMID COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME	**No closing date**	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. 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.
SCOTTISH 4G INFILL (S4GI) COMMUNITY FUND		S4GI partner Cellnex UK has advised that grants of up to £2,000 are now available to support initiatives focused on digital projects, community wellbeing, learning & development and more. The fund will prioritise projects located near any of the 55 S4GI mobile masts. Communities and organisations interested in applying can find further information about eligibility criteria and a link to the application process on Cellnex's website: S4GI Community Fund - Cellnex. For more information, please contact community.relations@cellnextelecom.co.uk. For reference, details of the 55 S4GI locations and map can be found here: Scottish 4G infill programme: progress update, and here is the list of the three S4GI masts located in Shetland. Reawick (mainland), Brurray (Out Skerries), Ham (Foula)
SCOTTISH CHILDREN'S LOTTERY TRUST		The Scottish Children's Lottery Trust will support applications which: • Will work with the most vulnerable children and young people who are at a demonstrably high risk of being negatively impacted by poverty. • Demonstrate involvement of individuals and communities that understand and have experience of the issues that poverty presents.
SCOTTISH CO-INVESTMENT FUND	**n/a**	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. 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.
SCOTTISH COMMUNITY ALLIANCE - COMMUNITY LEARNING EXCHANGE		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.
SCOTTISH FORESTRY COMMUNITY FUND	**Ongoing**	Grants are available to voluntary and community organisations, development trusts, social enterprises, charities and local authorities for projects and activities that encourage people to use woods more. The

		funding aims to encourage and support greater use of woods by people to improve their health, wellbeing and life chances. Applicants will need to provide match funding for projects above £1,000.
SCOTTISH LAND FUND	**See guidelines**	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. It is funded by the Scottish Government and delivered in partnership with The National Lottery Community Fund and Highlands and Islands Enterprise. There is a 2-stage application process. As a guide, the minimum time between application and funding decision is usually around 4 months. To apply, contact The National Lottery Community Fund Scotland to discuss your idea at advicescotland@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk or on 0300 123 7110. If your project is eligible you will be assigned a Scottish Land Fund Adviser from Highlands and Islands Enterprise, who will help you develop your idea and get ready to submit your application.
SCOTTISH MARINE ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT FUND (SMEEF)	**Ongoing**	Funding is available to enable investment in tangible, effective marine and coastal restoration projects in Scotland, undertaken by organisations across all sectors. The main aim of the Scottish Marine Environmental Enhancement Fund (SMEEF) is to support practical improvements to Scottish marine and coastal ecosystems. Although it is anticipated that most applications for enhancement projects will initially focus on salt marsh, seagrass, sand dunes, native oysters, marine birds and cetaceans; the funder is keen to receive proposals for research to inform a broader range of potential marine and coastal enhancement opportunities across all relevant species and habitats.
SCOTTISH SOCIAL GROWTH FUND		Social Investment Scotland - Scottish Social Growth Fund offers flexible loan finance to help social enterprises and charities in Scotland grow, develop new services, or strengthen their long-term sustainability. Loans between £100K - £500K available for up to 14 years with fixed interest rates and flexible repayment options, coupled with investment readiness guidance.
SCREEN SCOTLAND - BROADCAST CONTENT FUND	**Applications are accepted on a rolling basis with no specific funding deadlines.**	Funding is available to support broadcast content development and production in any genre in Scotland. The fund encourages the: • development of new projects • scaling-up of already successful activities • production of commissioned programmes There are 2 routes to funding:

		• Broadcast Content Development Funding – supports the development costs of a single project (usually with a grant of between £10,000 and £50,000) or a slate of projects (with a grant of up to £100,000) • Broadcast Content Production Funding – supports the production costs of a single one-off programme or series, usually with a grant of between £100,000 and £500,000
SCREEN SCOTLAND - FILM DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTION FUND	**rolling**	Funding is available to support the development and production of feature-length films and documentaries made by filmmakers based in Scotland. Both live-action and animated films are eligible. There are 2 routes for funding: • Single Project Development Funding – helps cover the initial development costs of a single feature film or documentary project, usually with grants of between £3,000 and £50,000 • Film Production Funding – helps cover the production costs of a film or documentary project, usually with grants of between £100,000 and £500,000 The fund will support projects with international appeal that have the potential to be distinctive, high-quality and commercially and/or creatively driven. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, with no deadlines. For production applications, you should apply no later than 12 weeks before you intend to begin pre-production.
SCREEN SCOTLAND - PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND		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. Priority will be given to applicants who: • work in areas with skills shortages • are from groups that are under-represented in the screen industries You can apply for grants of between £250 and £5,000.
SCREEN SCOTLAND - SCREEN EDUCATION FUND	**Rolling**	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: • 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. 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.

SEA CHANGERS SCOTTISH LEARNING FUND	**On going**	Scottish Learning Fund is to enable early-stage and / or small community-based groups in Scotland who are involved in marine conservation activities to learn, share knowledge, network and develop skills with other groups. Travel between Scotland's coastal communities, particularly those of the Highlands and Islands, can be prohibitive for small voluntary and community groups - we seek to address those challenges with this fund. The Fund totals £11,000 and is made possible by a single donation to Sea-Changers by the William Grant Foundation.
SEA-CHANGERS	**31 March 30 September**	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. 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. Small Grants - For grants of up to £500. Apply any time and get a quick decision.
SHACKLETON FOUNDATION	**29th Jan/ 29th April / 29th July / 4th November**	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. 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.
SHARED CARE SCOTLAND - BETTER BREAKS	**Currently closed**	The Better Breaks programme provides 12-month grants to third sector organisations to develop and deliver short breaks projects and services for disabled children and young people (aged 20 and under), and their carers (adult and/or young carers)
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 Business Gateway Shetland team and is open to applications from new small businesses located in Shetland. The objectives of the fund are to:

		• 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. 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. 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. 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.
SHETLAND CHARITABLE TRUST (SCT) **SMALL GRANT SCHEME** **INNOVATION GRANT**	**Innovation Grant is OPEN for applications**	Innovation Grant Innovation Grants are a one-off awards, up to a maximum of £3,000 per applicant and can fully or part fund initiatives. The grant can cover costs associated with activities or necessary equipment for implementing the initiative. Small Grant Small Grants has a maximum award of up to £5,000 per applicant, per year. Organisations can request funding of up to 90% of total eligible costs. Small Grants can be allocated for capital costs associated with purchasing equipment or adapting buildings aligned with the SCT goals. For instance, procuring equipment to enhance accessibility for individuals with physical disabilities, enabling their participation in mainstream activities. For more information on both schemes please refer to SCT website here

SHETLAND ISLANDS COUNCIL - SUPPORT TO COMMUNITY FACILITIES		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".
SHIFT SCOTLAND – CYCLING UK		Specialist support and funds to run a programme of activities in the local community to empower more people to use bicycles for short journeys.
SOCIAL HOUSING NET ZERO HEAT FUND		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.
SOCIAL INVESTMENT SCOTLAND - BRIDGING LOANS	**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.
SOCIAL INVESTMENT SCOTLAND - COMMUNITY FINANCE FUND	**Apply at any time.**	The Community Finance Fund is SIS's core loan offering, designed to provide flexible, affordable finance to charities and social enterprises across Scotland. With loan sizes ranging from £25,001 to £375,000, with the flexibility to consider smaller amounts, the fund includes both term loans and bridging loans, tailored to meet the diverse needs of organisations working to create positive social impact. The SIS Community Finance Fund goes beyond funding, providing potential support to organisations with expert advice, training, and peer networking - helping them build the skills and connections they need to grow sustainably. Loans from the SIS Community Finance Fund can be used for a wide range of purposes, including: • Working capital • Bridging finance • Capital projects • Growth • Investment readiness
SOCIAL INVESTMENT SCOTLAND - GROWTH GUARANTEE SCHEME (GGS)		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. 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 other loan programmes (available from £10,000 and up).
SOFRONIE FOUNDATION	**Ongoing**	Grants are available for charities and not-for-profit organisations across the UK to deliver educational or vocational projects to improve the lives of disadvantaged young people. Funding is for interventions that: • Increase access to higher education – Educational programmes for young people that raise aspirations, build confidence, and develop skills in preparation for university. • Increase access to vocational training – Initiatives that provide young people with practical skills or offer opportunities of work experience in preparation for future employment.
SOIL ASSOCIATION EXCHANGE - EXCHANGE MARKET	**Ongoing**	A pilot funding scheme rewarding arable farmers in the UK for reducing emissions within their supply chains through tailored, verified plans. Farmers can join Exchange Market by having a completed Exchange baseline and a recent Farm Carbon Toolkit assessment. The Soil Association Exchange will then work with applicants to create a verified emissions reduction plan. With annual payments based on verified results, the programme ensures transparency and accountability at every step. Farmers in the scheme can earn up to £60 per tonne of carbon reduced annually, with 50% of payments provided upfront to support their transition.
SOUTHALL TRUST		The Southall Trust (also known as the WF Southall Trust) is a Quaker-based grant-making family trust, established in 1937 by Wilfred Francis Southall. The Trust awards grants to charities that are registered in the UK. Typically, these charities will be working in at least one of the following four fields: Quaker Work & Witness; Environmental Action & Sustainability; Peace & Reconciliation; Social Action The Trust will close and reopen to applications on the following dates: • January–March: Closes at 5pm on the first Friday in January, and reopens at 9am on the first Monday in March. • May–July: Closes at 5pm on the first Friday in May, and reopens at 9am on the first Monday in July. • September–November: Closes at 5pm on the first Friday in September, and reopens at 9am on the first Monday in November.
SPORTED		Sported is a national “Sport for Change” charity offering free membership to grassroots community sports groups, which includes one-to-one help and support to help you grow and thrive. There are currently a range of grants available which members are able to apply for.

		Other support on offer includes: • A monthly funding bulletin • A monthly newsletter • Access to the Sported Hub which contains a wide variety of information and benefits • Regular webinars on relevant topics (fundraising, governance, safeguarding, business planning etc) • A team of professional volunteers that can support you with challenges you are facing such as business planning, marketing, demonstrating impact etc. • Funding opportunities
SPORTSCOTLAND: SPORTS FACILITIES FUND	**1 April and 1 September each year**	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. 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.
STANDARD INNOVATION VOUCHER SCHEME (SCOTLAND)	**Ongoing**	A scheme that aims to build relationships between SMEs (small to medium-sized enterprises) and HEIs (Higher Education Institutes) in Scotland by supporting collaborative projects that will lead to new products and processes that will benefit the business, the institution and the Scottish economy. A wide range of collaborative projects are eligible for support, including: • Developing new products and processes. • New service development. • Improved production processes. • Experimental testing and measuring. The award for an individual project is for between £1,000 and £7,500. This will be paid to the academic institution to offset the costs of the collaborative project.
SUNRISE MEDICAL - SUNRISE MOMENTS COMMUNITY FUND	**Currently closed**	Sunrise Medicals want to support projects that encourage people to get active, connect with others, try something new, or simply make everyday life a little easier. What could the fund help with? • 🏀 Disability sports clubs - Support for wheelchair basketball, rugby, tennis and other inclusive sports. • 🎉 Community events - Help create accessible events and activities that bring people together. • ♿ Mobility equipment - Funding towards specialist equipment that enables greater independence. • 🌳 Days out & experiences - Borrow equipment or make activities more accessible. • 💙 Personal challenges - Taking on something special?

		• 🤝 Local community projects - Supporting initiatives that improve accessibility and inclusion.
SWA FUND TO LEAVE		The Scottish Government's new Fund to Leave is open for applications. Shetland Women's Aid, as a specialist service delivery organisation, has been allocated funds to support women subjected to domestic abuse in Shetland. Each woman applying can receive up to £1,000 to pay for the essentials they need in relation to experiencing domestic abuse. This might include costs involved with leaving an abusive partner, increasing safety at home, or stabilising things for themselves or their children. The fund is limited and will be distributed on a first come first served basis by participating Women's aid services and other specialist domestic abuse organisations. If you would like to refer any women into this programme, you can do so by contacting Shetland Women's Aid. Give us a call on 01595 692070 or email office@shetlandwa.org
SWIRE CHARITABLE TRUST	**Ongoing**	Grants are available for UK registered charities working to deliver positive and lasting change to UK society under three programme areas: opportunity, environment and heritage.
TECHSTART VENTURES EQUITY FINANCE		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.
TESCO COMMUNITY GRANTS	**Currently closed**	Tesco is currently short of applications for the Lerwick store. The next deadline is the end of September for the Dec-Mar customer vote. The grant funding programme invites schools, registered charities and not-for-profit organisations supporting children to apply for up to £1,500 to improve access to fruit and veg. Every four months, three local projects are selected to be in the customer vote in Tesco stores throughout the UK. We empower our customers to make a difference in their local community by using their blue token to vote and choose how the funding is distributed. Every project shortlisted for the vote receives funding but a vote using a blue token will make the difference to just how much funding each project receives – up to £500, £1,000 or £1,500. There are a few changes to the grants now we have a new funding portal, and here are the main ones: • A minimum of 50% of spend must be on food or food growing related activities/equipment, and all applications should include some spend directly on food e.g. healthy snacks or meals, ingredients for cooking, plants or seeds to grow fruit and veg etc. Food related spend can include things like cooking equipment, equipment for growing fruit or vegetables, cooking lessons, sports nutrition sessions, foraging resources, creating or buying recipe, cooking or growing books/leaflets etc. So it is much wider than just fruit and veg.

		• There is now only a 6 month window for successful applicants to spend their grant. This can be extended in certain cases e.g. if funding is needed for a growing project but is received in winter. • Full funding is provided upfront for all levels of funding. • The application form is shorter, and no budget is needed at the time of applying. Budgets need to be provided once it is confirmed what level of funding has been provided via the customer vote. You can find out more and apply at Fruit and Veg Grants - Tesco Fundraising | Tesco PLC (scroll down to 'apply for a grant'). If you have any questions, or would like support to apply for a grant, please get back in touch. **Kirsty Cathrine,** Community Enabler, **Mobile 07825 678 321**
THE ACCESS FOUNDATION	**Any time**	Provides funding to organisations which align with the following objectives: • 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.
THE ADINT CHARITABLE TRUST	**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.
THE ALLEN LANE FOUNDATION		The Allen Lane Foundation funds small registered charities, voluntary groups, and charitable organisations. PROGRAMMES WE FUND: Asylum seekers & refugees Gypsy, Roma & Traveller Communities People with mental health issues Offenders & ex-offenders OLDER PEOPLE PEOPLE AFFECTED BY VIOLENCE OR ABUSE Young People

THE ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE FUND (AHF)	**Applications of up to £15,000 in Scotland can be submitted at any time.** **The quarterly Grants Panel considers applications from Scotland of more than £15,000**	A registered charity, working since 1976 to promote the conservation and sustainable re-use of historic buildings for the benefit of communities across the UK, particularly in economically disadvantaged areas. It supports communities to find enterprising ways to revitalise the old buildings they love. It provides charities and social enterprises with a unique mix of advice, grants and loans to help them give valued historic buildings new, relevant and financially sustainable purposes, now and for future generations. 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. The AHF's core grants and project support programme in Scotland is made possible with funding from Historic Environment Scotland. Through the delivery of early-stage Project Viability Grants (up to £10,000) and Project Development Grants (up to £40,000), it provides financial support for groups looking to test potential project ideas, prove the viability of their plans, and then develop these to the point where they are ready to apply to larger capital funders. 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. 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.
THE BRITFORD BRIDGE TRUST	**30 March** **30 June** **30 Sept** **31 Dec**	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. Applications to the trust are reviewed quarterly. Quarterly cut offs are 30 March, 30 June, 30 September and 31 December each year.
THE CHARLOTTE AITKENS TRUST	**Currently closed**	Grants of up to £2,500 are available for charitable organisations within the UK who promote the creative arts for the public benefit, especially literature, whether fiction, non-fiction drama or poetry. The Trust will only accept applications from organisations whose core purpose is in the support of literature and literacy.
THE CLOTHWORKERS' FOUNDATION		THE CLOTHWORKERS' FOUNDATION - DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS WEBINAR The Clothworkers' Foundation has recently expanded the eligibility criteria for our Open Grants Programmes

		and it may be of interest to the organisations that you support. 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 here.
THE COMMUNITY LEARNING EXCHANGE FUND		The Community Learning Exchange fund from the Scottish Community Alliance offers funding to support community learning visits. This will help local community groups to connect and share peer learnings across Scotland. This fund supports learning visits that take place virtually and in-person.
THE CRUACH TRUST	**Ongoing**	Max award: £2,000. Primarily, the Cruach Trust financially supports gardeners, retired gardeners and preserving gardens throughout the United Kingdom. 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. 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.
THE CYCLE ACCESS FUND		This fund supports those least likely to have access to a bike and provides capital grants to organisations through four different funding strands - Individual Bike Ownership, Shared Use, Recycle and Repair. 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.
THE DULVERTON TRUST	**Rolling**	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. Youth Opportunities is the largest category 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.
THE EDWARD GOSTLING FOUNDATION - CAPITAL GRANTS	**Any time**	The Foundation provides funding of up to £250,000 for major capital projects that will cost at least £1M and support the commitment to creating new and sustainable capacity that will transform lives and bring about a step change in the way care is delivered. The Foundation supports certain charities every year but is still open to applications from new charities. Applications must fit their 4 themes: • Health & wellbeing • Independent living • Respite

		• Transition
THE FAMILY RECOVERY INITIATIVE FUND		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
THE GANNOCHY TRUST	**2 May** **3 Oct**	For the Rest of Scotland: To develop and inspire young people (From age 11 to 21 inclusive) We want to focus on quality work with young people to deliver at least one of these: • Increased peer leadership or peer mentoring. • Better employment options that can be measured. • Accredited non-formal learning through voluntary activity in the community. Programmes that lead to improved mental health or wellbeing are particularly encouraged.
THE GOLSONCOTT FOUNDATION	**Ongoing**	The Foundation supports projects that demonstrate and deliver excellence in the arts, be it in performance, exhibition, artistic craft, or scholarly endeavour. 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.
THE GORDON & ENA BAXTER FOUNDATION		Offers grants between £1,000 - £10,000 for registered charities and constituted groups supporting their local community. A wide variety of capital projects are welcome from Scotland's North-east and Highlands, past examples vary from shiny sticks and audio visual kits to cutting edge cancer research equipment.
THE GOSLING FOUNDATION	**Any time**	The Foundation funds units, establishments and ships of the Royal Navy & Royal Marines; and Youth groups (e.g. Sea Cadets, Scouts, Girl Guides, performing arts).
THE GROCER'S CHARITY - GRANTS	**The Charity Trustees meet four times a year to review grant applications in**	The Grocers' Charity typically provides one-off grants for U.K. registered charities working in the following areas: • Relief of Poverty • Elderly • Disability and Inclusion • Health

	December, March, April and June.	• Military • The Arts • Heritage • Environment and Conservation • Children and Young People (0-25)
THE HAPPINESS FUND	**Currently closed**	The Happiness Fund is available to enable and support projects which improve mental health and wellbeing, inclusion, learning and skills development in local communities.
THE HARGREAVES FOUNDATION	**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.
THE HAYS TRAVEL FOUNDATION	**Anytime**	The Foundation looks to support children and young people through education, sport, advancement of health, arts and culture and the prevention of poverty. It is open to registered charities and community interest companies with a specific focus on children and young people, in the areas where Hays Travel operates.
THE HENRY MOORE FOUNDATION	9am on 1 February – 11pm, 1 March 9am on 1 May – 11pm, 1 June 9am on 1 August – 11pm, 1 Sept 9am, 1 Nov – 11pm, 1 Dec	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.
THE HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS ENVIRONMENT FOUNDATION (HIEF)		Community-led groups aiming to protect and restore nature are encouraged to apply for grants, ranging from £5,000 to £15,000. There are also opportunities to receive match-funding towards a Crowdfunder campaign (more here). More information on how to apply, and the types of projects we support, can be found on our website here. Any groups interested are encouraged to contact louis@hief.scot for feedback on their proposal prior to applying.
THE HOSPITAL SATURDAY FUND –	**Grant meetings are held quarterly**	The Hospital Saturday Fund will consider giving partial or full grants to **individuals** for the following:

GRANTS FOR INDIVIDUALS		• Specialised mobility equipment, wheelchairs, mobility scooters, car adaptions, 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.
THE HOSPITAL SATURDAY FUND - LARGE GRANTS	**Grant meetings are held quarterly**	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. 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.
THE INMAN CHARITY	**Ongoing**	Small grants to UK charities. The directors are particularly interested in supporting the following areas of charitable work: • Medical research • Care of the elderly • General welfare • Hospices • The Deaf and Blind • Care of the physically & mentally disabled • The Armed Forces 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.
THE IRONMONGERS' COMPANY - STEM PROJECTS	**Various**	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. 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.

THE JJ CHARITABLE TRUST - LITERACY SMALL GRANTS SCHEME	**Spring grant round: applications by 4th March** **Summer grant round: applications by 3rd June** **Autumn grant round: applications by 1st October**	The JJ Charitable Trust seeks to improve the effectiveness of literacy teaching in primary and secondary education for children with learning difficulties, including dyslexia. Their work has a particular focus on areas of disadvantage and those who are at risk of non-inclusion in society and the world of work. The small grants scheme funds charities and community groups that directly help children and young people develop literacy skills, with a focus on supporting those with learning difficulties such as dyslexia. They are keen to see applications for projects that use volunteers and reading mentors and those that help during transitional points. For example: between primary and secondary school or transitioning to college or work. They will consider grants for literacy support at any primary or secondary key stage (between ages 5 and 18).
THE JOHN ELLERMAN FOUNDATION		Funds charitable organisations that at their core are committed to ensuring the rights of people, society and the natural world for current and future generations. The funding guidelines for our Strategy for 2025 to 2030 are now live, and you can book onto a series of webinars from June to August - more details can be found by clicking here.
THE JOSEPH RANK TRUST		The Trustees have two main areas of interest: • 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. 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.
THE LECHE TRUST		The Trust offers grants in two areas: performing arts and heritage conservation. Priorities for performing arts grants are: • the development, production and/or performance of new works in music, theatre, dance and performance across all genres • to support artists' professional development through programmes that address a clear need or gap in development. These programmes can be aimed at early or mid-career artists but they need to reflect current context and practices. Heritage conservation grants support the conservation of historically, artistically and culturally significant buildings and objects dating from before 1837 that are in urgent need of remedial treatment.

THE LEGAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION - EMERGING JUSTICE FUND	**closed**	This fund supports organisations that are campaigning for change on human rights or equality issues but are not yet using or shaping the law to do this. They make decisions on grants under £50,000 four times a year and larger grants twice a year. The next deadline for applications over £50,000 is 17 September 2026.
THE LEGAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION - STRENGTHENING JUSTICE FUND	**closed**	The Strengthening Justice Fund aims to connect organisations using and shaping the law more closely with communities facing injustice and to create the space for these organisations to respond to emerging opportunities and challenges. They make decisions on applications twice a year. Applications submitted by 17 September 2026 will receive decisions by the end of October.
THE LINNEAN SOCIETY - OUR LOCAL NATURE GRANT SCHEME	**Currently closed**	The "Our Local Nature" Grants are available to fund innovative projects, designed and led by young people in the UK. It aims to empower young people across the UK to take the lead on projects that involve their local nature and natural spaces.
THE MACROBERT TRUST	**Various**	Grants are available for UK registered charities with a preference for organisations based in Scotland which have projects that address the themes set out by The MacRobert Trust. • Theme 1: Armed Forces & Good Citizenship • Theme 2: Education & Professional Excellence • Theme 3: Local Community & Other MacRobert Interests
THE MAGDALEN HOSPITAL TRUST	**Application windows:** **1 to 28 February 2026** **1 to 30 June 2026** **1 to 31 October 2026**	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. Download and complete the form, and send the form plus attachment to The Correspondent at: **correspondent@magdalentrust.org.uk**
THE MAPLE TRUST	**Ongoing**	This small trust supports charities working in Scotland, focusing on children and young people. Apply at any time. Applications will be considered by the trustees at their bi-annual meetings in February and August. Shetland organisations can apply during 1st Aug 2025 – 31st July 2026.

		There is a two stage process. Email Brodies with a short summary of your charities and projects; applications that are successful will be invited to submit a full application.
THE MATRIX CAUSES FUND	**31 March** **30 September**	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. 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. There are two funding cycles: • 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.
THE MICKEL FUND		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: • 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
THE MOHAMED BIN ZAYED SPECIES CONSERVATION FUND	**Application windows for 2026:** **1 May - 31 May 2026** **15 September - 15 October 2026**	The Fund has been established to provide targeted grants to individual species conservation initiatives, recognize leaders in the field and elevate the importance of species in the broader conservation debate. Its focus is global and eligibility for grants will extend to all plant, animal and fungi species conservation efforts, without discrimination on the basis of region or selected species.
THE MORRISONS FOUNDATION		Grants are available for up to £10,000 for capital spend or direct project delivery.

		Grants up to £20,000 are available for registered charities to maintain, refurbish or improve accessibility within shared community spaces. Charities must own the property and provide activities there that bring people together. Funding is for capital costs only.
THE MURDOCH CHARITABLE TRUST	**closed**	The Murdoch Trust exists to provide financial relief and support for amateur and professional scientists, who have a practical interest in the pursuit of science in any of its forms. Examples of grants include: • Financial assistance with transport. • Financial assistance with furniture and home repairs. • Purchase of computers and equipment. • Grants for well-being and care. • Personal expenses. Amateur or professional scientists over the age of 50. There is a preference for individuals living in Scotland, or with a clear Scottish connection, but people from elsewhere in the UK are also eligible. Organisations whose purposes align with those of the Murdoch Trust may also apply.
THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES - COMMUNITY HUB GRANTS	**Currently closed**	Grants of up to £30,000 fund substantial, collaborative projects between at least one GLAM (Galleries, Libraries, Archives and Museums) or Heritage organisation and one community group. These grants support in-depth research, skills development, and the creation of lasting resources that reflect diverse voices and experiences. Projects should be co-designed and community-led, with a focus on inclusion, sustainability, and impact. Whether building upon a Seed Corn project or starting fresh, Project Grants are intended to create meaningful change and long-term value for both communities and institutions.
THE NATIONAL LOTTERY COMMUNITY FUND (SCOTLAND) – COMMUNITY ACTION	**Any time**	Capital, Revenue, Core costs, Funding available: £20,001 – £250,000 Grant length: Up to 5 years Capital costs: Up to £50,000 of the total request Projects must achieve at least two of the following outcomes: • Build positive relationships • Support health or wellbeing • Improve access or connection to nature • Make a positive environmental difference
THE NEIL MACKENZIE TRUST	**various**	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. Various grants are available with varying amounts and criteria. • 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.
THE OAK TRUST	**Ongoing**	Max award: £4,000 Grants are available for registered UK charities that are supporting people who are disadvantaged, plus there is assistance for medical and environmental groups.
THE OFGEM ENERGY REDRESS SCHEME		Energy Saving Trust has been appointed by Ofgem to distribute payments from companies who may have breached Ofgem rules. Charities and social enterprises can apply for funds to deliver energy related projects. This core priority aims to help people who are most at risk from cold homes and high energy bills.
THE PAUL HAMLYN FOUNDATION MIGRATION FUND	**No deadlines**	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. The Foundation can also provide pre-application support and a bursary of up to £500 to apply.
THE PEBBLE TRUST	**Any time**	Capital, Revenue, Funding available: Max 10,000 Supports grassroots projects addressing climate change and promoting sustainable, resilient communities, with priority given to the Highlands and Islands.
THE PIXEL FUND		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.
THE PLUGGED-IN COMMUNITIES GRANT FUND ROUND 3		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.
THE PRINCE'S TRUST'S "GRANT HUB"		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. • The Grant Hub allows The Trust to increase the levels of funding it offers, as well as offering more flexibility in the products available for young people. The Grant Hub platform will make applying for business support clearer, quicker and more accessible for young entrepreneurs in need of support. It

		forms part of The Trust's Enterprise programme, which has helped over 90,000 young people start their own business. • The Test My Business Idea grant allows young entrepreneurs to apply for multiple grants up to £500 as they work out how best to deliver their product or service, conduct market research, or purchase key pieces of equipment. This is designed to give young people the opportunity to reflect on what they've learned and the direction their business is going before applying for further funding. 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.
THE PRINCE'S TRUST DEVELOPMENT AWARDS – FUNDING TO TRAIN AND LEARN		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. 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.
THE PROSPECTORY - IDEA FUND		"I've got an idea" is a micro fund for either individuals or small groups or organisations who have a novel technical idea which they want to try out. They are looking for ideas that: • are based on a novel technical idea • would deliver a social or environmental benefit • are intriguing, inventive and have an element of fun Previous awards are varied and have included: 3d printing instruments for people with disabilities; school pin badges which monitor air pollution; and an energy harvesting dancefloor. Email the funder with some information about your idea. A list of what to include can be found on the funder website.
THE RADCLIFFE TRUST - HERITAGE & CRAFTS	**1 November - 31 January (for consideration by the Trustees in July)**	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: • 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.

	1 May - 31 July (for consideration by the Trustees in December)	However, the Trust remains committed to flexible, open and inclusive grant-giving and will consider other projects, should they fall broadly within its remit.
THE RADCLIFFE TRUST -FUNDING FOR CRAFTS, HERITAGE & CLASSICAL MUSIC PROJECTS	**31 January 2026 31 July 2026**	Grants between £2,500 and £7,500 for projects in traditional crafts, heritage, and classical music. Two funding schemes are open: • 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 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. 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.
THE RANDAL FOUNDATION	**Ongoing**	The Randal Foundation is committed to supporting innovative projects and initiatives that drive positive, life saving and life-transforming change in communities in the UK and around the world. Organisations should only enquire if you are delivering directly lifesaving impact, and/or impact which is significantly improving lives as a direct result of their interventions. Enquiries can be made for grant support for projects only with the following themes: • Alleviating poverty, specifically directly and sustainably alleviating extreme poverty • Healthcare for the vulnerable, making lasting change and bringing immediate benefit • Tackling mental ill-health, addressing root causes and supporting long-term recovery • Education for the most disadvantaged, tackling systemic inequalities, releasing potential and creating opportunity for children and young people. Excludes education supplementing or replacing state obligations • Prisoner rehabilitation, reducing reoffending and supporting reintegration into society • Woman and children at risk of violence and exploitation, providing protection, support, and pathways to safety and stability
THE RAYNE FOUNDATION		Grants for charitable and not-for-profit organisations across the UK that work in the fields of arts, health and wellbeing, education and social issues. No deadlines for applications. This Foundation makes grants to

		charitable and not-for-profit organisations across the UK that work in the fields of arts, health and wellbeing, education and social issues and undertake projects that directly benefit marginalised groups. The Foundation considers applications that meet a broad range of criteria but also welcomes especially applications that address the following issues. • Young people's improved mental health • Arts as a tool to achieve mental health • Improved quality of life for carers and for older people 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.
THE ROBERTSON TRUST - ADVANCING RACIAL JUSTICE FUND	**Currently closed**	The Robertson Trust wants to support projects that address a specific systemic racism issue, or create the infrastructure needed to sustain impactful anti-racist movements and build a liberated and equitable future. They are interested in projects that aim for long-term change by addressing root causes, rather than only responding to symptoms. This might include holding decision-makers to account, running public campaigns, building solidarity across groups or movements, media or reporting, or creating a community space that can support organising.
THE ROBERTSON TRUST - SMALL AND LARGE GRANT PROGRAMMES	**Open all year**	Small Grants focuses on work that addresses the impacts of poverty and trauma under one or more of the following themes: • Financial Security • Education Pathways • Work Pathways 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. **Large Grants** 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. Large Grants have now relaunched following a pause over summer.

THE ROBERTSON TRUST - SUPPORTING RESILIENCE FUND		Funding of between £2000 - £10,000 is available to grant holders to undertake work which contributes to organisational and staff resilience. This funding is self-directed, allowing organisations to decide what and how they invest in their organisation. Encouraging organisations to reflect on issues such as current organisation structure, governance, procedures, staff welfare, core staff skills and identify areas for investment that would lead to a more robust organisation
THE ROBERTSON TRUST - THE BIG CHANGE THAT LASTS FUND	**Apply any time**	The Robertson Trust works to prevent and reduce poverty and trauma in Scotland by funding, supporting and influencing solutions that drive social change. The Trust recognises that poverty and trauma are caused by complex, systemic issues. To achieve lasting impact, it aims to support approaches that address the root causes of these challenges and create sustainable change. This is described as “big change that lasts”. The Big Change That Lasts Fund focuses on identifying and addressing the underlying, systemic causes of poverty and trauma. These issues often sit beyond the control of individuals or communities acting alone and require action at a wider, societal level. The Trust recognises that meaningful change is complex and may include: • Multiple interventions delivered over the long term. • A systems-thinking approach, where different actions and stakeholders work together over time to reinforce impact. • Approaches that recognise how change happens in practice, including influencing decision makers and the wider system.
THE ROBERTSON TRUST – TRANSPORT GRANTS	**Rolling basis**	The Transport Grants of The Robertson Trust are for registered charities working in Scotland supporting people who are experiencing (or are at high risk of experiencing) poverty and trauma. Funding of between £5,000 and £20,000 per year, for 1-3 years, is available to contribute towards the costs of transport to support your work. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis to support work which addresses any of the four funding themes: Financial Security, Education Pathways, Work Pathways, and Nurturing Relationships
THE ROBERTSON TRUST - WEE GRANTS		Revenue and capital funding for constituted community groups and small charities with an annual income of under £30,000. 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.

THE ROZELLE TRUST	**Ongoing**	The Trust will generally support smaller charities, especially those working at grass roots and local community level where the funds will be able to make a significant difference. Awards will be made to support a wide range of charitable activities to benefit young people and children, those experiencing poverty, and the disabled.
THE RS MACDONALD CHARITABLE TRUST		We provide around £4m in grants every year to charities working in Scotland. The Trust will consider applications for: • revenue or capital costs • project funding or core funding • one off awards (small and main grants) • multi-year awards for up to 3 years (small* and main grants) * This is for small, community-led voluntary organisations who want a contribution to running costs. **SMALL GRANTS** There is no deadline for our small grants programme, and you can apply for up to £20,000 at any time of year. These are assessed on a rolling basis. The programme typically makes awards to support both: • Running costs for small, community based initiatives, often which are volunteer led (can apply for up to £20k in total but no more than £10k per year) and • One-off pieces of work which can help develop a charity, such as the purchase of equipment/infrastructure; the development of partnership work or service evaluation (up to £20k no more than one year). **MAIN GRANTS** We award our main grants twice a year. These are grants of more than £20,000, and are typically multi-year. For our next round, Autumn 2026, our Trustees will be looking to make 3-year grants of up to £55,000. This means that applicants can split the total request of up to £55,000 over 3 years, e.g. £18,250 per year, if this level of funding is required. We are still very happy to assess grant requests up to this figure, if that is a better fit with your costs/funding profile. The next deadline for your application depends on the theme of your work. It is advisable to speak with us before you submit your application, but this is not essential and we are happy to give advice prior to an application by phone or by email. **MEDICAL RESEARCH GRANTS** We accept applications for Scotland-led research into neurological conditions, visual impairment or sight loss. If you'd like to apply for a research grant, we suggest contacting our Director to discuss your ideas.

THE SACKLER TRUST		The Sackler Trust provides funding for a broad range of charitable projects and activities, with applications welcomed from charities and Community Interest Companies (CICs) who can demonstrate a clear rationale for support in areas including: • social good • education • the arts • science • the environment • local heritage. The Sackler Trust operates an open application programme, meaning organisations can apply at a time that suits their project or activity, rather than working to fixed deadlines. The trustees meet quarterly.
THE SASHA FOUNDATION	**1 April 2026** **1 October 2026**	The Sasha Foundation (TSF) was set up to support charities that work with mental health issues in memory of Sasha Love. In the UK this involves supporting young people with a bias towards young people, who are suffering from depression and mental health issues or who are confronting drug abuse issues. Additionally, it involves supporting education and healthcare projects and programs in the third world, with a bias towards education for young women.
THE SCOTTISH HYDRO ELECTRIC COMMUNITY TRUST	**Thursday 19 February (for meeting 12 March)** **Thursday 14 May (for meeting 4 June)** **Thursday 17 September (for meeting 8 October)** **10 December**	The Scottish Hydro Electric Community Trust is an independent charitable trust. The Trust offers help to customers faced with high charges for an electricity connection within the Scottish Hydro-Electric (now SSE) distribution area. The Trust was established in 1998 with independent Trustees appointed to award grants to offset high connection costs in deserving individual domestic cases and for special community projects. First you should obtain a quotation for an electricity connection from Scottish and Southern Energy Networks (SSEN), your local Distribution Network Operator (DNO) (or from a licensed Independent Network Operator (IDNO)). You need this quotation for your grant application. Apply online via the Trust's website.
THE SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURS FUND		The Social Entrepreneurs Fund (SEF) is comprised of three funding streams to apply for - Start It, Build It and the Community Enterprise Fund (CEF). Start It and CEF offer up to £5,000 towards start-up costs. Build It offers up to £40,000 towards salaries for social enterprises up to 3 years old with a track record of trading and social impact

THE ST. JAMES'S PLACE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION	**No deadline**	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. 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. 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. There are no deadlines or closing dates for applications. Applications for funding can be made via an online application form.
THE STEEL CHARITABLE TRUST - UNITED KINGDOM UNDER-26 FUND	**10 March at noon - 15 April (for decisions end of June)** **16 April - 15 July (for decisions end of September)** **16 July - 15 October (for decisions end of December)**	This fund aims to improve outcomes for children and young people in the UK (regardless of their nationality, culture or ethnic origin) who are wholly or mainly under 26 years of age. The overarching focus is on creating educational and/or access opportunities for young people in circumstances, groups or locations that face economic challenges or social marginalisation that may lead to significant disadvantages in later life. They say 'mainly' under the age of 26 because they do not want to discourage what could be a strong application from, for example, an organisation supporting young people in the age range 21-26. However, it would be disingenuous to apply if the target audience was 25-30-year-olds. 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.
THE STOBART SUSTAINABILITY FUND	**See website for details**	Stobart Sustainability fund is aimed at supporting community-led sustainability projects and initiatives lead by non-profit organisations, community groups and educational facilities, such as schools and colleges, to help them transform their local community through projects that tackle climate change, reduce carbon emissions or that protect and enhance the environment.
THE TREE COUNCIL - NETWORK RAIL COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING FUND		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. This fund is now open please email grants@treecouncil.org.uk to register your interest and get more information.
THE TRIANGLE TRUST 1949 FUND		This funds focus is on supporting work with girls aged 11-18 who are either already in contact with the criminal justice system or at high risk of involvement. They will only fund work focused on girls linked to involvement in gangs, county lines, those outside of education (or at risk of being) and those who are care experienced. Funding for work with young women aged 17-30 will be available in the autumn. The amount of funding requested must be proportional to the project being undertaken.
THE ULVERSCROFT FOUNDATION	**Rolling**	The Ulverscroft Foundation supports projects that help visually impaired people. Within any group of people there will be an element of visual impairment; grants can only be considered if the VI element is significant. Trustees meet quarterly to consider applications: in January (deadline 15 December), April (deadline 15 March), July (deadline 15 June) and October (deadline 15 September). Please note: the dates of our meetings may be subject to change.
THE W.G. EDWARDS CHARITABLE FOUNDATION	**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. Grants are loosely divided into Health and Community categories: • Health and welfare: grants for refurbishment of residential care housing for the elderly and for building projects which are nearing completion. Trustees also consider the provision of equipment and furniture to enhance care and improve quality of life. • Community and innovation: supports community initiatives for the over-65s such as exercise classes, horticultural projects and musical therapy. They also consider grants for technology projects aimed at benefitting the over-65s, however they do not fund IT for staff or volunteers.
THE W.G. EDWARDS CHARITABLE FOUNDATION		The W. G Edwards Charitable Foundation is an independent grant-making charity which assists with the provision of care for the over-65s. The Foundation makes small grants to improve the health and wellbeing of people over the age of 65 in the UK. This could be assistance towards a capital project such as refurbishment, furniture or equipment; or towards an innovative project such as fitness classes, lunch clubs, gardening projects, etc. To apply: Download the application form from their website and email back to wgedwardscharity@icloud.com

THE WEIR CHARITABLE TRUST	**1 May 2026** **31 July 2026** **30 October 2026**	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. Deadlines: • 5.00pm Friday 6th February 2026 (outcomes advised end March/April 2026) • 5.00pm Friday 1st May 2026 (outcomes advised by end June/July 2026) • 5.00pm Friday 31st July 2026 (outcomes advised by end September/October 2206) • 5.00pm Friday 30th October 2026 (outcomes advised by end December 2026)
THE WILDLIFE TRUSTS - GREEN COMMUNITY GRANTS	**Application windows:** **24 June - 15 July** **30 September - 21 October**	The Green Community Grants Programme offers one-year flexible funding for not-for-profit groups in England, Scotland and Wales with an annual income between £10,000 and £1 million. Your organisation's main aims and objectives must fit with one of the two funding themes: • Contributing to nature recovery and responding to the climate emergency • Improving nature-rich spaces and access to them Whilst your organisational aims and objectives should fit one of these two themes, funding can also be used for a wider range of sustainable activities, including recycling, litter picking, beach cleans or sustainable transport.
THE WOLFSON FOUNDATION - FUNDING FOR PLACES	**Two funding rounds each year:** **Round 1 - Open from 30 November - 5 January (for decisions in June)** **Round 2 - Open from 14 May - 1 July (for decisions in December)**	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. 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. 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.
THE7STARS FOUNDATION	**1 December – 31 January for March funding review** **1 March – 30 April for June 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 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:

	1 July – 31 August for October funding review	• 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 the7stars agency team voting on which charity will be awarded.
THEO MOORMAN TRUST FOR WEAVERS	**Closed**	The Trust provides biennial grants to support weavers in further developing their craft through equipment, sabbaticals, or creative projects. The objective is to enable creative freedom, craft development, and the advancement of hand-weaving as an art form. Grants of between £500 and £5,000 are available.
TRANSPORT SCOTLAND/ ENERGY SAVING TRUST - BUSINESS CHARGEPOINT FUNDING		Microbusinesses and third sector organisations in rural and island areas of Scotland can now apply for a grant to install electric vehicle (EV) charge points on their premises. Funded by Transport Scotland, the grant covers up to 100% of the purchase and installation costs, up to £5,000. It is designed to help make switching to low-emission transport more affordable for smaller organisations. The grant is only for private charge points, used by staff or fleet vehicles. It is not for public charging.
TRANSPORT SCOTLAND: ACTIVE TRAVEL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES		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:
TREFOIL HOLIDAY GRANTS	**Ongoing**	Trefoil offers holiday grants to individuals, families or small groups. Applicants for holiday grants should be under 18 years of age and residing in Scotland. Trefoil funds holidays in the UK only and overseas trips are not supported.
TRIODOS BANK - CROWDFUNDING	**Apply at any time.**	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. Contact capitalraising@triodos.co.uk to discuss.
TRUE COLOURS TRUST - UK SMALL GRANTS	**Ongoing**	Small grants are available to UK registered charities and community interest companies that are working to make a difference to the lives of disabled children (up to 25 yo) and their families in the UK. Grants of up to £10,000 are available.
TRUSTHOUSE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION	**No deadlines and applications can**	Small Grants Programme: single year grants between £2,000 and £10,000 for core costs, salaries, running and project costs. Open to any charitable organisation in the UK with a total annual income under £250,000 with a focus on community support. The organisation must be located in the bottom 15% most

	be made at any time	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. Major Grants Programme: Single year grants between £10,000 and £100,000 for core costs, salaries, running and project costs or Multi-year grants for a maximum of 3 years, not to exceed £100,000 in total over this period, for core costs, salaries, running or project costs. Open to any charitable organisation in the UK with a total annual income up to £1m with a focus on Family Support. The organisation must be located in the bottom 15% most deprived urban areas or the bottom 50% most deprived rural areas. Grants are offered up to a maximum of 50% of the total costs applied for (max 50% of any salary).
TSB FLEE FUND	**Ongoing**	The TSB Flee Fund is designed to support individuals experiencing domestic abuse or financial abuse who need help to leave a difficult or unsafe situation. The fund provides grants of up to £500 to help cover essential costs associated with leaving and rebuilding independence. Key features of the fund include: • Grants of up to £500 • The funding does not need to be repaid • Applicants do not need to be a TSB customer • The fund can help with essential costs when leaving an abusive situation The fund is intended to remove some of the financial barriers that can prevent people from moving away from harmful circumstances and accessing safety and support.
UFI CHARITABLE TRUST - VOCTECH ACTIVATE	**Closed**	The VocTech Activate grant fund supports the development of new ideas that use digital tools and approaches to transform how people gain skills for work. They encourage ideas which have the potential to transform how vocational learning happens, rooted in a real-world understanding of the problems, issues and opportunities in the vocational sector. Projects will need to show how the idea is novel. Projects must focus on adult vocational learning in the UK (be aimed at adults aged 16+)
UK GOVERNMENT SKILLS BURSARIES	**3 July 2027**	These grants provide of up to £1,000 for people seeking to grow their expertise in community heritage work. Open to applicants at any stage of their personal or professional journey, these bursaries can be used for training, mentoring, attending workshops, or other professional development activities related to heritage and community engagement to be determined by you. Offered on a rolling basis, Skills Bursaries are designed to be accessible and responsive, helping to build confidence and capacity across the sector—particularly among those who may not have had access to such opportunities before.
UK YOUTH - COST OF LIVING FUNDING		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. • 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
UNIVERSAL MUSIC UK SOUND FOUNDATION - SCHOOL AWARDS		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. In 2025 we will begin the transition from running two funding rounds per year to three rounds per year, giving more opportunities for you to apply to us for support. The new funding schedule is as follows (please note this is a guideline only, exact dates will be provided on our website): • 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**
UNIVERSAL MUSIC UK SOUND FOUNDATION (UMUKSF) - SCHOOL FUNDING		Grants are available to UK schools to support the purchase of musical instruments and equipment. Grants of up to £800 are available. • Applications will open in April for funding offers made in September • Applications will open in August for funding offers made at the end of January • Applications will open in December for funding offers made at the end of April Check exact deadlines on website.
UNLTD AWARDS		The programme provides specialist support for social entrepreneurs to help them grow as social leaders. They combine cash and coaching to help nurture ideas and grow impact. It doesn't matter what stage of development your social venture is at. It can be an idea on paper, or a social venture in practice already. If successful, depending on your age, location, and the sectors in which you and your social venture operate, you will be assigned to one of their programmes for funding and up to a year of support. They aim to fund individuals/ventures which make a difference to people's lives, communities, or the planet. They are committed to 50% of awards going to Black, Asian and minority ethnic social entrepreneurs, and/or disabled social entrepreneurs across their funding programmes.

UNLTD, FUNDING FUTURES PROGRAMME		UnLtd have launched their Funding Futures Programme, a new partnership aimed at young people (16-30) tackling financial exclusion in their communities. 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: • 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.
VARIETY CLUB - EQUIPMENT GRANTS	**Ongoing**	Grants are available for specialist equipment for the direct use of children up to the age of 18 years who are sick, disabled or disadvantaged and are resident in the UK.
VEGETARIAN FOR LIFE GRANTS	**Ongoing**	Funding is available for charities and charitable organisations supporting older vegetarians and vegans
VICAR'S RELIEF FUND (VRF)		Awards fast emergency grants of up to £500 to help people who are experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless. These grants can cover rent in advance, deposits, ID and removal costs. If all the required information is provided, they aim to process and pay grants within 5 working days. Please note they do not accept applications from individuals. If you're a paid frontline worker supporting people at risk of, or currently experiencing homelessness, you can apply on their behalf. Join the Q&A session on Tuesday 9 December between 2-3:30pm to hear more.
VICTIM SUPPORT SCOTLAND - VICTIM'S FUND		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. 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.

VISITSCOTLAND - NATIONAL EVENTS PROGRAMME	**Round 56: Wednesday 24 June at 2pm – for eligible events taking place from January-May (inclusive) 2027** **Round 57: Monday 5 October at 2pm – for eligible events taking place from June-September (inclusive) 2027**	The National Events Programme is one of VisitScotland's core funding programmes. The fund supports the strategic development of live public-facing sporting and cultural events in line with the aims of the National Events Strategy, Scotland the Perfect Stage. Eligible events take place **outwith** the local authority areas of Edinburgh and Glasgow and can demonstrate their role in showcasing regions and driving domestic tourism around Scotland. The Programme is designed to support innovative new projects and activity at events. Events will need to align with the key impact areas outlined in our National Events Strategy and must also have delivery budgets of more than £20,000 and attract over 1,000 in-person attendees. Finally, they must showcase Scotland's key event and tourism assets.
VODAFONE - CHARITIES.CONNECTED	**Currently closed**	Vodafone are providing free mobile connectivity to support charities in the UK tackle digital exclusion. If you're a charity that needs support for digital inclusion programmes, you can apply for free Vodafone SIMs, each loaded with 40GB data/month for 6 months, plus unlimited calls and texts. You can use these however you like - for example, to help stay in touch with service users, or deliver training to people in need.
VOLUNTEERING MATTERS ACTION EARTH: GRANTS TO HELP LOCAL COMMUNITIES TO RESPOND TO OUR NATURE AND CLIMATE CRISES	**n/a**	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. 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.
WOLFSON FOUNDATION: FUNDING FOR PLACES	**Round 1 (stage 1) - Open from 20 November - 5**	Various capital infrastructure grants are available to registered charities for new builds, refurbishment and/or equipment associated with a wide range of community projects. Careful preparation is essential. This guide has Tips for Success.

	January (for decisions in June) **Round 2 (stage 1) - Open from 14 May - 1 July (for decisions in December)**	
WOMEN'S FUND FOR SCOTLAND	**Next deadline: 30th October 2026**	The Women's Fund for Scotland (WFS) has £100,000 in total available to distribute in grants to projects across Scotland that support women's development, self-sufficiency and social and economic equality. To this end, the grant programme will offer unrestricted grants to sustain existing work with women and girls or to support new work in line with its themes. The fund is seeking to support single-sex services and will not fund mixed-sex groups. The Women's Fund for Scotland makes grants across three themes, and applications must meet at least one of these themes. These themes are related to the previous six and allow more flexibility for groups to describe their work and the impact they wish to have: • Thrive – funding the potential of women and girls to thrive – through leadership, skills-building, innovation and creativity. • Heal – funding the spaces and support systems that women need to heal – from violence, from marginalisation and from injustice. • Rise – supporting women rising – together and on their own terms. Rising out of loneliness, of poverty and into a more equal Scotland. This could support movement building or collective work
WOODEN SPOON CHARITY	**Ongoing**	Grants are available for not-for-profit organisations that are working in the UK to support the lives of children and young people with a cognitive age under 25 years who are disadvantaged physically, mentally, or socially.
YOUNG SOUNDS UK THRIVE	**Ongoing**	Grants of £100 to £2,000 are available for the UK's most talented young instrumentalists in any genre, aged five to 17 years of age who, because of financial need, may be prevented from fulfilling their creative potential. The Thrive programme offers grants to young musicians whose families are on a lower income. We support them with musical opportunities based on their own circumstances and level of need, along with funding which can be used flexibly to enable them to progress on their musical journey.
YOUNG START FUND FROM NATIONAL LOTTERY COMMUNITY FUND		Grants up to £150,000 are available through two funding streams for community groups and voluntary organisations working with children and young people to improve wellbeing and confidence. Young Start Main Grants This is for organisations who are already including children and young people aged 8 to 24 in their project, or organisation.

		Young Start Small Grants Young Start now has a new development programme called Young Start: Small Grants. This is for organisations who are not yet meaningfully involving children and young people in their work, but who would like to.
YOUTH JOBS GRANT	**October 2028**	Employers in Great Britain, of any size, can receive a grant for hiring young people aged 18 to 24 who have been on Universal Credit and seeking work for six months or more. The scheme is intended to assist young people who are not in education, employment or training, with youth unemployment having reached 16.1% in late 2025. The grant of up to £3,000 is designed to support sustained employment and complement normal recruitment activity.The Scheme aims to support up to 60,000 job opportunities over 3 years, approximately 20,000 per year for this financial year (FY2026/2027) and the following 2 financial years, closing to new vacancies in October 2028.
YOUTH MUSIC NEXT GEN FUND	**25 September 2026**	Grants of up to £3,000 are available to young creatives in the UK to help them take a step forward to participating in and changing the music industries. The funding is intended help early-stage musicians and wider music adjacent creatives to invest 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.
ZERO WASTE SCOTLAND- CIRCULAR ECONOMY ACCELERATOR RANTS	**Ongoing**	Zero Waste Scotland is Scotland's Circular Economy Body. As part of their ongoing programme of support, grant funding is available to early-stage projects potentially capable of delivering at scale or delivering interventions with the potential to be replicated across a sector, industry or region. Projects must also align with one or more of the following objectives: • Help people care by advocating for change and demonstrating how we can do it. Projects will deliver activity to increase society's demand for circular practices through stimulating the development and uptake of technologies, products and services to support a circular economy in Scotland. • Make circularity easier and do more where it matters most by identifying and addressing the conditions supporting circularity in Scotland. Through encouraging the collaboration of organisations across value chains, including enterprises and academia, projects will implement circular economy strategies, principles and practices in high-impact sectors • Improve the infrastructure needed to accelerate the adoption of circular economy practices by keeping materials in use in Scotland's economy through using less, using for longer, using again, and/or switching to regenerative material use. Projects will support the creation of valuable markets to optimise materials management and processing in Scotland. To apply email grants@zerowastescotland.org.uk for an application form and supporting guidance document.