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## RECENTLY ADDED / HIGHLIGHTED FUNDS

NAME	DEADLINE	DESCRIPTION
<a href="#"><u>COMMUNITIES MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING FUND (SHETLAND)</u></a>	10th November 2023	<p>Voluntary Action Shetland (VAS) is delighted to launch the third year of the Communities Health and Wellbeing Fund for Adults on behalf of the Scottish Government on Friday 29th September 2023.</p> <p>In partnership with a range of local agencies and through the development of a local partnership plan, this fund will support initiatives that supports adults in the community aged 16 years and above, which promote mental health and wellbeing at a small scale, grass roots, community level throughout Shetland.</p> <p>The fund will be accessible to groups, no matter how small or inexperienced they are. It can support both new and existing groups or projects. These do not have to have mental health and wellbeing as their main focus, but their application does have to clearly benefit the mental wellbeing of people in their community. Applications can be accepted from a range of voluntary, 'not for profit' organisations, associations, groups and clubs or consortiums/partnerships which have a strong community focus for their activities.</p>
<a href="#"><u>CORRA FOUNDATION - NATIONAL DRUGS MISSION</u></a>	Various, plus 28 November 2023	<p>Corra Foundation is administering funding to support the National Drugs Mission on behalf of The Scottish Government. Three funds are now open to applications from organisations working across a range of approaches. This includes improving access to residential rehabilitation and treatment, support for frontline community services and smaller community groups supporting people and families.</p> <p>Corra Foundation is supporting the administration of three funds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#"><u>Improvement Fund</u></a>. Funding for drug service resources with a particular focus on residential rehabilitation and associated services.</li> <li>• <a href="#"><u>Micro grants</u></a>. Funding for organisations with income under £50,000 supporting people and families with experience of drug use or recovery.</li> <li>• <a href="#"><u>Local Support Fund</u></a>. Funding for organisations with income under £500,000 supporting people and families with experience of drug use or recovery.</li> </ul>
<a href="#"><u>CREATIVE SCOTLAND - MADE IN SCOTLAND ONWARD INTERNATIONAL TOURING FUND</u></a>	Remains open until it is fully allocated	<p>The aim of the Onward International Touring Fund is to enable artists, bands and ensembles based in Scotland to take up new international touring opportunities for work programmed as a direct result of the inviting promoter seeing the work at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. This fund exists to support costs linked to flights, freight, visas and the translation of marketing materials. Other costs are expected to be met by the inviting promoter.</p>

<a href="#"><u>CREATIVE SCOTLAND - MADE IN SCOTLAND SHOWCASE</u></a>	12 noon on 22 November 2023 for decisions mid-February 2024	The purpose of the Made in Scotland Programme is to raise the international profile of Scottish artists through the promotion of Scottish work at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. Funding is available to help support the presentation at the Fringe of new or existing artistically ambitious work with strong onward potential as part of the Made in Scotland Showcase. All applicants should be considering their international ambitions for the show being presented. Applications can come from individual artists, companies, organisations, promoters, record labels and venues. All applicants must be based in Scotland. Student and non-professional companies are not eligible to apply. Those selected to be part of Made in Scotland will also receive support and advice to help them prepare for participation in the programme, including advice on marketing, venues, networking and much more.
<a href="#"><u>ELECTRICAL SAFETY FIRST: ELECTRICAL SAFETY FUND</u></a>	22 October	Grants up to £10,000 are available for community safety organisations and third sector groups to help people who are most vulnerable to electrical risk and injury in their homes. Projects should improve the safety of electrical products and influence changes in behaviour.
<a href="#"><u>GOOGLE AD GRANTS</u></a>	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.
<a href="#"><u>POUNDS FOR PURPOSE</u></a>	n/a	<p>Up to £500 for individuals aged 16-26 looking to address social issues that matter to them. If you have a business idea that could create positive change in Scotland, Pounds for Purpose can provide a grant of up to £500 to help cover the costs. Pounds for Purpose can also provide one-to-one support with a business adviser if you turn your idea into a social enterprise. You can apply if you are aged between 16 and 26 and a permanent resident of Scotland. Your project must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• benefit people or communities in Scotland as its main purpose</li> <li>• not involve political campaigning or the promotion of religion</li> <li>• not be already up and running</li> </ul> <p>You must be developing the project independently or with the help of a small team of individuals. You cannot apply on behalf of a pre-existing, established organisation. This means that college or university projects are not eligible. You must be able to spend the award budget and report on the project within 6 months.</p>
<a href="#"><u>ROBERTSON TRUST: EDUCATION PATHWAYS</u></a>	10 November 2023	During October 2023, The Robertson Trust are running an open call for Programme Award applications through their Education Pathways theme. Grants of up to £500,000 over five years are available for registered charities, CICs and voluntary organisation partnerships for major projects that will make a significant impact in improving engagement in education and learning for children, young people and their families. The main aim of the Education Pathways theme is to help shape an education system that

		maximises its contribution to wellbeing, is trauma informed with the aim of preventing and reducing poverty in Scotland.
<a href="#"><u><b>SHETLAND COMMUNITY LED LOCAL DEVELOPMENT (CLLD) PROGRAMME 2023/24</b></u></a>	5pm on Tuesday 31 October 2023	<p>The CLLD fund is now open for a third round of funding.</p> <p>It is open to Shetland based social enterprises, community development companies and constituted not-for-profit voluntary organisations. Please note this is not open to private businesses or public sector bodies.</p> <p>The focus of Shetland CLLD is to support delivery of projects that will contribute positively to local people and local priorities by helping communities thrive through community-led initiatives. Projects which involve activity that will advance, inclusion, equality, and diversity, and support one or more of the main programme priorities for 2023/24 will be prioritised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Helping families, children and services through the cost of living crisis</li> <li>• Transforming the economy to deliver net zero</li> <li>• Creating sustainable public services</li> </ul> <p>Shetland CLLD does not have a maximum grant award ceiling, but as funds are limited, the scale of project funding allocation to projects will be carefully considered as it is intended that a wide range of projects are supported throughout Shetland. Projects seeking grant funding of less than £3k will not be considered.</p> <p>At this time, the total remaining in the fund is £38,000.</p> <p>For more information and to apply use these links:  <a href="#"><u>Shetland Community-Led Local Development (CLLD) Programme 2023/24 – Guidance</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>Shetland Community-Led Local Development (CLLD) Programme: 2023/24 Application Form</u></a></p> <p>If you have any queries please call and speak to Annette Priest on 01595 744902, or email <a href="mailto:economicdevelopment@shetland.gov.uk"><u>economicdevelopment@shetland.gov.uk</u></a></p> <p>All projects must be able to demonstrate that project spend and grant claim can be achieved in full by 20 March 2024. The closing date for applications is 5pm on Tuesday 31 October 2023.</p>
<a href="#"><u><b>THE STEEL CHARITABLE TRUST</b></u></a>	11 Jan 2024	<p>The Trustees prefer applications to fall into one of the five core categories below, although applications that fall outside these will be considered in exceptional circumstances:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arts and Heritage</li> <li>• Economic or social disadvantage</li> <li>• Education</li> <li>• Environment</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health</li> </ul> <p>There are no focus areas within the categories of Arts and Heritage, Education or Environment. Applications for the Health category, must have a focus on one of the following: programmes and activities that aim to support, maintain and improve mental health in any demographic health care for older people</p> <p>Applications for the Social or Economic Disadvantage category, must have a focus on one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• disadvantaged children</li> <li>• housing and homeless people</li> </ul> <p>Applications can be made at any time. Applications are normally considered according to the timescales shown:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 21 October - 15 January (12 noon on 11 January in 2024) (reviewed mid-March for decisions early April)</li> <li>• 16 January - 15 April (reviewed mid-June for decisions early July)</li> <li>• 16 April - 15 July (reviewed mid-September for decisions early October)</li> <li>• 16 July - 15 October (12 noon on 11 October in 2023) (reviewed mid-December for decisions early January)</li> <li>• Applicants are encouraged to submit applications early in the application period to allow more time for their review.</li> </ul>
<p><a href="#"><u>THE WILLIAM SYSON FOUNDATION</u></a></p>	<p>20 Oct 2023</p>	<p>The organisation's objectives are: the advancement of the arts, heritage and culture, including (but not restricted to) promoting, developing and ensuring the practice and enjoyment of the arts, including music, the visual arts, theatre and literature as the directors in their absolute and uncontrolled discretion think fit; without prejudice to the forgoing generality, the charity will have a particular focus on Scottish organisations and individuals resident in Scotland.</p> <p>Applications can be submitted for support for core costs and arts-related projects. Previous categories of awards have included; Music, Combined Arts, Drama &amp; Theatre, Arts, Film, Dance, Literature and Sculpture.</p> <p>The Small Grant Fund is open on the following dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 16 - 27 January inclusive</li> <li>• 17 - 28 April inclusive</li> <li>• 9 - 20 October inclusive</li> </ul>

<p><a href="#"><u>WOMEN'S FUND FOR SCOTLAND</u></a></p>	<p>16 November 2023</p>	<p>The Women's Fund for Scotland (WFS) makes unrestricted grants to projects across Scotland that support women's development, self-sufficiency and social and economic equality. It makes grants across six key themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building skills and confidence</li> <li>• Improving health and well-being</li> <li>• Growing social connections</li> <li>• Moving on from abuse</li> <li>• Developing leadership and innovation</li> <li>• Combating poverty and building financial resilience</li> </ul> <p>The fund supports women's organisations, especially those run by and for women, community-based organisations running projects with women and girls, and projects supporting disadvantaged women and girls. Priority will be given to organisations who can demonstrate previous achievements from their work and who have plans for longer term sustainability.</p>
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## PREVIOUSLY LISTED GRANTS:

NAME	DEADLINE	DESCRIPTION
<a href="#"><u>ALLANDER YOUTH ACTIVITIES TRUST</u></a>	Ongoing	You will be a Scout Group, a section of a Scout Group or the equivalent in a voluntary organisation that directly seeks to improve the welfare of young people through the provision of training and/or education. You may be a local group or part of a National Organisation but not a Scout District, Scout Region or equivalent in other similar organisations. Or you will be an individual member of such an organisation wishing to take part in an activity that will develop you and as a result of which you gain new skills that you will then use for the benefit of young people within your organisation.
<a href="#"><u>AMERICAN EXPRESS – COMMUNITY GIVING PROGRAMME</u></a>	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.
<a href="#"><u>ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE FUND: PROJECT VIABILITY GRANT</u></a>	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.
<a href="#"><u>ARMED FORCES COVENANT TRUST</u></a>	Various	<p><a href="#"><u>ARMED FORCES FAMILIES FUND: EARLY YEARS PROGRAMME 2023-24</u></a> This programme will award grants of between £5,000 and £80,000 on behalf of the MOD’s Armed Forces Families Fund Early Years Programme for projects which help enhance early childhood education and childcare settings of young children from Armed Forces families. Projects must benefit Forces families with a child under 5. Grants of £5,000 to £80,000 - Apply by 5pm 11 October 2023</p> <p><a href="#"><u>RESEARCH GRANTS PROGRAMME</u></a> This programme will award grants of up to £60,000 for research projects that explore particular challenges faced by Armed Forces families. Under this programme, the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust will fund high quality research which helps develop an understanding of the key challenges that Armed Forces families can face, particularly in relation to educational attainment for Service pupils, child welfare and the welfare needs of Service families. Deadline for applications is 9am on Friday 6 October 2023. Eligibility: To be eligible for this funding, you must be either: A UK-based university or A registered charity</p> <p><a href="#"><u>REACHING AND SUPPORTING ARMED FORCES COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME</u></a> The Reaching and Supporting Armed Forces Communities programme will award grants of up to £100,000 over a period of up to three years. We are also looking for applications that can be clear about the evidence of why their project is needed, and how the impact of the project will continue after the grant has ended. For</p>

		<p>exceptional projects, larger grants may be available. Projects should be specific and targeted; and this could include addressing hidden needs, as well as needs that are more well known. Grants of up to £100,000 are available. Closing date 5pm, 13 November 2023. Charities, CICs and Armed Forces Units can apply for a grant.</p> <p><a href="#"><u>FORCE FOR CHANGE PROGRAMME</u></a> This programme will award one-year grants of up to £15,000 for community projects that reduce isolation and promote integration in local Armed Forces communities. Local projects that help reduce social isolation. Grants up to £15k. Apply by 5pm 13 December 2023.</p> <p><a href="#"><u>TRANSFORMATIONAL GRANTS PROGRAMME</u></a> This highly specialised programme will make a small number of grants to create systemic change for Armed Forces communities. Grants of up to £300,000 are available. It will make a small number of grants to create systemic change for Armed Forces communities. Stage 2 applications in by 11 December 2023. Grants of up to £300,000 for projects delivered between three and five years.</p>
<a href="#"><u>ARNOLD CLARK COMMUNITY FUND</u></a>	n/a	Open to community groups and UK charities. Up to £1,000 is available to organisations that can provide immediate help to their local communities
<a href="#"><u>AVIVA COMMUNITY FUND – CROWDFUNDING REQUIRED</u></a>	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.
<a href="#"><u>AWARDS FOR YOUNG MUSICIANS</u></a>	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.
<a href="#"><u>BAILLIE GIFFORD COMMUNITY AWARDS</u></a>	Ongoing	The fund aims to support local grassroots organisations working to address food insecurity and social isolation
<a href="#"><u>BARCLAYS COMMUNITY FOOTBALL FUND</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Apply any time</u></a>	Grants up to £500 are available for community sports clubs and voluntary organisations to offer new football opportunities or expand existing programmes to include people in under-represented groups, particularly girls and people with protected characteristics.



<a href="#"><u>BBC CHILDREN IN NEED</u></a>	<b>Project Costs and Core Funding – Apply anytime</b>	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.
<a href="#"><u>BBC CHILDREN IN NEED: EMERGENCY ESSENTIALS REOPENED</u></a>	<b>Apply any time</b>	Grants are available to provide critical household items and clothing to support children and young people facing exceptional and difficult circumstances. Applications must be made by a pre-registered referrer.
<a href="#"><u>BENEFACT TRUST</u></a>		<p>Funding is now available under the following grants programmes:</p> <p><a href="#"><u>Community Impact Grants</u></a> A programme of funding aimed at supporting projects that directly address the social challenges faced by some of the most vulnerable communities in our society.</p> <p><a href="#"><u>Building Improvement Grants</u></a> For the essential repair and improvement of churches and Christian buildings.</p> <p><a href="#"><u>Heritage Skills for Christian Buildings Grants</u></a> Focused on the preservation of essential heritage skills and careers through apprenticeships, scholarships, and training courses.</p> <p><a href="#"><u>Methodist Grants</u></a> For building projects that support Methodist churches in their mission and ministry, with a particular focus on church growth, community engagement and accessibility.</p> <p><a href="#"><u>Roof Alarm Grants</u></a> To protect churches from metal theft.</p>
<a href="#"><u>BENEFACT TRUST – BRIGHTER LIVES</u></a>	<b>rolling</b>	Running throughout 2022 aimed at Christian organisations to respond to the long-term impact throughout society of Covid-19 on people's mental health – whatever their faith, or none. Project, revenue (staffing) and capital costs supported, but not running costs. Open to Churches, cathedrals and Christian denominational bodies, and Christian charities in the UK and the Republic of Ireland.
<a href="#"><u>BUSINESS CHARGEPOINT FUNDING</u></a>		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.

<a href="#"><u>BUSINESS ENERGY SCOTLAND: SME LOAN SCHEME</u></a>		Cashback grants of £20,000 and interest free loans up to £100,000 are available to charities, community organisations and social enterprises to install energy efficient systems, equipment or to upgrade building fabric such as energy efficient lighting. Free assessments are available.
<a href="#"><u>CARES LET'S DO NET ZERO COMMUNITY BUILDINGS FUND</u></a>	See guidance	Funding is now available from the Scottish Government's Community and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES). The fund aims to support community organisations to reduce their building energy costs and carbon emissions. The <a href="#"><u>Let's Do Net Zero Community Buildings Fund</u></a> is open now and is planned to run until the end of March 2025, subject to funding availability. Funding is available for many types of community building, including: community cafes, community hubs, faith buildings, public halls, community halls and centres. Grant funding is available for up to 80% of eligible costs up to a maximum of £80,000. New guidance now available.
<a href="#"><u>CATTANACH: EARLY YEARS GRANTS</u></a>	27 October	Grants up to £25,000 are available to registered charities working with young children (pre-birth to 3) and their parents/carers living with crisis, poverty or with additional support needs. Contact the team first to discuss your work.
<a href="#"><u>CHANGEX - THE ACCENTURE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY CHALLENGE</u></a>		<p>The fund supports communities to start one of six proven ideas!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open Orchard</li> <li>• Fresh Water Watch</li> <li>• Climate Action Toolkits in secondary schools</li> <li>• The Green Plan</li> <li>• Community Fridge</li> <li>• Repair Cafe</li> </ul> <p>If your community has been considering a project which relates to those mentioned above, this could be your chance to secure some funds towards it.</p>
<a href="#"><u>CHARLES HAYWARD FOUNDATION - OLDER PEOPLE - SMALL GRANTS</u></a>	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.
<a href="#"><u>CIRCULAR ECONOMY INVESTMENT FUND</u></a>	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.
<a href="#"><u>CIRCULAR TEXTILES FUND</u></a>		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.

<p><a href="#"><u>CLIMATE ENGAGEMENT LAB – 2023 OPEN CALL FOR INNOVATION PARTNERSHIP</u></a></p>		<p>Climate Outreach is looking for a new innovation partner organisation to reach and motivate specific audiences in the UK. The <a href="#"><u>Climate Engagement Lab</u></a> is looking to support an existing project that is engaging people who are concerned about politics and climate change, but aren't generally part of the climate conversation and are deeply and instinctively distrustful that 'elites' will do much to help. Through the partnership, they will provide free support for a group that's engaging working class communities on climate or climate-adjacent (i.e. transport, energy, food) projects.</p> <p>The chosen partner will get support to apply evidence-backed insights to their project, along with up to £3,000 to cover the costs of participation.</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>COMMONWEALTH FOUNDATION - OPEN GRANTS CALL</u></a></p>	<p><b>1pm on 23 October 2023</b></p>	<p>The Foundation supports civic voices to share their stories, learn and act together and influence the institutions that shape people's lives.</p> <p>They support projects that seek to facilitate constructive engagement between civil society and decision makers, including civil society participation in policy development and decision-making.</p> <p>Applications must address one or more of their three priority themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health justice</li> <li>• Climate justice</li> <li>• Freedom of expression</li> </ul> <p>All applications are required to demonstrate how they intend to integrate considerations of gender into their project design and implementation.</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>COMMUNITY RIGHT TO BUY FUND</u></a></p>		<p>The Community Right to Buy Fund provides financial support for community organisations in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland.</p> <p>The fund helps communities pay for professional services to help them register an interest in land or buildings under the Community Right to Buy legislation. These services could include legal title searches or help with mapping.</p> <p>This support is for community organisations in the Highlands and Islands area that wish to register an interest in property through the Community Right to Buy legislation.</p> <p>What does this cost?</p> <p>Funding of up to £5,000 is available, to cover up to 80% of the eligible cost. Communities must be prepared to cover the rest of the cost from other sources.</p> <p>This support is unlikely to involve state subsidy, but this will be assessed on a case by case basis.</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>CONNECTING SCOTLAND</u></a></p>	<p><b>27 October</b></p>	<p>The objective of this project is to provide devices and/or connectivity to organisations across Scotland that can be used as part of lending schemes or lending libraries to support people who are experiencing digital exclusion.</p>

<a href="#"><u>SUPPORT FOR DEVICE LENDING LIBRARIES (SUMMER/AUTUMN 2023)</u></a>		<p>The Connecting Scotland device lending libraries programme is open to organisations that are already running device lending libraries. It can help them expand the range of devices and connectivity that they have available, extend the number of devices available for loan or replace devices that are coming to the end of their lives.</p>
<a href="#"><u>CONNECTING SCOTLAND - SUPPORT FOR HOUSING PROVIDERS</u></a>	<p><b>27 October</b></p>	<p>Connecting Scotland is a collaboration between Scottish Government and SCVO to increase digital inclusion. The objective of this project is to provide devices and/or connectivity to organisations across Scotland providing social housing or transitional accommodation.</p> <p>There are three opportunities within this fund for devices and/or connectivity to support people who are experiencing digital exclusion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To form a new lending library</li> <li>• To be part of a community space where devices and connectivity are available</li> <li>• A larger improvement project for connectivity infrastructure in communal areas</li> </ul> <p>This project is for social housing providers and voluntary and public sector organisations providing short- or longer-term transitional housing services. They are looking to fund organisations who are less experienced in digital inclusion work but who have the resource and supporting infrastructure in place to manage new projects.</p> <p>Assessment of applications will be done on a rolling basis with awards made until funds are exhausted.</p>
<a href="#"><u>CORRA FOUNDATION - BOOST SMALL GRANTS</u></a>		<p>Boost small grants programme is for organisations supporting children and families in their local communities. It has been created to help groups that find the increases in basic running costs (for example utilities, salaries, transport) are making their work much more challenging. Boost will provide grants of £500-£3,000 to grassroots organisations and charities with a yearly income of up to £50,000 whose work benefits children and families.</p> <p>This fund aims to ensure accessible, supportive community-led activities remain available to children and families despite the challenges the cost of living poses for charities and community groups. Boost is delivered by Corra Foundation and is a partnership between the STV Children’s Appeal and Corra Foundation.</p>
<a href="#"><u>CREATIVE SCOTLAND: FUTURE</u></a>		<p>If you are a voluntary organisation delivering arts, creative and cultural activities, check the updated planning timetable for multi-year funding published this week by Creative Scotland. Their Open Fund also relaunches in October. Information sessions to follow.</p>

<p><b><u>FUNDING FRAMEWORK</u></b></p>		
<p><b><u>CREATIVE SCOTLAND: OPEN FUND: SUSTAINING CREATIVE DEVELOPMENT</u></b></p>	<p><b>The fund is open all year round – with no deadlines</b></p>	<p>Grants up to £100,000 over one year are available for charities, organisations and groups involved in the arts, screen and creative industries to adapt, respond and sustain practice.</p> <p>The fund will continue to support organisations to deliver a wide range of creative activity. This includes funding for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a specific one-off project or production or</li> <li>• a period of creative research and development or</li> <li>• a longer term programme of work.</li> </ul> <p>It can also support organisations to undertake business and organisational development that will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• enhance their business sustainability through the development of new or more diverse income streams or</li> <li>• consider broader organisational development costs.</li> </ul> <p>Eligible organisations can apply for funding between £1k and £100k for projects or programmes lasting up to 18 months. If you are seeking more than £100k and 18 months support refer to the <a href="#">National Lottery Extended Programme Fund</a>.</p>
<p><b><u>CROWN ESTATE SCOTLAND (SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES FUND) - ENVIRONMENT GRANTS PROGRAMME</u></b></p>	<p><b>Deadline for expressions of interest is Monday 23 October</b></p>	<p>A fund designed to support local regeneration and sustainable development around Scotland’s coast has been launched by Crown Estate Scotland. The Sustainable Communities Fund, is made up of two different programmes (Community Capacity Grants Programme and Environment Grants Programme). Total investment across the two programmes could reach £750,000 over the next three years.</p> <p><b>The Environment Grants Programme</b>, available to Crown Estate Scotland tenants, will provide grants of between £5,000 and £20,000 for projects which can deliver demonstrable environmental benefits within 18 months of award. A total of £100,000 will be made available for this programme in the first year. Typical projects could include initiatives to increase local biodiversity and activities to reduce flood risk, pollution or carbon emissions. The deadline for expressions of interest is Monday 23 October.</p> <p>Crown Estate Scotland are looking for local projects with demonstrable community support that will :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create self-sustaining community enterprises that will promote sustainable development through the provision of local economic, social, and/or environmental benefits</li> <li>• Contribute to the regeneration of places through improvements to buildings or community spaces that will support self-sustaining community enterprises</li> </ul>

<p><b><u>CULTURE &amp; BUSINESS FUND SCOTLAND (C&amp;BS FUND)</u></b></p>	<p><b>Opens 24 May</b></p>	<p>The C&amp;BS Fund provides match funding to culture organisations to enable partnerships and collaborations with businesses by incentivising sponsorships to bring diverse creative projects to life.</p> <p>Through ongoing support from Scottish Government, in 2023, the C&amp;BS Fund will provide match funding of up to 14,000 pounds per organisation, with the intention to support as many arts and heritage organisations as possible, from grassroots initiatives to established cultural events. Other priorities for the C&amp;BS Fund this year will be to support organisations who have implemented Fair Work policies, have introduced carbon neutral plans or policies and have embedded equality, diversity and inclusion in all aspects of the activities for which they seek funding through the C&amp;BS Fund</p>
<p><b><u>CYCLING SCOTLAND: CYCLING FRIENDLY GRANTS</u></b></p>		<p>Grants up to £20,000 are available for community groups and voluntary organisations for local projects that will improve cycling facilities and increase the number of people cycling. Other funding programmes are available.</p>
<p><b><u>CYCLING TOURISM FACILITIES FUND</u></b></p>		<p>This Highlands &amp; Islands Enterprise (HIE) Fund can support businesses, social enterprises and community organisations operating in the tourism sector to develop and enhance their cycle tourism facilities, to grow and build on the opportunities of the Highlands &amp; Islands becoming a cycling tourism destination. Grants between £5,000 and £25,000 are available for up to 50% of total eligible project costs. Funding can be used towards a variety of capital projects including investing in fixtures, fittings, construction, adaptation, or upgrade of premises to improve cycling tourism facilities. Examples of eligible projects include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New secure covered cycle storage</li> <li>• New open cycle parking, sheltered cycle parking</li> <li>• Enhancement of existing cycle parking/storage increase capacity and/or security</li> <li>• Lockers and storage</li> <li>• Drying facilities</li> <li>• Bike maintenance equipment</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>CYCLING TOURISM FACILITIES FUND (HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS ENTERPRISE) MOVE YOUR CYCLING</u></b></p>		<p>This fund is for businesses and community enterprises operating in the tourism sector to develop and enhance their cycle tourism facilities. The minimum grant is £5,000 up to a maximum of £25,000 for capital expenditure, which will cover up to 50% of total eligible project costs.</p> <p>If you would like to talk to someone about the fund, email <a href="mailto:enquiries@hient.co.uk">enquiries@hient.co.uk</a>.</p>

<p><b>FACILITIES UP A GEAR</b></p>		
<p><a href="#"><u>DEMOCRACY MATTERS COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FUND</u></a></p>	<p><b>26 Jan 2024</b></p>	<p>Impact Funding Partners is managing the Democracy Matters Community Engagement Fund 2023 on behalf of the Scottish Government and COSLA.</p> <p>Applications are invited from third sector organisations and community groups to this fund. The fund will open for applications on Monday 28th August 2023 and will close on Friday 26th January 2024. Funded activity must take place between 28th August and 14th February 2024. Grants of up to £300.00 are available on a rolling basis during the fund period and must be used to support conversations, events or gatherings in person or online.</p> <p>Following a highly inclusive process of engagement with communities in 2018, the Democracy Matters Fund has developed into phase two. Phase one showed that different places and diverse communities work best when they have local control and influence over decisions that affect them most.</p> <p>This fund aims to develop the thinking around how a vibrant, equal system of local democracy, where people understand their rights and actively participate in civic life, can be made to work in practice.</p> <p>The Fund will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support organisations and groups to host conversations and gather the views of people across Scotland on how we can create a system of inclusive local democracy;</li> <li>• Reach out to all communities across Scotland no matter how small, large or what their geographical influences are;</li> <li>• Reach out to marginalised individuals and communities whose voices are not heard.</li> </ul> <p>For further information, guidance on how to apply and relevant documents, please visit our webpage here: <a href="https://bit.ly/DM23-24">https://bit.ly/DM23-24</a></p> <p>After reading through the Fund Information found on our webpage you find that you are not eligible to apply for funding, you can still contribute to the conversation. You can hold a conversation using the available documents on our website, either as a group of people or as an individual and submit your feedback. Details on how to feedback and contribute to the conversation are also available on our webpage.</p> <p>Please get in touch with our team if you wish to discuss anything relating to the fund. You can email us on <a href="mailto:democracy@impactfundingpartners.com">democracy@impactfundingpartners.com</a> or you can contact us by phone on 01383 620 780.</p>

<a href="#"><u>DEVELOPMENT GRANT FUNDING FOR BUSINESSES AND THIRD SECTOR ORGANISATIONS</u></a>	n/a	<p>The Shetland Islands Council Economic Development Grant Scheme provides grants of up to £25,000 to businesses and third sector organisations in Shetland. It aims to help organisations with the costs related to developing growth or research projects.</p>
<a href="#"><u>DIGITAL PARTICIPATION CHARTER FUND</u></a>	<p><b>12 noon on 3 November 2023.</b></p>	<p>The Digital Participation Charter Fund invests in community digital inclusion projects across Scotland. It provides grants to help a range of organisations tackle poverty, social isolation and other forms of inequality in society through embedding digital skills development work in day-to-day activity with their service users.</p> <p>The fund will support projects which demonstrate an approach to embed digital upskilling in core services and meets one or both of the following aims:</p> <p>Reducing social isolation by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• supporting people to connect to people that matter to them; and/or</li> <li>• supporting people to connect with services and their local community or communities of interest.</li> </ul> <p>Increasing economic prospects by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• supporting working age people to move towards employment, and/or</li> <li>• supporting people to make the most of the money they have by banking online or using digital tools to save on household bills; and/or</li> <li>• supporting individuals and families with social security maximisation.</li> </ul> <p>You can apply for costs related to the direct delivery of your digital inclusion work.</p> <p>The Charter Fund is open to groups and organisations from the voluntary and public sectors who are working to improve the digital skills of their communities or service users. You must be able to deliver support to help people achieve at least one of the Fund aims. Your organisation must be a signatory of the Digital Participation Charter.</p>
<a href="#"><u>DISTRICT HEATING LOAN FUND</u></a>		<p>The District Heating Loan Fund provides capital loan funding of more than £1 million to organisations in Scotland that use renewables technologies to build out heat networks.</p>
<a href="#"><u>DR. GUTHRIE'S ASSOCIATION (SCOTLAND) SCIO</u></a>	<p><b>25 January, 25 May and 25 September</b></p>	<p>Funding is available to support disadvantaged children and young people in Scotland. Priority will be given to smaller charities whose grants can make a difference and who may find it difficult to obtain funds elsewhere.</p>



		<p>Grants are usually less than £2,000. Funding can support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• creative and outdoor pursuits for disadvantaged children and young people; and</li> <li>• support young unemployed people</li> </ul>
<a href="#"><u>EASY FUNDRAISING APP</u></a>	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.
<a href="#"><u>EBIKE BUSINESS LOAN</u></a>		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.
<a href="#"><u>EDGE FUND</u></a>	<b>31 October 2023</b>	<p>Edge Fund supports small grassroots organisations taking action for a just, equitable and sustainable world. It funds work that challenges abuses of power and aims to bring an end to the systems that cause injustice. This could be the economic system, political system, or any system that discriminates against people based on their identity or background (eg class, ability, gender, race, nationality, religion, sexuality, age or other factors).</p> <p>It aims to support small groups that struggle to get funding elsewhere, particularly if other funders might consider them to be too radical. The average income of groups they fund is around £2,500. Groups cannot have an income of over £25,000 per annum.</p>
<a href="#"><u>ENERGY SAVING TRUST - PLUGGED-IN COMMUNITIES GRANT FUND</u></a>		<p>The Plugged in Communities Grant Fund supports community transport operators in Scotland to purchase or lease zero emission community transport vehicles. Funding can cover the following zero-emission vehicles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cars</li> <li>• Light goods vehicles</li> <li>• Minibuses</li> <li>• Mopeds/ motorcycles</li> </ul> <p>You must provide community transport services. Community transport organisations or operators in Scotland who have been operating for at least 12 months can apply. Applications are open now and will run on a first come, first serve bases until all funding has been allocated.</p>

<a href="#"><u>ENERGY SAVING TRUST FOUNDATION: YOUTH CLIMATE ACTION FUND</u></a>	<b>Expression of interest required before 16 October</b>	<p>Grants up to £40,000 over two years are available for established community groups and voluntary organisations already supporting children and young people experiencing inequality. Priority is for activities that will help them engage with the climate emergency. Applications are a two-stage process:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A short expression of interest form due by 16 October 2023.</li> <li>• A full application due by 27 October 2023.</li> </ul>
<a href="#"><u>ESMEE FAIRBAIRN FOUNDATION: A FAIRER FUTURE</u></a>		<p>Following a review of their funding strategy, registered charities and constituted organisations will be able to apply for major long-term core grants for a variety of work related to social justice, rights, arts and creativity.</p> <p>It funds work towards the organisation's three main strategic aims:</p> <p>Our Natural World; A Fairer Future; Creative, Confident Communities</p>
<a href="#"><u>ESSENTIA FOUNDATION</u></a>	<b>Opens on 23 October 2023 and close on 30 November.</b>	<p>The Essentia Foundation is looking to provide financial support to charities and community groups that will help achieve the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved health and social welfare of children and young people up to the age of 25 years old.</li> <li>• Increased opportunities for training, enhancing learning, upskilling, and developing career opportunities, and supporting young people up to the age of 25 years old to move towards employment</li> </ul> <p>This round of funding is aimed at supporting grassroots community organisations across Scotland. Grants are to be spent over a period of three years.</p> <p>The fund is looking for projects that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support the participation in mainstream society for individuals with learning disabilities or long-term life limiting health conditions</li> <li>• Support young people who face long-term challenges living in poverty and inequality.</li> <li>• Support those who have been excluded from school to access or return to education or training opportunities</li> <li>• Provide skills and training to those who are furthest from the labour market</li> <li>• Aim to improve the health and welfare of children and young people (being those under 25)</li> </ul>
<a href="#"><u>FAITH IN COMMUNITY SCOTLAND</u></a>	<b>Ongoing</b>	<p>Grants up to £500 are available for any local faith group or related organisation working primarily in a small, specific geographic community to tackle poverty and climate change. Top-up grants are available for mentoring support.</p>
<a href="#"><u>FAMILY FUND MOBILITY SUPPORT (FFMS) SCHEME</u></a>	<b>n/a</b>	<p>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.</p>

<p><a href="#"><u>FCC SCOTTISH ACTION FUND</u></a></p>	<p><b>Next round opens 20 September 2023 and closes at 5pm on 6 December 2023</b></p>	<p>The FCC Scottish Action Fund offers funding to projects through the Scottish Landfill Communities Fund (SLCF). It will consider applications across all types of projects included in the SLCF:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Land Reclamation (Object A): The reclamation, remediation, restoration or other operation on land to facilitate economic, social or environmental use.</li> <li>• Community Recycling (Object B): Community based recycling, re-use and waste prevention projects.</li> <li>• Public Amenities and Parks (Object C): To provide, maintain or improve a public park or other public amenity.</li> <li>• Biodiversity (Object D): The conservation or promotion of biological diversity through the provision, conservation, restoration or enhancement of a natural habitat or the maintenance or recovery of a species in its natural habitat.</li> <li>• Historic Buildings (Object E): The maintenance, repair or restoration of a building, other structure or a site of archaeological interest which is a place of religious worship, or a site of historic or architectural or archaeological interest and is open to the public.</li> </ul>
<p><a href="#"><u>FOUNDATION SCOTLAND - MARY JANET KING FUND</u></a></p>	<p><b>Applications can be submitted at any time and decisions take approximately 10 weeks from receipt of your application.</b></p>	<p>Grants up to £5,000 are available to for Scottish grassroots and community groups working with young people in arts and music, particularly with activities that encourage the uptake of music. The fund supports piano scholarships at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland in Glasgow but also welcomes applications from community groups working with young people in arts and music. They are particularly interested in projects which are helping young people to take up music. Priority will be given to grassroots organisations.</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>FOYLE FOUNDATION SMALL GRANTS SCHEME</u></a></p>	<p><b>No deadline</b></p>	<p>The small grants scheme supports smaller UK registered charities with an annual turnover of less than £150,000 a year, especially those working at grassroots and local community level, in any field, across a wide range of activities.</p> <p>One year grants of between £2,000 and £10,000 are made towards core costs, projects, essential equipment or building projects provided charities can demonstrate this makes a significant difference to their work.</p> <p>Priority will be to support local charities still active in their communities which are currently delivering services to the young, vulnerable, elderly, disadvantaged or the general community.</p> <p>There are no deadline dates for submitting an application which can be made at any time. Applications take up to four months to process.</p>

<p><a href="#"><u>FREELANDS FOUNDATION - AUTUMN 2023 FUND</u></a></p>	<p><b>Expressions of Interest are open from 11 September until 12 noon on 20 November 2023</b></p>	<p>Freelands Foundation works to broaden access to art education and the visual arts across the UK. The Autumn 2023 Fund looks to support organisations delivering bold and innovative projects that build collaborative relationships between schools and visual art organisations. They are looking for projects that centre teachers in creative approaches to art education that inspire and engage young people.</p> <p>Organisations including museums, non-commercial galleries, education organisations, studio providers, etc. working in the visual arts with proven track record of learning and education work, and established partnerships or networks of schools and teachers can apply.</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>FUNDING SUPPORT FOR CLEAN ENERGY TRANSITION</u></a></p>		<p>The Clean Energy Transition Partnership is a competitive funding call that aims to get as many Scottish companies as possible involved in developing new clean energy solutions.</p> <p>There is a 2-stage application process. Scottish Enterprise can only consider projects that have already been selected through the Clean Energy Transition Partnership ranking process. The ranking process is an independent evaluation by a group of international experts. Only the highest-ranking projects will receive funding.</p> <p>There are 10 modules that describe specific topics and/or challenges that applicants should address in their project proposal. Applicants must choose and apply to a specific module in their proposal.</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>GRASSROOTS ACTIVITY DEMENTIA FUND</u></a></p>	<p><b>Opens 1 September</b></p>	<p>The Encouraging and Supporting Grassroots Activity (ESGA) 2023 Fund has £170,000 for groups and individuals in Scotland to run projects within their community supporting people affected by dementia.</p> <p>People looking to set up new projects, or those running already existing groups or activities, are welcome to apply for funding from £5,000 to £20,000 to cover a 12-month period. Collaborative bids considered.</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>GREEN JOBS CAPITAL FUND</u></a></p>		<p>This fund helps businesses and social enterprises in the Highlands and Islands to create and preserve jobs that produce goods or services that benefit the environment. This could be by conserving natural resources, or creating more environmentally friendly processes in those organisations.</p> <p>For this fund, green jobs are considered (one of the following):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• jobs in businesses that provide goods or services that benefit the environment or conserve natural resources - for example, any job in a renewables or low carbon technology company, including warehouse and office staff, engineers and researchers</li> <li>• jobs that focus on making an organisation's production processes more environmentally friendly or use fewer natural resources, either as their main focus or as part of a wider role - for example, a</li> </ul>

		<p>designated sustainability officer, or a purchasing manager who aims to source more sustainable materials and suppliers</p> <p>The funding is to be used only for capital expenditure to support these jobs. This can include spending on equipment, machinery, fixtures and fittings and information technology infrastructure.</p> <p>The application process has 2 stages. The first stage is to complete the online expression of interest form on the Highlands and Islands Enterprise website. There is no deadline for this.</p> <p>Your expression of interest form will be reviewed. If your application meets the basic criteria, you'll be allocated a development manager who will advise you on what you need to provide to make a stage 2 application.</p> <p>If your application is unsuccessful, Highlands and Islands Enterprise will explain why and will highlight other support options where possible.</p>
<a href="#"><u>HEAT NETWORK FUND: APPLICATION GUIDANCE</u></a>	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.
<a href="#"><u>HENRY SMITH CHARITY - IMPROVING LIVES GRANT</u></a>	<b>There are no deadlines and applications can be submitted at any time.</b>	<p>The <a href="#"><u>Improving Lives</u></a> grant programme provides grants of between £20,000 and £60,000 for charities, not-for-profit organisations and social enterprises within the UK to help people when other sources of support have failed. There are six priority areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#"><u>Help at a critical moment</u></a></li> <li>• <a href="#"><u>Positive choices</u></a></li> <li>• <a href="#"><u>Accommodation / housing support</u></a></li> <li>• <a href="#"><u>Employment and training</u></a></li> <li>• <a href="#"><u>Financial inclusion, rights and entitlements</u></a></li> <li>• <a href="#"><u>Support networks and family</u></a></li> </ul>
<a href="#"><u>HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS COMMUNITY CLIMATE ACTION FUND</u></a>		The Climate Hub is delighted to offer small grants to community groups for community engagement or seed funding for a community climate action project. This grant is available to existing and emerging community groups. If you need any help or assistance with our funding application form, please <a href="#"><u>get in touch with</u></a> us.

		<p>Funding is awarded on a rolling monthly basis as we receive it. If demand for funding is heavy within a one-month period, we may roll your application into the next month but will keep you updated. Groups can apply for up to £500 for a single project or £1000 for a collaboration project:  <a href="https://www.nhclimatehub.co.uk/highlands-and-islands-community-climate-action-fund">https://www.nhclimatehub.co.uk/highlands-and-islands-community-climate-action-fund</a></p> <p>NEW ★ discretionary funding available for larger innovative projects, think pilot projects, feasibility.</p>
<a href="#"><u>HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT GRANTS PROGRAMME</u></a>		<p>Historic Environment Scotland provides a range of grants and funding schemes to organisations developing projects that will benefit Scotland’s historic environment. They will be running an online information session on Wednesday 27 September (11.00 - 12.15) about the HEG programme which will include a Q&amp;A session. If you would like to attend this, please e-mail us at <a href="mailto:grants@hes.scot">grants@hes.scot</a> and provide us with your name, organisation (if applicable) and contact e-mail.</p> <p>Funding applications can focus on any aspect of Scotland's historic environment.</p> <p>To apply, you'll need to submit an initial expression of interest. A grants manager will then respond. If your expression of interest is approved, you'll be invited to submit a full application with more detailed information about the project.</p> <p>Express Grants (£1,000 to £25,000) – open all year  Small Grants (£25,001 to £100,000) – deadlines 30 April; 31 August; 31 December  Large Grants (£100,001 to £500,000) - 30th June; 31st October; 28th/ 29th February</p>
<a href="#"><u>HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT SCOTLAND: NEW GRANTS FRAMEWORK</u></a>	n/a	<p>This is a new, major place-based fund that will support community-led regeneration of historic environment assets and strengthen local traditional skills.</p>
<a href="#"><u>IAN FINDLAY PATH FUND – PATHS FOR ALL</u></a>		<p>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.</p>
<a href="#"><u>IDLEWILD TRUST</u></a>	<b>5 September 2023 (for decisions end of November 2023)</b>	<p>Idlewild Trust is an independent grant-making trust that runs two grants programmes supporting specific areas within conservation and the arts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Arts Grants: Nurturing Young Professionals supports programmes that improve opportunities for young professionals working creatively within the arts, particularly at an early stage in their career.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conservation Grants: Objects and Works of Art supports the conservation of historic or artistically important objects and works of art in museums, galleries, places of worship, historic buildings or their grounds.</li> </ul> <p>UK Registered Charities, some UK Publicly Exempt Charities and Churches that are Excepted Charities.</p>
<a href="#"><u>JEANS FOR GENES GRANT PROGRAMME</u></a>		The annual <a href="#"><u>Jeans for Genes</u></a> 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.
<a href="#"><u>KELLY FAMILY CHARITABLE TRUST</u></a>	<b>1 September 1 March</b>	<p>Interested in funding charities whose activities involve the whole family, in initiatives that seek to tackle issues that face one or more of its members, and whose aims include the strengthening of family bonds by helping all elements of the family unit to grow together and support each other.</p> <p>They are also interested in charities that support families which have been the subject of domestic abuse and violence and families of prisoners. Grants will generally be in the range of £1,000 to £5,000, but Trustees will consider requests for higher amounts.</p>
<a href="#"><u>LEARNING THROUGH LANDSCAPES - NATURE GRANT</u></a>	<b>Upcoming deadlines are: 10 November 2023</b>	<p>The Local Schools Nature Grants Scheme is funded through the Postcode Local Trust and allows schools in England, Scotland &amp; Wales to apply for outdoor resources, and a two hour training session. The scheme is looking for schools whose learners are aged 5+ and are passionate about making environmental improvements for the benefit of their pupils, staff and the community and who will make great use of the equipment and training supplied by this programme.</p> <p>The project is funded by Postcode Local Trust, which receives funding from players of People's Postcode Lottery.</p>
<a href="#"><u>LEATHERSELLERS' COMPANY SMALL GRANTS PROGRAMME</u></a>		<p>Small one-off grants up to a maximum of £5,000 are open to applications from UK charities that are: currently supporting vulnerable people in their community; working in geographical areas of high deprivation (within the UK); and have an annual income under £200,000.</p> <p>There will be 10 rounds or opportunities to submit applications from August 2022 to June 2023. The number of applications will be capped to ensure time spent applying is proportionate to your chance of funding.</p> <p>Submissions will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. The first 45 applications after each opened round will be able to be submitted.</p>

<p><a href="#"><u>LET'S DO NET ZERO COMMUNITY BUILDINGS FUND CHANGES TO GUIDANCE</u></a></p>		<p>The <a href="#"><u>Let's Do Net Zero Community Buildings Fund</u></a> provides up to 80% as a grant (up to a maximum of £80,000) to decarbonise your community building by installing renewable systems such as heat pumps, solar panels, energy storage batteries and energy efficiency measures. Funding applicants told us they were facing challenges that were making it difficult to take action. We've listened, and have introduced some changes to the <a href="#"><u>funding guidance</u></a>.</p> <p>You said: It's challenging to get three quotes, particularly in rural areas.  What we've changed: We still recommend that you seek at least three quotations to ensure you are getting the right choice of contractor for you. However, where it is not possible/practical to secure more than one quote, and where evidence of seeking additional quotes is provided and you wish to appoint a particular contractor, you can send us their quote and we can assess this for value for money.</p> <p>You said: Our project is part of a renovation, extension or new build - how can my design team support us?  What we've changed: Where your project is part of a larger renovation or new build, written advice from one of the project's professional advisors confirming the rationale for the technology choice can be used to support your applications evidence for proposed measures. Where CARES funded measures are part of a larger construction project we will try and align our processes. Further information is available in our <a href="#"><u>funding FAQs</u></a></p>
<p><a href="#"><u>LOCAL ENERGY SCOTLAND (CARES)- COMMUNITY HEAT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME</u></a></p>		<p>Do you have an idea for a climate-friendly way to heat your community? Support is available for communities and groups of householders across Scotland to develop their ideas about locally generated, low and zero carbon heat projects to tackle climate change.</p> <p>The <a href="#"><u>Community Heat Development Programme</u></a>, funded by the Scottish Government, aims to learn how communities and groups of householders can work together to make buildings in their communities more environmentally friendly to heat.</p> <p>The programme, which is expected to run until March 2025, will support eligible community organisations and groups of householders with their locally-generated heat project ideas.</p> <p>The feasibility work for the Community Heat Development Programme will be free to successful applicants, but the approach will require householders to work with their neighbours to gauge interest and collate and provide the appropriate property and energy consumption information that will be required. Register your interest for the community heat development programme by completing the enquiry form on our <a href="#"><u>contact us webpage</u></a>.</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>LOCALGIVING - MAGIC LITTLE GRANTS</u></a></p>	<p>31 October 2023</p>	<p>Awards of £500.</p>



		<p>This year, the funding criteria has been expanded and they welcome application from projects in any of the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing support to improve mental health.</li> <li>• Enabling participation in physical activity.</li> <li>• Enabling participation in the arts.</li> <li>• Preventing or reducing the impact of poverty.</li> <li>• Supporting marginalised groups and tackling inequality.</li> <li>• Improving biodiversity and responding to the climate emergency.</li> <li>• Improving green spaces and increasing access to the outdoors.</li> </ul> <p>The following organisations can apply: registered charities with either the Charity Commission for England &amp; Wales or Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR); Community Interest Companies (CICs); Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIOs, SCIOs); social enterprises; other not-for-profit community organisation. Maximum annual income: £250,000</p>
<a href="#"><u>MARSH CHARITABLE TRUST</u></a>	<b>Rolling programme</b>	<p>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.</p> <p>Applications are considered on the basis of the organisation's financial position, performance against charitable aims and objectives and the ratio of voluntary income against fundraising expenses. The Trust aims to build long-standing relationships with successful applicants and, subject to an annual review, continue its support over time. Applicants must be a registered charity, established for more than one financial year and able to provide a full set of their most recent Annual Report and Accounts, or the equivalent financial information if their annual income is under £25,000.</p>
<a href="#"><u>MARY JANET KING FUND</u></a>	<b>ongoing</b>	Grants up to £5,000 for local community groups and voluntary organisations working with young people in arts and music. Priority for projects that are helping young people to take up music.
<a href="#"><u>MATTHEW GOOD FOUNDATION GRANTS FOR GOOD FUND</u></a>		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
<a href="#"><u>MCCARTHY STONE FOUNDATION</u></a>	<b>n/a</b>	<p>This funding is for organisations or programmes that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support intergenerational activity</li> <li>• Build partnerships with charities, local schools, and community groups</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support children to engage with older people in their community</li> <li>• Promote intergenerational learning opportunities</li> </ul>
<a href="#"><u>MINISTRY OF DEFENCE - ARMED FORCES DAY</u></a>	<p><b>1 November to 1 March of the following year</b></p> <p><b>1 March 2024</b></p>	Funding is available to assist with Armed Forces Day festivities. It could be an event for your local community to a get-together with family and friends such as a picnic in the park, themed bbq, street party or fête.
<a href="#"><u>MOTABILITY: ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORT</u></a>	<b>ongoing</b>	<p>Recently launched grants up to £4M are available for registered charities and organisations working in the Community Transport sector:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Transport Grants to develop and improve community transport for disabled people</li> <li>• The Wheelchair Sector Grant Programme will improve access to quality affordable wheelchairs.</li> </ul>
<a href="#"><u>MUSHROOM TRUST</u></a>	<b>31 Mar 2024</b>	<p>The trustees main focus is on protecting and enhancing green spaces in and around Edinburgh, Scotland and beyond. In particular they wish to support projects that enhance the public's enjoyment and appreciation of green spaces including the horticultural and aesthetic enhancement of green spaces. The trustees are keen to support organisations that might have difficulties in obtaining public funding from other sources.</p> <p>You can apply throughout the year. However, the deadline for annual donations is usually 31 March each year. The Trustees tend to meet during the course of the Summer to consider all applications.</p>
<a href="#"><u>NATIONAL LOTTERY – AWARDS FOR ALL</u></a>	<b>Ongoing</b>	Voluntary and community organisations can apply for grants between £300 and £10,000 through a one stop shop application process. Applications should do at least one of the following: bring people together and build strong relationships in communities; improve the places and spaces that matter to communities; help more people to reach their potential. If you currently hold a grant, you can apply for an additional grant. One of the grants must be focused on a response to the cost-of-living crisis.
<a href="#"><u>NATIONAL LOTTERY COMMUNITY FUND (NLCF) COST OF LIVING SUPPORT SCOTLAND</u></a>		<p>Voluntary organisations and community groups can apply for between £10,001 and £75,000 to deliver projects that help support individuals, families and communities experiencing hardship as a result of the increased cost of living. NLCF want to fund activity that means people:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• have more resilience and are more able to identify ways to deal with the impact of increased cost of living in their lives</li> <li>• are able to shape activity in their community to address the increased cost-of-living</li> <li>• have more access to support and services that will help them to deal with the increased cost of living</li> </ul> <p>Eligible organisations can apply for funding for up to 12 months to deliver or tailor existing services, or to develop new activity.</p>

		<p>Applications with match funding are welcomed, but NLCF can fund up to 100 per cent of the costs of activity including: staff, training, volunteer expenses, equipment, premises costs, evaluation, overheads.</p> <p>This list does not cover everything, so please check with NCLF if you are unsure. For more information and details on how to apply please see web link below:  <a href="https://tnlcommunityfund.org.uk">Cost-of-Living Support Scotland   The National Lottery Community Fund (tnlcommunityfund.org.uk)</a></p>
<a href="#"><u>NATIONAL LOTTERY COMMUNITY FUND – IMPROVING LIVES FUND</u></a>	<b>Ongoing</b>	<p>Grants from £10,001 to £200,000 to help people facing challenging circumstances.</p> <p>We know people, communities and organisations are facing increased demands and challenges as a result of the cost-of-living crisis. If you would like to talk to us about a project in response to this, please get in touch at <a href="mailto:advicescotland@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk">advicescotland@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk</a></p>
<a href="#"><u>NATIONAL LOTTERY EXTENDED PROGRAMME FUND - CREATIVE SCOTLAND</u></a>	<b>Tuesday 14 November 2023</b>	<p>The Creative Scotland National Lottery Extended Programme Fund is a time-limited funding programme for non-profit artistic, creative and cultural organisations based in Scotland. Organisations can apply for between £100,000 and £200,000 for programmes of creative activity that last between 18 and 24 months.</p> <p>The types of activity eligible for funding are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• programmes of activity for audiences, such as programming a gallery, venue or arts centre, or to develop and present an arts or cultural festival</li> <li>• programmes of developmental activity that are open and accessible to the wider creative community</li> </ul>
<a href="#"><u>NATIONAL LOTTERY HERITAGE FUND</u></a>	<b>Rolling programme so there are no deadlines</b>	<p>The National Lottery Heritage fund is once again accepting project funding applications up to £100,000. This National Lottery funding is there to help the heritage community recover from the effects of the pandemic, and re-engage with the communities hardest hit over the last year.</p> <p>Grants between £3,000 and £100,000 are available to organisations working with heritage to build their resilience and engage with those most in need in our communities.</p> <p>Applications are welcome from community groups that are not heritage-based but can deliver heritage focused activity and have not previously received a grant from The National Lottery Heritage Fund.</p> <p>Heritage can be anything from the past that you value and want to pass on to future generations. Heritage can mean different things to different people. As a guide heritage could include people’s memories and experiences, cultural traditions, nature, community archaeology, collections of objects, books or documents in museums, libraries and archives, history of people and communities or places and events and places and objects linked to our maritime and transport history.</p> <p>You can apply whenever you are ready, your application will be assessed within eight weeks.</p>

<a href="#"><u>NATIONWIDE COMMUNITY GRANT</u></a>		<p>Community Grants supports projects which provide housing solutions. Applications are open to any organisations that provide solutions to help:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prevent people from losing their home</li> <li>• Help people into a home</li> <li>• Support people to thrive within the home environment</li> </ul> <p>Charities, Community Land Trusts and housing co-operatives who are making positive changes in their local areas can apply. Apply as soon as possible as applications will close once the cap has been reached. The cap for each region is 40 applications.</p>
<a href="#"><u>NATURE RESTORATION FUND (NRF)</u></a>	<p><b>Monday 9 October 2023 at 12 noon for a decision in late December/early January</b></p> <p><b>Monday 29 January 2024 at 12 noon for a decision in late April/early May</b></p> <p><b>Thursday 25 April 2024 at 12 noon for a decision in July</b></p>	<p>The Nature Restoration Fund has two streams, Helping Nature, awarding grants of £25,000 to £250,000 and Transforming Nature, for grants of £250,000 upwards, including development phase funding.</p> <p>The goal of the Nature Restoration Fund (NRF) is to kickstart the action needed to protect and restore Scotland's biodiversity on land and sea. For the 'Helping Nature' stream of this fund, they are keen to encourage and support partnership projects that can make the transformational changes needed to restore nature at the required scale and pace</p> <p>The fund specifically encourages projects that restore wildlife and habitats on land and sea, and address biodiversity loss and climate change.</p>
<a href="#"><u>NFU MUTUAL CHARITABLE TRUST</u></a>	<p><b>October 2023</b></p>	<p>Provides funding for projects in the rural community and is especially interested in those that educate young people and relieve poverty. The Trust provides funding for projects and initiatives which have a significant impact on the rural community and is especially interested in those that educate young people and relieve poverty in rural areas. Each year there are two funding rounds with Trustee meetings currently held in June and November.</p> <p>Applications are accepted from charitable organisations from all areas of the UK that carry out charitable work in the areas of education, research, social welfare and poverty relief.</p>
<a href="#"><u>PATHS FOR ALL: THE SMARTER CHOICES.</u></a>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>Match-funded grants up to £50,000 are available to public, third and community sector organisations for projects that encourage people to change their everyday travel behaviours to cut Scotland's carbon emissions, improve air quality and tackle health inequalities.</p>

<a href="#"><u>SMARTER PLACES (SCSP) OPEN FUND</u></a>		
<a href="#"><u>PAUL HAMLYN FOUNDATION: ARTS ACCESS &amp; PARTICIPATION</u></a>	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
<a href="#"><u>POUNDLAND FOUNDATION</u></a>	n/a	The Poundland Foundation supports organisations working to transform communities and change lives across the UK. Their first grant window is Kits 4 Kids. Local kids' sports teams can apply for a grant of up to £750 to be spent on new kit (essential clothing only e.g. football shirt and shorts. We can't fund extras like coats or waterproofs).
<a href="#"><u>POUNDS FOR PURPOSE</u></a>		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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tackling inequality.</li> <li>• Bringing people together to reduce isolation.</li> <li>• Promoting positive mental health.</li> <li>• A greener world – reducing negative impact on the environment and creating a more sustainable future.</li> <li>• Caring for others – working to support and look after vulnerable members of society.</li> </ul>
<a href="#"><u>ROSS AND LIDDELL - COMMUNITY BURSARY PROGRAMME</u></a>	n/a	Small grants are available to local community organisations in Scotland that make a vital difference to their local area. Previous grants have been awarded to youth drama groups, sports clubs, mental health charities, early years groups and many more. See funder website for examples of previous awards
<a href="#"><u>SAVE OUR WILD ISLES COMMUNITY FUND</u></a>		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 <a href="#"><u>Save Our Wild Isles Community Fund</u></a> to make it easier for communities to take action for nature. From creating community gardens and replanting wildflower meadows, to protecting local wildlife and promoting community connection to nature – together we can help communities around the UK bring nature back to life and make our isles wilder.

		<p>CEMVO Scotland and EMEN can help and are working with the Save Our Wild Isles Community Fund to help support organisations in Scotland who are keen to apply.</p> <p>Whether you're looking for support with your application, peer-to-peer training, or the opportunity to meet likeminded people in your area - join a support network near you! If you're based in Scotland, please reach out to Aekus Kamboj from CEMVO Scotland via email at <a href="mailto:Aekus.Kamboj@cemvoscotland.org.uk">Aekus.Kamboj@cemvoscotland.org.uk</a>.</p>
<a href="#"><u>SCALE ACCELERATOR: PREVENTING CHILDHOOD SEXUAL VIOLENCE</u></a>		<p>Spring Impact has now opened applications for Scale Accelerator: Preventing Childhood Sexual Violence. Supported by Oak Foundation, the programme provides fully-funded consultancy for ambitious NGOs working on reducing the number of children that experience sexual violence across the EU and UK.</p> <p>The programme is designed to help organisations reach more people with their work and drive change at a much larger scale. By taking part, participants will gain a clear, actionable plan and strategy for scale, frameworks and tools to build the capacity of their wider team, and the mindsets and confidence needed to make the journey to scale sustainable, achievable, and a whole lot easier.</p> <p>All eligible NGOs will be granted a free place on Getting Scale Ready, a 5-week online course designed to kick-start your journey to scale. The completion of this course will be the first step in the application process.</p>
<a href="#"><u>SCOT GOVT/CORRA FOUNDATION - LOCAL SUPPORT FUND</u></a>	n/a	<p>The Local Support Fund is focused on community-based organisations delivering frontline services to support people who use drugs, people who are in recovery and their families. It aims to facilitate rights-based, relational support for people so that they can easily access the right support at the right time. Open to organisations with an annual income of up to £500,000. Applicants can be charities, social enterprises, community groups and other voluntary organisations. Funding of up to £50,000 per year for four years.</p>
<a href="#"><u>SCOT GOVT/CORRA FOUNDATION - MICRO GRANTS</u></a>	n/a	<p>The Local Support Fund – Micro Grants are focused on supporting small community-based groups to deliver frontline services to support people who use or used drugs, people in recovery and/or families affected by someone else's drug use. 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.</p>
<a href="#"><u>SCOTTISH BOOK TRUST</u></a>	<b>20 November deadline, decision</b>	<p><b>APPLY FOR LIVE LITERATURE PART-FUNDED SESSIONS</b></p> <p>Live Literature brings reading and writing to the heart of communities by funding author events for organisations across Scotland. Applications are now open for Live Literature events taking place before 31</p>

	at 27 November panel	<p>March 2024. Live Literature makes author events affordable. The author is paid £175 plus expenses per session. The Trust covers £100 of the author's fee, and all of their expenses, <a href="#">within set guidelines</a>. After the event takes place, Scottish Book Trust pays the author everything that they are owed directly. Scottish Book Trust then invoices you for a set contribution of £75 plus VAT per session</p> <p>Events can take place <a href="#">in person or remotely</a>, allowing you to be flexible when planning. Alongside financial support, the team at Scottish Book Trust can be on hand with help and advice for planning and promoting your session. You will hear our decision within two weeks of the first panel meeting following your application.</p>
<a href="#">SCOTTISH CO-INVESTMENT FUND</a>	n/a	<p>The Scottish Co-Investment Fund from Scottish Enterprise provides match-funding for Scottish start-up, early-stage or growing companies that are seeking investment alongside accredited co-investment partners to support their growth plans.</p> <p>Funding is typically available in amounts from £100,000 up to £2 million, as part of a total deal size that typically ranges from £200,000 up to £10 million.</p>
<a href="#">SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT: VICTIM SURCHARGE FUND</a>	27 October	<p>Grants of at least £5,000 are available to voluntary sector organisations with a proven track record of providing services, advice, or treatment to benefit of victims of crime or their relatives.</p> <p>Victims' organisations interested in applying to the Fund can request an application form by emailing <a href="mailto:VictimSurchargefund@gov.scot">VictimSurchargefund@gov.scot</a>.</p>
<a href="#">SCOTTISH LAND FUND</a>	See guidelines	<p>The Scottish Land Fund supports rural and urban communities to become more resilient and sustainable through the ownership and management of land and land assets. It offers grants of between £5,000 and £1 million to help communities take ownership of the land and buildings that matter to them, as well as practical support to develop their aspirations into viable projects.</p> <p>It is funded by the Scottish Government and delivered in partnership with The National Lottery Community Fund and Highlands and Islands Enterprise. There is a 2-stage application process. As a guide, the minimum time between application and funding decision is usually around 4 months. To apply, contact The National Lottery Community Fund Scotland to discuss your idea at <a href="mailto:advicescotland@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk">advicescotland@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk</a> or on <a href="tel:03001237110">0300 123 7110</a>. If your project is eligible you will be assigned a Scottish Land Fund Adviser from Highlands and Islands Enterprise, who will help you develop your idea and get ready to submit your application.</p>
<a href="#">SHARED CARE SCOTLAND - SHORT</a>	5pm on 16 November 2023	Better Breaks is a funding programme of the Short Breaks Fund, operated by Shared Care Scotland on behalf of the National Carers Organisations and the Scottish Government. The purpose of the Short Breaks

<p><b><u>BREAKS FUND: BETTER BREAKS</u></b></p>		<p>Fund is to increase the range, availability, and choice of short breaks for unpaid carers and those they care for across Scotland. You do not have to be a registered charity to apply. However, your organisation must have a constitution that states your organisation's purposes are solely charitable and that it delivers public benefit in achieving its purpose(s).</p> <p>The Better Breaks programme funds a wide range of short breaks projects and services, including activities and breaks for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disabled children and young people without their carers</li> <li>• Families to enjoy together</li> <li>• Young/sibling carers with the person they care for</li> </ul> <p>Projects must be able to evidence how their activities will benefit both children and young people with disabilities and their carers, by providing a break from their normal routine. These breaks should increase opportunities for children and young people to engage in activities they enjoy, give carers a break from their caring role, and improve wellbeing for all involved.</p>
<p><b><u>SHETLAND AMENITY TRUST HERITAGE GRANT FUND</u></b></p>	<p><b>31 May and 30 November</b></p>	<p>Shetland Amenity Trust's Heritage Grant Fund has been updated and from next financial year applications will be considered twice annually with closing dates of 31 May and 30 November.</p> <p>Shetland Amenity Trust may fund heritage initiatives which align with its strategic aims and can fund up to 90% of project costs up to a maximum of £5,000. Full details are available via their website <a href="https://www.shetlandamenity.org/grant-fund">https://www.shetlandamenity.org/grant-fund</a></p> <p>There is a small outstanding balance in the 2022-23 fund and the Trust will accept applications up to 31 January. Prospective applicants are encouraged to talk through their project ideas in advance and should contact <a href="mailto:info@shetlandamenity.org">info@shetlandamenity.org</a> so they can be referred to the relevant officer.</p> <p>Details of the revised scheme and application form attached for your information.</p>
<p><b><u>SHETLAND BUSINESS START UP GRANT</u></b></p>		<p>The Shetland Business Start-Up Grant is funded jointly by Shetland Islands Council's Economic Development Service and Highlands and Islands Enterprise. The grant is administered by the Business Gateway Shetland team and is open to applications from new small businesses located in Shetland.</p> <p>The objectives of the fund are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Provide new business start-ups with funds to support capital investment, training costs and marketing and promotion.</li> </ul>



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encourage and support young entrepreneurs and new businesses which will contribute to Shetland's transition to net zero.</li> </ul> <p>In the first instance, applicants should contact Business Gateway Shetland to discuss the project and check eligibility. A business adviser will be assigned and will provide guidance and assistance to develop the project and to support submission of the required information, including the business plan and financial forecast. Prior to submitting an application, applicants will be expected to take part in a Business Gateway start-up workshop/webinar, if reasonably practicable. Business Gateway offers a broad range of regular webinars, and more detail can be found <a href="#">here</a>. Please note that all Business Gateway services are free of charge.</p> <p>All applications will be assessed and verified against the grant criteria by Business Gateway Shetland. All decisions are subject to the availability of funds. It is possible that all eligible applicants may not receive funding. For more details, including grant eligibility, please use this <a href="#">link</a>.</p> <p>To apply, prospective applicants should contact us in the first instance by email at <a href="mailto:businessgateway@shetland.gov.uk">businessgateway@shetland.gov.uk</a> or by phoning 01595 707451, or by speaking to your Business Gateway Adviser if you already have one assigned.</p>
<b>SHETLAND CHARITABLE TRUST – SMALL GRANT SCHEME INFORMATION FOR 22/23</b>	<b>Rolling programme</b>	<p>The Small Grant Scheme, which is open to constituted community groups with a turnover of less than £50,000 per annum, is currently open to enquiries for 2022/23. There currently is not a closing date set for the Small Grant Scheme as it is open for applications on a rolling programme for 2022-23</p> <p>Applicants can apply for a grant of £500 - £5,000 for projects, services or activities that meets one or more of the Trust's funding strands and will promote inclusion and reduce inequality issues in Shetland.</p> <p>The guidance for the Small Grant Scheme is attached and if this is something you would like to discuss further, please get in touch with Shetland Charitable Trust directly via e-mail at: <a href="mailto:grants@shetlandcharitabletrust.co.uk">grants@shetlandcharitabletrust.co.uk</a></p> <p>Alternatively, the Scheme will open to applications for 2023/24 later this year.</p>
<a href="#"><b>SHIFT SCOTLAND – CYCLING UK</b></a>		Specialist support and funds to run a programme of activities in the local community to empower more people to use bicycles for short journeys.
<a href="#"><b>SP ENERGY NETWORKS'</b></a>		The <a href="#">SP Energy Networks' Transmission Net Zero Fund</a> , which aims to help communities develop their net zero plans, is approaching its funding support stage. Eligible organisations that have projects meeting the Net Zero Fund criteria will be able to apply for funding support.

<p><a href="#"><u>TRANSMISSION NET ZERO FUND</u></a></p>		<p>We have launched our Transmission Net Zero Fund to help vulnerable communities develop their net zero plans to ensure that no one is left behind on the Scotland's journey to Net Zero. Net Zero means we need to decarbonise buildings, electrify transport and rethink how we power and heat our homes. We want to enable our communities' decarbonisation plans and a just transition for all, so this fund will help them develop robust routes to achieving Net Zero. We're looking forward to supporting them to be well underway with delivery of their plans by 2030 (#FutureFor30) which will in-turn, support Scotland's ambitious Net Zero targets.</p> <p>The fund will operate in three phases - initially delivering community workshops, secondly, supporting development of formal plans and finally, providing funding support.</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>SPORTSCOTLAND: SPORTS FACILITIES FUND</u></a></p>	<p>1 April and 1 September each year</p>	<p>Grants up to £100,000 are available for sports clubs, community organisations and social enterprises to provide or upgrade community sports facilities. Priority for activities that will promote inclusion and return to sport. Contact SportScotland before starting your application.</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>SUSTRANS - LOVE YOUR NETWORK GRANT FUND</u></a></p>	<p>5 Feb 2024</p>	<p>Grants of equipment and training bundles for community groups delivering projects which will benefit people or wildlife on the traffic-free paths of the National Cycle Network in Scotland.</p> <p>With a Love Your Network grant, groups can access:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Equipment for litter picking – to transform the safety and attractiveness of your local path</li> <li>• Tools for maintenance and wildlife management tasks – from shovels and brushes to clear debris, to scythes and seeds for creating and maintaining a wildflower meadow</li> <li>• Workshops in wildlife identification and recording – so you can find out more about the birds, bees, butterflies, and other wildlife in your area.</li> </ul>
<p><a href="#"><u>TECHSTART VENTURES EQUITY FINANCE</u></a></p>		<p>The Scottish Growth Scheme is a package of financial support for small and medium enterprises in Scotland. As part of this, Techstart Ventures Equity Finance offer equity finance of up to £2 million for eligible businesses. It can be used for growth funding, research and development, working capital and capital expenditure.</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>TESCO STRONGER STARTS</u></a></p> <p><a href="#"><u>REPLACING TESCO COMMUNITY GRANTS</u></a></p>		<p><a href="#"><u>Tesco Stronger Starts</u></a> will award funding to schools and organisations working with schools to provide nutritious food and activities/resources to boost physical health and mental wellbeing in children and young people. Funding up to £1500 is available for projects and Tesco customers will be able to choose which project receives the most funding by voting in store every time they shop. The scheme is open to registered charities and not-for-profit organisations, via an on-line application form.</p>

		<p>Greenspace scotland's team of friendly Community Enablers can support you to apply or answer any questions. Examples of eligible projects include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School Breakfast clubs</li> <li>• Holiday clubs</li> <li>• Play areas</li> <li>• Food banks</li> <li>• Counselling and support services for children</li> <li>• Equipment or non-statutory services for nurseries or schools e.g. forest schools, library books</li> <li>• Equipment for Brownie, Guide or Scout Groups e.g. camping equipment, badges</li> <li>• Services or equipment to support children and young people's health</li> <li>• Equipment/kit for youth sports teams</li> </ul> <p>Please note that this programme will replace Tesco Community Grants. Applications already made to Tesco Community Grants will still be eligible and assessed for the Stronger Starts fund.</p>
<a href="#"><u>THE A B CHARITABLE TRUST: OPEN PROGRAMME GRANTS</u></a>	<b>Friday 27 October</b>	<p>The A B Charitable Trust offer grants between £10-25K for UK charities who promote human dignity and defend the human rights of the most marginalised and excluded people through their Open Programme. Priority areas for funding include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• migrants and refugees</li> <li>• criminal justice and penal reform</li> <li>• human rights, particularly access to justice</li> </ul>
<a href="#"><u>THE ALICE MACCOSH TRUST</u></a>	<b>Applications should be emailed to the Trust Secretary between 1 October and 30 November each year</b>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
<a href="#"><u>THE ART FUND - WESTON LOAN PROGRAMME</u></a>	<b>Open on 23 October 2023 and closes on 15 December 2023.</b>	<p>The Weston Loan Programme with Art Fund provides funding and training for regional museums and galleries to secure important strategic loans from major UK collections.</p> <p>The grants cover up to 100% of the costs associated with securing and displaying a loan, for example security reviews, insurance, transportation, conservation, installation and invigilation. They also support</p>

		<p>activity related to maximising the impact of the loan, such as production of marketing materials, on-site interpretation and/or audience engagement activity.</p> <p>They will consider applications that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• enhance or maximise the possibilities of already planned loans/exhibitions/programming</li> <li>• enable 'quickfire' and 'quick win' loan requests</li> <li>• support long-term relationship and display development</li> </ul>
<a href="#"><u>THE DULVERTON TRUST</u></a>	<b>Rolling</b>	<p>The Trust awards grants to UK charities registered in Scotland, England and Wales. Single year grants range from £25,000 to £35,000 with preference given to medium sized charities, meaning charities with an annual income between £200,000 and £3m.</p> <p>Youth Opportunities is the largest <a href="#"><u>category</u></a> and aims to support charities that help socio-economically disadvantaged children and young people aged 25 and under to develop life skills that enable them to thrive and foster employability skills and skills to succeed at school. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and Trustee meetings are held in February, June and October. It is recommended to apply at least 3 months in advance of the meeting that considers the application.</p>
<a href="#"><u>THE FAMILY RECOVERY INITIATIVE FUND</u></a>		<p>The FRIF offers one-off grants of up to £5000 to groups that support families affected by alcohol and drugs in Scotland. The aim of FRIF is to improve the wellbeing of family members affected by someone else's harmful substance use based on creating opportunities for people to connect with other people through group activities, and if required, access further support (with this group or through services). The FRIF is funded by the Scottish Government Drugs Policy Unit and is supported and managed by Scottish Families. If you are interested in applying for a grant from the Family Recovery Initiative Fund, the first step is to contact Debra Nelson or Tich Watson at Scottish Families to discuss your idea: Debra: 07379830357 or <a href="mailto:debra@sfad.org.uk"><u>debra@sfad.org.uk</u></a>, Tich: 07775252380 or <a href="mailto:richard@sfad.org.uk"><u>richard@sfad.org.uk</u></a></p>
<a href="#"><u>THE FORE TRUST</u></a>	<p><b>Spring 2024 – opens 12 noon on 6 December and closes 12 noon on 13 December.</b></p> <p><b>Summer 2024 opens at 12 noon on 10 April 2024 and closes at 12</b></p>	<p>The Fore offers development funding and strategic support to early-stage charities and social enterprises. It makes unrestricted grants which have the potential to have a transformational impact on an organisation. For example enabling your organisation to take a step forward in its development or giving you the chance to do something you couldn't before.</p> <p>It will also match successful applicants with friendly professional support including ongoing mentoring, strategic advice, governance support or other assistance.</p> <p>Provides funding to UK-registered charities, community interest companies, charitable incorporated organisations and community benefit societies with annual income of less than £500,000</p>

	noon on 17 April 2024	
<a href="#"><u>THE GANNOCHY TRUST</u></a>	<b>20 Oct 2023, for consideration at the grant-making meeting on 14 Dec 2023.</b>	<p>The Gannochy Trust provides grants for the delivery of charitable work and capital projects. A large proportion of their funding work takes place in Perth and Kinross, in line with the wishes of our founder A. K. Bell.</p> <p>There are three types of grant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project funding for the delivery of projects and activities.</li> <li>• Core funding for operational costs such as salaries, overheads and day to day running costs.</li> <li>• Capital funding to create or improve an asset, such as a new building or refurbishment.</li> </ul> <p>Core funding and capital grants are only available for charities and work that is based in Perth and Kinross. Capital funding applications comprise of a two-stage process.</p> <p>Grant levels:  Small grants of up to £10,000 per year for a maximum of three years.  Main grants of up to £30,000 per year for a maximum of three years.  Major grants of over £30,000 per year for a maximum of three years.</p> <p>Major grants are only available for charities and work based in Perth and Kinross. Applicants for grants must demonstrate how they meet our criteria and deliver our stated outcomes. A number of exclusions apply. All applicants should read the current funding strategy and guidance carefully</p>
<a href="#"><u>THE GROCER'S CHARITY - MEMORIAL GRANTS</u></a>	<b>Deadlines for initial enquiry forms are: 8 September 12 January</b>	<p>The Grocers' Charity typically provides one-off grants up to £5,000 for U.K. registered charities working in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relief of Poverty</li> <li>• The Elderly</li> <li>• Disability</li> <li>• Health</li> <li>• Military</li> <li>• Heritage and The Arts</li> <li>• Environment</li> <li>• Children and Young People</li> </ul> <p>In 2023 they are leaning towards, but not exclusively funding, applications which support youth e.g., preventing (re)offending; helping those struggling due to financial hardship; and environment charities helping to reduce plastic waste and reducing emissions.</p> <p>Up to 3 weeks after the deadline, you will receive an email letting you know if your initial application will proceed to the second stage. You will have one week to complete the second stage form.</p>

<a href="#"><u>THE HENRY MOORE FOUNDATION</u></a>	<b>9am on 1 November – 11pm on 29 November</b>	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. They fund in the following categories: New Projects, Collections, Research and Development, Fellowships, Conferences.
<a href="#"><u>THE HOSPITAL SATURDAY FUND – GRANTS FOR INDIVIDUALS</u></a>	<b>Grant meetings are held quarterly</b>	For Individuals: The Hospital Saturday Fund will consider giving partial or full grants to individuals for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specialised mobility equipment, wheelchairs, mobility scooters, car adaptations, medical appliances and aids, hearing aids, nebulisers, specialised vision aids, specialised computer equipment, therapeutic equipment/treatment, orthopaedic beds, mattresses or pillows, riser /recliners chairs, lift hoist/aids.</li> <li>• Physiotherapy, Hydrotherapy, Acupuncture, Speech Therapy, Osteopathy, Chiropractic treatment, Reflexology, Massage Therapy and Aromatherapy.</li> <li>• Home adaptations, walk in showers, accessibility adaptations to bathrooms, access ramps, non-slip flooring, stair lifts.</li> </ul>
<a href="#"><u>THE HOSPITAL SATURDAY FUND - LARGE GRANTS</u></a>	<b>Grant meetings are held quarterly</b>	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.
<a href="#"><u>THE LINNEAN SOCIETY - OUR LOCAL NATURE GRANT SCHEME</u></a>	<b>22 October 2023</b>	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 grant is purposefully broad and welcomes novel ideas. Examples of possible proposals include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• running a school festival about nature</li> <li>• painting community murals showcasing biodiversity in the area</li> <li>• building a community garden</li> <li>• creating a nature walk</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• hiring a speaker to come and talk about local foraging.</li> </ul> <p>Adult applicants should develop their proposal alongside young people and the projects should seek to affect change or empower local young people and their surrounding communities to increase access to natural spaces and improve understanding of the local biodiversity.</p> <p>Apply using the online form on the Society website. Awardees will be selected by an online Youth Panel made up of 16-18 year olds across the country.</p>
<a href="#"><u>THE LINTEL TRUST - SMALL GRANT PROGRAMME</u></a>	<b>18th Oct 2023 20th Dec 2023</b>	<p>Support for projects helping people to maintain their tenancies, improve their lives and participate fully in community life. Most projects funded offer support to those who are excluded from community activities. We have limited grant funding available and will only be accepting applications for either £500 or £1000. The funding streams currently available are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Digital Participation</li> <li>• Support for Older People</li> <li>• Social Isolation</li> </ul>
<a href="#"><u>THE NATIONAL LOTTERY COMMUNITY FUND – CLIMATE ACTION FUND</u></a>	<b>Ongoing</b>	<p>Grants of up to £1.5 million over two to five years are available for community-led partnerships in the UK to make changes in their community that they believe will have the biggest impact on climate change.</p>
<a href="#"><u>THE PIXEL FUND</u></a>		<p>This Fund provides grants of between £2,500 and £5,000 to charities based in the UK in order to support the improvement in mental health and well-being of children and young adults. Eligible organisations must demonstrate a measurable difference to the charities' users and be core-focussed on mental-health-related matters. A strong preference is given to organisations with an annual income of under £10m. Applications are reviewed quarterly.</p>
<a href="#"><u>THE RAYNE FOUNDATION</u></a>		<p>Grants for charitable and not-for-profit organisations across the UK that work in the fields of arts, health and wellbeing, education and social issues. No deadlines for applications. This Foundation makes grants to charitable and not-for-profit organisations across the UK that work in the fields of arts, health and wellbeing, education and social issues and undertake projects that directly benefit marginalised groups. The Foundation considers applications that meet a broad range of criteria but also welcomes especially applications that address the following issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Young people's improved mental health</li> <li>• Arts as a tool to achieve mental health</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improved quality of life for carers and for older people</li> </ul> <p>Grants target issues and organisations which do not enjoy widespread public support and typically fall in the range of £10,000 to £20,000 per annum for up to three years. Applicants should note that projects are unlikely to be funded in full. There is a two-stage application process and <a href="#">applications</a> can be made at any time. Application guidelines can be downloaded on the <a href="#">Rayne Foundation website</a>.</p>
<a href="#">THE ROBERTSON TRUST</a>	Ongoing	<p>Funding to support communities affected by poverty and trauma, with a focus on early intervention, support capacity, skills and capability.</p> <p><a href="#">Wee Grants</a> For constituted community groups and charities with an annual income of less than £25,000 Funding of up to £2,000 for one year only Could cover revenue* or capital costs to support your work.</p> <p><a href="#">Small Grants</a> For registered charities with an annual income of between £25,000 and £100,000 Revenue funding* of between £2,000 and £15,000 for up to five years Unrestricted or restricted* funding Can include the costs of equipment to support your work.</p> <p><a href="#">Large Grants</a> For registered charities with an annual income of between £100,000 and £2 million Revenue funding* of between £15,000 and £50,000 for up to five years Unrestricted or restricted funding* Can include the costs of equipment to support your work.</p> <p><a href="#">Community Vehicle Grants</a> For registered charities with an annual income of between £25,000 and £2 million Funding of up to £10,000 for a vehicle to support your work.</p>
<a href="#">THE ROYAL COUNTRYSIDE FUND SUPPORTING RURAL COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME</a>	12pm, Friday 20th October	Supporting Rural Communities is their flagship grant programme, awarding £500,000 each year to power community-led solutions that enhance the viability and sustainability of rural communities. Grants are for a maximum of £25,000 over two years, and applicants must be from properly constituted, not for profit organisations with an income of less than £500,000. We support projects taking places in villages and towns in rurally isolated areas, where access to services is limited.



<p><a href="#"><u>THE ST. JAMES'S PLACE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION</u></a></p>	<p><b>No deadline</b></p>	<p>The St. James's Place Foundation is the charitable arm of the St James's Place Wealth Management Group which aims to improve the quality of life for children and young people in need as a result of disability or disadvantage.</p> <p>Small grants of up to £10,000 are available to UK Registered Charities with an annual income of up to £750,000. A small number of major grants are also available to UK Registered Charities with an annual income of up to £8m.</p> <p>The foundation will support projects that provide directly for under-25s in the UK who suffer from physical or mental health difficulties or conditions, or a life-threatening or degenerative illness. This includes young people under 25 caring for others.</p> <p>There are no deadlines or closing dates for applications. <a href="#">Applications for funding</a> can be made via an online application form.</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>THE TRIANGLE TRUST 1949 TRUST - YOUNG OFFENDER GRANTS</u></a></p>	<p><b>29 October</b></p>	<p>Funds work with young people with criminal convictions or those who are at high risk of committing a first offence. In 2023 they will be funding work that uses a Sport for Development approach to reduce reoffending and first offence rates.</p> <p>They run two grant rounds each year – one for work supporting young people who have a criminal conviction on their record and one for young people who are considered high risk and on the edge of the criminal justice system.</p> <p>Funding can only be used to work with young offenders even if your organisation works with vulnerable young people more broadly. They will prioritise proposals that provide specialist support to target:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Young people who are from Black or minoritised/racialised communities (often referred to as Black, Asian and minority ethnic communities),</li> <li>• Young women and girls, and</li> <li>• Young people who have experienced the care system</li> </ul> <p>The next round focuses on organisations working with high risk young people on the edge of the criminal justice system and opens on 18 September 2023 and closes on 29 October 2023.</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>THE WILLIAM SYSON FOUNDATION</u></a></p>	<p><b>Open: 17 - 28 April 2023 4 - 15 Sept 2023</b></p>	<p>The organisation's objectives are: the advancement of the arts, heritage and culture, including (but not restricted to) promoting, developing and ensuring the practice and enjoyment of the arts, including music, the visual arts, theatre and literature as the directors in their absolute and uncontrolled discretion think fit; without prejudice to the forgoing generality, the charity will have a particular focus on Scottish organisations and</p>

		individuals resident in Scotland. Applications can be submitted for support for core costs and arts-related projects.
<a href="#"><u>THE WOLFSON FOUNDATION - FUNDING FOR PLACES</u></a>		<p>The Foundation's main grants programme provides support for places. These grants are for capital initiatives, i.e. buildings (new build or refurbishment) and equipment.</p> <p>They fund a broad range of organisations working across the fields of education, science and medicine, health and disability, places of worship, heritage, and arts and humanities. Each category has its own specific funding criteria, more detail on which can be found on the Foundation's website.</p> <p>There are two funding rounds each year:  If a deadline date falls during a weekend, they will accept applications that arrive by 9am on the following Monday.</p> <p>Please see the How to apply section under each specific category on the Funding for Places page. Once you've checked that your project is eligible, you can submit a Stage 1 application via the online form. It usually takes around 5 months between submitting a Stage 1 application and hearing the outcome of a Stage 2 application. If eligible, you will be invited to submit a Stage 2 application, normally around 1 month after the deadline.</p>
<a href="#"><u>THE YOUTH SCOTLAND RURAL ACTION FUND</u></a>	<b>Friday 20 October &amp; 24 November</b>	<p>The Youth Scotland Rural Action Fund is a micro-grant fund supported by The Gannochy Trust. This fund was created in response to the challenges which rural youth groups are facing in funding the delivery of community-based universal youth work. It will make small awards to enable youth groups operating in rural communities to provide more and/or better youth work opportunities for young people.</p> <p>The fund makes awards between £100- £750 to rural youth groups with a yearly income less than £200,000. Please note that the second deadline is subject to availability of funding</p>
<a href="#"><u>THE7STARS FOUNDATION - PROJECT APPLICATIONS</u></a>	<b>1 Oct – 1 Nov for Dec funding review</b>	<p>The foundation support organisations who help enable young people to have the best start in life. Projects must be aligned to values of; Potential, Opportunity, Fairness &amp; Impact.</p> <p>Their priority areas are;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• those challenged by abuse</li> <li>• addiction</li> <li>• those who are young carers</li> <li>• those who find themselves in transition</li> <li>• those without a place to call home</li> </ul>
<a href="#"><u>TRANSPORT SCOTLAND: ACTIVE</u></a>		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:

<a href="#"><u>TRAVEL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES</u></a>		
<a href="#"><u>TRUSTHOUSE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION</u></a>	<b>No deadlines and applications can be made at any time</b>	<p>This grant programme supports projects in the UK which address issues in rural communities and/or areas of urban deprivation. Within these two main headings the Foundation are interested in helping established projects which work in the fields of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community support.</li> <li>• Arts.</li> <li>• Education and heritage.</li> <li>• Disability and health care.</li> </ul> <p>The Foundation also have a small budget for UK charities working on projects in developing countries.</p>
<a href="#"><u>UK SEARCH AND RESCUE VOLUNTEER TRAINING FUND</u></a>	<b>15 November 2023</b>	<p>Grants are available from the UKSAR Volunteer Training Fund (UKSAR VTF) to support UK Search and Rescue (SAR) organisations with the training costs of their operational volunteers. Training must improve both the capability of the organisation and its volunteers, and reflect the proven operational need in the local area.</p> <p>This will be the final round for the UKSAR Volunteer Training Fund. Grants for this round may be applied over a two-year period, from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2026. UK charitable SAR organisations may apply.</p>
<a href="#"><u>UK YOUTH - COST OF LIVING FUNDING</u></a>		<p>UK Youth and Pears Foundation have launched a fund to support youth organisations through the cost of living crisis aims to benefit thousands of young people across the country.</p> <p>The fund aims to ensure that as many vital youth services as possible are able to keep the lights on and support young people in their local community. It will support youth organisations delivering high quality youth provision whose work is being hindered, curtailed or cut back due to rising core costs or a need to address unprecedented demand.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth organisations with an annual income of no more than £500,000.</li> <li>• Organisations must have been in operation for at least 2 years.</li> <li>• At least 70% of beneficiaries must be aged 8 – 25 years old.</li> <li>• Maximum annual income: £500,000</li> </ul>
<a href="#"><u>VOLUNTEERING MATTERS ACTION EARTH: GRANTS TO HELP LOCAL COMMUNITIES TO RESPOND TO OUR</u></a>	n/a	<p>Funded by NatureScot, these nature grants support volunteers of all ages, backgrounds and abilities in practical outdoor activities. Any group of volunteers are able to apply for Volunteering Matters Action Earth nature grants of between £50 and £250 to run environmental activities in Scotland's green spaces. Activities should emphasize local nature enrichment and biodiversity improvements. This could include creating or improving community gardens, shared spaces, wildflower meadows, ponds, woodlands and other wildlife habitats. We cannot support applications for activities which are primarily about food growing.</p>

<a href="#"><u>NATURE AND CLIMATE CRISES</u></a>		<p>For more information and to register for an Action Earth grant please visit the Volunteering Matters: <a href="#">website</a>, or you can email <a href="mailto:robert.henderson@volunteeringmatters.org.uk">robert.henderson@volunteeringmatters.org.uk</a></p>
<a href="#"><u>WARMER HOMES SCOTLAND FUND</u></a>		<p>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.</p>
<a href="#"><u>WEAVERS BENEVOLENT FUND</u></a>	<p><b>16th November</b></p>	<p>Funds are given to help disadvantaged young people, especially those at risk of offending, and to address problems faced by offenders, ex-offenders and their families. There is a preference for supporting smaller charities which provide direct services.</p>
<a href="#"><u>ZERO WASTE SCOTLAND COMMUNITY FRIDGE FUND</u></a>	<p><b>Expression of Interest by 29 October</b></p>	<p>Community fridges are a means of redistributing unwanted or surplus food, preventing it from going to waste and providing good food to citizens for free. That's better for both people and the planet.</p> <p>Zero Waste Scotland have launched a £55,000 Community Fridge Fund 2023 to promote and encourage innovative thinking in the redistribution of surplus food to communities around Scotland. The Fund is available to any organisation or project based in Scotland with sustainable and innovative approaches in redistributing or repurposing surplus food.</p> <p>The fund can give applicants like community groups, charities, and local businesses the power to tackle food waste and increase security by hosting a community fridge.</p> <p>Potential applicants can register their interest and receive an expression of interest form via the Zero Waste Scotland website. Eligible applicants will then be invited by email to submit a full application later in the month, with applications to the fund closing on December 3rd 2023. The funding is expected to be released in early 2024.</p>