

Funding Opportunities for Groups and Organisations

There are numerous grant and funding opportunities available details of which can be found in dedicated directories and websites to help you with your search for grant funding; many of which are free to access.

Grant funding search websites

(not all sites are free though some do offer a free trial period):

Directory of Social Change	Foundation Scotland	Funds OnLine
Grant Finder	Grants Online	Heritage Fund Directory
J4bcommunity	National Lottery Funding Finder	Scottish Grantmakers
SCVO Funding Portal	SRN Funding Search	Youth Links Scotland

General Grant Schemes

The Corra Foundation (previously Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland)

Corra Foundation contributes to improving the lives of individuals and communities experiencing disadvantage all across Scotland and in developing countries. Since 1985 the foundation has distributed over £152 million and made over 15,000 grants to charities. The mission is to make a difference to people and communities in Scotland, by encouraging positive change, opportunities, fairness and growth of aspirations, which improve quality of life. For more information view their website here

Asda Foundation

Asda colleagues are extremely passionate about fundraising for their local charities and good causes. They realise that there are times when extra financial support may be needed.

There are five types of funding available, contact your local store or speak to the Asda Community Champion to see if they could potentially fundraise for your local charity or good cause. A simple but effective way of giving more for those smaller charities and good causes. For more information see the website here

Aviva UK Wide Community Fund

Aviva is the UK's largest general insurer and one of Europe's leading life and pensions providers. As a business, Aviva wants to be recognised for making a positive contribution to society. Through the Aviva Community Fund, they celebrate and support thousands of small charities around the UK. They provide skills, funding, resources and time to enable innovative and impactful organisations to address a range of social challenges and build stronger communities. The fund is only open at certain times of the year. Organisations are asked to register to be kept informed of when and how to make applications.

Visit the website for useful information and to register.

Bank of Scotland Foundation

The Bank of Scotland Foundation's funding programme offers grants to registered charities that are working to develop and improve their local communities. 'Supporting Positive Change Across Scotland' is the Foundation's five year strategic plan which will see a range of new funding programmes open in 2019 and 2020. They aim to focus their work and impact on charities that demonstrate they address social exclusion or disadvantage; develop flexible, responsive grant making tailored to the needs of those they support; realise the value of their strategic partnership with Lloyds Banking Group; and as a learning organisation they will work to improve their impact and the quality of what they do and will provide best in class customer service.

Climate Challenge Fund

The Climate Challenge Fund (CCF) is a Scottish Government programme, managed and developed by Keep Scotland Beautiful. The CCF provides funding for community groups to tackle climate change. Grants are available to support community-led projects that reduce local carbon emissions, make community improvements, and help communities cope with the impacts of climate change.

Community Shares

The term 'community shares' refers to withdrawable share capital; a form of share capital unique to cooperative and community benefit society legislation. This type of share capital can only be issued by cooperative societies, community benefit societies and charitable community benefit societies. Community shares can save local shops and pubs, finance renewable energy schemes, transform community facilities, support local food growing, fund new football clubs, restore heritage buildings, and above all, build stronger, more vibrant, and independent communities.

Since 2009, almost a 100,000 people have invested over £100m to support 350 community businesses throughout the UK. You can watch a short animation to understand why more and more people are investing in community shares to support community enterprises and find out more on the <u>website</u>.

Co-op Local Community Fund

The Co-op Local Community Fund helps pay for local projects that our members care about. They choose new causes for our communities every 12 months. Applications are open in the spring. To be accepted you must have a project in mind that will benefit your local community. Many applications are from charities or local community groups, but as long as your organisation isn't run for private profit you can apply.

Every time members shop at Co-op, 1% of what they spend on selected own-branded products and services goes to help fund community projects where they live. They also give all money raised from shopping bag sales to our causes. To register your interest, and for further information and eligibility see the Co-op website.

Cruden Foundation Limited

The Cruden Foundation Limited is a registered charity established in 1957. Donations from the foundation are made to mainly small and medium sized registered charities throughout Scotland, targeting things like community welfare, medical support and research, the arts, education and conservation.

The community benefits initiatives support local people in on-site training placements that often result in real employment opportunities. Their commitment to the community also means they make sure that local small and medium sized enterprises are informed of all tendering opportunities that arise, in order to encourage the growth and success of these businesses.

For further information about support visit their website

The Ebico Trust

The Ebico Trust is set up by Ebico power and their way of staying at the forefront of the fight against fuel poverty in Britain. Any financial surplus made by our energy supply business goes straight to the Trust to support projects in fuel-poor neighbourhoods up and down the country. Applications can apply for funding for any of the following:

- Offering advice, guidance or education to communities where fuel poverty is endemic.
- Organisation in the business of making practical and sustainable improvements to the energy efficiency of local housing stock.
- Undertaking research into fuel poverty, its incidence and the methods by which it can be tackled in society.

The Trust reviews applications on a quarterly basis, this tends to be in February, May, August and November. Grants range between £20K and £60K. There may be times when the application process is suspended. Check <u>website</u> for further information and eligibility.

Easy Fundraising

<u>easyfundraising.org.uk</u> is a great way to raise money for charities, schools, sports clubs, community groups, and other good causes just by shopping online. You don't pay anything extra. So far they've raised over £9 **million** for causes throughout the UK.

- **1. Start at easyfundraising -** Let's say you want to buy a pair of shoes from John Lewis. Instead of going to johnlewis.com directly, you first go to easyfundraising.org.uk.
- **2. Make a purchase** From the easyfundraising website, click through to John Lewis to make your purchase. This tells John Lewis you came from easyfundraising. The price of the shoes is exactly the same.
- **3. Get a donation** After you buy your shoes, John Lewis will give you a cash reward that you can turn into a donation for your good cause. easyfundraising collect this and send it on at no extra cost.
- **4. Get the easyfundraising Donation Reminder** You can skip steps 1 and 2 with the <u>easyfundraising Donation Reminder</u>. Just click the reminder when you shop to receive any eligible donations. You'll never forget a free donation again!

Faiths in Scotland Community Action Fund

FiSCAF works with local faith groups, building hope by providing grants and support in Scotland's most fragile urban and rural communities. They have support and funding available to respond to Covid-19 and shaping the future. For more information visit the website

Foundation Scotland

Foundation Scotland is an independent charity established to strengthen local communities by providing a source of funding to community led projects across Scotland.

They were established to help people and organisations give to good causes effectively and inexpensively. Since 1996, the Foundation has been delivering innovative funding programmes, distributing over £70 million to charities and community groups. Check the website for current information on support available.

Energy Saving Trust

The UK is committed to achieving an 80 per cent reduction in carbon emissions by 2050. To address these challenges we all need to reduce our energy consumption and accelerate a move to sustainable, low carbon lifestyles. Their experts speak with millions of householders every year, deliver first class programmes for governments and provide consultancy to UK businesses and international companies. All that they do is underpinned by their pioneering world-renowned research. They are independent and impartial so the advice they give is all about helping you. A selection of options are shown below and see the full list on the Energy Saving Trust website.

The Plugged-in Communities Grant Fund is an opportunity for not-for-profit housing associations, housing cooperatives and constituted community groups in Scotland to apply for funding to procure the services of a zero-emission car club vehicle, for use by their tenants and the wider local community. Domestic charge point funding - the typical cost for a home charge point and installation is approximately £1000. As part of its Electric Vehicle Home charge scheme, OLEV currently offers applicants £500 towards this cost. Energy Saving Trust will provide up to £300 further funding on top of this. For the cost covered by OLEV you will not need to make any payment to your supplier, as they will receive this money from OLEV directly. For the costs above what OLEV cover, you will have to pay your supplier and Energy Saving Trust will then provide you with your (up to £300) reimbursement. Any remaining costs above the £500 provided by OLEV and the £300 provided by Energy Saving Trust you would need to pay for yourself. E-Bike Grant Fund - applications are encouraged from local authorities, public sector agencies, further and higher education institutions, active travel hubs and community groups. The grant covers the purchase of e-bikes, e-cargo bikes, adapted bikes and associated safety equipment.

Heritage Lottery Fund

Heritage Lottery offer a range of different grant programmes with awards from £3,000 to over £5million. The fund is for heritage projects which can be anything from the past that you value and want to pass on to future generations. This can include

- designed landscapes improving and conserving historic landscapes such as public parks, historic gardens and botanical gardens
- landscapes and the countryside large-scale rural projects that help improve landscapes for people and nature, by for example, restoring habitats and celebrating the cultural traditions of the land
- oral history recordings of people's stories, memories and songs, as a way of communicating and revealing the past
- cultural traditions exploring the history of different cultures through storytelling, or things that you do
 as part of your community. This could be anything from dance and theatre, to food or clothing It could
 also include the heritage of languages and dialects
- community archaeology involves the active participation of volunteers in archaeological activities, everything from investigating, photographing, surveying to finds processing. Can occasionally include excavation. Sometimes called public archaeology
- historic buildings, monuments and the historic environment from houses and mills, to caves and gardens. Areas that are connected to history and heritage
- museums, libraries and archives making the collections that museums, libraries and archives hold more accessible through new displays, improving public buildings and galleries, or engaging people with interpreting new and existing collections
- acquiring new objects help towards the cost of acquiring one-off objects or collections as part of a collections development policy
- commemorations and celebrations telling the stories and histories of people, communities, places or events related to specific times and dates
- industrial, maritime and transport this might be places and objects linked to our industrial, maritime and transport history
- Heritage Horizon Awards are for big projects for a minimum of £5million see the webpage

Full details on the grants are on the website

Highland Council Funding

Highland Council offers a range of funding see funding.

<u>Discretionary Ward Funding</u> Each of the 22 council wards receives a discretionary budget and it will be for each ward to consider when they wish to commit funds. Examples of activity previously funded:

- Beach cleaning
- Christmas events and lights
- Equipment for pre-school groups
- Firework displays

<u>Sport Council Grants</u> grant funding for up to £500 for Equipment, Coaching, Event and Individuals Achieving Excellence.

Highland Cross

The Highland Cross is a 50-mile duathlon (20 miles on foot, 30 miles on bike) traversing the spectacular Scottish Highlands coast to coast, west to east from Kintail through Glen Affric and Strathglass to Beauly.

The Highland Cross exists to raise money for causes that benefit the people of Highland, disadvantaged by disability, ill health or social need. Each year requests for assistance total more than it can support, so it will concentrate its funding on charities and incorporated organisations, regulated by the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator.

Highland Cross will only fund capital items and will not consider applications for revenue costs such as running costs, expenses or staff costs.

Applications are only open at certain times of the year and the deadline is usually September in each year. See the <u>website</u> for full details.

LEADER funding - Nairnshire & Rural Inverness

<u>LEADER</u> is part of the new Scottish Rural Development Programme (SRDP), aimed at promoting economic and community development within rural areas. LEADER is a grassroots method of delivering support for rural development through implementing Local Development Strategies. The fund is aimed primarily at rural, small and medium sized community driven projects that are pilot and innovative in nature.

Local Development Strategies include actions that will allow individuals, communities and businesses to:

- drive community action on climate change
- enhance rural services and facilities, including transport initiatives
- enhance natural/cultural heritage, tourism and leisure
- support food and drink initiatives (for example short supply chains, community food)
- build co-operation with other LAGs in Scotland, UK and Europe
- exchange learning and knowledge with each other, realise their potential, build opportunities for all

More details on funding criteria and process on the Rural Network webpage.

Local Energy Scotland - Community and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES)

The scheme offers a range of financial support to local energy projects. CARES can help you develop your local energy project by offering:

- Free, expert and impartial advice from our Local Development Officers
- Free online toolkits and project guides to help you identify what might work for you
- Mobilisation support for capital projects design review, costs and procurement support
- Ongoing support with project development and delivery

See more on the webpage.

Agnes Hunter's Trust - Small Grant Programme

The Agnes Hunter Trust was established in 1954 to support registered charities delivering health and social welfare projects in Scotland. The Trust's grant policy focuses on charities that help disabled people; and charities that assist with the education and training of disadvantaged people aged 16 years or over who have left school.

The Trust will invest in registered charities that deliver key services to these individuals in Scotland; removing barriers that restrict life choices and enabling people to lead fulfilling lives and contribute to society.

For grant application details and submission dates see the website.

National Lottery Grant Programmes

The National Lottery is funding projects in the arts, sport, heritage, charity, voluntary, health, education and environmental sectors. Every project makes a real difference to lives and communities across the UK.

Different types of grants fund different types of projects, more details on the Lottery Good Causes website

Some examples of Big Lottery grant programmes:

Awards for All - A quick and easy way to get small Lottery grants of between £300 and £10,000

<u>Scottish Land Fund</u> - The Scottish Land Fund will support rural communities to become more resilient and sustainable through the ownership and management of land and land assets. It will provide practical support and funding to enable local people to work together to develop their ideas and aspirations and plan and complete viable land and land assets acquisition projects. Grant available from £10,000 - £750,000.

Young Start - is a grant programme that distributes money from dormant bank accounts. It aims to create opportunities for children and young people aged between 8 and 24 to help them realise their potential. Grants from £10,000 - £50,000.

Further information is available on Big Lottery Fund Scotland's website.

People's Postcode Lottery

Postcode Trust Community Grants

There are two funding rounds a year during which applicants can apply for project-based funding. Only one application per round.

Those successful at stage 1 progress to stage 2, if successful at stage 2 the organisation will receive the total funds that they requested in their application.

As the People's Postcode Trust's mission is to try to make the world a better place, so projects should focus on poverty prevention; combatting discrimination; or promoting human rights.

Full details can be found on the People's Postcode Trust website

Postcode Local Trust

There are two funding rounds a year during which applicants can apply for project-based funding.

Those successful at stage 1 progress to stage 2, if successful at stage 2 the organisation will receive the total funds that they requested in their application. Organisations should submit no more than 1 application per round. Projects should focus on green space improvement; renewable energy or flood prevention; or increasing community access to outdoor space.

Full details can be found on the Postcode Local Trust website.

The Pebble Trust

Grants up to £5,000 available for projects which promote a more sustainable society.

The Pebble Trust, established in 2014, has a vision of a more sustainable, equal and low-carbon society, where constraints on fossil fuels lead to a more localised economy with stronger, more resilient, communities, and where human activities take account of climate change and the wider environment. The Trust supports projects in Scotland, and particularly in the Highlands and Islands.

For more information visit the Pebble Trust website: https://www.facebook.com/thepebbletrust.org/. You can follow the Pebble Trust on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/thepebbletrusthighlands

Recycling And Waste LP (RAW)

Funding for waste infrastructure, targeting smaller-scale recycling and waste projects across the UK.

This £50 million fund is for waste infrastructure, targeting smaller-scale recycling and waste projects across the UK. The investment by the Green Investment Bank will be used to fund biopower projects that will put the UK at the forefront of this innovative green technology, turning local waste wood to electricity.

For further information on how to obtain this grant locally, visit the Foresight Group <u>website</u> or <u>emailinfo@foresightgroup.eu</u>

Scottish Forestry - Community Fund

Formerly Forestry Commission, this fund supports community groups and organisations that encourage people to use woods more. General information on the <u>website</u>.

To access current information visit the publications section for Working with Communities webpage

Scottish Forestry – The Strategic Timber Transport Fund

The aim of the fund is to facilitate the sustainable transport of timber in rural areas of Scotland for the benefit of local communities and the environment, maximising the value of monies available through innovative transport projects and partnerships. Projects should have community and social and environmental benefits and reduce damage and disruption to public roads. More details and deadlines on the website

SSE (Scottish and Southern Electricity) Renewables

Employee Volunteering - As a large utility company the staff skills base is wide and are able to offer support from across their business. Through volunteering, employees - individually or in teams work on projects ranging from DIY, Gardening, Administrative tasks as well as supporting third sector organisations to deliver school talks or provide IT support. The Sustainable Development Fund is in addition to our local community funds and supports strategic projects in the regions where SSE is operating. It allows the benefits of our renewable energy developments to be accessible to a wider area and is directed to projects that can achieve significant impact in local communities. We expect the fund could be worth over £50million over the next 25 years.

Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH)

Scottish Natural Heritage is committed to working with others to invest in Scotland's nature and landscapes and bring more benefits to more people. Their funding streams include biodiversity challenge fund; green infrastructure Scotland fund; outdoor learning and natural and cultural heritage fund.

See the funding webpage for more information.

Tesco Charity Trust Community Awards

Tesco wants to support the projects and organisations that really matter locally. So, they have set up community grant programmes which put the power in the hands of our customers to choose which local projects Tesco supports financially.

Bags of Help - Our local community grant scheme provides funding for local projects across Britain. Customers can vote for the project they want the money to go to. To date, we have awarded over £71 million in grants to over 23,000 community projects since launching in October 2015.

Through their work in the community, our Community Champions are able to raise awareness of this initiative and encourage local charities and organisations to apply and offer support.

The <u>webpage</u> gives more information or contact your <u>Community Champion</u>.

The Scottish Government's Voluntary Sector Development Fund

The aim of the Fund is to provide further investment in the voluntary sector to develop a confident, competent workforce and to meet the demands now required of these staff. Voluntary organisations registered with the Care Inspectorate can apply for funding to contribute to costs associated with achieving SVQ Social Services and Healthcare at SCQF Level 6 qualifications.

The priority groups support workers in housing support services and support workers in care at home services. Funding is available to support the cost of SVQ Social Services and Healthcare at SCQF Level 6 qualifications.

The deadline for applications each year is September. Further information can be found on the Scottish Social Services Council's <u>website</u>

Transform Foundation

The Transform Foundation, a registered charity, provides grants and other resources to the charity sector to fund innovative digital projects. The Charity Website Grant Programme forms part of the Foundation's wider efforts to support the charity sector in effectively making the transition from traditional forms of fundraising and service delivery towards more digitally focused models.

Any type of non-profit organisation may apply, with successful applicants in the past including causes as diverse as community development, disability, education, theatre, mental health, hospices, national heritage, volunteering, family, children and youth, addiction, homelessness, international aid, and arts.

Eligibility and further information can be found on the Transform Foundation website.

The Prince's Countryside Fund

The <u>Prince's Countryside Fund</u> provides grants of up to £50,000 for innovative projects that will provide a lasting a long-term positive impact on rural communities by helping the people that live and work in the countryside.

Our **Emergency Fund** is for help in a crisis, such as supporting farmers with severe flooding.

The <u>Prince's Farm Resilience Programme</u> offers free business skills training to family dairy and livestock farms across the UK. Up to 300 farms can join the programme each year and participate in a series of seven workshops which focus on different business skills to maximise profitability and resilience. Topics include business planning, understanding accounts and budgeting, and exploring new opportunities for your farm.

Arts Specific Funding

Creative Scotland Funding

Creative Scotland funding is open to individuals, groups or organisations to apply for, supporting a wide range of activity in the arts, screen and creative industries. See the <u>website</u> for more information or click on each of the links below for more detail on each of the specific funds:

<u>Sustaining Creative Development Fund</u> Funding available for between £1k and £100k. The fund aims to enable individuals and organisations to explore ways of working that will help them to adapt and respond to the current changing circumstances. The overall budget for the Open Fund for Individuals and the Open Fund for Organisations totals £7.5m of National Lottery money. There are separate funding strands for Individuals and Organisations, to ensure that individuals will not be in direct competition with organisations for funding. The fund is open all year round, with no deadlines and can support activity for up to 12 months.

<u>Regular funding</u> is one of Creative Scotland's main funds for arts and creative organisations in Scotland, offering stable long-term funding support. It will fund ongoing running costs, helping organisations to plan, operate and deliver their work over three years. It can also be used to help the organisation change or develop their future plans.

<u>Targeted Funding</u> are funds which exist to support specific activities, such as The Youth Music Initiative, which is an annual funding programme from the Scottish Government to support music-making activity for young people. The Screen Funds, which support filmmakers and producers to develop and produce films, documentaries and other screen projects. The Made in Scotland fund, which can support costs for Scottish theatre, dance and music projects which are planning to perform as part of the Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

<u>Funds delivered by Partners</u> are funds which Creative Scotland supports but the application process is overseen by another partner organisation. This activity can include funding programmes which other organisations deliver for us, as well as training programmes, prizes, awards or residencies that we've funded and other partners are delivering.

Sports Specific Funding

Sport Scotland Funding

<u>Sport Facilities Fund</u> supports capital projects that create or improve places where people take part in sport and physical activity. Projects that provide opportunities for people to get involved in and participate in sport & physical activity may be supported. Resources around the development of projects that have the greatest impact on participation and progression will be targeted. Priority will be given to projects where there is a commitment to equalities & inclusion; people development; and collaboration & impact

UKCC subsidy for coaches these subsidies can be applied for by individuals and groups.

<u>Awards For All</u> is administered by Big Lottery Fund – sports projects funded by Sport Scotland. This Lottery funding can be used for a wide variety of one-off costs between £300 and £10,000.

You must be able to tell them how your project or activity will bring people together and build strong relationships in and across communities and improve the places and spaces that matter to communities.

Funding for Young People

BBC Children in Need Grants Programme

BBC Children in Need's vision is that children and young people in the UK have a safe, happy and secure childhood and the chance to reach their potential. Grants are made available to charities and other non-profit organisations that support and work with children and young people who are disadvantaged and face challenges in their lives.

The people and projects funded will:

- Take the initiative and show clearly how they will make a difference which will improve children and young people's lives.
- Address the challenges the children and young people face, build their skills and resilience, empower them and extend their choices in life.
- Involve children and young people in the design, delivery and evaluation of their work.
- Be keen to keep learning about their work so that their ability to make a difference in children and young people's lives can keep on improving.

Full details and deadlines can be found on the BBC Children in Need webpage

Big lottery Fund - Young Start

Through Young Start funding is offered from £10,001 to £100,000 to help children and young people across Scotland become more confident, so they can realise their own potential. Work that achieves at least one of the following three outcomes may be funded:

- children and young people have better physical, mental and emotional wellbeing
- children and young people have better connections with the wider community
- children and young people get access to new skills and training opportunities which will help them to get a new job or start a business.

Projects will attract funding if they are people-led i.e. meaningfully involving the young people you're working with in the development, design and delivery of your activity; strengths-based i.e., making the most of, and building on, the skills and experiences of young people and assets within communities; and connected i.e. have a good understanding of what others are doing locally, developing good working relationships and complementing and adding value to other relevant activity in your area.

More information can be found on the website

CashBack for Communities

This £18 million fund to help support young people, families and communities most affected by crime. The next phase of funding will run from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2023 will be available across Scotland – check the <u>website</u> for when applications are accepted.

The outcomes to be achieved include:

'We live in communities that are inclusive, empowered, resilient and safe'

'We grow up loved safe and respected so that we realise our full potential'

'We are creative and our vibrant and diverse cultures are expressed and enjoyed widely'

'We are well educated, skilled and able to take part in society'

'We are healthy and active'

'We tackle poverty by sharing opportunities, wealth and power more equally'.

Ragdoll Foundation

The Ragdoll Foundation's Open Grants scheme operates on a rolling deadline. It has been designed to support the cultural sector's work with children and young people. Their vision is to support projects where the concerns of childhood can be heard.

Preference will be given to innovative projects that share the same values of imagination and creativity as the Ragdoll Foundation. In particular, those projects which have a deep commitment to listening to children and allow the perceptions and feelings of children themselves to be better understood.

Applications of up to £50k can be submitted for projects that involve children during their early years, but appropriate projects for older children (up to 18 years) will also be considered.

Projects will be considered for both one-off short-term projects and for projects lasting up to three years. See the Ragdoll Foundation website for more information.

Scottish Children's Lottery

The Scottish Children's Lottery supports four Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisations (SCIOs). **Chance to Flourish** will invest in projects that aim to alleviate the impact of poverty, providing help to those children who need it most. Visit the <u>Chance to Flourish</u> website to find out more.

Chance to Study is a grant-giving charity that works with community groups, families and carers to ensure all young people in Scotland have the opportunity to learn, develop and fulfil their potential. Visit the Chance to Study website to find out more.

Chance to Succeed supports projects with a focus on employability to help nurture a productive, positive future for young people in Scotland. Visit the <u>Chance to Succeed</u> website to find out more.

Chance to Connect aims to improve the provision of facilities, promote citizenship, and give young people across Scotland the chance to live in a safe, supportive and stimulating community. Visit the Chance to Connect website to find out more.

Other Opportunities

The Life Changes Trust

The Trust provide a range of funding opportunities for organisations that are committed to supporting the empowerment and rights of young people with care experience, people living with dementia, and the unpaid carers of those with dementia.

See further detail on projects and funding on the Trusts funding webpage.