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If you need further information on any of these grants schemes, how to apply or are going to apply, Contact the Social Enterprise Team Tel: **01369708547** [thirdsectorenquiries@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:thirdsectorenquiries@argyll-bute.gov.uk)

## NEWS AND UPDATES

### Supporting Communities Fund 2020/21

The Supporting Communities Fund 2020/21 opened for applications on the 7th October 2019. The Closing Date for applications is Friday 6th December 2019 for a decision by March 2020. Applicants are able to apply for up to 100% of the total funding costs for any project / activity, up to the maximum award available, of £2,500. Organisations eligible to apply include voluntary, community, charities and social enterprises which may be involved in Sports and Leisure, Arts and Culture, Social Welfare or Education. This includes Community Councils and Parent Councils. Eligible Projects or Events must take place from April 2020. The Supporting Communities Fund cannot make awards for Capital Projects. Capital expenditure is spend on assets, the useful economic life of which is greater than one financial year and has a resale value. The term 'assets' would not include items classed as consumables - these are goods which are bought, used and replaced, such as office stationery, small tools and equipment, clothing or toys, which would all be eligible for grant funding. For more information call Community Development on: **01436657647** or email [communitydevelopment@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:communitydevelopment@argyll-bute.gov.uk). Please note the text boxes are a set size and therefore there are 2 continuation pages at the end of the form that can be used if required. The form can be saved to your computer to complete or print.

**Deadline: 6<sup>th</sup> December 2019** <https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/council-and-government/third-sector-grants>

### Funding Training for Community Councils and Third Sector Organisations

Argyll & Bute Community Development Team are providing free funding training in November and December for Community Councils and Third Sector Organisations. This training will look at the different types of funding available and provide participants with some useful tips and techniques for completing applications.

- **19<sup>th</sup> November, 10am – 1pm** Lochgilphead Community Education Centre, Lochgilphead. Book by clicking [here](#).
- **21<sup>st</sup> November, 1pm – 4pm** Queen's Hall, Dunoon. Book by clicking [here](#).
- **3<sup>rd</sup> December, 10pm – 1pm**, Helensburgh and Lomond Civic Centre, Helensburgh. Book by clicking [here](#).
- **5<sup>th</sup> December 1pm - 4pm**, Rockfield Centre, Oban. Book by clicking [here](#).

If you have any difficulties in registering online please email the Community Development Team at: [communitydevelopment@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:communitydevelopment@argyll-bute.gov.uk) or call **01631 567944**.

## ARTS AND CULTURE

### 1. Made in Scotland Showcase Funding - 2020 Round Open

Made in Scotland is an initiative run by Creative Scotland, designed to raise the international profile of Scottish dance and theatre artists. This is achieved through the presentation of ambitious work to international promoters at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. Funding is provided for the presentation of:

- High quality and artistically ambitious productions which promote the work of Scottish artists and companies which are 'export-ready' for the international market.
- Productions which involve Scottish artists and companies in international co-productions, or in collaboration with international artists or companies.

The total amount available for the 2020 Made in Scotland programme will be in the region of £290,000, split approximately thus: £220,000 to support theatre and dance and £70,000 to support music. Creative Scotland expects to support around 15-20 applications in total.

**Deadline: 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

<https://www.creativescotland.com/what-we-do/latest-news/archive/2019/09/made-in-scotland-2020-applications-open>

## 2. BBC Relaunches Caroline Aherne Bursary

Aimed at writers and performers, the Caroline Aherne Bursary seeks to foster a new generation of comedy performers by providing funding to support their future development. The bursary will award £5,000 to one successful applicant to support the development of their work. In addition, the entrant will receive mentorship with BBC Comedy Commissioning to develop a pilot comedy script and support and access to comedy training sessions with BBC Writersroom. This year, the bursary has been opened out to writer-performers from across the UK who can reflect modern Britain with voices that have not yet been heard. The BBC wants to unearth those stand out characters and fearless performances which are in the spirit of Caroline's own creations, whatever the background or gender.

**Deadline: 15<sup>th</sup> November 2019** <https://www.bbc.co.uk/writersroom/opportunities/caroline-aherne-bursary>

## 3. PRS Foundation – Resonate Fund Re-opens for Applications

The PRS Foundation has announced that the Resonate fund has re-opened for applications. The fund aims to encourage professional orchestras to programme into their repertoire the best pieces of British music from the past 25 years. Grants of up to £10,000 are available to orchestras who commit to exploring contemporary UK repertoire as part of a season/tour and longer-term audience development programme. The Resonate fund is open to all full and associate ABO members and selected pieces of music must have been written by British composers, who are members of PRS for Music or in a position to join. Performances must be part of a main season programme, major festival or tour. Orchestras can apply for funding to help cover the following: Music Hire; Orchestral rehearsal time; Instrument Hire; Performer fees; Promotion/Performance of work; Touring Costs in the UK.

**Deadline: 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019** <https://prsfoundation.com/funding-support/funding-for-organisations/resonate/>

## 4. Elephant Trust

The Trust offers grants to artists and for new, innovative visual arts projects. It aims to make it possible for artists and those presenting their work to undertake and complete projects when confronted by a lack of funds. The Trust supports projects that develop and improve the knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the fine arts. Priority is given to artists and small organisations and galleries making or producing new work or exhibitions. The Trust normally awards grants of up to £2,000, but larger grants of up to £5,000 may be considered.

**Deadline: 26<sup>th</sup> January 2020** <http://elephanttrust.org.uk/docs/theguide.html>

## 5. Grants of up to £1,000 to Support Traditional Arts

Grants of up to £1,000 are available to provide support for traditional artists and organisations to create, perform, tour and showcase work. The fund can also support professional development and learning projects. In general, individuals (over 18), groups and organisations either based in Scotland, or undertaking work in Scotland, can apply to this fund. The funding is being made available through the Traditional Arts Small Grants Fund. Applicants must be able to demonstrate a positive track record in and/or professional commitment to one or more of the traditional art forms: Scottish Traditional Dance; Scottish Traditional Music; and Scottish Traditional Storytelling.

**Deadline: 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020** <https://www.feisean.org/en/tasgadh/>

## 6. EventScotland – National Events Programme

Funding of £4,000 - £25,000 is available to support sporting and cultural events which take place out with the cities of Edinburgh and Glasgow and drive domestic tourism within Scotland. It is a development programme and therefore does not provide long-term or core funding. It is designed to support additional elements or new activity specifically intended to strategically grow events.

**Deadline: 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020** <http://www.eventscotland.org/funding/national-events-programme/>

## 7. Idlewild Trust

The Idlewild Trust supports charities that improve opportunities for young professionals working in the arts, particularly at an early stage in their careers; and supporting the conservation of important works of art and objects in museums, galleries, places of worship, historic buildings or their grounds that are being lost through the lack of funds to look after these works. The Trust awards around £140,000 each year in grants and makes grants of up to £5,000.

**Deadline: 13<sup>th</sup> February 2020** <https://idlewildtrust.org.uk/apply-grant>

## BUSINESS AND ENTERPRISE

### 8. Brexit Support Grant

The Brexit Support Grant, funded by the Scottish Government, provides a minimum of £2,000 and a maximum of £4,000 to help small to medium-sized enterprises in Scotland manage a wide range of Brexit impacts.

- VAT registered small to medium-sized enterprises\* (SMEs) based in Scotland
- VAT exempt businesses who meet the SME criteria\*
- One grant application per organisation
- Under 250 employees, and turnover less than 50 million Euros OR balance sheet less than 45 million Euros.

The grant can be used to:

- Finance an activity that would otherwise not take place without the grant (and has not already started)
- Finance an activity with a start date after we receive your signed contract confirming you accept the terms of the approved grant
- Claim back costs of a project only if you can finance 100% of the project costs upfront

**Applications are being accepted now** <https://www.prepareforbrexit.scot/updates/brexit-support-grant>

### 9. Food Processing, Marketing and Cooperation (FPMC) Scheme

This scheme can provide support grant to suppliers and producers to contribute to the Scottish Government's overall vision for food and drink in Scotland, which is to be a Good Food Nation, where it is second nature to produce, buy, serve and eat fresh, healthy food.

Capital Projects:

- develop or create food processing facilities, including buildings and equipment

Non-Capital Projects:

- market your products in home and export markets at national/international trade shows/fairs
- to run co-operative ventures to make sure more value is retained by both farmers and growers
- to improve supply-chain efficiency

**Deadline: 10<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

<https://www.ruralpayments.org/publicsite/futures/topics/all-schemes/food-processing--marketing-and-co-operation/>

### 10. TDS Charitable Foundation

Charitable organisations including housing associations and community interest companies (CIC's) can apply for funding of up to £10,000 for projects that will help to educate inexperienced landlords about the obligations of being a private landlord and which will help educate tenants about their rights and responsibilities.

**Deadline: 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020** <http://tdsfoundation.org.uk/#apply-for-funding>

### 11. Innovate UK ISCF Future Food Production Systems

With funding from the Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund (ISCF), the UK's innovation agency, Innovate UK (IUK) is providing funding to transform food production systems, improve productivity and sustainability, and help the industry move towards net zero emissions by 2040. Support is available for projects that disrupt the traditional land-based models of food production and aim to determine the transformation of future food production systems. Projects must be ambitious, multidisciplinary and systems-focused rather than dedicated to developing a single technology.

Projects should address one of the following:

- The development of new, resource efficient, low emission food production systems.
- The technological and other bottlenecks that prevent existing state-of-the-art systems from supplying mainstream consumer markets.

Applicants must also demonstrate how their proposal will meet points one to three of the specific objectives of the Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund's **Transforming Food Production challenge**:

- Create integrated data-driven solutions to drive primary agricultural productivity whilst driving towards net zero emissions.
- Embed adoption of precision approaches to bridge the productivity gap, strengthening connections between researchers, businesses and practitioners.
- Stimulate the establishment of novel high value production systems to position UK technologies at the forefront of new industries.

To lead a project, the organisation must be a UK registered business of any size. Projects must be collaborative, and involve at least one SME. UK registered businesses, academic institutions, charities, public sector organisations or research and technology organisations (RTO) can collaborate on the project. Up to £20 million has been allocated to this competition. A project's total eligible costs must be greater than £1 million but less than £10 million. Projects must be carried out in the UK. Projects must start by 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020 and end by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023. They can last between 24 and 33 months.

**Deadline: 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020** <https://apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/competition/461/overview>

## 12. Farm Advisory Service

The Scottish Government is encouraging farming business owners and land managers to take advantage of the funding support available to them via the Farm Advisory Service (FAS) to bring in an expert adviser to help them review the strengths and weaknesses of their business and develop a resilience action plan. Support available:

- Up to £1,000 available to fund a business specialist advice report
- No requirement for a prior Integrated Land management Plan (ILMP)
- Funding available until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020

The adviser will work with a participating business to establish key performance indicators for financial resilience, analyse enterprise exposure, assess profitability and cash flow, and inspect the 'health' of the balance sheet. In consultation with a business owner or representative, the adviser will identify appropriate resilience action measures that can be taken and develop a practical implementation plan for the business.

**Deadline: 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020** [www.fas.scot/specialist-advice](http://www.fas.scot/specialist-advice)

## 13. NatWest Grants to Female-led Businesses

The Back Her Business initiative has been designed to help more female entrepreneurs launch their own business. The UK-wide campaign is part of NatWest's pledge to inspire 400,000 female-led business by 2025. The initiative works by giving participants a crowdfunding platform to raise the money they need to launch a commercial enterprise, as well as free coaching, mentoring and opportunities to meet like-minded women. The bank is providing a top-up fund of £1 million per annum and will be offering a grants to qualifying businesses. Applicants are required to set up a crowdfunding project with a minimum target of £1,000. Successful applicants will receive match funding of up to 50% towards their target, up to a maximum of £5,000. This programme is open to UK-based, female-led start-up businesses and those with a new trading activity.

**Applications may be submitted at any time** <https://www.natwestbackherbusiness.co.uk/>

## CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

### 14. Les Mills Fund for Children

The Les Mills Fund for Children supports a wide range and number of youth causes that inspire children to get active. They aim to ensure that as many children as possible can get the opportunity to grow up healthy, fit and most importantly, happy. Funding of up to £1,000 is available to registered charities and accountable non-profit organisations working to improve the education and physical and emotional wellbeing of children between the ages of 0 and 16 years. Work should focus on one or more of the following areas: Living in poverty; Physical and mental health problems; Health and Wellbeing; Living with disability. Grants of up to £1,000 are available.

**Deadline: 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019** <https://lesmillsfundforchildren.org.uk/apply/>

### 15. Children in Scotland

The ELC Inclusion Fund provides funding to ELC settings to support children with additional support needs (ASN) in Scotland access their funded ELC entitlement. It funds staff working in ELC settings to receive appropriate training and fund resources, equipment and adaptations. The intention is that the fund will: make ELC settings more accessible for children with additional support needs; result in an increase in the number of ELC staff who are trained and confident to support children with additional support needs; promote more inclusive learning experiences for children; and result in better outcomes for children with additional support needs.

**Deadline: 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019** <https://childreninscotland.org.uk/our-work/services/early-learning-childcare-inclusion-fund/>

### 16. Kelly Family Charitable Trust

Registered charities that work to tackle family problems or problems facing one or more of its members can apply for grants of between £1,000 and £5,000. Funding is available for both capital and revenue grants as well as grants for core

funding and projects-based grants. The funding is being made available through the Kelly Family Charitable Trust which actively encourages applications from relatively new organisations to help them become established. The trust prefers to support charities whose income is below £500,000. However, larger charities with pioneering pilot projects will be considered.

**Deadline: 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020** <https://kfct.org.uk/how-to-apply/>

### 17. Royal National Children's Foundation

Royal National Children's Foundation helps vulnerable children in the UK whose circumstances are seriously prejudicial to their normal development. The Foundation provides Assisted Boarding school places for vulnerable children between the age of 7 and 16 years old who fulfill these criteria: Children have one or no active parents; children whose normal development is compromised or threatened by adverse home or school conditions; children live in poor families where the cost of boarding cannot be met; children that live in the UK. The RNCF also contributes towards the cost of counselling, essential school equipment and uniform when needed. Every year they offer many needy children an outward bound holiday in the UK. The Royal National Children's Foundation contributes towards boarding and day school fees, to help those young people it agrees to support. RNCF does not award grants that cover 100% of fees therefore additional funding will need to be secured. This may be from other charities, the chosen school itself, Local Authorities or from family resources if that is possible. The application process takes 6 - 8 weeks.

**Applications may be submitted at any time** <https://www.royalspringboard.org.uk/applying-for-help/>

## COMMUNITY FUNDING

### 18. Smarter Choices, Smarter Places (SCSP)

The Smarter Choices, Smarter Places (SCSP) Open Fund aims to encourage people to change their behaviours to walk or cycle as part of their everyday short journeys. The fund, supported by Transport Scotland, also encourages people to use sustainable travel choices, including buses, trams, trains and car share clubs for longer journeys. The Open Fund is available to support public, third and community sector organisations that want to change people's everyday travel behaviour. The fund aims to help cut Scotland's carbon emissions and improve our air quality. It will also help reverse the trend towards sedentary lifestyles and will tackle health inequalities. Grants available are between £5000 and £50,000 and need to be match funded.

**Expressions of Interest are being accepted now**

<https://www.pathsforall.org.uk/active-travel/smarter-choices-smarter-places/open-fund>

### 19. Places for Everyone

Places for Everyone contributes to the Scottish Government's aim for a healthier, environmentally sustainable nation with a strong economy and communities, as laid out in the National Performance Framework. Applicants will receive direct access to their knowledge and experience, as well as benefit from their partnership approach that leads to better outcomes. This way of working helps ensure that the projects they're involved with achieve the best possible outcomes for communities across Scotland. They can provide support at any stage in a project's development, but encourage projects to express an interest in Places for Everyone as early as possible, so they can help guide you through the process. In order to ensure all projects receiving funding make the largest possible impact, they have developed six design principles. These are the minimum criteria for a successful Places for Everyone bid.

1. Develop ideas collaboratively and in partnership with communities.
2. Facilitate independent walking, cycling, and wheeling for everyone, including an unaccompanied 12-year old.
3. Design places that provide enjoyment, comfort and protection.
4. Ensure access for all and equality of opportunity in public space.
5. Ensure all proposals are developed in a way that is context-specific and evidence-led.
6. Reallocate road space, and restrict motor traffic permeability to prioritise people walking, cycling and wheeling over private motor vehicles.

All designs will be assessed against how well they achieve the design principles. Infrastructure must be of a specification that will remain of high functional quality for at least 15 years and will accommodate both current and future needs. All projects must be subject to Equality Impact Assessments and ecological appraisal. Any predicted negative equalities or ecological impacts of the development must be mitigated and biodiversity enhancement should be delivered wherever possible. They encourage applications from public and third sector organisations that can demonstrate an ability to deliver and maintain the infrastructure for which they are applying.

**Deadline: 15<sup>th</sup> November 2019** <https://www.sustrans.org.uk/our-blog/projects/2019/scotland/places-for-everyone/>

## 20. Scottish Veterans Fund 2020/21

The Scottish Veterans Fund, which supports innovative projects to help veterans overcome any disadvantage experienced as a result of service, has recently opened to new applications. The initiative aims to help veterans and their families achieve a successful transition to civilian life and make Scotland the most attractive place to be for those leaving the services. A total of £200,000, provided by the Scottish Government and Standard Life Aberdeen, is available during the 2020/21 funding round. Groups in Scotland can now apply for grants of up to £15,000 to fund innovative projects. Projects with one or more of the following aims may qualify:

- Supporting access for veterans and their families to health and social care; housing; employment, skills and education; financial advice; or any other services provided by the public or third sector; as well as those going through the justice system.
- Supporting veterans and their families in their meaningful inclusion in civilian life, including promoting positive health and wellbeing and aiding social integration, with an emphasis on inclusion amongst civilian/non-military communities.
- Supporting the successful transition to civilian life following service for the service person and their family.
- Raising awareness of veterans and their families amongst the general public, emphasising their positive contribution to society and local communities.

Applications will be accepted from legally constituted organisations and statutory bodies, including Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisations (SCIOs) and registered companies (whether a limited company or a company limited by guarantee) which are run on a not-for-profit basis.

**Deadline: 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019** <http://www.veterans-assist.org/scottish-veterans-fund-2020-21-opens/>

## 21. Armed Forces Covenant: Local Grants Programme

Under the Armed Forces Covenant Local Grants programme, grants of up to £20,000 for local projects that support community integration or local delivery of services.

**Community Integration** projects should create strong local links between the Armed Forces community, who are current and former members of their armed forces and their families) and civilian communities; and be able to clearly demonstrate how they will have impact in overcoming barriers to better integration; and improving perceptions, attitudes and understanding. For the project to be truly effective in achieving community integration there should be shared development, delivery and benefits for both communities.

**Delivery of Local Services** projects should be local projects which offer financial advice, housing, mental and physical health, employability or social support for serving armed forces personnel, veterans, and their families. Projects must be well connected, both to their beneficiaries and to other relevant organisations, and be able to demonstrate how the services they provide will be well-publicised, accessible and joined up.

**Deadline: 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019** <https://www.covenantfund.org.uk/local-grants-and-digital-development-programme/>

## 22. Wee Grants for Wee Groups

The Robertson Trust want to support smaller charities and community groups who are doing good work in their communities which fits one of our funding strands:

- **Care and Wellbeing** - Improving the quality of life for those affected by physical and/or mental health issues and their carers
- **Strengthening Communities** - Increasing the ability and capacity of people and communities to create solutions which address local need
- **Realising Potential** – Developing confidence and resilience in young people, particularly those who face barriers to success

Wee Grants can be from £500-£2,000 and can fully fund or part fund your work. This can include your day to day running costs such as rent or utilities, project costs, sessional staff and items such as equipment or training materials.

**Applications are being accepted now**

<https://www.therobertsontrust.org.uk/what-we-fund/wee-grants-for-wee-groups>

## 23. Weir Charitable Trust

The Weir Charitable Trust supports services and projects run by Scottish-based community groups and small charities who are struggling to secure funds through mainstream funders or who have unsuccessfully explored all the

statutory sources of funding. Grants of up to £25,000 are awarded for projects that relate to Sport; Health; Culture; Animal Welfare; or Recreational Facilities.

**Deadline: 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020** <https://weircharitabletrust.com/apply-now>

#### 24. Love Your Network Grant

Grant funding is available for practical projects which benefit people or wildlife across National Cycle Network routes in Scotland. Community groups can apply for grants of between £100 and £750. Examples of costs which have been covered with a Love Your Network grant are below. This is NOT an exhaustive list, and applications can include things which do not appear here:

- Litter-picking equipment
- Bike trailers for transporting tools and equipment
- Hand tools
- Power tools
- Native plants
- Fruit trees

Please note: projects which take place on a numbered National Cycle Network route will be given priority.

**Deadline: 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

<https://www.sustrans.org.uk/our-blog/projects/2019/scotland/the-love-your-network-grant-fund-for-community-groups-in-scotland/>

#### 25. ACHA Community Action Fund

Argyll Community Housing Association Ltd (ACHA) has a small fund from which the Association makes donations to registered charitable organisations which are worthwhile causes and which have some housing connection or a connection to the Aims & Objectives of the Association. Grants of £500 are available to charitable organisations for the following –

- Culture and recreation (e.g. art, sport, music, history)
- The environment (e.g. green initiatives, clean-ups, green spaces, wildlife and animal welfare)
- Community facilities (e.g. building maintenance, playgrounds)
- Community cohesion and engagement
- Social activities (e.g. fun days, bingo, lunch clubs)
- Health, wellbeing and personal and social development
- Unemployment
- Financial hardship
- Training and education
- Community safety (e.g. crime, anti-social behaviour, safety initiatives)

**Applications may be submitted at any time** <https://www.acha.co.uk/services-community-action-fund/>

#### 26. Funding for Community Cohesion Projects

Local community-led grassroots groups and organisations can apply for funding for projects that break down barriers and tensions between different groups of people, and help to build a more cohesive and inclusive community. This could be a housing estate or a distinct community. The funding is being made available through the Allen Lane Foundation's Social Cohesion Programme. The Foundation is particularly concerned about divisions in communities that occurred around the 2016 Referendum and subsequently. Applications will be particularly encouraged from areas of high deprivation but not exclusively and can be for new or ongoing work.

**Applications may be submitted at any time** <http://allenlane.org.uk/social-cohesion-programme/>

#### 27. Trusthouse Charitable Foundation

Trusthouse is interested in applications for capital projects at community centres in the most deprived urban areas and village halls in remote and economically deprived rural areas. Will consider applications for new buildings; upgrading, renovating or extending buildings; improving or creating outside space (but not car parks).

**Applications may be submitted at any time**

<http://trusthousecharitablefoundation.org.uk/grants/community-centres-and-village-halls/>

## EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

### 28. British Science Week Community Grant Scheme

The British Science Week Community Grant Scheme has re-opened for applications. The scheme offers £500-£1,000 grants to community groups that run their own science activities during British Science Week (6-15 March 2020) aimed at audiences who are traditionally under-represented and currently not engaged in science activity. This can include:

- people from ethnic minorities
- people with low socio-economic status, including people disadvantaged in terms of education and income
- people with a physical or mental condition or impairment
- people living in a remote and rural location, defined as settlements of less than 10,000 people
- girls and women

**Deadline: 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019** <https://www.britishecienceweek.org/about-us/grants/bsw-community-grant-scheme/>

### 29. Flexible Workforce Development Fund

The purpose of the FWDF is to provide employers with flexible workforce development training opportunities to support inclusive economic growth through up-skilling or re-skilling of employees. The Fund is in addition to apprenticeship support, access to which is available to all employers in Scotland; and Individual Training Accounts (ITAs), which provide eligible individuals with the opportunity to undertake learning opportunities to develop their skills for employment. The FWDF may be particularly beneficial in addressing skills gaps and training needs of the older workforce.

**Deadline: 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020** <http://www.sfc.ac.uk/publications-statistics/guidance/2019/SFCGD192019.aspx>

## ENERGY, RENEWABLES AND RECYCLING

### 30. Green Investment Programme

The Green Investment Portfolio will give local authorities, developers and third sector organisations the opportunity to pitch for large scale investment to support projects reducing Scotland's emissions in areas like renewables, waste, transport and the circular economy. The Green Investment Portfolio supports the Scottish Government's ethical finance ambitions by matching projects which are reducing emissions with investors so they can fully maximise their potential and promote them globally. This could include projects that are making buildings more energy efficient, reducing industrial emissions or even restoring peatlands. Their aim is to take to market a £3 billion portfolio of investable projects over the next three years. Successful projects which are aligned to the Scottish Government's climate change targets will receive marketing and development advice to help them raise their international profile and attract private sector investment at overseas events. The Green Investment Portfolio is estimated to be worth £3 billion over a three-year period, with the first tranche of projects expected to be launched in spring 2020. Eligible projects which are market-ready and seeking private sector capital should contact [investment@gov.scot](mailto:investment@gov.scot).

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/scotlands-green-investment-portfolio-call-projects/>

### 31. Protect Biodiversity and Ecosystems

Outdoor clothing company Patagonia has funding of up to \$12,000 available for projects that address the root causes of environmental problems. Small, grassroots, activist organisations around the world, working on action orientated and multi-pronged campaigns to preserve and protect biodiversity and the environment, can apply for grants to run projects that protect local habitats. Applicants must be able to produce measurable project results, and Patagonia are particularly keen to support efforts that force the government to abide by laws. Creative methods to engage communities to take action, including film, photography and books will only be supported if they are tightly linked to a direct-action campaign on the issue, with specific goals that go beyond education and awareness.

**Deadline: 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020** <https://eu.patagonia.com/gb/en/environmental-grants.html>

### 32. Grants to Support Action for Marine Conservation

Sea-Changers provides grants of up to £600 (£1,000 in exceptional circumstances) to a range of primarily UK based, marine conservation charities and not for profit organisations. The projects funded will achieve one or more of the following objectives:

- To address the root causes of marine conservation threats and challenges in the UK.
- To prevent or reduce negative impacts on UK coastal and marine environments and / or species.
- To add to the body of knowledge about marine conservation threats and challenges in the UK.

Sea-Changers is particularly interested in grassroots projects which galvanise community action and in projects which increase the number of people taking action for marine conservation. Data and results from research projects undertaken as a result of Sea-Changers grant funding must be made available to Sea-Changers and shared with appropriate marine databases when completed.

**Deadline: 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020** <https://www.sea-changers.org.uk/grants>

### 33. Grants for Projects Focusing on Endangered Species

Scientific researchers and those working in the field of practical conservation working within an NGO or a university research department can apply for a grant of between £3,000 and £10,000 per annum for up to two years conservation and/or research work. High priority will be given to gathering evidence needed to undertake necessary mitigation work; using scientific evidence to get changes made to local, national or international policy or devising and testing a new methodology for monitoring a species or group of species.

**Applications may be submitted at any time** <https://ptes.org/grants/apply-grant/worldwide-grant-criteria/>

## FUNDING for DIGITAL PROJECTS

### 34. Funding Available to Teach Digital Skills

The Good Things Foundation is inviting Online Centres from across the UK to apply for funding to deliver the Make It Click project in partnership with Google.org. Delivery for this round of funding runs from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020, and they are offering four contract sizes that Online Centres can apply for: £1,250, £2,500, £5,000 or £10,000. The funding is available to Online Centres who currently support employed and unemployed learners, those who are socially excluded, or those who run small businesses, to deliver projects that help people progress in their career to realise positive life and work outcomes through a programme of tailored support.

**Deadline: 8<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

<https://www.onlinecentresnetwork.org/news-and-activity/news/uk-wide-funding-available-help-people-make-it-click>

### 35. The Lintel Trust

Grants of up to £2,000 are available to housing associations and voluntary organisations linked to housing associations for projects that help provide solutions for people in housing need in Scotland. This can include the provision of services to older people to enable them to continue living at home; provision of services promoting digital participation and access to online services to digitally excluded individuals and groups; and provision of services improving opportunities for socially isolated people to participate and engage in community life; etc.

**Deadline: 21<sup>st</sup> January 2020** <https://linteltrust.org.uk/apply-for-funding/>

### 36. Broadband for Rural Communities

Businesses and residents in some of the hardest-to-reach places in the UK are eligible for additional funding towards the cost of installing new gigabit-capable broadband to their premises when part of a group project. Two or more businesses applying together can use vouchers worth up to £3,500 for each small and medium-sized businesses (SMEs), and up to £1,500 per residential premise to support the cost of installing new gigabit-capable connections. Vouchers are offered as part of the Government's Rural Gigabit Connectivity programme and only apply to new broadband connections.

**Deadline: 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021** <https://gigabitvoucher.culture.gov.uk/rural/>

## GENERAL FUNDING

### 37. Bank of Scotland's Reach Programme

Registered Charities in Scotland with an income less than £1 million per annum will be able to apply for grants of between £1,000 and £20,000 over one year to support vulnerable people through varying stages of their lives. The funding is available for charities that can demonstrate they address disadvantage or social exclusion. This can include homelessness, abuse, mental health or poverty, or secondary disadvantage such as debt issues, learning disabilities, illiteracy, lack of employability skills or health issues.

**Deadline: 19<sup>th</sup> December 2019** <https://bankofscotlandfoundation.org/funding-programmes/reach>

### 38. Grants to Support Animal Welfare Charities

Charities registered in the UK and working to offer sanctuary, rehoming and rehabilitation to animals in the UK and/or internationally can apply for a grant of up to £35,000. Organisations involved with the conservation of wildlife,

the rescue, rehabilitation and (where possible) release of animals are also eligible to apply. The funding supports general running costs or capital purchases. The Trust encourages repeat applications from charities when further financial support might be given if funds allow.

**Deadline: 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020** <https://www.jeansainsburyanimalwelfare.org.uk/applications/>

### 39. Building Resilient Local Economies

Organisations working within the UK who want to help transform financial systems into 'engines for social benefit' can apply for grants to promote local economic resilience or to support projects that will change corporate behaviours in pursuit of wider social objectives.

**Deadline: 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020** <https://www.friendsprovidentfoundation.org/our-programme/>

### 40. Projects that Support Women

Grants of up to £15,000 are available for projects both in the UK and internationally that support women. For 2018/2019 applications will be particularly welcome from non-OECD countries that focus on campaigning and activism in the following areas: Lesbian and transgender rights, Violence against women and girls, Disabled women and girls, Refugee women and girls.

**Deadline: 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020** <http://www.feminist-review-trust.com/>

### 41. Polden-Puckham Charitable Foundation

Grants of between £5,000 and £15,000 are available to UK registered charities for projects that resolve violent conflicts and projects that promote environmental sustainability. Funding is available for projects that aim to change policy and attitudes at a national or European level. The Foundation also supports organisations or projects that are not UK registered charities if they can identify a UK registered charity able to receive funds on their behalf. Priority will be given to small, pioneering organisations.

**Deadline: 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020** <https://www.polden-puckham.org.uk/how-to-apply-report>

### 42. Rank Foundation

This is the foundations small funding stream for UK registered charities and recognised churches which are raising money for projects where the total cost is less than £1 million. If you are raising money for a particular project for which the mainstay is capital costs (building work, refurbishment or the purchase of long-term equipment) or a one-off short-term activity (such as an annual respite break or holiday for disadvantaged young people) and have already raised a third of the total costs, you may be eligible for this.

**Applications may be submitted at any time** <https://rankfoundation.com/pebble-grants/>

### 43. Charles Hayward Foundation

The foundation provides grants to charities registered in the UK, and awards are presented under four categories; Social and Criminal Justice; Heritage and Conversation; Overseas; and Older People. The committee meets quarterly to review applications.

**Applications may be submitted at any time** <http://www.charleshaywardfoundation.org.uk/>

## HEALTH

### 44. Short Breaks for Disabled Young People

Grants of up to £50,000 are now available to charities and voluntary organisations in Scotland working to develop and deliver short breaks projects and services for disabled children and young people (aged 20 and under). A total of £1.1million is being made available through The Better Breaks programme managed by Shared Care Scotland. The programme funds a wide range of short breaks projects and activities. These can include breaks away (i.e. overnight stays, residential breaks), days out, and/or shorter regular activities and sessions. The activities can be for disabled children and young people, for their carers, or for families to enjoy together. These breaks should increase opportunities for disabled children and young people to engage in activities they enjoy, give carers a break from their caring role, and improve wellbeing for all involved. Support for applicants is available through webinars, drop-in sessions and phone-ins, details of these are available on the website.

**Deadline: 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019** <https://www.sharedcarescotland.org.uk/shortbreaksfund/betterbreaks/>

#### 45. Positive Pathways Programme

The Veterans Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund aims to give veterans more choice and control over their own personal recovery journeys; enabling veterans to take part in activities that are personally meaningful, while receiving good support with their mental health and wellbeing needs. Projects must be activity based. This might be: sports; arts/culture activities such as music or theatre; getting outside, for example gardening activities heritage projects such as conservation or archaeology. This programme is open to Armed Forces charities and CICs; and charities/CICs that have substantial experience in working with veterans. Your organisation will need to have a good understanding of mental health needs and how to support them, including where to signpost veterans to if they are not well. One-year grants of £35,000 and two-year grants of £70,000 are available.

**Deadline: 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019** <https://www.covenantfund.org.uk/positive-pathways-programme/>

#### 46. Corra Foundation - Scottish Government Challenge Fund

This Scottish Government funding will support activities that tackle problem alcohol and drug use. This fund is in two categories, "Getting ready for Change" and "Implementing Change". The "Getting Ready for Change" category will enable local areas a small pot of funding which will support the reflection and review of their current operating systems. "Support for Change" is funding to test ideas that are ready for implementation. The aim to help break down barriers for people when accessing services or getting the right support, and as a result achieve better and more sustainable positive changes in people's lives. It will aim to look specifically at: Clinical pathways; Stepped care (right support at the right time); Whole family approaches; New approaches to alcohol related harm; New early support that is tailored to changing patterns in young people's drug and alcohol use. Priority will be given to proposals with a focus on clinical pathways around alcohol detox and opiate replacement. A secondary focus will be given to proposals on systems for mental health, homelessness or employability. Integration Authorities (IAs) and Alcohol and Drug Partnerships (ADPs) and their partners, including third sector organisations, can apply.

**Deadline: 17<sup>th</sup> December 2019** <https://www.corra.scot/grants/challenge-fund/>

#### 47. Bailey Thomas Charitable Fund

Schools, voluntary organisations and charities can apply for grants to help both children and adults suffering severe learning difficulties. The grants can be used to purchase capital equipment, support capital works as well as covering project and core costs such as staff costs, general running and office costs. Previous grants have been used to support capital works for residential, nursing and respite care, and schools; employment schemes including woodwork, crafts, printing and horticulture; play schemes and play therapy schemes; day and social activities centres including building costs and running costs; support for families, including respite schemes; independent living schemes; support in the community schemes; and Snoezelen rooms.

**Deadline: funding in excess of £10,000 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020**

**Deadline: £10,000 and below applications may be submitted at any time** <http://www.bailythomas.org.uk/grants>

#### 48. DM Thomas Foundation for Young People

The Foundation is dedicated to helping disabled, sick and disadvantaged young people and children (from 0-25) to transform their lives. Applications working in the areas of education or health with one of the following four chosen focus groups may be considered: Children and young people with disabilities; Children and young people who are sick in hospital; Children and young people who are life limited (requiring palliative care); Mental Health of Children and young people.

**Deadline: 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020** <https://dmthomasfoundation.org/what-we-do/grants/dmtf-central-grants/>

#### 49. Pink Ribbon Foundation Grants

The Foundation is a grant making trust that provides financial support to UK charities which relieve the needs of people who are suffering from, or who have been affected by breast cancer or who work to advance the understanding of breast cancer, its early detection and treatment. Grants of up to £5,000 are usually available. Higher grants may be awarded if the trustees feel there is a special reason to do so. Any charity working in the field of breast cancer can apply for a grant. Applications from general cancer charities must demonstrate that the grants requested will be applied to benefit those affected by breast cancer. Where applications relate to general services, details must be given of how many (and what proportion) of the total number benefiting from the charity's work are affected by breast cancer.

**Deadline: 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020** <https://www.pinkribbonfoundation.org.uk/who-we-help/#apply-for-a-grant>

## 50. Edward Gostling Foundation

Registered charities, Hospices and state schools catering wholly for students with additional needs, can apply for grants to support their work that enhances the quality of life for people in need, specifically the mentally and physically disabled. Priority is given to small and medium size charities making a significant impact in their community and who may lack the time and resources to be able to focus on their fundraising. The Edward Gostling Foundation's grants are awarded to projects that have a significant impact across one or more of four life "themes" and priority is given to organisations that clearly demonstrate this within their application for grant funding, these are: Health and Wellbeing; Independent Living at Home; Respite; and Transition. Grants can support:

- Modifications to homes, state schools (wholly for students with additional needs), hospices etc.
- The provision of specialist equipment such as the provision of specialised wheelchairs, other mobility aids and equipment including medical equipment to assist independent living
- Financial assistance towards the cost of short-term respite breaks at a registered respite centre.
- Grants are awarded through two programmes:
- A fast-track Small Grants Programme for applications under £5,000
- A Large Grants Programme for applications of £5,000 or over.

**Applications may be submitted at any time** <https://www.edwardgostlingfoundation.org.uk/>

## LAND AND PROPERTY

### 51. Project Development Funding for Churches

Grants of between £3,000 and £10,000 are available to listed and unlisted Christian places towards developing a church building project. This includes Churches, Chapels and Meeting Houses. The funding is being made available through the National Churches Trusts Gateway Programme. The Gateway Grant Programme also offers grants of between £3,000 and £10,000 to local church trusts to fund projects that support organisational development, increase their capacity to churches in their area or that deliver new ways of supporting churches in their area.

**Deadline: 9<sup>th</sup> January 2020** <https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/gatewaygrants>

### 52. Rank Foundation – Pebble Grants Programme

UK registered charities and recognised churches which are raising money for capital projects (building work, refurbishment or the purchase of long-term equipment) or a one-off short term activity (such as an annual respite break or holiday for disadvantaged young people) can apply for funding through the Rank Foundation – Pebble Grants programme. To be eligible to apply the total project cost must be less than £1 million, the organisation must have an annual income of less than £500,000 and the organisation applying must already have raised a third of the total costs.

**The Foundation is currently accepting applications for the January 2020 meeting of Trustees.**

<https://rankfoundation.com/pebble-grants/>

### 53. Architectural Heritage Fund Project Development Grant

Grants of up to £30,000 are available for projects that support people, communities and organisations to take ownership, to repair and to adapt historic buildings and places for new sustainable uses. The funding is available to cover the costs of developing and co-ordinating a project and take it towards the start of work on site. The grants are for project development costs only and not for on-site capital works. Priority will be given to projects involving historic buildings that have statutory protection (i.e. listed or in a Conservation Area and of acknowledged historic significance) and at risk.

**Deadline: 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020** <http://ahfund.org.uk/scotland>

### 54. Architectural Heritage Fund - Project Viability Fund

Grants of up to £7,500 are now available for formally constituted charities or social enterprises that have the necessary powers to undertake a project involving the acquisition and conversion of an historic building. The Architectural Heritage Fund Project Viability Grant aims to enable organisations to work out whether a proposed use for a building will be economically viable. The grant will contribute towards the cost of exploring different options for reuse or testing a single option. At the end of the process you should be able to make an informed decision on whether the organisation should commit to further cost, risk and effort in developing the project.

**Deadline: 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020** <http://ahfund.org.uk/scotland>

## 55. Scottish Land Fund

Community led organisations in Scotland can apply for funding of between £10,000 and £1 million through the Scottish Land Fund (SLF). The funding aims to support projects both in urban and rural Scotland that will help local community development through the ownership of land and buildings. A total of £10 million is available for 2016-17. Applicants can be from one of a wide range of representative community bodies, including voluntary organisations. To apply, contact the Big Lottery Fund Scotland to discuss your idea at [advicescotland@biglotteryfund.org.uk](mailto:advicescotland@biglotteryfund.org.uk) or on 0300 123 7110. Projects that are eligible 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. The SLF will fund the purchase of land or land assets. Eligible organisations can also request some revenue funding to help with the cost of developing their proposal or initial running costs of their project after acquisition.

**Deadline: July 2020** <https://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/scottishlandfund>

## SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION

### 56. British Science Week 2020 Kick Start Grants

The British Science Association has announced that applications for British Science Week “Kick Start” grants have reopened for applications. As part of the British Science Week (BSW), the British Science Association, with funding from UK Research and Innovation (UKRI), is providing grants for schools in challenging circumstances to organise their own science and engineering events. British Science Week (BSW), which is a ten-day celebration (6th – 15th March 2020) of science, technology, engineering, and maths. There are four types of grant:

- Kick Start Youth grant: a grant of £150 for your school to run an activity during British Science Week organised and delivered by students aged 10-19.
- Kick Start grant: a grant of £300 for your school to run an activity during British Science Week.
- Kick Start More grant: a grant of £700 for your school to host a science event or activity which involves your students and the local community. The community can comprise of families/carers, members of local community groups, local businesses and local press.
- NEW! Kick Start grant + Youth grant: a grant of £450 for your school to run an activity during British Science Week and an additional activity organised and delivered by students aged 10-19.

To be eligible students must be from a school that fulfills one or more of the following criteria.

- Have a high proportion (over 30%) of pupils eligible for the pupil premium or equivalent;
- Have a high proportion (over 30%) of pupils from ethnic minority backgrounds;
- Be a small school based in a remote and rural location.

**Deadline: 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019** <https://www.britishsienceweek.org/about-us/grants/kick-start-grant-scheme/>

### 57. Nature Grants for Schools

Infant, Primary and Secondary schools in England, Scotland and Wales are being invited to apply for up to £500 worth of free outdoor equipment and two hours of professional outdoor training as part of the third instalment of Local School Nature Grants. Schools can choose from over 100 different products to deliver outdoor learning and play. These include:

- Den Building Kits
- Small Spaces Planters
- Insect Study Centres
- Litter Picking Kits
- Investigating Weather Kits

The funding is being made available through the charity Learning through Landscapes Local School Nature Grant scheme. The charity has been helping schools across Great Britain since 2017. Funded by the players of People's Postcode Lottery, the grants have so far provided £900,000 worth of equipment to 800 schools. This year it will reach a further 500 schools. This year, the scheme is also open to non-mainstream schools; including pupil referral units. The programme is only open to schools. Nurseries, Playgroups, Pre-Schools and gardening groups are not eligible. Reception settings attached to a school (i.e. on the same physical site) are eligible to apply in partnership with a school, but the school must lead the application.

**Deadline: 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019** <https://www.ltl.org.uk/nature-grant/>

### 58. London Mathematical Society - Small Grants for Education

Grants of up to £800 are available to stimulate interest and enable involvement in mathematics from Key Stage 1 (age 5+) to undergraduate level and beyond. The funding is being made available through the London Mathematical

Society's Small Grants for Education scheme and aims to enhance and enrich mathematical study beyond the curriculum; engage the public with mathematics; and encourage unusual ways of communicating mathematics. The scheme is primarily intended for activities for which there is limited scope for alternative sources of funding. Applicants linked to universities should ideally be supported by a member of the Society and ordinarily the Scheme will not fund University outreach activity. However, anyone based in the UK is eligible to apply for a grant.

**Deadline: 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019** <https://www.ims.ac.uk/grants/small-grants-education>

### 59. Baily Thomas Charitable Fund

Schools, voluntary organisations and charities can apply for grants to help both children and adults suffering severe learning difficulties. The grants can be used to purchase capital equipment, support capital works as well as covering project and core costs such as staff costs, general running and office costs. Previous grants have been used to support capital works for residential, nursing and respite care, and schools; employment schemes including woodwork, crafts, printing and horticulture; play schemes and play therapy schemes; day and social activities centres including building costs and running costs; support for families, including respite schemes; independent living schemes; support in the community schemes; and Snoezelen rooms. Applications for £10,000 and below can be submitted at any time.

**Deadline: 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020** <http://www.bailythomas.org.uk/grants>

### 60. The Wolfson Foundation

Grants of up to £75,000 are available to special schools and colleges for children and young people with special educational needs. The funding is available for projects that are focused towards helping pupils to develop skills which would help them to gain employment or live independently after leaving school or college. The funding is available towards capital costs such as new buildings, the refurbishment of existing buildings and equipment. There is a 2-stage application process.

**Deadline: 5<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

<https://www.wolfson.org.uk/funding/funding-for-places/funding-for-special-schools-and-colleges/>

### 61. Funding for Links with Japan

Grants of £2,000 - £7,000 are available to promote and support interaction between the two countries. Daiwa Foundation Small Grants can cover all fields of activity, including educational and other projects and events. New initiatives are especially encouraged.

**Deadline: 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020** <http://dajf.org.uk/grants-awards-prizes/daiwa-foundation-small-grants>

### 62. Grants to Promote the Teaching of Greek

The Hellenic Society Schools Sub-Committee makes grants to schools to assist projects concerned with the teaching of Greek or Greek civilization. Typically, grants are made for:

- The development of new courses in Greek
- Books & other teaching materials
- Classics days or conferences
- Greek plays by schools
- Summer schools for school pupils

Applications from schools planning to start courses in Greek are especially welcome. Applications on behalf of individual pupils or teachers are not normally considered, but a grant may be made to an institution for use as bursaries to individuals at the discretion of that institution. Most grants are in the range £100-£500, but larger awards are occasionally made.

**Deadline: 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020** <https://www.hellenicsociety.org.uk/grants/>

### 63. Foyle Foundation Schools Library Programme

State funded schools as well as dedicated schools that do not have or want to improve their libraries can apply for funding of between £1,000 and £10,000 through the Foyle Foundation Schools Library Programme. Priority will be given to primary schools and to funding library books. The Foundation will also consider contributions towards e-readers, library software, necessary IT equipment and specialist seating/desks. Preference will be given to schools which can clearly demonstrate that their library can be maintained and renewed in the future.

**Applications may be submitted at any time** <http://www.foylefoundation.org.uk/how-to-apply/state-schools.php>

### 64. Lords Taverners

SEN Schools can apply for grants of up to £5,000 to enable them to purchase a range of sensory equipment to help

enhance the pupils' experience at school. To be eligible schools need to cater for young people under the age of 19 who have a physical/ sensory/ learning disability. Schools that cater for socially disadvantaged children or mainstream schools for children with behavioural problems are unable to apply. The funding is being made available through the Lords Taverners, the UK's leading youth cricket and disability sports charity. Schools are required to pay a self-help contribution of around 25% of the total cost of the package.

**Applications may be submitted at any time** <https://www.lordstaverners.org/sensory-rooms>

### 65. Wooden Spoon Society's Capital Grants

Schools and not for profit organisations have the opportunity to apply for funding for equipment that help mentally, physical and socially disadvantaged children. Funding is available for buildings and extensions; equipment & activity aids; sensory rooms and gardens; playgrounds and sports areas; transport and soft playrooms. The funding is being made available through the Wooden Spoon Society's Capital Grants programme. Wooden Spoon is the British and Irish Rugby charity which supports mentally, physically disadvantaged children.

**Applications may be submitted at any time** <https://woodenspoon.org.uk/our-grants/how-to-apply/>

### 66. Funding for Chemistry Clubs at Schools and Colleges

Schools and colleges can apply for grants of up to £1,000 to run chemistry activities. The funds which are made available by the Royal Society of Chemistry, are targeted at activities run at schools and colleges outside the normal science timetable. Activities should be focused on generating interest in chemistry in all ability levels or which may provide opportunities to stretch and challenge the already able and motivated students. Applications from existing chemistry clubs looking to expand/ enhance activities would be welcome as would those from schools and colleges interested in starting a new club. An application would need to indicate how the longevity of the proposal was ensured and how best practice and experience from it might be shared within and between other (perhaps feeder) schools. The application must be made by a teacher at a primary or secondary school.

**Applications may be submitted at any time**

<https://www.rsc.org/Membership/Networking/InterestGroups/BMCS/education-support-group/chemistry-clubs.asp>

## SPORT FUNDING

### 67. Funding for Young Athletes

Talented able bodied and disabled British track and field athletes between 15 and 23 years old that are in financial need can now apply for funding from the Ron Pickering Memorial Fund. The fund exclusively supports young and deserving applicants in the sport of Athletics. Since the fund was introduced a total of £2million has been awarded in small but significant grants to several thousand young British Athletes. Each grant is designed to make a difference, helping the recipients make the difficult transition from junior to senior level through support for equipment, specialist coaching or travel and importantly help build the athletes' confidence and self-esteem through recognition. No minimum or maximum funding amounts are specified.

**Deadline: 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019** <http://rpmf.org.uk/apply-grant/>

### 68. Magic Little Grants 2019

This fund from Localgiving and the Postcode Community Trust gives local charities and community groups the chance to apply online for a £500 grant to deliver projects across Great Britain that encourage people to be physically active. Successful projects will support and inspire people to participate in sports or exercise with the primary aim of improving the physical health of participants.

**Deadline: 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019** <http://grants.localgiving.org/pct>

## YOUNG PEOPLE

### 69. Future Routes Fund

This scheme supports projects that help young people (aged 11 to 26 years) connect with nature and make a positive impact on Scotland's natural environment and landscapes. Groups can apply for grants of between £1,000 and £5,000. Projects must take place in Scotland before March 2020 and address at least two of the following outcomes:

- Have access to improving their local environment.
- Are encouraged to be engaged in their community through nature.
- Are supported to increase their knowledge and understanding of Scottish nature.

- Are more empowered through opportunities to connect to nature.

Projects can be anything that connects young people to Scotland's nature (e.g. films, performances, exhibitions, conservation projects, discussion days, nature trails). There is particular interest in ideas which would:

- Provide a platform for young people's opinions about the environment to be heard.
- Encourage young people who have little experience or interest in nature or the outdoors to get involved.
- Show how nature can promote a healthy lifestyle.
- Highlight equality issues and celebrate diversity.
- Showcase the skills of young people.

**Deadline: 24<sup>th</sup> November 2019** <https://young.scot/get-involved/national/apply-for-the-future-routes-fund>

### 70. Youth Scotland Rural Action Fund

Supported by The Robertson Trust and The Gannochy Trust, this fund aims to enhance and develop community-based youth work in Scotland's rural communities. Grants of £100 - £750 are available to enable youth groups operating in rural communities provide more and/or better youth work opportunities for young people.

**Deadline: 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020** <https://www.youthscotland.org.uk/programmes/youth-scotland-rural-action-fund/>

### 71. Young Start

Through Young Start the National Community fund are offering funding from £10,000 to £100,000 to help children and young people across Scotland become more confident, so they can realise their own potential. They want to fund work that achieves **at least one of the following three outcomes**:

- 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.

They also believe that **the following three approaches are vital** in making sure that their funding makes the biggest difference possible. They want to fund work that is:

- **people-led** – meaningfully involving the young people you're working with in the development, design and delivery of your activity
- **strengths-based** – making the most of, and building on, the skills and experiences of young people and assets within communities
- **connected** – having 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.

**Applications may be submitted at any time**

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/young-start>