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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

NEWS AND UPDATES

Funding Alert Questionnaire

We regularly review how people use Funding Alert, GrantNet and our webpages. We are looking for your help to identify the demand and your views on what we have produced. We welcome any ideas of how we can improve the service we offer. We have developed a short questionnaire we are asking people to complete, that you can [access here](#). Deadline for submission is **4th May 2018**.

Heritage Lottery Fund

HIE and Heritage Lottery Fund are running a free webinar on the **Year of Young People National Lottery Fund** - <https://national-lottery-yoyp.org.uk/>. The Heritage Lottery Fund, Big Lottery Fund and Sport Scotland along with Spirit of 2012 Trust have created this fund to award grants for heritage, community and sports projects that support young people to improve their health and wellbeing. The webinar is taking place on **Thursday 10th May 2018, at 11am**. It will cover the funding criteria, application process, submission deadline and there will be a Q&A session. It's mainly aimed at community groups and organisations interested in organising activities to mark 2018 Year of Young People. To participate in the webinar, please register via the following link <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1655228284359131138>

Should you have any questions then please don't hesitate to contact Ann Marie Reid annmarie.reid@hient.co.uk

Culture, Heritage and Arts Assembly (CHARTS)

You and Your Organisation/ Venue are invited to a meeting to get involved with the opportunities CHArts has to offer. Join us in; Craigmure Village Hall, Mull on the 9th May, 1430-1830 or Campbeltown Picture House on the 10th May, 1700-2000

Network with others and join in the conversation about opportunities with CHArts such as;

- Live streaming your events.
- Inclusion on a new long distance cultural route.
- Hosting or attending training sessions.
- Boosting your youth arts activity and help securing additional resources.
- Hosting cultural events in your heritage venue.
- Information on wider opportunities throughout the sector.
- Inclusion in a showcase event which highlights activity in Argyll and the Isles.

To book or for more information, Contact Sarah at sarahd@icecreamarchitecture.com or call 0141 237 8592

ARTS AND CULTURE

1. The Skinners' Company Lady Neville Charity

Small charities and not for profit organisations working in the areas of local heritage and the performing and visual arts can currently apply for funding through the Lady Neville Charity grants programme. Eligible organisations can apply for a one-off capital grant of up to £1,000 (e.g., equipment, capital building works, etc.). Trustees may also consider funding towards one-off anniversary events that are not part of core activities. To be eligible to apply for funding the applicant must be a registered charity or not-for-profit organisation in the UK whose total annual income is less than £100,000, and the total project cost is less than £10,000.

Deadline: 14th September 2018 <https://www.skinners.org.uk/grants-and-trusts/the-lady-neville-charity/>

2. Publishing Scotland Go-See Grants Fund

The purpose of the Go-See Grants Fund is to enable Scottish-based publishers to attend national and international book fairs for the first time. The maximum grant that can be applied for is £1,000. Publishers or publishing agents based in Scotland may apply. Priority will be given those attending fairs for the first time, with appropriate matching

of type of books published to the nature of the fair (i.e. children's publishers at Bologna, etc.) although other applications may be considered if there are sufficient funds. Eligible costs that grants can be used for are:

- stand costs at an eligible book fair (defined as a book fair out with Scotland with a significant international profile); and
- direct travel and subsistence expenses.

Deadline: 11th May 2018 <http://www.publishingscotland.org/about-publishing/funding/go-see-fund/>

3. Grants for Community Music Groups and Educational Organisations

Community groups, schools and individuals can apply for a grant to support music making projects that offer experiences for people of all ages and backgrounds.

Deadline: 1st July 2018 <https://musicforall.org.uk/>

4. Royal Scottish Academy (RSA) Morton Award

The Royal Scottish Academy (RSA) Morton Award offers a monetary award to artists working in lens-based media in Scotland, in order to support them to research, develop and produce a new body of work in a lens-based medium. The winner will be presented with an award of £5,000. The winner will also receive the chance to stage an exhibition of their completed work at the RSA Annual Exhibition in 2019, and will have their work acquired into the RSA Permanent Collections. The scheme is open to artists working in a lens-based media (including digital and analogue photography, film and video). Artists must have been born in Scotland or have studied at a Scottish art school or have been resident in Scotland for at least three years.

Deadline: 2nd July 2018 <http://www.royalscottishacademy.org/artist/the-morton-award/>

5. Funding for High Quality New Music Projects

PRS Foundation's Open Fund for Organisations supports high quality new music projects led by promoters, talent development organisations, venues, festivals, curators and large performance groups (for example orchestras, choirs, jazz bands or folk groups with 12 or more performers). Supported projects will involve the creation, performance and promotion of new music and enable Music Creators i.e. songwriters, composers, or solo artists, bands, producers and performers of all backgrounds, to develop creatively and professionally. Grants of up to £10,000 are awarded to composers cover activities such as:

- Touring, recording, promotion and marketing
- Commissions of new music by UK-based creators*
- Exciting community projects involving high-quality music creators
- Music creator residencies
- Live programmes featuring new UK music
- Successful proposals will fit all three of the following funding priorities:
- To support the creation, performance and promotion of outstanding new music in any genre
- To enable the UK's most talented music creators to realise their potential
- To inspire audiences

Priority is given to not for profit groups.

Deadline: 11th June 2018

<http://prsfoundation.com/funding-support/funding-for-organisations/the-open-fund-for-organisations/>

6. Heritage Lottery Fund Final Deadline to Apply Under Current Guidelines

The Heritage Lottery Fund's (HLF) Heritage Grant Scheme provides grants of over £100,000 to not-for-profit organisations and partnerships led by not-for-profit organisations for any project relating to national, regional and local heritage. Organisations eligible to apply include community or voluntary groups; Community Interest Companies; charities or trusts; social enterprises; community/parish councils; local authorities; other public-sector organisations, such as nationally funded museums. Heritage projects may include:

- Archaeological sites
- Collections of objects, books or documents in museums, libraries or archives
- Cultural traditions such as stories, festivals, crafts, music, dance and costumes
- Historic buildings
- Histories of people and communities
- Histories of places and events; etc.

Heritage Grants applications go through a two-round process, this offers organisations time to apply at an early stage of planning their project and to get an idea of whether they have a good chance of getting a grant before they send a proposal in greater detail. The last deadline for applications for all grants over £100,000 under the current Strategic Framework will be **16th August 2018**. For grant requests of over £1m and under £5m (including any development funding) the next deadline to apply is **14th June 2018**.

<https://www.hlf.org.uk/apply/how-apply/guidance-applying>

7. Music Export Growth Scheme - Thirteenth Round Open

The Music Export Growth Scheme is designed to make grants available to UK-registered independent music companies to assist them with marketing campaigns when looking to introduce successful UK music projects overseas. Grants ranging from £5,000 to £50,000 are available. The programme can contribute a maximum of 70% of the necessary costs. Grants are intended to fund international marketing campaigns that aim to expand audience and revenues for British artists overseas. Expenditure to be taken into account will be external costs to the label or management, not normal running costs. Eligible project costs include:

- Marketing costs (including advertising and PR).
- Tour support or venue costs including international travel.
- Visa costs.
- International promotion costs including hire of session musicians/ singers etc. for television performances.

Deadline: 28th May 2018 <https://www.bpi.co.uk/news-analysis/music-export-growth-scheme/>

BUSINESS AND ENTERPRISE

8. Firstport - Social Innovation Competition

The Social Innovation Competition celebrates and supports individuals and start up enterprises in Scotland that are using their creativity and imagination to solve pressing social issues. Eligible applications must involve innovative ideas and solutions to social issues or challenges affecting young people aged between 8 and 26. This could be through giving them access to new opportunities, helping them to overcome barriers and inequalities, or improving their quality of life. They will give priority to projects working directly with young people, as opposed to those whose main activities are directed at providing benefit to other organisations. You can use the prize money to help pay for some of the start-up costs including: legal fees; intellectual property or trademark applications; rent; website, branding, logo design; marketing materials; stationery; insurances.

Deadline: 30th July 2018 <http://www.firstport.org.uk/>

9. Funding to Help the Growth of Credit Unions

The Lloyds Banking Group's Credit Union Development Fund has re-opened for applications.

Grants of up to £100,000 are available to credit unions authorised to operate in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland (provided they have not already received a large grant from the programme). The funding programme has been designed to strengthen the financial position of credit unions and give them the capacity to develop new strategies for sustained and effective growth. Two kinds of grants will be available:

- Large Grants (of between £50,000 and £100,000) will provide a contribution to a credit union's reserves and help remove barriers to growth and innovation. Open to all credit unions including previous Large Grant winners (with some additional criteria).
- Seed Grants (of between £10,000 and £20,000) to help credit unions invest in resources and activities to improve sustainability and increased efficiency for lending, such as the costs related to a merger or investment in digital improvements.

Deadline: 18th June 2018 <http://creditunionfoundation.formstack.com/forms/lbgcudf12018>

10. Funding to Assist Rural Businesses and Communities

The Princes Trust Countryside Fund will re-open for applications on the 30th April 2018. Each year, the fund provides more than £1m in grants to projects across the UK. Organisations and charities that are supporting farmers, rural businesses and communities can apply for grants of up to £50,000. Funding is available for both capital and revenue costs and must meet at least one of the following key rural issues:

- To improve the prospects of viability for family farm businesses;
- To sustain rural communities and drive economic vibrancy

- To support aid delivery in emergency and building resilience.

Additional funding is available outside of this period for community projects aimed at reducing isolation in deprived rural areas through the Rural Four project funded by Players of People's Postcode Lottery. Please contact The Prince's Countryside Fund Grants Manager, [Clare Crookenden](#), for more information.

Deadline: 18th June 2018 <http://www.princescountrysidefund.org.uk/grant-giving-programme/grant-programme>

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

11. BBC Children in Need Small Grants

The BBC Children in Need Small Grants programme will consider applications requesting grants of up to £10,000 to support projects for up to three years with a total request of £30,000. Registered charities and not-for-profit organisations in the UK can apply if they are supporting children and young people of 18 years and under who are experiencing disadvantage through:

- Illness, distress, abuse or neglect.
- Any kind of disability.
- Behavioural or psychological difficulties.
- Living in poverty or situations of deprivation.

Organisations must be working to combat this disadvantage and to make a real difference to children and young people's lives. Eligible projects will make these differences by either working directly with children or seeking to improve their social and physical environments. Priority will be given to projects where a relatively small amount of money can make a big difference for children and young people. Organisations that already hold a grant from Children in Need can apply for further funding providing the current grant is coming to an end within the next 12 months. Applicants will need to be able to provide convincing evidence of the differences the grant has made to the lives of the disadvantaged children and young people the organisation has worked with.

Deadline: 13th May 2018

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/wWhd5lqf4RZ3xhL63G9Xmc/small-grants-what-you-need-to-know>

12. Kelly Family Charitable Trust

Kelly Family Charitable Trust funds charities whose activities involve all or most family members in initiatives that seek to tackle problems facing one or more of its members. Previous recipients have worked in early intervention, mediation, prison services, and services for families affected by sexual abuse, physical abuse, and domestic violence. Grants are often up to £5K.

Deadline: 1st September 2018 <https://kfct.org.uk/how-to-apply/>

13. Hilden Charitable Fund

Each year the Hilden Charitable Fund allocates a small budget to help community groups run summer play schemes for the benefit of disadvantaged children aged five to 18 years in the UK. Grants of between £500 and £1,500 to support the following:

- Summer play schemes for children aged five to 18 years.
- Local schemes lasting for two to six weeks.
- Schemes with strong volunteer support.

Some priority will be given to projects that show they are inclusive of children from refugee families and show involvement of Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) groups. Applications are invited from voluntary agencies in the UK with an income of less than £150,000.

Deadline: 1st June 2018 <http://www.hildencharitablefund.org.uk/summer%20playcheme%20guidelines.htm>

14. Funding for Projects that Use the Arts and Media to Address the Concerns of Children

Not-for-profit organisations in the UK that are working with children and young people using the arts and creative media can apply for grants of up to £50,000 through the Ragdoll Foundation's Open Grants Programme. Organisations can apply for both one-off short-term projects and for projects lasting up to three years. Preference will be given to those projects which have a deep commitment to listening to children and allow the perceptions and feelings of children themselves to be better understood. The Foundation is mainly interested in applications that involve children during their early years, but appropriate projects for older children (up to 18 years) will also be considered.

Applications may be submitted at any time <http://www.ragdollfoundation.org.uk/portfolio/grant-giving>

COMMUNITY FUNDING

15. 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/>

16. Tudor Trust Issues New Grant Application Guidelines

Tudor Trust has just issued updated grant application guidelines. The Trust particularly wants to help smaller, community-led organisations that work directly with people who are at the margins of society i.e. organisations that support positive changes in people's lives and in their communities. The Trust aims to provide flexible funding that is responsive to the needs identified by organisations themselves; grants take the form of core funding i.e. including salaries, overheads and day-to-day running costs. The Trust is more likely to fund organisations with an annual income of less than £1 million; in practice around 77% of grants awarded went to groups with an annual income of less than £500,000. There is no maximum or minimum grant, however, grants of less than £10,000 are rare. Grants can cover one, two or three years work.

Applications may be submitted at any time <https://tudortrust.org.uk/how-to-apply>

17. Armed Forces Covenant: Local Grants Programme is Open for Applications

The Armed Forces Covenant is an agreement between the nation, Government and Armed Forces that recognises the whole nation has a moral obligation to current and former members of the armed forces and their families, and sets out how they should expect to be treated. The Armed Forces Covenant Fund was established by the Ministry of Defence in 2015 to support this objective and became an independent trust this year. It is an enduring fund with £10 million available each year to support projects that address specific priorities. Grants of up to £20,000 are available for projects that respond to the local needs of the armed forces community and improve recognition of the Armed Forces Covenant, and that:

- Help integrate armed forces and civilian communities across the UK, and/or
- Deliver valuable local services to the Armed Forces community.

Proposed projects must identify one of the following as their main focus:

- Health and wellbeing.
- Education and employability.
- Events and commemorations.

Registered charities, community interest companies, local authorities, schools, and Armed Forces units with a UIN (Unit Identification Number) can apply as long as they:

- Have experience and a track record of working with the Armed Forces Community, as well as a real understanding of the issues facing the Armed Forces Community.
- Can provide evidence of real engagement and partnership working - with either an Armed Forces charity or an Armed Forces unit.

Applicants must be willing to work closely with their Local Covenant Partnerships to ensure that their project is properly connected locally, responds to recognised need and does not duplicate other provisions. Applicants who are successful with their Local Grants application may also be able to benefit from the Covenant Fund's Digital Development Programme. Local Grants Programme applications are assessed four times per year.

Deadline: 29th July 2018 <http://www.covenantfund.org.uk/>

18. Vote Centenary Small Grant Scheme

Vote Centenary Small Grant Scheme is to support activities to celebrate the centenary of the passing of the Representation of the People Act 1918 which extended the vote to some women in the United Kingdom for the first time, and is now open for applications. This fund, of up to £170,000 has been made available for local and community based projects to apply to the Scottish Government's Vote Centenary Small Grant Scheme.

Deadline: 11th May 2018 <http://onescotland.org/equality-themes/gender/suffrage-centenary>

19. Grants for Voluntary and Community Based Organisations (Great Britain and Africa)

Small, grassroots based registered charities can apply for grants ranging from £3,000 to £5,000 for up to 3 years for work with families on the issue of domestic abuse; offenders and rehabilitation; and economic development in Africa. The funding is being made available through the Noel Buxton Trust. Recent grants awarded include Kanaama Interactive Community Support, Uganda which received a grant of £3,000 towards a microcredit fund supporting women-led businesses in Kashare; Family Rights Group, which received a grant of £5,000 to help fund an on-line domestic violence advice service for parents; and Key4Life, which received a grant of £1,000 to offer through-the-gate mentoring and employment opportunities for young offenders.

Applications may be submitted at any time <http://www.noelbuxtontrust.org.uk/2012whatwefund.htm>

20. Garfield Weston Anniversary Fund

Garfield Weston Anniversary Fund will award grants up to £150,000 to provide new or improve existing community facilities.

Deadline: 30th June 2018 <https://anniversary.garfieldweston.org/weston-anniversary-fund/about-the-fund/>

21. Funding to Tackle Isolation and Health in Sparsely Populated Areas

The Princes Countryside Fund's Rural Four - Catalyst, Collaborate, Create and Champion - project is a dedicated programme of support for community projects in England, Scotland and Wales that is funded by Players of People's Postcode Lottery. Charities, Community Benefit Societies, Community Interest Companies, Companies limited by guarantee, not for profit organisations, Social enterprises and unincorporated associations with proven success of the community working together and a governance structure in place are eligible to apply. The Rural Four project aims to:

- Reinvigorate community networks by assisting with rebuilding community assets
- Improve the health and well-being of 200 socially isolated people through providing access to improved community assets and a network of support
- Create a lasting legacy of support and community spirit in the areas supported.
- Grants will be awarded to projects with a particular focus on tackling isolation and improving the health and wellbeing of people living in sparsely populated areas.

Funding of up to £25,000 for up to 10 projects per year is available and applications are welcome at any time.

Applications may be submitted at any time

<http://www.princescountrysidefund.org.uk/grant-giving-programme/rural-four>

EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

22. Foundation Scotland - Wesleyan Foundation

The fund aims to support registered charities, constituted voluntary and community groups. Grants focus on projects that: improve people's life skills, education, employability and enterprise; maximise ability to strengthen community cohesion and build social capacity; and advance people's physical, mental health and wellbeing.

Applications may be submitted at any time

<https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/wesleyan-foundation/>

23. Torch Trophy Trust Bursaries

The Trust provides a limited number of bursaries to provide financial support to individuals or groups wishing to undertake training to enhance their knowledge or improve their coaching skills to assist their club, organisation or community and develop their chosen sport. Applications are encouraged from all parts of the UK and from all sports including disability and youth.

Deadline: 31st May 2018 <http://torchtrophytrust.org/bursaries>

24. National Space Technology Programmes Funding Opportunity

The National Space Technology Programmes Pathfinder project call aims to develop the capability of the UK space sector by providing seed funding for early stage innovative ideas. Project proposals are sought for space technology research and development projects in areas including:

- Early Technology Readiness Level (TRL) innovation.
- Technology proof of concept.
- Small technology developments.
- Establishing new industrial research collaborations
- Market studies.
- Studies into spin in or out of technologies for space.

Funding of up to £75,000 is available for projects with a maximum 6 months duration. Selected projects must commence by the 1st September 2018 and finish no later than the 28th February 2019. Applications are welcome from organisations including academia, industry and (not for profit) government research institutes, proposals for projects which are from collaborative teams will be given preference and the UK Space Agency encourages combined industrial-academic teams.

Deadline: 4th June 2018

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/announcement-of-opportunity-nstp-pathfinder-call>

ENERGY, RENEWABLES AND RECYCLING

25. Grants for Community, Environmental and Heritage Projects

Local Authorities, charities, parish councils, church or community organisations and voluntary groups can apply for funding of between £2,000 and £50,000 for community, environmental and heritage projects. Projects may include land reclamation works; community recycling projects; the provision of public amenities and parks; biodiversity projects; and the maintenance or restoration of historic buildings; etc. The fund is operated by WREN, a Land fill operator and Environmental Body. For Public Amenity, Biodiversity and Historic Buildings, projects must be within 10 miles of any landfill site or transfer station.

Deadline: 13th June 2018 <http://www.wren.org.uk/apply/fcc-scottish-action-fund>

26. Energy Saving Trust - Energy Redress Scheme

Energy Saving Trust has been appointed by Ofgem to distribute payments from energy companies who have breached rules. The funds can pay for anything from making a home more energy efficient, to providing advice that helps consumers keep on top of their bills. The core priorities for the scheme are to deliver benefits to the types of consumers that were negatively impacted by the breaches that have occurred. Examples of the kind of activity that could be funded include, but are not limited to: engaging vulnerable customers with energy issues and referring them for support; energy advice that does not duplicate existing advice services; installation of energy saving or renewable energy measures that cannot be funded elsewhere and are innovative or are being used in innovative ways; in home safety advice and measures related to energy systems; training and education on energy that is targeted at supporting vulnerable customers.

Deadline: 28th May 2018 <https://energyredress.org.uk/about-us>

27. Local Energy Scotland Invites Bids to Innovation Fund

The Scottish Government's Community and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES) is administered by Local Energy Scotland which provides free impartial advice and support for community groups, rural businesses, social enterprises and other stakeholders to advance local energy projects. The Innovation Grant scheme, one of the main funding streams offered to new applicants by CARES, aims to address the following criteria:

- Improve the viability of larger CARES capital projects by grant funding elements of the renewable/local energy system project.
- Fund local energy system innovation activity.

The grants support projects or pilots for new approaches and actions, demonstrator projects and those that innovate to overcome common challenges where local ownership, community involvement and/or community benefits are the basis of the projects developed. Proposals should build upon past projects or be sufficiently novel to have the potential to provide significant and important new learning. Grants of up to £150,000 are available. Match funding of up to 50% is expected but up to 100% of costs may be provided for community organisations, depending upon

circumstance. Eligible community organisations include national or regional charitable groups, constituted community groups, local authorities and housing associations in Scotland.

Deadline: 4th June 2018 <https://www.localenergy.scot/funding/innovation-grant/>

28. New Funding for Businesses Developing Smart Energy Systems

Innovate UK and the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC) have announced a new fund for research and industry to develop future smart energy systems and prove their use at scale. The energy revolution challenge will bring together businesses working with the best research & expertise to develop and demonstrate new approaches to provide cleaner, cheaper energy. This includes linking low-carbon power, heating and transport systems with energy storage and advanced IT to create intelligent, local energy systems and services. Innovate UK will announce further details in the near future.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/smart-energy-systems-new-funding-and-events>

29. Energy Saving Trust - Loan scheme for Registered Social Landlords

Loans of between £30,000 and £1 million are available to Housing Associations and Housing Co-operatives to install energy savings measures with the aim of progressing properties towards the required Energy Efficiency Standard for Social Housing (EESHS) standard. The loan can also be used to cover activities related to, or required in advance of, the installation of energy efficiency improvements (such as repairs to roofs in advance of the installation of loft insulation).

Deadline: 31st July 2018

<http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/scotland/grants-loans/heeps/heeps-loan-scheme-registered-social-landlords>

Please note that all Argyll and Bute Council officers considering applying for European funding should contact the European Team - marylouise.howat@argyll-bute.gov.uk / Tel No 01436658917 for more information.

EUROPEAN FUNDING

30. Argyll and the Islands LEADER

The Argyll and the Islands LEADER funding Programme aims to "support community-led economic growth and sustainable rural development within the Argyll and the Islands area". Grants are awarded by the Local Action Group (LAG) to projects that can clearly demonstrate at least one of the following key themes:

- Strengthening the rural economy through maximising the sustainable use of natural, cultural and heritage resources as an economic driver in the area of Argyll and the Islands.
- Enhancing services and facilities within the area of Argyll and the Islands for the purpose of attracting individuals, families, visitors and investors for the purpose of growing and maintaining economically viable communities.
- Small Business Support & Farm Diversification.

For details on the application process, applicants should visit <http://www.aiLEADER.org> the 2018 funding rounds:

	September	December
EOI Deadline	13/07/2018	28/09/2018
Application Deadline	10/08/2018	26/10/2018
LAG Decision Meeting	20/09/2018	06/12/2018

The Argyll and the Islands LEADER LAG is part-financed by the Scottish Government and the European Community LEADER 2014-2020 programme.

31. ESF Aspiring Communities Fund

The second call for project applications is now open to **only the Highlands and Islands area**. The Aspiring Communities Fund will help enable community bodies and third sector organisations in the Highlands and Islands most deprived and fragile communities to develop and deliver long term local solutions that address local priorities

and need, increase active inclusion and build on the assets of local communities to reduce poverty and enable inclusive growth. Information on the fund can be found at:

Deadline for application submission: 1st June 2018

<https://beta.gov.scot/publications/aspiring-communities-fund-application-form-and-guidance/>

32. Atlantic Area Programme (2014-2020)

The second call for project applications under the Interreg Atlantic Area is now open. The programme offers a maximum co-financing rate of 75% of the total project budget and has a remaining €43 million for this call. The fund will project on the following activities:

1. Stimulating innovation and competitiveness
2. Fostering resource efficiency
3. Strengthening the territory's resilience to risks of natural, climate and human origin
4. Enhancing the biodiversity and natural and cultural assets

Deadline for project submission: 1st June 2018

Decision: End of October 2018 Information on the programme can be found at:

<https://light.ccdn->

[n.pt/index.php?data=e6f2974f4480408aa99122532764d9aac09f3f4b90bbb2e89baa757833dfcaef701b83255c42391b52bd2377b246b4fc](https://light.ccdn-n.pt/index.php?data=e6f2974f4480408aa99122532764d9aac09f3f4b90bbb2e89baa757833dfcaef701b83255c42391b52bd2377b246b4fc)

FUNDING for DIGITAL PROJECTS

33. Digital Participation Charter Fund

Community groups and not for profit organisations in Scotland can apply for grants of up to £10,000 to help reduce isolation and improve job opportunities through the teaching of digital skills. The funding is being made available through the Digital Participation Charter Fund. To date, this fund has supported 143 organisations to help 15,000 vulnerable people gain basic digital skills. All organisations which are funded become signatories of Scotland's Digital Participation Charter. Here they can work closely with other signatories to achieve the overall aim of increasing the number of people in Scotland who have basic digital skills and can operate online safely and with confidence.

Deadline: 11th June 2018 <https://scvo.org.uk/digital/participation/charter-fund>

34. CAF - Smart Energy GB in Communities Small Grants

Smart Energy GB in Communities campaign informs and inspires people about smart meters and the benefits they can bring. The Small grant is for organisations whose projects are directly engaging with people from Smart Energy GB's priority group (people over 65 who have no personal internet access) at a localised level within their local community. For 2018 they are targeting funding and support to partners reaching people who are over the age of 60 with no personal internet access, those over the age of 65 and those who are severely or profoundly deaf.

Deadline: 14th May 2018

<https://www.cafonline.org/charities/grantmaking/smart-energy-gb-in-communities>

35. 2018 EIT Digital Challenge for European Tech Start-ups

The EIT Digital Challenge is an annual Europe-wide call for the most innovative start-ups in digital technology ready to scale up. It is provided through EIT Digital- a European digital innovation and entrepreneurial education organisation. EU-based start-ups can apply with their innovative digital technologies in one of the following five categories:

- Digital Industry
- Digital Wellbeing
- Digital Finance
- Digital Cities
- Digital Infrastructure

The Challenge offers an international growth package worth up to €100,000 to scale up businesses. In total, 25 scale-ups from the five categories will be selected to pitch their product or service in front of an international jury of corporates and investors at the final event in October. The two best companies per category will gain 12 months in the **EIT Digital Accelerator** worth €50,000 to scale up their business. On top of that, the first prize winner in each category receives a cash prize of €50,000. Applicants should:

- Be a fast-growing European technology start-up ready to scale.
- Have a product / service leverage digital technology applied to industry, cities, wellbeing, infrastructure or finance.

- Already have market traction, customers and revenue.
- Be growing at a double-digit pace or faster.
- Require support in international customer acquisition and fundraising.

Deadline: 14th June 2018

<https://www.eitdigital.eu/newsroom/news/article/the-startup-competition-for-deep-tech-scaleups-the-eit-digital-challenge-2018/>

GENERAL FUNDING

36. Nesta Announces Good Help Awards

Innovation foundation 'Nesta' has launched the Good Help Award for practitioners running innovative 'good help' programmes which have the potential to transform public services across the country. A first prize of £15,000 and two further prizes of £5,000 each will be awarded to three organisations that are taking a creative approach to helping people manage and overcome a range of issues - from long-term health conditions and homelessness to unemployment and special educational needs.

Deadline: 18th May 2018 <http://goodhelp.challenges.org/>

37. Grants for Marine Projects

Smaller projects managed by individuals, community groups, schools, or other conservation charities are eligible to apply for grants in the region of £1,200-£5,000 for projects that foster a wider understanding, by a broad public, of the oceans and the threats they face. Projects supported may be science-based but could equally be based around arts or drama. Successful projects will be innovative in making a contribution to raising awareness of the marine environment. The funding is being made available through the National Marine Aquarium.

Deadline: 1st June 2018 <http://www.national-aquarium.co.uk/marine-conservation/grant-opportunities/>

38. Funding to Reduce Marine Litter

Grants of up to £600 (in exceptional cases £1,000) are available for projects that tackle marine litter. The funding is available to marine conservation charities and not for profit organisations for projects that clean beaches and provide recycling options for materials gathered.

Deadline: 30th September 2018 <http://www.sea-changers.org.uk/news/218-marine-litter-fund-launched>

39. Rosa Voices from the Front Line Grant

This is the third year that Rosa, a registered charity, is providing its 'Voices from the Front Line' grants programme which offers funding to support charitable advocacy work across Rosa's four pillars of leadership and representation, safety, health and economic justice. Rosa 'resources advocacy, campaigning and activists with lived experience of injustice and inequality – giving voice especially to women facing intersecting disadvantages including race, class, sexuality, disability, poverty or migration status.' This year, grants of between £500 and £3,000 (an increase from the maximum of £2,000 last year) are being made available to women's sector voluntary and community organisations in the UK to pay for increasing the skills, capacity, credibility and effectiveness of women who wish to challenge gender inequality and promote awareness and change. Grants will be awarded for projects that:

- Stimulate debate and amplify women's voices.
- Raise awareness of one or more of Rosa's four pillars.
- Influence the public, policy makers, media and/or government.
- Change behaviours, attitudes or policies.

Examples of work that will be supported include:

- Travel costs for a service user to speak at an event or national conference.
- Presentation, media or lobbying training to support organisational advocacy strategies.
- Costs of creating campaign materials, such as posters, infographics or videos.
- Articulating the story of one woman to champion an organisation's work.
- Making a case to local commissioners for the value of the group's service.
- Meeting costs with local/national government representatives or for planning a campaign.

Creative approaches are encouraged. There is particular interest in hearing from 'new voices to stand up and take action'.

Deadline: 29th May 2018 <http://www.rosauk.org/how-to-apply/voices-from-the-front-line/>

40. Scottish Government Invites Applications to Mark 100 Years of Women's Suffrage

The Scottish Government's Vote Centenary Small Grant Scheme is making £170,000 available in small grants to celebrate and commemorate the passing of the Representation of the People Act 1918 and to look forward to the future and how to best support women's political participation here and now. Grants of between £500 and £5000 are available for activities taking place in Scotland that celebrate and increase people's awareness of the women's suffrage movement. The activity should be either one-off or for a time limited period only, and must take place between 1 June 2018 and 8 March 2019 (International Women's Day). There is particular interest in supporting activity which will involve women from under-represented groups such as minority ethnic, LGBT+ and disabled women. Voluntary and community organisations, local authorities and individuals can apply.

Deadline: 11th May 2018 <https://news.gov.scot/news/centenary-fund>

41. Fund to Tackle Violence against Women and Girls

Grants of between £60,000 and £120,000 for between one and years are available. It is anticipated that up to 40 grants will be awarded. Grants exceeding £120,000 may be awarded to organisations bidding in partnership with others. The funding can be used for core and/or project costs. To be eligible, proposals must be exclusively focused on women with multiple and complex needs and aims to:

- Enable organisations to better support women within the target groups.
- Showcase how women's lived experience can inform the design and delivery of services, practice and policy.
- Provide opportunities for projects to try out new ways and models of working, for example by acting earlier, building community assets or using digital approaches.
- Enable cross sector partnerships to work together to provide high quality support.
- Support approaches that can provide learning for other organisations and stakeholders across the sector.
- Improve access to support for women with complex needs in less well-served communities, such as BAMER, older women, LGBTI, disabled women.

Applications will be considered for a broad range of work that demonstrates an understanding of the gendered causes of violence against women, and that tackles causes and/or consequences. This may be through preventative/early action measures, crisis intervention, and research and policy work as well as longer-term support. Comic Relief and its partners understand that change happens at many different levels and is therefore interested in supporting organisations that work with individuals, other organisations, communities and society at large.

Deadline: 2nd July 2018

<https://www.comicrelief.com/apply-for-grants/open-grants-initiatives/tackling-violence-against-women-and-girls>

42. Grants of up to £5,000 Available for Projects that Help the Homeless

Help the Homeless makes grants of up to £5,000 to small and medium sized charitable organisations (with a turnover of less than £1million) whose aim is to help homeless people return to the community and enabling them to resume a normal life. The grants are available for capital costs.

Deadline: 15th June 2018 <http://www.help-the-homeless.org.uk/applying-for-funding/>

HEALTH

43. Funding for Innovative Healthcare Projects

UK businesses working in the healthcare sector can apply to the Biomedical Catalyst for a share of up to £10 million to develop innovative products and processes to healthcare challenges. Projects should develop innovative healthcare products, technologies and processes. This could include projects that aim to prevent disease or manage chronic health conditions; detect or diagnose disease earlier; provide tailored treatments that change the underlying disease or offer cures.

Deadline: 6th June 2018

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/developing-healthcare-innovations-apply-for-business-funding>

44. Shared Care Scotland Creative Breaks

The Creative Breaks programme provides 12 month grants to third sector organisations to develop and deliver short breaks projects and services for **carers of adults** (aged 21 years and over), **carers of older people** (aged 65 years

and over), **young carers** (caring for children or adults), and those that they care for. A total of £500,000 is available for the 2018-19 round of the Creative Breaks funding programme. Grants are for one year and will be awarded in September 2018. The maximum grant award is £50,000. The average grant award in previous years has been around £13,000.

Deadline: 24th May 2018 <https://www.sharedcarescotland.org.uk/creativebreaks/>

45. Self Management Fund Opens for Scottish Third Sector Groups

This year the Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland (the Alliance) has £500,000 to invest in projects that can demonstrate how they will help build the capacity for people to be the leading partner in their health and wellbeing. The Self Management Fund: Working Together to Strengthen Integration is offering grants of up to £30,000 for projects that begin in October 2018 and run for between 12 and 18 months. The Fund has a set of core criteria that project ideas must meet. In their application, projects must be able to identify that:

- The idea has come from the people it is designed to benefit.
- People living with long term conditions, and their unpaid carers, will be enabled to take a leadership role in the design, delivery and evaluation.
- The capacity of people living with long-term conditions, and their unpaid carers, to effectively self manage will be enhanced.
- The principles of self management contained in Gaun Yersel, the Self Management Strategy for Scotland, are at the heart of the project.

Third Sector and community based organisations must be lead partners and grant holders. Public sector organisations, such as NHS or local authorities are welcomed as partners on projects but cannot hold the grant or benefit financially. Organisations do not have to be ALLIANCE members to apply.

Deadline: 29th June 2018

<https://www.alliance-scotland.org.uk/self-management-and-co-production-hub/self-management-policy-and-funding/apply-for-the-self-management-fund/>

LAND AND PROPERTY

46. Grants for Local Environmental Projects

Group of volunteers can now apply for grants of between £50 and £250 to cover plants, tools, materials and volunteer's expenses for environmental projects. Activities such as creating or improving community gardens, wildflower meadows, ponds or woodlands in Scotland's green spaces are eligible for funding. Local Nature Reserve (LNR) grants of up to £500 are also available for volunteer activities taking place on LNRs such as wildlife recording or protecting and enhancing biodiversity. The funding is being made available through Volunteering Matters Action Earth grants.

Applications may be submitted at any time. <http://www.ragdollfoundation.org.uk/portfolio/grant-giving>

47. 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 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.

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

SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION

48. 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: 30th September 2018 <http://dajf.org.uk/grants-awards-prizes/daiwa-foundation-small-grants>

49. Food for Thought Education Fund - Four Weeks Left to Apply

Now in its sixth year, the Food for Thought Education Fund provides grants of up to £3,000 to develop Food and Health as a context for learning. The Fund aims to provide progressive, high quality learning experiences in food education, allowing learners to develop their knowledge and skills. It also aims to provide the opportunity to plan and implement learning experiences which build sustainability and capacity for future development and help to embed food education into the ethos of the school. For phase 6, Education Scotland is interested in bids focussed on:

- Ensuring learners have gained understanding about food education and can apply their knowledge and skills in a progressive way
- Relating projects to the world of work and the wide range of careers that are available in the Food and Drinks industry
- Improving outcomes for learners in ways which seek to eliminate the inequity that currently exists amongst learners from different backgrounds and from particular vulnerable groups
- Demonstrating an impact on learners, with learners being able to reflect on their knowledge of food and associated issues.

In this phase, the Fund also asks that projects incorporate some or all of the following themes:

- Skills Progression using the Food and Health Es and Os and Benchmarks
- Developing the Young Workforce
- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths)
- Inequity / Attainment Gap
- Digital Learning
- Progressive Interdisciplinary Learning
- Learning for Sustainability
- Outdoor Learning
- Working with Parents/Community.

Projects may also relate to national events and/or Government initiatives including: 2018 Year of Young People; World War One Centenary 2014-18; Good Food Nation; Better Eating Better Learning; Beyond the School Gate; and, A Healthier Future - Action and Ambitions on Diet, Activity, and Healthy Weight. Applications are invited from practitioners in early learning and childcare settings, schools/clusters/associated schools groups across Scotland.

Deadline: 23rd May 2018

<https://education.gov.scot/what-we-do/ensuring-the-impact-of-cfe/Food%20for%20Thought%20Education%20Fund>

50. Funding to Support Education in Disadvantaged Areas (UK / International)

Grants are available to support schools and registered charities that wish to undertake educational work with children and young people in disadvantaged areas. The British & Foreign Schools Society (BFSS) normally makes grants for educational projects totalling about £600,000 in any one year. The majority (85% of grants) are made to charities and educational bodies (with charitable status). Schools wishing to apply need to have either charitable status or "exempt charity" status.

Deadline: 27th August 2018 <https://www.bfss.org.uk/grants/>

51. The Jo Walters Trust - Maths Grant

The Trust is offering a grant of up to £1,000 to support projects which help and inspire pupils to engage with mathematics. Applicants are not expected to reinvent the wheel: ideas could include trips, workshops, competitions, an action-research project within the classroom, purchase of equipment. They will welcome all novel and innovative ideas, large and small.

Deadline: 30th June 2018

<http://www.jowalterstrust.org.uk/grant-awards/2017-grant-awards/157-2017-maths-grant.html>

52. Grant Programme to Fund Biochemical Outreach Projects Opens Soon

The Biochemical Society has announced that its Outreach Grants programme has re-opened for applications. Grants of up to £1,000 are available to increase participation in the molecular biosciences at school level and the community through engagement activities. Within school projects the Society is looking to support projects with emphasis on molecular bioscience for upper secondary school age audiences and above. For primary school age audiences, the focus can be on biology or on all sciences. The type of events funded could include:

- Activities for a science club
- Workshops for students or teachers
- Lectures from research scientists (including PhD students and post-doc's).

Projects more likely to receive funding will involve collaborations between, several schools/universities or a mix of organizations; establish links/relationships between schools and universities or industry; promote molecular bioscience career opportunities; or be submitted by an applicant with previous experience in outreach activities (although first time applicants are also welcomed).

Deadline: 24th September 2018 <http://www.biochemistry.org/Grants/ScientificOutreachGrants.aspx>

53. Scottish Book Trust - Live Literature School Residencies

The programme will offer 10 schools, early years or nurseries in Scotland a fully-funded author-in-residence. Each residency will contain 12 sessions carried out by one author from our database. The database includes over 700 professional writers, poets, playwrights, spoken word artists, illustrators, graphic novelists, screenwriters and storytellers. Residencies should inspire a love of creative writing and reading.

Deadline: 23rd May 2018

<http://www.scottishbooktrust.com/learning/teachers-librarians/live-literature-school-residencies>

SPORT FUNDING

54. Eric Twiname Trust

The objects of the Trust are to assist in the organisation and provision of facilities which will enable and encourage young people in full time education at schools or universities in the United Kingdom to sail or race. One of the Trust's aid criteria is that as many people as possible should benefit from a donation. Funding can assist clubs to purchase boats, or providing the means to assist in the organisation of an event. The emphasis is directed towards youth, for whom sailing can be prohibitively expensive, with sympathetic consideration always being given to applications that would not attract sponsorship or aid from other organisations such as the Sports Council or the RYA. The Trust has also teamed up with RS Sailing Store and RS Sailing to provide funding for subsidised RS Teras to UK sailing clubs in order to encourage competitive junior sailing.

Applications may be submitted at any time <https://www.ericwinametrust.org/grants>

YOUNG PEOPLE

55. The Startup Competition for 14-25 Year Old Entrepreneurs

The F Factor Competition was set up to celebrate ten years of the Founders Forum. Through a pitching event taking place in the summer, the contest awards funding for exceptional ideas for apps, games or technology businesses. The aim is to empower young people who might not otherwise have access to inspirational investors or world-class technology experts. Entrants do not require a business plan or any relevant experience. The finalists must be available to attend Founders Forum in London on 14th June 2018. They will also be required to attend a workshop day prior to the event where they will receive expert help in pitching their idea. One individual or team will receive a cash prize of £10,000. As well as the cash prize, the five finalists will get the chance to meet and pitch to some of the best tech investors in the world - so more than one business may end up being created from the competition. All ideas will remain the property of the entrant. The money can be used by the winner to launch their company; however, it is entirely up to the winner how they spend the money. For example, they may wish to use it to develop an idea, or perhaps invest it in infrastructure such as a new computer set up, for example, or undertake a research trip abroad. Individuals or teams of up to two young people can pitch an idea for a tech business based on an app, mobile technology, gaming, computing or internet-based retail. Entrants must be aged between 14 and 25 (inclusive). Entrants will not be judged on their CV or what they have achieved in the past. They just need to have the start of a business idea for apps, games or technology businesses. Entrants might be still at school or university in the UK.

Deadline: 25th May 2018 <http://ffactor.me/>

56. Grants for Young People's Social Action Projects

Young people aged 15 – 24 years are being invited to apply for one of 20 grants of £500 to help them to #SpringForward with their social action project. Grants will be awarded to innovative and inspiring ideas that are imaginative and that include the use of digital technology. Funded projects can be, for example, skills workshops, podcasts, journalism pieces, live events, community initiatives or apps. Grants will be awarded to imaginative,

creative, entrepreneurial and innovative projects that aim to change the world around the applicant and that also consider the use of digital technology to ensure that the idea makes a positive impact.

Deadline: 6th May 2018 <https://gothinkbig.co.uk/opportunities/youth-project-spring-forward>

57. Funding to Help Creative Young People Shine

Young people or groups of young people who need financial help in developing their talent within the creative industry have until the 25th May 2018 to apply for grants of between £50 and £600. Funding will be awarded to young people who demonstrate enthusiasm, ambition and talent in their chosen field and who would benefit from financial help to develop this further. Individual applicants and groups of individuals can apply. The funding is made through the Nurturing Talent - Time to Shine Fund and is available to young people aged between 14 and 20 who live in Scotland and wish to develop their talent in drama; dance; music; film; the Visual arts; literature; and the digital arts.

Deadline: 27th July 2018 <https://young.scot/information/learning/nurturing-talent-time-to-shine-fund/>

58. Aspirational Awards for Care Experienced Young People (Scotland)

The Life Changes Trust offers Aspirational Awards - a young people-led individual grants fund open to young people aged 21-26 with at least three months of care experience. The grant scheme aims to support young people to think big about their future and transform their lives with a significant grant to help them realise an ambition or dream or achieve a long-term goal. Previous Awards have been made to support a range of activities including:

- Start-up business support
- Help with vocational courses such as art & design materials or cookery classes
- Volunteering abroad
- Specialized qualifications such as mechanics and tree surgeons
- Internships
- Specialist equipment for music/DJ-ing and writing
- Funding towards a PhD

Good applications will demonstrate careful thought about the future; clarity about what the applicant wants to achieve; determination by evidencing the steps already taken to achieve the aspiration, prior to applying for an Aspirational Award and a passion for the aspiration itself and sense of why it is important to that individual. Pre-application discussions are welcomed by [email](mailto:) or tel – 0141 212 9611

Deadline: 3rd June 2018

<https://www.lifechangestrust.org.uk/care-experienced-young-people/funding-opportunities-0>