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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

BBC Children in Need & Wellcome Curiosity Grant Info Day

To coincide with the launch of the second round of BBC Children in Need & Wellcome's Curiosity grant programme, they will be hosting a series of information days across the country to help applications find out more about the scheme, develop their thinking and meet potential partners. There will be one info day in Scotland. This will be held on Friday 15th February 2019 at 40 Pacific Quay, Glasgow G51 1DA. To register your interest in attending an event, please email cin.curiosity@bbc.co.uk and stating which event you would like to attend.

ARTS AND CULTURE

1. Transmission Fund for Professional Musicians

The Transmission Fund is designed to help professional musicians build their careers by providing grants opportunities, allowing them to focus on developing their artistic practice and furthering their professional development at a crucial point in their career. Grants of between £500 and £1,500 are available. The money can be put towards the following:

- Tailored development opportunities, such as workshops, artist residencies, conferences, masterclasses, writing retreats and short courses.
- Short periods of training and mentoring with a leading professional in the field to improve creative practice or offer support and advice ahead of an important career opportunity (e.g. a period of touring or recording).
- Travel, accommodation and access costs relating to the above.

UK based emerging and professional musicians of all genres and disciplines may apply. The applicant can be a solo instrumentalist, composer, producer, conductor, vocalist, singer-songwriter, etc. The funder can also support bands or ensembles with six members or fewer.

Deadline: 4th March 2019

<https://www.helpmusicians.org.uk/creative-programme/current-opportunities/transmission-fund>

2. Strengthening Youth Music in Scotland

Music freelancers, individuals, networks and organisations working with young people in Scotland can apply for a grant towards training and continuing professional development. The aim of the Fund is to strengthen youth music in Scotland for the benefit of young people. Grants can support a wide range of professional development activity and training including for example: Attendance at conferences; masterclasses or mentoring; receiving private tuition in a particular genre or instrument; development or design of specialist courses; and innovative approaches to improve engagement in music. A total budget of £45,000 is available to be distributed as awards to individuals generally ranging from £100 to £750, and for organisations as grants of between £500 and £5,000. Eligible costs include: Course or conference fees; travel; accommodation; subsistence; childcare costs (individuals only, and only when

necessary due to undertaking the proposed activity); and loss of earnings for freelance music tutors. Applicants must also be resident in Scotland and have at least 10% partnership funding in cash or in-kind.

Deadline: 31st March 2019

<http://www.scottishmusiccentre.com/development/training-and-continuing-professional-development-fund/>

3. Museum Development Fund

Museums in Scotland that are caring for Recognised Collections can apply for grants of from £5,000 to £40,000 for projects that will help them to make strategic steps towards becoming more resilient organisations. Grants of up to £60,000 are available for projects relating to those collections. Grants will be awarded for discrete projects that are additional to, or will help the museum to strategically develop core work clear and that have measurable impact for collections, audiences, workforce and/or the museum's sustainability.

Deadline: 25th April 2019 <https://www.museumsgalleryscotland.org.uk/funding/museum-development-fund/>

4. The Leche Trust

UK registered charities, public authorities or institutions active in the areas of the Performing Arts and Conservation can apply for grants of up to £5,000 for projects that promote excellence in professional performance in music, dance and theatre; and projects to conserve historic objects, collections and features of buildings and landscapes which date from the Georgian period or earlier, i.e. pre-1830s. Trustees are inclined to give grants to smaller projects, or specific elements of projects, where their contribution can make a greater impact. In the case of churches, Trustees will consider supporting the conservation of such features as monuments, wall paintings, stained glass, and historic furniture and fittings.

Deadline: 26th April 2019 <http://www.lechetrust.org/funding-guidelines.htm>

5. Scotland's Year of Coasts and Waters

Organisations that wish to celebrate 2020 as Scotland's Year of Coasts and Waters by holding an event can apply for grants of between £10,000 and £50,000. The funding is available to legally constituted organisations can be used to create new, high profile opportunities to celebrate our coasts and waters whilst adding value to the existing calendar of events. A total of £600,000 is available spread over two funding rounds. Applications for Round 1 are now closed. Round 2 applicants should be in a position to be part of the autumn 2019 programme announcement.

Deadline: 7th June 2019 <http://www.eventscotland.org/funding/year-of-coasts-and-waters-2020/>

6. 2019 Moth International Short Story Prize

The Moth International Short Story Prize supports the work of short story writers through monetary awards and writing retreat opportunities. The competition also includes the publication of award winning work, giving the writers in question a creative platform for their work. The first prize is a monetary award worth €3,000. The second prize will be a week-long writing retreat at Circle of Misse in France (this prize includes a sum of €250 for the purposes of covering travel costs). The third prize is a monetary sum of €1,000. The prize winning stories will also be published in *The Moth*. This competition is open to anybody aged 18 and over who wishes to submit an original, previously unpublished short story. Applicants may submit as many stories as they wish. Entrants may be based anywhere in the world.

Deadline: 30th June 2019 <http://www.themothmagazine.com/a1-page.asp?ID=3056&page=19>

7. Foyle Foundation - Main Grants Scheme

ARTS: Seeks applications which make a strong artistic case for support in either the performing or visual arts.

Organisations or projects which provide benefits and services to the public, rather than special interest groups will be favoured. Please note that community arts activity will not generally be supported.

LEARNING: Will support projects which facilitate the acquisition of knowledge and which have a long-term strategic impact. Key areas for support are:

- libraries, museums and archives; and
- special educational needs and learning difficulties;
- projects that reduce overheads or which help generate additional revenue will also be considered.

Average grant is between £10,000 and £50,000 but up to a max of £500,000 can be awarded. Public, community or charitable organisations may apply.

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

8. Talent Programme Bursary

The Talent Programme Bursary offers financial support to Scottish writers, directors and producers to attend talent labs and development programmes. As part of its professional development support for new and emerging filmmakers, the Scottish Film Talent Network (SFTN) offers a Talent Programme Bursary to help writers, directors and producers to attend talent labs and development programmes. Public, community or charitable organisations may apply.

Applications may be submitted at any time

http://www.scottishfilmtalent.com/professional-development/?dm_i=FES,34Z1N,F50HRL,B8UHV,1

9. Creative Scotland Open Project Funding

This fund supports the arts, screen and creative industries, with projects that help them explore, realise and develop their creative potential, widen access to their work, and enrich Scotland's reputation as a distinctive creative nation connected to the world. Creative Scotland want to encourage applicants to generate great ideas and projects that they can then help make happen. Open Project Funding is open to both individuals and organisations to apply to.

Applications may be submitted at any time

<http://www.creativescotland.com/funding/funding-programmes/open-project-funding>

BUSINESS AND ENTERPRISE

10. Carbon Trust Green Business Fund

The Carbon Trust's Green Business Fund is intended to help small and medium-sized companies in Great Britain with a financial contribution towards energy saving initiatives. The Fund is expected to help between 1,000 and 2,000 small businesses to deliver new energy efficiency projects. As part of the service, the Carbon Trust is also offering energy saving training, cost saving assessments, implementation advice, and capital support for the installation of energy efficiency equipment. The programme has an overall budget of £7 million. Eligible companies can apply for a capital contribution to cover up to 15% of an energy efficiency project or equipment replacement cost, up to a maximum of £5,000. This is an increase from the original offering of 15% since April 2016. The programme will fund the purchase costs of energy saving capital equipment that will enable businesses to become 'greener'. Eligible projects could include undertaking energy efficiency upgrades, such as improvements to lighting, heating, ventilation, air conditioning and building control systems. Small and medium-sized businesses in England, Scotland and Wales may apply.

Support is being provided on a first come, first served basis

<https://www.carbontrust.com/client-services/programmes/green-business-fund/>

11. Funding to Assist Rural Businesses and Communities

Organisations and charities that support 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: improve the prospects or viability for family farm businesses; sustain rural communities and drive economic vibrancy. The funding is being made available through the Princes Trust Countryside Fund which provides more than £1m in grants every year to projects across the UK.

Deadline: 21st February 2019 <http://www.princescountrysidefund.org.uk/grant-giving-programme/grant-programme>

12. Innocent Foundation Grants

Since 2004, The Innocent Foundation has been working to help the poorest families to feed themselves and adapt to a changing climate, building resilience for now and for the future. The Foundation is providing grants to help turn brave, bold ideas into real solutions that help the world's hungry. The fund is looking for:

- An idea which addresses the root causes of hunger, helping the hungriest families in countries rated alarming or serious on the [Global Hunger Index](#) who are affected by climate change.
- An innovative idea or better way of delivering a proven idea to tackle hunger and strengthen resilience to climate change. Innovation with the potential to disrupt the status quo.
- An idea that has the potential to spread, from a small field pilot to a whole new country, region and beyond.
- A team of changemakers, gamechangers, visionaries, go-getters and innovators, underpinned by a sound organisational vision and strategy.

Legally incorporated not-for-profits are eligible to apply. This includes:

- Charities
- Community-based organisations
- Social enterprises
- Universities.

Grants from £30,000 - £50,000 per year (for up to three years) are available. In truly exceptional circumstances this could be as high as £150,000. The Foundation will fund up to 100% of costs, but are equally happy to co-fund.

Deadline: 22nd February 2019 <https://www.innocentfoundation.org/what-we-fund/goal-2-apply-here>

13. Connect Local Regional Food Fund

The Connect Local Regional Food Fund (RFF) has been set up to support initiatives and projects in Scotland which celebrate and promote locally-sourced and produced food and drink. The Fund is intended for collaborative projects where groups of producers and food & drink businesses can benefit. Support will be offered to producers, regional groups and networks, including farm retail and local food events, where funding has traditionally been hard to find. In particular it is hoped that the funding will help new support initiatives in their early stages but which will deliver benefits over the long-term. A total of £250,000 is available. This is a competitive programme and applicants can apply for grants up to a maximum of £5,000. Examples of areas of potential support could include:

- Promoting or developing regional groups and their initiatives to showcase local food and drink, and food tourism.
- Promoting Scottish provenance and sales at a local and national (Scotland) level.
- Developing local food and drink events to celebrate and promote food and drink and its provenance.

The Fund is open to individual businesses in the food and drink sector, including primary producers, regional and community groups (both rural and urban) and individuals. Activities need to be based in Scotland, and all applications should promote Scottish local produce in line with the aspirations of Ambition 2030.

Deadline: 1st March 2019 <https://connectlocal.scot/regional-food-fund/>

14. 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. The funding is being made available through the Friends Provident Foundation - Building Resilient Economies programme.

Deadline: 23rd April 2019 <https://www.friendsprovidentfoundation.org/our-programme/>

15. Arts & Business Scotland - Culture & Business Fund

The fund promotes collaboration between Scottish businesses and arts and heritage organisations to deliver new arts and heritage projects. Arts or heritage organisations that attracts an eligible business to sponsor an aspect of their work the fund will match that sponsorship, pound for pound. In-kind and cash sponsorship are eligible, but must come from the sponsor's own funds, goods or services. It is funded by the Scottish Government via Creative Scotland and Historic Environment Scotland.

Applications may be submitted at any time <http://www.aandbscotland.org.uk/culture-and-business-fund-scotland/>

16. Scottish Government Social Entrepreneur Fund

Firstport's Awards Programme is funded by the [Scottish Government's Social Entrepreneurs Fund \(SEF\)](#), which since 2009 has invested £2.7m to date in individuals across Scotland to start up new social enterprises. SEF looks for individuals who have a focus on the business side of their idea and are looking to create a long-term solution to a social issue. The Awards Programme offers two different levels of start-up awards – Start It and Build It, together with [business support](#) from a dedicated team of advisors to help you develop the skills and knowledge you'll need to succeed.

The [links](#) will help guide you through the application process for each level. The Awards Programme is highly competitive, so you will need to be sure that your idea meets the specific funding criteria for each level. Of those applications that are eligible, Firstport support the ideas that can provide the strongest evidence of their business potential, and their ability to create significant, lasting social impact.

START IT AWARDS - The first level of funding is for individuals with an innovative business idea which addresses a social, environmental and/or community issue. You can apply for up to £5,000 start-up costs to pilot your idea.

BUILD IT AWARDS - The next level of funding is for individuals who have already piloted their social enterprise idea (either with or without support from our 'Start It' programme) and have proven that the concept works. Funding of up to £20,000 is available to cover an individual's salary/living costs for one year, so that they can begin running the business full time. An additional £5,000 discretionary funding is available on top of this for other costs in certain cases.

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

17. Social and Sustainable Capital (SASC) - Third Sector Loan Fund

This scheme supports organisations across all social sectors, focused on improving the economic and social well-being of individuals, particularly those who are vulnerable and disadvantaged. The fund invests between £250,000 and £3 million in charities and social enterprises across the UK. It can support organisations across all social sectors, focused on improving the economic and social well-being of individuals, particularly those who are vulnerable and disadvantaged. To be eligible for investment, your organisation must demonstrate the following:

- Be a registered charity or social enterprise
- Be based and have operations in the UK
- Have a clear social mission with significant, measurable, direct outcomes
- Have a focus on supporting disadvantaged/vulnerable people
- Be led by a strong management with proven capability to deliver
- Have a robust business plan and financial projections
- A clear demonstration of how investment repayment will be made
- Have good corporate governance

An expression of interest form can be found on the website. However further information and guidance is available by contacting the fund directly at info@socialandsustainable.com

Applications may be submitted at any time <http://socialandsustainable.com/>

18. Scottish Enterprise Loan Scheme for Businesses

The Scottish Loan Scheme can provide loan finance to growth-focused Scottish companies that have a viable business plan and a clear ability to repay the debt. The programme is intended to secure or maintain economic impact in Scotland commensurate with the level of funding being sought. Individual loan amounts range from £250,000 to £2 million (and up to £5 million in exceptional circumstances). The term of the loan will typically be 1-7 years and the rate of interest will be determined by assessment of risk and available security. Loans can be used for a variety of purposes, including:

- Working capital
- Growth funding
- Marketing investment
- Capital expenditure
- International expansion

To be eligible for investment, the business must be small to medium in size and based in Scotland or ready to locate to Scotland (and located in Scotland before any loan funds are made available). The company must be at least two years old with minimum £250,000 turnover and be profitable (or projecting profitability within the next 12 months).

Applications may be submitted at any time

<https://foodinnovationnetwork.co.uk/opportunities/scottish-enterprise-launches-new-scottish-loan-scheme>

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

19. Funding for Financial Literacy Projects

The MSE Charity has announced that its grants programme will re-open for applications on the 4th February 2019. The charity gives grants to not for profit organisations that deliver activities which make a lasting impact on how people think, behave and manage their money. During this funding rounds grants will be made available under the 'Children, Youth and Families' theme and will support projects focusing on building financial capability skills through schools-based work or work with migrants, lone parents, victims and survivors of domestic abuse and family outreach services. Grants of up to £5,000 are available. Preference is given to projects that show innovation and that are replicable.

Deadline: 1st March 2019 <https://www.msecharity.com/how-to-apply>

20. Comic Relief

Grants of up to £150,000 are available to organisations within the UK for projects that address the comprehensive development needs of children during their early years, up to and including their transition to primary school. The funding is available to organisations that directly support families with young children; especially those at risk of disadvantage and with demonstrable experience in one or more of the key areas – for instance in health, or in education. The funding is being made available through Comic Relief's new "Children Survive and Thrive: Rise and Shine" initiative. As well as funding for projects in the UK, grants of up to £300,000 are also available for projects in Kenya and Malawi.

Deadline: 22nd March 2019 <https://www.comicrelief.com/funding>

21. Funding to Support Members of the Armed Forces and their Families

Armed Forces charities and other organisations can apply for grants of up to a maximum of £30,000 for projects and activities supporting serving or veteran members of the Armed Forces and their families. The funding can last for up to three years. Many of the charities supported are smaller bodies that cannot afford marketing teams and urgently need funds to continue their good work.

Deadline: 31st March 2019 <https://www.veteransfoundation.org.uk/grant-application/>

22. Woodward Charitable Trust - Children's Summer Playscheme Grants

Funding for summer playschemes for children between the ages of 5-16 years. Preference is given to: small local playschemes that provide a wide-ranging programme of activities, schemes that involve a large number of children, schemes catering for those from disadvantaged backgrounds or that have a disability, schemes that are inclusive such as projects that work with children from a range of backgrounds, abilities and race, schemes where past users are encouraged to come back and help as volunteers. Trustees only fund programmes that run for a minimum of 2 weeks or 10 days across the summer holidays.

Deadline: 5th April 2019 <http://woodwardcharitabletrust.org.uk/childrens-summer-playschemes/>

23. Final Round of Curiosity Fund

Curiosity grants are not about education but about using science as a tool to make wider changes in the lives of children and young people experiencing disadvantage. Curiosity aims to make a difference for children and young people by improving access to, engagement with and understanding of science. Applicants must be able to explain:

- The disadvantaged children and young people's experiences and its affect upon them.
- How the proposed science activities will improve the lives of those who take part.
- Why the specific science-based activities planned are well-suited to making such differences.
- How to identify and measure the differences that could be achieved.

Applicants do not have to be experts in science or even have delivered science activities before to participate. Projects that use engaging and participatory science to improve their personal, social and emotional development are encouraged. Round 2 is making two levels of grants available:

- Small up to £10,000 per year (for up to three years).
- Large up to £40,000 each year (for up to three years).

A series of events are being held across the UK in February to help applicants find out more about the scheme, develop their thinking and meet potential partners. The dates and locations of these events are listed in the Curiosity website.

Deadline: 12th April 2019 <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/FHBGfSZRhxbpcWGY8Rj0xh/curiosity-round-two>

24. Volant Charitable Trust Grants

Established in 2000 by JK Rowling, the Trust offers grants to registered charities, community interest companies, community organisations, social enterprises and other not-for-profit organisations based and working in Scotland. The funding is intended to support charitable projects with a strong focus on supporting women, young people and children affected by hardship or disadvantage and on tackling the issues they face in order to make a lasting difference to their lives and life chances. The funding is administered by Foundation Scotland, an independent grant making charity, on behalf of the Volant Trust. Applicants can be national or community based. Grants of up to £15,000 per year are available (an increase of £5,000 from previous rounds) for up to three years and the total maximum grant awarded is £45,000. Projects must address one of the following three themes:

Women

- Victims of sexual abuse, rape, domestic violence and those working in the sex industry.
- Care for young mothers and those affected by postnatal depression.
- Isolated and lone parents.
- Community support for black and minority ethnic women and asylum seekers.
- Support services for women prisoners and their families.

Children and Young People

- Counselling, support services and outreach projects for those who are disadvantaged or deemed to be at risk through neglect, emotional and physical abuse, alcohol or drug misuse.

Poverty and Deprivation

- Mental health projects for women and children.

- Support for vulnerable families.
- Promotion of healthy eating for families in areas of extreme deprivation.

The funding can be used for one-off projects or multi-year applications.

Deadline: 30th April 2019 <https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/volant/>

25. BBC Children in Need Main Grants

Grants of over £10,000 per project are available to not for profit organisations and schools that work with young people who are experiencing disadvantage through illness, distress, abuse or neglect; any kind of disability; behavioural or psychological difficulties; and / or living in poverty or situations of deprivation. Schools can also apply for funding but the project must be additional to their statutory duties. The funding is being made available through the programme.

Deadline: 19th May 2019

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/60DXlxYvbbtcTDm79Mjryj/main-grants-should-i-apply>

COMMUNITY FUNDING

26. The Weir Charitable Trust

We support services/projects, run by Scottish-based community groups and small charities, in the following qualifying categories that address any aspect of the following purposes:

- Sport: encouraging and increasing public participation in sport (activities which involve physical skill and exertion)
- Recreational facilities: the provision or organisation of recreational facilities (buildings, pitches or similar) with the aim of improving the conditions of life for the people for whom the facilities are primarily intended. This is only in relation to facilities which are primarily intended for people who need them due to age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage.
- Animal welfare: for the advancement of animal welfare
- Health: the advancement of health, including prevention or relief of sickness, disease or human suffering
- Culture: supporting the heritage - tangible or otherwise - of Scotland, through projects that encourage participation in and preservation of Scotland's distinctive culture.

Eligibility: They may be able to help if you meet all of the following criteria-

- You are a small charity or community group with income of less than £100,000 a year
- You are based and operate in Scotland, providing services to improve the quality of life for the people of Scotland
- Your application meets one of the five Qualifying Categories - Sport, Health, Culture, Animal Welfare or Recreational Facilities
- You are seeking funding of less than £25,000

Deadline: 28th February 2019 <http://weircharitabletrust.com/apply-now>

27. The Armed Forces Covenant Local Grants programme

The Armed Forces Covenant Local Grants programme makes grants 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 overcoming barriers to better and improving perceptions, attitudes and understanding. 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. They have previously funded projects: to address mental and physical health issues, for adults and children, through providing sports, arts, gardening and community events; refurbishment of venues and equipment in shared social clubs and halls; welfare, housing and benefit advice services; mentoring and employability programmes.

Deadline: 11th March 2019 <http://www.covenantfund.org.uk/local-grants-and-digital-development-programme/>

28. Robertson Trust

The Robertson Trust is Scotland's largest independent funder, awarding over £16 million per year to Scottish charities through their Open Awards programme. Grants are available to improve the quality of life and realise the potential of Scotland's people and communities. Through the Main revenue awards grants of up to £20,000 are available to support the core (running) or project funding for a maximum initial period of 3 years. The Major capital programme are

capital grants in excess of £250,000. Capital costs may relate to new builds; upgrading buildings; refurbishment costs; and equipment. The funding is available to registered charities and Community Interest Companies.

Deadline: 15th March 2019 <http://www.therobertsontrust.org.uk/what-we-fund>

29. Bank of Scotland Foundation - Small Grants Programme

The fund helps with developing and improving communities by supporting individuals and groups to work together to ensure a better quality of life within their community. Practical ways of making this happen may include: initiatives designed to encourage the involvement in the community of those too often excluded; working with people on low incomes, at risk from poverty or with problems finding accommodation; improving the standard of local facilities.

Deadline: 4th April 2019 <http://bankofscotlandfoundation.org/funding-programmes/small-grants-programme>

30. Big Lottery Fund Medium Grants for Community-Led Activity

This funding aims to support communities to improve the places in which they live and the wellbeing of those most in need. Grants from £10,000 - £150,000 are available. They will fund organisations to deliver work that achieves the following outcomes:

- Everyone in the community has the opportunity to influence and get involved in community-led activity.
- People in the community are better connected and work together to improve their well-being.

The BL also want to fund work that is **people-led, connected, and strengths-based**. They call these their three approaches. Find out more about what that means in the [three approaches](#) section of our website. To discuss what you're applying for, contact our Advice Team on advicescotland@biglotteryfund.org.uk or 0300 123 7110.

Applications may be submitted at any time

<https://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/grants-for-community-led-activity>

31. Stations Community Regeneration Fund

ScotRail and Transport Scotland are seeking applications for a £1.5million community fund, designed to breathe new life into old and disused railway station premises. The Stations Community Regeneration Fund enables business and community groups to transform redundant station rooms into facilities to benefit local people. Any projects that will aid communities or rail passengers will be considered for grants of between £5,000 and £75,000. Bids may also be made for larger sums, dependent on in-depth feasibility studies. Grants can be used to contribute towards the costs of any structural repairs and to assist with the costs of fitting out station premises for their intended use.

Applications may be submitted at any time

<https://www.scotrail.co.uk/about-scotrail/scotrail-community/stations-community-regeneration-fund>

32. Smarter Choices, Smarter Places Open Fund

This Paths for All fund aims to encourage people to change their behaviours to walk or cycle as part of their everyday short journeys. The Fund will also encourage people to use other sustainable travel choices for longer journeys. Open to public, third and community sector organisations. Grants of £5,000 - £50,000 are available and need to be match funded.

Applications may be submitted at any time

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

33. Big Lottery Fund Community Assets

Through Community Assets BL are focused on helping local communities to address specific inequalities or disadvantages through ownership of an asset. Applicants will need to show clear evidence that they have consulted with their communities, considered various options to meet their needs and selected the best option to address this. BL found that talking with applicants earlier in the process can lead to stronger applications. Because of this, there is no application form. The first step is to talk to BL about your idea so they can give advice on whether or not this funding is right for what you want to do. If they think your idea potentially fits with Community Assets they will then normally arrange to visit you. Grants of £10,000 - £1,000,000 are available. Contact them at advicescotland@biglotteryfund.org.uk or on 0300 123 7110 to discuss your idea, or for any other questions.

Applications may be submitted at any time <https://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/community-assets>

34. Community Centres and Village Halls

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. They want to support community centres and village halls which are at the heart of small, deprived communities. They expect that you will be providing a range of activities

for all ages and abilities which help to promote community cohesion and address local problems of isolation, poverty, lack of local facilities, transport and other issues of relevance to your area.

Applications may be submitted at any time

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

35. Action Earth and Local Nature Reserve Awards

Any project with volunteers taking action outdoors in Scotland can apply for one of our grants.

1. **Action Earth Awards** from £50 to £250 are available to groups of volunteers carrying out environmental activities. This could include improving ponds, woodlands, meadows and other green spaces to make them more wildlife friendly. Create new habitats by planting nectar-rich flowers, fruit-bearing trees or shrubs.
2. **Local Nature Reserve Awards** offer up to £500 for activities taking place on LNRs which encourage volunteer involvement and bring new volunteers onto the reserve. Activities could involve wildlife recording and education, raising profile of the site and protecting and enhancing biodiversity. We will prioritise applications from community or 'Friends of' groups. Events should involve the local Ranger Service or LNR Managers.

What we fund:

- Projects taking place in Scotland involving practical outdoor activity
- At least 15 volunteers must give a minimum of 5 hours each
- Tools, materials and volunteers expenses
- Work on sites that are accessible to the general public (let us know if your site has any restrictions we should be aware of)

Community groups, any project with volunteers taking action outdoors in Scotland can apply.

Applications may be submitted at any time <http://actionearth.csv.org.uk/apply>

36. Big Lottery Fund (Scotland) - Improving Lives

Funding for people experiencing challenges in their lives to help them overcome this and become more resilient. They want to fund activity which means people: are better able to identify solutions that enable them to take control over their lives and build resilience; are able to shape the projects and services they use to better meet their needs; have more access to support and opportunities to improve their lives. Public, community or charitable organisations may apply.

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

37. Foyle Foundation - Small Grants Scheme

To support smaller charities in the UK, especially those working at grass roots and local community level, in any field, across a wide range of activities. Grants of between £1,000 and £10,000 are available. Public, community or charitable organisations may apply.

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

38. The Henry Smith Charity - Strengthening Communities Grant

The Strengthening Communities grant programme is designed to support small charitable organisations working at grassroots level. Through this grant programme the charity want to make sure that their funding reaches the most disadvantaged areas of the UK, targeting places that are economically marginalised and affected by poverty. The charity fund established organisations with a track record of delivering services directly to beneficiaries. They are looking for organisations that are embedded within their communities and are addressing local needs. Funding covers: Running costs which may include salaries, project costs, and small capital costs needed to support the work. Community-led charities and not for profit organisations can apply for grants from £20,000 - £60,000.

Applications may be submitted at any time

<https://www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/explore-our-grants-and-apply/strengthening-communities-grants/strengthening-communities-overview/>

39. The Henry Smith Charity – Improving Lives Grant

The Improving Lives grant programme provides grants to charitable organisations that help people when other sources of support have failed, are inappropriate, or are simply not available. They support established organisations delivering services directly to beneficiaries. The charity are looking for services which can demonstrate a track record of success,

and evidence the effectiveness of the work. Charities and not-for-profit organisations, including social enterprises can apply for grants from £20,000 - £60,000.

Applications may be submitted at any time

<https://www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/explore-our-grants-and-apply/improving-lives-grants-programme/improving-lives-grants-programme-overview/>

40. 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/>

EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

41. Royal College of Pathologists Public Engagement Innovation Grant Scheme

The Royal College of Pathologists has announced that applications are now being accepted for the Public Engagement Innovation Grant Scheme. Under this scheme grants of up to £1,000 are available for individuals or organisations who wish to run a project that engages audiences such as secondary school students, undergraduates, health professionals or local communities with pathology.

Deadline: 3rd June 2019

<https://www.rcpath.org/discover-pathology/events-landing-page/funding-for-public-events.html>

42. Adopt an Apprentice

Adopt an Apprentice and not only will your business benefit from a skilled trainee, but you will also receive a financial incentive. The financial incentive will help cover wage and recruitment costs of taking on a Modern Apprentice who has been made redundant from another employer. For businesses in the oil and gas industry, the financial incentive is £5,000. For businesses in all other industries the incentive is £2,000.

Applications may be submitted at any time

<https://www.ourskillsforce.co.uk/funding-and-support/adopt-an-apprentice/>

43. Certificate of Work Readiness

The Certificate of Work Readiness has been developed for employers, using the key attributes they look for when hiring new staff. It's a mixture of work experience and employer assessments, which prove that a young person, aged 16 to 19, has reached an employer defined standard. Public, community or charitable organisations

Applications may be submitted at any time

<https://www.ourskillsforce.co.uk/funding-and-support/certificate-of-work-readiness/>

44. Skills for Growth

Skills for Growth aims to help small businesses achieve their objectives with knowledgeable, skilled and motivated employees. We do this by combining free consultancy from Investors in People with free support from your employer engagement adviser. This means we can help you create a detailed people plan, or understand where to start. Public, community or charitable organisations may apply.

Applications may be submitted at any time <https://www.ourskillsforce.co.uk/funding-and-support/skills-for-growth/>

ENERGY, RENEWABLES AND RECYCLING

45. Scottish Government's Community and Renewable Energy Scheme

If you are interested in applying for CARES support please read the [general guidance](#) note before reviewing the supplementary guidance for each of the funds. This contains details of the current funding themes and eligibility. They would encourage you to submit a [project proposal form](#) in the first instance and contact your [local development officer](#) if you need more help or information. The Scottish Government's Community and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES) offers a range of financial support to local energy projects. The main funding streams for new applicants are:

- **CARES Enablement Grant** – Up to £25K where the value of the grant will be capped based on innovation or scheme complexity and can be used to fund feasibility for energy systems or renewable energy projects, investigation of shared ownership opportunities or work to maximise the impact from community benefit association with renewable energy projects. Applications may be submitted at any time for this fund.
- **CARES Development Loan** – Up to £150K (10% interest rate) can be provided for projects with a reasonable chance of success. The loans can include a write-off facility that allows development risk to be mitigated by allowing the applicant to apply to change the loan to a grant should the project be unable progress.
- **CARES Innovation Grant** – Up to £150K to either fund innovation activity or improve the viability of projects by grant funding elements of the project.

To find out if your organisation is eligible have a look at our [eligibility table](#).

<https://www.localenergy.scot/funding/>

46. Funding for Environmental Projects

The Central Scotland Green Network (CSGN) has announced that the CSGN Development Fund has re-opened for applications. Through the fund, grants are available for environmental projects in Scotland that enhance woodlands and green infrastructure, boost active travel and encourage community growing. Projects funded are likely to be located in or immediately adjacent to communities in the 15% most deprived datazones (nationally) according to the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation.

Deadline: 4th March 2019 <http://www.centralscotlandgreennetwork.org/resources/funding/csgn-development-fund>

47. Funding for Businesses to Design Vehicles Powered by Low Carbon Tech

A £20 million funding competition has been announced that will invest in business projects that support the design, build and manufacture of zero and low emission vehicles and technologies. Offered by the Advanced Propulsion Centre (APC) applications are welcomed from UK-based later-stage R&D projects that require funding to support the UK's long-term supply chain and associated capabilities, in the design, build and manufacture of low and zero tailpipe-emission capable vehicles.

Deadline: 6th March 2019 <https://apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/competition/279/overview>

48. Carbon Trust's £9.2 Million Industrial Energy Efficiency Accelerator - Second Phase Open

The Industrial Energy Efficiency Accelerator (IEEA) has been established to help strengthen the global competitiveness of British industry. First trailed in January 2017 by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS), the four-year programme is funding a range of demonstration projects designed to reduce the cost of energy efficient technologies and extend the suite of energy-saving options available to industrial firms. The Accelerator also aims to address both technical and commercial challenges by providing tailored incubation support and co-funding to technology developers and start-ups to drive UK expertise, exports and jobs. The programme is open to all sectors in the UK and is technology-neutral, targeting near-commercial innovations that will have the largest cross-sectoral impact on industrial energy efficiency and reducing carbon emissions. The Carbon Trust, which is administering the programme, is encouraging industrial companies to apply in collaboration with technology developers. There is an overall budget of £9.2 million in the programme budget. Technology developers can access co-funding of between £150,000 and £750,000, to support several demonstration projects, focusing on energy-saving technologies, across the UK. The technology must be ready to install, however, if it is not yet ready, applicants can wait until that is the case and then apply if there is funding remaining. Phase 2 will run from 1 February 2019 - 30 April 2019. The Carbon Trust is offering an application support service to all applicants and interested parties are encouraged to apply early to receive the full benefit of this service.

Deadline: 30th April 2019

<https://www.carbontrust.com/client-services/programmes/industrial-energy-efficiency-accelerator/>

49. Resource Efficient Scotland Waste Prevention Implementation Fund

Grant available for the implementation of waste prevention measures. It is recognised that while organisations understand the benefits of waste prevention, they often do not take action, lacking the finance and support to make the necessary changes. This fund has therefore been designed to help organisations overcome these barriers to undertake a particular project with a focus on raw materials savings, carbon savings and the movement of waste material up the waste hierarchy. To be eligible to apply for funding your organisation must be:

- A small or medium sized enterprise according to the European Commission definition (European Commission definition of an SME can be accessed at http://ec.europa.eu/growth/smes/business-friendly-environment/sme-definition_en which means your enterprise will have fewer than 250 employees and its turnover will be below €50m.
- An SME that has a base in Scotland and it must be this location that benefits from the funding.

To be eligible to apply for funding your project must:

- Result in evidenced implemented waste material, cost and carbon savings;
- Be able to demonstrate that the project would not be viable without receiving the funding;
- Comply with the evaluation criteria detailed in the 'Guidance note for applicants';
- Demonstrate added value and impact and focus on the physical implementation of waste prevention measure or measures, rather than identification or a feasibility study.

Applications are made by first submitting an online expression of Interest.

Applications may be submitted at any time

<https://www.resourceefficientscotland.com/content/waste-prevention-implementation-fund>

50. Resource Efficient Scotland SME Loan Fund

The Scottish Government is committed to supporting small and medium sized Scottish businesses to reduce energy and resource costs. Reducing operating costs not only improves your margins but can help make you more competitive. The SME Loan provides unsecured, interest free loans from £1,000 up to £100,000 for the installation of energy efficient measures such as lighting and heating upgrades, double glazing, insulation and much more. (The further information document provides a list of all eligible projects). Your loan can be used to pay for:

- Heating, ventilation and air conditioning upgrades – from single improvements to controls to complete system replacements
- Lighting systems – fitting and controls
- Building fabric – including insulation, draft-proofing, double and secondary glazing
- Water saving – be it installing a grey water system, harvesting rain water or simply installing water efficient taps
- Waste reduction – installation of equipment to improve handling and reduce waste at source

Full details on eligibility criteria and the list of qualifying technologies can be found in the further information document.

Funds are limited and distributed on a first come, first served basis

<https://www.resourceefficientscotland.com/SMELoan>

51. Circular Economy Investment Fund

Zero Waste Scotland are investing £18 million as grant funding to small and medium sized enterprises who are helping to create a more circular economy. The Circular Economy Investment Fund is a funding opportunity for businesses and organisations in Scotland working in all business and social economy sectors. We invite proposals from:

- Small to medium sized enterprises (less than 250 employees/turnover less than €50 million)
- Non-profit organisations (charities and social enterprises)

They are interested in:

- Exploring markets for new circular economy products
- Development and adoption of innovative business models for new circular economy products and services
- Development and uptake of innovative technologies, products and services to support a circular economy

SMEs, charities and social enterprises can apply.

Applications may be submitted at any time <http://www.zerowastescotland.org.uk/circular-economy/investment-fund>

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

52. Argyll and Ayrshire Fisheries Local Action Group – European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF)

Applications for this fund are accepted on an on-going basis. If you have a project which fits with one of the Priorities within the overall fund Objective (see table below) and wish to discuss its fit with the programme, please contact the European team: EuropeanFunding@argyll-bute.gov.uk

Argyll and Ayrshire Fisheries Local Action Group	
Objective	To support community-led economic growth and sustainable development within the FLAG Area, through diversification and innovation within our local economies whilst strengthening the governance of local fisheries resources and protecting the marine environment.
Priority 1	Supporting diversification of local economies within the fisheries and aquaculture sectors.
Priority 2	Strengthening the role of fisheries communities in local development and the governance of local fisheries resources.
Priority 3	Supporting Innovation, lifelong learning and job creation in the fisheries and aquaculture supply chain
Priority 4	Creating links between and adding value to existing marine initiatives

Projects are encouraged to apply on or before the **15/2/19**. The last date for approving applications is **29/03/2019**.

53. Horizon Prize for Social Innovation in Europe

In 2015, the European Commission (EC), in cooperation with the European Investment Bank Institute, announced plans to launch a Horizon prize on a social challenge chosen by the public from five proposed challenges. The proposed challenges were:

1. Childhood obesity.
2. Ageing population.
3. Integration of immigrants in the labour market.
4. Women entrepreneurship and women-led enterprises.
5. Citizens for clean energy.

With 32% of votes out of a total of 9,685, the challenge of ageing population topped the list of five proposed topics. The EC has therefore launched the Horizon Prize for Social Innovation in Europe Ageing population to deliver new solutions to the challenge of Europe's ageing population. There will be 75 million people over the age of 65 in Europe in 2020, and 88 million in 2030. The share of people aged 65+ is expected to increase from 17.5% of the population in 2010 to 29.5% in 2060 in the EU-27. This trend necessitates a reconsideration of existing mobility systems in order to meet the needs of older people and help to combat social exclusion and support independent living, especially for those with reduced mobility. The purpose of the contest is to develop innovative and sustainable mobility solutions for older people aged 65 and over. The prizes will be awarded, after closure of the contest, to the applicants who in the opinion of the jury demonstrate a solution that best addresses the award criteria. The solutions submitted, likely to combine technological, social and behavioural features, must be implemented for several months during the contest period. The jury will assess the work and progress made by the applicants during an implementation period of at least five months between the opening of the prize and the submission of the applications, based on measurable evidence that they will have to provide. Applicants will also have to demonstrate that their solution can be scaled-up and replicated in different contexts. The total budget available for the prize is €2 million

Deadline: 28th February 2019 <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/>

54. INTERREG North-West Europe Programme Opens Ninth Call for Proposals

The Interreg North-West Europe Programme (NWE) is a European territorial cooperation programme. Its aim is to make the North-West Europe area a key economic player and an attractive place to live and work, with high levels of innovation, sustainability and cohesion. The Programme has now opened its Ninth Call for Proposals. This Call is only

open to Priority 1 (innovation) and Priority 3 (resource and materials efficiency) of the NWE Programme. In particular, and without excluding any other relevant topics, the following types of projects are welcomed under this Call:

Priority 1: Social innovation, including projects addressing the migration related challenge, focusing on the integration of recognised refugees on the mid and long-term, in particular in the domain of entrepreneurship, employment and access to the labour market.

- Innovative products, processes and technologies contributing to CO2 reduction and the green economy, including green transport, in line with the big societal challenges addressed by the Paris Agreement.

Priority 3: Projects focusing on circular economy. The Programme is also particularly interested in:

- Projects which will make a strong contribution to reducing territorial disparities, reaching out to peripheral and weaker regions, and which aim at 'closing a gap' between leaders and followers within a relevant field. This implicates projects with strong territorial justification (why a particular region was selected, why cooperation is essential).
- Projects with a strong representation of public authorities, SMEs / private companies, and NGOs within their partnerships. The NWE programme will not fund projects which are too research oriented.
- Projects which have a substantial demonstration and roll out phase.
- Projects which can have complementarities or synergies with previously approved projects, in terms of scope or approach taken.
- Projects which focus on a niche within a theme, where the approach chosen and the need for the transnational project is clearly identified and justified.

The following eight countries participate in the Programme: Belgium, France, Germany, Ireland, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom and Switzerland. All projects need to be match-funded. The maximum ERDF grant rate for partners is 60% of the total project budget. The partnership will need to provide the remaining 40%.

Deadline: 14th June 2019 <http://www.nweurope.eu/news-events/latest-news/ninth-call-for-projects-now-open/>

FUNDING for DIGITAL PROJECTS

55. Tech for Good Fund

Two of the UK's largest grant makers have joined forces once again and renewed their commitment to supporting not-for-profit organisations that are using technology to deliver new ideas and make their services more effective. Over the next three years (2019-2021) the programme will provide a total of £2.4 million in funding. Grants of up to £48,000 are available for nine months. It is expected that 13 projects will be funded in the first round. In addition to the funding, grant recipients will receive expert support and advice as well as the chance to collaborate and share learning.

The funding is for projects at any stage of development, with solid user-centred research, a clear problem to address, and a compelling digital solution to achieving this. The technology may be simple or cutting edge. The funding is for new products and services that can be shared with the wider not-for-profit sector. It is anticipated that most applicants will already have a digital development partner on board when they apply to help them deliver their project. Projects should address one of Comic Relief's four core issues:

- Children Survive and Thrive
- Global Mental Health Matters
- Fighting for Gender Justice
- A Safe Place to Be.

Comic Relief is also looking for applications that address challenges around disability and inclusion.

Deadline: 25th March 2019 <https://www.comicrelief.com/funding/funding-opportunities/tech-good-2019>

56. Digital Scotland Better Broadband Scheme

The Better Broadband Scheme offers a subsidised basic broadband connection to businesses and private dwellings where occupiers are unable to access download speeds of at least 2 mbps, and who will not benefit from the superfast broadband rollout within the next 12 months. Since its launch in December 2015, the scheme has boosted the broadband speeds of more than 20,000 homes and businesses in some of the hardest to reach areas of the country. Businesses that are eligible to take advantage of the scheme have the installation and hardware costs of their connection subsidised to ensure their first-year costs are no more than £400. The subsidy is used to fund a variety of technology solutions, including satellite, 4G and fixed wireless.

Deadline: 31st December 2019 <https://www.scotlandsuperfast.com/>

GENERAL FUNDING

57. Mickel Fund

If your charity deals with any of the following you will be considered for funding; Age Concern, Animal Welfare, Cancer Care, Cancer research, Children & Youth Support, Education/Outreach, Hospices, Housing & Homelessness, Injuries, Medical Assistance, Music/Culture, Medical Research, Veterans, World Wide Appeal Based Projects. Donations can take the form of core funding including salaries and general running costs, project grants or capital grants for building or equipment. Grants of £50 - £10,000 are available to Registered Charities.

Deadline: 21st February 2019 <http://www.mickelfund.org.uk/>

58. Edge Fund

Edge Fund supports small grassroots organisations taking action for a just, equitable and sustainable world. It funds work that challenges abuses of power and aims to bring an end to the systems that cause injustice. This could be the economic system, political system, or any system that discriminates against people based on their identity or background (e.g. class, ability, gender, race, nationality, religion, sexuality, age or other factors).

Deadline: 24th Feb 2019 <https://www.edgefund.org.uk/apply>

59. The Vegetarian Society - National Vegetarian Week Grants

National Vegetarian Week (13 - 19 May 2019) is organised by the Vegetarian Society and it's all about eating delicious and exciting veggie food. They have some large and small grants available to help groups with their planned events or activities for the Week. They're open to new ideas which celebrate vegetarianism, such as: cookery demonstrations; communal meals; recipe exchanges; tastings.

Deadline: 3rd March 2019 <http://www.nationalvegetarianweek.org/grants/>

60. Grants to Support Action for Marine Conservation

Marine conservation charities and not for profit organisations based and working in the UK can apply for grants of up to £1,000 towards projects that address the root causes of marine conservation threats and challenges in the UK; prevent/reduce negative impacts on UK coastal and marine environments and / or species; and add to the body of knowledge about marine conservation threats and challenges in the UK.

Deadline: 31st March 2019 <https://www.sea-changers.org.uk/grants>

61. 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 between £1,000 and £10,000. Organisations involved with conservation of wildlife, the rescue, rehabilitation and (where possible) release of animals are also eligible to apply. The funding can be used for general running costs or capital purchases. Repeat applications from charities are encouraged, when further financial support might be given if funds allow.

Deadline: 1st May 2019 <https://www.jeansainsburyanimalwelfare.org.uk/applications/>

62. The Scurrah Wainright Charity

Not for profit organisations that work towards a just and democratic society and to redress political and social injustices can apply for grants of between £1,000 and £5,000. The funding is available to causes outside the mainstream that are unlikely to receive funding from other sources.

Deadline: 14th May 2019 <http://www.wainwrighttrusts.org.uk/swc.html>

63. The 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 May 2019 meeting of Trustees.

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

64. Rayne Foundation

Provides grants to organisations working in four main sectors – the arts, education, health and medicine, and social welfare. The Foundation has a flexible approach in its support of innovative, high quality projects, but is particularly interested in those which are of direct benefit to vulnerable and disadvantaged people or communities. It prefers projects which have potential for wider than just local application, those which are likely to encourage funding from or involvement of other organisations, and/or those which are hard to fund. There is no limit on the maximum grant but they usually support 50% of the project cost, with their average grants being £15,000. Community or charitable organisations may apply.

Applications may be submitted at any time <http://www.raynefoundation.org.uk/our-work/grantmaking-uk>

HEALTH

65. SFAD - The Family Recovery Initiative Fund

The Family Recovery Initiative Fund can offer one-off grants to groups that support families affected by alcohol and drugs in Scotland. Its aim is to improve the wellbeing of family members affected by someone else's substance misuse. Well-being is improved by social inclusion, because people connect with other people, can participate in group activities, and can access support. It is funded by the Scottish Government Substance Misuse Unit. The fund can support a variety of activities including set up costs, running costs, training, events, marketing, travel, activities and networking.

Deadline: 28th February 2019 <https://www.sfad.org.uk/communities/fund-for-families>

66. Agnes Hunter Trust - Main Grant Programme

The Agnes Hunter Trust was established support registered charities delivering health and social welfare projects in Scotland. Applications must fit within one of the two policy areas: charities that help disabled people such as those living with learning disabilities, mental ill health, specific types of cancer, cerebral palsy, autism, visual or physical impairments; charities that assist with the education and training of disadvantaged people aged 16 years or over who have left school. This includes those whose life experiences or environment have so far denied them opportunities to develop the skills to support themselves and contribute positively to society. Priorities for the Trust include services or projects that focus on: self-management and awareness; advice, support and information; life-skills training; employability, particularly in relation to IT, literacy and numeracy.

Deadline: 15th March 2019 <http://www.agneshunter.org.uk/applications/>

67. Dunhill Medical Trust Community Grants

The Trust offers two funding schemes for community-based organisations who work directly with older people who need some form of extra support to make everyday living that bit easier:

- **Project grants** of between £5,000 and £40,000 for projects lasting up to 36 months. Supports time-limited projects which focus on the development of care and support services for older people.
- **Building and physical infrastructure grants** of between £5,000 and £100,000 (awarded as a single lump sum). Funds may provide accommodation in the built environment for older people to enhance and maintain their health, well-being and independence or can provide specific pieces of equipment or furnishings which can be used for the care and support of individuals.

Applications can only be considered from organisations or groups which are charitable as defined by UK charity law. This includes UK registered charities and relevant exempt charities. The Trust will not normally support applications for its schemes for community-based organisations from organisations with an annual income in excess of £10 million or with £100 million or more in assets.

Deadline: 29th March 2019 <https://dunhillmedical.org.uk/grants-for-community-based-organisations/>

68. Challenge Fund for Healthcare Technologies: Call for Feasibility Studies

UK small to medium sized businesses can apply for a share of up to £10 million to develop technologies, products and processes that could offer better outcomes for patients. The fund will support new technologies that prevent disease and support proactive management of health conditions; detect and diagnose disease earlier, leading to better patient outcomes; and develop tailored treatments that offer potential cures or change an underlying disease. In this call, up to £3 million is available for organisations to explore the commercial potential of an idea and carry out technical evaluations.

Deadline: 3rd April 2019 <https://apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/competition/300/overview#summary>

69. Pink Ribbon Foundation Grants 2019

Grants of up to £5,000 are available to UK charities working in the field of breast cancer for projects and activities that 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. Higher grants may be awarded if the trustees feel there is a special reason to do so. Applications from general cancer charities must demonstrate that the grants requested will be applied to benefit those affected by breast cancer.

Deadline: 31st May 2019 <http://www.pinkribbonfoundation.org.uk/who-we-help/#apply-for-a-grant>

70. Wolfson Foundation Health and Disability Grants

The Wolfson Foundation has announced that the next closing date for stage 1 applications to its Health and Disability Grants Programme is the . Through the programme, the Wolfson Foundation, makes grants of between £15,000 - £100,000 for new buildings, refurbishments and equipment for a range of organisations delivering excellent care and support. The funding is focused on Palliative Care and Hospices; Older People; and Transitions and Independence. Match funding is required for projects over £50,000. The Foundation does not provide funding for clinical care which might be considered the proper responsibility of the National Health Service (e.g. refurbishment of hospital wards or other facilities, or provision of surgical equipment). The Foundation also encourage applications from all parts of the UK, especially regions that have few alternative sources of funding.

Deadline: 1st July 2019 <http://www.wolfson.org.uk/funding/health-and-disability/>

71. Funding for Projects that Support Disadvantaged Young People

Smaller charities and Special Needs Schools in the UK with an annual income of under £1 million can apply to for grants of up to £10,000 to support projects that provide services to young people (under the age of 25) who suffer from physical or mental health difficulties or conditions, a life-threatening degenerative illness, or who are disadvantaged. The funding is being made available through the St James's Place Charitable Foundation.

Applications may be submitted at any time <https://www.sjpfoundation.co.uk/apply-for-funding.aspx>

72. Barchester's Charitable Foundation

This scheme helps older people and other adults with a disability across England, Scotland & Wales. Grants are available to help people lead more fulfilled lives and reach their full potential. The priority is to make a difference to the lives of older people and other adults with a physical or mental disability; supporting practical solutions that lead to increased personal independence, self-sufficiency and dignity. This year the focus is on connecting or re-connecting people with others in their local community. Applications that combat loneliness and enable people to be active and engaged will receive the highest priority. Grants will not be made for core/ running costs or salaries or financial support to general projects, indirect services such as help lines, newsletters, leaflets or research.

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

LAND AND PROPERTY

73. Grants for Urgent Structural Repairs to Churches

Listed and unlisted Christian places of worship, of any denomination, across the UK can apply for a grant to towards the cost of urgent structural repairs. Grants of between £10,000 and £50,000 are available to projects costed at more than £100,000 including VAT. Also considered are projects that introduce kitchens and accessible toilets to enable increased community use where the cost is more than £30,000 including VAT. All grants will represent a maximum of 50% of the project cost.

Deadline: 4th March 2019 <https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/cornerstonegrants>

74. Grants for Community, Environmental and Heritage Projects

Local authorities, charities, parish councils, church or community organisations and voluntary groups are able to apply for funding of between £2,000 and £100,000 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 March 2019 <http://www.wren.org.uk/apply/fcc-scottish-action-fund>

75. William and Jane Morris Fund

The Fund accepts applications from churches, chapels and other places of worship built before 1896 for grants of between £500 and £3,000 to carry out small programmes of conservation work to decorative features and monuments. All work funded must be directed by a professional architect or established conservator and completed according to the principles of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (SPAB).

Deadline: 31st March 2019 <https://www.sal.org.uk/grants/morris-fund-conservation-grants/>

76. SRDP - Agri-Environment Climate Scheme

The Agri-Environment Climate Scheme promotes land management practices which protect and enhance Scotland's magnificent natural heritage, improve water quality, manage flood risk and mitigate and adapt to climate change. It will also help to improve public access and preserve historic sites.

Deadline: 12th April 2019

<https://www.ruralpayments.org/publicsite/futures/topics/all-schemes/agri-environment-climate-scheme/>

77. SNH - Natural and Cultural Heritage Fund

The Natural and Cultural Heritage Fund supports new opportunities to promote the outstanding scenery, wildlife and culture of the Highlands and Islands of Scotland in ways which support inclusive and sustainable economic growth. It will help to retain jobs and sustain populations and services in rural communities. The fund will support: interpretive media to promote natural and cultural heritage assets; infrastructure investment to expand the provision of tourist facilities; improved accessibility, interpretation and quality of visitor experiences; new products or services based on the region's natural and cultural resources, particularly for the tourism sector.

Deadline: 22nd April 2019

<https://www.nature.scot/professional-advice/funding/natural-and-cultural-heritage-fund-nchf/nchf-contacts-and-resources>

78. 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

79. The Ogden Trust

Primary and secondary schools in the UK can apply for funding to enhance physics teaching and learning. The funding is available to groups of schools working together to promote physics both with primary and secondary education. Partnerships of schools can apply for funding to support events, activities, trips and training. Partnerships can be a mix of maintained schools, academies, free schools and independent schools. Examples of these include trips to local museums or places of interest; careers events; extra-curricular physics or astronomy clubs; and physics fairs or competitions; etc.

Deadline: 1st March 2019 <https://www.ogdentrust.com/school-partnerships>

80. British Ecological Society – Outreach Grants

The British Ecological Society has announced that its Outreach Grants programme is now open for applications. Schools, museums, libraries and community groups will be able to apply for grants to promote ecological science to a wide audience. Applications from museums and schools must involve significant outreach beyond schools as projects aimed solely at delivering curriculum to school children will not be considered. The maximum award is £2,000 and the grant may be used as part-funding for larger projects involving other sponsors.

Deadline: 20th March 2019 <https://www.britishecologicalsociety.org/funding/outreach-grants/>

81. Society for Microbiology – Science Education and Outreach Grants

Members of the Microbiology Society, residing in the UK or Republic of Ireland, including those working in schools, can apply for a grant of up to £1,000 for innovative Outreach Activities that support relevant science teaching or promotion initiatives. Also funded are developments likely to lead to an improvement in the teaching of any aspect of microbiology. Grants can cover, for example, talks, workshops, demonstrations, posters, leaflets, broadcasts, activities at science festivals and audio-visual or computer-based packages or activities that take place as part of a National Science and Engineering Week.

Deadline: 1st April 2019

<https://microbiologysociety.org/grants/education-outreach-funds/education-and-outreach-grants.html>

82. Grants for UK-German Partnership Visits

Teachers in the UK can apply for grants of up to £1,000 for a visit that revives an existing partnership with a school in Germany or a visit that develops a new partnership. The focus of the visit must be on planning future activities between pupils, and developing an interactive project to take place within the year. Visits should not last longer than one week, the school must provide 25% of the required funding and a maximum of 3 teachers can be supported. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis but the proposed visit must not start for at least 4 weeks after the application has been submitted.

Applications may be submitted at any time <http://www.ukgermanconnection.org/partnershipvisits>

83. Institute of Mathematics Education Grant Scheme

The Institute of Mathematics has announced that individuals working in Schools, Colleges of Further Education (FE) and Higher Education Institutes (HEIs) can apply for funding of up to £600 to run or attend an educational activity relating to mathematics. Activities supported include hosting a mathematics event, e.g. Maths Trails, Maths Competitions; attendance at appropriate conferences; travel expenses to attend appropriate events; or supply cover required for the teacher to attend the appropriate event; etc. Projects supported in the past include a grant towards the cost of running a Think Maths workshop for 90 Year 9 students. Applications from primary schools are also welcome, but due to the aims of the Institute, primary schools should work in partnership with a secondary school, FE or HEI. Priority will be given to applications from members of the Institute. If the applicant is not a member of the Institute the name of a co-applicant who is a member must be given.

Applications may be submitted at any time <https://ima.org.uk/support/grants/education-grant-scheme/#earn>

SPORT FUNDING

84. Rowing Foundation Grants Programme

The Foundation offers grants of £500-£2,000 to help organisations, schools and clubs involved in on water elements of the sport of Rowing who are individually affiliated to British Rowing (other than via their governing body) and whose requirements may be too small or who may be otherwise ineligible for an approach to the National Lottery or other similar sources of funds. The Foundation prefers to encourage participation in rowing by the young or disabled through the provision of equipment, such as boats, sculls, ergos, oars and essential safety equipment.

Deadline: 14th February 2019 <http://www.therowingfoundation.org.uk/home/>

85. Scotrail Cycle Fund

A total of £100k is available from the Cycle Fund, with projects being required to provide match-funding. We are open minded about the number of projects which could be supported, though clearly the limited size of the fund may lend itself to smaller interventions rather than larger schemes. The projects which we can support **“must improve integration between rail and cycling and support ScotRail’s ‘Doorstep-to-Destination’ vision”**. The fund can be used to support projects which will:

- Enhance Cycle / Rail Integration through physical access and connectivity to stations
- Increase cycle facilities and information relating to cycling at stations
- Market and promote cycling and walking with a specific focus on links to the railways network
- Create an environment which encourages cycling in relation to the railway network

However, we are also happy to discuss any other specific or innovative ideas you may have. As above, we require our own contribution to be at least matched, but we would look favourably on any project which can further exceed this level of support (for example additional contributions from employers, private sector or other bodies), to further maximise the value of the fund. We would look for implementation of the projects during 2019/20. More information

on the fund and applications can be obtained by contacting ScotRail's Cycling Manager Kathryn MacKay at cycle.fund@scotrail.co.uk

Deadline 1st March 2019 <https://www.scotrail.co.uk/plan-your-journey/cycling/cycle-fund>

86. Grants for to Enable Disabled People to Play Tennis

Special schools as well as coaches, clubs, disability groups, associations and individuals can apply for grants from the Dan Maskell Tennis Trust for equipment and specialist wheelchairs to enable disabled people to play tennis. Funding of up to £1,500 is available for groups and clubs and up to £500 for individuals. Individuals can receive support for a sports wheelchairs, tennis rackets, coaching lessons with a Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) licensed coach or course fees for official LTA development/Coaching courses. Groups can apply for wheelchairs, court hire, coaching fees and equipment packages which will include, rackets, balls, mini net, and coaching aids such as cones and throw down marker lines. In the case of wheelchairs a deposit will be required; for individuals the amount of deposit required will depend on the wheelchair type requested, clubs will need to provide a deposit of around £250 per chair.

Deadline: 15th March 2019 <https://www.danmaskelltennistrust.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant?q=apply-for-a-grant.html>

87. Funding for the Provision or Upgrading of Sports Facilities (Scotland)

Schools, and other organisations such as local authorities, area sports associations, sports trusts and charities; etc can apply for funding of up to £100,000 (to a maximum of 50% of the project costs) to improve their sports facilities. In areas of high deprivation, the maximum grant can be up to 75% of project costs. Grants are available to help with the provision or upgrading of sports facilities that are for the public good and which benefit the community. There are two application routes depending on the value of the project. Small Grants for applications with a total project value between £20,000 and £250,000 (including VAT). Large Grants for applications with a total project value of over £250,000 (including VAT).

Deadline: 1st April 2019 <https://sportscotland.org.uk/funding/sport-facilities-fund/>

YOUNG PEOPLE

88. Young Placechangers Ideas Fund

Young people and youth groups can apply to the Young Placechangers Ideas Fund for Seedcorn grants (up to £500) and larger Ideas Fund grants (up to £3,000). Developed by greenspace scotland and partners Youth Scotland, with funding support from the Scottish Government and Heritage Lottery Fund, the Young Placechangers Ideas Fund will support young placechangers across Scotland to put their ideas into action and change places for the better – where they live, play, hang out or go to school.

Deadline: 28th February 2019 <https://www.greenspacescotland.org.uk/young-placechangers-ideas-fund>

89. Field Studies Council's Kids Fund

Schools, colleges and youth groups can receive up to 80% towards the costs of providing environmental outreach education for groups of disadvantaged young people through the Field Studies Council's Kids Fund. The Field Studies Council is an independent educational charity committed to raising awareness about the natural world and works through a network of residential and day Centres in the UK to provide outreach education and training. The funding is available to help young people aged 14 - 18 (25 for those with special needs) attend a course who may otherwise be excluded due to some form of disadvantage - health, mobility, deprivation or financial. One free staff/adult place is provided for every 12 young people; additional adults pay 20% +VAT. This includes all equipment, tuition and waterproof hire costs. Food and accommodation are included for residential courses.

Deadline: 1st March 2019 <https://www.field-studies-council.org/about/fsc-kids-fund/applying-to-fsc-kids-fund.aspx>

90. The Weavers' Company

Small registered charities can apply for grants of up to £15,000 for projects working with young offenders; prisoners and ex-prisoners as well as young disadvantaged people at risk of criminal involvement. To be eligible for funding, local organisations such as those working in a village, estate or small town should normally have an income of less than £100,000. Those working across the UK or in larger areas should normally have an income of not more than £250,000. Grants are usually given for one year. The funding is being made available through the Weavers' Company, a textile-related, charitable and sociable organisation.

Deadline: 31st March 2019 <http://www.weavers.org.uk/content/grant-application-guidelines>

91. Funding to Support Vulnerable Young Migrants

Not for profit organisations and private law firms working with young migrants who are significantly disadvantaged by migration status can apply for grants of up to £30,000. Grants will enable the organisation to undertake strategic legal work to benefit children and young people (under the age of 25). Applicants should note that the average grant size is around £12,000.

Deadline: 31st March 2019 <http://strategiclegalfund.org.uk/how-to-apply/>

92. Young Start

Through Young Start the BIG Lottery 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.

Applications may be submitted at any time <https://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/young-start>

93. Grow Wild Youth Project Funding

This scheme's mission is to empower young people aged 14-25 to develop a creative idea into a project that helps raise awareness about UK native wildflowers and fungi! This could include transforming a space, holding an event or giving a performance. We're looking for project ideas that will excite other people to get involved and make an impact in the community. Successful projects will receive £500 to turn their idea into a reality. You can use photography, music, drama, dance, film, visual arts or more to celebrate UK native wild flowers and fungi in fun and inventive ways.

Applications may be submitted at any time <https://www.growwilduk.com/content/youth-project-funding-open>

94. Chance to Succeed

Chance to Succeed is funded through the Scottish Children's Lottery. It supports projects that focus on employability and employment skills, helping to deliver a productive future for our young people. Projects or activities they support will work with the most vulnerable young people up to the age of 25 at a demonstrably high risk of being negatively impacted by poverty. Examples of projects or activities they may consider are: employability and skills training within a local community; mentoring or one to one support, building the self-confidence and skills required to enter the employment market; provision of and access to the technical equipment required to pursue employment or further education; support to young people who have already been disadvantaged through being care experienced or suffering from a disability.

Applications may be submitted at any time <http://chancetosucceed.co.uk/apply-for-funding>

95. The Alec Dickson Trust

This scheme supports young people who are able to demonstrate that through volunteering or community service they can enhance the lives of others, particularly those most marginalised by society. We would especially welcome the opportunity to support innovative projects. Applications for grants, not normally in excess of £500, are invited from individuals aged 30 and under or from small groups of young people who believe their actions to be in pursuit of the aims of the Trust. Trustees meet twice a year to consider applications. Further information and guidance is available by contacting the trust at alecdicksontrust@gmail.com or call them on 020 7278 6601. Application forms can be downloaded via the website and sent in by email or posted to the address.

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