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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

ARTS AND CULTURE

1. Do it Differently Fund

The Do It Differently Fund is designed to help independent, entrepreneurial music creators build their career by providing grants of £500 - £3,000 to fund professional development opportunities and creative projects at a crucial point in their career. They can support opportunities relating to Recording & Releasing and Touring & Live Development including PR & marketing costs, time to create and access to creative spaces. In addition to this, successful applicants will be able to access a suite of wellbeing and development services worth up to £2,000, including business development sessions, education around "healthy" touring practices, online CBT and wellbeing tools, specialist hearing assessment, bespoke hearing protection and short-term treatment of performance related conditions. The fund is open to professional musicians of all genres and disciplines, with a focus on independent music creators who are controlling one or more aspects of their career (e.g. self-managing, self-releasing, and self-producing). Applicants can be a solo artist, composer, group member, songwriter, producer or a multidisciplinary artist. We can also support bands or ensembles of up to 6 members.

- enable creative independence for music creators
- offer a holistic package of support with professional development
- encourage new habits and good practices of sustainable wellbeing for recording and touring musicians

Deadline: 13th November 2018

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

2. Creative Scotland - Made in Scotland Showcase 2018

This showcase celebrates the wealth and diversity of work that is currently being produced in Scotland. Scottish dance, theatre, and music artists, groups and companies can apply to present artistically ambitious work at the Fringe as part of the Made in Scotland 2019 Showcase. Funding is intended to support the costs of presenting work at the Fringe. The work can be new or an existing production which will be re-staged at the Fringe.

Deadline: 22nd November 2018

<https://www.creativescotland.com/funding/funding-programmes/targeted-funding/made-in-scotland>

3. Theatres Trust - J&C Joel Setting the Stage Fund

As part of the Theatres Trust being J&C Joel's Charity of the Year, together they are offering an in-kind support fund. J&C Joel's Setting the Stage Fund will provide up to £10,000 of in-kind support to one UK based not-for-profit theatre. The support will be offered in the form of J&C Joel's products and services which can include but isn't limited to: front of house drapery; masking and black out drapery; tracks and servicing of stage engineering equipment.

Deadline: 30th November 2018

<http://www.theatrestrust.org.uk/how-we-help/grants-funding/jc-joel-setting-the-stage-fund>

4. John Ellerman Foundation

Regional museums and galleries in the UK with an income of between £100,000 and £10 million can now apply for a share of £500,000 of funding which has been made available to enhance and sustain curatorial development and attract a broader public. Grants are available for a period of two to three years and should support work that will enable new ways of working both for established curators and those just starting out; or ensure organisations are able to safeguard and advance curatorial skills through a time of development or change. Funding is being provided by the John Ellerman Foundation which has a focus on visual and decorative arts and social and natural history collections. The average grant size is £86,000, applications will be considered for higher amounts for exceptional projects.

Deadline: 3rd December 2018 <https://ellerman.org.uk/regional-museums-and-galleries-fund>

5. Archives Revealed Cataloguing Grants Programme

The Cataloguing Grants strand of the Archives Revealed programme awards grants for archives to create catalogues of archival collections. These will support the transformation of archive services, helping archives to vastly improve access to archives and increase public engagement with history and the UK's documentary heritage. It will fund archives with collections that can show clear local, regional, national or international significance, or significance to a specific audience group, alongside a demonstration of a high level of potential to engage people and communities with archives and heritage.

Deadline: 7th December 2018

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/archives-sector/finding-funding/archives-revealed/cataloguing-grants/>

6. The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo - Youth Talent Development Fund

Creative Scotland and The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo are working in partnership to deliver this fund, which is aimed at nurturing the ambition, enthusiasm and talent of exceptional young artists engaged in traditional music and dance – with a priority focus on piping, drumming, Highland dance and traditional fiddle playing. Through the fund, Creative Scotland is looking to support a small but ambitious programme of inspiring projects with exceptional young traditional music and dance artists from across Scotland. The total budget available is £150,000. The minimum amount that can be applied for is £10,000, and the maximum amount is £20,000. This fund is open to any arts or cultural organisations, based in Scotland, working with young people across Scotland, undertaking ambitious project work that develops excellence across traditional music and dance.

Deadline: 10th December 2018

<https://www.creativescotland.com/funding/funding-programmes/targeted-funding/the-royal-edinburgh-military-tattoo-youth-talent-development-fund>

7. Wingate Foundation - Performing Arts Grant

Charities with a record of artistic excellence that require additional funding, not available from public sources or commercial sponsorship can apply for funding to broaden their repertoire or develop work of potentially outstanding interest which cannot be funded from the usual sources. Assistance will also be considered for training and professional development for creative talent or the technical professions. The Trustees additionally wish to support arts projects that place a particular emphasis on addressing educational or social exclusion outcomes. Applicants can apply under either or both headings.

Deadline: 10th December 2018 http://www.wingatefoundation.org.uk/sc_performing_arts.php

8. See Learn Share Fund

See Learn Share is a small fund to enable freelance artists or creative learning staff in arts organisations to spend time working with people from another sector, observing work and discussing, exploring or testing ideas. The fund allows applicants to connect with another sector (such as healthcare, science, business, education or third sector organisations) locally or further afield; in Scotland, another area of the UK or abroad. Any individual working in an arts organisation and managing or delivering creative learning activity, or a freelance artist from any art form, who is engaged in delivering creative learning activity. All applicants must be based in Scotland. You can apply for up to £1000 and this can cover 100% of the total costs of the visit. The total number of awards made will be dependent on available budget – but we expect to support 10 recipients in total. It provides an opportunity to observe the work of other professionals, join relevant activities and get involved in a dialogue about excellent practice with people. The fund can also support mini projects which test the ground for future collaborations.

Deadline: 13th December 2018

creativescotland.com/funding/funding-programmes/targeted-funding/see-learn-share-fund

9. UK Theatres Grants Scheme

The UK Theatres Small Grants Scheme is a capital fund that awards up to £5,000 to theatres across the UK run by charities and not-for-profit groups that can clearly demonstrate the value capital improvements to their theatres would make to their work in local communities. Priorities include projects that address urgent building repairs, improve operational viability, introduce environmental improvements, and enhance physical accessibility. Please note that applications for technical equipment and refurbishment of soft furnishings are a low priority for the scheme. In reviewing applications Trustees take into account a project's urgency, other resources available to the applicant and the extent to which the grant would make a significant difference to promoting the better protection of theatres. Funds are generally awarded where they are considered to have the most impact in realising an applicant's capital project.

Deadline: 8th January 2019 <http://www.theatretrust.org.uk/uk-theatres-small-grants-scheme>

10. Funding to Support Arts Projects

The Trust offers grants of up to £5,000 in support of the Arts, in particular Music, including Opera; Lieder; Composition and Dance. The Trustees aim to help individuals and groups such as Colleges; Arts Festivals and other arts organisations who would not be able to carry out a project or activity without financial support.

Deadline: 1st February 2019 <http://www.fideliocharitabletrust.org.uk/index.php>

11. 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 maximum of £500,000 can be awarded. Public, community or charitable organisations can apply.

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

BUSINESS AND ENTERPRISE

12. VisitScotland's Growth Fund to Boost Tourism Firms' Marketing Activities

The VisitScotland Growth Fund is designed to assist the tourism industry and to further cement Scotland's reputation as a world class destination. The Fund enables groups of tourism businesses to undertake new marketing activity or further develop current activity which will generate additional visitors to Scotland. It will assist groups in marketing their products and services to new customers and encourage people to holiday in Scotland for longer. The Fund can support groups with 50% of approved total marketing costs over a one-year period, with a minimum award of £10,000 to a maximum of £40,000 available. All applications must include activity which is considered "new", i.e. working with new partners, targeting new markets, including new packages/offers, or using new media. Whilst subsequent applications can be made, the funding should not be considered as long-term or core funding. Applications are welcomed from groups of tourism businesses throughout Scotland operating at a local, regional or national level.

Deadline: 3rd December 2018 <https://www.visitscotland.org/supporting-your-business/funding/growth-fund>

13. 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/>

14. Regional Selective Assistance (RSA)

Regional Selective Assistance (RSA) is a discretionary grant for businesses who want to develop a project within an assisted area in Scotland. The amount offered depends on:

- The size of your business
- The location of the project
- Our assessment of how much is needed for the project to go ahead

You can apply whether your business is based in Scotland or not – though the project must take place in Scotland. The project should also involve an element of capital investment and must directly result in the creation or safeguarding of jobs in Scotland. Large businesses which are not small or medium sized enterprises will only be eligible if the project involves 'new activity'. Public, community or charitable organisations can apply.

Applications may be submitted at any time

<http://www.scottish-enterprise.com/services/attract-investment/regional-selective-assistance/overview>

15. Scottish Enterprise Workplace Innovation Fund

The Workplace Innovation Fund is administered and funded by Scottish Enterprise, Scotland's main economic development agency. Funding will help introduce new and innovative practices in the workplace; compatible with the key themes of people, place and practice. Scottish Enterprise can contribute up to £5,000 for suitable projects and may fund up to 70% of eligible costs. Applicants should therefore be prepared to fund at least 30% of the total costs. Small-to-medium VAT-registered business based in Scotland (excluding Highlands and Islands) may apply, with project proposals focusing upon at least two of the following key themes:

- People. Celebrating the benefits of diversity or rewarding and supporting the learning and development of staff members.
- Place. Improving and maintaining a positive working environment; making use of physical space in a creative manner and devoting time to integrating technology.
- Practice. Adopting fair, responsible work practices to improve productivity. For example, building flexible working practices, creating self-managed teams and integrating technologies.

Funding is intended to be used for core business activities. For example, permanent salary costs and recruitment costs. There is no prescriptive list of eligible activities however typical projects costs may include developing potential future leaders, commissioning feasibility studies, consultancy fees and training specialist support staff.

Applications may be submitted at any time

<https://www.scottish-enterprise.com/services/develop-your-organisation/workplace-innovation-fund/overview>

16. Support Programme for UK's Co-operative Businesses

Launched by Co-operatives UK, the Hive is a £1 billion business support programme designed to enable growth among the UK's £37 billion co-operative economy. The initiative will help people who intend to start or grow co-operative or community enterprises, using various online resources, training and advice. Between 2016 and 2019 the Hive, the first co-operative development programme of its kind in the UK, aims to support the development of the existing 7,000 independent co-operative businesses across the UK as well as help new co-operatives starting up. The Hive acts as a cross-sectoral programme of support. Regardless of sector, the Hive is able to support organisations with:

- online advice to guide them through starting up, growth and conversions; and
- direct support, via one-to-one advice, group advice, peer mentoring and skills training.

The Hive offers comprehensive online business advice and guidance, alongside one-to-one support, peer mentoring and group training sessions, covering issues such as registration, membership development, and co-operative finance. The initiative's online co-operative community is expected to unite member-owned businesses across the country, creating networking and business development opportunities.

Applications may be submitted at any time <http://www.uk.coop/the-hive/>

17. DSL Business Finance & Scottish Microfinance Fund

DSL is a Responsible Finance Provider and a member of the Responsible Finance Industry. DSL provides business start-up and growth loans for small businesses and social enterprises that cannot otherwise access funding from banks and other traditional sources.

Business Finance

The purpose of this scheme is to help businesses to grow and establish themselves, with DSL offering support throughout the duration of the loan period. Applicants may apply for a loan of between £1,000 and £50,000. The maximum term for this loan will be five years with a fixed interest rate worth between 6% and 9%. There will be a 2% administration fee and no early settlement penalties. Private sector match funding will be required. This loan could be

used to cover expenditure such as cash flow, investment in equipment and stock as well as PR and marketing services, renovation or additional recruitment. Applicants must be able to provide the relevant documentation within their application.

Scottish Microfinance Fund (SMF)

Interested parties may apply for a minimum loan of £500 and a maximum loan value of £2,500 through the Scottish Microfinance Fund. The Fund is administered by DSL Business Finance; an organisation providing start-up and growth loans for small businesses and social enterprises. The purpose of this scheme is to allow businesses that may have previously struggled to obtain funding the opportunity to access low cost microfinance options at a competitive interest rate. The maximum term for the loan is five years with a 6% fixed interest rate. Clients will be provided with a Loan Officer who will support them through each stage. Multiple funding options are available and there will be a team of funding experts on hand to offer guidance. It should also be noted that some sectoral restrictions may apply.

This scheme is intended for new and existing businesses and social enterprises based in Scotland that are employing fewer than ten people with a turnover and balance sheet less than, or else equal to, £2 million.

Applications may be submitted at any time <https://www.dsl-businessfinance.co.uk/>

18. Scottish Government Social Entrepreneur Fund

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, we 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 the '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>

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

19. Better Breaks Programme

The Better Breaks programme provides 12 month grants to third sector organisations to develop and deliver short breaks projects and services for children and young people with disabilities (aged 20 and under), and their carers (adult carers and/or young carers). The Better Breaks programme funds a wide range of short breaks projects and services, including activities and breaks for:

- children and young people with disabilities without their carers
- families to enjoy together
- carers (adult/parent carers and/or young/sibling carers) without the child or young person they care for.

Short breaks projects and activities can include **breaks away** (including overnight stays and residential breaks), days out, and/or shorter sessions (including regular activities). To be eligible for Better Breaks funding, projects **must** be able to evidence how their activities will benefit **both** children and young people with disabilities **and** their carers, by providing a break from their normal routine.

Deadline: 15th November 2018 <https://www.sharedcarescotland.org.uk/shortbreaksfund/betterbreaks/>

20. BBC Children in Need Small Grants Programme

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. 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 make a real difference to children and young people's lives. 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: 2nd December <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/4fJVTzz5QmQx5rx0S4NVg0Q/small-grants>

21. Funding to Support Family Based Projects

Registered charities whose activities support and encourage the family to work as a cohesive unit in tackling problems that face one or more of its members can apply for grants of between £1,000 and £5,000 through the Kelly Family Charitable Trust. The fund also welcomes applications from sports and health-related charities whose activities comply with the above criteria. The Trust will consider both capital and revenue grants. The Trust is happy to support requests for core funding as well as project-based grants, and actively encourages applications from relatively new organisations to help them become established. **The three areas of activity that the charity wishes to support are:**

- Interventions that support families and help them in ways that prevent the fracture of the family unit, e.g. practical family support, relationship counselling, mediation.
- Families where sexual abuse, physical abuse, domestic violence, alcohol abuse and drug abuse threaten the integrity of the family unit.
- Prisoners and in particular their families, during and after the period of imprisonment

Deadline: 1st March 2019 <https://kfct.org.uk/how-to-apply/>

COMMUNITY FUNDING

22. Funding for Community Radio Stations.

Funded by the UK Government's Administered by Ofcom, the Fund has been established to help support the core costs of running licensed community radio stations. Grants can be awarded to support management costs; fundraising to support the station; administration costs; financial management and reporting; community outreach; volunteer organisation and support. Grants can only be made to community radio licensees in the UK, who are broadcasting under a community radio licence.

Deadline: 6th November 2018

<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/tv-radio-and-on-demand/information-for-industry/radio-broadcasters/community-radio-fund>

23. Robertson Trust

The Robertson Trust provides grants to support work that aims to reduce inequalities and strengthen communities. Grants range from £20k for core or project funding, to grants in excess of £250k for major capital awards.

Deadline: 30th November 2018 <http://www.therobertsontrust.org.uk/what-we-fund/apply-now>

24. Grow Wild - Community Project Fund

Grow Wild connects people to nature and each other by funding creative and innovative ideas, focused on UK native wildflowers, plants and fungi. In 2019, Grow Wild is looking to fund projects that focus on UK native wild flowers, plants and/or fungi, through planting or as inspiration; work with young people aged 12-25, communities living in urban areas, communities experiencing some disadvantage or reduced access to services, adults that are less engaged with their community and environmental activities.

Deadline: 10th December 2018 <https://www.growwilduk.com/community-projects>

25. FCC Scottish Action Fund

The FCC Scottish Action Fund offers funding of between £2,000 and £100,000 to projects through the Scottish Landfill Communities Fund. Charities, community councils, church or community organisations and voluntary groups can apply for funding if they are operated on a not-for-profit basis and have a formal constitution and bank account. Local Authorities can also apply. WREN will consider applications across all types of projects included in the SLCF Objects including: land reclamation, community recycling, public amenities and parks, biodiversity and historic buildings.

Deadline: 12th December 2018 <http://www.wren.org.uk/apply/fcc-scottish-action-fund>

26. First World War: Then and Now HLF

First World War then and now provides grants of £3,000 to £10,000 for communities to mark the Centenary of the First World War. Community or charitable organisations can apply.

Deadline: 18th January 2019

<http://www.hlf.org.uk/HowToApply/programmes/Pages/FirstWorldWarThenandNow.aspx#sthash.2p0tUo8x.dpuf>

27. 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/>

28. 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. Big Lottery 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.

They 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 their website. To discuss what you're applying for, contact their 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>

29. 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/>

30. Funding to Make Community Spaces More Sustainable

The Coop Foundation is offering interest-free loans for enterprising ideas to improve community spaces. Community organisations that manage community buildings and outdoor spaces such as parks and community centres; etc. which are for the use of the whole community can apply for loans of up to £50,000 to grow their trading activities to generate more sustainable income. Organisations based in a more deprived area, or whose work mainly benefits more disadvantaged members of the community may also be able to apply for grant funding alongside a loan.

Applications may be submitted at any time.

<https://blog.coopfoundation.org.uk/index.php/2018/05/17/community-is-everybodys-business/>

31. Ross and Liddell - Community Bursary Programme

Small grants of up to £500 are available to local community organisations in Scotland that make a vital difference to their local area.

Applications may be submitted at any time <https://ross-liddell.com/community-bursary>

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

33. Esmee Fairbairn Foundation - Food Strand

Foundation supports work which demonstrates the important role food plays in well-being and which connects people to the food that they eat. It seeks to bring about more sustainable food production and consumption policies and practices. There is no set amount but grants are usually between £5,000 - £500,000. They will support work which

- delivers high quality, innovative local food projects, particularly those that can become financially sustainable and are replicable.
- establishes closer links between NGOs, community groups, producers, retailers and industry in order to create more coherent food sector.
- improves people's understanding of the place that food plays in our lives and shows the role that access to good quality food can have on wellbeing.
- leads to the prioritisation of sustainable food production and consumption in local and national policy, practice and decision-making.
- increases demand for better quality food from sustainable sources, for example, through changes to public procurement.

Applications may be submitted at any time <https://esmeefairbairn.org.uk/food>

34. Big Lottery Fund - 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 can apply for grants of

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

35. 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 can apply.

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

36. Garfield Weston Foundation

Supports a broad range of organisations and activities which share a commitment to making a positive impact to the lives of the communities in which they work, and which are driven by a desire to achieve excellence.

We make grants across the UK to organisations in the following categories:

- Arts
- Education
- Youth
- Health
- Community
- Environment
- Religion
- Welfare

Community or charitable organisations can apply.

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

37. Tudor Trust

The focus is on smaller forward-looking groups, led by capable and committed people. Characteristics include:

- Organisations working directly with people who are at the margins of society
- A focus on building stronger communities by overcoming isolation and fragmentation and encouraging inclusion, connection and integration
- Organisations which are embedded in and have developed out of their community – whether the local area or a 'community of interest'
- High levels of user involvement, and an emphasis on self-help where this is appropriate- Work which addresses complex and multi-stranded problems in unusual or imaginative ways
- Organisations which are thoughtful in their use of resources and which foster community resilience in the face of environmental, economic or social change

Applications may be submitted at any time <http://tudortrust.org.uk/how-to-apply/making-a-first-stage-proposal/>

38. Funding to Support the Armed Forces Community

The Ministry of Defence (MOD) is currently accepting applications under its Armed Forces Community Covenant Small Grant Scheme. The aim of the National Covenant Fund is to support the armed forces community. Funding of up to £20,000 is available to support the integration of armed force personnel within their community and the coordination and delivery of support services. Schools, registered charities, community interest companies, local authorities and armed forces units with a UIN can apply as long as they have experience and a track record of working with the Armed Forces Community, and a real understanding of the issues facing the Armed Forces Community. Applicants should consult their local Covenant Partnership before applying.

Applications may be submitted at any time

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covenant-fund-guidance-on-how-to-apply>

39. Esmée Fairbairn Foundation

We fund across four main sectors – Arts, Children and Young People, Environment and Social Change. Across all our funding we aim to unlock and enable potential, back the unorthodox and unfashionable, build collective networks and catalyse system change. We offer three types of support, grants **social investments** and **Grants Plus** support. Our grants support organisations' core or project costs, including staff salaries and overheads. We do not fund building or equipment costs, or individuals. 2015 grants ranged from £5k to £1.5m (median average £100,000), with support lasting 1 - 5 years (45% 3 years). [Search our database](#) to see what we fund. There are no deadlines – you can apply at any time. We have a two stage application process:

- 1st stage: apply online. We acknowledge by email within a week and decide whether to take it further within a month.
- 2nd stage: **answer a set of questions** from a Grants or Social Investment Manager. We make a decision in 2 - 4 months. Community or charitable organisations can apply.

Applications may be submitted at any time <https://esmeefairbairn.org.uk/apply-for-funding>

40. 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. The charity support established organisations delivering services directly to beneficiaries. We are looking for services which can demonstrate a track record of success, and evidence the effectiveness of the work. This is our largest grants programme, through which the majority of our funds are distributed. Qualifying criteria:

- Organisation size: £50k – £2m (in exceptional circumstances up to £5m)
- Location of work: UK only
- Funding covers: Running costs, salaries and projects
- Organisation type: Charities and not-for-profit organisations, including social enterprises

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/>

41. Vegware Community Fund

The Vegware Community Fund gives monthly support to non-profit sustainability projects, with new recipients being added as Vegware grows. They are currently taking on new recipients on a monthly basis. The Vegware Community Fund offers support in two ways:

- **Product donation:** a regular donation of Vegware's eco takeaway packaging for use at fundraising events or by volunteers
- **Monthly grants:** a regular donation of £20-200 intended to contribute to core running costs and act as a basis from which to either focus on their chosen task, or apply for project grants.

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

EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

42. SDS Employer Recruitment Incentive

SERI is a grant for employers who offer employment opportunities, including an apprenticeship (MA), to unemployed young people. The aim is to encourage employers to recruit young people aged 16-29 into sustainable employment, including Modern Apprenticeships. The incentive will be available to use as a contribution to the additional costs of recruiting and sustaining a young person in employment for up to 52 weeks. It could be utilised in a number of ways including additional supervisory costs, training, initial travel to work costs or wages. As a national minimum, it is expected that 25% of places allocated to local authorities will support young people who are care leavers, carers, an ex-offender or disabled.

Deadline: 31st January 2019 <http://www.ourskillsforce.co.uk/funding-for-skills/employer-recruitment-incentive/>

43. 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. Public, community or charitable organisations can apply.

Applications may be submitted at any time

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

44. 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>

ENERGY, RENEWABLES AND RECYCLING

45. 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. 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. 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. Interested parties are advised to register at their earliest

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

46. SPEN Green Economy Fund

This is a call out to communities and businesses to come forward with their own ambitious projects that support Scotland's low carbon future and create jobs in our communities. Any initiatives seeking shared or full funding will require to demonstrate that they truly have green credentials and are targeted at areas that may ordinarily struggle to access funding. Lessons learned from projects supported by the fund will, in turn, be shared with other communities to ensure others can benefit.

Register Your Interest Now https://www.spenergynetworks.co.uk/pages/green_economy_fund.aspx

47. CARES Panel 3 is Open for Applications

CARES has three funding streams to help communities, not for profit groups and rural businesses realise their local energy ambitions:

- **Development Loans of up to £150K** to fund development costs, taking projects from feasibility through to procurement for a design and build contract.
- **Innovation Grants of up to £150K** to accelerate new innovative activity and encourage replication of previous projects.
- **Enablement Grants of up to £25K** to help progress energy systems projects, renewable energy projects, investigation of shared ownership or maximising the impact of community benefit. You can apply for an Enablement Grant at any time throughout the year, you don't have to wait for a funding panel meeting.

Deadline: 19th November 2018 <https://www.localenergy.scot/funding/>

48. Funding to Support Large Scale Adoption of eBikes in Scotland

The Energy Saving Trust is administering the eBike Grant Fund on behalf of Transport Scotland which is making up to £500,000 available through this round. The funding is intended to support local authorities, public sector agencies, colleges, universities, and third sector and community organisations to take the lead on the large-scale adoption of ebikes. Applications that achieve this through the creation of bike pools, hire or loan schemes, of pedal-assisted electric bikes to support sustainable and active travel as an alternative to higher carbon emitting forms of transport are encouraged.

There are two levels of funding:

- Grants of up to £100,000 - local authorities and public sector organisations.
- Grants of up to £15,000 - third sector and community organisations.

The grant will cover the costs of ebikes and/or ecargo bikes and associated safety equipment. The funding can only be used for 'pedal assist' or 'pedelec' ebikes and ecargo bikes. Community projects may purchase non-electrified cargo bikes if the wider project is focused on encouraging active travel amongst vulnerable groups such as the elderly, disabled or families with young children. Non-ebike purchases should be limited to equipment that is directly related to the operation of ebikes, limited to the following equipment: bells, helmets, high-visibility clothing, panier bags and racks, lights, pumps, weather covers and security locks. Projects should commence from March 2019 with all funding claimed by June 2019.

Deadline: 30th November 2018 <http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/scotland/grants-loans/ebike-grant-fund>

49. WRAP - UK Circular Plastics Flagship Projects

The overall aim of the programme is to support the delivery of the Government's target of achieving zero avoidable plastic waste by end of 2042 and the objectives of The UK Plastics Pact. The grant funds will support new pioneering industry led collaborative projects, focussed on unlocking the most critical, short-term barriers to improving plastics circularity, finding new innovative solutions and interventions that will remove or overcome these barriers. All applications must be industry led and should include collaboration with other organisations.

Deadline: 30th November 2018 <http://www.wrap.org.uk/node/158907>

50. Launch of Power Forward Challenge

Electric vehicles, smart devices, storage systems and remote connectivity are increasingly more commonplace and, as a result, the demands on the country's electricity grids are becoming more complex and notably different to how they were first built. Through the Power Forward Challenge, the UK and Canada are jointly offering over £11 million to develop the best smart energy systems, including grids and storage, for the needs of the 21st Century, supporting the UK Industrial Strategy Clean Growth Grand Challenge around smart systems for the future. This Challenge is looking for innovators from any sector who can bring disruptive technologies or new thinking to develop clean, robust and

flexible power grids and energy systems that anticipate and meet the needs of networks around the world, looking ahead to 2030 and beyond. The programme comprises the following support strands, which are now open to applications:

- **Funding opportunity 1: Feasibility study development - open to SMEs** Selected UK SMEs will receive funding of up to £60,000 for participation support for feasibility study development.
- **Funding opportunity 2: Pilot-scale demonstration proposals - open to companies and other organisations**

Project teams applying for support for demonstration projects must involve organisations from both the UK and Canada. The project teams can apply for funding contribution of up to £1.8 million per project for demonstration projects located in the UK.

Deadline feasibility study development: 17th December 2018

Deadline pilot-scale demonstration proposals: 15th March 2019

<https://impact.canada.ca/en/challenges/power-forward>

51. ERDF - Green Infrastructure Fund

The Green Infrastructure Strategic Intervention aims to improve Scotland's urban environment by increasing and enhancing greenspace in our towns and cities, especially close to areas of multiple deprivation. Projects must: improve the quality and accessibility of greenspace; improve the environmental quality and performance or increase provision of ecosystem services; support greater participation in use or management of greenspace, increase physical activity, volunteering or understanding of nature; increase economic attractiveness and health benefits by reducing the impact of derelict land and increasing opportunities for active recreation; and reduce inequalities by supporting disadvantaged groups to benefit from greenspace and green infrastructure by targeted improvements, activities and engagement.

Deadline: 28th January 2019 <https://www.greeninfrastructurescotland.scot/>

52. Resource Efficient Scotland Waste Prevention Implementation Fund

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 by clicking here), 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:

1. Result in evidenced implemented waste material, cost and carbon savings;
2. Be able to demonstrate that the project would not be viable without receiving the funding;
3. Comply with the evaluation criteria detailed in the 'Guidance note for applicants';
4. 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 may be submitted at any time

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

53. AquaFund

AquaFund® is ADSM's multi-million-pound grant which is designed to enable organisations to make water efficiencies and financial savings. The AquaFund® Scheme will provide the cash, the resources and the expertise to drive down your water costs.

Applications may be submitted at any time <http://www.adsm.com/aquafund/>

54. Circular Economy Investment Fund

ZeroWaste 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. They 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

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

55. 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

Applications may be submitted at any time <https://www.resourceefficientscotland.com/SMELoan>

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

56. 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**.

FUNDING for DIGITAL PROJECTS

57. Nesta Launches Amplified

Amplified is a new pilot programme designed to encourage the development of creative digital ideas that generate a positive social outcome in the UK. Through the programme, Nesta is offering cultural and creative businesses funding and support to develop initiatives that can improve the lives of others. Applicants can obtain £10,000 of grant funding to develop their digital ideas. The grant is delivered alongside mentoring from industry leaders and six months' structured support. Proposed ideas need to make use of digital technologies and address a social challenge (this can be a local or global challenge). They can be anything from a game to an interactive installation, as long as it seeks to

generate a direct social outcome. The social outcomes can be anything from increasing community cohesion to reducing the consumption of single use plastics. Cultural and creative businesses that have been trading for a minimum of three years in the UK may apply. Nesta is looking to fund ideas from both arts and cultural organisations, as well as businesses within the wider creative industries, particularly where those businesses feel their ideas can positively impact the lives of others. These could be games companies, design agencies, media agencies or other firms.

Deadline: 14th November 2018 <https://www.nesta.org.uk/project/amplified/>

58. Digital Fund

The Digital Fund is a new UK wide £15 million funding programme to support charities and community organisations. It is about helping the charity and voluntary sector to use digital tools and approaches to support people and communities to thrive. The Digital Fund is currently offering two strands of funding

- **Digital Fund Strand 1** offers grants of up to £500,000 and a tailored support package. The aim is to help established charities use digital to take a major leap forward.
- **Digital Fund Strand 2** offers grants of up to £500,000 for newer organisations that have already launched promising services that use digital to achieve scale or impact.

Both strands are expected to last from 1 to 4 years.

Deadline: 3rd December 2018 <https://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/digital-fund/eligibility>

59. Digital News Initiative (DNI) Innovation Fund

The aim of Digital News Initiative is to encourage a more sustainable news ecosystem and promote innovation in digital journalism; through ongoing collaboration and dialogue between the tech and news sectors. The ambition and intent of the Fund is to help incentivise innovation and spark new thinking, which could come from anywhere in the news ecosystem, to give news organisations - of all sizes - the space to try some new things. Google has set aside up to €150 million for that purpose, which it will make available in the form of awards. There are three categories of funding available:

- **Prototype projects:** open to organisations - and to individuals, and to organisations comprised of one individual - that meet the eligibility criteria, and require up to €50,000 of funding over a short period of time to design and test a prototype. These projects should be very early stage, with ideas yet to be designed and assumptions yet to be tested. Google will fast-track such projects and will fund 100% of the total cost.
- **Medium projects:** open to organisations that meet the eligibility criteria and require up to €300,000 of funding. Google will accept funding requests up to 70% of the total cost of the project.
- **Large projects:** open to organisations that meet the eligibility criteria and require more than €300,000 of funding. Google will accept funding requests up to 70% of the total cost of the project. Funding is capped at €1 million.

Eligible expenses include editorial costs (for example, on staff or freelance employees), asset creation cost (such as licenses), engineering costs (e.g. product development, project management, user experience design, database build and maintenance, and hosting) and marketing expenses. Note: marketing expenses will only be covered up to 20% of the total funding awarded. The Fund is open to organisations and individuals that aim to produce original journalism and to enlighten citizens with trustworthy journalistic content, whose projects focus on encouraging a more sustainable news ecosystem. Established publishers, online-only players, news start-ups, publisher consortia, national or international associations, companies and individuals are all eligible to apply. Collaborative applications with other industry players are also welcome.

Deadline: 3rd December 2018 <https://newsinitiative.withgoogle.com/dnifund/>

60. Transform Foundation Website and Digital Support

Each £18,000 grant covers strategy, design and development to build an amazing website. The grant covers 100% of the upfront costs. Your organisation will only need to fund ongoing costs. Public, community or charitable organisations can apply.

Applications may be submitted at any time <https://www.transformfoundation.org.uk/apply-for-funding>

61. Scottish Enterprise R&D / Feasibility Support Grant

A grant to help you undertake technical feasibility studies and research and development (R&D) projects with a commercial endpoint. Your project must exhibit:

- An advance in technological innovation for the UK industry or sector concerned
- The technical risks and challenges associated with defining and developing the technology

You must be able to demonstrate:

- That you own, or have rights to exploit, the intellectual property required to undertake the project
- All intellectual property developed throughout the project will be owned by the company receiving grant funding
- How commercial prospects for the end product or process will be achieved, with realistic and effective routes to market
- That you have the necessary management and technical expertise and resources (either in-house or brought-in) to make the project a success
- That both the project and the business are financially viable
- That financial assistance from SMART: SCOTLAND is essential

A small or medium sized business, university spin-out or an individual. Based, or planning to set up, in Scotland

Applications may be submitted at any time

<https://www.scottish-enterprise.com/services/develop-new-products-and-services/smart-scotland/overview>

GENERAL FUNDING

62. A B Charitable Trust

A B Charitable Trust supports charities working where human dignity is imperilled and where there are opportunities for human dignity to be affirmed, with grants typically ranging between £10k and £20k. Applications are welcomed from charities working to support; migrants, refugees and asylum seekers; criminal justice and penal reform; and human rights.

Deadline: 30th November <http://abcharitabletrust.org.uk/criteria.htm>

63. Scottish Veterans Fund

Since it was established 10 years ago, the Scottish Veterans Fund has awarded more than £1.3 million to over 150 projects run by veterans and ex-Service charities and organisations. The funding has helped them to provide advice, help and support to veterans across Scotland, ranging from employability and housing support to befriending and wellbeing projects. There is particular interest in projects that promote collaboration and partnership amongst the veterans' charitable sector, and applicants are strongly encouraged to identify delivery partners and, where possible, potential match funders. Strong joint bids will be looked upon favourably, especially if these promote future sustainability of project outcomes. Funding is available under two strands:

- Strand One: General Support aims to award small grants to a mixed portfolio of projects, including some smaller one-year projects. Maximum spend per project will be capped at £15,000 per annum, unless exceptional cases are made.
- Strand Two: Employment aims to fund a small portfolio of three to six projects of strategic value, preferably spanning over two-three years each.

Maximum spend per project will be capped at £40,000 per annum, unless exceptional cases are made. As 2019/2020 is the last year of the current Fund, applicants are only able to submit bids for one year projects. Funds may be awarded to successful projects in full or in part over a period of one year, depending on operational need and strength of business case.

Deadline: 30th November 2018 <http://www.veteransscotland.co.uk/>

64. Comic Relief Launches Power Up

This open funding programme aims to support a diverse range of women's rights organisations to fight against systems which perpetuate the injustices they encounter in their daily lives. Comic Relief wants to find and support women and girl's movements to seed, sustain and strengthen change in the countries in which it operates: the UK, Sierra Leone, Ghana, Nigeria, South Africa, Zambia, Rwanda, Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Malawi, Zimbabwe, India, Nepal and Bangladesh. The funding is intended to support the development of specific work (such as campaigns, advocacy and/or services) when it is part of long-term change. There is also interest in supporting work which helps movement constituents develop a common agenda for change, such as developing and sharing analytic frameworks, learnings and research, and work that is focussed on base building, such as growing membership and leadership, building/growing/supporting alliances and solidarity both between and within movements. This fund is for women and girl led organisations only. Applications will be considered from locally-rooted women's and girls' movements that are

working collectively towards a shared long-term goal. The funding is available for three to five years. Grants range from up to £300,000 for single applicants or up to £500,000 for partnerships. There is a two-stage application process.

Deadline: first stage applications is 7th December 2018

<https://www.comicrelief.com/funding/current-opportunities/power-up>

65. Rosa - Justice and Equality Fund, Now's the Time

The Justice and Equality Fund (JEF) aims to bring an end to the culture of harassment, abuse and impunity by resourcing an expert network of advice, support and advocacy organisations and projects. It aims to make workplaces and other contexts just, safe and equitable for all and ensure that anyone who has been subjected to harassment and abuse, including sexual violence at work, is better able to access support and justice. The Now's the Time programme will award up to £1 million through a Challenge Fund which asks: "What would you do toward ending sexual harassment?" They want to hear your ideas and solutions supporting e.g. prevention work (including education and other initiatives; awareness-raising activities; grass-roots activism; innovative uses of tech/arts/sports.

Deadline: 14th December 2018 <http://www.rosauk.org/how-to-apply/justice-and-equality-fund/nows-the-time/>

66. Help the Homeless Grants

Help the Homeless Grants help small and medium-sized enterprises with an annual turnover of less than £1m and with unrestricted reserves of under six months annual running costs. All applications must relate to projects that assist individuals with their return to mainstream society, rather than simply offering shelter or other forms of sustenance.

Deadline: 15th December <https://www.help-the-homeless.org.uk/applying-for-funding/>

67. Weir Charitable Trust

The Trust 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.

The Trust 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>

68. 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. The funding is being made available through Sea-Changers.

Deadline: 21st March 2019 <http://www.sea-changers.org.uk/charities>

69. Charles Hayward Foundation - Small Grants

Grant are made in the following categories for charities with an income of less than £350,000: criminal justice, heritage and conservation and older people. Grants of up to £7,000 area available to community or charitable organisations.

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

70. Funding to Support the Armed Forces Community

The aim of the National Covenant Fund is to support the armed forces community. Funding of up to £20,000 is available to support the integration of armed force personnel within their community and the coordination and delivery of support services. Schools, registered charities, community interest companies, local authorities and armed forces units with a UIN can apply as long as they have experience and a track record of working with the Armed Forces Community, and a real understanding of the issues facing the Armed Forces Community. Applicants should consult their local Covenant Partnership before applying.

Applications may be submitted at any time

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covenant-fund-guidance-on-how-to-apply>

HEALTH

71. Life Changes Trust - Dementia Inclusive Choir Network

The Life Changes Trust and the Baring Foundation invite bids to establish and resource a Dementia Inclusive Choir Network in Scotland. This network is for pre-existing choirs and for new choirs. The choirs can meet in any environment but they are keen that they are community choirs in the sense that they help people with dementia sing alongside people who do not have dementia. Ideally they will be multi-generational. They are also inviting bids for the evaluation of this Dementia Inclusive Choir Network.

Deadline: 16th November 2018

<https://www.lifechangestrust.org.uk/people-affected-by-dementia/funding-opportunities-0>

72. Capital Grants Available to Adult Hospices

Adult hospices that are full members of Hospice UK and are based in the UK, Isle of Man or the Channel Islands can apply for capital grants of up to £15,000. Grants are available for projects that improve the physical space to encourage and enable hospices to improve the environment in which they deliver care. This can include for example the refurbishment of bedrooms and bathrooms; the provision of specialist equipment and the reconfiguration of existing space; etc.

Deadline: 6th December 2018

<https://www.hospiceuk.org/what-we-offer/grants/open-grant-programmes/details/rank-foundation-grant-programme-2018>

73. Life Changes Trust - Dementia Friendly Communities

Dementia Friendly Communities aims to improve quality of life and well-being of people whose lives are affected by dementia – both people with dementia and unpaid carers. This round of funding is an open call for one year development funding. Through this funding, the Trust is looking to support those who are at the very earliest stages of starting a community that is Dementia Friendly. They are looking to fund both geographical Dementia Friendly Communities and communities of interest, large and small. For geographical communities, they are looking for community-led, grassroots initiatives that have included people living with dementia and unpaid carers in the planning (not just as a member on a steering group). For communities of interest, they are looking for projects that act as exemplars for others and which will also integrate with the wider community.

Deadline: 14th December 2018

<https://www.lifechangestrust.org.uk/people-affected-by-dementia/funding-opportunities-0>

74. Serious Stress in Veterans, Carers and Families Programme

This programme will support organisations helping veterans with severe mental health needs who do not meet the usual criteria for hospitalisation and inpatient treatment; and are encountering severe or substantial stress. It is looking to fund a small number of projects that will enable charities and health professionals to work together to develop and try new ideas that they have developed with veterans and their carers and families. The programme will support projects where there is good evidence to suggest that the idea might produce outcomes for veterans and their carers and families that are better than current sources of support on offer.

Deadline: 31st December 2018

<http://www.covenantfund.org.uk/new-ways-to-tackle-serious-stress-in-veterans-carers-and-families-programme/>

75. Baily Thomas Charitable Trust

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

Deadline applications in excess of £10,000: 1st December 2018

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

76. ILF Scotland Transition Fund

The ILF Scotland Transition Fund helps young people aged between 16-21 living with disabilities with the transition after leaving school or children's services to be more independent and to continue spending time with other people.

Applications may be submitted at any time <https://ilf.scot/transition-fund/what-is-it/>

77. Barchester's Charitable Foundation

Grants of £100 - £5,000 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 in 2018. Also funds individuals.

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

LAND AND PROPERTY

78. Paths for All – Smarter Choices, Smarter Places

The Smarter Choices, Smarter Places (SCSP) Open Fund aims to encourage people to change their behaviours to walk or cycle as part of their everyday short journeys. The fund will also encourage people to use sustainable travel choices for longer journeys. The Open Fund is available to support public, third and community sector organisations that want to change people's everyday travel behaviour. The fund aims to help cut Scotland's carbon emissions and improve our air quality. It will also help reverse the trend towards sedentary lifestyles and will tackle health inequalities. Grants available are between £5000 and £50,000 and will require to be match funded. We are accepting expressions of interest for the SCSP Open Fund from interested applicants. If you would like more information, get in touch with our team at scspopenfund@pathsforall.org.uk

Register Your Interest Now <https://www.pathsforall.org.uk/pfa/get-involved/smarter-choices-smarter-places-open-fund.html>

79. Nationwide Foundation

The Nationwide Foundation wants to help create a future of private renting where tenants are able to access and sustain their tenancies; where landlords deliver a high quality of service to tenants; where tenants have a strong voice in the debates about housing; and where tenants have robust rights which are effectively enforced. They believe that tenants should be central to any changes to the private rented sector (PRS). Yet at the moment their voices are often absent in meaningful debate. They know that there is already a lot of work happening to strengthen tenants' voice and they want to support this emerging movement. They have opened a dedicated stream of funding to strengthen, support and champion the growth of tenants' voice work, so that PRS tenants have more of a say in the issues that affect their lives and homes.

Deadline Expressions of interest: 18th November 2018

<http://www.nationwidefoundation.org.uk/available-funding/how-to-apply-for-tenants-voice-programme/>

80. Scotland's Gardens Scheme - Annual Guest Charity Grant

Scotland's Gardens Scheme's Guest Charity Grants will provide funding for projects that are concerned with the physical, mental and emotional well-being of adults and/or children across Scotland. These projects should be associated with gardens and gardening and the positive impact that they bring to health and wellbeing.

Deadline: 31st December 2018 <https://scotlandsgardens.org/annual-guest-charity-grant-2019-application/>

81. Historic Environment Scotland - Historic Environment Repair Grants

Owners of historic buildings or ancient monuments can apply for grants of £10,000 - £500,000 to meet the cost of high quality repairs or conservation made by specialist craftspeople using traditional skills and materials. The aim of the Historic Environment Repair Grant is to conserve original features of buildings and ancient monuments of special architectural or historic interest. Owners must insure and maintain the building, or look after the ancient monument, and allow an agreed level of access to the public in return for financial help. To apply for a Historic Environment Repair Grant for an historic building you must be legally responsible for the repair of the building, or in the case of an ancient monument be the owner or have the written permission of the owner to carry out conservation works on the monument.

Deadline: 31st December 2018

https://www.historicenvironment.scot/grants-and-funding/our-grants/historic-environment-repair-grant/#overview_tab

82. 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.

Deadline: 2nd January 2019 <https://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/scottishlandfund>

83. Resilient Heritage – Heritage Lottery Fund

Resilient Heritage grants of £3,000-£250,000 can help you to strengthen your organisation, and build the capacity of your staff and volunteers to better manage heritage in the long term. This programme is available to organisations in the UK who want to build their capacity or achieve strategic change to improve the management of heritage. Grants can fund activities to help you acquire new skills or knowledge, or new models of governance, leadership and business to put your organisation in a better position for the future. Organisations in the early stages of planning their activities may also apply.

Deadline: 18th January <https://www.hlf.org.uk/looking-funding/our-grant-programmes/resilient-heritage>

84. Our Heritage – Heritage Lottery Fund

Whichever part of the UK's heritage you want to explore, HLF are here to help with grants of £10,000-£100,000. Your project could focus on anything from personal memories and cultural traditions to archaeological sites, places of worship, museum collections and rare wildlife. Under Our Heritage HLF can accept applications from not-for-profit organisations, private owners of heritage and partnerships. If individuals or for-profit organisations are involved, the public benefit from the project must be greater than any private gain.

Deadline: 18th January <https://www.hlf.org.uk/looking-funding/our-grant-programmes/our-heritage>

85. SNH – Green Infrastructure Fund

Round 3 of the Green Infrastructure Fund has now opened for new applications. The Green Infrastructure Strategic Intervention aims to improve Scotland's urban environment by increasing and enhancing greenspace in our towns and cities, especially close to areas of multiple deprivation.

Deadline: 28th January 2019 <https://www.greeninfrastructurescotland.scot/green-infrastructure-fund>

86. Volunteering Matters Action Earth Grants

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 <https://volunteeringmatters.org.uk/project/action-earth/>

87. AHF: Heritage Mortgage Scheme

The Architectural Heritage Fund (AHF), an independent charity, encourages and supports the work of organisations dedicated to the preservation and renewal of buildings of architectural and historic significance which have failed to find a viable re-use on the open market. Through the new Heritage Mortgage Scheme the AHF is offering mortgage-style loans of between £150,000 and £500,000 over terms of between 10 and 20 years (30 in exceptional circumstances) to assist registered charities and not-for-profit organisations in the UK to acquire buildings, or provide working capital for restoration projects. All AHF loans are typically fixed at 4-6% but can be linked to Base Rate. The AHF can normally lend applicants up to 70% of the estimated open market resale value of any acceptable property or land over which it takes a first charge. If this is the project building for which the loan is required, it can lend up to 70% of the property's estimated "end value" (the projected value once work has been completed).

Applications may be submitted at any time <http://ahfund.org.uk/the/>

SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION

88. British Science Week 2019

The British Science Association has announced that applications for British Science Week 2019 will open in early October 2018. As part of the British Science Week (BSW), which is a ten-day celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths; state funded schools in challenging circumstances can apply for grants to organise their own science and engineering events. To be eligible students must be from a school that fulfils one or more of the following criteria. Over 30% of pupils eligible for pupil premium (i.e. additional funding to raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils), or equivalent; over 30% of pupils from Black, Asian or Minority Ethnic (BAME backgrounds); located in a rural location.

Deadline: 12th November 2018 <https://www.britishsocietweek.org/about-us/grants/kick-start-grant-scheme/>

89. Funding to Pilot Education Support

Schools and other training and educational institutions can apply for funding and non- financial support to pilot new and innovative approaches to improving the educational attainment of looked after children and young carers so that they are able to take advantage of opportunities afforded by tertiary education and employment. The funding which is being made available through the British and Foreign School Society is looking to support projects which can be scaled up. Funding of up to £100,000 is available over a 3-year period and match funding will be required.

Deadline: 2nd January 2019 <https://bfss.org.uk/grants/looked-after-children-and-young-carers/>

90. 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: 31st March 2019 <http://dajf.org.uk/grants-awards-prizes/daiwa-foundation-small-grants>

91. Kellogg's Breakfast Club Grants Programme

The Kellogg's Breakfast Club Grants Programme has re-opened for applications. Through the programme grants of up to £1,000 are available to schools in the UK to set up Breakfast clubs. To qualify for the programme the breakfast club must be based in a school in England, Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland and priority will be given to schools that have 40% and above of children eligible for pupil premium funding and / or eligible for free school meals. Only one grant per school in each academic year is available.

Applications may be submitted at any time <https://forevermanchester.com/kelloggs-breakfast-club-programme/>

92. Ernest Cook Trust Small Grants Programme

Supports state schools and small registered charities which would like to undertake projects which meet the Trust's objectives and require a small amount of pump-priming in order for such projects to take place. Although the full range of the small grants programme is up to £4,000, due to the huge pressure on the available resources most awards are in the region of £1,000 to £1,500. Community or charitable organisations can apply.

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

SPORT FUNDING

93. Ron Pickering Memorial Fund

The Ron Pickering Memorial Fund is a grant making organisation that was established to help young British Athletes to fulfil their potential. Since its creation the memorial fund has awarded over £2 million in small but significant grants to several thousand talented young British athletes. The grants are designed to make a difference and range in value depending on the athletes age, ability and personal circumstances but have always had an impact on the athletes ability to develop, helping recipients make the difficult transition from junior to senior level through support for equipment, specialist coaching or travel and importantly helping build the athletes' confidence and self-esteem through recognition. Grants vary in value depending on the athletes' age, ability and personal circumstances. Able bodied and disability UK athletes between the ages of 15 and 23. Grants to athletes over 23 may be made in exceptional circumstances.

Deadline: 30th November 2018 <http://rpmf.org.uk/apply-grant/>

94. Sportscotland Upgrading of Sports Facilities

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/>

95. Transforming British Tennis Together

The Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) wants to help fund any project that makes it easier for new and existing players to actively participate in tennis. With a large focus on creating more covered and floodlit courts, they are working towards two major aims: Double the number of children playing tennis: Double the number of times infrequent adults play tennis. There is no upper limit however the LTA will only provide 50% of the total needed to fund the project.

Successful bids may include requests to fund:

- Floodlights;
- Covered courts (primarily framed fabric, bubbles or other low cost structures);
- Social facilities (including cafes and clubhouses);
- Multi-sports surfaces suitable for tennis;
- Accessible facilities that cater for disabled players;
- Tennis facilities at multi-sport venues, whether indoor or outdoor;
- Creative ideas on how existing facilities can be altered to support Community Tennis Network.

A Partnership of at least two organisations i.e. a club, a local authority, an educational institution, or some other body, working in partnership to offer Tennis to the wider community through a Community Tennis Network.

Applications may be submitted at any time <https://www.lta.org.uk/venue-management/facilities-advice/>

YOUNG PEOPLE

96. Young Placechangers Ideas Fund

The Young Placechangers Ideas Fund supports Youth Groups to engage with others in their communities to take action to improve the environmental quality, biodiversity, playability and vibrancy of neighbourhoods. Young Placechangers are young people between the ages of 12-25 who want to change their local environment for the better. This could be their local greenspace, street, community centre garden, whole village, neighbourhood or town. The Young Placechangers lead community placemaking projects in their local communities. The Young Placechangers Programme encourage the use and build the capacity of young people to make use of Community Placemaking and the Place Standard. The Ideas Fund has two funding levels:

- **Seed corn funding:** Groups can apply for up to £500 to get started on their projects – engage with the wider community and develop their ideas. Successful applicants will have 3 months from the date of their grant offer to spend and submit a short report on the awarded funding. Funded groups will receive their grant in full at the start of their project.

[Download the Seedcorn application guidance and application form](#)

- **Ideas Fund:** Groups can apply for up to £3000 to involve their local community to further develop their idea and deliver changes on the ground.

The Ideas Fund will support physical improvement of spaces (with the landowner's permission), as well as event programmes (outdoor play, bioblitz etc.) and sessional staff/youth worker costs where appropriate.

Successful applicants will have 7 months from the date of their grant offer to spend and submit a short report on the awarded funding. The Ideas Fund pays funded groups 80% of their grant at the start of their project and 20% when the project report is submitted. You can apply for an Ideas Fund grant even if you haven't completed a Seedcorn project, but it will be an additional condition of grant that your group receive training in how to use community placemaking and the place standard from us. [Download the Ideas Fund guidance](#)

Request an Ideas Fund Application form by emailing Angela Houghton, Young Placechangers Development Officer

Deadline: 27th November 2018 <https://www.greenspacescotland.org.uk/young-placechangers-ideas-fund>

97. Aspirational Awards

Aspirational Awards is a young people-led individual grants fund for care experienced young people aged 21-26. 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 reach their best potential. This funding is open to young people aged 21-26 with at least three months of care experience.

Deadline: 9th December 2018

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

98. Big Lottery Fund Young Start

Helping young people aged eight to 24 to become more confident and play an active part in realising their potential.

Through Young Start the 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.

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

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

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

99. Equipment Grants for Youth Clubs

Variety, the Children's Charity, has grants of £250 to £600 available to youth organisations that are affiliated to either Ambition, UK Youth or the National Association of Boys and Girls Clubs. The grants can be used to buy equipment to provide challenging activities that engage young people aged 8-18 and provide them with alternatives to becoming involved in the anti-social behaviour that often stems from boredom and peer pressure. On occasion, applications for improvement of youth club premises, refurbishment of existing equipment or facilities will also be considered.

Applicants have to raise some of the funds and applications that have young people involved in fund raising will be looked upon favourably.

Applications may be submitted at any time <https://www.variety.org.uk/what-we-do/youth-clubs-grants>