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NORTH CARRICK COMMUNITY BENEFIT COMPANY (NCCBC)

North Carrick Community Benefit is a community-based company (No: SC480121) with charitable recognition (No: SC045947). It has been distributing funds from Scottish Power Renewables' Dersaloch windfarm since 2015. The company focuses on the roughly 9,500 people living in the 5 community council areas in North Carrick: Crosshill, Straiton and Kirkmichael as 1, Kirkoswald, Maidens and Turnberry as 1, and then Dunure and Minishant and Maybole as the other 3 areas.

NCCBC is a membership organisation with membership open to anyone who lives in the area. It has around £300,000 available to spend on improvements in North Carrick each year.

Applications can be submitted by any constituted group that delivers benefits for people in North Carrick. Applications will be considered where they deliver new and innovative projects which promote one or more of the following priorities:

- Regeneration of our built environment for general public benefit
- Environmental Protection and improvement
- Provision, maintenance, or improvement of Public Open Space
- Projects which reduce Greenhouse Gas emissions
- Projects which promote more efficient use of scarce global resources
- Education for local residents
- Recreational activities/facilities
- Protection, preservation, or enhancement of important or significant local buildings
- Alleviating poverty



- Providing training or employment opportunities for unemployed individuals or groups
- Health benefits
- Alleviating hardship caused through health, disability, isolation or other disadvantage
- Citizenship, capacity building, engagement, volunteering and support for individuals and communities
- Arts, Heritage, or culture

HOW TO APPLY

For more information on how to apply please contact admin@nccbc.org.uk.
Or visit the website at <https://nccbc.org.uk/about/>

CARRICK FUTURES

Carrick Futures supports community projects in Carrick, South Ayrshire.

The fund supports projects primarily located within or directly benefiting one or more of the six community council areas of Ballantrae, Colmonell & Lendalfoot, Barr, Barrhill, Pinmore & Pinwherry and Girvan & District.

Some funds are also available for projects located within or directly benefiting the wider Carrick area. Priority will be given to applications which also benefit one or more of the main beneficiary communities listed above.

What Can Carrick Futures Fund?

Carrick Futures can support charitable activities that support the rural regeneration and sustainability of Ballantrae, Colmonell & Lendalfoot, Barr, Barrhill, Pinmore & Pinwherry, Girvan & District and Carrick.

Awards can support a wide range of costs and activities.

The Board has agreed four strategic aims, which it will use to prioritise proposed projects. These are:

- Improving access to services (in particular public transport)
- Enabling a diverse and sustainable population mix (services for young people and older people, but also activities that help create opportunities for families and working age people to live in the area).
- Improving equality of opportunity (including tackling poverty and disadvantage).
- Contributing to a climate smarter world with sustainability at its core

Applicants must normally fulfil the following conditions to apply to the fund:

- The proposal is for projects or activities consistent with the charitable purposes of Carrick Futures;
- Applicants have a constitution (governing document or set of rules) and are set up on a not-for-private-profit basis. However applicants do not need to be registered charities to apply.



- Applicants must provide their latest set of accounts, signed by an independent third party, and a copy of a recent bank statement.

HOW TO APPLY

They welcome pre-application enquiries. For further advice or information on Carrick Futures or to discuss your project proposal informally, please contact the Foundation Scotland team on grants@foundationscotland.org.uk before applying, to confirm the project is eligible.

Energy Redress Scheme - Just Transition Fund (closing soon)

Funding body:	Energy Saving Trust
Maximum value:	£ 250,000
Application deadline:	11/06/2025

Grants are available for charities and community energy groups in Great Britain to develop community renewable energy projects that benefit those most in need.

Background

The Ofgem Energy Industry Voluntary Redress Scheme, known as the Energy Redress Scheme, is funded through payments from energy companies who may have breached rules. The Energy Saving Trust has been appointed by Ofgem to distribute the funding to charities in England, Scotland and Wales.

Objectives of Fund

The fund, provided by Ofgem Energy Redress Scheme and piloted under the scheme's Carbon Emissions Reductions priority, aims to build the capacity of the community energy sector and deliver impactful renewable energy projects. It seeks to demonstrate how a just transition to net zero can benefit everyone.

The funding is intended to enable greater community ownership and social benefit from the historic growth in renewable energy over the next few years as the UK transitions to net zero.

Value Notes

In this round, there is a total budget of £2 million.

Grants of between £20,000 and £250,000 are available for individual projects.

Who Can Apply

Applications are accepted from registered charities, Community Interest Companies (CICs), Community Benefit Societies and Cooperative Societies in England, Scotland and Wales that are registered with the Energy Redress Scheme and have passed the due diligence process.



Location

England, Wales, Scotland

How To Apply

The deadline for applications to this round is 11 June 2025 **(17:00)**.

Before applying, organisations need to pre-register by visiting the [Energy Redress registration page](#) after which they will be able to access the online application form.

Organisations that have not yet registered with the scheme must do so 10 working days before the relevant Fund closes to allow time for eligibility checks to take place.

Contact the Energy Saving Trust for further information.

[Announcements | Energy Redress scheme](#)

Money Saving Expert (MSE) Charity

Funding body:	MSE Charity
Maximum value:	£ 10,000
Application deadline:	10/07/2025

A limited number of grants are available to small to medium-sized UK not-for-profit organisations for projects which are focused on delivering activities which make a lasting impact on how people think, behave and manage their money.

Background

The Money Saving Expert (MSE) Charity was established as a registered charity in October 2007.

Funded by Money Saving Expert, the MSE Charity is designed to try and break the cycle of debt. The Charity aims to fight financial and consumer illiteracy and is dedicated to educating and informing adults and children about consumer and debt issues.

Objectives of Fund

The funding is intended for a wide range of not-for-profit organisations in the UK for activities that improve people's ability to become more financially capable in their present and future circumstances.

MSE Charity defines financial capability as the ability to manage money well – both day-to-day and through significant life events, such as: having a baby; moving home; unexpected job loss; bereavement; major illness or injury. It gives people the confidence and knowledge to make the most of their money and improve their lives. This means addressing all the factors that influence



people's behaviour around money: skills and knowledge, attitudes towards money, motivation to take action, and accessibility to financial services.

Value Notes

Grants of between £2,000 and £10,000 are available.

It is anticipated that between six to nine projects will receive funding each grant round.

The MSE Charity will consider full project cost recovery, but costs must only relate to the project itself and not the organisation's core funding.

Match Funding Restrictions

Applicants may be required to provide the remainder of any costs from alternative sources.

Who Can Apply

Applications will be accepted from UK registered charities, community interest companies (CICs), credit union, not-for-profit companies limited by guarantee, and social enterprise companies.

To be eligible, applicants must be based in the UK, looking for funding for UK based activities, and have:

- A total annual income of between £10,000 and £600,000
- Hold between one and six months running costs in free reserves
- Been established and active for at least 18 months.
- Unrestricted reserves that are less than six months of their running costs.
- A governing document (a constitution, rules, or articles of association)
- A governing body of at least three unconnected individuals
- A bank account in the group's name with at least two unconnected signatories required to authorise payments.
- An Equal Opportunities Policy
- A Child Protection Policy or Vulnerable Adults Policy, as appropriate.

Community interest companies and social enterprise organisations must have a governing document which shows the name, aim/purpose, objects of the group, including a dissolution clause - what happens if the group ceases to function. This clause should show that they are a not-for-profit group by confirming that any assets remaining after all debts are paid will be given to another voluntary group with similar aims. This document should also include details of their Trustees or management committee.

Restrictions

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Individuals.
- Statutory organisations.
- Schools.



- For-profit companies, eg, Limited Companies
- Capital costs, for example buildings, office furniture.
- Applications only providing debt advice/management.
- Debt Advice - if more than 50% of the project costs required are for this activity.
- Welfare Benefits and Income Maximisation advice - if more than 50% of the project costs required are for this activity.
- Job readiness skills - if more than 50% of the project costs required are for this activity.
- Animal care/therapy projects.
- General counselling/mental well-being type projects.
- Day-centre activities not focused on financial capability skills.
- Projects based outside of the UK.
- Hardship or emergency cash funds.
- Contributions to building funds or other capital costs.
- Professional eg, accountancy or business enterprise courses or training.

Eligible Expenditure

The funding can be used for all sorts of activities related to increasing personal financial capability. Some examples include:

- Money management workshops - understanding the basics, how money works in the UK, online banking, staying financially safe, household budgeting, how to generate and supplement low incomes.
- Training volunteers to deliver workshops or to provide peer-support to others.
- Upskilling existing staff to access financial capability training to support their clients directly.
- Provide access to financial inclusion activities for people who are disadvantaged in any way such as by age, disability, ethnicity or gender.

Project activity costs must relate to future service delivery, that is pro-active in delivering financial life skills, money management education and or debt avoidance.

The funding is to be used for specific activity costs related to financial capability projects only.

Up to £500 per application can be used for essential IT equipment for project delivery.

Full cost recovery is supported. Consideration will be given to requests for direct project costs and for a proportionate share of the organisation's overheads (core costs) up to a maximum of 15% of their project budget.

The funding can be used for training costs for money advisors if the training is providing direct support for delivery to end users, for example 'train the trainer' but not general CPD training for practitioners.

The following are examples of items that could be included in costing a project budget:

- Meeting room hire
- Key staff/trainer costs
- Volunteer travel expenses
- Project resources



- Project admin support costs

Location

United Kingdom

How To Apply

There are usually two open grant rounds per year.

The summer grant round (the second for 2025) is expected to open for Stage 1 proposals on 2 July and close on 10 July 2025.

The application process is as follows:

- Pre-Application - Grant Eligibility Quiz - a self assessment tool to determine if the organisation and project meet MSE Charity's general grant criteria. If successful, applicants will be able to then access the Stage 1 form.
 - **The Eligibility Quiz is currently open for the summer 2025 round. A link to access the online form will be emailed on 2 July to groups who have successfully completed the Eligibility Quiz.**
- Stage 1 - Outline Proposal - a brief application that enables applicants to tell about their organisation and the activities they would like funded. This should provide sufficient detail for the Grants Advisory Panel (GAP) to assess if it would be suitable for The MSE Charity to consider funding.
 - **Proposals accepted from 2 July to 10 July 2025.**
 - All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their Stage 1 application on Friday 15 August 2025.
- Stage 2 - Full Application - invited short-listed applicants are sent a link to complete a full application form with approximately one month to complete. This will require more detailed information to be provided about their organisation; evidence of need, the project activities; the team's experience; the outcomes they are hoping to achieve; a detailed project budget; and submission of supporting documents including their Accounts and a recent bank statement.

All relevant documents are available on the MSE Charity website.

Applications are only accepted electronically and only within the grant round dates.

Due to the level of demand, applicants must wait 12 months to re-apply.

The next grant round is likely to open in mid-January 2026.

Contact MSE Charity for further information.

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Aviva Community Fund (with Crowdfunding)

Funding body:	Aviva
Maximum value:	£ 50,000
Application deadline:	Not specified

Grants are available for not-for-profit organisations in the UK who can raise their initial funding through a crowdfunding campaign for projects that address Aviva's current themes of climate action and financial wellbeing.

Background

The Aviva Community Fund is provided by Aviva plc, a British multinational insurance company headquartered in London. It is the largest general insurer and a leading life and pensions provider.

Please note this is a match-funding initiative delivered in partnership with Crowdfunder and thus not a traditional grant scheme (funds awarded are conditional upon applicants first securing crowdfunding via Crowdfunder's platform).

Objectives of Fund

The Aviva Community Fund has been running for the last five years. It has joined with Crowdfunder to support projects that are looking to raise up to £50,000.

One of Aviva's objectives is to build stronger, more resilient communities across the UK.

To that end, it is providing this match funding opportunity to help small charities and communities causes to test innovative ideas and explore new sustainable strategies without fear of risk in the areas of Climate Action and Financial Wellbeing.

Value Notes

The maximum grant available is £50,000.

Aviva will match each donation up to £250. For example, if someone gives £5, Aviva will double it to £10. If they give £250, Aviva will match it, so the cause gets £500. Organisations can receive up to £50,000 in match funding.

In addition, the Aviva Community Fund also gives causes access to volunteers, as well as tools and resources to help build their capabilities and achieve long-term sustainable success.

Who Can Apply

Applications will be accepted from one of the following types of organisations:

- Charity
- Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
- Community Interest Company (CIC)



- Company Limited by Guarantee (CLG)
- Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC)

To be eligible, organisations must:

- Be based in the UK
- Have been operating for at least 12 months at the time of submission
- Have an annual income of no more than £2 million (can be averaged over the last three years)
- Have a UK bank account in their own name
- Have a safeguarding policy if it supports children or vulnerable people
- Be a living wage employee (if the organisation employs people)
- Have an active board of trustees or directors or management body.

Projects can only be submitted by UK residents who are aged 18 years or older and who use a UK IP address and not a disposable email address.

Restrictions

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Projects that benefit a single individual.
- Projects whose outcome is only accessible to people of a particular faith or belief.
- Projects that are raising funds to provide people with cash grants or vouchers for goods and services.

A list of restrictions can be found in the eligibility criteria document on the Aviva Community Fund website.

Eligible Expenditure

The funding is for projects that align with one of Aviva's funding areas:

- Financial Wellbeing - helping people take control of their wellbeing by giving them the tools to be more financially independent and ready for anything.
- Climate Action - promoting healthy, thriving communities by preventing, preparing for and protecting against the impacts of climate change.

All beneficiaries of the project must be in the UK.

Location

UK

How To Apply

Applications are open all year. There are no deadlines.



The first step is for applicants to set up a crowdfunding campaign on Crowdfunder. Campaigns typically run for 28 days but take a few weeks to create so groups should allow about six weeks in total.

[Apply | Aviva Community Fund](#)

Leeds Building Society Foundation

Funding body:	Leeds Building Society Charitable Foundation
Maximum value:	£ 100,000
Application deadline:	11/08/2025

Grants are available for UK registered charities undertaking projects to support those in need of a safe and secure home.

Background

The Leeds Building Society Foundation, a registered charity, is independently run by a Board of Trustees and is funded by the Leeds Building Society and its members through the 'Your Interest in Theirs' scheme.

Since 1999, the Foundation has donated more than £2 million to 3,000 local projects and good causes across the UK. Previously the Foundation provided support to those who were disadvantaged or in vulnerable circumstances.

In July 2022, the Foundation changed its focus to providing support to those in need of a safe and secure home.

Objectives of Fund

The funding is intended to support projects to improve the health, wellbeing and financial literacy of people who are experiencing homelessness.

Value Notes

Two levels of funding are available:

- Small Grants of between £250 and £1,000.
- Large Grants of between £25,000 and £100,000. The grant can be a one year grant, or split across two or three years.

Who Can Apply

UK registered charities may apply for a:



- **Small Grant** if their turnover is less than £1 million. They can be working anywhere in the UK.
- **Large Grant** if their annual turnover is £5 million or less and they are based in or delivering work in **Yorkshire and/or the North East of England**.

Restrictions

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Religious, military or political projects.
- Charities or projects based overseas.
- Individuals (including sponsorship).
- Animal welfare projects.
- Local Scouts, Brownies or Girlguiding groups.
- Medical research.
- Retrospective costs.
- Charities and projects that do not align with the Foundation's purpose of supporting people in need of a safe and secure home.

Eligible Expenditure

The funding is to be used as follows:

- **Small Grants** - provide funding to projects that support those in need of a safe and secure home. Grants may only be used for capital expenditure (that is, to purchase items used to directly help those in need).
- **Large Grants** - can support new work or existing work, providing they are not requesting retrospective funding and fund core, project and/or capital costs.

Projects must meet the Foundation's purpose through one or more of its criteria themes. Examples of eligible projects include:

- Financial stress - projects that help with bills or debt stress.
- Security and refuge - projects that support emergency accommodation.
- Quality and suitability of housing.
- Health and wellbeing support for those experiencing homelessness if it is part of wraparound support and the application also meets at least one of the other themes.

Applications are welcome from those who take a Housing First and/or relationship-based approach. Applications should show evidence of:

- Strength-based practice
- Trauma-informed care
- Psychologically-informed environments.

Location

Small grant applications will be accepted from across the UK.

Large grant applications will be accepted:



- From Darlington, Durham, Gateshead, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Northumberland, North Tyneside, Redcar and Cleveland, South Tyneside, Stockton-on-Tees, Sunderland, Barnsley, Bradford, Calderdale, Doncaster, East Riding of Yorkshire, Hull, Kirklees, Leeds, North Yorkshire, Rotherham, Sheffield, Wakefield and York.
- If the applicant's head office is based elsewhere in the UK as long as they are seeking funding for a service or project delivered in Yorkshire or the North East of England.

How To Apply

Guidance notes and the application portal can be found on the Leeds Building Society Foundation website.

Small grants application window for 2025:

- 20 December 2024 to 10 February 2025 for consideration at the 26 March 2025 meeting.
- 11 February 2025 to 9 May 2025 for consideration at the 25 June 2025 meeting.
- 30 May 2025 to 11 August 2025 for consideration at the 1 October 2025 meeting.
- 12 August 2025 to 3 November 2025 for consideration at the 3 December 2025 meeting.

A two stage application process has been introduced for large grants in 2025:

- The first stage is to email an expression of interest to foundation@leedsbuildingsociety.co.uk. The details of what should be written are available on the Foundation's website.
- Eligible groups will be invited to submit a full application form and a link to the form will be sent by email.

Large grants application window for expressions of interest 2025:

- 20 December 2024 to 10 February 2025 for consideration at the 26 March 2025 meeting.
- 11 February 2025 to 9 May 2025 for consideration at the 25 June 2025 meeting.
- 10 May 2025 to 11 August 2025 for consideration at the 1 October 2025 meeting.
- 3 December 2025 - applications closed

Contact Leeds Building Society Foundation for further information.

[About Charitable Foundation | Leeds Building Society](#)



Thomas Wall Trust - Grants for Registered Charities

Funding body:	Thomas Wall Trust
Maximum value:	£ 5,000
Application deadline:	22/09/2025

Grants are available for UK registered charities for specific projects that improves communication skills for disadvantaged adults and supports NEET people into employment.

Background

Thomas Wall II created his Trust in 1920 for the “encouragement and assistance of educational work and social service”. Today, the Trust continues to assist in these areas by providing grants to individuals and organisations.

Objectives of Fund

The Trust views communication skills as critical capabilities for people who want to improve their employment prospects, self-confidence, resilience, and life chances.

The funding is for registered charities that are working to develop communication skills for people from disadvantaged groups who want to improve their employment prospects.

As an inclusive charity, the Trust welcomes proposals which target people experiencing multiple deprivation or other groups demonstrably facing major hurdles to employment, especially women, people with physical, mental, or learning disabilities, and refugees.

Value Notes

Grants of up to £5,000 are available.

The Trust will support annual repeat funding for up to three years – subject to satisfactory annual reviews of progress and impact.

Match Funding Restrictions

Priority will be given to match funded projects.

Who Can Apply

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Be a UK charity that has been registered with the Charity Commission for at least three years.
- Have an annual turnover of between £25,000 and £500,000.



Restrictions

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Organisations with political, lobbying or proselytizing objectives.
- Capital costs (the purchase of land, buildings, construction).
- Charities that operate outside of the UK.
- Subsidiaries, 'off shoots' or franchises of larger charities.
- Hospitals.

Eligible Expenditure

The funding will support project costs for a charity that equips disadvantaged people (aged 18 and over) with the necessary communication skills ready for employment.

Priority will be given to:

- Match funded projects.
- Self-sustainable projects, which aim to become less reliant on grants in the future.

Proposals are particularly welcome which target people experiencing multiple deprivation or other groups demonstrably facing major hurdles to employment, such as women, people with physical, mental, or learning disabilities, and refugees.

Beneficiaries must gain at least one accredited vocational qualification during delivery or within two months of project completion.

Location

United Kingdom

How To Apply

The Trust is currently open to new applications for the November 2025 meeting.

There is a two-stage application process.

- Stage one is to complete an online Expression of Interest form (available on the Trust's website) which requires some basic contact details and a description of what the funding is required for. **The current deadline for first stage applications is 22 September 2025.**
- Stage two is by invitation only and involves completing a more in-depth application form and to submit a Project Plan, budget, latest set of financial accounts and any relevant policies.

Successful applicants will be notified in writing along with the terms and conditions of the grant and asked for their payment details.

Applicants must wait for two years from the date of submission until they can reapply.

[Thomas Wall Trust | Thomas Wall Trust](#)



Armed Forces Families Fund - Supporting Partners Programme

Funding body:	Ministry of Defence (MoD)
Maximum value:	£ 70,000
Application deadline:	23/07/2025

Grants are available to registered charities, Community Interest Companies, Armed Forces unit or bases, universities and colleges in the UK for projects that support the partners of serving personnel (including reservists).

Background

The Supporting Partners Programme is provided by the Ministry of Defence (MOD)'s Armed Forces Families Fund and managed on their behalf by the Armed Forces Covenant Trust.

Objectives of Fund

The funding is intended to provide solutions and support for partners of serving personnel, including reservists, to reduce the challenges that service life can sometimes present.

The direct and primary beneficiaries must be current non-serving partners of currently serving personnel or reservists only. Indirect beneficiaries will be the wider family or serving person who will benefit from their partner's improved wellbeing.

Projects should be focused on supporting the partners of serving personnel (including reservists) and should evidence a clear impact for beneficiaries.

Projects should look to address one or more of the following outcomes:

- Improved mental health and wellbeing of serving personnel's partners, with consideration to modern family dynamics.
- Service providers and employers have greater awareness and understanding of the unique challenges faced by partners of serving personnel.
- Partners of serving personnel, including non-UK nationals, can access the support they need more easily.
- Partners feel they have increased their skills and confidence through additional opportunities to explore new ways of working and/or to change careers.

Projects should look to address the current, emerging and immediate need(s) of partners of serving personnel and can be regional or national in design. Projects should seek to remove barriers to participation and promote inclusivity.

Value Notes

Grants of between £10,000 and £70,000 are available for projects lasting for 12 to 24 months.



Projects need to begin by 5 January 2026.

Who Can Apply

Applications will be accepted from:

- Registered charities.
- Community Interest Companies (CICs)
- Armed Forces Units or bases.
- UK universities or colleges.

Charities and CICs must have been registered in the UK for at least three years at the time of application and be able to provide published accounts for all three years. They must have at least three unrelated trustees/directors.

Applicants can work with other organisations as part of their project.

Restrictions

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Individuals.
- Schools.
- Childcare providers (including early years).
- Newly registered charities or CICs.
- Other public sector organisations, though they could work with one of the eligible organisations as a delivery partner.
- A charity or CIC that is based overseas.
- Community organisations that do not fit any of the eligibility criteria, such as a sports organisation which is not a charity or CIC.
- Not-for-profit organisations that are not registered as either a charity or CIC.
- A private or for-profit company.
- Where funding is not benefiting people from the Armed Forces community.
- Projects that do not clearly meet the aims of the programme.
- Where money only benefits one person. By this we mean where the whole project would only benefit one person.
- Making grants or donations of money or items of value, paying fees, bursaries or living costs, or clearing debts, to individuals or families.
- Repeat or regular projects that require a source of uncommitted funding.
- Endowments (to provide a source of income).
- Topping up existing grants and aid from a government department.
- Investments.
- Fundraising costs, including organising fundraising events and activities.
- Paying for ongoing costs of existing partnership activity.
- Projects, activities or services that the state has a legal obligation to provide.
- Retrospective funding for projects that have already started or taken place.
- Excessive management or professional fees or contingency costs.
- Projects with budgets that are dominated by capital costs, for example funding the costs of purchasing a vehicle.



Eligible Expenditure

Project ideas could include:

- **Improved mental health and wellbeing of partners of serving personnel, with consideration to modern family dynamics.**
 - Virtual community activities that consider modern family dynamics, such as working with families without children.
 - Seeking to enhance the wellbeing and mental health support for partners through co-produced activities, or improved access to existing support, through collaborative approaches between armed forces and other organisations.
- **Greater awareness and understanding of the unique challenges faced by partners of serving personnel.**
 - Projects could focus on the creation and distribution of co-produced resources that help to address known and emerging gaps in provision. This could include resources for partners who are non-UK nationals.
 - Projects could also look to improve integration of non-UK partners with relevant community activities and available services.
- **Partners of serving personnel, including non-UK nationals, can access the support they need more easily.**
 - Projects could involve raising awareness of existing services, to reduce duplication and simplify access.
 - Projects may also involve the creation and promotion of training and resources that help further employers' knowledge and understanding of the unique challenges that partners face.
- **Exploring New Ways of Working**
 - Opportunities for partners to use their skills, education, or experience, through training programmes, career counselling, networking opportunities or Projects may also involve digital literacy, peer to peer support or the utilisation of existing provision to enhance the opportunities that are available.

Applications will be considered that tackle significant barriers that partners of Serving personnel, or Reservists face.

Grants can cover most costs associated with a project or activity, including:

- Staff time for this fixed-term project. This could be direct project work or for admin or to manage volunteers that may be involved in the project.
- Sessional staff or freelancers that may be needed to run the project and activity.
- Reasonable travel costs including fares or mileage for project staff, volunteers or beneficiaries to enable participation in the project.
- Purchasing items that can enable activities to take place. This may include art materials; sports/games/outdoor equipment; supplies for breakfast or social hubs.
- Purchasing items that will help deliver the project, such as additional telephones or laptops.



- Reasonable costs for storing and transporting items, including wear and tear on private vehicles.
- Reasonable overheads, which reflect the cost to the organisation of delivering this project, taking account of recent cost increases.

Location

UK

How To Apply

The programme guidance, faqs, application questions and online application portal can be found on the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust website.

The deadline for applications is 23 July 2025 (**noon**). Notification of decisions is expected before the end of September 2025.

Contact Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust for more information.

[AF3: Supporting Partners Programme : Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust](#)

Memorial Grant Scheme

Funding body:	Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS)
Maximum value:	£ 1,000
Application deadline:	30/06/2025

Grants are available for registered charities or faith groups to help with VAT on the construction, repair and maintenance of public memorial structures in the UK for work which took place on or after 16 March 2005.

Background

The Memorial Grant Scheme is provided by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) and managed on its behalf by East Midlands Business Ltd.

Objectives of Fund

The Memorial Grant Scheme is a VAT reclaim scheme which means the funding is intended to cover the costs of VAT already paid.



The funding is intended for registered charities or faith groups excepted from registering as a charity to help with the cost of works like repairing and cleaning public memorials or installing a new memorial.

The memorial can commemorate a person/people, an animal/s or event/s.

The funding can only be provided for works that have already taken place. It cannot be used for future works. Part-funding is available for ongoing work for parts of the work which have been completed.

Value Notes

Grants of between £500 and £1,000 are available.

The scheme provides approximately £400,000 of funding in each financial year, which is distributed on a quarterly basis (every three months). In the financial year, the quarters are usually April to June (quarter 1), July to September (quarter 2), October to December (quarter 3) and January to March (quarter 4). The scheme has a budget for each quarter, but the amount distributed each quarter can vary, depending on the value of eligible claims received.

If the total value of eligible claims is higher than the available quarterly budget, a pro rata (proportional) payment amount will be given to each eligible claim. For example, each successful applicant may receive 75% of the amount they applied for. This means that each eligible application receives funding, and the amount available is shared fairly across all eligible claims.

The maximum grant available is the full rate of VAT (20% of project costs).

Who Can Apply

Registered charities and faith groups excepted from registering as a charity can apply.

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Be able to provide evidence of their legal status.
- Have an authorised bank or building society account.

Charities and faith groups who are not registered for VAT can apply for funding on any VAT charged for eligible costs.

Restrictions

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Local authorities as they do not incur VAT costs for maintaining public memorials.
- Costs which can be reclaimed from HMRC.
- A private expression of remembrance such as a bench for a loved one.
- Grave markers, headstones, mausolea
- Books
- Portraits



- Concert/events
- Memorial gardens and trees. However, minor landscaping or planting can be covered where it is part of the construction, repair or maintenance of an eligible memorial.
- Stone cross, statute or monolith without an inscription or plaque.
- Memorial bench
- Playground
- Building such as a library.

Eligible Expenditure

The grants are for the construction, repair and maintenance of public memorial structures which are located in the UK or overseas, provided UK VAT has been charged for a relevant cost.

The work must have taken place on or after 16 March 2005. This includes the construction of new memorials, and the repair and maintenance of existing memorials.

To be eligible, the memorial must:

- Be a public memorial
- Be a structure or involve construction
- Have a commemorative purpose
- Be single purpose.
- Be accessible to the public allowing people to visit, reflect, and pay their respects. The public must have access for at least 30 hours per week.

The funding is for relevant costs which are:

- Services provided by a VAT-registered contractor, such as
 - construction of an eligible type of memorial
 - cleaning
 - repairs
 - removal of graffiti
 - repainting or other decoration
 - minor landscaping of areas around a memorial (where it is part of other eligible work)
 - minor landscaping in the course of memorial construction.

Full details, including examples of what can and cannot be funded are in the guidance notes.

Location

UK

How To Apply

The guidance notes, the online application form, and a PDF version of the application form can be found on the GOV.UK website.

Applications are assessed every three months. The quarters are usually April to June (quarter 1), July to September (quarter 2), October to December (quarter 3) and January to March (quarter 4). At the



end of the quarter, all claims received in that 3-month period are assessed, and funding is sent to successful applicants the following month.

The deadline for applications to be reviewed in this round of funding is 30 June 2025.

Contact the Memorial Grant team for further information.

[Applying for a memorial grant - GOV.UK](#)

Weir Charitable Trust

Funding body:	Weir Charitable Trust
Maximum value:	£ 25,000
Application deadline:	15/08/2025

Grants are available to small charities or community groups in Scotland for work addressing sport, health, culture, animal welfare, or recreational facilities.

Background

The Weir Charitable Trust was established in February 2013 by Chris and Colin Weir, who won £161 million on EuroMillions in July 2011, with an initial endowment of £5 million.

The Trust announced in October 2024 that they will introduce the following changes to their fund for 2025 due to high demand:

- **Applications will now be considered quarterly.**
- **It will increase its annual budget from £200,000 to £400,000 for 2025.**
- **The maximum annual income for those eligible will increase from £125,000 to £150,000.**

The Trust will now also offer a discretionary fund that is not open to applications but will be made available to organisations previously supported by the Trust.

Objectives of Fund

The objective of the Trust is to support groups and charities in Scotland for projects in the areas of sport, recreational facilities, animal welfare, health, and culture.

Value Notes

Funding is at the discretion of the trustees.

The Trust will consider applications for grants of up to £25,000. There is no minimum grant size. The average award granted is £3,500.



The Trust reserves the right to award grants in full or in part depending on its assessment of the merits of the application.

All awards are for one year or less. Successful applicants must wait a calendar year before reapplying for further funding for the same activity. However, applications for further funding within that period may be made if it is not to be used for the same purpose as the original application.

Match Funding Restrictions

100% funding is unlikely, applicants should be able to provide evidence of efforts being made to raise other funds.

Who Can Apply

Applications are accepted from groups and charities that:

- Are based in Scotland providing services in Scotland.
- Are struggling to secure funds through mainstream funders or who have unsuccessfully explored all the statutory sources of funding.
- Have an income of under £150,000 per year.

Non-charitable organisations can apply as long as:

- Their work meets a qualifying category - sport, health, culture, recreational facilities or animal welfare.
- They are seeking less than £25,000.
- They are not a commercial venture or any other group.
- They are not seeking sponsorship.
- They are based and deliver their services in Scotland.

The Trust will now consider applications from community interest companies.

Restrictions

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Small groups or charities with an income of more than £150,000 a year.
- Individuals.
- Commercial ventures, including start ups.
- Governing bodies.
- Requests for amounts over £25,000.
- Requests for sponsorship if fundraising for a charity or good cause.
- Debt reduction, redundancy payments, fees or payouts for legal actions raised against an individual, group or charity.
- Applications for retrospective funding.
- Applications from people based outside Scotland or for activities not carried out in Scotland.
- One-off events such as gala days, exhibitions.
- Capital projects greater than £100,000.
- Community councils, parent teacher associations, Active Schools activities.



- Research.
- Educational establishments.
- Public sector bodies.
- Pilot projects.
- Multiple applications for same or different projects in the same funding round.
- Social enterprises.

Eligible Expenditure

Grants are available to support services/projects in the following categories:

- **Sport** - Projects to encourage and increase public participation in sport (eligible activities should involve physical skill and exertion).
- **Recreational facilities** - Providing or organising 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** - 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.

Grants are available for any purpose that provides a benefit to the applicant's target audience.

Examples of eligible activities and costs are as follows:

- Capital projects (such as equipment, fixtures, fittings and refurbishments).
- One-off projects.
- Running costs.
- Core costs.
- Salaries.

Location

Scotland

How To Apply

Applications for 2025 will be considered quarterly.

The remaining deadlines are:

- 15 August 2025 (17:00) with outcomes advised in August/September.



- 31 October 2025 (17:00) with outcomes advised in October/November.

An online application form and guidelines are available on the Trust's website.

Contact the Weir Charitable Trust for further information.

[The Weir Charitable Trust](#)

SUEZ Communities Fund Scotland

Funding body:	SUEZ Recycling and Recovery
Maximum value:	£ 20,000
Application deadline:	Not specified

Grants are available to non-profit making organisations in Scotland for projects under the categories of Land Reclamation (Object A), Community Recycling (Object B), Public Amenities (Object C), Biodiversity (Object D) and Historic Buildings (Object E).

Background

The Scottish Landfill Communities Fund is an initiative which allows landfill operators to release tax credits to environmental and community groups. The scheme broadly aims to benefit local communities in the vicinity of a landfill site.

The SUEZ Communities Fund - Scotland distributes funds contributed by SUEZ Recycling and Recovery UK through the Scottish Landfill Communities Fund.

The Fund is administered by GrantScape, a fund management organisation.

Objectives of Fund

The SUEZ Communities Fund - Scotland supports community improvement projects that fall under the following categories:

- Land Reclamation (Object A)
- Community Recycling (Object B)
- Public Amenities (Object C)
- Biodiversity (Object D)
- Historic Buildings, Structures or Sites (Object E)

Value Notes

A total of £200,000 is available annually.

Grants of between £3,000 and £20,000 are available. Projects must have an overall cost of no more than £40,000.



Match Funding Restrictions

Before funding can be released for a project a payment called the Contributing Third Party Payment must be received. This payment is needed to release the funds from SUEZ Recycling and Recovery UK and is necessary because, under the rules of the Landfill Communities Fund, SUEZ UK contributes some of the landfill tax it collects in Scotland and can reclaim most (but not all) of this contribution as a tax credit. The scheme regulator also requires a fee and each successful application incurs other minor costs. To make up the shortfall, SUEZ UK requires that 11.5% of the money provided is recovered from third parties.

Eligible third party contributors include the following:

- Applicant's organisation.
- Donation from an individual.
- Award from the local authority/council.
- Charities and voluntary bodies.
- Local businesses.

All CTP donations must:

- Ensure that the donor organisation does not derive a unique benefit from the project going ahead.
- Not be made up of SLCF monies.
- Ensure that there is no connection between the donor and the contractor carrying out the project.

It is preferred that applicants identify the CTP at the application stage.

Who Can Apply

Organisations that are run on a not-for-profit basis in Scotland can apply. This could include community groups, parish councils, charities, community interest companies, social enterprises, sports clubs, community associations, local authorities and voluntary organisations.

Organisations must:

- Have a written constitution or governing document.
- Have a bank or building society account in the name of the organisation.
- Own or hold a lease for the project site with at least five years remaining.

Community Interest Companies or social enterprises must have a minimum of three unrelated directors.

Restrictions

Funding is not available for the following:

- Community shops.



- Membership-based sports clubs and facilities, unless membership is open to the general public without undue restriction.
- Commercial organisations.
- Individuals.
- Project sites that have received a grant from the SUEZ Communities Fund (or previously the SUEZ Communities Trust) within the last three years.
- New applications for a project site previously considered by the SUEZ Communities Fund but not supported can only be considered at least 12 months after the initial application.
- Projects primarily for the purpose of energy or cost saving eg, solar (PV) panels, replacement heating systems, lighting and double glazing, unless existing items are no longer serviceable or if part of a wider project where it makes sense to make such improvements whilst other work is being undertaken.
- The construction of new buildings or extensions to existing buildings.
- Projects that are considered statutory requirements.
- Core cost funding.
- Retrospective costs.
- Projects at schools, colleges, nurseries, pre-schools and other educational establishments.
- Bus services, minibus services, or vehicles.
- Projects at hospitals, or hospices, or day care centres.
- Any works to public highways.
- Staff posts and costs where they are not based, or specifically undertaking works, at the actual project site.
- Projects to deliver visual enhancements.
- Village or town centre enhancements, such as walkways, street works, or signage.
- CD's, web-sites, or remote interpretation about a site.
- Public car parks, unless that are specific to a general public amenity.
- Public conveniences.
- Allotments, or fruit growing projects.
- Charity buildings, offices of charities, Citizens' Advice Bureau and advice centres.
- Large scale perimeter/security fencing programmes that do not directly enhance the public amenity.
- Land and building purchase.

Eligible Expenditure

Funding is available for the following types of projects in Scotland:

- **Land Reclamation (Object A)** - the reclamation, remediation, restoration or other operation on land to facilitate economic, social or environmental use.
- **Community Recycling (Object B)** - community based recycling, re-use and waste prevention projects.
- **Public Amenities (Object C)** - to provide, maintain or improve an amenity that is used primarily for leisure and recreation. The amenity must be open to all sections of the community for at least 104 days a year.
- **Biodiversity (Object D)** - the conservation or promotion of biological diversity through the provision, conservation, restoration or enhancement of a natural habitat or the maintenance or recovery of a species in its natural habitat.
- **Historic Buildings (Object E)** - the maintenance, repair or restoration of a building, other structure or a site of archaeological interest which is a place of religious worship, or a site of



historic or architectural or archaeological interest and is open to the public. Places of religious worship must be Grade A listed.

Grants are available for capital improvement works to public amenity projects for community use. Examples may include:

- Village hall improvements
- Nature reserves and conservation
- Village greens
- Community centres
- Public playgrounds
- Cycle paths
- Sports fields and facilities
- Country parks
- Historic buildings, structures or sites

Projects must start within six months and complete within 12 months of funds being awarded.

Object C, D and E Projects must be available and open to the general public as defined by [SEPA](#), the Scottish Landfill Communities Fund regulator – as a minimum, for 4 evenings a week, or 2 days a week, or 104 days a year.

Location

Scotland.

However, projects applying for Public Amenity, Biodiversity or Historic Building funding must be on a site that is within 10 miles of a landfill site or transfer station.

How To Apply

Typically there are three funding rounds per year.

The next deadlines are:

- 10 September 2025. Notification of decisions is expected by the end of November 2025.
- 18 February 2026. Notification of decisions is expected by decision by end of April 2026.

Applications received after a closing date will automatically be submitted to the next funding round, if available.

Applicants must first register an account on Grantscape before submitting an online application.

Application guidelines can be found on the Grantscape website.

Contact Grantscape for further information.

[SUEZ Communities Fund - Scotland - Grantscape Grantscape](#)



Museums Galleries Scotland - Creative Minds Fund

Funding body:	Baring Foundation
Maximum value:	£ 25,000
Application deadline:	25/06/2025

Grants are available to accredited and non-accredited museums in Scotland for partnership projects with charities and local authorities that will encourage people with mental health issues to engage with cultural activities.

Background

The Creative Minds Fund is provided with funding from the Baring Foundation and administered by Museums Galleries Scotland (MGS).

Objectives of Fund

The aim of the Fund is to support museums and organisations working with people experiencing mental health issues to create cultural engagement opportunities.

Funding is intended for projects that will involve participants in creative activities related to the museum and its collection.

Value Notes

Grants of up to £25,000 will be available.

Who Can Apply

Accredited and non-accredited museums in Scotland can apply.

Non-accredited museums must meet the following criteria:

- Meet the Museum Association's definition of a museum: "Museums enable people to explore collections for inspiration, learning and enjoyment. They are institutions that collect, safeguard and make accessible artefacts and specimens, which they hold in trust for society."
- Museums must be a physical site, building or space open to the public for a minimum of 20 days a year.
- Have their own bank account.
- The organisation managing the museum must be the legal owner of a significant part of the collections that the museum manages and displays.



All museums must apply in partnership with an organisation which provides support or services to those experiencing mental health issues. The organisation must be a registered charity, Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO), public body or local authority. A partnership agreement between the museum and mental health organisation will be required as part of the application to the fund.

Restrictions

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Preventative, or wellbeing work aimed at the general population.
- Projects focused on Alzheimer's or Dementia.
- Core operating costs including salary costs for existing staff time.
- Retrospective costs.
- Acquisitions, maintenance, and capital work.

Eligible Expenditure

Funding can be used for a wide range of costs for engagement programmes, including:

- Materials for activities.
- Events.
- Exhibitions.
- Mental health training and support for participants and project team.
- Museum and Heritage skills training for participants.
- Marketing, communication and design costs.
- Salary cost for new staff, additional staff time, and fees for freelancers.
- Expenses and travel costs for project team and participants.

Location

Scotland

How To Apply

There is a two stage application process:

- **Stage One:** Applicants must submit an Expression of Interest. The deadline to submit an Expression of Interest is 25 June 2025.
- **Stage Two:** Eligible applicants will be invited to submit a full application. The deadline for full applications will be 9 July 2025.

Further information on the criteria for funding and the application process will be provided when it becomes available.

Contact Museum Galleries Scotland for further information.

[Creative Minds Fund - Museums Galleries Scotland](#)



National Lottery Community Fund - Climate Action Fund - Our Shared Future

Funding body:	National Lottery Community Fund
Maximum value:	£ 1,500,000
Application deadline:	Not specified

Large grants for partnership projects that involve more people in climate action in the UK and to inspire 'bold and exciting change'.

Background

The National Lottery Community Fund (NLCF) is delivering this funding as part of its wider Climate Action programme.

Objectives of Fund

The funding is for formal partnership working across sectors, led by community and voluntary organisations or public sector organisations for projects that reach more people by either:

- Linking climate action to the everyday lives and interests of local communities and inspiring them to take action.
- Influencing communities at a regional or national level, for example by linking up groups across locations, or a campaign that inspires change across one country, or the whole UK.

Value Notes

A total of £30 million is available, out of which around 25 projects are expected to be funded.

The minimum grant is £500,000.

It is expected that most grants will be between £1 million and £1.5 million over three to five years.

A small number of larger or longer projects may be funded.

Who Can Apply

Applications will only be accepted from not-for-profit organisations working in a formal partnership.

This includes partnerships that:

- Are based around a local area or region.
- Cover one of the countries that make up the UK.
- Cover the whole UK
- Are based on a shared theme or identity rather than a place.
- Are new or already work together.



To get funding, a partner organisation must be a:

- Constituted voluntary or community organisation.
- Registered charity.
- Charitable incorporated organisation (CIO or SCIO).
- Not-for-profit company limited by guarantee that is a registered charity **or** has a not-for-profit 'asset lock' clause in their articles of association.
- Community Interest Company (CIC).
- School, college, university (as long as their project benefits and involves the wider local communities).
- Statutory body (including local authorities, town, parish or community councils).
- Community benefit society.
- Co-operative society with a not-for-profit 'asset lock' clause in their society rules and also be registered with the Financial Conduct Authority.

It is not necessary to be a climate or environment-focused organisation to apply. However, at least one partner should have experience of climate or environment work.

Schools must have a project that involves and benefits the community outside of the school, not just teachers, pupils, and parents of pupils.

Restrictions

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Single organisations that are not working in a formal partnership with others.
- Individuals.
- Sole traders.
- Organisations that look to make profits and share these profits out privately – including companies limited by shares, organisations without the right asset locks, or organisations that can pay profits to directors or shareholders.
- Organisations based outside the UK.
- Anyone applying on behalf of another organisation (though it is all right to apply for funding for another organisation if they will be in formal partnership with the applicant).
- Organisations applying to more than one of NLCF funds for the same project over the same period.

The funding cannot be used for activities in schools that:

- Improve school facilities or equipment.
- Help with staff training.
- Part of the school curriculum.
- The school should already be doing (like teaching reading during school hours).
- Take place during teaching times (lunch breaks, or before and after school might be OK).

The funding cannot be used for projects that:

- Are run and delivered by a single organisation.
- Will engage people but not help them take action.



- Do not have representation from the communities they are working with. The funding is for projects where activities are being done with community members, not to them.
- Cannot show how their project matters to the community.
- Include political activities that promote a particular political party, political belief or any targeted action to influence elections.
- Promote the agenda of a single organisation or group.
- Include activities that should be funded by local or national government.
- Are for building or refurbishment work.

A full list of restrictions can be found on the National Lottery Community Fund website.

Eligible Expenditure

The funding is intended to reach people who are new to climate action by funding other types of organisations and by using other people's everyday activities and interests as a starting point for climate action.

For example, a project might:

- Involve people who have not had a say. This could be because they are new to climate action, or because they come from communities that experience poverty, disadvantage and discrimination.
- Introduce a climate perspective to a group who came together around another interest or activity.
- Test the best ways to engage different audiences in climate action.
- Spread an exciting local approach to climate action by sharing it nationally.

There is particular interest in projects that involve people, places and communities experiencing poverty, discrimination and disadvantage.

The funding can be used for the following:

- Staff costs
- Volunteer expenses
- General project costs
- Engagement activities
- Learning and evaluation, including sharing these with others
- Communications and campaigns
- Utilities or running costs
- Organisational development and management costs
- Costs to help engage with and support communities, or smaller partner organisations
- Equipment
- Delivering the project in other languages, such as Welsh.

Location

UK



How To Apply

Full guidance and the online application form can be found on the NLCF website.

In addition, previous recordings of the information sessions are available on the NLCF website.

Applications will be accepted until 'late 2025'. The final deadline will be provided when it is published.

It normally takes at least 12 weeks from the receipt of the first stage application to find out whether applicants will be invited to the second stage.

Contact the National Lottery Community Fund for further information.

[Climate Action Fund - Our Shared Future | The National Lottery Community Fund](#)

Weaver's Company Benevolent Fund

Funding body:	The Weaver's Company
Maximum value:	Discretionary
Application deadline:	03/07/2025

Grants are available for UK registered charities and charitable incorporated organisations that can demonstrate impact with ex-offenders, young offenders or young people at risk of offending, either within a local area or nationally.

Background

The Weavers' Company Benevolent Fund was set up in 1973 with funds from The Worshipful Company of Weavers, which is the oldest City of London Livery Company and has a history dating back before 1130 AD.

The Fund's principal aim is to support people in trouble, particularly young offenders and ex-offenders, as well as other disadvantaged young people. Preference is given to pump-priming new projects, especially those that are innovative and can serve as a model elsewhere.

Objectives of Fund

The funding is intended for registered charities working in the current priority areas:

- Supporting offenders and ex-offenders into work, specifically for those looking to build skills and capability to get into sustainable work.
- Helping specific groups within the criminal justice sector that are less popular with funders than others.



The secondary funding area is focused on projects that work with young people (up to age 25 years) from disadvantaged and socio-economically challenged groups, such as immigrants, to ensure they are given every possible chance to realise their full potential and to participate fully in society.

Value Notes

There are two levels of funding:

- Small grants of up to £5,000.
- Main Grants have no maximum amount.

Grants are normally awarded for one year only; however, in exceptional cases, applications for multi-year funding of up to three years, will be considered.

Match Funding Restrictions

Applicants must show that they have investigated other sources of funding and made plans for the future, which should include replacement funding if appropriate.

Who Can Apply

Applications will be accepted from UK registered charities and charitable incorporated organisations (CIOs). In exceptional circumstances Community Interest Companies (CICs) may be considered.

Preference will be given to smaller charities and those instigating bespoke projects.

Restrictions

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Universities or colleges
- Physical, mental and developmental disabilities, and medical research or medical conditions, including drug and alcohol addiction
- Environmental projects
- Work in promotion of religious or political causes
- Sponsorship, marketing appeals and fundraising activities
- Endowment appeals
- Work that has been completed, or will be completed, while the application is being considered
- Capital projects to provide compliance with the DDA
- Grants to individuals or to causes that will benefit only one person, including student grants or bursaries
- Organisations working outside the UK, and overseas expedition or travel
- Work that should be covered by statutory funding
- Capital costs including building work and renovations
- Immigration legal fees or visa applications.

Eligible Expenditure

The funding can be used for:

- Pump-priming - particularly where the grant would support a project piloting new approaches and where that grant would form a major element of the funding or where it would be matched by other funders.
- Project funding - preference is to support projects where the grant is used for an identified purpose.
- Associated project costs - applicants should include the cost of any overheads associated with the work, such as office/secretarial support, so that the project is not under-funded.
- Core costs for new projects - including staff salaries, training and overheads that enable an organisation to develop and maintain expertise.
- Innovative or pioneering work – new ideas are encouraged and projects that could inspire similar work in other areas of the country.
- Continuation funding - ongoing funding for successful projects, which have proved their worth.
- Emergency or deficit funding for an established organisation - in exceptional circumstances. This funding usually goes to charities which the Company knows or has previously supported.

Location

United Kingdom

How To Apply

Applications can be made at any time and are considered three times a year, in February, June and October. It may, therefore, take up to four months for the application to be processed.

The 2025 closing dates for applications are **midday** on:

- 13 March 2025 to be considered in June 2025.
- **3 July 2025 to be considered in October 2025.**
- 13 November 2025 to be considered in February 2026.

Any applications that arrive too late for consideration at one meeting are automatically rolled forward to the next.

The guidelines and application forms can be found on the Trust's website.

The completed form must be printed, signed and posted to the Trust's office along with the supporting documents. It must arrive by midday on the closing date.

Contact the Weaver's Company for further information.

[Charitable Grants – The Weavers' Company](#)



Bupa Foundation Green Community Grants

Funding body:	Bupa UK Foundation
Maximum value:	£ 2,000
Application deadline:	30/06/2025

Grants are available for schools, registered charities and not-for-profit organisations across the UK and Republic of Ireland for projects that make a positive difference to the health of local communities.

Background

The Green Community Grants scheme is provided by the Bupa Foundation as part of its Healthy Cities campaign which aims to support one million people across the globe to improve their health through restoring and regenerating nature.

The scheme is administered by Groundwork, which is a federation of charities working nationally and locally to transform lives in the UK's most disadvantaged communities.

Objectives of Fund

The funding is intended for registered charities, not-for-profit organisations, schools, local authorities and social housing providers for practical projects which help with both people and planet health.

Value Notes

Grants of between £500 and £2,000 are available.

Match Funding Restrictions

Match funding is not required as Bupa Foundation can fund up to 100% of the project costs. However, groups that secure additional funding can use any funding awarded by the Bupa Foundation to form part of their wider project costs.

Who Can Apply

Applications will be accepted from non-fee paying schools, registered charities, not-for-profit organisations, local authorities and social housing providers.

To be eligible, applicants must be able to provide their governing document (e.g. constitution, memorandum or articles of association) which must include a dissolution clause or asset lock.



Organisations that are not a registered organisation (registered charity, registered company, school or a public sector organisation) must be able to provide two forms of ID for their main contact, one for proof of name, the other for proof of address.

For projects involving a capital improvement to land or a building, organisations must complete the project consent form provided in the application form.

Restrictions

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Individuals.
- Community Interest Companies with shares (CIC's).
- Community Interest Companies with guarantee that are less than two years old.
- Profit-making organisations.
- Private, fee paying schools.
- Retrospective costs.
- Research projects.
- Political donations.
- Fundraising activities or challenges (such as costs for a sky dive).
- Running costs and organisation overheads.
- Conferences or seminars.
- Activities which collect funds for redistribution to other charities or individuals.
- Overseas appeals.
- Expeditions or overseas travel.
- Promotion of a religious or political cause.
- Marketing promotions.
- Projects or activities that the state has a legal obligation to provide.

Eligible Expenditure

Projects must be completed by 30 April 2026.

Priority will be given to projects that:

- Improve (or create new) green spaces in or near cities.
- Benefit and involve the local community.
- Are located in disadvantaged areas (i.e. high Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) scores for the postcode, or a school with a significant proportion of children benefitting from free school meals).

Examples of eligible projects include, but are not limited to:

- Improving a local community garden for community use and recreational activities.
- Volunteer-led tree or flower planting to improve air quality and biodiversity.
- Creating an outdoor classroom, natural playground or 'forest school'.
- Creating a community food growing space.
- Creating or adapting a green space to make it more accessible.
- Creating a 'pocket park' to bring more greenery into a city.



Location

UK (including the Channel Islands) and Republic of Ireland.

How To Apply

Applications are now open and the deadline for submission is 30 June 2025 (5pm).

The guidance notes and online application form can be found on Groundwork UK's website.

Groundwork UK uses Flexi Grant, an online grant management system, which requires applicants to create an account in order to access the application form.

Contact Groundwork for further information.

[Bupa Foundation Green Community Grants - Groundwork](#)

Bank of Scotland Foundation - Energise Programme

Funding body:	Bank of Scotland Foundation
Maximum value:	£ 40,000
Application deadline:	11/06/2025

Unrestricted grants are available to registered charities in Scotland that support vulnerable groups.

Background

The Bank of Scotland Foundation launched their 2024-2028 strategy 'Building a Brighter Future for Scotland' in January 2024.

In support of this strategy, the Foundation has announced its grants programme for 2025, each of which will offer multi-year funding:

- **Energise** (the subject of this report) is a multi-year grants programme supporting small and local charities who are alive to the real issues on the ground. Available to new (and more established) charities, this programme offers unrestricted funding enabling charities to use their grants in the way that helps them best.
- [Bank of Scotland Foundation - Empower Programme](#) (reopens on 3 February 2025) offers real security and certainty for charities with funding over three years. Collaborating with Lloyds Banking Group, the aim is to identify opportunities to add strategic value for funded charities and help them grow stronger and thrive beyond the lifetime of their grant.
- A new programme supporting charities that promote financial wellbeing is expected to be launched in June 2025.



Objectives of Fund

The focus of the Energise grants programme is exclusively on funding grassroots charities that work with vulnerable individuals. This targeted focus comes as the current economic situation continues to impact charities and at-risk groups throughout Scotland.

Value Notes

The Foundation has introduced income tiers for this programme. The new criteria means that:

- Unrestricted grants of up to £20,000 (£10,000 per year over two years) are available to charities with an annual income of under £50,000.
- Unrestricted grants of up to £40,000 (£20,000 per year over two years) are available to charities with an income of between £50,000 and £150,000.

Who Can Apply

Charities registered in and operating within Scotland can apply.

Charities must:

- Have a minimum of one year's accounts lodged and checked at OSCR.
- Have an annual income of less than £150,000.
- Put vulnerable people at the heart of their work.

Restrictions

The following are not eligible to apply:

- Organisations that have received funding from the Bank of Scotland Foundation within the last year or submitted an unsuccessful application to any Bank of Scotland Foundation funding programmes within the past year.
- Organisations with overdue accounts with OSCR.
- Organisations with the sole objective of:
 - The advancement of animal welfare.
 - The advancement of religion.
 - Making grants, donations or gifts to organisations.
- Political organisations.

Eligible Expenditure

The unrestricted funding is intended to allow charities to use the funding in the way they feel to be most beneficial.

The funding can be used for core costs, delivery costs, project costs and/or general running costs.

Location

Scotland



How To Apply

There will be two rounds of Energise funding for 2025:

- Round One: The deadline for applications has now passed.
- **Round Two: Applications will be accepted between 2 June 2025 and 11 June 2025.** Outcomes are expected at the end of August 2025.

There is a four-stage application process:

- Stage One - Applicants will be required to submit an initial online application, including:
 - An A4 information sheet detailing the work of their charity and the proposed project.
 - Their most recent annual accounts lodged and checked at OSCR.
 - Their constitution or Memorandum and Articles of Association.
- Stage Two – Initial applications will be assessed by a Grants Manager.
- Stage Three – Recommendations will then be presented to the Chief Executive.
- Stage Four – Decisions will be presented to the Board of Trustees. The Trustees have final approval.

Guidelines and a sample of the application form can be found on the Bank of Scotland Foundation website. The online application form will only be available during each application window.

Contact the Bank of Scotland Foundation for further information.

[Bank of Scotland Foundation](#)

Central Scotland Green Network - Growing Food Together Fund

Funding body:	Scottish Government
Maximum value:	Discretionary
Application deadline:	04/07/2025

Grants are available to constituted, not-for-profit organisations for projects that seek to promote and increase community growing within Scotland.

Background

The CSGN Growing Food Together Fund is supported by the Scottish Government and managed by the Green Action Trust (GAT).



Objectives of Fund

This fund aims to foster community engagement in growing and learning about food, as well as promoting healthy eating and outdoor exercise. Funding will support the objectives of the Good Food Nation policy to:

- Increase the amount of land available for community food growing, allotments and orchards.
- Improve food growing skills and knowledge to empower communities and individuals to grow their own food.

The Trust is particularly interested in applications that will deliver aspirations to become a Good Food Nation.

Value Notes

There is a total of £100,000 available for 2025/26.

The minimum project value is expected to be £5,000. However, projects of a lower total project value may be supported where they provide significant impact.

The fund is based on provisional allocations from funding partners, final allocations will be dependent on final budget allocations for 2025-26 and so may be subject to change.

Successful applicants will be awarded grants by BACS transfer and paid in arrears.

Match Funding Restrictions

The Trust can fund up to 100% of project costs.

Who Can Apply

Constituted and not-for-profit organisations can apply, such as:

- Community groups.
- Charities.
- Scottish charitable incorporated organisations (SCIOs).
- Social enterprises.

Restrictions

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Private commercial organisations.
- The costs of purchase or lease of land.
- Contingencies.
- Anticipated work.
- Costs associated with the submission of proposals.



Eligible Expenditure

Funding is for projects that achieve the following Scottish Government National Outcomes:

- Communities: We live in communities that are inclusive, empowered, resilient and safe
- Education: We are well educated, skilled and able to contribute to society
- Environment: We value, enjoy, protect and enhance our environment
- Health: We are healthy and active
- Culture: We are creative and our vibrant and diverse cultures are expressed and enjoyed widely
- Poverty: We tackle poverty by sharing opportunities, wealth and power more equally.

Proposed projects will also be considered against the following Good Food Nation objectives:

- Improve food growing skills, particularly in poorly ranked Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) areas.
- Improve access to and understanding of the benefits of growing your own food.
- Enable people from all walks of life to enjoy and learn about nutritious food.

Funding is for community food growing projects and activities that have a tangible community benefit, such as:

- Setting up a community-growing area where the land has been set aside for this purpose.
- Installing physical infrastructures such as raised beds or polytunnels.
- Sourcing materials and equipment to prepare sites for growing.
- Purchasing or leasing of tools and equipment.
- Making the site safe for growing, eg installing fences ensuring accessible access.
- Soil analysis testing and site research.
- Site feasibility studies or design work.
- Learning and training opportunities to increase knowledge about food growing.

Funding can be used for costs such as:

- Staff time, but only where the staff time is dedicated to the project. The maximum rate claimable for staff is up to £250 per day.
- Reasonable expenses to volunteers and/or community members (although volunteer's time cannot be funded).
- Reasonable costs associated with overheads, such as project management, health and safety, or liability insurance.

Funding is available for projects starting from July 2025 and ending by 28 February 2026.

Location

Scotland.

How To Apply

Applications for 2025/26 are now open.



The deadline for applications is 4 July 2025 (17:00).

An application form and guidance notes are available to access from the CSGN website and should be submitted by email to the Green Action Trust.

Contact the Green Action Trust for further information.

[CSGN Growing Food Together Fund Open for 2025 - Central Scotland Green Network](#)

Clarion Futures – Making a Difference Fund

Funding body:	Clarion Futures
Maximum value:	£ 5,000
Application deadline:	25/06/2025

Grants are available from constituted community groups, charities, and other not-for-profit organisations to deliver projects and activities in communities across the UK where Clarion operates that promote community cohesion and create a sense of connection and belonging to local places.

Background

Clarion Futures, a charitable foundation, is part of Clarion Housing Group.

The Group comprises Clarion Housing, a social landlord and the country's largest housing association and Latimer by Clarion Housing Group, which delivers homes for private sale. It operates as a social business that invests all its profits into helping support our residents and communities.

Clarion Futures plans to invest £150 million over a 10-year period to deliver one of the biggest social investment programmes in the country, helping to create more opportunities for people living in the Group's homes and communities.

Objectives of Fund

This fund aims to support community projects that celebrate, commemorate, and increase connections to the places they live.

Value Notes

A total of £125,000 is available across two phases.

A total of £50,000 is available in the first phase.

Grants of up to £5,000 are available.



Who Can Apply

The following can apply:

- Constituted community groups.
- Registered charities.
- Companies that are limited by guarantee.
- PTA or friends of school groups.
- Social enterprises.
- Community interest companies (CICs).

Groups must provide:

- A copy of their governing document.
- An organisational bank account in the name of the group with at least two unrelated signatories.
- A copy of their most recent annual accounts, or record of income and expenditure (or a spending plan and recent bank statement for new groups).
- A copy of their safeguarding policy for working with children under 18/vulnerable adults.
- A copy of their in-date employer and public liability insurance certificate.
- A list of the names of their management committee/trustees (with a minimum of three unrelated management committee members).

Restrictions

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Statutory organisations, such as local authorities.
- Any party-political activities.
- For-profit activities.
- Retrospective costs.
- Individuals.
- Activities promoting religious beliefs.
- Activities where individuals are excluded from religious grounds, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, etc.
- Organisations with overdue or incomplete monitoring on a previous grant from Clarion Futures.
- Activities that require staff or volunteers to deliver in-home support.
- Topping up organisational reserves.
- Redundancy or severance pay.
- Legal fees.
- Payments to members of an organisation's Governing Body.
- Purchase of buildings or land.
- Loan repayments.
- Debt repayments to HMRC or other Crown debts.
- Any other costs considered unreasonable or non-essential for the delivery of the proposed activity.

Eligible Expenditure

Funding is for projects and activities that support local communities to celebrate, commemorate, and increase connection to places that they live.

Eligible projects and activities include:

- Celebrating key figures or historical local events through the creation of public art, murals, or exhibitions to engage the wider community and celebrate their local area.
- Bringing people together to showcase the cultural diversity of their neighbourhood through creative events and activities.
- Organising community cooking classes to share and enjoy cuisines from across the community and create a cookbook based on local residents recipes.
- Creating a local history trail to celebrate and share places of interest in the local area.
- Creating new or revitalising underused green spaces to bring the community together, through gardening, growing, or just providing space for neighbours to meet and connect.

Proposed projects should demonstrate an understanding of what is already on in the community, and how the grant will, for example:

- Reach new participants, such as those who may be missing out or who are considered underrepresented in accessing services and activities.
- Address gaps in local provision where there is no similar or existing offer.
- Make the best use of other local services, partnerships, or networks.

Priority will be given to projects that meet the following priority areas:

- Celebrates the uniqueness of the neighbourhood.
- Creates a sense of belonging for current and future members of the community.
- Brings people together from across different groups in the community.
- Increases pride in the local area.

Eligible costs include:

- In-person and remote delivery costs.
- Activity materials.
- Resources/equipment to deliver in-person or remote activities.
- Project delivery staff time.
- Venue hire.
- Volunteer expenses.
- Publicity and marketing materials.
- Overheads (at a standard rate of up to 10% of the project total).

Projects must be delivered in areas where there are Clarion properties.

Funded activities will take place from September 2025.

Location

UK wide in areas of Clarion housing only



How To Apply

The deadline for applications is 25 June 2025 (noon).

Applicants will be notified of any decision made at the end of July/start of August 2025.

Guidance notes and an online application form are available from the Clarion Futures website.

[Making a Difference Fund | Clarion 125](#)

National Events Programme (Scotland)

Funding body:	EventScotland
Maximum value:	£ 25,000
Application deadline:	23/06/2025

Support is available towards cultural and sporting events, designed to showcase specific towns and regions across Scotland, outside of the key metropolitan areas of Glasgow and Edinburgh.

Background

EventScotland is Scotland's national events agency, responsible for attracting, creating and developing sporting and cultural events throughout the country.

Objectives of Fund

The National Events Programme is one of the core funds run by the EventScotland team, designed to assist in the delivery of the national events strategy, Scotland the Perfect Stage.

The programme supports the strategic development of events and it has been designed specifically to support public facing live sporting and cultural events, which take place outwith the local authority areas of the City of Edinburgh Council and Glasgow City Council and drive domestic tourism within Scotland.

Value Notes

Awards of between £5,000 and £25,000 are available to events which can demonstrate alignment with key impact areas identified in the national events strategy, Scotland the Perfect Stage. These events will have delivery budgets in excess of £20,000 and attract more than 1,000 in-person attendees, whilst showcasing Scotland's key event and tourism assets.



Match Funding Restrictions

The maximum amount of financial assistance provided is unlikely to be more than 25% of the total event budget. The remainder of necessary funds must be secured from alternative sources.

Who Can Apply

The programme is open to new and existing public facing live sporting and cultural events taking place across Scotland, outside of the key metropolitan areas of Glasgow and Edinburgh.

Applications must be made by legally constituted organisations.

Events must take place in the timeframe relevant to the funding round to which the application is submitted. Financial support cannot be retrospective. Events should have financial support from the appropriate local authority and/or other public agencies.

Restrictions

The following are not eligible:

- Core event costs required to stage the event.
- Significant capital costs, including equipment and infrastructure purchases.
- Funding gaps left by other funds being withdrawn.
- Hospitality costs.

Eligible Expenditure

The programme supports activity designed to strategically and sustainably develop events. The following activity is considered eligible for funding:

- Innovations to develop, enhance or grow the event.
- Strategic marketing & PR activity to increase audiences/profile.
- Hired equipment to improve the visitor experience.
- Hired equipment to increase capacity.
- Initiatives or developments aimed at enhancing the event's environmental sustainability credentials and contribution towards responsible tourism in Scotland.
- Specific new activity or event related projects which provide opportunities to inspire or engage the local community with the event or festival.
- Initiatives or developments which improve accessibility and inclusion at the event or festival.

Round 54 covers events taking place between 1 November 2025 and 31 March 2026.

Location

Across Scotland, but outside of the key metropolitan areas of Glasgow and Edinburgh

How To Apply

The deadline for Round 54 applications is 23 June 2025 (12:00).



Islamic Relief UK Grants Programme

Funding body:	Islamic Relief
Maximum value:	£ 40,000
Application deadline:	07/07/2025

Grants are available for charitable organisations across the United Kingdom to deliver projects and activities that support marginalised people, including women, young people, and refugees, and help build resilience to poverty.

Background

Islamic Relief is a Muslim charity and independent non-governmental organisation founded in 1984 by a group of medical doctors to respond to disease and fight poverty through Islamic values, expertise, and global reach.

Objectives of Fund

This fund aims to support projects that empower and increase support for marginalised and vulnerable people and their communities across the following themes:

- Build greater resilience to poverty.
- Combat challenges faced by women.
- Supporting refugees and asylum-seeking populations.
- Promote and facilitate the development of young people and their families.

Value Notes

A total of £2 million is available in 2025.

Grants of between £1,000 to more than £40,000 are available depending on the project for first-time applicants.

This may increase further for second-time successful applicants and can rise to £40,000. There is an option for multi-year funding.

Who Can Apply

Organisations with charitable purposes can apply, such as:

- Local community groups and/or faith-based organisations.



- Charities (including local branches of national charities) acting for the benefit of the local community.
- Voluntary and community organisations.
- Registered charities, including charitable incorporated organisations.
- Registered not-for-profit companies.
- Registered community interest companies.

Applicants must be constituted and have an organisational bank account.

Groups must provide:

- Trustee/directors/senior employee(s) information.
- Their bank account details.
- Their organisational structure.
- A certified copy of their registration/incorporation.

Restrictions

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Applications from overseas organisations.
- Applications from individuals.
- Applications to purchase buildings.
- Applications from statutory bodies.
- Endowment appeals.
- Applications from scout groups.
- Applications from schools unless it has a charity/foundation arm.
- Capital works or major building works.
- General charitable appeals.
- Paying back debt or to cover past expenditure.

Eligible Expenditure

Funding is for projects and activities that promote one of the following themes:

- Building resilience to poverty:
 - Prioritise programme delivery within disadvantaged and vulnerable communities.
 - Incorporate sustainability within programme initiatives.
 - Develop the capacity of local communities to address issues of poverty.
- Combatting challenges faced by women:
 - Providing economic opportunities for women.
 - Supporting survivors of domestic abuse.
 - Developing the confidence and skills of women.
- Supporting refugee and asylum-seeking populations:
 - Prioritising work that supports and promotes the rights of refugee communities.
 - Engaging in projects that empower refugee communities socially and financially.
- Promoting and facilitating the development of young people and their families:
 - Engaging young people in constructive activities.
 - Encouraging youth leadership and confidence-building.



- Supporting disadvantaged BAMER populations.

Priority will be given to organisations that can demonstrate:

- Strong local or subject area expertise.
- Working to involve beneficiaries in the planning and delivery of their programmes.

Funding can be used to cover all the costs of delivering a project, including:

- Staff salaries and associated costs.
- Room hire.
- Equipment, materials, and other project resources.
- Organisational or core costs (including rent, heat, light, and insurance) proportional to the size of the project.

Proposed projects should commence in January 2026.

Location

United Kingdom.

How To Apply

The deadline for applications is 7 July 2025.

Applicants will be notified of any decisions made between September 2025 and November 2026.

Guidance notes and an online application form with supporting documents are available from the Islamic Relief website.

[UK grants for domestic programmes - Helping at Home | Islamic Relief UK](#)

