

# FUNDING £ALERT

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## **South Ayrshire For Funding**

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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' Dersalloch 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](mailto: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](mailto:grants@foundationscotland.org.uk) before applying, to confirm the project is eligible.**

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## WCIT – IT4Good Grant Programme

Funding body:	WCIT
Maximum value:	£ 15,000
Application deadline:	18/08/2025

**Grants are available for not-for-profit organisations across the UK to deliver IT projects and activities that support the themes of education, inclusion, IT for charities, and understanding of IT.**

### ***Background***

The IT4Good Grant Programme is provided and administered by the WCIT Charity, a charitable organisation that aims to use the power of technology for impact through digital inclusion, education, charitable, and public engagement initiatives across the UK.

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### ***Objectives of Fund***

This fund aims to support IT projects and activities that relate to one or more of the following priority areas:

- Education.
- Inclusion.
- Tech for charities.
- Public understanding of Technology.

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### ***Value Notes***

Grants of up to £15,000 are available.

Grants over £15,000 may be considered in exceptional circumstances.

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### ***Who Can Apply***

Registered charities and organisations with a formal not-for-profit constitution, such as community interest companies (CICs), can apply.

Applicants must provide:



- A document proving charitable state.
- A copy of their most recent audited annual accounts.
- A copy of their current safeguarding policy
- A copy of their Person with Significant Control Register (for CICs and companies limited by guarantee).

Applicants for grants over £5,000 and less than £15,000 must also provide contact details of an external referee who can provide a reference on the charity's effective project or service delivery. This contact must be external to the organisation and be happy to be named. They should not be related to any applicant staff or volunteer.

Applicants for grants over £15,000 must also provide:

- Their most recent annual report or minutes of AGM. If the organisation is new, the minutes from the meeting when the constitution was formally adopted are acceptable.
- Contact details of two external referees who can provide a reference on the charity's effective project or service delivery. The contacts must be external to the organisation and be happy to be named. They should not be related to any applicant staff or volunteer.

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### **Restrictions**

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Individuals.
- Private companies.
- Start-up organisations that are less than a year old, or with no income or accounts.
- Organisations with an annual income or reserves of over £1 million.
- Commercially available off-the-shelf products for staff use.
- Apps or websites for income generation or staff administration.
- Networking or telephony costs.
- Existing projects or services.
- Projects benefitting fewer than 25 people directly.
- Projects where the service cost per beneficiary is over £300.
- The financial request is less than 25% of the entire project budget.
- Schools (other than existing partner schools).
- Core running costs.
- Political or lobbying work.
- Local authorities or councils.
- Loans/debt repayments.
- Retrospective costs.
- Consultancy costs.
- Projects that seek to build an endowment.
- Large national charities.
- Projects whose beneficiaries are abroad.

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### **Eligible Expenditure**

Projects that are more likely to be funded include:



- The development and delivery of new services, solutions, training, apps, analytics, AI, robotics, or accessibility features/hardware.
- Projects where WCIT is a material or sole funder.
- Projects where WCIT is the sole funder of the IT component of a larger project.
- Organisations that could benefit from pro-bono support.

Proposed projects should demonstrate an innovative use of IT, be scalable for wider replication, and be sustainable over time.

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### **Location**

UK.

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### **How To Apply**

The next deadline for applications is 18 August 2025.

Guidance notes and an online grants portal are available from the WCIT Charity website.

[Home - WCIT Charity](#)

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## **Societe Generale UK Foundation - Bright Futures Grants**

Funding body:	Societe Generale UK Foundation
Maximum value:	£ 50,000
Application deadline:	03/06/2025

**Unrestricted grants are available for registered charities and charitable organisations for projects and initiatives across the UK which directly support people from marginalised groups to be empowered and equipped to access education and employment.**

### **Background**

Societe Generale was established in the UK in 1871 as the Group's first international office outside France. In 1994, it established an independent registered UK charity, the Societe Generale UK Foundation (SG UK Foundation).

Bright Futures is a new initiative with a commitment of £1 million over three years to address key societal issues in local communities. Designed by the SG UK Foundation with input from a committee of representatives across SG UK, the fund will aim to support marginalised groups to better access education and employment through providing grants.

The fund launches in 2025 as a pilot to test the approach. The programme will be reviewed after the first year and changes may be introduced for subsequent years.



The fund will be delivered by Charities Aid Foundation (CAF).

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### **Objectives of Fund**

The grants are designed to support organisations which are providing opportunities to develop aspirations, confidence, and mental health, helping individuals from marginalised communities to build brighter futures and contribute meaningfully to society.

The funding is for projects that develop key skills, attitudes and attributes to foster equitable education and employment outcomes nationwide. Funded initiatives must demonstrate a clear and measurable impact, ensuring that individuals from marginalised communities are supported to meet one or more of the following goals:

- Pursue and sustain their aspirations.
- Enhance their confidence and self-belief.
- Strengthen their mental health, wellbeing, and resilience

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### **Value Notes**

One-year grants of between £10,000 and £50,000 are available during the first year.

Multiple year funding may be available after the pilot year.

Applicants should not apply for a grant that exceeds 30% of the last year's income of their organisation.

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### **Who Can Apply**

UK registered charities or organisations with a recognised charitable purpose may apply.

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Be located in the UK and support UK based beneficiaries.
- Have a governing document.
- Have a bank account in the organisation's name.

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### **Restrictions**

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Organisations that do not support marginalised groups to access education and employment.
- Organisations located outside of the UK or support beneficiaries based outside of the UK.
- Organisations that are not registered charities with any of the UK Charity regulators or that do not have a recognised charitable purpose.
- Organisations that unlawfully discriminate on the basis of age, nationality, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, religion, marital status or disability.
- Organisations that focus their mission, or the majority of their activities or services, on lobbying, or the organisation is considered as a single-issue interest group.





- Organisations that have generated adverse media coverage in the past 12 months on areas such as operations or conduct.
- Government entities, political subdivisions, and state instrumentalities.
- Political parties, activities, campaigns, candidates, or partisan groups.
- Religious organisations where their mission or most of their activities or services promotes the furtherance of the religion or aims to benefit members of that faith only.
- Organisations acting as a conduit for donations to be passed onto a third party. This may also impact donations to specific funds or campaigns.
- Individuals or organisations which provide financial or non-financial benefit to private individuals or entities (e.g. shareholders or members), except when those individuals or entities are beneficiaries receiving support through the charity's legitimate charitable activities.
- Organisations or projects which do not further a recognised charitable purpose.
- Capital or building projects
- Debt repayment
- Retrospective projects
- Organisations or projects which do not align with the values of the SG UK Foundation, and which could damage its reputation or that of the SG UK Group.

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### ***Eligible Expenditure***

Unrestricted grants are available.

The funding must further a recognised charitable purpose. This might include advancing education, relieving unemployment, prevention or relief of poverty, advancement of health, relief of sickness or relief of need because of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage.

The following are examples of projects that use their expertise to deliver activities that help people from marginalised groups develop aspirations, confidence and mental health:

- **Youth Mentorship and Career Development Programs (Aspirations & Confidence)**
  - The project supports young people from disadvantaged backgrounds with mentors who provide guidance, encouragement, and exposure to career pathways, helping them set goals and build confidence in their abilities.
  - The project supports young people from underprivileged communities to access higher education through academic support, mentoring, and career workshops.
- **Mental Health and Wellbeing Support Initiatives (Mental Health & Confidence)**
  - The project works to improve mental health outcomes for Black communities through culturally appropriate services, advocacy, and peer support networks.
  - The project is an online community offering mental health support and reducing social isolation for marginalized individuals.
- **Employment and Skills Training Programs (Confidence & Aspirations)**
  - A project that provides free coding training for refugees, asylum seekers, and individuals from low-income backgrounds, equipping them with tech skills and pathways to employment.
  - A project that supports women, particularly those from underrepresented backgrounds, to gain skills, qualifications, and job placements in the construction industry.
- **Social Enterprises and Community-Led Initiatives (Aspirations, Confidence, Mental Health)**



- The project helps young people facing barriers to employment by offering entrepreneurship programs, vocational training, and confidence-building workshops.
- The project employs refugees and young people seeking asylum as market stall vendors, helping them build work experience, financial independence, and social connections

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### **Location**

UK

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### **How To Apply**

The information pack and frequently asked questions can be found on the SG UK Foundation website. Expressions of Interest are to be submitted on the [CAF online portal](#).

There is a two stage application process:

- **The first stage is to submit an Expression of Interest by the deadline of 3 June 2025.** Applicants will be notified of the outcome on 25 June 2025.
- Those who are successful will be invited to submit a full application form and will be able to access CAF's online portal to start their application. The deadline for applications is midday on 31 July 2025 (midday). Applicants will be notified of the outcome in early October 2025. For successful organisations, the majority of funding awards will be granted from mid-October onwards.

Organisations who are not successful in the first funding round will be able to submit an Expression of Interest in the next calendar year's Bright Futures Grants funding round. Further information will be shared nearer the launch date, expected in spring annually.

Contact CAF for further information.

[Bright Futures Grants - Societe Generale United Kingdom](#)

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## **CashBack for Communities Fund**

Funding body:	Scottish Government
Maximum value:	Discretionary
Application deadline:	07/08/2025

Grants are available for community groups and voluntary organisations in Scotland that provide youth work programmes for young people aged 10 to 25 who are at risk of being involved in antisocial behaviour, offending or re-offending or entering the justice system.





### **Background**

The CashBack for Communities programme reinvests monies recovered through the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 to support the Scottish Government's Justice Outcomes by having a focus on young people at risk of entering the criminal justice system and communities most affected by crime.

InspiringScotland administers the CashBack for Communities Fund on behalf of Scottish Government as part of the wider CashBack for Communities programme.

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### **Objectives of Fund**

The funding is intended for youth work programmes that will deliver early and effective prevention activities for children and young people aged 10-25.

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### **Value Notes**

A total of £26 million will be available from April 2026 to end of March 2029.

The level of funding available will be confirmed when further guidance is provided.

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### **Who Can Apply**

Local groups and partnerships in Scotland can apply.

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### **Eligible Expenditure**

In this phase, funding will support a range of trauma-informed and person-centred services and activities for young people between the ages of 10 and 25 that:

- Provide safe spaces and suitable activities for young people to combat boredom, frustration, and isolation, which can contribute to antisocial behaviours.
- Support young people to understand their own value and become positive influences and leaders within their communities.
- Deliver holistic support for particularly vulnerable young people which includes their family or care environment. Where a young person may have the potential to come into conflict with the law, support will be extended for family and caregivers.
- Offer support for young people who are already in conflict with the law to reflect on past behaviours and work towards a more positive future.

This phase of the Programme will run from 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2029.

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### **Location**

Scotland

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### **How To Apply**

This Fund is expected to reopen on 12 June 2025 (10:00) and close on 7 August 2025 (noon). Detailed guidance on the application process is expected to be published on 19 May 2025.

Information session webinars will be held on the following dates:

- 20 May 2025 **(15:00 - 16:00)**.
- 28 May 2025 **(10:00 - 11:00)**.
- 3 June 2025 **(18:00 - 19:00)**.

Applicants can register for the sessions on the CashBack for Communities website.

[Homepage - CashBack for Communities](#)

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## **Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust – Free from Fear Programme**

Funding body:	Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust
Maximum value:	£ 150,000
Application deadline:	02/07/2025

**Grants are available to registered charities, Community Interest Companies, Armed Forces bases/units, local authorities and NHS bodies for projects that address domestic abuse through preventative measures or providing support routes for survivors in Armed Forces communities.**

### **Background**

Hidden from Fear is one of the programmes launched under the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust's three-year Covenant Fund Funding Framework published in 2024.

This programme seeks to ensure armed forces communities are not disadvantaged. It will support projects that address the complex challenge of domestic abuse, through service provision focused on prevention and support.

For the purposes of this programme, domestic abuse is defined as a pattern of behaviour used to gain or maintain power and control over another person in a familial relationship. Although most victim-survivors are women, domestic abuse can happen to anyone of any age, sex, gender, race or sexual orientation and can take several different forms.

Within Armed Forces communities, it could involve both male and female spouses/partners, children and young people and serving members of the community as both victim-survivors and perpetrators.



### **Objectives of Fund**

The funding is for projects tailored to address domestic abuse within the specific context of the serving Armed Forces community through either preventative measures or the provision of effective routes to support for victim-survivors.

Projects need to achieve one or more of the following outcomes:

- Effective measures are delivered to prevent incidences of domestic abuse within armed forces communities and these address emerging and current challenges.
- Clear routes are provided which enable victim-survivors from armed forces communities to access effective support, including the ability to recognise and report domestic abuse.
- Sustainable improvements and adaptations are made to service provision to meet the evolving support needs of victim-survivors from armed forces communities.

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### **Value Notes**

Grants of between £75,000 and £150,000 are available to support projects being delivered between one and two years.

Projects to start between 1 October 2025 and 1 January 2026.

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### **Who Can Apply**

Applicants must be one of the following:

- A charity registered with one or more of the charity commissions for England and Wales, Scotland, or Northern Ireland for at least three years at the time of their application and able to provide published accounts for all three years if requested.
- A Community Interest Company (CIC) incorporated in the UK for at least three years and have submitted three years of accounts to Companies House at time of application.
- An Armed Forces unit/base based in the UK.
- Local authorities.
- NHS bodies.

Local authorities cannot apply for statutory local government delivery work, or for work that has a core focus on the delivery of the Armed Forces Covenant/Duty.

NHS bodies cannot apply for statutory healthcare delivery work, or for work that has a core focus on the delivery of the Armed Forces Covenant/Duty.

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### **Restrictions**

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Childcare providers (including early years).
- Schools, including LA maintained, independent (fee-paying) schools and boarding schools, regardless of their charitable status.
- An individual.



- An Academy Trust (they cannot apply for an overarching project across their academy chain, though individual schools can apply).
- A charity or CIC which does not have substantial recent experience of supporting Armed Forces communities or is newly registered.
- Local authorities.
- Other public sector organisations – though they could work with one of the eligible types of organisations as a delivery partner.
- A charity or CIC that is based overseas.
- Community organisations that do not fit any of the programme's 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.
- Projects which seek to address the needs of Reservists or Veterans, or their families.
- Projects which duplicate existing provision.

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### ***Eligible Expenditure***

The funding is for innovative and exemplary projects which would develop better understanding of specific challenges within Armed Forces communities and share this learning to inform good practice.

Projects must offer bespoke interventions which recognise and take account of the specific barriers and challenges involved in seeking to prevent and address domestic abuse within the serving military community.

Projects need to be wholly focused on Armed Forces communities. This could involve both male and female spouses/partners, children and young people and serving members of the community as both victim-survivors and perpetrators.

There is interest in projects that are actively aware of additional factors that might present additional barriers in accessing support. This could include those with disabilities, non-UK families, the LGBT+ community or armed forces serving personnel and families who are located overseas. It could also include other factors such as addressing the needs of those who are at high risk of domestic homicide or suicide.

Projects will most likely be regional or national in focus and can also address the needs of those located overseas.

The funder particularly welcomes applications for projects focused within under-served areas.

Applications which are focused specifically on the Navy, Army or RAF, as well as those which take a tri-service approach are also welcome.

The grant can pay for most of the things needed for the project or activity, including people's time, costs of delivering work online or buying/hiring equipment.

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### ***Location***

UK



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### **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 2 July 2025 (12 noon).** Notification of decisions before the end of September 2025.

Contact the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust for further information.

[Free From Fear Programme : Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust](#)

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## **Co-op Foundation - Future Communities Fund 2025**

Funding body:	Co-op Foundation
Maximum value:	£ 150,000
Application deadline:	12/06/2025

**Unrestricted grants are available to support not-for-profit organisations that are helping young people with experience of the youth justice system to re-build their lives and settle back into their communities within the UK.**

### **Background**

The Future Communities Fund was first launched in November 2022. It brought together two strategic priorities from the Foundation's youth-designed [Future Communities Vision](#) – ‘youth activism and shared power’ and ‘diversity, equity and inclusion’.

This is the second round of the Co-op Foundation's Future Communities Fund.

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### **Objectives of Fund**

The funding is intended to help those who have been through the justice system to re-engage with their communities.

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### **Value Notes**

A total of £1.75 million is available for this round.

Grants of up to £30,000 per year for five years (a maximum value of £150,000 over the five years) are available.

It is anticipated that around 10 organisations will receive a grant.



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### ***Who Can Apply***

Applications will be accepted from not-for-profit organisations:

- With an annual income of £250,000 or less.
- That are registered and operate exclusively in the United Kingdom.
- Have two or more unrelated directors or trustees on the Board.
- That primarily support justice-experienced young people aged 10-25 years old.
- Which have a sole purpose of supporting justice-experienced young people to re-engage with their community.

In order to be successful, organisations should be able to demonstrate that they:

- Support young people to navigate the social stigma which can be associated for those with experience of the justice system.
- Have strong, existing relationships with referral agencies to ensure a smooth transition out of the justice system.
- Have experience of developing routes for young people transitioning from the justice system into training and employment.
- Have experience of supporting young people to develop skills that help them feel empowered to make positive changes in their lives.
- Value lived experience and have justice experienced young people involved in their governance and/or service delivery.
- Have experience of building flexible, consistent, positive relationships with young people.

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### ***Eligible Expenditure***

The funding is unrestricted.

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### ***Location***

UK

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### ***How To Apply***

Applications will be accepted from 15 May 2025 to 12 June 2025 (midday).

Guidance notes and the application form can be found on the Co-op Foundation website once the Fund opens.

Contact the Co-op Foundation for further information.

[Future Communities Fund | Co-op Foundation](#)





## Bòrd na Gàidhlig - Gaelic Officers Scheme

Funding body:	Bòrd na Gàidhlig
Maximum value:	£ 110,000
Application deadline:	05/06/2025

**Grants are available for third sector organisations to employ an officer to undertake Gaelic development work in Scotland.**

### **Background**

Bòrd na Gàidhlig is a Non-Departmental Public Body that was established under the Gaelic Language (Scotland) Act 2005. It promotes the usage of the Gaelic language throughout Scotland and administers a number of funding programmes which are based upon the priorities as communicated in the current National Gaelic Language Plan 2023-2028 and Bòrd na Gàidhlig's Corporate Plan.

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### **Objectives of Fund**

This fund aims to support third sector organisations looking to create a new post or to extend an existing Gaelic development post that will work towards the delivery of a project or organisational functions through the medium of Gaelic.

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### **Value Notes**

The total value of this fund is £600,000 per financial year.

Grants of up to £40,000 per year are available to support posts between 1 July 2025 and 31 March 2028 (maximum grant of £110,000).

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### **Who Can Apply**

Registered Scottish charities or community interest companies registered in Scotland can apply.

Applicants must provide:

- A draft job description for the post.
- Their constitution or memorandum and articles of association.
- Their most recent annual accounts (or the three most recent bank statements, or for new organisations, a letter from their bank confirming that they have opened an account).
- Their child protection or safeguarding policy, if the officer will be expected to undertake projects that work with children.
- A list of board or committee members.
- A copy of their employer's liability insurance (except for organisations with no current staff).



If available, it is recommended that applicants also provide:

- Their latest annual report.
- Their Gaelic policy.
- An equal opportunities policy
- An environmental policy or statement.

Organisations must have an active UK bank account, in the name of the organisation, at the time of applying.

Organisations can submit a maximum of one application for one post in this funding round.

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### ***Restrictions***

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Individuals.
- Public bodies.
- Local authorities.
- Schools.

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### ***Eligible Expenditure***

Priority will be given to projects in communities and sectors which currently have a comparative lack of provision in terms of Gaelic development officers.

Funding can be used for salaries, on-costs such as National Insurance, pensions costs and management costs, as well as a budget for the officer to develop or deliver their work.

Funding is suitable for posts that will:

- Support day-to-day use of Gaelic in communities.
- Further develop the rollout and implementation of community Gaelic language plans.
- Support Gaelic centres and activity within them.
- Engage in partnership working between organisations in delivering Gaelic services.

Applicants must budget for a salary that is at least the Scottish Living Wage.

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### ***Location***

Scotland.

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### ***How To Apply***

The deadline for applications is 5 June 2025 **(15:00)**.

Guidance notes and an application form are available from the Bòrd na Gàidhlig website.

Applications must be submitted by email.



## Firstport - Social Innovation Challenge

Funding body:	Firstport
Maximum value:	Discretionary
Application deadline:	28/06/2025

**Grants are available to social enterprises, unincorporated groups, and community associations in Scotland to deliver a project or activity that has a lasting social impact on communities in Scotland.**

### **Background**

The Social Innovation Challenge Fund is provided and administered by Firstport.

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### **Objectives of Fund**

This fund aims to support innovative solutions that tackle some of the most pressing modern day challenges, and will support the development of a new social enterprise solution, as well as tailored support to launch and implement the solution.

The 2025 theme aligns with the following Scottish Government policy priorities:

- Eradicating child poverty.
- Growing the economy.
- Tackling the climate emergency.
- Ensuring high quality and sustainable public services.

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### **Value Notes**

In 2025, there will be three finalists.

The winner will receive a grant of £50,000.

The two other finalists will receive grants of £25,000 each.

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### **Who Can Apply**

The following can apply:

- Established social enterprises.
- Unincorporated groups or community associations.
- Individuals with an idea for a new project.



Groups must be incorporated and registered with the OSCR or Companies House, and have a registered office located in Scotland.

For individuals or unincorporated groups:

- The lead applicant must be 16 or over.
- The lead applicant is either a permanent resident of Scotland or has a visa/leave to remain that covers the period of the award.
- There must be an intention to incorporate an asset locked social enterprise with a registered office in Scotland (funding will be released on successful incorporation).

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### ***Restrictions***

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Projects without potential for an income stream and have no way of continuing after the funding ends.
- Costs that are not linked to the delivery of an innovative project or idea, such as core costs for the running of an enterprise that is already established or emergency funds to ensure the short-term survival of an organisation.
- Individuals or organisations that have received more than £250,000 in grants or loans from a public source over the last three financial years.
- Projects that have been developed without input from the communities they are hoping to help.
- Projects that are the responsibility of local authorities or statutory care providers, including essential services that are normally mandated and paid for by the government or local councils.
- Political campaigning or the advancement of religion.

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### ***Eligible Expenditure***

Funding is intended for projects and activities that can create tangible, long-term impact in the following categories:

- Eradicating child poverty: innovative ideas which help the families of children living in deep poverty increase their long-term wellbeing and economic resilience.
- Growing the economy: providing innovative routes to meaningful employment for individuals facing significant barriers (such as disability, stigma or discrimination).
- Tackling the climate emergency: proposing innovative ways of reducing reliance on fossil fuels or delivering regenerative environmental solutions (such as increasing biodiversity, improving soil health or addressing water pollution).
- Ensuring high quality and sustainable public services: alleviating pressure on essential services by offering support to those who need it most, through innovative means.

Proposed projects should demonstrate:

- An element of innovation.
- How the project or idea delivers direct social impact.
- The potential for income generation.



- Potential for scale or replication.
- That they have been co-developed with the target community.
- Environmental sustainability.

Eligible costs include:

- Start-up fees.
- Research and development.
- Salaries.
- Other essential costs such as rent or key equipment.

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### **Location**

Scotland.

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### **How To Apply**

Expressions of Interest will be accepted between 13 May and 28 June 2025.

Eligible applicants will then be invited to complete a full application. The deadline for full applications will be 28 August 2025.

Finalists will be announced in mid-October. The finalists must present their ideas to an awards panel.

Guidance and an online Expression of Interest form are available from the Firstport website.

Contact Firstport for further information.

[Social Innovation Challenge - Firstport](#)

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## **Inspiring Scotland - Bright Start Breakfasts Fund**

Funding body:	Scottish Government
Maximum value:	Discretionary
Application deadline:	02/06/2025

**Grants are available to primary schools, local authorities, third sector organisations and childcare providers in Scotland to expand and set up breakfast clubs for primary school children in Scotland.**

### **Background**

The Bright Start Breakfasts Club is a new fund provided by the Scottish Government and administered by Inspiring Scotland.



The programme aligns with the Scottish Government's policy priority of ending child poverty in Scotland.

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### ***Objectives of Fund***

The Fund is intended to expand access to breakfast clubs for primary school children by combining provision of healthy and nutritious breakfast food with before-school supervision or childcare enabling early drop off for parents to support them to work or study.

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### ***Value Notes***

A total of £3 million is available.

Grants are expected to be between £8,000 and £12,000, depending on the location and needs of the community and school.

The Fund will run from August 2025 to June 2026.

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### ***Who Can Apply***

The following can apply:

- Primary schools.
- Local authorities.
- Third sector organisations.
- Registered childcare providers.
- Activity providers.
- Parent or volunteer groups.
- Childminding services.

Applicants must have:

- A bank account in their name.
- A lead contact who is available for communication about the application and potential grant offer over the summer period.

Applications can be made for one or several breakfast clubs. All applications should be to expand existing provision or support the development of new clubs.

Applicants will need to evidence how any expanded or new service will contribute to reducing poverty for families and how delivery will be weighted towards families on low-income.

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### ***Eligible Expenditure***

Funding will be focused on helping those families who need it most.

Delivery arrangements can vary and may include:

- Clubs delivered by schools.





- Clubs delivered by a provider (outside of the school estate).
- Clubs delivered in partnership with a school.

Breakfast clubs must operate immediately before the start of the school day. The following requirements apply:

- Operating hours: Breakfast clubs should operate at least 30 minutes before the start of the school day (usually for less than two hours).
- Term time: Clubs must run during school term.
- Primary age focus: Provision should be targeted at primary school-aged children.

A wide range of organisations may be involved in delivering breakfast clubs. Delivery models should be appropriate to the needs of the families they intend to support.

Eligible activities include:

- Setting up and establishing a new breakfast club.
- Increasing the running time of an existing club.
- Increasing the number of places available at an existing club.
- The addition of childcare and/ or activities, where currently only breakfast food is provided.
- Increased resources to support expansion eg, staff, equipment.

Eligible costs include:

- Staff costs (breakfast club supervisors and assistants) and associated costs, including training.
- Equipment.
- Food.
- Cleaning.
- Rent.
- Transport.
- Management costs.

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### **Location**

Scotland

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### **How To Apply**

The deadline for applications is 2 June 2025 (**noon**). Decisions are expected to be communicated on 13 June 2025.

Guidance notes and an online application form are available from the Inspiring Scotland website.

Contact Inspiring Scotland for further information.

[Bright Start Breakfasts - Inspiring Scotland](#)



## Scottish Government - Climate Engagement Fund

Funding body:	Scottish Government
Maximum value:	£ 80,000
Application deadline:	08/06/2025

**Grants are available for groups and organisations across Scotland to deliver projects and activities that increase engagement with the climate emergency in local communities.**

### **Background**

The Climate Engagement Fund (CEF) is provided and administered by the Scottish Government to support organisations and groups across Scotland to lead climate change engagement initiatives, in line with the strategic objectives of the Scottish Government's Net Zero Nation: Public Engagement Strategy for Climate Change (PES).

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### **Objectives of Fund**

This fund aims foster understanding of the climate emergency across communities in Scotland, in both geographic communities and communities of interest, and achieve the following:

- Increase the number of individuals and communities who are climate literate.
- Increase the number of individuals and communities who understand the need to act and are empowered to do so.
- Widen participation by engaging new communities and individuals.

Funding can be used to:

- Engage people and deepen their understanding of the climate emergency and the action that society needs to take to reach net zero, delivering on the 'understand' objective of the PES.

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### **Value Notes**

A total of £275,000 is available for 2025/26.

Grants of between £25,000 and £80,000 are available.

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### **Match Funding Restrictions**

Match funding is not necessary; however, it is encouraged as an indicator of stronger support and collaboration.

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### **Who Can Apply**

To apply, groups must be 'trusted messengers'. These are defined as follows:



- Place-based messengers, such as:
  - Local community or voluntary groups.
  - Community trusts.
  - Local government/community planning partnerships.
- Sectorial and institutional messengers, such as:
  - Education (schools, colleges, or universities).
  - Culture (such as libraries, museums, or sports and leisure clubs).
  - Science (such as science centres or festivals).
  - Environment (such as eNGO's).
- Equality-based messengers, such as:
  - Disability representatives (such as physical or mental disability).
  - Minority ethnic groups/communities.
  - LGBTQ+ community groups.
  - Faith/belief groups.
  - Age advocacy groups (including children and young people).
  - Gender groups.

Eligible organisations must also be one of the following:

- Incorporated, ie the organisation holds legal status with corporate liability for finances and assets evidenced through registration with a regulatory body such as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO), the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR), or a charity based in Scotland that is also either registered with Companies House (as a company limited by guarantee) or is regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA).
- A community benefit society regulated by the FCA.
- A Community Interest Company (CIC) where the organisation continues to meet the Regulator of Community Interest Companies' community interest test and asset lock provisions.

To be eligible, organisations must:

- Have a registered address in Scotland that is rooted in the geographic community or community of interest they serve and operates on a not-for-profit basis for the benefit of the community.
- Involve and engage with sections of their community or communities. This must be consistent with the National Standards for Community Engagement and the principles of the [Public Engagement Strategy for Climate Change](#).
- Be solvent, hold a UK bank account, have annual accounts that have been approved by their management committee (or current projected annual accounts), and control all project income and expenditure.

New-to-climate organisations as well as organisations that are experienced with climate engagement can apply.

Any partnership or consortium will require a lead organisation that is responsible for the administration and delivery of the grant. If forming a partnership application all parties involved need to be fully sighted on the application.



## **Restrictions**

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Private sector businesses.
- Individuals or influencers (such as social media influencers, celebrities, or national figures).
- Local councils.
- Primary and secondary schools.
- Climate actions (such as installing solar panels), although engagement activity around climate action or encouraging said action can be considered.
- Core funding.
- Capital funding.
- Organisational self-promotion/greenwashing.
- National communications campaigns.
- Costs that are already being paid for, whether in cash or kind.
- Items or services that only benefit an individual.
- The repayment of loans or payments of debt.
- Trips abroad or activities promoting a religion or political party.
- Costs that do not directly support and enable the delivery of the project/services or project outcomes, such as general improvements to public areas, contingency costs, and staff redundancy costs.
- Costs incurred outside of the funding period.
- Recoverable VAT.

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## **Eligible Expenditure**

Funding is for climate engagement projects and activities, such as:

- Public events/lectures.
- Climate festivals.
- Climate conversations.
- Learning and development (carbon/climate training or climate coaching).
- Skills workshops.
- Exhibitions/art installations.
- Participatory arts.
- Youth development programmes.
- Staff costs that are linked to the delivery of the project.

Activities should be based on community priorities.

Proposed projects will be assessed against:

- The fund's central aim of 'engaging your audiences', which includes evaluating how groups utilise innovative or varied methods to reach and engage their audiences on climate change, as well as how they tailor these methods to their audience.
- How they meet strategic objective of 'understand', as set out in the PES.

Funding will support both local and national climate change engagement projects and activities.

Funding can be used for new projects and the continuation of pre-existing activities.



Projects must be completed by 31 March 2026.

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### **Location**

Scotland.

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### **How To Apply**

The deadline for applications is 8 June 2025 **(23:59)**.

Guidance notes and an application form are available from the Scottish Government website.

Completed applications should be submitted by email.

Contact the Scottish Government for further information.

[Overview - Climate Engagement Fund - gov.scot](#)

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## **Poundland Foundation**

Funding body:	Poundland Foundation
Maximum value:	£ 750
Application deadline:	26/05/2025

**Grants are available for local charities and organisations based in the UK working to make a difference in their communities.**

### **Background**

The Poundland Foundation are a grant-making charity, supporting both national charity partners and smaller organisations across the UK. They have pledged to distribute over £3 million in donations over a two-year period.

The Foundation brings together donations from Poundland customers, fundraising initiatives, and Poundland suppliers.

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### **Objectives of Fund**

The Foundation aims to transform communities and change lives across the UK by making grants to charities and grass-roots community organisations.

In 2025, the Foundation will:



- Continue to offer Kits 4 Kids which provides grants for local kids' sports clubs/organisations or teams to buy new kit. **The application window is open for two weeks - from 15 May to 26 May 2025.**
- Provide a new small grants fund. The criteria will be provided when it becomes available.

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### **Value Notes**

Grants of up to £750 are available.

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### **Who Can Apply**

Registered charities, community interest companies (CICs) and unregistered community organisations can apply.

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Be based and working in the UK.
- Work with children and young people under the age of 18 years.
- Have an income of under £10,000 and hold reserves of under £5,000.
- Child protection and safeguarding policies.
- Have their own bank account and will have to upload proof of the account name, sort code and account number at the time of application.

Previous grant recipients are eligible to apply but they must have received their last grant before 7 November 2022.

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### **Restrictions**

Applications from profit-making organisations or schools will not be accepted.

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### **Eligible Expenditure**

Grants are intended to provide kit (clothing) for local children's sports teams.

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### **Location**

United Kingdom

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### **How To Apply**

**Applications for Kits4Kids are open from 15 May 2025 to 26 May 2025.**

Information on future rounds of the small grants fund including eligibility criteria and application dates will be provided when it becomes available.

Full guidelines and an online application form can be found on the Poundland Foundation website.

[Our Grants | Poundland Foundation | Supporting UK Communities](#)





## Naturesave Trust

Funding body:	Naturesave Insurance
Maximum value:	£ 5,000
Application deadline:	15/07/2025

**Grants are available to community groups, charities and social enterprises for environmental projects across the UK.**

### ***Background***

The Naturesave Trust, a small registered charity, is the charitable arm of Naturesave Insurance, an ethical insurance provider. It was established in 1995 with the aim of promoting the adoption of sustainable development and allocates 10% of all its personal insurance premiums to the Trust to benefit specific environmental and conservation projects. The Trust's work is 100% funded by NatureSave Insurance.

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### ***Objectives of Fund***

The funding aims to support projects which specifically address the needs set out in the Trust's latest funding window and fall under the broad objective of promoting and implementing sustainable development.

The theme for the current round is nature connection.

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### ***Value Notes***

Grants of up to £5,000 are available.

Any offer of funding is open from six months of the date of the offer letter.

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### ***Who Can Apply***

Applications are accepted from a range of UK based organisations, including charities, social enterprises, voluntary organisations, small grassroots community groups and businesses.

To be eligible, the organisation and/or project must:

- Be entirely based in the UK.
- Have a website or social media presence.



## ***Restrictions***

The following are not eligible for support:

- Individuals.
- Projects not based in the UK.
- Schools or educational establishments.
- Government-funded organisations.

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## ***Eligible Expenditure***

Funding supports small environmental projects across the UK.

The theme of the latest round of funding is nature connection. The funders are looking for grant applications from charities, community groups, and organisations who are working to connect communities to nature through:

- Arts and cultural activities.
- Community gardening.
- Green gyms.
- Eco anxiety and mental health.
- Training a community with green skills.
- Conservation volunteering.
- Urban nature programmes.
- Social prescribing.
- Access to nature.
- Community wildlife surveys.
- Nature mindfulness.

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## ***Location***

United Kingdom.

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## ***How To Apply***

The May to June funding window is now open. The next deadline for applications is 15 July 2025 (12pm).

The Trust operates three funding windows per year:

- January to February.
- May to June.
- September to October.

The guidelines and online application form can be found on the Naturesave Trust website.

Contact Naturesave Trust for further information.

[The Naturesave Trust - Naturesave Insurance](#)



## Wellbeing of Women - Women's Health Community Fund

Funding body:	Wellbeing of Women
Maximum value:	£ 5,000
Application deadline:	15/06/2025

**Grants are available for small, grassroots organisations within the UK that are providing direct services to minoritised groups to reduce stigma, share high quality information and improve education on women's health in the areas of periods, menstrual health or perimenopause and menopause.**

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[Women's Health Community Fund - Wellbeing of Women](#)

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## Firstport - Community Enterprise Fund

Funding body:	Scottish Government
Maximum value:	£ 5,000
Application deadline:	Not specified

**Grants are available to community organisations to start trading or set up social enterprises in Scotland.**

The Community Enterprise Fund is a new fund. It is provided through the Scottish Government's Social Entrepreneurs Fund and administered by Firstport.

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### **Objectives of Fund**

The Fund is intended to allow community organisations to generate income, become more financially resilient, reduce reliance on grant funding and be better equipped to support their community.

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### **Value Notes**

Grants of up to £5,000 are available.



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### ***Who Can Apply***

Constituted third sector or community groups can apply. Organisations must:

- Be based in Scotland.
- Operate primarily for the benefit of people or communities within Scotland.
- Not be involved in activities concerned with political campaigning or the advancement of religion.
- Not yet be trading on a regular basis.

Groups should be able to demonstrate:

- A strong business model.
- A clear social impact.
- A determined and motivated team.

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### ***Eligible Expenditure***

The following costs are eligible for funding:

- Legal fees for setting up a legal entity for the enterprise, and/or registration as a charity or community interest company.
- Rent for premises/office space.
- Venue hire.
- Utilities – including phones.
- Website, branding, logo design.
- Marketing materials and stationery.
- Insurance.
- Accountancy.
- Equipment.
- Laptop and/or software.

Funding must be used within six months.

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### ***Location***

Scotland

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### ***How To Apply***

The Fund is expected to open 'soon'. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.

Guidance is available from the Firstport website.

Contact Firstport for further information.

[Community Enterprise Fund - Firstport](#)



## Scops Arts Trust

Funding body:	Scops Arts Trust
Maximum value:	£ 30,000
Application deadline:	03/06/2025

**A limited number of grants are available to charities across the UK for new high quality projects that provide opportunities for people from all backgrounds to access, enjoy and participate in the arts.**

### **Background**

Scops Arts Trust was established in March 2019 with an endowment from the late Tony Wingate. Throughout his life, Tony enjoyed a love of the arts, particularly music, and as an inspirational English teacher, his other passion was education.

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### **Objectives of Fund**

The aim of the Trust is to give people of all ages the opportunities to access, participate in and enjoy the arts (particularly the performing arts), and support projects that widen access and have a lasting cultural impact on local communities.

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### **Value Notes**

Grant awards generally start at a few hundred pounds.

The Trust has previously awarded multi-year grants of up to £30,000 per annum, however applicants are advised that the majority of grants awarded are considerably less than this.

The Trust only awards a small number of grants each year.

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### **Who Can Apply**

The Trust mostly supports registered charities.

Applications will also be considered from social enterprises, community groups, and other third sector organisations, as long as they are formally constituted and have clear charitable purposes.

Priority will be given to small and medium sized organisations.

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### **Restrictions**

The following are not eligible for funding:



- Projects with the primary purpose of health, therapy or social welfare.
- Capital campaigns (construction of and fitting out of buildings).
- Individuals.
- Sponsorship of fundraising events.
- Contributions to general appeals.
- Religious activity which is not for wider public benefit.
- Public bodies to carry out their statutory obligations.
- Retrospective costs.
- Grant-making by other organisations.
- Privately owned and profit-distributing companies.

If organisations are unsuccessful at either Stage 1 or Stage 2 of the application process, they should leave at least 12 months before applying again. Organisations that were successful with their application for a multi-year grant, should leave a minimum of two years before applying for further funding.

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### ***Eligible Expenditure***

Funding is for projects in a particular area of the performing arts in each grants round:

- Round 1 - Local music festivals (children's performances are excluded)
- Round 2 - Early career musicians focusing on performance opportunities
- Round 3 - Children and young people's instrumental music education (choirs are excluded)

Music education and engagement projects for children will be considered at every grants round

Most grants will be awarded for specific projects, but the Trust will also contributions towards the core costs of smaller organisations where a grant could make an impact.

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### ***Location***

United Kingdom

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### ***How To Apply***

In 2025, the Trust will once again focus each of their three grant rounds on a different category of music projects.

The application periods for 2025 are as follows:

- Round 1 - Local music festivals (children's performances are excluded) - Closed.
- Round 2 - Early career musicians focusing on performance opportunities - 20 May to 3 June.
- Round 3 - Children and young people's instrumental music education (choirs are excluded) - 9 September to 9 December.

The application process is as follows:

- To start the application process, organisations should first take complete the eligibility checks which can be accessed on the Scops Arts Trust website.





- Organisations that fulfill the criteria will be invited to make a Stage 1 online application.
- A Stage 2 shortlist will then be drawn up and the selected applicants will be invited to complete a Stage 2 online application form.

Contact Scops Arts Trust for further information.

<https://www.scopsartstrust.org.uk/>

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## Quaker Housing Trust

Funding body:	Quaker Housing Trust
Maximum value:	Discretionary
Application deadline:	19/06/2025

**Grants and loans are available for a wide range of charitable social housing projects in Britain with a focus on helping small charitable organisations to enhance the quality of their housing provision or to create new homes.**

### ***Background***

The Quaker Housing Trust (QHT) is a small registered charity that aims to use its 'limited resources where they will make a genuine and positive difference'.

The QHT has no endowments and gets no grants. It 'relies on the generosity of Quakers and other friends who share our vision' for funding.

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### ***Objectives of Fund***

The Trust's funding is intended to support its emphasis on the provision of homes, not just housing. It awards grants and interest-free loans to charitable organisations undertaking projects to provide housing for those in need.

The Trust offers the following support and informal advice to grassroots housing organisations across Britain:

- Advice at an early stage of new housing provision and to existing projects experiencing difficulties or seeking to expand.
- Grants and interest-free loans to enhance the quality of provision.
- Grants for feasibility studies to test specific proposals.
- A Health Check Service to evaluate the potential problems and growth for housing projects.
- Access to interest-bearing loans from the ethical Quaker Social Housing Account run by Triodos Bank.



In addition, the Trust also gives advice, information and encouragement to Quakers who are already involved with housing projects, enquiring about how to start a new project, or wanting to make use of their meeting's property and/or funds to meet housing need.

The Trust supports housing projects providing homes for a wide range of people of all ages including:

- People with mental and physical health problems.
- People with learning difficulties.
- People who would otherwise be homeless.
- Women escaping domestic violence.
- Single parents.
- Young families.
- People moving out of institutional care.
- People with addiction problems.
- Refugees, asylum seekers, migrants.
- Survivors of trafficking.

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### **Value Notes**

The following funding is available:

- Best practice grants - up to £6,000.
- Main grants and loans programme - grants of up to £20,000 to capital projects for people with No Recourse to Public Funds.
- Main grants and loans programme - loans of up to £30,000 (no grants) for capital projects generating income from their tenants.

Awards over £20,000 will require security against the loan.

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### **Who Can Apply**

Charitable organisations that are operating in Britain that meet all of the following criteria are eligible to apply:

- Have legal charitable status (registered with Charity Commission, OSCR and/or HMRC).
- Be a small organisation with limited funds available for the work they want to do and
  - an annual turnover of up to £1 million for Best Practice grants.
  - an annual turnover of up to £1.5 million for Main Grants and Loans.
  - no access to sufficient income, reserves, nor other fundraising, to pay for the work they want to do.
- Be meeting a real and demonstrable housing need.
- Be providing actual 'bricks & mortar' housing.
- Be letting the homes at a realistic rent which low income occupants can genuinely afford.

Organisations do not need to have pre-existing Quaker links or support in order to apply for funding.

The length of occupancy in funded homes must be a minimum of three months.

Until the end of 2026, the Trust is particularly interested in the following:



- Projects in areas geographically underrepresented in previous grant applications [East of England, Wales, Southwest of England (Somerset, Devon, Cornwall)].
- Organisations working with people with No Recourse to Public Funds.
- Organisations working with minoritised communities (as per the definition in the Equality Act 2010).
- Organisations working with people leaving prison.

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### ***Restrictions***

Funding is not available for the following:

- Direct support to individuals.
- Support to organisations or groups where the recipients of the funding are also the direct beneficiaries (such as self-help groups, full mutual co-operatives, community or co-housing groups).
- Service provision, whether to occupants or other people (eg advice, support, training or placement services).
- Organisational development, operational or running costs.
- Work which should be part of a planned maintenance programme.
- Housing which is to be sold to the occupants or other private owners.
- Housing which is to be rented out for profit or used as an investment property.
- Transient accommodation such as night-shelters.

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### ***Eligible Expenditure***

#### **Best Practice Grants**

Funding for organisations at the early stages of developing a project. There are two areas which can be funded under this programme:

- The Environmental Assessment Grant which will fund professional fees associated with identifying and using environmentally-friendly options for a housing project.
- The Feasibility Study Grant which will help with professional fees associated with testing the feasibility of specific proposals to improve, expand or create new genuinely affordable rented housing.

#### **Main Grants and Loans Programme**

Funding for projects that create homes. Projects must be well-progressed in terms of planning, with feasibility studies undertaken, a robust budget established and relevant planning permissions secured.

#### **Quaker Meetings and Communities Programme**

Match funding to Quaker meetings, organisations and charities to test the feasibility of using part or all of a Quaker own property for social housing on its own, or alongside the creation of modern convenient buildings for use by Quakers.

The grant would pay for a suitably qualified and experienced architect to carry out the following:



- Prepare RIBA Stage 1 feasibility plans to show how new or converted housing could be provided on the Quaker property.
- Advise on the likelihood of achieving local authority planning approval for the proposal, based on their local knowledge and initial conversations with planners.
- Advise on the likely construction cost of the proposal, based on current costs assessed as £/m2 internal floor area (not a detailed cost plan).
- Advise on the development value of the Quaker owned land or building that would be released for the project.

Applicants are expected to find a suitable professional to undertake the work. If funding is awarded, QHT expect to form a partnership with the applicant organisation and a local social housing provider to provide ongoing support and expertise to develop the project. Successful applicants to this scheme are eligible to apply to the Main Grants and Loan Programme to take forward their project.

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### **Location**

Great Britain

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### **How To Apply**

Applications are now open with a deadline of 19 June 2025 **(12 noon)**.

Guidance notes and application forms can be found on the Quaker Housing Trust website.

There are separate application forms for each of the funding programmes:

- Best Practice Grant and the Quaker Meetings and Communities Programme have a one-stage application process.
- Main Grants and Loans Programme has a two-stage application process, starting with an Expression of Interest form.

Applications are considered at the Council of Management Meetings, which take place five times a year.

Contact Quaker Housing Trust for more information.

[Quaker Housing Trust](#)



## Family Fund Trust - Your Opportunity Grants Programme

Funding body:	Family Fund Trust
Maximum value:	Discretionary
Application deadline:	Not specified

**Grants are available for families in the UK who are raising a disabled or seriously ill young adult aged 18 to 24 years old and living at home to fund a range of items and activities that will enhance the young person's life.**

### ***Background***

Set up in 2019, the Your Opportunity grant programmes is funded by a range of funding sources, including the Family Fund, the Edward Gostling Foundation, Pears Foundation and The Julia Rausing Trust.

When disabled young people reach 18, they lose vital financial and wider support, including available learning opportunities and local groups and activities. These grants are designed to plug some of that gap. They help young people lead fulfilling lives and pursue their goals and interests.

As household costs continue to rise, the grants can help families meet the significant extra costs of caring.

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### ***Objectives of Fund***

This dedicated grants programme aims to enhance the life of disabled, or seriously ill, young adults, aged 18 to 24 years old, living at home.

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### ***Value Notes***

Grants are subject to the funding being available and is awarded at the discretion of the Family Fund.

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### ***Match Funding Restrictions***

The Fund is not always able to meet the full cost of every item requested.

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### ***Who Can Apply***

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Be the main parent, or carer, of a disabled or seriously ill young adult aged 18 to 24, who lives at home with them.
- Not have received a Your Opportunity grant, on behalf of this young adult, in the past 12 months.
- Have lived in the UK for the last six months.
- Be a family on a low income from work, or benefits such as Universal Credit, Working Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit etc.



The young adult for whom the application is being made needs to have a high level of support needs, in three or more of the following areas:

- Personal care, supervision and vigilance – needs support with feeding, washing, toileting, or needs to be supervised at all times.
- Access to social activities – needs extra support to access social or leisure activities, including difficulty travelling, or where they are currently socially isolated.
- Education/vocational training – has additional educational support needs, or needs extra help to attend vocational training.
- Communication – needs support to listen, speak or understand.
- Therapy and medical treatment – needs treatment or therapy.
- Specialist resources used – needs resources such as a wheelchair, oxygen, screen magnifier or electronic communication aid.
- The physical environment – needs support with getting around, travelling independently, and keeping safe.

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### ***Restrictions***

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Requests for a family break or a holiday (although day trips can be considered)
- Requests for standard or electric wheelchairs (as these should be provided by statutory services)
- Any equipment that should be provided under statutory provision through local, education or health authorities.

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### ***Eligible Expenditure***

The following are ideas and examples of things which could benefit young adults:

- Digital equipment – including laptops, tablets or software to help with learning, coursework or gaming
- Clubs and activities – membership fees, sports training, support with season tickets or materials for a hobby
- Musical instruments – contributions towards an instrument of choice
- Sports equipment – kit or uniforms, specialist equipment, such as a specialist sport or lightweight wheelchair, or wheelchair maintenance
- Transport – railcards, train tickets or bus passes
- Day trips – tickets for the cinema, theatre, concerts or meals out
- Support for learning – books, stationery or uniform, to support further education, training or vocational courses, including conferences or study weekends
- Driving ambitions – contributions for a provisional licence, including licence costs, learning materials, theory tests or initial lessons
- Bedroom furniture – assistance with beds and bedding, or televisions
- White goods – kitchen items such as fridge freezers, cookers or washing machines, to help with independence.



## Location

United Kingdom

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### How To Apply

Applications have opened for 2025.

**Funding is limited and applications are accepted from families on a first-come, first-served basis, until funding is fully allocated.**

Eligibility criteria and the online application form can be found on the Family Fund Trust website.

Contact the Family Fund helpline for further information.

[Your Opportunity grant programme reopened - Family Fund](#)

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## Clothworkers' Foundation

Funding body:	Clothworkers' Foundation
Maximum value:	Discretionary
Application deadline:	Not specified

**Capital grants are available to UK registered charities working in the UK in one of the following areas: communities experiencing racial inequalities, disabilities, domestic and sexual abuse, economic disadvantage, homelessness, LGBT+ communities, older people facing disadvantage, prison and rehabilitation, substance misuse and addiction, and young people facing disadvantage.**

### Background

The Clothworkers' Foundation was set up on 18 July 1977 by The Clothworkers' Company. Since it was established, the Foundation has awarded grants of £152 million.

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### Objectives of Fund

The Foundation aims to use its funding to improve the quality of life for people and communities that face disadvantage and marginalisation.

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### Value Notes

For larger projects (more than £100,000), the foundation generally funds 10% or more of the balance to be raised. For example, if the project cost was £200,000 and £150,000 still had to be raised, the grant award would be at least £15,000. The larger a project, the larger the grant is likely to be.

For smaller projects (with a balance of less than £15,000), the foundation generally funds between 50% and 100% of the balance.





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### **Who Can Apply**

UK registered charities, community interest companies, and other registered UK not-for-profit organisations (including special schools) with an annual income under £10 million can apply.

Applicants must be able to demonstrate that the work of their organisation fits within one or more of the Foundation's programme areas and that at least 50% of service users benefiting from the capital project are from one or more of those groups.

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### **Restrictions**

The Foundation does not fund the following:

- Salaries and overheads.
- Training.
- Volunteer expenses.
- Rent.
- Lease of property or equipment.
- Professional fees and project management costs.
- Marketing/literature/leaflets.
- Equipment for one-off use, or which will be given to service users for personal use on a permanent basis.
- One-off events.
- Consumable items such as items with a short shelf life eg clothes, some sports equipment and kits, toys and stationery.
- Organisations which have received a grant offer from the Foundation within the last five years (unless they have been specifically invited to reapply).
- Organisations that promote religious activities or proselytise to service users.
- Organisations which have had an application declined in the last six months (please note: organisations cannot reapply for the *same* project if it has been declined).
- Organisations with over £10 million income per annum.
- Organisations with over 12 months of reserves.
- Those that primarily provide services to other organisations – sometimes described 'second tier' or 'infrastructure' organisations.
- Hospices and NHS charities.
- Organisations where grant making is a substantial part of their core services.
- Schools colleges or universities (unless their students are exclusively individuals with physical disabilities and/or learning differences eg special schools). PRUs or Alternative Provision providers or special schools which are part of a multi-academy trust with an income of more than £10 million are not eligible for funding.
- Almshouses.
- Applications for a project which the Foundation has previously declined.
- Medical research or medical equipment.
- Setting up/refurbishment of charity shops.
- General appeals and emergency appeals.
- Retrospective projects (ie those that have already been completed).
- Political projects.
- Heritage projects.



- Arts and education projects unless they work exclusively with individuals from the foundation's programme areas.

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### **Eligible Expenditure**

This Foundation awards grants in the following areas:

- **Substance misuse and addiction** – organisations supporting people and families affected by drugs and/or alcohol misuse.
- **Disabilities (inc. mental health and visual impairment)** – organisations supporting people who have physical and/or learning disabilities, and/or people experiencing mental health issues. The Foundation has a long-standing commitment to visual impairment, so it welcomes applications from organisations focused in this area. Those providing support to the families and carers of those with disabilities can also apply under this programme area.
- **Communities experiencing racial inequalities** – organisations supporting communities affected by racism, and organisations working to promote racial equity. Organisations may be providing specialist services such as employment support or legal advice primarily to minoritised communities or may provide more general community support. These communities may face discrimination or disadvantage on the grounds of ethnicity or faith.
- **Young people facing disadvantage** – organisations supporting young people facing disadvantages, particularly (but not limited to) young people in care or leaving care and young people not in employment, education or training. The foundation does not accept applications from pupil referral units, schools or organisations delivering other mainstream educational provision under this programme area.
- **Domestic and sexual abuse** – organisations supporting adults and children affected by any form of domestic or sexual abuse. This includes victims, survivors and perpetrators of abuse. It includes services helping victims escape abusive relationships, or any part of the recovery cycle. Examples include refuges and women's organisations. Organisations applying for a capital project linked to supporting perpetrators must have or be working towards Respect accreditation.
- **Older people facing disadvantage** – organisations providing services for older people facing disadvantage, particularly (but not limited to) economic disadvantage and isolation.
- **Homelessness** – organisations providing services for people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. This includes those providing homelessness accommodation, or services such as food banks and furniture recycling.
- **Prison and rehabilitation** – organisations supporting people in prison and their families, those at risk of offending, and the rehabilitation of those leaving prison.
- **LGBT+ communities** – organisations providing support to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people facing disadvantage or discrimination.
- **Economic disadvantage** – organisations supporting individuals or communities experiencing poverty and deprivation. This may include urgent support as well as longer-term work to relieve economic disadvantage.

NB At least 50% of an applying organisation's service users benefiting from the capital project must be from one or more of the above groups.

Funding is available for capital costs. This means tangible items or work, including:

- Buildings – purchase, construction, renovation and/or refurbishment.



- Fittings, fixtures, and equipment – this includes but is not limited to office equipment/furniture, sports/gym equipment, digital/audio visual equipment, software and websites, garden equipment, specialist therapeutic (excluding medical) equipment.
- Vehicles – includes (but is not exclusive to) minibuses, cars, caravans, people-carriers, 4x4 and boats. The Foundation is unlikely to fund the total cost of a new vehicle or award funding to an organisation that already owns a large number of vehicles.

**The eligibility criteria for applications to the Open Grants Programmes has expanded to include digital projects beyond hardware. The funders will now consider funding one-off costs for some types of digital software and products.**

The foundation will consider one-off costs towards:

- Moving paper-based processes online so organisations can make better use of digital technology. This is sometimes described as 'digitising processes' and can include the tech infrastructure and devices needed eg cloud storage and tablets for data collection.
- Support for developing or updating the digital tools used to communicate, such as websites, apps or messaging platforms.
- Adding new digital features to services an organisation already has to make them easier for people to use and access.

Examples of eligible projects (this list is not exhaustive):

- Development of a new or upgrade of an existing website.
- Initial database/CRM set-up costs eg consultancy costs for customisation, initial training and support costs.
- Costs to upgrade or refresh an existing database.
- Database integration/integration across databases and other digital software used.
- Making a service already offered accessible online (for example, via a specialised app or website function).

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### **Location**

United Kingdom

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### **How To Apply**

**The Foundation has announced there will be a temporary suspension of applications from 16 June while it takes its grant portal offline to enable it to make updates to the application system and website. The new website will launch and the grants portal will reopen on 2 July 2025.**

Applications may be submitted at any time.

Applicants must first complete an online eligibility quiz to get access to an online application form.

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