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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 [Apply - NCCBC](#)

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.

Scottish Government Alcohol and Drugs Fund - Local Support Fund

Funding body:	Funding body
Maximum value:	£ 150,000
Application deadline:	Not specified

Grants are available to small community-based groups which deliver frontline services to support people who use drugs, people in recovery and their families.

Background

The Scottish Government's Alcohol and Drugs Fund will make £36.9 million available for organisations working with people affected by drugs and alcohol from 2026 - 2029. The fund will support the implementation of [the Scottish Government's Alcohol and Drugs Strategic Plan 2026-35](#) which aims to prevent harm, promote recovery and save lives. The investment is available through four separate funds:

- Local Support Micro Grants.
- Local Support Grants.
- Partnership and Delivery Grants.
- Children, Young People and Families Grants.

The funding will be administered by the Corra Foundation.

Objectives of Fund

The Local Support Fund is focused on small community-based groups which deliver frontline services to support people who use drugs, people in recovery and their families. This fund is intended to help these organisations to stabilise or increase capacity, extend services and provide further reach into the community.

Value Notes

Grants of up to £60,000 per year are available, with the total maximum amount being £150,000 as projects can only be funded until April 2029.

Who Can Apply

Applications are open to charities, social enterprises, community groups and other voluntary organisations with an annual income of up to £750,000.

Applicants must be currently delivering frontline services in Scotland to support people who use drugs, people in recovery and their families.



Restrictions

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Work that will not deliver support to people affected by drug use or their families.
- Major capital appeals including building projects, vehicles and major refurbishment costs.
- Retrospective costs.
- Contributions to funds which will be used for grant making to other organisations.

Eligible Expenditure

Funding can be used for existing or expanded service delivery, general running costs, staffing, equipment, etc.

Corra Foundation expects to provide a range of grant sizes and the amount requested should be proportionate to the turnover of the organisation and the scale of the work proposed.

Location

Scotland

How To Apply

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.

An online application form and guidelines are available on Corra Foundation's website.

Contact Corra Foundation for further information.

[Funding - Corra Foundation](#)

Scottish Government Alcohol and Drugs Fund - Partnership and Delivery Grants

Funding body:	Scottish Government
Maximum value:	£ 300,000
Application deadline:	18/08/2026

Grants are available to public sector and not-for-profit organisations for collaborative projects that support drug service resources and improve access and pathways to support services.

Background

The Scottish Government's Alcohol and Drugs Fund will make £36.9 million available for organisations working with people affected by drugs and alcohol from 2026 - 2029. The fund will support the implementation of [the Scottish Government's Alcohol and Drugs Strategic Plan 2026-35](#) which aims to prevent harm, promote recovery and save lives. The investment is available through four separate funds:

- Local Support Micro Grants.
- Local Support Grants.
- Partnership and Delivery Grants.



- Children, Young People and Families Grants.

The funding will be administered by the Corra Foundation.

Objectives of Fund

The Fund will support drug service resources. The Fund aims to support projects which provide fast and appropriate access to treatment and care, and which are based in collaborative approaches that support people by taking a rights based and whole family approach.

Value Notes

Grants of up to £120,000 per year are available up to April 2029. The maximum grant is £300,000.

Match Funding Restrictions

Match funding is not a requirement for this fund. However, applications for work which have secured some funding from public sector organisations (for example from local authorities or ADPs) are encouraged.

Who Can Apply

Applications to the Partnership and Delivery Grants must be from a Public Body, Scottish Charity, Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) or Community Interest Company (CIC). Collaborative applications between ADPs or other public sector organisations and third sector partners and people with lived/living experience are encouraged. Projects which involve both statutory and third sector organisations working closely together to meet the needs of people who use drugs, people in recovery and their families are of particular interest. Applicants must provide a letter of support from their local Alcohol and Drugs Partnership (ADP) Chair or Coordinator.

Restrictions

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Work that will not deliver support to people affected by drug use or their families.
 - Major capital appeals including building projects, and vehicles.
 - Retrospective costs.
 - Contributions to funds which will be used for grant making to other organisations.
 - Places/stays in residential rehabilitations for individuals.
 - Start up costs.
 - Work that is currently supported by a National Drugs Mission fund grant which will end after November 2027.
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Eligible Expenditure

The funding will support front-line, operational delivery services which provide direct support for people affected by alcohol and drugs, including children, families affected by a loved one's drug or alcohol use.

Applications must fit within the following themes:

- Prevention and early intervention
 - Harm reduction
 - Treatment and care
 - Wider support
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Location



How To Apply

The deadline for applications is 18 August 2026 **(13:00)**.

Applications must be made via the online application form available to access from the Corra Foundation website. All applications will need to provide a letter of support from their local Alcohol and Drugs Partnership (ADP) Chair or Co-ordinator.

Contact Corra Foundation for further information.

[Funding - Corra Foundation](#)

Scottish Government Alcohol and Drugs Fund - Children, Young People and Families

Funding body:	Scottish Government
Maximum value:	£ 300,000
Application deadline:	18/08/2026

Grants are available to not-for-profit organisations to improve support for children, young people and families impacted by drug use, and ensure all children, young people and families have access to services.

Background

The Scottish Government's Alcohol and Drugs Fund will make £36.9 million available for organisations working with people affected by drugs and alcohol from 2026 - 2029. The fund will support the implementation of [the Scottish Government's Alcohol and Drugs Strategic Plan 2026-35](#) which aims to prevent harm, promote recovery and save lives. The investment is available through four separate funds:

- Local Support Micro Grants.
- Local Support Grants.
- Partnership and Delivery Grants.
- Children, Young People and Families Grants.

The funding will be administered by the Corra Foundation.

Objectives of Fund

The Children, Young People and Families Fund is focused on community-based organisations with significant experience in supporting children and families affected by drugs and which deliver frontline services. This fund is intended to help these organisations to sustain, stabilise or increase capacity, extend or improve services and/or meet identified gaps in service provision.

This fund aims to support direct work with children and families affected by alcohol and drugs and welcomes applications that are based on partnership approaches which demonstrate how they will take a 'Whole Family Approach' which is relational and rights-based when delivering frontline services which support children and families.

Value Notes

Organisations can apply for funding of up to £120,000 per year.

The total maximum grant is £300,000 as projects can only be funded until April 2029.

Match Funding Restrictions

Match funding is not a requirement for this fund.

Applications for work which has secured some funding from public sector organisations eg for local authorities or ADPs are welcome.

Who Can Apply

Applications to the Partnership and Delivery Grants must be from a Public Body, Scottish Charity, Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) or Community Interest Company (CIC).

Applicants must be currently delivering frontline services in Scotland to support children and families affected by alcohol and drugs.

Partnership applications are encouraged, in particular, projects which involve statutory and third sector organisations working closely together to meet the needs of children and families.

The involvement of children and families with lived experience in the project proposal will be key assessment criteria, and applications which include co-production approaches to service design, delivery and review are of particular interest.

Restrictions

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Work that will not deliver support to people, children, and families affected by alcohol and drug use.
- Major capital appeals including building projects, vehicles, and major refurbishment costs.
- Retrospective costs.
- Contributions to funds which will be used for grant making to other organisations.
- Places/stays in residential rehabilitations for individuals.
- Start up costs.
- Work that is currently supported by a National Drugs Mission fund grant which will end after November 2027.

A full list of restrictions is available in the guidance notes.

Eligible Expenditure

The funding will support front-line, operational delivery services which provide direct support for people affected by alcohol and drugs, including children, young people and families affected by a loved one's drug or alcohol use.

The services must have extensive and specialised skill in supporting people - particularly children, young people and families who are affected by drugs and/or alcohol.

Applications must fit within the following themes:

- Prevention and early intervention
 - Harm reduction
 - Treatment and care
 - Wider support
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Location

Scotland



How To Apply

The deadline for applications is 18 August 2026 **(13:00)**.

Guidelines and an online application form are available from the Corra Foundation website.

Contact Corra Foundation for further information.

[Funding - Corra Foundation](#)

Scottish Government Alcohol and Drugs Fund - Local Support Micro Grants

Funding body:	Scottish Government
Maximum value:	£ 37,500
Application deadline:	Not specified

Grants are available to small community-based groups which deliver frontline services to support people who use or used drugs, people in recovery and families affected by someone else's drug use.

Background

The Scottish Government's Alcohol and Drugs Fund will make £36.9 million available for organisations working with people affected by drugs and alcohol from 2026 - 2029. The fund will support the implementation of [the Scottish Government's Alcohol and Drugs Strategic Plan 2026-35](#) which aims to prevent harm, promote recovery and save lives. The Alcohol and Drugs Fund is managed by Corra Foundation. The investment is available through four separate funds:

- Local Support Micro Grants.
- Local Support Grants.
- Partnership and Delivery Grants.
- Children, Young People and Families Grants.

The funding will be administered by the Corra Foundation.

Objectives of Fund

The aim of this fund is to increase capacity in a wide range of small community based groups and grassroots organisations that are delivering frontline services to support people who use or used drugs, people in recovery and families affected by someone else's drug use.

Value Notes

The maximum grants for the Local Support Micro Grants applications received in 2026 is £15,000 per year, with the total maximum amount being £37,500 as projects can only be funded until April 2029.

Who Can Apply

Applications are open to not-for-profit organisations (charities, social enterprises or constituted community/voluntary groups) with:

- An annual income of up to £75,000.
- At least three people on the management committee/board.
- A bank account in the name of the organisation.



Applicants must already be delivering support in Scotland to people affected by drug use, and/or their families.

Applicants are encouraged to only apply for what they need as this will allow the fund to support as many different groups as possible.

Applications from organisations supporting black, asian, and minority ethnic communities, and other underrepresented groups, are particularly encouraged.

Restrictions

Funding cannot be used for:

- Work that will not deliver direct support to people affected by drug use or their families.
- Major capital appeals including building projects, vehicles and major refurbishment costs.
- Retrospective costs.
- Contributions to funds which will be used for grant making to other organisations.

Eligible Expenditure

Funding can be used for:

- Running costs, including room hire, rent, heating/lighting, improvements and equipment.
- Current operations or to expand the service eg to move to a bigger venue, or open the service an additional day.
- Promoting or marketing the group, including posters, advertisements, websites, and consultation costs.
- Paying for food and refreshments for the group.
- Paying people to run group work sessions or covering the costs of activities (art classes, fishing trips, teen-only drop-ins).
- Groups specifically for underrepresented groups (eg evenings/events specifically for women, LGBT people, young people, Black and Minority Ethnic people).
- Organised group activities where children and families can spend time together.
- Training and capacity building.

Funding can be used to pay for current operations, or to expand a service.

Location

Scotland

How To Apply

Applications can be made at any time.

Guidance notes and an application form are available from the Corra Foundation website.

Contact Corra Foundation for further information.

[Funding - Corra Foundation](#)



Rewilding Britain - Rewilding Innovation Fund

Funding body:	Dormywood Trust
Maximum value:	£ 15,000
Application deadline:	05/09/2026

Grants are available to boost locally led land and marine nature recovery projects across Britain.

Background

The Rewilding Innovation Fund is provided by funding from the Dormywood Trust, the Evolution Education Trust, The Vintry, Charles Langdale, and others, and is administrated by Rewilding Britain.

Objectives of Fund

This fund aims to foster new and ambitious community rewilding projects, and to remove barriers to rewilding projects within Britain, whether they're at the early planning stages or want to move a project one step wilder. Funding will be awarded to projects with potential for the highest impact for people and nature.

Value Notes

Grants of up to £15,000 are available. It is expected that most awards will be less than £10,000.

Who Can Apply

To apply for funding, projects must be:

- Based in Britain
- Part of the Rewilding Network (includes community, private and public landowners, and managers of rewilding areas on the land and at sea).
- Rewilding at scale (more than 40 hectares) according to Rewilding Britain's rewilding principles. This can be an individual landholding or a cluster of landholdings. It is recommended that applicants who are rewilding on a smaller scale form a group or network to apply.

Local groups and networks can also apply for any innovative projects that will help to upscale rewilding.

Previously unsuccessful applicants can reapply for funding in this round.

Restrictions

Funding cannot be provided for land purchase or capital costs, such as fencing.

Eligible Expenditure

Funding is for works that could potentially unlock further funding or move a project in scale.

Examples of potential applications include:

- Business plans and strategies.
- Community engagement activities or co-design.
- Feasibility studies.
- Technological innovations.

Previously successful projects have included:

- A social prescribing and community outreach programme run from a nature-based site.
- Community forest planting.



- Modelling carbon capture.
- A feasibility study to identify potential areas for seagrass restoration.
- A tree seeding experiment.

Funding can cover costs such as direct interventions, or any expertise that a project requires. Any funding awarded must be spent within 15 months.

Location

England, Wales, and Scotland.

How To Apply

The deadline for applications is 5 September 2026.

There is a two-stage application process:

- Applicants should first become a Rewilding Network member through the online portal on the Rewilding Britain website.
- Applicants can then submit an online application form. Shortlisted projects will be invited to pitch their project to the steering group in a 10-minute online presentation.

Guidance notes are available from the Rewilding Britain website.

[Rewilding Innovation Fund | Rewilding Britain](#)

The Fore

Funding body:	The Fore
Maximum value:	£ 45,000
Application deadline:	15/07/2026

Unrestricted grants are available to enable small charities in the UK to grow, strengthen or become more efficient or resilient.

Background

The Fore is the only open-access funder in the UK offering development funding and strategic support to early-stage charities and social enterprises.

Objectives of Fund

The Fore provides unrestricted grants to small charities and social enterprises based in the UK. The funding is intended to have a transformational impact on the organisations being supported by unlocking significant development in areas such as sustainability, growth, capability, efficiency, or other major steps forward.

There is a particular interest in supporting grassroots organisations working with underserved communities. The Fore views its grants as investments in the organisations it supports, rather than funding specific projects only.

The Fore funds work across the following charitable sectors:

- Arts and culture
- Disability



- Economic development and employability
- Environment
- Health and wellbeing
- Housing and homelessness
- Human rights, law and justice
- Poverty and disadvantage
- Sport
- Women and girls
- Youth and education.

Value Notes

Grants of up to £45,000 over one to three years are available.

In addition, pro-bono support from professionals in areas like strategy, HR, and IT, online training workshops, and networking opportunities are available.

Who Can Apply

Applications are accepted from the following types of organisation with an annual revenue of less than £500,000 in the previous completed financial year:

- Registered charities (including those constituted as charitable trusts, charitable unincorporated associations, charitable incorporated organisations and charitable companies limited by guarantee).
- Community Interest Companies (CICs) limited by guarantee.
- Community Benefit Societies that are either Charitable CBSs or non-charitable CBSs with an asset lock.
- Social enterprises.

Previous Success

Recently supported charities and social enterprises include:

- Embracing Arts are bringing the magic of theatre to children with serious health or additional learning needs.
- DataKind UK are helping charities use their data to deliver better services and demonstrate impact.
- Men Who Talk are creating online spaces for men to talk so they do not have to face mental health challenges alone.
- Feeding Futures are helping local communities in Kenya set up school meal programmes that last.
- Darkside Rising CIC are opening up health and fitness to women who have traditionally been left out.
- Next Chapter Scotland SCIO are supporting people across Scotland to move forward after being affected by the criminal justice system (CJS).

Restrictions

The following are not eligible for funding:

- CICs limited by shares.
- Non charitable CBSs that do not have an asset lock
- Organisations with an annual income of more than £500,000 in the previous completed financial year.



Eligible Expenditure

The funding is intended to help strengthen the organisation internally and help it to take the next step forward in its growth or sustainability.

This unrestricted funding can be used for any purpose, including core costs and capital funding.

The grant could help, for example, an organisation grow, increase internal capacity, serve new beneficiary groups, become more sustainable or more efficient, etc.

Applications for core costs must show how the funding will move the organisation forward rather than enabling 'business as usual'.

Location

UK

How To Apply

There are three funding rounds each year (Spring, Summer, Autumn).

The registration period for Autumn 2026 will open 8 July 2026 (12 noon) and close 15 July 2026 (12 noon).

Once open for registration, the application process is as follows:

- The first step is to register an interest on the Applying for Funding page which takes about two to three minutes.
- Registered applicants will receive confirmation that they have been allocated a place on the funding round. Details of how to apply will be included.
- If there are more applicants registered than places available, places will be allocated at random.
- There follows a three-stage application
 - Stage 1 - confirmed applicants have around three weeks to complete their application.
 - Stage 2 - online meeting for long listed applicants who are invited via email for a meeting with one of the Fore's Strategic Applicant Consultants.
 - Stage 3 - shortlisted applications go to the funding panels.
- Announcement of successful applicants is typically within 12 weeks of the application deadline.
- Unsuccessful applicants are offered feedback and can apply for future rounds.

The eligibility quiz, guidelines, frequently asked questions and case studies can all be found on The Fore's website.

Contact The Fore for further information.

[Apply for funding - The Fore](#)

Matrix Causes Fund

Funding body:	Matrix Chambers
Maximum value:	£ 13,500
Application deadline:	30/09/2026

Grants are available to UK charitable organisations which promote access to justice, equality of



opportunity, or a sustainable environment.

Background

The Matrix Causes Fund is a charitable fund administered by Prism and has committed over £2 million since 2003 to national and international charitable causes.

This is a restricted fund which means the Fund can only support organisations with charitable status.

Objectives of Fund

The funding is for projects that contribute to one or more of the following objectives:

- Access to justice
- Equality of opportunity
- Sustainable environment

Priority will be given to organisations:

- Based in London, and/or
 - Those whose focus is on supporting the needs of vulnerable persons such as:
 - People (particularly children) with disabilities
 - Women in refuges
 - Refugees and asylum seekers
 - People with mental health difficulties
 - Prisoners etc.
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Value Notes

Two levels of funding are available:

- One-off grants of up to £8,000. (This grant is available for international applicants and those based in the UK but are not a registered charity.)
- Multi-year grants of up to £5,000 a year for up to three years.

A maximum of 60 applicants (including a maximum of four international applicants) will be awarded a grant each year. Please note, the Fund receives 'thousands of enquiries each year'.

Who Can Apply

Applications will be accepted from organisations that meet all of the following four criteria:

- Have charitable or non-profit status.
- Registered with HMRC as an exempt charity / non-profit organisation (UK applications only).
- Has an income (from all sources, including grant income and trading income) of less than £500,000 per financial year.
- Have available financial resources of less than £500,000, e.g. money in the bank.

With a view to funding as wide a range of organisations as possible, priority will be given to those projects where the benefit can be most widely felt.

Restrictions

The following are not eligible for funding:

- General or core expenditure, including but not limited to staff salaries, overheads, marketing materials and general administrative costs associated with the day-to-day running of an organisation including insurances etc.
- Travel and accommodation costs, including international travel and any costs associated with meetings.
- Room hire, rent or utilities
- Items that only benefit the end user including basic items such as food, toiletries, sanitary



- items, mobile phones, mobile phone credit, uniforms, clothing, training and IT equipment.
- Out of pocket expenses / incidentals for volunteers or participants.
- Organisational set up costs, research and development costs, costs of developing guidelines etc.
- The cost of construction works, building materials or furniture.
- Items, services or support that would generally be provided by public bodies such as schools, the NHS, Legal Aid, local councils, governments etc.
- Retrospective costs.

Eligible Expenditure

The funding is to be used for:

- Specified items and services which fall outside an organisation's core activities, ie, related to a specific and time-limited project that would not otherwise be pursued.
- Project costs which can benefit many people and be long-lasting.
- IT costs related specifically to a project.
- Printing costs are only covered where there is a justifiable need for the materials to be printed rather than provided electronically, for example where the information is to be distributed in prisons.
- The cost of the training of trainers, and / or the training of people who will deliver a service to others, and where there are a large number of beneficiaries for whom the benefit is significant and long-term.

Location

United Kingdom

How To Apply

The criteria, terms and conditions and application form can be found on the Matrix Chambers website.

There are two funding cycles each year:

- Cycle 1: Applications are accepted between 1 January (10am) and 31 March (midday)
- Cycle 2: Applications are accepted between 1 July (10am) and 30 September (midday).

Each cycle will have a maximum of 30 applications accepted for funding, including a maximum of two applicants to organisations based outside of the UK i.e. a maximum of 60 applications per year including a maximum of four international grants.

Any applications submitted outside of the cycle windows will not be processed and should be resubmitted when the next cycle opens; they cannot be held on file.

Contact Matrix Chambers for further information.

[Matrix Causes Fund - Matrix Chambers](#)

Historic Environment Scotland - Partnership Fund

Funding body:	Historic Environment Scotland
Maximum value:	Discretionary
Application deadline:	14/08/2026



Grants are available for third-sector organisations in Scotland for projects and activities that deliver key strategic outcomes that are aligned with the policy aims of Historic Environment Scotland.

Background

The Partnership Fund is provided and administered by Historic Environment Scotland (HES). Following a public consultation in 2021, Historic Environment Scotland announced a new grant-making framework to guide future activities and streamline its application process. As part of this new framework, this fund will replace the Organisational Support Fund, and provide multi-year support to projects that align with HES' new grant priorities.

Objectives of Fund

This fund will support charities and other third-sector organisations delivering projects and activities that align with Historic Environment Scotland's Grant Priorities:

- Increase understanding of and engagement with Scotland's historic environment.
- Enhance communities' use of the historic environment in place-making.
- Strengthen the resilience of Scotland's historic environment.
- Use the historic environment as a catalyst for climate action.
- Increase the quality and availability of historic environment skills.
- Increase economic benefits from the historic environment sustainably and inclusively.

Value Notes

There is no minimum or maximum award specified. Funding will be awarded at the discretion of HES.

Match Funding Restrictions

As a guide, applicants should aim to request no higher than 50% funding from HES. Groups may request a higher intervention rate if necessary, and the individual circumstances of each organisation will be taken into account.

Who Can Apply

Third sector organisations that wish to deliver strategic outcomes with a national impact on Scotland's historic environment sector can apply.

To be eligible, activities proposed activities must:

- Be established activities with a track record of making a significant contribution to HES Grants Priorities, delivering national impact for Scotland's historic environment sector.
- Demonstrate alignment with national strategies for the historic environment and be aligned with wider national social, economic, and environmental priorities.
- Address a clear and demonstrable need or opportunity for Scotland's historic environment sector with is not being met by other organisations and cannot be delivered without financial support from Historic Environment Scotland.
- Offer good value for money, with an appropriate level of match funding.

Where applicable organisations must demonstrate that they can meet HES Fair Work First requirements.

Whilst there will be an open application process, the fund is designed to support a relatively small number of organisations to deliver established activities closely aligned with HES strategic priorities.

Restrictions

The following are not eligible for funding:



- General operational/core running costs not related to the delivery of the approved Activity Streams.
- Recoverable VAT.
- Work or activity without public benefit and clear link to HES' grants priorities.
- Retrospective costs.
- Organisational resilience projects (these should be applied for under the Historic Environment Grants Programme).
- Funding to build up organisational reserves.
- Organisations who are insolvent or in financial difficulty (as set out in the Subsidy Control Act 2022) or any other activities prohibited by the Act.

Eligible Expenditure

Funding will support a variety of activities, including but not limited to:

- Professional or volunteer training programmes addressing recognised historic environment skills gaps at a national level.
- Developmental, advocacy or capacity-building activities that enable the sector to achieve strategic outcomes in line with national priorities.
- Outreach activities or learning programmes that deliver high-impact outcomes for audiences across Scotland.

Funding can be used for direct costs and appropriate levels of indirect costs where these are associated with funded activities (ie not general core funding).

Funding can be used to support the costs of delivering up to three different areas of activity (Activity Streams) for up to three financial years (from 1 April to 31 March).

Location

Scotland

How To Apply

There is a two-stage application process:

- Applicants must first submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) through the online grant portal. The deadline to submit an Expression of Interest is 14 August 2026.
- Successful applicants will then be invited to submit a full application. The deadline for applications will be 11 September 2026.

Full guidance notes, a sample application form, and an online expression of interest are available from the HES website.

Contact HES for further information.

[Partnership Fund | Historic Environment Scotland](#)

Reducing Veteran Homelessness Programme 2026

Funding body:	Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust
Maximum value:	£ 1,250,000
Application deadline:	05/08/2026



Grants are available for UK registered charities, local authorities, registered social housing providers/social landlords/housing associations and CICs to strengthen supported housing services for veterans at risk of or experiencing homelessness.

Background

The Reducing Veteran Homelessness programme is provided by the Office for Veterans' Affairs (OVA) and managed by The Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust.

The programme aims to support the Government's ambition to reduce veteran homelessness and ensure veterans have access to the support they need, including housing.

Objectives of Fund

This programme is focused on strengthening supported housing provision for veterans experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness. It places particular emphasis on increasing the availability and quality of provision for those with more complex and higher levels of need, who may face the greatest challenges in accessing and sustaining accommodation.

The funding is for projects that meet the following outcomes:

- Veterans experiencing or at risk of homelessness achieve improved long-term housing stability, with reduced instances of repeat homelessness through access to appropriate supported housing and wraparound support.
- The supported housing system for veterans operates more effectively, with improved flow through services, reduced bottlenecks, and increased capacity; individual projects are expected to demonstrate how they contribute to these improvements, supporting quicker access to appropriate support and progression towards independent living.

Value Notes

The level of funding is linked to the level of need the project is designed to support:

- Grants of up to £1.25 million for organisations supporting veterans with high levels of complex and multiple needs.
- Grants of up to £750,000 for organisations supporting veterans with low to medium levels of need, or a combination of the two.

The funding is for projects up to two years and three months.

Who Can Apply

Applications are accepted from:

- Registered charities which can demonstrate relevant experience and engagement in the direct provision of housing for veterans for at least five years
- Registered social housing providers in England, registered social landlords in Scotland or Wales or Registered Housing Associations in Northern Ireland with at least five years' experience
- Local authorities
- Community Interest Companies (CICs) with relevant experience and engagement in the direct provision of supported housing for veterans for at least five years.

Restrictions

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Activities that duplicate statutory NHS or state provision (though short-term support can be given to veterans eg, access to addiction treatment).



- Capital projects for creating additional bed spaces.
- Refurbishment costs of existing facilities.
- Projects not benefiting veterans
- Activities or services that can be funded through rent or housing benefits.
- Projects, activities or services that the state has a legal obligation to provide.
- An entire projects that benefits only one person.
- Repeat or regular projects that require a source of uncommitted funding.
- Retrospective costs.

The full list of restrictions can be found in the guidance notes.

Eligible Expenditure

Grants can cover most costs associated with a project or activity.

The funding can be used for:

- Staff time to deliver the project.
- Volunteer costs and reasonable expenses.
- Reasonable travel costs, including to enable beneficiaries to take part.
- Session costs, materials and items to support the project such as art materials, supplies for a breakfast club, laptops or IT equipment to help with project delivery.
- Accessibility costs (interpreters, translation, accessible formats).
- Reasonable overheads which reflect the cost to the organisation of delivering this project.
- Partner costs for collaboration and knowledge-sharing.
- Evaluation and learning activities.

Location

UK

How To Apply

Applications are open. The deadline for applications is 5 August 2026 **(12 noon)**.

The relevant documents can be found on the Trust's website.

Contact the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust for further information.

[Reducing Veteran Homelessness programme - Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust](#)

James Tudor Foundation - Physical Health Grant

Funding body:	The James Tudor Foundation
Maximum value:	£ 25,000
Application deadline:	31/08/2026

Grants are available to UK-registered charities addressing physical health issues.

Background

The James Tudor Foundation was established in 2004 and funded by endowment, following the transfer of membership rights from BCWA Healthcare to the HSA Group (now Simplyhealth).

The Foundation now offers a revised grants programme after a review in April 2025:

- Physical Health: replaces the Medical Research programme.



- [James Tudor Foundation - Mental Health Grant](#) available from the merging of the previous Health Education and Relief of Sickness programmes.
- [James Tudor Foundation - Hospice Care Grant](#) now only available in South West England and South Wales.

International grants are now only made at the discretion of the trustees and the programme is no longer open to applications.

Objectives of Fund

The Foundation aims to support UK charities working in physical health, with a focus on therapeutic interventions, health information and direct healthcare. The fund's priorities are:

- Support charities that address unmet needs, demonstrate sector expertise, and have a clear, well-defined strategy.
- Charities providing condition-specific information.
- Organisations whose services are delivered by qualified specialist professionals.

Physical health charities in the UK are supported who work in the following areas:

- Therapeutic interventions for people living with acute, chronic, or degenerative physical conditions; people living with physical disabilities; and those recovering from life-changing injuries. The charities must provide evidence-based, NICE recommended therapies (e.g. physiotherapy, hydrotherapy, multidisciplinary rehabilitation programmes). Charities that provide services free of charge or at highly subsidised prices are prioritised.
- Specialist, single-condition charities that are national and provide information about a specific condition via nurse-led helplines and via digital and print materials. Charities that are members of the Patient Information Forum (PIF) and/or have PIF Tick certification are prioritised. Additionally, groups operating helplines are given preference if they are members of the Helplines Partnership or hold the Helplines Standard certification.
- Organisations whose sole focus is to provide direct healthcare services to marginalised communities. If funds allow, applications from homelessness charities with established mobile healthcare clinics will be considered.
- Air ambulance service (specified areas only).

Value Notes

Grants up to £25,000 are available.

Grants are usually for one year, but may occasionally be for three years.

Match Funding Restrictions

Match funding is not a specified requirement.

Who Can Apply

UK-registered healthcare charities may apply, but the organisation must have an annual income below £20 million and at least five years' audited or independently examined accounts.

The charities supported should:

- Provide disease-specific information and support services.
- Directly provide healthcare to their beneficiaries (e.g. run clinics, offer therapies, rehabilitation services and support).
- Be air ambulance groups operating in South West England, Wales, Scotland, and Northern Ireland

Restrictions



The following are not eligible for funding:

- ADHD.
- Autistic Spectrum Disorder.
- Communication disorders.
- Dementia.
- Intellectual disability.
- Learning disabilities.
- OCD.
- The charity delivers services internationally.
- Care home, cancer wellbeing charity, charity solely supporting carers.
- Community centre/community group.
- General health and wellbeing charity.
- Homelessness charity that does not have a dedicated healthcare programme.
- Hospice, hospital charity, leisure centre, profession-specific charity (including military/veterans), school (including SEN schools).
- Vision-support charity providing reablement services (i.e. independent living services, assistive technology, home visiting, etc.).
- Volunteer-run charity.
- Complementary therapies.
- Sports and fitness activities that are not intended as specialist rehabilitation programmes e.g. specialist assisted gyms, hydrotherapy pools, etc.
- Therapies that are not evidence based or NICE recommended.

Eligible Expenditure

The funding is flexible, designed to contribute towards overall service delivery. However, grants can also be made for a specific project.

Location

United Kingdom

How To Apply

The remaining 2026/27 rounds for expression of interest forms are:

- 1 July to 31 August (17:00) for consideration at the February 2027 board meeting
- 2 November to 11 December (17:00) for consideration at the June 2027 board meeting

There is a two-stage application process for applications:

- The first step is to submit an Expression of Interest. To access the Expression of Interest online form, groups **must** complete the relevant Eligibility Checker.
- Successful applicants will be invited to submit a full application.

Applications are only accepted via the website.

From 2026-27, board meetings will be held every four months (October, February and June).

Contact the James Tudor Foundation for further information.

[Physical Health Funding | James Tudor Foundation](#)



James Tudor Foundation - Mental Health Grant

Funding body:	The James Tudor Foundation
Maximum value:	£ 25,000
Application deadline:	31/08/2026

Grants are available to UK registered charities addressing mental health issues affecting children and young people, and adults.

Background

The James Tudor Foundation was established in 2004 and funded by endowment, following the transfer of membership rights from BCWA Healthcare to the HSA Group (now Simplyhealth).

The Foundation now offers a revised grants programme after a review in April 2025:

- Mental Health: available from the merging of the previous Health Education and Relief of Sickness programmes (the subject of this report)
- [James Tudor Foundation - Physical Health Grant](#) replaces the Medical Research programme.
- [James Tudor Foundation - Hospice Care Grant](#) now only available in South West England and South Wales.

International grants are now only made at the discretion of the trustees and the programme is no longer open to applications.

Objectives of Fund

The Foundation aims to support UK charities with a focus on mental health. Projects are funded to help children and young people recover from Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), plus support parents affected by ACEs, mental illness or addiction.

Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) are traumatic events in childhood that negatively affects mental health, and includes:

- Sexual abuse.
- Physical abuse or neglect.
- Emotional abuse or neglect.
- Living in a household where there is domestic violence.
- Living with a parent with substance abuse.
- Living with a parent who has a mental illness.
- Losing a parent through death, abandonment, or divorce.
- Having a parent in prison.

Value Notes

Grants up to £25,000 are available.

Grants are usually for one year, but may occasionally be for three years.

Match Funding Restrictions

Match funding is not a specified requirement.

Who Can Apply

UK-registered healthcare charities may apply for the Mental Health programme. The charity must have an annual income below £20 million and at least five-years' audited or independently-examined accounts.



The charities can be either regionally or nationally based.

Applications should demonstrate that the organisations is patient led in shaping, running and improving their services. Additionally, real impact through their own evaluations or independent research should be highlighted.

Projects should be evidence-based, trauma-informed interventions that will overcome and prevent ACEs. The programme supports children and young people affected by ACEs, plus parents (to help break the cycle of trauma across generations):

- **Children and young people**
 - Only charities that have a specialist, single focus on one or more of the following are supported: childhood sexual abuse; living in a household where there is domestic violence, and/or physical and/or emotional neglect; living with a parent who has a mental illness and/or substance abuse. Charities **must** have a 'children first' approach.
- **Parental support**
 - Specialist charities that solely focus on supporting parents and complex family challenges by delivering: help for parents to confront their own ACEs and help to break the intergenerational cycle of trauma and abuse; and help for families where a parent or caregiver has a mental illness or substance addiction (and is at risk of harming their children).

Restrictions

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Befriending.
- Entertainment activities.
- General mental wellbeing support.
- General parenting advice.
- Leisure activities.
- Mentoring.
- Social care programmes.
- Sports based activities.
- Wellbeing activities.

Eligible Expenditure

The funding is flexible, designed to contribute towards overall service delivery. However, grants can also be made for a specific project.

Location

United Kingdom

How To Apply

The remaining 2026/27 rounds for expression of interest forms are:

- 1 July to 31 August (17:00) for consideration at the February 2027 board meeting.
- 2 November to 11 December (17:00) for consideration at the June 2027 board meeting.

There is a two-stage application process for applications:

- The first step is to submit an Expression of Interest. To access the Expression of Interest online form, groups **must** complete the relevant Eligibility Checker.
- Successful applicants will be invited to submit a full application.
- Contact the James Tudor Foundation for further information.

[Mental Health Support Grant | James Tudor Foundation](#)



Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust

Funding body:	The Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust
Maximum value:	£ 5,000
Application deadline:	31/07/2026

Grants are available to registered UK charities that work with communities in the UK for projects that address specific categories set out by the Trust each year.

Background

The Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust offers funding to UK registered charities whose work takes place in the UK.

The funding is intended to support those in society who face the greatest challenges and whose opportunities are the most limited.

Objectives of Fund

The Trust operates a three-year rotation system, with different fields of interests being funded each year:

- In 2025, the first two rounds focused on Access to the Arts. The third and fourth rounds focused on Refugees and Asylum Seekers.
- **In 2026, the first two rounds will focus on People experiencing or at risk of homelessness. The third and fourth rounds will focus on unpaid carers.**
- In 2027, the first two rounds will focus on reducing loneliness for 60s and over. The third and fourth rounds will focus on mental health for young carers.

Value Notes

The Trust awards grants of either £1,000 or £5,000 depending on the grant round:

- Round 1 - £1,000
- Round 2 - £5,000
- **Round 3 - £1,000**
- Round 4 - £5,000

The level of grant awarded is determined by the income of the charity:

- Grants of £1,000 are available for charities with an operating income of between £100,000 and £1 million.
- Grants of £5,000 are available for charities with a minimum operating income of £1 million. There is no maximum level.

Charities may only apply for one grant per calendar year.

Who Can Apply

Organisations registered with the Charity Commission (England, Wales and Northern Ireland) or OSCR, or exempt from registration, can apply.

Restrictions

The following are not eligible for funding:



- Any not-for-profit organisation (eg social enterprise and community foundation) that is not a UK registered charity or organisation exempt from registration.
- Charities with an income of less than £100,000.
- Overseas projects.
- Capital projects, including churches, schools, hospitals, hospices, museums, galleries and theatres.
- Churches even when they are used by community groups.
- Schools, including activities.
- Village halls.
- Minibuses or other vehicles.
- Shopmobility.
- Charities involved with religion (including repair of church fabric).
- Charities involved with animals (welfare and conservation).
- Individuals, including individuals embarking on a trip overseas with a charitable organisation.
- Individual hospices.
- Students.
- Scouts, Guides, Cubs, Brownies.
- Sea Cadets.
- Holidays, including respite holidays.
- Salaries (unless the staff member is specifically employed for the project).

Eligible Expenditure

The Trust operates a three-year rotation system, with different fields of interests being funded each year.

Support will be available for the following priorities in 2026:

- Rounds 1 and 2 - People experiencing or at risk of homelessness: Focus will be given to projects that provide life skills, including food education, healthy living, and budgeting. Priority will be given to people leaving the armed forces, leaving prison, or care.
- Rounds 3 and 4 - Unpaid carers: Projects that provide therapeutic support, including healthy eating and outdoor activities. Projects must focus exclusively on unpaid carers, without extending services to other groups.

The project must fall within the relevant category for the year the application is submitted and organisations may only make one application during any one year.

Location

United Kingdom.

How To Apply

There are normally four application rounds per year with applications accepted for one month only, usually in February, April, July, and September. Charities can only apply for one round per calendar year.

Applicants should first read the guidelines and FAQs before starting the application process.

The online application form can be found on the Trust's website.

The Trust publishes a list of successful applicants after the trustee meetings. Those who have received funding will find their name on the Trust's website in the 'Successful Applicants' section.

[Home - The Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust](#)



Cycling UK - Cycle Access Fund (Scotland)

Funding body:	Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT)
Maximum value:	Discretionary
Application deadline:	Rolling

Grants are available to not-for-profit organisations, local authorities, educational establishments, bike repair organisations and bike recycling centres in selected local authority areas in South East Scotland, Central Scotland and Shetland for the purchase and repair of bikes for those experiencing hardship.

Background

The Cycle Access Fund for 2026/27 has been provided by three Scottish Regional Transport Partnerships:

- South East of Scotland Transport Partnership (SEStran).
- Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT).
- Shetland's Transport Partnership (ZetTrans).

The Fund is being administered by Cycling UK.

Objectives of Fund

The Fund aims to remove barriers to cycling for those least likely to have access to a bike.

Value Notes

Five funding strands are available:

- **Individual Bike Ownership** – to support organisations that work with adults that are struggling financially to purchase cycles for individuals. Funding for this strand is extremely limited.
- **Shared Use** – to support organisations to purchase cycles and equipment's for non-ownership options.
- **Recycle** – for bike repair organisations and bike recycling centres. Grants of up to £2,000 are available to be spent on £250 per bike and accessories package.
- **Repair** – for bike repair organisations and bike recycling centres. Grants of up to £2,000 are available to be spent on repairs of up to £100 per bike.
- **Cycle Parking and Storage** - to purchase and enhance existing facilities.

There is no limit to the number of funding strands that can be applied for.

Who Can Apply

A wide range of organisations are eligible for funding, including:

- Charities and social enterprises.
- Commercial businesses (eg, bike shops, bike repair and bike recycling centres).
- Local authorities.
- Educational establishments.
- Housing associations.

Organisations must be based in local authorities covered by SPT, ZetTrans or SEStrans.



Restrictions

The purchase of mountain bikes or BMX are not eligible for funding.

The following repairs are not eligible for funding:

- A sale of replacement parts without any repair work.
- Replacement or upgrade of existing safe and roadworthy components.
- Replacement or repair of removeable lighting accessories.
- Using the funding to contribute to the purchase of cycles or accessories.
- Any repairs to e-bike electronic units.
- Fleet repairs.
- Bike building.

Eligible Expenditure

- **Individual Bike Ownership** - Funding can be used for the purchase of up to 10 new or refurbished two-wheel cycles for individuals over 18 and non-standard cycles, including e-bikes for people with health conditions or mobility needs.
- **Shared Use** - Funding can be used for up to 10 cycles, including non-standard cycles, e-cycles and children's cycles that will enable the running of bike libraries, pool cycles, bike subscription schemes, loan cycles and bike share schemes.
- **Cycle parking and storage** - to purchase facilities such as a shed, shelter or cycle rack, or for enhancements to existing facilities, such as shelves, hooks or additional racks.

Funding is focused on the procurement of capital assets. However, proposals for complementary activities may be considered where there is a direct link to capital elements eg, bike maintenance costs in conjunction with procurement of bikes.

- **Recycle** - Funding can be used for the purchase of recycled bikes and accessories for donation, up to the value of £250 per bike and accessories package.
- **Repair** - Funding can be used for the costs of both parts or labour of bike repair for those struggling financially and can cover the following costs (up to the value of £100 per bike):
 - Repairing or replacing tyres, tubes, wheels, and related components.
 - Adjusting, repairing, or replacing braking system components.
 - Adjusting, repairing, or replacing transmission system components.
 - Repairing or replacing other essential components which prevent safe use of the cycle, for example, deteriorated grips or saddle.

Applications must demonstrate that the funding will be used to support those who are struggling financially and are least likely to have access to a cycle of their own or be able to cover the cost of repair.

Location

The following local authority areas are eligible for funding:

- Argyll and Bute (only Helensburgh and Lomond District).
- City of Edinburgh.
- Clackmannanshire.
- East Ayrshire.
- East Dunbartonshire.
- East Lothian.
- East Renfrewshire.
- Falkirk.
- Fife.



- Glasgow.
- Inverclyde.
- Midlothian.
- North Ayrshire.
- North Lanarkshire.
- Renfrewshire.
- Scottish Borders.
- Shetland Islands.
- South Ayrshire.
- South Lanarkshire.
- West Dunbartonshire.
- West Lothian.

How To Apply

The Individual Bike Ownership, Shared Use and Cycle Parking and Storage funding strands have a two-stage application process.

Recycle and Repair have a single-stage application process.

Expressions of Interest and applications for 2026/27 are now open.

The fund will close when funding has been fully allocated or on 31 March 2027, whichever occurs soonest.

Contact Cycling UK for further information.

[Cycle Access Fund | Cycling UK](#)

Opening Shot Scottish Film Development Programme - Partner Organisation Fund

Funding body:	Screen Scotland
Maximum value:	£ 5,000
Application deadline:	24/08/2026

Grants are available to give organisations in Scotland partnering with Astar Media the opportunity to bring a meaningful programme of filmmaking activity into their community.

Background

The Opening Shot programme is funded by Screen Scotland via its Talent Builder initiative, using funds from the National Lottery in partnership with the Scottish Government. The programme contributes to Screen Scotland's Strategy 2030/31, supporting content origination and skills development, and ensuring that access to filmmaking reaches a broad and diverse range of communities across Scotland.

The Opening Shot Partner Organisation Fund is delivered in partnership with Astar Media.

Objectives of Fund

The Partner Organisation Fund is intended to support local filmmakers to develop and produce



original short films within their communities. Participants will receive workshops, mentoring and ongoing guidance throughout the development and production process, culminating in a public screening of completed work. The programme also aims to build lasting creative opportunities by developing skills, supporting storytelling and strengthening engagement with Scotland's screen sector.

Value Notes

Each partner organisation will support four local filmmakers to develop and produce original short films, with £20,000 of funding allocated across the cohort. Partner organisations will also receive a £5,000 contribution towards local delivery costs.

Alongside financial support, participants will benefit from practical workshops, professional mentoring and ongoing guidance from Astar Media's programme team throughout the development and production process.

Who Can Apply

Applications will be accepted from organisations based in Scotland.

Opening Shot is particularly keen to receive applications from organisations who have access within their communities to groups who are underrepresented on screen and behind the camera, are based outside of Scotland's central belt, or organisations that have not accessed this kind of opportunity before.

Eligible Expenditure

The funding can be used to help meet local delivery costs including staff time, venue hire, screening costs and community engagement activity.

Location

Scotland

How To Apply

Applications must be submitted by the following deadlines:

- 24 August 2026
- 21 September 2026

Guidance notes and the online application form can be found on the Astar Media website.

[Short Films – Astar Media](#)

Scotland - Gambling Harm and Mental Health Fund

Funding body:	Scottish Government
Maximum value:	£ 30,000
Application deadline:	14/08/2026

Grants are available to not-for-profit organisations in Scotland to support community-based activity to further work on mental health and gambling harms, including a focus on suicide.



Background

This funding forms part of the £7.9 million allocated to Scotland through the UK-wide statutory Gambling Levy.

The fund is being administered by the Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland (the ALLIANCE) on behalf of the Scottish Government.

Objectives of Fund

This fund aims to:

- Raise awareness of gambling harm, how specified inequalities can cause or exacerbate poor mental health and/or suicidality, and the range of support available.
- Research and contextualise how specific inequalities are experienced within disadvantaged, marginalised and minoritised communities, and their links to gambling harm, poor mental health, and/or suicidality.
- Build capacity in community-based services to embed support around gambling harm, mental health, and/or suicidality.

Value Notes

There are two levels of funding available:

- New Applicants - Grants of up to £20,000 are available for up to six months.
- Returning Applicants - Grants of up to £30,000 are available for up to six months, where work is specifically building on learning from their previous Gambling Harms project.

Who Can Apply

The following can apply:

- Constituted not-for-profit organisations, such as charities, Community Interest Companies (CICs), and community groups with:
 - A minimum of three Directors/Trustees/Board Members, the majority of whom receive no payment from the organisation
 - A bank account in the name of the organisation that requires dual authorisation for transactions
 - Appropriate safeguarding policies and procedures
- Organisations must have a governing document which contains:
 - A charitable dissolution lock
 - Charitable objectives and powers aligned with the activity proposed
 - Stipulations ensuring that no more than 49% of board members (including trustees/directors) can be paid for services either in their capacity as a board member or as a staff member

Restrictions

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Organisations who are currently funded through the Gambling Levy in Scotland
- Unconstituted groups, individuals, public sector organisations, for-profit companies (including CICs limited by shares), or groups that do not meet governance requirements; such groups can be partners in projects, but cannot hold a grant themselves
- Public sector organisations, such as the NHS, Schools or Local Authorities cannot benefit financially from projects
- The purchase, repair, or refurbishment of capital items such as vehicles, buildings, land, or single items of equipment exceeding £2,000



- Costs incurred, or committed to, before a decision on the application is reached
- Speculative costs such as contingency
- Costs related to the sale or purchase of alcohol or gambling products
- Activity taking place outwith Scotland, including overseas trips
- The repayment of loans or payment of debts
- The advancement of religion or politics. Faith-based organisations that meet eligibility criteria are welcome to apply for activity, provided the proposed activity is sufficiently separate from their faith promotion and can demonstrate both engagement and benefit beyond their existing faith community
- Work that focuses on or promotes a specific medication
- Work that takes place within school curriculum time or that is used to evidence pupils' meeting outcomes under curriculum for excellence
- Projects in which the funded activity will not be able to start on 1 October 2026 and be completed by 31 March 2027
- Organisations who do not have a track record of meaningful work in the community where they are proposing their project takes place
- Organisations that do not want to share learning from their project

Eligible Expenditure

Funding is intended for projects that:

- Are embedded in the community or have strong relationships with those that they want to undertake work with
- Have experience working with the specific social, economic or environmental factor that they have identified their project will be exploring
- Have a focus on or understanding and/or supporting the mental health needs of individuals or communities
- Take place in Scotland
- Can start by 1 October 2026 and be completed by 31 March 2027
- Are committed to sharing their project learning

All applicants must show how their work will target one of the following communities impacted by gambling harms and poor mental health:

- Socioeconomically disadvantaged communities (or SIMD)
- Rural and island communities
- LGBTQ+ communities
- Racially minoritised communities
- Gypsy/Traveller communities
- Neurodivergent people
- Refugee/Asylum seekers
- People with disabilities (including physical disabilities, sensory impairments and long-term health conditions)

Projects should explore gambling harm and mental health in relation to one of the following wider social, economic or environmental factors:

- Financial insecurity (including debt, food insecurity and unstable employment)
 - Housing insecurity
 - Substance use or other behavioural harms
 - Social isolation
 - Gender
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How To Apply

The deadline for applications is 14 August 2026.

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

Contact the ALLIANCE for further information.

[The Gambling Harm and Mental Health Fund is now open - Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland](#)

Delamere Dairy Foundation

Funding body:	Delamere Dairy Foundation
Maximum value:	£ 5,000
Application deadline:	31/07/2026

Grants are available to charitable and community organisations in England, Scotland and Wales to support projects that deliver benefits for local communities.

Background

The Delamere Dairy Foundation, established in October 2020, is an independent registered charity that provides discretionary grants and other financial assistance to community organisations in Great Britain.

Objectives of Fund

The funding is intended to support the work of charities and organisations whose purpose fits with the objects of the Delamere Dairy Foundation for the benefit of the public, namely:

- The advancement of agriculture and of environmental protection.
 - The advancement in life of young people by developing their capabilities so that they may mature as contributory members of society.
 - The relief of financial hardship.
 - The advancement of education.
 - The relief of sickness.
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Value Notes

Grants of between £1,000 and £5,000 are available.

Charities and organisations may apply once per calendar year.

If project-based funding is being applied for, then the project must last no more than 12 months.

Who Can Apply

Applications will be accepted from charities, community groups and social enterprises based in England, Scotland and Wales.

To be eligible the organisation must:

- Have a constitution or governing document.
- Have a bank account.

New groups without a constitution or bank account will need to nominate an established group that



will be responsible for holding and administering the grant on their behalf.

Eligible Expenditure

Grant requests to support a range of costs and activities will be considered, for community projects that align with the values of the Delamere Dairy Foundation.

Location

England, Scotland and Wales

How To Apply

There are usually two funding rounds per year, one in the Spring and the other in the Autumn.

The next deadline for applications is 31 July 2026.

Guidance notes and the online application form can be found on the Delamere Dairy Foundation website.

Contact Delamere Dairy Foundation for further information.

[Home - Delamere Dairy Foundation](#)

