

# 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' 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 Claire Bryan on [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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## Fight for Sight Social Change Fund

Funding body:	Fight for Sight
Maximum value:	£ 30,000
Application deadline:	14/10/2024

**Grants are available for not-for-profit organisations in the UK to deliver innovative and sustainable projects that support and empower children and young people living in the UK who are blind and vision impaired.**

### **Background**

Fight for Sight is the operating name of British Eye Research Foundation, a registered charity in England and Wales. The charity funds both scientific research that advances the understanding, prevention, diagnosis and treatment of eye disease as well as social change projects and programmes that drive connections, build confidence and understand what it means to be blind and vision impaired with a focus on delivering lasting change. This is an evidence-led funder who bases decisions on where the funding will have the greatest impact.

### **Objectives of Fund**

The funding is for projects that support and empower children and young people who are blind and vision impaired with the tools to live independent and fulfilling lives.

The work needs to build social, digital and self-advocacy skills, so that vision impaired children and young people feel connected with each other, with their sighted peers, and with the wider communities around them.

There is particular interest in applications from organisations who are collaborating in order to share best practice, deliver at scale or meet previously unmet need.

### **Value Notes**

Grants of up to £30,000 are available.

### **Who Can Apply**

Applications will be considered from



- UK registered charities
- Registered Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIO)
- Charitable companies, limited by guarantee
- Community Interest Companies (CIC), limited by guarantee
- Exempt charities (eg, educational establishments)

Applicants must directly support people who are blind and vision impaired or those who are at risk of losing sight.

The funder is keen to hear from organisations of all sizes that are based in the community, people-powered, and are working to achieve local change.

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### ***Eligible Expenditure***

To be eligible, projects should address the following key priorities:

#### **Social connections**

- Programmes that encourage children and young people to forge long-lasting friendships and connections over time. This could involve connecting vision impaired children with one another based on shared interests or with sighted young people in their communities.
- Programmes that develop social skills that will ultimately facilitate and increase connections confidence in getting out and about, interacting in different places and with different people, engaging in group activities and pursuing hobbies and interests. This might be through creative or cultural activities.
- Physical activities, including exercise and sports-based programmes that bring people together and facilitate improvements in well-being, resulting in young people feeling more confident and physically comfortable in getting out and about and being active.

#### **Digital inclusion**

- Programmes that increase young people's confidence in using technologies that can facilitate independence when out and about. This could include training and / or demonstrations of navigational apps.
- Projects that use technology in innovative ways to improve self-confidence and encourage creativity and connection. This might include programmes to experiment with podcast creation, video editing, or experimenting safely with social media.
- Projects that provide technology training to lay foundations for employment and volunteering opportunities.

#### **Personal resilience and self-advocacy**

- Programmes that equip children and young people with the skills to confidently and safely navigate different environments, and interact with others, including articulating the reasonable adjustments or support they need.
- Workshops for parents and families to explore entitlements for younger children in education and beyond, and to offer advice for accessing different levels of support.
- Services to help children and young people and their families through specialist counselling or psychological support.



This is not a definitive list of projects. The funder welcomes applications that present additional innovative and creative ideas for projects under these three key priority areas.

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### **Location**

UK

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### **How To Apply**

**Applications are now open with a deadline of 14 October 2024 (23:59).**

The guidance notes, online application form and project proposal guidelines can be found on the Fight for Sight website.

Contact Fight for Sight for further information.

[The Social Change Fund from Fight for Sight](#)

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## **Bank of Scotland Foundation - Enable Programme**

Funding body:	Bank of Scotland Foundation
Maximum value:	£ 90,000
Application deadline:	11/09/2024

**Grants are available to registered charities in Scotland that support vulnerable groups for community volunteering projects.**

### **Background**

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

In support of this strategy, the Foundation launched three new grants programmes in 2024, each of which offer multi-year funding:

- **Enable** (the subject of this report) is an innovative, joint grants programme with Lloyds Banking Group aimed at boosting community volunteering. Funding will be provided to charities to support projects delivered through volunteers, with Lloyds Banking Group's colleagues across Scotland volunteering their time and skills to help deliver the projects and support the charities.
- [Bank of Scotland Foundation - Energise Programme](#) (now closed) is a multi-year grants programme supporting small and local charities who are alive to the real issues on the ground. Available to new (and more established) charities, this programme offers unrestricted funding enabling charities to use their grants in the way that helps them best.



- [Bank of Scotland Foundation - Empower Programme](#) (now closed) offers real security and certainty for charities with funding over three years. Collaborating with Lloyds Banking Group, the aim is to identify opportunities to add strategic value for funded charities and help them grow stronger and thrive beyond the lifetime of their grant.

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### **Objectives of Fund**

The focus of the Enable programme is exclusively on funding charities that work with vulnerable individuals. This targeted focus comes as the current economic situation continues to impact charities and at-risk groups throughout Scotland. The programme aims to allow the creation of volunteering initiatives through the provision of funding and volunteers.

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### **Value Notes**

The programme offers both grants and volunteers from Lloyds Banking Group.

Three-year grants are available.

Three levels of funding are available:

- £30,000 (£10,000 per year for three years).
- £60,000 (£20,000 per year for three years).
- £90,000 (£30,000 per year for three years).

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### **Who Can Apply**

Charities registered in and operating within Scotland can apply.

Charities must:

- Have a minimum of two year's accounts lodged and checked at OSCR.
- Have an annual income of less than £500,000.
- Put vulnerable people at the heart of their work.

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### **Restrictions**

The following are not eligible to apply:

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



## **Eligible Expenditure**

Restricted funding for volunteering projects, costs and initiatives is available.

The following costs are eligible for funding:

- Volunteer database costs.
- Volunteer transport costs.
- Volunteer Manager salaries/partial salaries of charity employees whose role is to support volunteers.
- Volunteer training.
- Volunteer protective equipment/clothing/badges.
- Volunteer out-of-pocket expenses eg, drinks/meals.
- Volunteer insurance.
- Volunteer administration eg, newsletters, meetings.
- Volunteer advertising and recruitment costs.

Funding can also be used to purchase materials for activities that volunteers are delivering, such as:

- Plants/fencing for a sensory garden that volunteers will be building.
- iPads for volunteer counsellors to hold online counselling sessions.
- Fridges for a foodbank manned by volunteers.
- Supplies for a volunteer-led arts and crafts therapy group.

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## **Location**

Scotland

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## **How To Apply**

**The deadline for applications is 11 September 2024 (noon).**

There is a four-stage application process:

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

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

Contact the Bank of Scotland Foundation for further information.





## idverde Community Investment Fund (with Crowdfunding)

Funding body:	idverde UK
Maximum value:	£ 1,000
Application deadline:	Not specified

**Grants are available to not-for-profit groups who can raise their initial funding through a crowdfunding campaign for projects that improve local green space or the public realm, enhance the local environment and boost the wellbeing of local people.**

### ***Background***

The idverde Community Investment Fund (with Crowdfunding) is provided by idverde UK, in partnership with crowdfunding platform Spacehive. The fund supports community-led projects in the areas where idverde work to make improvements to the outdoor environment.

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

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

The funding is intended to support not-for-profit groups, societies and schools with projects that will improve their local green space or the public realm.

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### ***Value Notes***

A total fund of £40,000 is available each year.

Grants of up to £1,000 can be awarded.

**Idverde UK could pledge up to a maximum of £1,000 towards an individual project.**

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

The fund is open for applications from formally constituted, not-for-profit groups, such as charities, volunteer groups, forums, sports teams, societies and schools.

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### ***Restrictions***

Private schools, allotments, or anywhere where access is restricted or payment is needed to get in cannot be funded.





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### **Eligible Expenditure**

Funding is available for projects will make an improvement to a public open space. This could be a park, playing field, recreation ground, playground, nature reserve, wood or even a cemetery.

The space must be freely accessible to all members of the public. The improvement could be better facilities (a new swing), or improving its appearance (new plants and shrubs) or making it easier for everyone to enjoy (wheelchair access) or making it more of a home for wildlife (bug hotels).

Projects must be based in areas where idverde currently operates a contract.

Funding can be granted for a variety of projects and activities, including promotion, marketing, and education, as well as practical equipment, materials and running costs.

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### **Location**

UK wide (in areas where idverde already works for the Council or the local Housing Association)

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### **How To Apply**

Applications can be made at any time and are assessed on a rolling basis. Applicants are advised to submit their application early in the year as the funding pot is limited.

The first step to apply for funding is to create a project page on Spacehive and get it verified. Applicants can then launch their crowdfunding campaign.

Full details can be found on the 'idverde Community Investment Fund' page on the Spacehive website.

Groups should contact idverde or Spacehive for further information.

[idverde Community Investment Fund - Home \(spacehive.com\)](https://www.spacehive.com/idverde-community-investment-fund)

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## **Corra Foundation - Henry Duncan Grants**

Funding body:	Corra Foundation
Maximum value:	£ 40,000
Application deadline:	30/10/2024

**Unrestricted grants are available for women-led grassroots charities in Scotland that are delivering programmes or services that are focused on supporting women and girls, particularly those who have experienced gender based violence.**

**Further details**



## **Background**

**Corra** Foundation, a Scottish grantmaking charity, focuses on strengthening and amplifying people's voices and their power to make change. Grants are awarded to registered charities in Scotland delivering programmes or services that are clearly focused on improving the quality of life for people who are disadvantaged.

In March 2020, the Foundation launched its new 10-year strategy which included a new approach to the £1 million a year Henry Duncan Grants programme.

The main changes were:

- A move to multi-year grants of up to five years.
- Greater flexibility, with grants unrestricted wherever possible.
- Lighter touch processes.
- A rolling programme of micro grants.
- Continuing to have a broad focus, but with yearly themes.

To make the biggest impact it can, the grants programme focuses on a different theme each year.

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## **Objectives of Fund**

There are two different types of Henry Duncan Grants in 2024:

### **Grants for Women-Led Organisations:**

- Unrestricted funding for women-led organisations supporting women and girls (aged 12+) who have experienced gender-based violence.
- Work could include the prevention of gender-based violence, supporting women and girls currently experiencing gender-based violence or working with survivors.

### **Grants for Women-Led Black, Asian, and Minority Ethnic-Led Organisations:**

- Unrestricted funding for women-led Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic organisations focused on issues affecting women and girls (aged 12+) in their communities.
- There is particular interest in women led organisations within the Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic communities whose work includes addressing the impacts of violence against women and girls, although this is not a requirement for an organisation to apply.

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## **Value Notes**

There is a total of £865,000 for this round.

Grants of up to £8,000 per year for up to five years (a total of £40,000) are available.

It is expected that approximately 21-25 organisations will receive a grant.



In recognition of historic inequity in funding, Corra will commit 50% of this fund budget to support organisations that are led by women from Black, Asian, and Minority Ethnic communities. (This includes Gypsy and Traveller communities.)

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### **Who Can Apply**

Charities registered with OSCR or not-for-profit organisations registered with Companies House (including CICs and social enterprises) can apply.

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Have an income of up to £250,000.
- Be a registered charity or a constituted group with governing documents that state that they:
  - Are a not-for-profit organisation or have a clear clause ensuring that all income is applied to the organisation's purposes and not distributed to members, shareholders or owners.
  - Have a dissolution clause/lock in place requiring assets are distributed to an organisation with similar charitable aims in the instance of closure.
  - Have at least three directors/committee members and no one person has majority control.
- Be delivering work that supports women and/or girls (aged 12+) and have been for at least a minimum period of 12 months, and
- Listens to and involves women and/or girls in their work, ensuring the voices and views of their service users are heard.
- Have a bank account in the organisation's name.
- Have a safeguarding policy in place.

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### **Restrictions**

Funding is not available for the following:

- Charities with an income of more than £250,000.
- Organisations that are not established as not-for-profit.
- Organisations based outside Scotland.
- One organisation applying on behalf of another.
- Organisations applying for retrospective funding.
- Organisations whose work is party-political.
- Organisations delivering statutory work – for example mainstream activity in schools.
- Organisations applying for funding to support work that involves the promotion of religion (Religious organisations are welcome to apply if they can demonstrate that the work does not promote religion).
- Individuals.

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### **Eligible Expenditure**

The funding is unrestricted, and organisations can use their grant to deliver any aspect of their work with women and girls (age 12+).



The funding can be used for new project ideas, help to continue an existing project, or support general running costs, for example paying staff, rent or overheads. The way a grant is used can change from year to year.

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### **Location**

Scotland

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### **How To Apply**

There is one funding round for this year's theme.

Applications open on 4 September 2024 and close on 30 October 2024 (**12noon**). Notification of decisions is expected by 28 February 2025.

All information, including the full criteria and online application form, can be found on the Corra Foundation website.

The Corra Foundation are hosting online information sessions for potential applicants on the following dates:

- 11 September 2024 (14:00 - 15:30).
- 12 September 2024 (10:00 - 11:30).
- 17 September 2024 (17:30 - 19:00).

Groups can register for the sessions through [Eventbrite](#).

Contact the Corra Foundation for further information.

[Henry Duncan Grants - Corra Foundation](#)

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## **Sea-Changers Grant Programme**

Funding body:	Sea-Changers
Maximum value:	£ 2,500
Application deadline:	<b>30/09/2024</b>

**One-off grants are available to UK-based marine conservation charities and not-for-profit organisations for projects that address specific marine conservation areas.**

### **Background**

Sea-Changers is the UK charity dedicated to raising money for UK-based marine conservation. Its vision is to create a world where the seas and shores are clean and healthy and marine species are protected.



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### **Objectives of Fund**

Sea-Changers aims to promote, for the benefit of the public, the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural marine environment and promote marine bio-diversity.

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### **Value Notes**

Two levels of funding are available:

- Small Grants programme - up to £500.
- Main Grants programme - between £500 and £2,500.

The grants are paid by bank transfer or cheque to the successful projects.

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### **Match Funding Restrictions**

Match funding is not required.

Sea-Changers will consider partial funding of projects where other funds are being sought or are already in place.

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### **Who Can Apply**

Marine conservation charities and not-for-profit organisations, including schools, based and working in the UK are eligible to apply.

Organisations that have previously received funding can reapply, but generally only as long as it is for a new project.

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### **Restrictions**

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Continual funding (the charity will only award one-off grants).
- Projects that have a political aim.
- Applications solely to fund administrative or core operating costs.
- Retrospective projects or funding.
- Individuals or causes that will benefit only one person.
- General appeals or circulars.
- Capital costs for building work or refurbishment.
- Projects partly or wholly outside the British Isles.

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### **Eligible Expenditure**

There is particular interest in grassroots projects which galvanise community action and in projects which increase the number of people taking action for marine conservation.

Projects must take place within the UK and address one of the following objectives:



- To address the root causes of marine conservation threats and challenges in the UK.
- To prevent or reduce negative impacts on UK coastal and marine environments and/or species.
- To add to the body of knowledge about marine conservation threats and challenges in the UK.

All funding recipients will be expected to provide data and results from research projects undertaken as a result of SeaChangers grant funding to Sea-Changers and share with appropriate marine databases when completed.

**Location**

United Kingdom

**How To Apply**

The Small Grants Programme is currently open. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and reviewed regularly.

The Main Grants programme has two application rounds per year with deadlines of 31 March and 30 September.

The application forms and guidelines are available on the Sea-Changers website.

All applications will be acknowledged and results will be communicated after the grant panel has made their final decision. For the Main Grants programme this is usually 8-10 weeks after the application deadline, for the Small Grants programme it is sooner.

[Marine Conservation Charity UK | Sea-Changers](#)

**Armed Forces Families Fund: Early Years Programme**

Funding body:	Ministry of Defence (MoD)
Maximum value:	£ 50,000
Application deadline:	20/11/2024

Grants are available for projects lasting up to two years which help enhance early childhood education and childcare settings of young children from Armed Forces families.

**Background**

Under this programme, Armed Forces Covenant Trust is awarding grants on behalf of the Ministry of Defence (MOD)'s Armed Forces Families Fund.



## **Objectives of Fund**

The funding is intended to help Armed Forces families access good quality early childhood education and childcare provision that is located close to where they are living or serving.

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## **Value Notes**

Grants of £5,000 to £50,000 are available for projects lasting up to two years.

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## **Who Can Apply**

There are two ways to apply for a grant under this programme.

- Single Applications: Settings with 50% or more Service children on roll for the duration of the project can apply as a single application.
- Groups or Clusters: Setting with less than 50% Service children on roll may apply as part of a 'cluster'. This would include working with at least one more eligible setting in the area, which also has small numbers of Service children on roll. For a 'cluster' application, one nursery setting, or the local authority, would need to be the lead applicant.

Applicant organisations must be based and registered in the UK, be a registered charity, a CIC, or a company limited by guarantee, or a local authority in one of the four countries of the UK.

Single applications will be accepted from:

- Early childhood education and childcare providers operating where Armed Forces families live or work and must offer group-based childcare and have at least 50% of Service children on roll.
- Local authorities who wish to supply specific training to early childhood education and childcare providers supporting Service children aged 0-5 years.
- An appropriately constituted organisation which provides training for setting staff to support Service children.

They must be registered with, and inspected by, one of the following.

- Ofsted (England)
- Care Inspectorate (Scotland)
- Care Inspectorate (Wales)
- Early Years Teams within Health and Social Care Trusts (Northern Ireland)

Settings with less than 50% Service children on roll could apply as a cluster by submitting a group bid on behalf of two or more setting with smaller numbers of Service children.

Those forming a cluster can apply for:

- Staff training with an Armed Forces focus.
- Funding for a shared resource, such as a roving Armed Forces Early Years Support Worker.

Applications will also be considered from private limited companies that have been registered, and been working in the Early Years sector, for at least three years.





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## **Restrictions**

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Existing staff posts. If staffing costs are included the applicant must be able to evidence that this is a new activity to benefit Service children, e.g. a part time person goes to full time whilst they grow their numbers to sustain additional wages.
- Projects not benefiting people from the Armed Forces community.
- Large scale refurbishments, changes to infrastructure or projects that would be classed as having capital costs.
- Projects that do not clearly meet the aims of the programme.
- Projects that are not targeted to the young children from Armed Forces families, or that provide benefits to ineligible beneficiaries that are more than incidental.
- Where money only benefits one person.
- Making grants or donations of money or items of value to individuals or families.
- Repeat or regular projects that require a source of uncommitted funding.
- Endowments (to provide a source of income).
- Topping up existing grants and aid from a government department.
- Investments.
- Fundraising costs, including organising fundraising events and activities.
- Paying for ongoing costs of existing partnership activity.
- Projects, activities or services that the state has a legal obligation to provide.
- Retrospective funding for projects that have already started or taken place.
- Excessive management or professional fees or contingency costs.
- Purchasing or leasing of vehicles.
- Purchase of any live animals or insects, for example worms for a wormer

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## **Eligible Expenditure**

The funder is looking for projects that can deliver sustainable change. Applicants will need to demonstrate evidence to support the approach that they seek to take, and how people from Armed Forces communities have helped to shape this.

Projects must clearly benefit Armed Forces families with a child under 5 by enhancing their access to high quality childcare.

To be eligible, projects need to contribute to at least one of the following three outcomes:

- Increased capacity at the setting to allow more Service children to attend.
- Better learning environments for Service children.
- Have provided appropriate training and development to staff to support Service children.

Grants may be used to cover:

- Temporary uplift in staff hours (in line with current legislation) to support more Service children being able to access the setting.
- Training opportunities for staff.
- Temporary use of agency staff or uplift from part time to full time to enable permanent staff training opportunities that benefit the Service children.



- Staff time for this fixed-term project. This could be direct project work or for admin or to manage volunteers that may be involved in the project.
- Sessional staff or freelancers that may be needed to run the project and activity.
- Reasonable travel costs including fares or mileage for project staff and volunteers to enable participation in the project (this would not include the costs for Service children to attend the Early Years setting).
- Purchasing items that can enable activities to take place.
- Reasonable overheads, which reflect the cost to the organisation of delivering this project, taking account of recent cost increases

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**Location**

UK

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**How To Apply**

There will be two application rounds:

- The deadline for round 1 has now passed.
- **The deadline for round 2 is 20 November 2024 (12 noon) for a decision before the end of March 2025**

The programme guidance, FAQs and the online application form can be found on the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust website.

Contact Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust for more information.

[Armed Forces Families Fund: Early Years programme 2024-25 : Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust](#)

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**Arts Award Access Fund**

Funding body

Funding body:	Arts Council England
Maximum value:	£ 1,500
Application deadline:	04/10/2024

**Small grants are given to Arts Award centres in the United Kingdom working with young people from disadvantaged backgrounds to enable them to achieve an Arts Award.**

**Further details**

**Background**

The Access Fund is designed to help registered Arts Award centres who would not otherwise be able to complete Arts Award due to a lack of funds. It is managed by Trinity College London in association



with Arts Council England and was launched in 2005. It is now flourishing in arts centres, colleges and schools, community projects, libraries, galleries, local authorities, theatres, youth clubs and youth justice settings.

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### **Objectives of Fund**

The grant can be used for the following:

- Discover, Explore or Bronze logs.
- Fees for workshops with a professional or specialist.
- General art materials, printing costs, etc.
- Tickets for events.
- Travel to and from a venue.
- Contribution towards the costs of Gold leadership projects.
- Hire of specialist equipment or specialist venue.
- Adviser/project management/staff time.
- Discover certificates.
- Moderation costs for Explore, Bronze, Silver and Gold.
- Specific access requirements eg BSL/other translators; assistive technology specifically related to the Arts Award project (where renting is not cost effective).

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### **Value Notes**

Grants of between £100 and £1,500 are available.

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### **Match Funding Restrictions**

Match funding is not a stipulated requirement of the scheme.

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### **Who Can Apply**

Applications from all registered Arts Award centres based in the United Kingdom are accepted. Priority will be given to centres that:

- Are working with young people who experience barriers to access and inclusion.
- Will use the grant to support them to pilot, embed or develop their Arts Award work with these group.

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### **Eligible Expenditure**

Costs associated with staff, projects, equipment, training and workshops.

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### **Location**

United Kingdom

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### **How To Apply**

The funder will operate one round of the Arts Award Access Fund per year.



The current round is open until 4 October 2024.

[How to apply for the Access Fund \(artsaward.org.uk\)](https://artsaward.org.uk)

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## SCVO LISTED FUNDING

### Creative Scotland - Touring Fund for Theatre and Dance

#### Details

The purpose of the Fund is to support touring of high-quality theatre and dance (including outdoor, circus, interdisciplinary and site-specific work). This can include remounts of previously successful shows, shows which have previously undergone research and development, and tourable work that is yet to be produced. The aim of this fund is to support a range of work of different scales to tour throughout Scotland, and to help the touring sector engage with and develop audiences. The fund also aims to support work created by a diverse range of artists, companies and producers, and for a diverse range of audiences.

**Geographical areas funded:** Scotland

<b>Type of funding:</b>	Grant
<b>Type of cost:</b>	Capital, Revenue
<b>Minimum:</b>	Not specified
<b>Maximum:</b>	Not specified

#### Annually awarded:

£2,000,000

#### Notes on award amounts:

The overall budget for this round of the Touring Fund for Theatre and Dance is £2,000,000. There are no minimum and maximum limits on how much you can apply for. Funding will be awarded at the levels requested by applicants.

#### Who can apply

All applicants must be based in Scotland and involved in the production and/or touring of live theatre and dance. We will accept applications from: Individual dance and theatre artists, companies and organisations. Independent dance and theatre producers on their own, to create an individual piece of work or on behalf of artists. Consortia of venues for a shared programme of named touring work.



## When to apply

Application deadline 2pm, Wednesday 18 September 2024 Decisions sent to applicants week commencing 25 November 2024 Touring activity to take place from Spring 2025

Next deadline: 18 Sep 2024

## How to apply

Full guidance is available on the Creative Scotland website. Apply online using their application portal.

[Touring Fund for Theatre and Dance | Creative Scotland](#)

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## The Leathersellers' Small Grants Programme

### Details

The small grants programme supports small charities providing vital services to the most vulnerable members of our community. Your organisation must be currently supporting vulnerable people in geographical areas of high deprivation.

**Geographical areas funded:** [Scotland](#) [UK](#)

<b>Type of funding:</b>	Grant
<b>Type of cost:</b>	Revenue
<b>Minimum:</b>	Not specified
<b>Maximum:</b>	£5,000

### Who can apply

The Leathersellers' Small Grants Programme 2024-25 will consider applications from charities and Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIOs) registered and operating in the UK. They will not consider applications from Community Interest Companies (CICs).

### Maximum annual income:

£200,000

### When to apply

Apply now. There are 8 application windows throughout the year and each window will close when 40 applications have been received.



## How to apply

Apply online via the Leathersellers' Company website.

If applications are closed, you can download an offline version of the application form to complete once they next reopen.

## Exclusions

They do not fund:

- Community Interest Companies (CICs)
- Capital projects
- Medical research
- Hospices
- Services that charge participants for access, irrespective of a person's ability to pay

If you have received a small grant from the Leathersellers' previously, you must wait 12 months from the offer date before you may reapply at this time. This also applies to rejection dates and any subsequent applications.

[Small Grants - \(leathersellers.co.uk\)](http://leathersellers.co.uk)

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## The W.G. Edwards Charitable Foundation

### Details

The Trustees are interested in supporting a diverse range of charities which support older people over the age of 65, from large institutions to small community-run organisations.

Grants are loosely divided into Health and Community categories:

- Health and welfare: grants for refurbishment of residential care housing for the elderly and for building projects which are nearing completion. Trustees also consider the provision of equipment and furniture to enhance care and improve quality of life.
- Community and innovation: supports community initiatives for the over-65s such as exercise classes, horticultural projects and musical therapy. They also consider grants for technology



projects aimed at benefitting the over-65s, however they do not fund IT for staff or volunteers.

**Geographical areas funded:** Scotland UK

<b>Type of funding:</b>	Grant
<b>Type of cost:</b>	Capital
<b>Minimum:</b>	Not specified
<b>Maximum:</b>	Not specified

**Annually awarded:**

£130,545

**Notes on award amounts:**

Around 70 organisations each year are successful in obtaining grants usually between £1000 to £3000. The average grant is £1,500.

Annual total for UK from 2023 accounts. They gave 11 grants totalling £15,550 to organisations in Scotland.

**Who can apply**

The Foundation award funds to UK registered charities that have been registered with OSCR for at least two years.

**Maximum annual income:**

£100,000

**When to apply**

There are four application rounds each year as follows:

- 1 - 10 March (for meeting in April)
- 1 - 10 June (for meeting in July)
- 1 - 10 September (for meeting in October)
- 1 - 10 December (for meeting in January)

Late applications may be carried over to the following meeting.

Next deadline: 10 Sep 2024





## How to apply

Apply by email at the address provided. Your application should be a maximum of four A4 pages, including a budget or costs on a single document. See the Foundation's website for full guidance for what to include in your application.

## Exclusions

- Funding sought in retrospect
- Buying or leasing transport, ie. minibuses
- Salaries
- General campaigns
- Revenue funding, ie. items for everyday use
- Building projects in the planning stages
- IT which is for the use of administration
- Rent

If your charity has received a previous grant, please wait three years before applying for another grant.

[W.G.Edwards Charitable Foundation \(wgedwardscharitablefoundation.org.uk\)](http://wgedwardscharitablefoundation.org.uk)

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## Corra Foundation - Local Support Fund Micro Grants

### Details

The Local Support Fund Micro Grants (LSF Micro) are part of the Scottish Government's National Drugs Mission Funds, administered by the Corra Foundation. LSF Micro is for grassroots and community-based groups in Scotland, which deliver frontline services to support people who use or used drugs, people in recovery and/or families affected by someone else's drug use.

This fund is designed to help these groups by providing grants which will offer some financial security. This is intended to help with planning and delivering support to improve the wellbeing of people who use substances, people in recovery and their families.

Funding can support day to day running costs, project costs, training, new or existing activities, small pieces of equipment, expansion costs, etc.



## Fund type

<b>Type of funding:</b>	Grant
<b>Type of cost:</b>	Capital, Revenue, Core costs
<b>Minimum:</b>	£1,000
<b>Maximum:</b>	£20,000

### Notes on award amounts:

Between £1,000 - £20,000 is available per year for up to three years.

### Who can apply

The fund is open to charities, social enterprises or constituted community/voluntary groups that operate on a not-for-profit basis, with an annual income of up to £50,000.

### Maximum annual income:

£50,000

### When to apply

Applications should be sent in by the closing date of 1pm on Wednesday 2nd October 2024.

Next deadline: 2 Oct 2024

### How to apply

Contact the Corra team to arrange a chat about your project. If eligible, you will be sent a link to their online application form.

### Exclusions

- Work that will be delivered beyond September 2027. Proposals should be tailored to include only work that will occur prior to that date.
- 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 funding – paying for something that has already been purchased/delivered.
- Contributions to funds which will be used for grant making to other organisations.
- Places/stays in residential rehabilitations for individuals.
- Funding cannot be used as matched funding for a project already supported through Scottish

Government funds. Please speak to one of Corra's Grant Advisors if you are unsure.



