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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.
Or visit the website at <https://nccbc.org.uk/about/>

CARRICK FUTURES

Carrick Futures supports community projects in Carrick, South Ayrshire.

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

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

What Can Carrick Futures Fund?

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

Awards can support a wide range of costs and activities.

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

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

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

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



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

HOW TO APPLY

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

DESTINATION SOUTH AYRSHIRE

Destination South Ayrshire have a limited fund from UKSPF available for grants to be awarded to established community groups, businesses, charities and organisations (excluding schools and parent councils) looking to carry out events and initiatives **from 2nd October 2024 to the 31st March 2025**. Proposals will require to prove the value to the visitor economy and or the benefit to the community. Eligibility for funding will depend on the nature of activities that you are engaged in and the type and scale of the proposed event and or initiative. There are two categories of grants - **up to £1,000** and between **£1,000- £4,950**.

Please ensure you submit your application **by midday on 29th September**.

For more information and how to apply please visit:

[Destination South Ayrshire Grant - South Ayrshire Council \(south-ayrshire.gov.uk\)](https://south-ayrshire.gov.uk)

Funding for Development of Hydrogen R&D Projects

Funding body:	Scottish Government
Maximum value:	£ 2,000,000
Application deadline:	27/09/2024

Grants for public and private sector organisations in Scotland to help support the development of green hydrogen projects and hydrogen hubs across the country.

further details

Background

This programme is funded by the Scottish Government. It has been co-developed with Scottish Enterprise, who will facilitate and manage the fund.

All grants will be provided under Scottish Enterprise's Research and Development and Innovation Scheme for 2022 to 2025. Details will be published on the UK government's transparency database to ensure compliance with the interim subsidy control regime.



Objectives of Fund

This Scottish Government has launched this programme support projects that focus on the low-cost, efficient, and sustainable production of renewable hydrogen in Scotland.

Eligible projects should contribute to the scale-up of the hydrogen economy in the 2020s and should ideally be linked to the realisation of regional hydrogen hubs by the early 2030s.

The funding will help cover the development stage costs of green hydrogen production projects with production capacity of between 5 and 400 megawatts - the equivalent to the production of enough hydrogen to heat at least 200 to over 16,000 homes.

Some funding may be awarded to other projects that will help to develop the hydrogen production supply chain. Support will also be available for work supporting the hydrogen supply chain and storage solutions, and will play a role in helping the industry scale up as it responds to market demand.

Value Notes

The programme has an overall budget of £7 million of funding available to kick start local projects. The minimum grant that will be considered for each project is £150,000. The maximum is £2 million. The grant can cover up to 50% of eligible costs.

Match Funding Restrictions

Match funding of at least 50% of the overall project cost must be met by the applicant.

Who Can Apply

All public and private sector organisations may apply. Proposals will be welcomed from single organisations or consortia. For consortia, a lead partner must be identified. The project lead must be an organisation of any size registered in the UK.

Applications must demonstrate that the project:

- Will be operational by 31 March 2030.
- Would not go ahead or would progress at a much slower rate or on a smaller scale without the requested funding.
- Has access to finance from other sources to cover the total project costs.
- Will finalise its eligible deliverables by the specified project end date (31 March 2025).
- Uses core technology that has been tested in a commercial environment at technology readiness level 7 or higher.
- Can identify the supplier(s) of this core technology (for example, an electrolyser), or has a defined process in place to do so.

If the project will be producing hydrogen, the application should also show evidence of engagement with at least one domestic off-taker that meets the definition of a qualifying off-taker in the UK government hydrogen production business model. This can take the form of an agreement (or evidence of progress toward an agreement) such as a letter of intent or Memorandum of



Understanding. Projects that target additional customers in an export market (UK-wide and Europe) will also be considered.

Restrictions

Projects in receipt of other sources of public funding – such as matched funding from another government fund – may be considered ineligible if they breach subsidy control limits.

Eligible Expenditure

This call is specifically for projects seeking research and development (R&D) support for development expenditure (DEVEX) on stages including feasibility studies, pre-Front End Engineering Design (FEED), and in some instances FEED work (select and define), ahead of Final Investment Decisions (FID) being taken.

Priority will be given to projects that contribute to achieving Scotland's strategic objectives of:

- Growing the hydrogen economy
- The future development of regional hydrogen hubs
- Benefitting the supply chain
- Obtaining value for money

Funding may also be allocated to other projects that will develop the supply chain. For example, these could include – but are not restricted to – the design and manufacturing of electrolyzers or other core components for activities such as hydrogen transport and storage.

Projects that produce hydrogen for use on the same site – that is, where the producer is also the off-taker – are eligible.

Projects that produce hydrogen to make hydrogen derivatives – including, but not limited to, e-methanol, sustainable aviation fuel (SAF), ammonia, and liquid organic hydrogen carriers (LOHC) – as their final sale product are also eligible.

Location

Scotland

How To Apply

The deadline for Expressions of Interest (EoIs) is 27 September 2024.

At present, funding is only available for activities completed within the current 2024 to 2025 financial year, up to 31 March 2025. However, applicants are encouraged to provide details in their EoI of additional activities and costs that would extend beyond 31 March 2025. This will help the Scottish Government better understand future market needs. The Scottish Government may also be able to signpost applicants to other funding opportunities.



Funding decisions will be made on a competitive basis. The EoI submissions that most strongly align with the fund's ambitions will be invited on 4 October to submit a full application. However, applicants may begin to work on an application and submit it before that date at their own risk.

The closing date for full applications is 1 November 2024. Grant offer letters will be sent out in early December 2024. Applicants may be asked for additional information in the meantime, to help accelerate the assessment process.

Applications are made online. More information can be accessed from the Scottish Enterprise website.

[Funding for development of hydrogen projects | Scottish Enterprise \(scottish-enterprise.com\)](https://www.scottish-enterprise.com)

Anti-Racism Community Engagement Fund (Scotland)

Funding body:	Scottish Government
Maximum value:	£ 5,000
Application deadline:	11/10/2024

Grants for community groups and organisations to create a focused engagement or a series of engagements on the future Anti-Racism Observatory of Scotland. (Events must take place between 10 September and 15 November 2024.)

Background

The Anti-Racism Community Engagement Fund is provided by the Scottish Government, working collaboratively with the Design Advisory Group, and managed on its behalf by Impact Funding Partners (IFP).

The Anti-Racism Community Engagement Fund aims to provide community groups and organisations with funds, within a short timescale, to create a focused engagement on the future Anti-Racism Observatory of Scotland (AROS). The Design Advisory Group (DAG) and the future AROS value lived expertise as equally important as learned expertise. It is essential that community expertise is gathered, not only about how people understand systemic racism in their lives but also to use that knowledge to build how they want this new organisation to work for them.

Objectives of Fund

The aim of this fund is to:

- Build a deeper community understanding of the future Anti-Racism Observatory of Scotland (AROS).
- Undertake focused conversations about how the participatory community research undertaken by the Anti-Racism Interim Governance Group (AIGG) in 2023 fed into the developing plan for the new organisation.
- Explore, from this baseline, how people think the future AROS could work for them.



This is an open and competitive fund, and organisations led by people adversely impacted by racism are particularly welcomed.

Value Notes

There are two strands of funding:

- Strand 1 - grants of up to £2,500 for one event.
- Strand 2 - grants of up to £5,000 for a series of events.

Who Can Apply

Third sector organisations, grassroots or community groups based and working in Scotland can apply.

To be eligible for funding, applicants must:

- Have demonstrated experience working with communities adversely impacted by systemic racism, have the ability to gather community expertise and have capacity to deliver the proposed engagement event.
- Have a constitution or set of rules.
- Have a bank account in the organisation's name with at least two unrelated signatories. (This must be held with a bank regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.)

Where an organisation applying to the fund is registered outwith Scotland, they must provide robust evidence that they have a strong track record of delivering in Scotland and that the conversation will only take place in Scotland and involve people living in Scotland.

Eligible Expenditure

The funding is to be used to host one or more events between 10 September and 15 November 2024.

Grants can be used to cover a number of things related to holding the event, including:

- Participant involvement.
- Facilitator
- Transport costs
- Accessibility needs (childcare, translation, etc)
- Venue hire
- Food
- Reporting costs (e.g., illustrators)
- Volunteer/support staff expenses where these are additional in support of the event.

Applicants should refer to the guidance notes for Strand 1 or Strand 2 for a full list of costs.

Location

Scotland



How To Apply

Applications are currently being accepted with a deadline of 11 October 2024.

Decisions will be made on a rolling basis, so it is recommended to apply as early as possible to avoid any last-minute issues.

Online information sessions will be held on:

- 11 September at 10am: [Sign up here](#)
- 17 September at 2pm: [Sign up here](#)
- 24 of September at 7pm: [Sign up here](#)

All relevant documents can be found on the IFP website. Please note there are separate guidance notes for Strand 1 and Strand 2.

There will be community engagement support provided via a dedicated Community Outreach Consultant who will be available to provide support throughout the grant process, with priority given to smaller organisations.

Groups that need assistance with their application may contact IFP for help.

Contact Impact Funding Partners for further information.

[Anti-Racism Community Engagement Fund - Impact Funding Partners](#)

Asda Foundation - Cost of Living Grant

Funding body:	ASDA Foundation
Maximum value:	£ 2,000
Application deadline:	08/11/2024

Grants are available for local community groups in the UK who are affected by the increase in the cost of living. Volunteer-related costs, rent/utilities expenses and food/essentials are supported by the grant.

Background

The Costing of Living Grant scheme is provided and administered by Asda Foundation, Asda's charity. The Asda superstores each have a Community Champion whose role is to support groups and projects within the community, as well as manage Asda Foundation grant applications.

The Cost of Living Grant scheme is managed by the local Community Champions. Proposals must be:

- True to their community mission.



- People-centred.
- Efficiently run.
- Locally focused.

The Grant is one of three funds within the Grassroots Grants programme, which aims to empower Community Champions and grassroots groups to apply for what's important in local communities.

Objectives of Fund

The aim of the grant is to help local community groups cope with the increase in their running costs and the provision of warm banks is included. The priority themes for funding are:

- Increased rent and utility costs.
- Increase in food costs and other essentials.
- Volunteer-related costs.

Value Notes

Grants between £400 and £2,000 are available. The request must be for one of the following fixed amounts: £400; £500; £800; £1,000; £1,200; £1,600; or £2,000.

For volunteer recruitment and training, essential training course costs is capped at £120 per person.

Match Funding Restrictions

Match funding is not required.

Who Can Apply

Local not-for-profit community groups based in the UK may apply.

The following criteria apply:

- The group must have a presence in and benefit the local community.
- The end beneficiaries must be community groups of people.
- There is no minimum timescale for how long the group has been in existence.
- There is no income limits for organisations.
- Annual income is below £1 million.

Groups can apply for a Cost of Living Grant in addition to one other grant or Green Token Giving offered by Asda Foundation.

Groups may secure one Grassroots Grant per year

Restrictions

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Groups based outside the UK.



- Annual income above £1 million.
- Groups who cannot demonstrate charitable work in the local community.
- Groups where the end beneficiary is an animal.
- Individual people.
- Third party grant-making organisations.
- Schools (but PTAs with their own bank account can apply).
- Organisations who do not have a valid Safeguarding Policy in place (or are unable to provide evidence).
- Groups who have a clear affiliation with a particular political party.
- Storage rental.
- Ongoing salaries.
- Promotional or advertising costs.
- Alcohol.
- Raffle prizes.
- Excursions/day trips/transport.
- Restaurant meals.
- Transport costs.
- Insurance.
- Memberships.
- Vouchers.
- Volunteer-only celebration events.
- Equipment to be kept by the individual.
- Salaries and running costs.
- General utility bills.
- A core state responsibility.
- Retrospective costs.

Eligible Expenditure

Project and running costs are supported and eligible costs for each theme include (but not limited to):

- **Rent/utility bills:** support (for up to six months) to keep community buildings open to the public or increase opening times to help people stay warm e.g. increase in heating costs for a community group providing a warm bank; increase in rental costs for community organisation supporting a wide number of groups from the local area; increase in electricity costs for a community hub.
- **Volunteer support:** to strengthen and boost volunteering in local communities for costs that directly benefit service users e.g. travel costs to the volunteering location; DBS checks; travel costs required to deliver services; refreshment costs; non-electronic equipment, materials, clothing/uniform needed for the role.
- **Food costs and other essentials:** support for people most affected to cover the cost of basics to address an immediate need and/or situation e.g. food provision for those in need; food parcels and family food boxes; ingredients for soup kitchen/community cafe to be able to make hot meals; items to deliver the warm bank offer; basic clothing for a clothes/baby bank; portable heater for warm bank; personal hygiene items.

Combination applications are accepted e.g. extended opening times of a community cafe.



Location

United Kingdom

How To Apply

The closing date for applications is 8 November 2024.

Applicants are advised to apply early as funds may be depleted before the closing date.

Application forms are only available from Asda Community Champions, who are based in local Asda superstores, and can nominate eligible groups.

Applicants can use the [store locator link](#) on the Foundation website to get in touch with their local store and speak to their Community Champion about their project proposal.

Applicants can apply for funding for both rent/utility bill support and increased food costs within the one application form.

Applications should be submitted at least six weeks before activities are due to begin to give enough processing time and should include the following:

- Bank statement/paying in slip to verify the payee name for the cheque by looking at the account name, which should be clearly visible.
- Group documents e.g. constitution, club rules, etc.
- If not a registered charity, provide confirmation that the group is a not for profit organisation.
- Digital signature declaration (if not providing a wet signature).
- Ringfencing confirmation (if group name and payee name are different).

Groups should contact their local Asda Community Champion for further information.

[Our Grants | Asda Foundation](#)

National Churches Trust - Cherish Grants

Funding body:	National Lottery Heritage Fund (Heritage Fund)
Maximum value:	£ 10,000
Application deadline:	17/12/2024

Grants for places of worship in Scotland, Wales and Northwest of England (Greater Manchester, Lancashire and Cumbria) for small repairs and maintenance to help keep historic churches and chapels thriving.



Background

The Cherish Grants programme is administered by the National Churches Trust who has been awarded a £1.9 million National Lottery Heritage Fund grant to boost skills, resources and funding for historic places of worship over a three-year period.

Objectives of Fund

The funding is for listed and unlisted Christian places of worship, of any denomination, to help with the costs of urgent and essential maintenance and repair projects as well as the costs of developing a church building project.

Value Notes

Grants of between £500 and £10,000 are available for projects costing between £1,000 and £80,000 (including VAT).

Projects must not have started before the online application is submitted but must be achievable within one year maximum of the grant decision being made.

Match Funding Restrictions

Match funding of at least 50% of the funding for the project is required and must be secured before submitting an application.

Who Can Apply

To be eligible, applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

- Congregations can be of any Christian denomination and the building can be listed or unlisted.
- The building must be a Christian place of worship (but not a cathedral) located within North-West England (Cumbria, Lancashire or Greater Manchester only), Wales, or Scotland.
- The building must originally have been constructed as a place of worship and must be at least 30 years old.
- The proposed works must be to the main church building or an extension of it.
- Applicants must be the owners or have the right to carry out the work. If the church is not part of a main denomination, or registered with churches Together in Britain and Ireland, it must be a registered charity.
- In England and Wales, any place of worship whose annual income exceeds £100,000 must be registered with the Charity Commission. In Scotland, charities must be registered with OSCR and be on the Scottish Charity Register.
- Buildings must be open for regular public worship for a minimum of six services per year. Buildings that have been closed to the public must have plans to reopen for regular worship and public access and a congregation waiting to use the building on completion of the works.
- Buildings must be open to the public for at least 100 days per year in addition to worship times, or meet this requirement within a year of project completion. Priority will be given to those with regular opening hours.
- Repair projects must be led, overseen and supervised by a suitably qualified professional.



Restrictions

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Projects outside of North-West England (Cumbria, Lancashire or Greater Manchester only), Wales or Scotland.
- Works to converted buildings, church halls, or privately-owned churches - such as chapels within hospitals, hospices, schools, prisons and similar institutions.
- Repairs to, or scheduled maintenance of boilers, clocks, organs, wall paintings, bells, monuments, fittings and fixtures and solar panels.
- Heating, lighting, and AV.
- Reordering or installation of facilities.
- Construction of new places of worship or church halls.
- Works to boundary walls, paths, churchyards, churchyard monuments or car parks.
- Stained glass restoration (unless urgent repairs to window surrounds or lead comes, or the building is no longer watertight).
- Regular inspection surveys, Quinquennial Inspection Reports, consents, planning permission fees.
- Existing staff costs.
- Training in maintenance skills/knowledge
- Redecoration
- Replacement of historic fabric with new materials unless supported by the applicant's statutory heritage body eg, Historic England, Cadw or Historic Environment Scotland.

Eligible Expenditure

Priority will be given to:

- Work to architecturally and historically significant buildings.
- Urgent/essential maintenance and repair projects as evidenced in a recent QIR, building survey or condition report.
- Places of worship that can demonstrate a suitable maintenance system is in place, including a maintenance plan.
- Places of worship with regular opening hours.
- Places of worship that can demonstrate strong community engagement and sound plans for economic viability.

Location

North-West England (Cumbria, Lancashire or Greater Manchester only), Wales, and Scotland

How To Apply

The next deadline for application is 17 December 2024.

The guidance notes, faqs, and online application form can be found on the National Churches Trust website.



Decisions on all grant applications are made by the National Churches Trust Grants Committee comprised of experts in the church and heritage sectors from across Great Britain.

The Committee meets three times a year. Notification of decisions following the Grants Committee meeting.

Contact the Cherish Support Team for further information:

- North-West England - Matthew Maries
- Scotland - Karen Hind
- Wales/Cymru - Gareth Simpson

[Cherish grants | National Churches Trust](#)

Triangle Trust 1949 Fund

Funding body:	The Triangle Trust 1949 Fund
Maximum value:	£ 80,000
Application deadline:	30/10/2024

Grants are available for charities, not-for-profit social enterprises and community interest companies in the UK that are working to support young people with criminal convictions or young people at high risk of offending for the first time. In 2024, the focus is specifically on young women and girls who have been in the criminal justice system or who are at a high risk of entering it.

Background

The Triangle Trust 1949 Fund is an independent grant making trust that operates across the UK. This charitable trust was set up in 1949 by Sir Harry Jephcott, when he was managing director of Glaxo Laboratories Ltd.

Objectives of Fund

The Trust holds two grants rounds per year:

- The Spring round is for proposals wanting to work with young people who already have a criminal conviction.
- The Autumn round is for proposals focused on targeted work with high-risk young people on the edge of the criminal justice system.

The 2024 rounds will focus on funding for organisations working with vulnerable young women and girls who have been in the criminal justice system or who are at a high risk of entering it. Applicants must demonstrate significant expertise working with vulnerable and challenging young women and girls.



Value Notes

Grants of between £10,000 and £80,000 for a duration of 12 months to two years.

A maximum of £40,000 per year can be requested.

The amount of funding must be proportional to the project being undertaken.

Who Can Apply

Registered charities, not-for-profit social enterprises and community interest companies that are working within the UK and have a UK office can apply.

Only organisations led by and for women and girls are eligible to apply..

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Have previous experience of working with vulnerable young women or girls either on the edge of the criminal justice system or who already have criminal convictions.
- Be requesting funding for a project working exclusively with young women and girls aged between 11 and 30 years. It is unlikely that the Trust will fund a project across the whole age range.
- Work solely with women and girls.
- Have a proven track record of running projects working with young women and girls that is both gender and trauma informed.
- Be proposing a project with targets that are specifically linked to either reducing the number of young women or girls who reoffend or reduce the number of young women and girls who receive a first conviction.
- Have an average annual income over the past three years of less than £1.5 million.
- Be a registered charity or an organisation set up with a clear social purpose and appropriate governing documents stating this.

Social enterprise and community interest companies must have a governing document which shows the name, aim/purpose, objects of the group, including a dissolution clause. This clause should show that the organisation is a not-for-profit group by confirming that any assets remaining after all debts are paid will be given to another voluntary group with similar aims. This document should also include details of the organisation's Trustees or management committee.

The Trust particularly welcomes applications from organisations working in Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

Restrictions

The funding will not cover core costs; however, the Trust will consider reasonable contributions to the running of the organisation as part of the overall budget developed for the funded project.



Eligible Expenditure

The funding is designed to support projects working directly with young people and the criminal justice system.

Although the Trust does not solely support an organisation's running costs, it will consider reasonable contributions to the running of the organisation as part of the overall budget being developed for their project.

Most of the funding is likely to be allocated to organisations who want to build on work that they are already doing, either by increasing their capacity or developing a criminal justice focused programme.

Location

United Kingdom

How To Apply

Full details and the online application form can be found on the Triangle Trust website.

There is a two-stage application process.

- Stage one is to complete the online application form on the Triangle Trust website.
- Stage two will involve a visit from the Trust's Director to the shortlisted applicants (usually between six and eight organisations).

The Autumn 2024 schedule:

- **Application window opens on 16 September closes on 30 October 2024.**
- All applicants will be notified by 30 October 2024 if they have been shortlisted.
- Shortlisted applicants will be visited by the Trust's director at some point during January, February or March 2025.
- Shortlisted applicants will be notified by 21 March 2025 and be able to start their funded work by 30 November 2025.

Contact the Triangle Trust for further information.

[The Triangle Trust](#)



SCVO LISTED FUNDING

Unity Trust Bank - Unity Impact Grant

As part of Unity's 40th Birthday pledge to achieve £40,000 in charitable donations, this year £15,000 will be awarded through three £5,000 grants.

The funding criteria are very open, so organisations doing all kinds of charitable activities can apply.

Applicants should be the direct delivery agent of the social, economic, environmental or community good that the application is for. Successful applications must demonstrate:

- Clear definition of beneficiary group / customers
- Evidence of impact need
- Impact evidence
- Sustainable practices

Geographical areas funded: Scotland UK

Type of funding:	Grant
Type of cost:	Capital, Revenue, Core costs
Minimum:	Not specified
Maximum:	£5,000

Annually awarded:

£15,000

Notes on award amounts:

The £5,000 grant must be no more than 30% of your organisation's previous year's income.

Who can apply

UK based Volunteer, Community, Social Enterprise groups, therefore should be one of the following:

- Charity Commission (or nationally relevant equivalent) registered.
- Community Interest Company (CIC)
- Register with the FCA Mutuals list as a co-operative or mutual with clear social, environmental or community purpose.



- A member branch of a Trade Union

You must have been a Unity Trust Bank (Unity) customer for at least 1 year prior to 1st September 2024.

Minimum annual income:

£18,000

When to apply

Apply before midnight on Monday 30 September 2024. The successful applicants will be announced in November 2024

Next deadline: 30 Sep 2024

How to apply

Apply online via the Unity Trust Bank website.

Exclusions

- Charities providing grants to other organisations delivering services.
- A CIC which subcontracts the service provision to a third party to deliver services to vulnerable groups.
- Pre-dated match funding requirements.

[Unity Impact Grant - Unity Trust Bank](#)

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

Type of funding:	Grant
Type of cost:	Revenue
Minimum:	Not specified



Maximum:	£5,000
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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)



Benefact Trust - Building Improvement Grants

Details

Provides essential support to protect and enhance churches and Christian charity buildings, ensuring their continued use, viability, and the safeguarding of their heritage. Building Improvement Grants can support direct capital costs relating to the following types of work:

- Essential, one-off repairs or other capital works to ensure the continued use or viability of a building
- Works or equipment to improve disabled access or meet operational requirements (e.g. essential operational equipment, AV equipment, hearing loops, ramps/handrails, lifts etc)
- Conservation or restoration of historic features (e.g. stained glass, carvings, interior furnishings, clocks, tower bells, organs etc) which contribute to preservation and appreciation of a building's heritage
- Energy efficiency/renewable energy measures (e.g. heating/lighting upgrades, solar panels, etc) which improve the sustainability of church buildings/facilities and enable their continued use
- Aesthetic enhancements (e.g. interior decoration/furnishings or public realm improvements) to improve indoor or outdoor spaces for users

Geographical areas funded: UK

Fund type

Type of funding:	Grant
Type of cost:	Capital
Minimum:	Not specified
Maximum:	Not specified

Notes on award amounts:

In 2023, a total of 644 Building Improvement grants were given. The average grant size for projects with total costs up to £1m was £3,300. The average grant size for projects with total costs over £1m was £46,000.



You will be asked to present the total costs of your project and details of the match funding you have secured, rather than requesting a specific grant amount. Applicants must have secured funding for at least 30% of their total project costs before making an application.

Who can apply

Churches, cathedrals, denominational bodies and Christian charities based in the UK or Ireland.

Organisations must be a registered charity.

When to apply

This is a rolling programme and applications can be submitted at any time.

The average decision time for small grants (up to £25k) is two months. Larger grants (over £25k) take between four and six months.

How to apply

Apply online via the Benefact Trust website.

Exclusions

Cannot fund regular maintenance and works normally covered by insurance. Schools, theological and other educational institutions are not eligible for Building Improvement Grants, but they can apply to the Community Impact Grants programme.

[New - Building Improvement Grants | Benefact Trust](#)

War Memorials Trust - Grant Scheme UK

War Memorials Trust (WMT) raises funds to support grants to war memorials. The fund seeks to facilitate repair and conservation works through its grants and act as a catalyst for action.

It promotes current best conservation practice. This is a key principle at the heart of the scheme to ensure no works are damaging to a memorial and ensure it is maintained for future generations. Some works may be considered to be outside the scope of funding if funds become limited but this does not mean they necessarily contravene conservation principles.

General maintenance is considered to be the responsibility of custodians. They can fund conservation, like-for-like repair, structural repair/stabilisation, reinstatement of lost elements that form an integral part of the design, professional condition surveys and structural reports.

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



Type of funding:	Grant
Type of cost:	Capital
Minimum:	Not specified
Maximum:	£30,000

Annually awarded:

£91,105

Notes on award amounts:

Grants of over £30,000 will be considered if the need is great. Annual total and average for UK from 2023 accounts.

Who can apply

It is open to war memorials of any type, from any conflict

When to apply

Submit a grant pre-application form at any time. There are regular deadlines for assessment but you do not need to wait until that date. Assessment deadlines are below:

- 31st October 2024 - decision by early January 2025
- 28th February 2025 - decision by 30th April 2025
- 30th June 2025 - decision by 31st August 2025
- 31st October 2025 - decision by early January 2026

How to apply

Submit a pre-application form - available on the Trust's website. If your project is eligible you will be sent the appropriate application documents.

Exclusions

- dedications that have been added to other gravestones which commemorate a war casualty buried elsewhere
- items which do not meet the criteria for recording on the War Memorials Register



- memorials commemorating representatives or associates of groups that have appeared on the government’s list of Proscribed terrorist groups or organisations

[War Memorials Trust](#)

Arnold Clark Community Fund

Details

The Arnold Clark Community Fund helps registered UK charities and community groups close to branches build stronger communities across the UK. They have two programmes:

- **Cost of Living Support:** available to organisations whose work directly supports those most affected by the cost-of-living crisis. They will support organisations that fall in one of the following categories: foodbank, accommodation, poverty relief and where people/communities in the UK are the primary and immediate focus of investment.
- **Our Communities Support:** available to organisations who provide services widely accessible to those within our local communities, addressing the needs of those living within them. They will support organisations that fall in one of the following categories: animal welfare (benefiting humans), arts and culture, community development, disability, education, recreation, relief support and mental health support – where people/communities in the UK are the primary and immediate focus of investment.

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

Type of funding:	Grant
Type of cost:	Capital, Revenue
Minimum:	Not specified
Maximum:	£2,500



Who can apply

Open to UK-registered charities and local community groups, community interest companies, charitable incorporated organisations and social enterprises.

Applications are only eligible if they're made by an organisation that is based/operates solely in the UK and is located within 50 miles of an Arnold Clark branch.

When to apply

Apply at any time. Funding will continue on a rolling monthly basis.

How to apply

Complete the online application form via the Community Fund website.

Exclusions

- Organisations asking for funding for private gain.
- Religious activity (unless this immediately impacts the wider community).
- Projects that benefit an individual rather than the wider community.
- Political activities
- Grant-giving organisations.
- Travel applications (can only be accepted if this is for day trips in local community).
- Organisations applying to use the funding to pay for wages, loan repayments or to pay off debt.
- They will only accept one application per organisation every six months.

Specific exclusions apply to each strand of the fund. Please check their website for more exclusions.

[The Arnold Clark Community Fund | Arnold Clark](#)



