

# 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 [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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## Lintel Trust - Small Grants Programme

Funding body

Funding body:	LintelTrust
Maximum value:	£ 1,000
Application deadline:	05/02/2025

**Grants are available for small, local not-for-profit groups and organisations in Scotland that have a close connection with a housing association, housing co-operative or other social housing provider for small grassroots community projects that reach out to people who are excluded from community activities.**

### **Background**

The Lintel Trust is an unendowed charitable trust that works with voluntary organisations and local communities throughout Scotland to help provide solutions for people in housing need.

Lintel Trust joined the Link group of companies in 2015.

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### **Objectives of Fund**

Lintel Trust works with housing associations and their partners to support housing and community projects in Scotland that enable people to live independently in their homes and to play an active part in their communities.

The funding is intended for local projects that help people to maintain their tenancies, improve their lives and participate fully in community life.

Projects must fall under one of the following themes:

- Social isolation.
- Support for older people.
- Digital participation.

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### **Value Notes**

Grants of either £500 or £1,000 are available.



The grant value must make up more than 30% of the total project cost.

Limited funding is available.

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### **Match Funding Restrictions**

Match funding is not required but will be viewed favourably.

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### **Who Can Apply**

Small registered charities and community groups working in Scotland can apply.

To be eligible, applicants must have:

- A close connection to a housing association, housing co-operative or local authority.
- An annual turnover under £500,000.
- Equal Opportunities and Protecting Vulnerable People policies in place.
- Have a project aim that matches one of the Lintel Trust's funding streams.

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### **Restrictions**

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Individuals.
- Social enterprises.
- Companies Limited by Guarantee.
- Community Interest Companies.
- National campaigns.
- Staff salaries.
- Capital projects or contributions towards capital projects, including building refurbishment.
- Vehicles.
- General national appeals.
- Holidays or provision of respite care.
- Retrospective funding.
- Funding for the same project over multiple years.
- Funding for a project where the grant value is less than 30% of the total project cost.
- Projects outside Scotland.

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### **Eligible Expenditure**

The funding is intended to support projects with a housing focus that will deliver positive outcomes for beneficiaries in Scotland under the following aims:

- Tackling social isolation in housing communities
- Promoting digital participation for housing communities
- Enabling older people to remain independent and in their own home
- Enabling people with disabilities to live independently
- Assisting people moving from homelessness into a secure tenancy



Examples of funded project costs include project revenue costs eg, contribution to staff costs, IT equipment, promotion and training.

Any grants awarded must be spent within 12 months of the date of the award.

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### **Location**

Scotland

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### **How To Apply**

Following a temporary pause on applications in 2024, the Trust has reopened to applications for 2025.

The deadlines for 2025 are:

- 5 February 2025.
- 30 April 2025.
- 13 August 2025.
- 7 October 2025.

Guidance and an online application form are available from the Lintel Trust website.

Contact the Lintel Trust for further information.

[how lintel trust gets funding](#)

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## **Radcliffe Trust**

Funding body:	The Radcliffe Trust
Maximum value:	£ 7,500
Application deadline:	<b>31/01/2025</b>

**Funding is available for UK charities, not-for-profit and Exempt organisations working in the areas of music, especially chamber music, composition and music education, or in heritage and crafts.**

### **Background**

The Radcliffe Trust is one of Britain's oldest charities, founded in 1714 by the will of Dr. John Radcliffe, the most eminent physician of his day.

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### **Value Notes**

Grants are generally in the region of £2,500 to £7,500.

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### **Who Can Apply**

Charities, not-for-profit or Exempt organisations that are based in the UK are eligible to apply.

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### **Restrictions**

Funding is not available for the following:

- Individuals.
- Retrospective grants.
- General appeals or endowment funds.
- Operating costs.
- Capital projects.

Under Music Grants, funding is unavailable for operating costs, competitions, capital projects, and projects mainly involving popular music.

Under Heritage & Crafts Grants, funding is not available for:

- Capital costs.
  - Core costs.
  - Projects that are solely or primarily about nature, landscapes, gardens, land management or environmental conservation.
  - Projects that are primarily social or therapeutic in nature.
  - Projects that are solely or primarily for equipment or materials.
  - Performing, literary or conceptual art.
  - Conference fees or associated costs.
  - Applications directly from Church of England churches.
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### **Eligible Expenditure**

#### **Music Grants**

The Trust supports classical music performance and training especially chamber music, composition and music education. Particular interests within music education are music for children and adults with special needs, youth orchestras and projects at secondary and higher levels, including academic research.

Applications are normally considered under the following headings:

- Composition and contemporary music - in the case of commission applications the lead composer must be named.
- Bursaries for courses and summer schools; limited to UK based students.
- Music therapy/special needs.
- Academic research/projects.



- Youth orchestras.
- Performance projects.
- Educational projects - excluding applications from individual mainstream primary and secondary schools.
- Miscellaneous.

## **Heritage & Crafts Grants**

The Trust supports the development of the skills, knowledge and experience that underpin the UK's traditional cultural heritage and crafts sectors. This includes support for:

- Emerging craftspeople.
- Craft and conservation projects and training.
- Projects demonstrating creative outcomes by designer-makers.
- Projects with potential for capacity building within the sector.
- Special needs projects focusing on the therapeutic benefits of skills development.

The Trust may also make occasional grants in other areas of cultural creativity related to their concerns for heritage and crafts, including theatre, performance, and literature, especially where projects can be shown to contribute to the promotion and development of high-level skills among early career practitioners and disadvantaged groups.

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### ***Location***

United Kingdom

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

There are two deadlines per year for both the Music and Heritage and Crafts schemes:

- 31 January (for consideration in June)
- 31 July (for consideration in December)

The online application forms are available on the Radcliffe Trust website.

The Trust receives more applications than it can support and will not consider late applications.

Contact The Radcliffe Trust for further information.

[The Radcliffe Trust](#)



## Money Saving Expert (MSE) Charity

Funding body:	MSE Charity
Maximum value:	£ 10,000
Application deadline:	31/01/2025

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

### **Background**

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

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

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### **Objectives of Fund**

Following a strategic review earlier this year, MSE Charity has announced that from June 2024, the funding approach is changing from two themed grant rounds per year to two grant rounds with no specific themes.

Instead of a specific theme, all applications must be aligned with MSE Charity's vision of funding activities which make a lasting impact on the way people think, behave and manage their money.

The funding is intended for a wide range of not-for-profit organisations in the UK for activities related to increasing personal financial capability.

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

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### **Value Notes**

The maximum grant is £10,000 (an increase of £2,000 from the previous round).

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

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





## **Match Funding Restrictions**

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

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### **Who Can Apply**

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

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

- An annual income of less than £750,000 and less than six months free reserves.
- Been established and active for at least 18 months.
- Unrestricted reserves that are less than six months of their running costs.
- A governing document (a constitution, rules, or articles of association)
- A governing body of at least three unconnected individuals
- A bank account in the group's name with at least two unconnected signatories required to authorise payments.
- An Equal Opportunities Policy
- A Child Protection Policy or Vulnerable Adults Policy, as appropriate.

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

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### **Restrictions**

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Individuals.
- Statutory organisations.
- Schools.
- For-profit companies, eg, Limited Companies
- Capital costs, for example buildings, office furniture.
- Applications only providing debt advice/management.
- Debt Advice - if more than 75% of the project costs required are for this activity.
- Welfare Benefits and Income Maximisation advice - if more than 75% of the project costs required are for this activity.
- Job readiness skills - if more than 75% of the project costs required are for this activity.
- Animal care/therapy projects.
- General counselling/mental well-being type projects.
- Day-centre activities not focused on financial capability skills.
- Projects based outside of the UK.
- Hardship or emergency cash funds.
- Contributions to building funds or other capital costs.
- Professional eg, accountancy or business enterprise courses or training.



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### **Eligible Expenditure**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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### **Location**

United Kingdom

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### **How To Apply**

There will be two grant rounds in 2025:

- **The Winter grant round is now open for Stage 1 proposals with a deadline of 31 January 2025 (17:00).**
- Notification of funding decisions for Winter applications expected by 7 May 2025.
- The dates for the Summer 2025 grant round have yet to be published.

The application process is as follows:

- Pre-Application - Grant Eligibility Quiz - a self assessment tool to determine if the organisation and project meets MSE Charity's general grant criteria. If successful, applicants will unlock access to the Stage 1 form.
- Stage 1 - Outline Proposal - a brief application that enables applicants to tell about their organisation and the activities they would like funded. This should provide sufficient detail



for the Grants Advisory Panel (GAP) to assess if it would be suitable for The MSE Charity to consider funding. **Applications for the winter round open 13 January 2025 (9am) and close 31 January 2025 (5pm). Assessment will take place during February 2025.**

- Stage 2 - Full Application - invited short-listed applicants are sent a link to complete a full application form with approximately one month to complete. This will require more detailed information to be provided about their organisation; evidence of need, the project activities; the team's experience; the outcomes they are hoping to achieve; a detailed project budget; and submission of supporting documents including their Accounts and a recent bank statement.

All relevant documents are available on the MSE Charity website.

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

Contact MSE Charity for further information.

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## Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme

Funding body:	Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS)
Maximum value:	Discretionary
Application deadline:	31/03/2025

**Grants are available towards the VAT incurred during repairs and maintenance of listed buildings that are used principally as public places of worship, or which are listed places of worship owned by specified organisations that look after redundant places of worship.**

### **Background**

The Listed Places of Worship grant scheme is provided by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) and managed by East Midlands Business (EMB Limited).

It was established in 2001 and was originally intended to bridge the two-year gap leading up to the 2003 review of the European Commission's 6th VAT Directive, when the Government made proposals to the Commission for a lowered rate of VAT (5%) for repairs and maintenance to listed buildings that are used as places of worship.

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### **Objectives of Fund**

The Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme makes grants towards the VAT incurred in maintenance and repairs to listed buildings that are primarily used for public worship, or which are listed places of worship owned by, or under the authority of, a number of specified organisations that look after redundant places of worship.



The scheme applies to listed places of worship of all religions and faith groups throughout the UK.

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### **Value Notes**

The scheme has an annual budget of up to £42 million, which has been confirmed until the end of March 2025, and receives around 4,000 claims each year.

The **minimum value of invoices (excluding VAT) for any one claim to the scheme is £1,000**. An application may comprise a number of smaller invoices, but each claim must apply to works that are eligible under the scheme and together generate combined invoice values of no less than £1,000 excluding VAT.

In addition, to allow places of worship undertaking smaller works to benefit from the scheme, each listed place of worship **will also be allowed to submit one claim** with a value of between £500 and £1,000 (excluding the VAT paid) in any 12 month period.

Claimants are expected to ensure that that all other eligible VAT reliefs are sought before seeking a grant under the scheme.

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### **Match Funding Restrictions**

If the works covered by the grant scheme have been the subject of a previous grant award for the costs of building works, including VAT, from English Heritage, Historic Scotland, Cadw: Welsh Historic Monuments, Department of the Environment Northern Ireland, Heritage Lottery Fund or other Lottery distributor, places of worship will be required to pay the relevant proportion of the grant received from the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme back to the statutory agencies named above (unless the original grant was adjusted to take account of the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme).

Applicants may apply for a Listed Places of Worship grant and a grant from another statutory agency for the same work provided the grant from the other statutory body takes the Listed Places of Worship grant into account. Application information will be shared with the other statutory grant-giving bodies to ensure that public money is not, in effect, being paid twice.

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### **Who Can Apply**

The scheme applies to listed buildings that are mainly used as a place of public worship.

To be eligible, the place of worship must be listed with the relevant statutory listing agency (Historic England, CADW, Historic Scotland or Northern Ireland Environment Agency). The listing must be in force when the works are undertaken.

In addition, the building must meet one of the following criteria:

- Be used as a place of worship at least six times a year.
- Belong to a monastery, nunnery or other similar establishment.
- Be owned or vested in certain specific organisations which look after redundant churches. These are the Historic Chapels Trust, the Friends of Friendless Churches, the Scottish



Redundant Churches Trust, the Churches Conservation Trust and the Welsh Religious Buildings Trust.

The scheme covers only formally constituted religious organisations. Applicants will be asked to certify that the religious organisation the place of worship serves:

- Has charitable status, or is recognised as a charity by HMRC.
- Is covered by a parochial church council or equivalent.

If neither of these applies, applicants will be asked to provide a copy of their constitution.

The DCMS will also consider applications from other religious or charitable groups caring for redundant places of worship. These groups will need to demonstrate that their principal or primary purpose is to conserve, repair and maintain redundant listed places of worship which are not in private ownership.

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### **Restrictions**

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Repairs to unlisted buildings.
- Claims for work carried out on buildings that were not listed at the time, regardless of whether they are then listed in the future.
- Ancillary listed buildings/stand-alone or separate structures unless they fulfil all the same conditions as the principal building.
- Private chapels and chapels at schools, colleges, universities, hospitals, prisons and almshouses, unless all of the following apply:
  - The building is available to the general public for at least six religious services a year, and that availability is publicised and is not by invitation only.
  - The building's sole or main purpose is as a place of public religious worship.
  - The costs of works are the responsibility of a local congregation or recognised faith group.
- A building used or available for use by a minister of religion wholly or mainly as a residence from which to perform the duties of his/her office.
- Areas of the building used for accommodation, unless they are being used as a temporary basis for the homeless or similar social/welfare purpose.

### **Ineligible costs**

Internal:

- Audio-visual systems or components of systems
- Free-standing or fixed/detachable altars
- Free-standing or fixed/detachable fonts
- Free-standing or fixed/detachable monuments
- Detachable floor coverings – carpets, vinyl, removable tiles
- Decorative soft furnishings
- Items that constitute a moveable piece of furniture
- Areas of the building used for accommodation



External:

- Pavings
- Tree removal (lopping where necessary to preserve the fabric of the building is eligible)
- Ancillary buildings and structures such as boundary walls, gravestones and graveyard monuments, retaining walls, gates, gardens, lychgates or car parks
- Railings (internal railings that are part of the fabric of the building are eligible)

General:

- Storage of items
- Materials alone
- General cleaning
- Local authority charges
- Maintenance plans
- Notice boards
- Shelving
- Cupboards (cupboards are only eligible where they are specially-supplied as part of a fitted kitchen or form an integrated kitchen facility which will remain permanently in position).
- Removable kitchen elements such as white goods, dishwashers, kettles and urns.
- Showers and baths, except where installed to support facilities for homeless/social and welfare purposes.
- Carpets, removable tiles, decorative soft furnishings
- Fixtures, fittings or decoration for commercial tenants

Professional fees:

- Accountancy services
- Costs associated with undertaking Quinquennial
- Inspections
- Local authority fees
- Diocesan faculty charges
- Solicitors and lawyers' fees
- Fundraising fees

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***Eligible Expenditure***

Only works carried out to repair, maintain or alter the fabric of an existing listed building are eligible. To claim under the scheme, eligible works must be carried out by a VAT registered contractor.

Eligible works include the following:

**Building**

- Roofs
- Vestries
- Chancels
- Towers
- Crypts



- Undercrofts
- Parapet
- Purlin
- Re-plastering
- Re-pointing
- Stone works
- Timber (where related to the fabric)
- Rainwater Goods
- Guttering
- Windows
- Window re-glazing
- Window Grilles / Bars
- Transepts
- Pinnacles
- Rhones
- Gables
- Drainage (rainwater, foul water, French drain, trench arch, or soak-away - all within the boundary walls)
- Floors and floor coverings (only where permanent and within the fabric of the building. This includes timber, stone, ceramic, marble or solid floor)
- Bell frames
- Weathercocks
- Spires
- Lightning conductors
- Flagpoles (only if on place of worship)
- Crosses (only if on place of worship)

### Internal

- Doors
- Altars and communion tables (if built into, or permanently incorporated into the fabric)
- Monuments (if built into, or permanently incorporated into the fabric)
- Fonts (if built into, or permanently incorporated into the fabric)
- Wall paintings / Murals
- Kitchens (this includes installation or repair of fitted kitchens and related electrical and plumbing work. Fixed items such as water boilers and wall-mounted water heaters are eligible. Cupboards are only eligible where they are specially-supplied as part of a fitted kitchen and are either fixed to the fabric of the building or form an integrated kitchen facility (excluding any electrical appliances/equipment)
- Permanently routed heating systems
- Turret clocks (from 1 October 2013)
- Bells, and bell ropes (from 1 October 2013)
- Bell frames
- Organs that are permanently fixed to the structure (from 1 October 2013)

### General

- Damp treatment



- Pest control – provided the pest has, or is likely to cause damage to the fabric of the building. If the invoice does not specify the type of pest, this must be included within the application.
- Works to repair damage to the fabric of the building caused by bats and mitigation measures to reduce or prevent damage caused by bats is also eligible.
- Repair of damage caused to the fabric as a result of pests or metal thefts (including replacement of stolen metals) are eligible where these expenses are not met by an insurance provider.
- Asbestos removal
- Locks and hinges
- Stairs
- Pews (kneelers, cushions and hassocks are only eligible where permanently attached to the pew)
- Cleaning (if as a result of eligible repair, maintenance or alteration works)
- Preliminaries (for eligible works only)
- Professional fees directly relating to eligible works (from 1 October 2013)
- Electrics
- Plumbing (including toilets, hand basins and sinks and kitchen facilities)
- Decoration such as carvings or stonework (where part of the fabric of the building)
- Investigative works/surveys (only where carried out by a VAT registered contractor)
- Security and forensic systems to prevent crime (burglar alarms, roof alarms, CCTV equipment, forensic marking, physical marking, special fixing, security lighting)
- Handrails (although some may be eligible for zero-rating if installed as part of other eligible works to the building for disabled people).

### Professional Fees

- Architects
- Architectural technologists
- Surveyors
- Conservation advisors
- Structural engineers
- Bat inspectors
- Archaeologists for work necessary for eligible building
- Projects (current or planned)
- Planning supervisors
- Health and safety advisors
- Maintenance plans
- Accredited conservationists

These lists are not exhaustive. If uncertain, please consult the scheme's website for clarification.

Note: although much of the terminology predominantly corresponds to features of Church of England places of worship (which account for the majority of claims on the scheme) the scheme is open to listed places of worship of all denominations and religions and aims to provide equivalent treatment to listed places of worship used by other denominations and religions.

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### Location

United Kingdom





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### **How To Apply**

This is a rolling programme. **Applications can be made at any time until 31 March 2025.**

Applications are only accepted in arrears for works already completed.

The online application form and additional guidance are available to download from the website.

Contact the Listed Places of Worship Grants Team before submitting an application

[Listed Places of Worship \(LPW\) Grant Scheme](#)

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## **Asda Foundation - Outdoor Community Spaces Fund**

Funding body:	ASDA Foundation
Maximum value:	£ 3,000
Application deadline:	<b>11/02/2025</b>

**Grants are available for grassroot groups to improve or transform outdoor community spaces where people can meet and be together, building pride in the local area.**

### **Background**

Set up in 1988, the ASDA Foundation is Asda's charity. The Foundation offers a number of grants programmes at different times throughout the year, providing more than £3 million to Asda communities.

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### **Objectives of Fund**

The funding is for projects that address at least one of the following aims:

- Transform an outdoor area, creating greener and more engaging community spaces.
- Create or enhance community growing projects.
- Enable community clean ups.

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### **Value Notes**

The total fund value is £500,000.

Grants of £500, £1,000, £1,500, £2,000, £2,500, or £3,000 are available.

The maximum award for community clear-up grants is £500.

Projects should be completed by August 2025.

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## **Match Funding Restrictions**

Match funding is not required.

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## **Who Can Apply**

Applications are accepted from local grassroots, community-led organisations in the UK.

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Be not-for-profit.
- Have an annual income of less than £250,000.
- Have governing documents.
- Have a safeguarding policy.
- Have a bank account in the group's name and be able to provide proof.

Applications are encouraged that:

- Increase access to outdoor spaces, particularly for marginalised or vulnerable groups of people. Asda Foundation is committed to enabling as many people as possible to be able to benefit from their funding.
  - Bring local communities together i.e. outdoor spaces which are open and accessible for a wide range of people on a regular basis.
  - Make a lasting and demonstrable difference to an outdoor space.
  - Enable groups to undertake a project that truly enhances a local space: applications that focus on just one or two expensive items are unlikely to be successful.
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## **Restrictions**

The funding is not available for:

- Organisations based outside the UK or benefitting people/communities outside of the UK.
  - Third party grant making organisations (grantees must directly deliver the service/activity).
  - Schools and academy trusts, although PTAs (with their own bank account) are eligible to apply, providing that the funding would impact the wider community outside of the school.
  - Groups who have a clear affiliation with a particular political party.
  - Religious organisations whose services are only open to people of a particular faith.
  - Animal charities or groups which have animal welfare as their main focus.
  - Retrospective costs.
  - Projects to improve indoor spaces.
  - Projects for spaces with restricted or limited access to community members.
  - Non-essential clothing or uniforms.
  - Equipment which will be kept by individuals, rather than the organisation applying for funding.
  - Core running costs, including salaries.
  - Contributions to general fundraising or sponsorship.
  - Projects which could negatively impact the reputation of The Asda Foundation.
  - Projects which will benefit only one person.
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### **Eligible Expenditure**

A range of project costs are supported.

Examples of eligible projects include (but not limited to):

- Materials to build and transform outdoor areas (e.g. planters, raised beds, benches, paint).
- Equipment to be able to deliver a community clear up (e.g. litter pickers, bin bags, hi-vis vests).
- Machinery hire/purchase (e.g. rotavator hire).
- Permanent fixtures and features (e.g. sheds, outdoor furniture, pathways, gates and fencing).
- Gardening tools and equipment (e.g. spades, wheelbarrows, polytunnels, water butts, compost bins).
- Plants, shrubs, trees, bulbs, etc.

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### **Location**

United Kingdom

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### **How To Apply**

The funding round opens at noon on 14 January and closes at **noon** on 11 February 2025.

**The scheme may close early if demand for funding is high.**

The project or activity should start no earlier than six weeks after submission of the proposal.

Application forms are available at the Asda Foundation website: applicants can check eligibility and will then be directed to the Foundation's Grant Management System to register and complete the application form. Governing documents, safeguarding policies, bank statements and financial accounts must also be submitted.

Successful applicants will be notified by email, plus the local Asda Community and Customer Champion will be notified, who may visit the group.

Contact the Asda Foundation for further information.

[Outdoor Community Spaces Fund | Asda Foundation](#)

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## **KFC Youth Foundation Community Grants Programme**

Funding body:	KFC Youth Foundation
Maximum value:	£ 6,000
Application deadline:	14/02/2025



Grants are available to support grassroots organisations providing safe social spaces, mentoring, work, or social skills for young people aged 11 to 25 years old in the UK.

### **Background**

The KFC Youth Foundation (formerly known as the KFC Foundation) provides grants to support grassroots organisations that empower young people in the UK to fulfill their potential by providing safe social spaces, mentoring or work, and social skills.

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### **Objectives of Fund**

The Foundation aims to fund work that helps young people create firm foundations, by addressing their needs through early intervention and creating opportunities for young people that inspire and empower them to fulfill their potential and build a positive future.

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### **Value Notes**

Grants of up to £3,000 per year for up to two years are available.

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### **Who Can Apply**

Registered charities, registered community interest companies, unincorporated clubs or associations or unregistered charities in the UK, with a turnover of less than £400,000 can apply.

Applications are welcome from such organisations which:

- Deliver services to one or more of the KFC Foundation's target groups.
- Are based in the UK.
- Have existed for at least 12 months at the time of submission.
- Have a signed constitution/governing documents.
- Have a bank account in its own name with two unrelated signatories/dual authorisation.
- Have an active board of trustees or directors.
- Have accounts detailing income and expenditure over the past 12 months.
- Have a suitable safeguarding policy.

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### **Restrictions**

The following organisations are not eligible:

- Uniformed groups such as scouts, guides and sea cadets.
- Statutory bodies such as local authorities.
- Organisations without a governing document.
- Public bodies to carry out their statutory obligations (including organisations providing those statutory duties on behalf of the public body).

The following activities will not be considered for funding:

- Promotion of religion.
- Curricular activities that take place during the school day.
- Repayment of loans.



- Generic youth work activities (not tailored towards the Foundation’s priority groups).

### **Eligible Expenditure**

The funding is intended for projects and activities that:

- Benefit young people aged 11-25 years old.
- Support those in a position of economic disadvantage (ie, care leavers, those experiencing homelessness, young carers, young parents, refugees, and young people at risk of or with experience of the criminal justice system).
- Empower young people to fulfill their potential and build a positive future by providing spaces that allow them to feel safe and secure, helping them unlock talent, build life skills, provide mentoring, and improve their chances to gain meaningful employment.
- Empower all young people to fulfill their potential and build a positive future.
- Will demonstrate positive results within 12 months of the receipt of funding.

### **Location**

UK.

### **How To Apply**

The next deadline for applications is 14 February 2025 (23:59).

There is a two-stage application process:

- Expression of Interest:
  - Applicants should first submit a two-minute video about their organisation and complete an Expression of Interest form, via the link on the KFC Foundation’s website.
- Successful groups will be notified of their outcome and invited to complete a full application.

Guidance notes are available on the KFC Foundation’s website.

[The KFC Foundation Community Grants](#)

## **Veterans’ Capital Housing Fund – Major Capital Grants Programme**

Funding body:	Office for Veterans' Affairs (OVA)
Maximum value:	£ 500,000
Application deadline:	18/06/2025



**Grants for charities and registered social housing providers with housing experience to support new builds and significant refurbishments, including extensions, of rental accommodation offering high quality support for veterans with a housing need.**

### ***Background***

The Veterans Capital Housing Fund is provided by the Office for Veterans' Affairs and delivered by the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust.

The Major Capital Grants programme supports projects that contribute to reducing veterans' homelessness and the end of their rough sleeping.

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

This is a major grants programme. The funding will support capital projects that support new builds, significant refurbishment, or extension of accommodation for veterans.

The funding is for projects that will:

- Enable major refurbishments of existing social rented or affordable rented homes for veterans.
- Enable extensions of existing buildings to increase the availability of veteran housing.
- Increase the number of new build, homes/housing units available to veterans at affordable or social rents.
- Ensure properties meet decent homes and energy efficiency standards.

Projects need to support veterans at risk and longer-term change that will last beyond the life of the grant.

Priority will be given to:

- Single Veterans
- Veterans and their families, including veterans who have shared custody arrangements for their children.
- Veterans with disabilities or limited long-term health conditions.
- Homeless, including rough sleeping Veterans.
- Female Veterans
- LGBT Veterans
- Veterans leaving prison.

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### ***Value Notes***

Grants of between £75,000 and £500,000 are available across four rounds of funding.

Larger grants of between £500,000 and £1 million may be available for exceptional projects if they meet additional criteria. Larger grants will require secured match funding of at least 30% at the time of application.

Grant recipients will have two years to complete their project.



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### **Who Can Apply**

Applications will be accepted from either:

- A registered charity, that has been registered in the UK (with one or more of the charity commissions for England and Wales, or Scotland or Northern Ireland and/or Companies House) for at least three years at the time of their application and be able to provide published accounts for all three years (if requested), with a minimum of three, unrelated trustees that can show it works with Veterans **or**
- A registered social housing provider or Registered Social Landlord in Scotland that can show it works with Veterans.

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Have at least five years' relevant social housing experience.
- Be able to show the majority of their organisation's work is with veterans or the predominant beneficiaries of this specific project would be veterans.
- Have ownership of the facility or a lease of 10 or more years.
- Have a minimum of three unrelated trustees (for charities) or directors (for CICs).

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### **Restrictions**

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Where funding is not benefiting people from the Armed Forces community.
- Projects that do not clearly meet the aims of the programme.
- Projects that are refurbishing/extending buildings that are not for rent to veterans.
- Where money only benefits one person. By this is meant where the whole project would only benefit 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.

This is not an exhaustive list.

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### **Eligible Expenditure**

The funding is intended to help with the costs of refurbishment or extension of accommodation facilities linked to:

- Transitional homeless Veteran housing



- Accommodation or facilities in a Veteran care homes where the provision would be specifically and clearly for Veterans.
- Accommodation or facilities in long-term, Veteran supported rented housing for Veterans with additional needs such as mobility disabilities which mean that their access to appropriate housing is limited.
- Social housing.

The grant can be used to pay for most things needed for the project and could include the following costs:

- Direct building costs relating to the building project.
- Staff time for this fixed-term project to manage it effectively.
- Professional fees that are directly related to their building project, such as qualified project managers.

### **Location**

UK

### **How To Apply**

The guidance notes, faqs and online application form can be found on the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust's website.

There are four funding rounds for this programme. This is the fourth round.

There is a two-stage application process:

- The first stage is to submit an Expression of Interest by **midday on 18 June 2025** with notification of EOI decisions before 30 September 2025.
- The outcome will either be an invitation to submit a full, second stage application, or a rejection. If the EOI is rejected, the organisation will not be able to apply again. Those who are invited to submit a full application must do so by 10 December 2025 (midday) and they will receive a decision by the end of March 2026.

Contact the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust for further information.

[Major Capital Grants Programme : Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust](#)

## **Rewilding Britain - Rewilding Innovation Fund**

Funding body:	Dormywood Trust
Maximum value:	£ 15,000
Application deadline:	28/02/2025





**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.

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### ***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.

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### ***Value Notes***

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

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### ***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.

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### ***Restrictions***

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

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### ***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 next deadline for applications is 28 February 2025.

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](#)

## **Heart Research UK - Healthy Heart Grants**

Funding body:	Heart Research UK
Maximum value:	£ 15,000
Application deadline:	23/04/2025

**Grants are available to charities and community interest companies in the UK for new community projects aimed at supporting adults to reduce their risk of coronary heart disease, helping them to lead healthier, happier and longer lives.**

### **Background**

Healthy Heart Grants are provided and administered by Heart Research UK, a registered charity, who works to prevent, treat and cure heart diseases through research, education and community support.



Running since 2001, the Healthy Heart Grants are awarded to community groups and projects across the UK that actively promote heart health and healthy lifestyles. In that time, some 30 Healthy Heart Grants have been awarded, benefitting the hearts of over 70,000 individuals and countless wider community and family members across all regions of the UK.

The funding rotates around the UK at different times of the year.

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### **Objectives of Fund**

The funding is for new projects being delivered in small local communities that work with adults and that actively promote heart health or reduce the risk of heart disease through primary or secondary prevention.

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### **Value Notes**

Five grants of £15,000 each will be awarded throughout the year as follows:

- One in Scotland
- One in Wales
- Two in England (one for the North of England and one for the South of England)
- One in Northern Ireland

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### **Who Can Apply**

Registered charities and community interest companies (CICs) in the UK with an annual income of less than £1 million are eligible to apply.

Groups are expected to have an in-depth knowledge of the specific needs and demographics of the communities they intend to work with and their project activities need to specifically address the problems within that community.

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### **Restrictions**

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Private enterprise and government, local authority, public sector or organisations funded with public money.
- General health projects. Activity must be specifically linked to heart issues and tackling heart disease.
- Salary costs not related to Healthy Heart projects.
- Grantholder overheads or salaries covered by existing funding.
- Existing or continuation projects.
- Training staff or volunteers.
- Projects for children.

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### **Eligible Expenditure**

Funding is for new projects that work with communities to prevent heart disease, particularly for vulnerable and isolated groups of individuals who are at an increased risk of developing heart



problems in the future. Projects that are likely to have a big impact and have considered novel ways to encourage people to look after their hearts and promote positive lifestyle changes are also sought.

Activities must have a primary focus on one or more of the following four risk factors for heart disease:

- Nutrition and Healthy Eating.
- Physical Activity.
- Smoking.
- Alcohol.

Projects should run for a minimum of three months and no longer than 12 months.

The funding can support salaries, overhead expenses/on costs and equipment that is necessary for the successful delivery of the project.

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### **Location**

UK wide

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### **How To Apply**

The grants are available in specific regions at certain times of the year.

### **The application windows for 2025 are:**

- Wales - 26 March to 23 April
- England North - 7 May to 4 June
- Scotland - 11 June to 9 July
- England South - 16 July to 13 August
- Northern Ireland - 20 August to 17 September.

Applications open at 9am and close at 5pm for all regions.

Application forms are available to complete online at the Heart Research UK website.

Contact Heart Research UK for further information.

[Healthy Heart Grants - Heart Research UK](#)



Funding body:	Agnes Hunter Trust
Maximum value:	£ 10,000
Application deadline:	06/02/2025

**Grants are available for registered charities in Scotland that help disabled people to lead fulfilling lives.**

### ***Background***

The Agnes Hunter Trust was established in 1954 to support registered charities delivering health and social welfare projects in Scotland. In 2021 the Trust converted to become a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO).

Following a policy review in 2023, the trustees have decided to focus on one key area of funding: offering grants to charities that support disabled people in Scotland.

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

The funding is intended to support disabled people throughout Scotland, providing them with opportunities and enabling them to lead fulfilling lives. This can include specific groups of people, for example those living with mental ill health, cancer, physical and sensory impairments and long-term health conditions, as well as people with learning disabilities, autistic people, and other neurodivergent people.

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### ***Value Notes***

Most grants awarded are between £3,000 and £10,000 per year, but the Trust reserves a degree of flexibility on these award values.) Grants can be for one, two or three years.

The Trust will only award grants that equate to at least 10% of the total project costs.

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

Registered charities can apply.

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Provide a service that supports disabled people.
- Be a registered charity with OSCR.
- Deliver a service in Scotland.
- Have an annual income of less than £1 million.



Applicants should hold reasonable but not excessive free reserves, unless there is a particular and temporary reason for holding a higher level. In the case of start-up organisations with limited reserves, applicants should provide evidence of their likely sustainability over the term of the grant.

The Trust is particularly keen to hear from the following:

- Smaller charities with a strong local community presence.
- Causes that do not have a strong public profile, including new Scottish charities.
- Charities developing innovative approaches, including pilot projects.

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### **Restrictions**

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Organisations that are not registered with OSCR.
- Projects/services outside Scotland.
- Charities with an annual income of over £1 million.
- Projects that promote political or religious beliefs.
- Services that are normally provided by organisations such as local authorities, hospitals, schools, universities, or colleges.
- Capital projects (such as buildings, refurbishments, and landscaping etc).
- Purchasing vehicles or large scale equipment.
- Holidays, including holiday camps, for disabled children.
- Expeditions, overseas travel, or international work.
- Grants to individuals.
- General advisory services.
- Transport-only services.
- General services for the elderly.
- Medical research, clinical work within hospitals, or services in hospices.
- Animal welfare, or the breeding and training of assistance/guide dogs.
- Support for very limited numbers of people with rare disabilities/illnesses.

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### **Eligible Expenditure**

Funding can be used towards an organisation's core costs or direct project costs, including staff salaries and overheads.

Funding is for projects aimed at helping disabled people. This might include (but is not restricted to) charities assisting specific groups of people, for example those living with learning disabilities, mental health issues, specific types of cancer, cerebral palsy, autism, visual or physical impairments.

Service provision should focus on providing opportunities and enabling people to lead fulfilling lives, such as:

- Advice, support and information.
- Life-skills training.
- Employability training.
- Volunteering.



The Trust expects to see progression and development in the project/service for which the funding is sought, in terms of the project delivery and outcomes as well as the sustainability of the organisation itself.

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**Location**

Scotland

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**How To Apply**

There are two funding rounds per year:

- A spring/summer round. **Applications will open on 16 January 2025 (10:00) and close on 6 February 2025 (17:00)**. Applications will be considered at the 29 May 2025 Board meeting.
- An autumn/winter round with applications submitted in August, and taken to the Board meeting in late November/early December.

Online application forms can be found on the Trust's website along with guidelines and frequently asked questions.

Contact the Agnes Hunter Trust for further information.

[Welcome to the Agnes Hunter Trust SCIO - Agnes Hunter Trust](#)

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## Thomas Wall Trust - Grants for Registered Charities

Funding body:	Thomas Wall Trust
Maximum value:	£ 5,000
Application deadline:	05/05/2025

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

**Background**

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

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**Objectives of Fund**

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



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

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

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### **Value Notes**

Grants of up to £5,000 are available.

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

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### **Match Funding Restrictions**

Priority will be given to match funded projects.

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### **Who Can Apply**

To be eligible, applicants must:

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

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### **Restrictions**

The following are not eligible for funding:

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

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### **Eligible Expenditure**

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

Priority will be given to:

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

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





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

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### **Location**

United Kingdom

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### **How To Apply**

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

There is a two-stage application process.

- Stage one is to complete an online Expression of Interest form (available on the Trust's website) which requires some basic contact details and a description of what the funding is required for. **The current deadline for first stage applications is 5 May 2025.**
- Stage two is by invitation only and involves completing a more in-depth application form and to submit a Project Plan, budget, latest set of financial accounts and any relevant policies.

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

Unsuccessful applicants will be notified by email unless the Trust receives an unusually high volume of applications.

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

Groups that would like to contact the Trust will need to use the Trust's [online](#) message form which is on Trust's website contact page.

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

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## **Inspiring Scotland - Neighbourhood Ecosystem Fund**

Funding body:	Scottish Government
Maximum value:	£ 13,500
Application deadline:	03/03/2025

**Grants are available for community groups in Scotland to develop local ecosystem restoration projects.**

### **Background**

The Neighbour Ecosystem Fund is supported by the Carman Family Foundation, the Scottish Government's Nature Restoration Fund, which is managed by Nature Scot, and others and is being administered by Inspiring Scotland.



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## **Objectives of Fund**

The Fund aims to:

- Inspire and allow communities to explore and develop ambitious ecosystem restoration projects locally.
- Raise awareness about the importance of local ecosystem restoration and address barriers faced by community-led efforts.

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## **Value Notes**

Grants of up to £13,500 are available.

Successful applicants will also receive up to £1,500 in professional fundraising support.

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## **Who Can Apply**

Not-for-profit community-led organisations that are locally based and operating within a specific area of Scotland can apply, including:

- SCIOs.
- Community Interest Companies.
- Community Benefit societies.
- Cooperatives.
- Not-for-profit companies limited by guarantee.

Unincorporated organisations can apply but must have a constitution and a bank account in the name of the organisation that requires two signatories for the withdrawals.

Organisations must have a turnover of less than £200,000 in the last year.

Applicants must provide:

- A project budget.
- Their constitution.
- A copy of their latest annual accounts.
- At least one (up to five) photos of the project site.
- A copy of the partnership agreement or MOU (if submitting a partnership application).

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## **Restrictions**

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Private individuals and for-profit companies.
- Public bodies.
- Schools.
- Academic institutes.
- Charities or other not-for-profit organisations operating at a national or international scale (NGOs).



- Projects that focus exclusively on conservation activities, maintenance, or which cannot demonstrate how activities will actively promote ecosystem restoration, recovery, enhancement, or resilience (eg, beach cleans, litter picking).
- Projects that have already secured significant funding towards their ecosystem restoration activities.
- Projects that are part of large-scale or regional initiatives.
- Projects already funded by the Nature Restoration Fund. Projects must not be funded by the Nature Restoration Fund during the same delivery period as a Neighbourhood Ecosystem Fund grant.

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### **Eligible Expenditure**

Projects must focus on one or more of the following priorities for ecosystem restoration:

- **Connecting nature corridors:** connecting areas of habitat or patches of greenspaces to support to nature revival and restoration.
- **Habitat and species restoration** (eg, creating flower-rich grassland). This includes restoration of unused and derelict land, including farmland.
- **Freshwater and wetland restoration** (eg, pond creation or river restoration).
- **Coastal and marine initiatives** which promote restoration, recovery, enhancement or resilience in Scotland's coasts and seas.
- **Control of invasive non-native species** (INNS) impacting on nature (eg, early-stage community action to plan removal of isolated invasive plant species).
- **Urban nature:** Enhancing and connecting nature within villages, towns, or cities (eg, creating pollinator friendly habitat spaces).

The Fund is interested in development stage projects, such as:

- Turning a high-level concept into a more detailed proposal.
- Generating support and buy-in within a community for a proposal.
- Developing partnerships.
- Undertaking modelling, surveys and feasibility studies.
- Project planning and design.

The following are eligible for funding:

- **Activities:**
  - Activities should link to the nature focus of your project and be tailored to the needs of the people that the organisation works with. This can include ways to engage the wider community in the nature project, such as events and workshops.
- **Specialist consultancy and technical expertise:**
  - Recruiting experts to engage with communities in the design and implementation of ecosystem restoration proposals.
- **New staff posts and training placements:**
  - This could also include part of a current employee's role, if they were dedicating a specific amount of time to the project or training for existing staff, to support the aims of the project. Such as, increasing staff time or recruiting additional people to support evaluation or communications activities.
- **Core costs:**



- Up to 20% of the funding can be used to cover management costs and organisational over such as day-to-day running costs, insurance, or routine accommodation.

Funding is intended for revenue costs. Requests for small amounts of capital funding to purchase or upgrade physical items essential to delivery of the project will be considered.

**Projects must be delivered between 1 June 2025 and 31 March 2026.**

### **Location**

Scotland

### **How To Apply**

There is a two-stage application process:

- **Stage One:** Applicants must first submit a short online Expression of Interest.
- **Stage Two:** Eligible applicants will then be invited to complete a full application. The deadline for applications is 3 March 2025 (**noon**).

Guidance notes and an online Expression of Interest form are available from the Inspiring Scotland website.

Contact Inspiring Scotland for further information.

[Neighbourhood Ecosystem Fund - Inspiring Scotland](#)

## **Army Benevolent Fund – Grants to Organisations**

Funding body:	Army Benevolent Fund
Maximum value:	Discretionary
Application deadline:	11/03/2025

**Grants are available to charities and organisations that support the Army community, which includes veterans, serving soldiers, their families and immediate dependants.**

### **Background**

ABF The Soldier’s Charity reverted to its original name, the Army Benevolent Fund, on 1 November 2023.

The charity provide grants to charities and organisations that provide lifetime support to soldiers, veterans and their immediate families when they are in need.



### **Objectives of Fund**

The funding is intended to support charities and organisations with projects and activities that directly benefit the Army community in six key areas: independent living, elderly care, education and employability, mental fitness, families and housing.

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### **Value Notes**

Funding is at the discretion of the Grants Committee. The charity has not set a minimum or maximum amount.

Applications from organisations with which the charity has no established relationship are likely to be below £15,000.

Typically grants are made for a single year; however, the Charity's Trustees may consider making a grant spread over a number of years at their discretion if they feel this would be appropriate.

Up to 100 charities can be supported each year.

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### **Match Funding Restrictions**

The charity will not fund the full cost recovery of any project, but will contribute to the overall costs. Applicants will need to evidence as to how the remaining funds will be found or covered by reserves.

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### **Who Can Apply**

All registered charities and other organisations which support the Army community, which includes veterans, serving soldiers, their families and immediate dependants, may apply.

The Fund supports a broad range of charities, with a preference for charities and organisations which are members of the Confederation of Service Charities (COBSEO) or Veterans Scotland.

When appropriate, applications will be considered on a case-by-case basis from:

- Not-for-profit organisations & Community Interest Companies (CICs)
- Community Projects
- Housing Associations

The Charity prefers to support those organisations working directly with beneficiaries at a grassroots level.

Any charity that has not been supported by the Fund in the previous 24 months must contact the Fund before making a formal submission.

Charities or organisations providing mental health services to members of the Army family would normally be expected to be a member or at least signed up to the Quality Network for Veterans Mental Health Services (QNVMS) run by the Royal College of Psychiatrists on behalf of the sector.

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## **Restrictions**

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Organisations that do not support serving soldiers, veterans and their immediate families, and/or the wider Army community.
- Requests made within 12 months of the outcome of a previous application, whether a grant was received or not.
- Some educational and training activities, such as study trips, gap years, fundraising expeditions or sponsorship.
- Specific (ie named) posts and salaries.
- An organisation's core operating costs.
- Umbrella organisations.
- Requests for full cost recovery of a project.

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## **Eligible Expenditure**

Grants can be used for a wide range of projects and activities from helping soldiers to adapt to life after service, to assisting elderly veterans maintain their independence.

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## **Location**

UK

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## **How To Apply**

The Main Grants Committee normally sits three times a year: in February, June and November.

The Scottish Committee (dealing with requests for activities and charities/organisations based solely in Scotland) is held in April.

**Applications for Scotland are expected to open on 4 February 2025 and close on 11 March 2025.**

Application forms can be found on the Army Benevolent Fund website and must be submitted by email.

Contact the Army Benevolent Fund for further information.

[Grants to charities - Army Benevolent Fund](#)

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## **Cash For Kids - Children's Mental Health Grants**

Funding body:	Cash for Kids
Maximum value:	Discretionary
Application deadline:	Not specified



**Grants are available to improve the mental health of children and young people in the UK.**

### ***Background***

Cash for Kids are the official charity of Bauer Media. Bauer Media is an international media company who run market leading radio stations and magazines.

Cash for Kids is a grant-giving charity that supports children from birth up to 18 years old across the UK. The Children's Mental Health grant is part of the General Grant programme.

The Cash for Kids General Grant programme addresses the following priorities:

- Poverty.
- Mental health and wellbeing.
- Sport and physical wellbeing.
- Disability or life-limiting illness.
- Education and essential skills.
- Diversity and inclusion.

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

The Children's Mental Health programme aims to improve the mental wellbeing of children and young people (up to 18 years old) in the UK.

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### ***Value Notes***

Grants are usually between £1,000 and £3,000. However, larger requests may be funded.

Grants should be spent within six months.

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

Match funding requests are accepted but are not a specified requirement.

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

Applications are accepted from registered charities, schools, and formally constituted voluntary and community organisations based across the UK. Individuals may also apply.

Charities should have an annual income below £1 million.

Groups should check the [locations page](#) to ensure they are eligible.

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### ***Restrictions***

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Diagnosis or suitability assessments.
- Charities with an annual turnover more than £1 million.
- Annual reporting submitted late to Charity Commission / OSCR in the last 12 months.



- Projects that would, in the reasonable opinion of the charity's Trustees, cause reputational harm.
- Charity Commission/OSCR flags or warnings including, but not limited to, charities at risk of removal from the register, qualified accounts, regulatory alerts, repeated late submissions.
- Cars/driving lessons.
- Cash grants to individuals or families.
- Charities/organisations less than 12 months old.
- Cosmetic or dental procedures.
- Diagnosis assessments.
- Educational bursaries or scholarships.
- Extensive building projects and repairs/renovations.
- Funding for projects that should be paid for by statutory bodies.
- Funeral Costs or headstones.
- Garden renovations/fencing (but accessibility adaptations may be funded e.g. a wheelchair access ramp).
- Holidays.
- Medical research or medical treatment abroad.
- Political activity, party political organisations, direct lobbying or projects with a political element.
- Pregnancy testing, advice, information or counselling on pregnancy choices.
- Previous Cash for Kids grant recipients who have not completed all post-grant requirements.
- Projects intended to influence people's religious choices or to promote a particular belief system.
- Salaries or core costs.
- Summer houses/outbuildings/sheds.
- Budget shortfalls or debt repayments.
- Trips or projects outside the UK / Eire.
- Therapy dogs.
- CICs.

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### **Eligible Expenditure**

A range of project costs are supported (e.g. therapy costs including counselling, music/art therapy, speech/language therapy, physiotherapy, bereavement support, sensory equipment).

A maximum of six months of therapy sessions are supported.

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### **Location**

United Kingdom

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### **How To Apply**

Applications are accepted at any time until funds are depleted.

The following documents are required (depending upon organisation type):

**Charities (turnover less than £1 million):**





- Governance document such as constitution.
- Safeguarding policy.
- Paying in slip/statement for a bank account in the charity name.
- Most recent accounts.
- Breakdown of costs relating to the application.

#### Schools:

- Safeguarding policy attached or on website.
- Paying in slip/statement for a bank account in the schools name.
- Most recent accounts or income/expenditure documents or statement of school fund account.
- Letter from Head Teacher authorising application or Head is a point of contact on application form.

#### Community associations / grassroots organisations:

- Governance document e.g. constitution, articles of association or club rules and regulations.
- Safeguarding policy.
- Paying in slip/statement for a bank account in the organisation name.
- Recent accounts or income/expenditure.
- Breakdown of costs relating to the application.

Applications must be submitted online.

Contact Cash for Kids for further information.

[Grants | Cash for Kids | Helping the children that need it most](#)

## Naturewatch Foundation - Pet Rescue Grant

Funding body:	Naturewatch Foundation
Maximum value:	£ 10,000
Application deadline:	21/02/2025

**A small number of grants are available each year for not-for-profit UK animal rescue charities working with dogs, cats and/or rabbits who have been affected by the illegal pet trade.**

#### **Background**

The Pet Rescue Grant is provided and administered by Naturewatch Foundation, a registered animal welfare charity whose mission is to end animal cruelty and advance animal welfare standards.

### **Objectives of Fund**

The funding is intended to help frontline animal welfare services provide a second chance to pets who have been exploited for profit.

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### **Value Notes**

In 2025, a main grant of **£10,000** is available to UK-registered charities and Community Interest Companies (CICs) with an annual income of up to £5 million.

Additionally, for the first time, a mini-grant of **£1,000** is available to unincorporated non-profits, including unregistered charities and community groups.

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### **Who Can Apply**

Applications will be considered from registered non-profit organisations in the UK, including:

- UK registered charities registered with the Charity Commission, Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) and/or the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland.
- Community Interest Companies (CICs) registered with the Companies House.

Priority will be given to projects by smaller organisations that may not have the time or resources to apply to larger funding bodies.

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### **Restrictions**

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Investigating or campaigning purposes (this is because Naturewatch Foundation already does this).
  - Individuals.
  - Overseas organisations.
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### **Eligible Expenditure**

The funds can be used for projects covering veterinary care, behavioural support, specialist facilities, equipment, training or other initiatives that will directly help dogs, cats and/or rabbits who have been exploited for profit.

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### **Location**

UK

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### **How To Apply**

The fund is expected to run annually, opening on 24 January each year to coincide with Change a Pet's Life.

**The 2025 application window will open on 24 January 2025 and close on 21 February 2025.**



Grant recipients are usually notified and announced in April each year.

The guidelines and application form can be found on the Naturewatch Foundation website.

Contact Naturewatch Foundation for further information.

[Pet Rescue Grant | Naturewatch Foundation](#)

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## Bank of Scotland Foundation - Empower Programme

Funding body:	Bank of Scotland Foundation
Maximum value:	£ 150,000
Application deadline:	12/02/2025

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

### **Background**

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

In support of this strategy, the Foundation has announced its planned grants programme for 2025:

- **Empower** (reopens on 3 February 2025 and is the subject of this report) 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.
- **Energise** (reopens 2 June 2025) 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.
- A new programme supporting charities that promote financial wellbeing is expected to be launched in June 2025.

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### **Objectives of Fund**

The focus of the Empower grants 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.

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### **Value Notes**

Unrestricted grants of up to £150,000 over three years (£50,000 per year) are available.



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### **Who Can Apply**

Charities registered in and operating within Scotland can apply.

Charities must:

- Have a minimum of three years of accounts lodged and checked at OSCR.
- Have an annual income of between £150,000 and £500,000.
- Work with vulnerable groups.

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### **Restrictions**

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Organisations that have received funding from the Bank of Scotland Foundation within the last two years.
- Organisations with outstanding grant evaluations.
- 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.
- Retrospective costs.
- Costs that are unrelated to delivering outcomes eg, contributions to reserves or notional costs that will never be incurred such as rent-free premises.

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### **Eligible Expenditure**

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

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

Organisations should demonstrate:

- The vulnerabilities of the people they support.
- How their work makes or will make a difference to the lives of vulnerable people.
- The necessity for the funding and what unrestricted funding would allow the organisation to do.

Examples of vulnerable groups include people:

- With limited English language skills.
- With poor mental health.
- Experiencing homelessness.
- Experiencing poverty.
- Experiencing unemployment.



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**Location**

Scotland

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**How To Apply**

**Empower will reopen on 3 February 2025 and close on 12 February 2025.**

There is a four-stage application process:

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

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

Contact the Bank of Scotland Foundation for further information.

[Bank of Scotland Foundation](#)



