

# 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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## WCIT – IT4Good Grant Programme

Funding body:	WCIT
Maximum value:	£ 15,000
Application deadline:	07/05/2025

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

### ***Background***

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

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

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

- Education.
- Inclusion.
- IT for charities.
- Public understanding of IT.

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### ***Value Notes***

Grants of up to £15,000 are available.

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

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

The following can apply:

- Registered charities.



- Educational establishments.
- Community interest companies.
- Organisations with a formal not-for-profit constitution.

Applicants must provide:

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

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

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

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

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### **Restrictions**

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Individuals.
- Private companies.
- Core running costs.
- Political/lobbying work.
- Local authorities or councils.
- Loans/debt repayments.
- Retrospective costs.
- Consultancy costs.
- Projects that seek to build an endowment.
- Projects where the beneficiaries are based abroad.

The fund is less likely to support:

- Replacement of hardware.
- Off-the-shelf software packages.
- Websites.
- Network and telephony costs.
- Migration to cloud services.
- Large national charities with significant income and reserves.
- Projects where WCIT's contribution may be very small.



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### **Eligible Expenditure**

Projects that are more likely to be funded include:

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

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

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### **Location**

UK.

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### **How To Apply**

The next deadline for applications is 7 May 2025.

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

[Home - WCIT Charity](#)

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## **Health Lottery Foundation Grants 2025**

Funding body:	The Health Lottery Foundation
Maximum value:	Discretionary
Application deadline:	Not specified

**Grants are available for voluntary sector organisations in England, Scotland or Wales for local projects that cover health and wellbeing within their community.**

### **Background**

The Health Lottery Foundation distributes money raised by The Health Lottery players. A minimum of 20% of every lottery draw ticket and online scratch card purchased goes towards good causes. From 23 January 2025, The Health Lottery will operate on behalf of The Health Lottery Foundation. The Foundation is responsible for making sure that the money flows into communities in a way that makes a real difference to people's lives.



### **Objectives of Fund**

The funding is intended for voluntary organisations who are working to improve the health and wellbeing of people in their community.

The Foundation is taking a broad approach in the areas of work it supports because the causes of poor health, loneliness and social exclusion are complicated. This means the type of projects that improve health and wellbeing outcomes are quite varied.

The funding is for work that address the following project themes:

- Chronic disease
- Disability inequity
- Healthcare IT
- Health disparity
- Preventative care
- Young people

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### **Value Notes**

The level of grant will be provided when the scheme launches later in 2025.

Grant payments will be made by BACS.

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### **Who Can Apply**

Applications will be considered from non-profit-making voluntary sector organisations who are working to improve the health and wellbeing of people in their local community.

Organisations with the following legal structures may apply:

- Registered charities
- Community Interest Companies (CICs)
- Community groups, such as local clubs and associations (for example, youth groups and environmental clubs)
- Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)
- Social enterprises, businesses with a social or environmental purpose
- Faith-based organisations.

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### **Eligible Expenditure**

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

#### **Chronic disease**

- Organisations that offer support services to individuals suffering from chronic disease and their families.
- Consideration to:
  - Organisations that offer emotional support to individuals and families dealing with chronic illness.



- Projects that provide financial and practical advice around a specific chronic disease.
- Organisations that offer care services to people suffering.
- Organisations researching new ways to deal with chronic illness.
- Hospices.
- Particular interest in projects that focus on individuals dealing with chronic illness and their families.

### **Disability inequity**

- Organisations that specifically offer health and wellbeing programmes to disabled people.
- Projects that want to build inclusivity into their existing programmes by making adjustments to their approach.
- Consideration to supporting organisation who are:
  - Running programmes that promote fitness and physical activity for disabled people.
  - Offering emotional support and counselling to disabled people and their families.
- Particular interest in projects that currently support disabled people and those who would like to improve what they can offer.

### **Health disparity**

- Organisations that specifically offer health and wellbeing programmes to communities that might be geographically or socially isolated.
- Consideration to supporting:
  - Organisations working in rural communities where people find it harder to access health and social care, general practice, medicine and transport.
  - Services that offer specific healthcare or wellbeing support to people that might face barriers accessing care due to race, gender or socio-economic factors.
- Particular interest in projects that are working to reduce health disparities between communities.

### **Healthcare IT**

- Organisations using technology to improve health outcomes.
- Consideration to supporting
  - Remote care projects that use IT to reach underserved communities.
  - Organisations using AI and data to develop health solutions.
  - Projects developing virtual reality (VR) technology to train medics or treat patients.
  - Projects using mobile tools for community health workers.
- Particular interest in projects that are developing or using technology to improve health and wellbeing outcomes.

### **Preventative care**

- Organisations that focus on disease prevention.
- Consideration to supporting:
  - Local groups running programmes that promote fitness, and physical activity.
  - Nutrition and healthy eating programmes.
  - Food banks and projects that ease poverty.
  - Organisations conducting medical research to combat disease.



- Particular interest in projects preventing disease and promoting health.

## Young people

- Organisations operating in communities across Britain that are providing vital youth services at grassroots level.
- Consideration to supporting:
  - Youth centres or outreach services that offer activities, mentoring or counselling to those that need it.
  - Specialist support for children and young disabled people.
  - Places that give children someone they can talk to, when they're struggling to cope.
  - Programmes that promote wellbeing and encourage engagement between young people and nature.
- Particular interest in projects improving the health, wellbeing and happiness of young people and children in the local community.

### **Location**

England, Scotland and Wales

### **How To Apply**

Applications are expected to open later in 2025, at which time, full details will be provided.

In the meantime, **groups who are interested in applying can sign up to the Foundation's** mailing list:

<https://www.thehealthlotteryfoundation.org.uk/join-our-mailing-list/>

[Home - The Health Lottery Foundation](#)

## Corra Foundation – Boost Small Grants

Funding body:	STV Children's Appeal
Maximum value:	£ 3,000
Application deadline:	11/03/2025

**Grants are available to support grassroots organisations and charities delivering community-led activities to children and families across Scotland affected by poverty.**





## Further details

### **Background**

The Boost Small Grants Fund is delivered by Corra Foundation in partnership with STV Children's Appeal and Comic Relief.

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### **Objectives of Fund**

This fund aims to ensure accessible, supportive, community-led activities remain available to children and families despite the challenges the cost-of-living poses for charities and community groups.

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### **Value Notes**

A total of around £400,000 is available for 2025.

Grants of between £500 and £3,000 are available to constituted groups.

Grants of between £250 and £1,500 are available to unconstituted groups.

It is anticipated that around 160 grants will be made.

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### **Who Can Apply**

Charities and grassroots organisations that support children and families in their local communities and have an annual income of up to £50,000 can apply.

Constituted groups must be a charity registered in Scotland, a voluntary and community organisation or Community Interest Company with governing documents that state that:

- The organisation is not-for-profit or has a clear clause ensuring that all income is applied to the organisation's purposes and not distributed to members, shareholders, or owners.
- There is a dissolution clause/lock in place requiring that assets are distributed to an organisation with similar charitable aims in the instance of closure.
- They have at least three directors/committee members and no one person has majority control.

Unconstituted groups can also apply but will need to enter into discussion with the Corra Foundation. They must also provide a referee from the local community.

Not all of an organisation's work needs to be with children and families. For instance, a local food pantry that serves all members of their community, including children and families, can apply.

Constituted groups must provide:

- A copy of their constitution (unless they are a registered charity).
- A recent copy of their organisation's bank statement, clearly displaying the group name, sort code, and account number. The bank account must be in the name of the organisation and must be dated within the past six months.
- A copy of their most annual accounts (that are less than 18 months old).



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## **Restrictions**

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Organisations with an income of more than £50,000 in their last financial year.
- Organisations that are not established as not-for-profit.
- Organisations based outside of Scotland.
- One organisation applying on behalf of another.
- Projects of larger organisations.
- Individuals.
- Major capital appeals, including building projects, motor vehicles, and refurbishment costs.
- Retrospective funding.
- The promotion of religion.
- Activities that are party political.
- Mainstream activities and statutory requirements, for example for hospitals and medical centres, schools, universities, and colleges.
- Bursaries and scholarships.
- Contributions to funds that will be used for grant-making to other organisations and/or individuals.
- Sponsorship or marketing appeals.

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## **Eligible Expenditure**

Funding is for projects that:

- Provide an accessible and supportive funding opportunity for small community-led organisations.
- Ensure community-led activities remain available to children and families despite the challenges the higher cost of living poses for charities and community groups.

Grants can be used to fund a new project, help continue a pre-existing project, or support running costs (such as utilities, salaries, or transport).

Funding should be used within 12 months of the date of the award.

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## **Location**

Scotland.

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## **How To Apply**

In 2025, Boost will run in three rounds, with about one-third of the grants made in each round:

- Round One opened at noon on 25 February 2025 and will close at noon on 11 March 2025.
- Round Two will open at the end of April.
- Round Three will open at the start of September.

Further guidance will be made available when the fund reopens.



Contact the Corra Foundation for further information

[Boost Fund supporting children and families](#)

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## FCC Scottish Action Fund

Funding body:	FCC Communities Foundation
Maximum value:	£ 40,000
Application deadline:	14/05/2025

**Grants are available to not-for-profit organisations for environmental and community-based projects that are within 10 miles of any landfill site or transfer station in Scotland and are for the benefit of the general public.**

### **Background**

Landfill operators in Scotland collect tax on every tonne of waste that goes into their landfill sites. The Scottish Government allows for a percentage of that tax to be diverted to the Scottish Landfill Communities Fund (SLCF) to support community, environmental and heritage projects around landfill sites and transfer stations.

The scheme is regulated by Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) and FCC Communities Foundation Ltd is registered with them to administer and distribute the SLCF funding for waste and resource management company FCC Environment

The FCC Communities Foundation was established in 1997 and has provided over £250 million to more than 7,500 projects across the UK.

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### **Objectives of Fund**

The FCC Scottish Action Fund is a programme of funding for not-for-profit organisations to apply for grants under the Scottish Landfill Communities Fund (SLCF).

Please note with the introduction of new waste technologies alongside the increase in recycling rates there is less waste going to landfill and the FCC Communities Foundation's funding in Scotland has reduced accordingly.

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### **Value Notes**

Grants of between £2,000 and £40,000 are available for projects with a total project cost of £250,000 (including VAT if relevant).

All grant recipients are required to secure a 'Contributing Third Party' (CTP) payment. This is a very specific payment required to be paid to the landfill operator and it is not the same as match funding. Examples of organisations which can be CTP donors are:



- Private Companies.
- Public sector organisations, such as local authorities and county councils.
- Charities.
- Private Donor, for example, a member of a church congregation or a person who uses with others a village hall or other community facility.

Full details can be found in the guidance notes.

Please note this fund is oversubscribed.

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### **Match Funding Restrictions**

Match funding is not a specific condition of the grant; however, applicants will need to provide evidence of any confirmed match funders.

Third Party Funding of 10.75% is a requirement.

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### **Who Can Apply**

Charities, community councils, church or community organisations and voluntary groups can apply as long as they are operated on a not-for-profit basis, have a formal constitution and bank account registered in the name of the organisation.

Applicants must provide:

- A copy of their organisation's constitution.
- A copy of their latest accounts.
- A copy of their organisation's bank statement.

Local Authorities may also apply.

Projects for public amenity, biodiversity and historic buildings must be based within 10 miles of an active landfill site or transfer station.

Applicants who wish to calculate the distance of their project to the nearest FCC Environment landfill site should use the online calculator which can be found on the FCC Communities Foundation website.

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### **Restrictions**

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Salary costs, day-to-day management and running costs and routine maintenance costs.
- Retrospective costs. (Projects which have already started).
- Purchase of land.
- Revenue or salary costs of staff including training and travel costs.
- Purchase or lease of vehicles.
- Construction of new buildings or extensions to existing buildings.



- Projects located at leisure centres, swimming pools or sports facilities that are owned and managed by a Local Authority.
- Any works to public highways, roads (either on or off project site, adopted or un-adopted) pavements beside highways, roundabouts. This does not include recreational footpaths, bridle paths or cycle ways.
- Projects involving Membership-only organisations where the general public (ie non-members) are unable to use the facilities.
- Village or town centre enhancements such as walkways, street works or signage.
- Administration posts.
- Projects to provide or enhance overnight accommodation or residential areas of any amenity.
- War Memorials that do not have full public access or are not located within a public park.
- Solar panels or any other renewable technology which generates income for the organisation.
- Construction of new buildings or extensions to existing buildings, including but not limited to:
  - Foundations.
  - Drainage.
  - Bricks and mortar.
  - Roofing.
  - The provision of any mains supplies, (water, gas, electricity, oil) to the building.
  - First fix plumbing and electricals.
  - Any other elements that are considered structural.

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### **Eligible Expenditure**

The funding will only support costs which are specific to a project's delivery.

Applications will be considered for all types of projects included in the following SLCF Objects:

- **Land Reclamation (Object A):** The reclamation, remediation, restoration or other operation on land to facilitate economic, social or environmental use.
- **Community Recycling (Object B):** Community-based recycling, re-use and waste prevention projects.
- **Public Amenities and Parks (Object C):** Providing, maintaining or improving a public park or other public amenity which is in the vicinity of a landfill or transfer station.
- **Biodiversity (Object D):** The conservation or promotion of biological diversity through the provision, conservation, restoration or enhancement of a natural habitat or the maintenance or recovery of a species in its natural habitat. Project must be in the vicinity of a landfill or transfer station.
- **Historic Buildings (Object E):** The maintenance, repair or restoration of a building, other structure or a site of archaeological interest which is a place of religious worship, or a site of historic or architectural or archaeological interest and is open to the public. Project must be in the vicinity of a landfill or transfer station.

Applicants wishing to apply for funding under Object C or E and who are not able to offer full public access to their facility should contact the FCC Communities Foundation for guidance before applying.

Priority will be given to projects that help deliver community needs which evidence:

- Clear and genuine need.



- Relevant and appropriate consultation.
- The ability to keep the site in good order and well maintained once the project is complete.
- Reasonable costs which offer good value.
- The ability to deliver the project on time and on budget.
- The project's outcomes will, within the confines of the LCF, benefit the natural, social or built environment and make a positive impact on local communities.

The funding can be used for the following types of costs:

- Contractors.
- Materials.
- Capital items.
- Small items of equipment used by volunteers and staff to deliver the project.

Applications will be considered for funding for the internal fittings of a new building or extension, but applicants should demonstrate that they have the build costs secured. The list of internal finishes includes:

- Kitchens.
- Toilets.
- Floor coverings.
- Decorating.
- Lighting.
- Heating.
- Renewable energy technology eg ground source heat pump, photovoltaic panels.

Funding can be awarded towards the refurbishment of an existing community building.

For all Objects, work must be targeted on a specific site at a single location and all projects must be for the benefit of the general public.

For Public Amenity, Biodiversity and Historic Building projects must be within 10 miles of any landfill site or transfer station (not just FCC Environment sites).

Applicants can check to see if their site is in an eligible area by using the screening tool on SEPA's [website](#).

### **Location**

Scotland. (Applicants should use the use screening tool on SEPA's [website](#) to see if their site is in an eligible area.)

### **How To Apply**

There are two funding rounds per year.

The application windows for 2025 are:

- Round One - 26 February 2025 to 14 May 2025 (17:00).



- Round Two - 3 September 2025 to 19 November 2025 (17:00).

Guidelines and an online application can be found on the FCC Communities Foundation website.

Contact the FCC Communities Foundation for further information.

[FCC Community Action Fund / FCC](#)

## Another Way Women's Foundation

Funding body:	Another Way Women's Foundation
Maximum value:	Discretionary
Application deadline:	30/04/2025

**A small number of grants are available for UK registered charities and not-for-profit organisations in England and Scotland to support projects or services aimed at advancing women's and girls' lives for the better.**

### **Background**

Another Way Women's Foundation (AWWF) is an independent, volunteer-led, grant-making charity dedicated to enabling a brighter and fairer future for women and girls through financial support, education, empowerment and advancement.

The Foundation supports impactful projects and services with the aim of accelerating gender equality, effecting system change and advancing women's lives, sustainably, at both an individual and community level.

### **Objectives of Fund**

The funding supports sustainable, cooperative, community-led initiatives aimed at the root cause of gender inequality (system change) in under-represented communities and/or under-funded areas.

The Foundation offers two different grants:

- **Another Way Women's Foundation** grants are for any type of project, initiative, service aimed at advancing and empowering women, creating positive social change, sustainably impacting communities, or indeed anything that makes the world a brighter and better place for women and girls.
- The '**£1000 for 1000 words**' grants provide 'seed funding' to kick start things on a project or service aimed at advancing women's lives for the better.



## **Value Notes**

There are two different grants:

- Another Way Women's Foundation grants of up to £5,000.
- The '£1000 for 1000 words' grant.

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## **Who Can Apply**

UK registered charities and other not-for-profit organisations can apply.

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## **Eligible Expenditure**

All applications must be in line with and supportive of the Foundation's charitable purpose: to enable a brighter and fairer future for women and girls through financial support, education, empowerment and advancement, and to accelerate gender equality, effect system change and advance women's lives, sustainably, at both an individual and community level – as well as the Foundation's values and ethos – which are to be empowering & enabling, community- and people-centric, passionate & inspiring, and trusted and respectful.

The grants typically fall into two areas:

- Project support – 'seed' funding for pilot or start-up initiatives to show 'proof of concept', with a view to enabling partner organisations to go on to apply for further/larger grants from other funders to expand/increase the project scope, or to attain self-sustainability for the project.
- Services support – aid funding to enable support organisation and service providers to pay for essential service delivery.

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## **Location**

England and Scotland

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## **How To Apply**

**The next application window will open from 1 April 2025 to 30 April 2025.**

Guidance notes and application forms can be found on the Another Way Women's Foundation website.

Contact the Foundation for further information.

[Funding | Another Way Women's Foundation](#)





## Energy Redress Scheme - Just Transition Fund

Funding body:	Energy Saving Trust
Maximum value:	£ 250,000
Application deadline:	20/03/2025

**Grants are available for charities and community energy groups in Great Britain to develop community renewable energy projects that benefit those most in need.**

### **Background**

The Ofgem Energy Industry Voluntary Redress Scheme, known as the Energy Redress Scheme, is funded through payments from energy companies who may have breached rules. The Energy Saving Trust has been appointed by Ofgem to distribute the funding to charities in England, Scotland and Wales.

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### **Objectives of Fund**

The fund, provided by Ofgem Energy Redress Scheme and piloted under the scheme's Carbon Emissions Reductions priority, aims to build the capacity of the community energy sector and deliver impactful renewable energy projects. It seeks to demonstrate how a just transition to net zero can benefit everyone.

The funding is intended to enable greater community ownership and social benefit from the historic growth in renewable energy over the next few years as the UK transitions to net zero.

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### **Value Notes**

In this round, there is a total budget of £2 million.

Grants of between £20,000 and £250,000 are available for individual projects.

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### **Who Can Apply**

Applications are accepted from registered charities, Community Interest Companies (CICs), Community Benefit Societies and Cooperative Societies in England, Scotland and Wales that are registered with the Energy Redress Scheme and have passed the due diligence process.

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### **Location**

England, Wales, Scotland

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### **How To Apply**

The deadline for applications is 20 March 2025 (17:00).



Before applying, organisations need to pre-register by visiting the [Energy Redress registration page](#) after which they will be able to access the online application form.

Organisations that have not yet registered with the scheme must do so 10 working days before the relevant Fund closes to allow time for eligibility checks to take place.

Contact the Energy Saving Trust for further information.

[Announcements | Energy Redress scheme](#)

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## Energy Redress Scheme - Main Fund and Small Project Fund

Funding body:	Energy Saving Trust
Maximum value:	£ 2,000,000
Application deadline:	20/03/2025

**Grants are available to registered charities for projects supporting people in or at risk of fuel poverty across England, Scotland and Wales.**

### **Background**

The Ofgem Energy Industry Voluntary Redress Scheme, known as the Energy Redress Scheme, is funded through payments from energy companies who may have breached rules. The Energy Saving Trust has been appointed by Ofgem to distribute the funding to charities. Since its launch in 2018, the Scheme has funded more than 647 projects across England, Scotland and Wales that support vulnerable energy customers and carbon emission reduction initiatives.

The priority of the scheme is to support energy consumers in vulnerable situations and to deliver benefits to the types of consumers that were negatively impacted by the specific issues that triggered the redress payment.

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### **Objectives of Fund**

The priorities of the Main and Small Grants schemes are to:

- Support energy consumers in vulnerable situations.
- Deliver benefits to the types of consumers that were negatively impacted by the specific issues that triggered the redress payment.

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### **Value Notes**

The amount of funding available through the scheme varies throughout the year and will be reviewed on a quarterly basis in January, April, July and October.

For Round 11 a total of £40 million is available under the following funding streams:



- Main Fund offers grants of between £50,000 and £2 million for projects that will support households in vulnerable situations.
- Small Project Fund offers grants of between £20,000 and £49,999 for projects that will support households in vulnerable situations.
- Innovation Fund offers grants of between £20,000 and £1 million for projects that will develop innovative products or services to benefit households. **(Covered in a separate entry).**
- Carbon Emissions Reduction Fund offers grants of between £20,000 and £1 million for projects that will reduce UK carbon emissions and empower households to reduce their carbon footprint. **(Covered in a separate entry).**
- Just Transition Fund offers grants of between £20,000 and £250,000. **(Covered in a separate entry).**

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### **Who Can Apply**

Registered charities in England, Scotland and Wales that are registered with the Energy Redress Scheme and have passed the due diligence process can apply to the open funding rounds.

Other organisations can be involved in delivering the project, but the projects must be led by a charity who must submit the application and be responsible for the funding and project delivery.

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### **Restrictions**

Examples of activity that cannot be funded by Energy Redress include, but are not limited to:

- Energy saving measures that can be funded from another source, such as the Energy Company Obligation (ECO), other government or devolved government schemes or an organisations' own capital programme.
- Installation costs for renewable energy technologies that are funded through government schemes or would normally be covered by an organisations' own capital programme.

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### **Eligible Expenditure**

The grants can be used for capital or revenue costs and can provide up to 100% of the project cost. Projects lasting up to two years can be funded.

The funding is for projects that:

- Support energy consumers in vulnerable situations.
- Deliver benefits to the types of consumers that were negatively impacted by the specific issues that triggered the Redress payment.

Vulnerability can impact consumers at different points in their lives and can manifest itself in several ways, such as facing difficulty in paying energy bills or being less able to make effective choices in the energy market. A wide range of factors can exacerbate vulnerability, ranging from living on a low income to having disabilities or illness and/or a reliance on electricity for heating.

Examples of the kind of activities that can be funded through the Energy Redress Scheme include:



- Engaging vulnerable consumers with energy issues and delivering energy advice and support that does not duplicate existing services.
- Installation of energy saving or renewable energy measures that cannot be funded from other sources.
- Training and education on energy issues that are targeted at supporting vulnerable consumers.
- Crisis support, linked to energy bills or the energy efficiency of a property, only as part of a wider energy advice project aimed at providing sustainable change for a client.

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### **Location**

England, Wales, Scotland

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### **How To Apply**

The deadline for Round 11 applications is 20 March 2025 **(17:00)**.

The guidance notes and online application system (called the Charity Dashboard) can be found on the Energy Saving Trust website.

Applications will be reviewed on a quarterly basis in January, April, July and October.

Before applying, organisations need to pre-register by visiting the [Energy Redress registration page](#)

Organisations that have not yet registered with the scheme must do so 10 working days before the relevant Fund closes to allow time for eligibility checks to take place.

Organisations wishing to access the Scheme must complete an online information form so that Energy Saving Trust can check whether they are eligible to apply. Charities that meet the initial criteria will be notified and will be emailed a link to create an account, through which they can apply for all subsequent rounds.

When funds become available, eligible charities will be notified to use their online account to apply for funds. The system allows charities to create, review, save and submit funding applications in multiple rounds. Charities should only set up one account, which can have multiple users.

All applicants are usually notified of the outcome of their application with 8 to 10 weeks following a funding round closing.

Organisations can reapply in the next open funding round, whether they have been successful or unsuccessful in previous rounds.

Contact the Energy Saving Trust for further information.

[Announcements | Energy Redress scheme](#)

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## **PRS Foundation - Women Make Music**



Funding body:	PRS Foundation
Maximum value:	£ 5,000
Application deadline:	31/03/2025

**Grants are available to support the development of outstanding women, trans and non binary songwriters and composers of all genres and backgrounds in the UK.**

### **Further details**

#### ***Background***

This programme is provided by the PRS Foundation. PRS is an independent charitable foundation set up in 2000 by PRS for Music, the performance rights collecting society for composers, songwriters and music publishers. The Foundation aims to stimulate and support the creation, development and performance of new music in the UK.

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

The funding is intended to provide support to programme participants in order to:

- Break down assumptions and stereotypes within the music industry by encouraging role models for future generations.
- Raise awareness of the gender gap and to ensure that women are aware that support for new music is available to them.
- Increase the profile of women, trans and non binary artists who are creating new music in the UK.
- Encourage women, trans and non binary artists who may otherwise not have applied for PRS Foundation funding to do so.

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#### ***Value Notes***

Grants of up to £5,000 are available.

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

The following are considered by PRS Foundation to be music creators:

- Songwriters.
- Composers.
- Artists, bands, producers and performers who are involved in the composition/writing process.

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#### ***Restrictions***

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Those not based in the UK.
- Core organisational costs, salary costs or living costs.



- Marketing/promotion of new music without also funding an element of creation or performance.
- Those previously in receipt of Women Make Music funding.

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### **Eligible Expenditure**

The funding can support:

- Creation of new music.
- Music Creator fee (to cover time and work).
- Touring and live performances.
- Recording and release.
- Creative residency costs.
- Fees to creative collaborators.
- Promotion and marketing (when there is also an element of creation and/or performance).
- Equipment or software costs which enable creation or new types of performances where those costs represent up to 20% of the total project budget.

The funder can cover administration costs relating to the project at a maximum of 20% of total budget.

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### **Location**

United Kingdom

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### **How To Apply**

Submissions may be made during the following application periods:

- 3 March 2025 to 31 March 2025 (18:00)
- 1 September 2025 to 29 September 2025 (18:00)

Guidance notes and the online application portal can be accessed from the PRS Foundation website

[Women Make Music - PRS for Music Foundation](#)

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## **PRS Foundation - Open Fund for Music Creators**

Funding body:	PRS Foundation
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Maximum value:	£ 5,000
Application deadline:	31/03/2025

**Grants are available to support the development of outstanding UK songwriters and composers of all genres and backgrounds, at different stages of their career.**

### ***Background***

This programme is provided by the PRS Foundation. PRS is an independent charitable foundation set up in 2000 by PRS for Music, the performance rights collecting society for composers, songwriters and music publishers.

The Foundation aims to stimulate and support the creation, development and performance of new music in the UK.

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

The funding is intended to support the development of outstanding songwriters and composers of all genres and backgrounds, at various career stages. It can assist projects by songwriters, composers, artists, bands, producers and performers involved in writing their own music or commissioning others.

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### ***Value Notes***

Grants of up to £5,000 are available.

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

The fund is not able to support 100% of project costs; all applicants are expected to show evidence of income from other sources as part of their application.

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

Applications are accepted from music creators of all genres and backgrounds and at different stages of their careers, across the UK. This includes songwriters, composers, or artists, bands, producers and performers who are writing their own music or commissioning other songwriters or composers.

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### ***Restrictions***

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Projects that contain no element of live performance or creation.
- Bursaries, tuition/education costs or scholarships.
- Retrospective costs or activities.



- The purchase of vans or cars.
- Capital projects (eg building work).
- Any project raising funds for another charity.
- Building a studio.
- International tours/international activity, unless part of a majority-UK based project.
- Start-up companies or record labels.
- A roster of artists on a record label or management company.

### **Eligible Expenditure**

The funding can support the following costs and activities:

- Creation of new music.
- Music Creator fee (to cover time and work).
- Touring and live performances.
- Recording and release.
- Creative residency costs.
- Fees to creative collaborators.
- Promotion and marketing (when there is also an element of creation and/or performance).
- Equipment or software costs which enable creation or new types of performances where those costs represent up to 20% of the total project budget.

### **Location**

United Kingdom

### **How To Apply**

Submissions may be made during the following application periods:

- 3 March 2025 to 31 March 2025 (18:00)
- 1 September 2025 to 29 September 2025 (18:00)

Guidance notes and the online application portal can be accessed from the PRS Foundation

[The Open Fund for Music Creators - PRS for Music Foundation](#)

## **Sea-Changers Grant Programme**

Funding body:	Sea-Changers
Maximum value:	£ 2,500





Application deadline:

31/03/2025

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

### ***Background***

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

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

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

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### ***Value Notes***

Two levels of funding are available:

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

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

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

Match funding is not required.

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

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

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

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

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### ***Restrictions***

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Continual funding (the charity will only award one-off grants).
- Projects that have a political aim.



- Applications solely to fund administrative or core operating costs.
- Retrospective projects or funding.
- Individuals or causes that will benefit only one person.
- General appeals or circulars.
- Capital costs for building work or refurbishment.
- Projects partly or wholly outside the British Isles.

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### ***Eligible Expenditure***

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

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

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

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

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### ***Location***

United Kingdom

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **SUEZ communities Fund Scotland**



Funding body:	SUEZ Recycling and Recovery
Maximum value:	£ 20,000
Application deadline:	14/05/2025

**Grants are available to non-profit making organisations in Scotland for projects under the categories of Land Reclamation (Object A), Community Recycling (Object B), Public Amenities (Object C), Biodiversity (Object D) and Historic Buildings (Object E).**

### ***Background***

The Scottish Landfill Communities Fund is an initiative which allows landfill operators to release tax credits to environmental and community groups. The scheme broadly aims to benefit local communities in the vicinity of a landfill site.

The SUEZ Communities Fund - Scotland distributes funds contributed by SUEZ Recycling and Recovery UK through the Scottish Landfill Communities Fund.

The Fund is administered by GrantScape, a fund management organisation.

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

The SUEZ Communities Fund - Scotland supports community improvement projects that fall under the following categories:

- Land Reclamation (Object A)
- Community Recycling (Object B)
- Public Amenities (Object C)
- Biodiversity (Object D)
- Historic Buildings, Structures or Sites (Object E)

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### ***Value Notes***

A total of £200,000 is available annually.

Grants of between £3,000 and £20,000 are available. Projects must have an overall cost of no more than £40,000.

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

Before funding can be released for a project a payment called the Contributing Third Party Payment must be received. This payment is needed to release the funds from SUEZ Recycling and Recovery UK and is necessary because, under the rules of the Landfill Communities Fund, SUEZ UK contributes some of the landfill tax it collects in Scotland and can reclaim most (but not all) of this contribution as a tax credit. The scheme regulator also requires a fee and each successful application incurs other



minor costs. To make up the shortfall, SUEZ UK requires that 11.5% of the money provided is recovered from third parties.

Eligible third party contributors include the following:

- Applicant's organisation.
- Donation from an individual.
- Award from the local authority/council.
- Charities and voluntary bodies.
- Local businesses.

All CTP donations must:

- Ensure that the donor organisation does not derive a unique benefit from the project going ahead.
- Not be made up of SLCF monies.
- Ensure that there is no connection between the donor and the contractor carrying out the project.

It is preferred that applicants identify the CTP at the application stage.

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

Organisations that are run on a not-for-profit basis in Scotland can apply. This could include community groups, parish councils, charities, community interest companies, social enterprises, sports clubs, community associations, local authorities and voluntary organisations.

Organisations must:

- Have a written constitution or governing document.
- Have a bank or building society account in the name of the organisation.
- Own or hold a lease for the project site with at least five years remaining.

Community Interest Companies or social enterprises must have a minimum of three unrelated directors.

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### ***Restrictions***

Funding is not available for the following:

- Community shops.
- Membership-based sports clubs and facilities, unless membership is open to the general public without undue restriction.
- Commercial organisations.
- Individuals.
- Project sites that have received a grant from the SUEZ Communities Fund (or previously the SUEZ Communities Trust) within the last three years.
- New applications for a project site previously considered by the SUEZ Communities Fund but not supported can only be considered at least 12 months after the initial application.



- Projects primarily for the purpose of energy or cost saving eg, solar (PV) panels, replacement heating systems, lighting and double glazing, unless existing items are no longer serviceable or if part of a wider project where it makes sense to make such improvements whilst other work is being undertaken.
- The construction of new buildings or extensions to existing buildings.
- Projects that are considered statutory requirements.
- Core cost funding.
- Retrospective costs.
- Projects at schools, colleges, nurseries, pre-schools and other educational establishments.
- Bus services, minibus services, or vehicles.
- Projects at hospitals, or hospices, or day care centres.
- Any works to public highways.
- Staff posts and costs where they are not based, or specifically undertaking works, at the actual project site.
- Projects to deliver visual enhancements.
- Village or town centre enhancements, such as walkways, street works, or signage.
- CD's, web-sites, or remote interpretation about a site.
- Public car parks, unless that are specific to a general public amenity.
- Public conveniences.
- Allotments, or fruit growing projects.
- Charity buildings, offices of charities, Citizens' Advice Bureau and advice centres.
- Large scale perimeter/security fencing programmes that do not directly enhance the public amenity.
- Land and building purchase.

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### ***Eligible Expenditure***

Funding is available for the following types of projects in Scotland:

- **Land Reclamation (Object A)** - the reclamation, remediation, restoration or other operation on land to facilitate economic, social or environmental use.
- **Community Recycling (Object B)** - community based recycling, re-use and waste prevention projects.
- **Public Amenities (Object C)** - to provide, maintain or improve an amenity that is used primarily for leisure and recreation. The amenity must be open to all sections of the community for at least 104 days a year.
- **Biodiversity (Object D)** - the conservation or promotion of biological diversity through the provision, conservation, restoration or enhancement of a natural habitat or the maintenance or recovery of a species in its natural habitat.
- **Historic Buildings (Object E)** - the maintenance, repair or restoration of a building, other structure or a site of archaeological interest which is a place of religious worship, or a site of historic or architectural or archaeological interest and is open to the public. Places of religious worship must be Grade A listed.

Grants are available for capital improvement works to public amenity projects for community use. Examples may include:

- Village hall improvements
- Nature reserves and conservation



- Village greens
- Community centres
- Public playgrounds
- Cycle paths
- Sports fields and facilities
- Country parks
- Historic buildings, structures or sites

Projects must start within six months and complete within 12 months of funds being awarded.

Object C, D and E Projects must be available and open to the general public as defined by [SEPA](#), the Scottish Landfill Communities Fund regulator – as a minimum, for 4 evenings a week, or 2 days a week, or 104 days a year.

### **Location**

Scotland.

However, projects applying for Public Amenity, Biodiversity or Historic Building funding must be on a site that is within 10 miles of a landfill site or transfer station.

### **How To Apply**

Typically there are three funding rounds per year.

The next deadlines are:

- 14 May 2025. Notification of decisions is expected by the end of July 2025.
- 10 September 2025. Notification of decisions is expected by the end of November 2025.

Applications received after a closing date will automatically be submitted to the next funding round, if available.

Applicants must first register an account on Grantscape before submitting an online application.

Application guidelines can be found on the Grantscape website.

Contact Grantscape for further information.

[SUEZ Communities Fund - Scotland - Grantscape Grantscape](#)

## **National Churches Trust - Small Grants Programme**

Funding body:	The National Churches Trust
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Maximum value:	£ 5,000
Application deadline:	15/04/2025

**Grants are available for listed and unlisted Christian places of worship of any denomination in the UK to support interventions to investigate or address small problems before they turn into large, expensive repairs.**

### ***Background***

The National Churches Trust is the national charity dedicated to supporting and promoting places of worship of historic, architectural and community value used by Christian denominations throughout the UK through advice, support and funding.

The Trust funds urgent repairs and modernisation, provides expert advice on church maintenance and on how churches can continue to serve local communities and promote church heritage and tourism.

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

**Please note as of 3 March 2025, the Small Grants programme has been merged into the Medium Grants programme, and applications are to be made through the Medium Grants programme.**

The funding is for projects which fit within the scope of the National Churches Trust Strategy:

- Preserve heritage.
- Promote sustainability.
- Inspire support.

The Small Grants (formerly Foundation Grants) Programme provides funding for:

- Urgent maintenance works and items identified as high priority within a recent Quinquennial Inspection, building survey, or condition report.
- Small investigative works and surveys.

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### ***Value Notes***

Grants of between £500 and 5,000 are usually available for up to 50% of the cost. Exceptionally grants of up to £10,000 can be made.

The project costs should not exceed £20,000 (including VAT and fees).

Please note that the Trust has a limited amount of funding available.

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### **Match Funding Restrictions**

Match funding of at least 50% is required. Applicants should have already raised 50% of the total project cost.

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### **Who Can Apply**

Places of worship of any Christian denomination and age can apply.

Applications will be considered from listed and unlisted Christian places of worship across the UK.

To be eligible, applicants must demonstrate that:

- The building is a Christian place of worship (but not a cathedral) within the UK, and open for at least six services of public worship each year.
  - They own the building or have the right to carry out the work. If the church is not part of a major denomination, then the denomination must be registered with Churches Together in Britain and Ireland or have charitable status.
  - The place of worship was built as a place of worship originally and is more than 30 years old.
  - The works must be to the main church building either directly part of the building or attached to it.
  - The building is open to the public for a minimum of 100 days a year beyond worship use.
  - Have already secured at least 50% of the total project cost.
  - The project has not yet started.
  - The project is being led by a qualified professional, with conservation accreditation from a recognised institution if it is a listed building.
  - Have two quotes in place for each element of the work in the application.
  - Have any necessary permissions in place.
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### **Restrictions**

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Repairs to, or scheduled maintenance of boilers, clocks, organs, wall paintings, bells, monuments, fittings and fixtures and solar panels.
  - Heating, lighting, and AV.
  - 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 your statutory heritage body eg, Historic England.
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### **Eligible Expenditure**

The funding is for small repair projects to buildings that were originally built as churches.





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

The funding is to be used for:

- Urgent maintenance work.
- Items identified as high priority within a Quinquennial Inspection Report/survey reports/other sort of report.
- Small investigative works/surveys.

Examples of projects eligible for funding include, but are not limited to:

- Addressing high level access issues to allow regular inspection and maintenance of roofs and rainwater goods.
- Introducing improvements to rainwater removal systems, above and below ground.
- Removing inappropriate vegetation from buildings.
- Replacing lost, damaged or slipped roof tiles.
- Removing pest infestations and fitting preventative measures.
- Repairing flashings, masonry, floor tiles, etc.
- Electrical work to correct faults which present a significant risk to the building.

Priority will be given to:

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

Although not listed as distinct priorities, applications from non-Anglican denominations are encouraged.

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### **Location**

UK wide

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### **How To Apply**

**The Small Grants programme has been merged into the National Churches Trust's Medium Grants Programme. Applications can now only be made through the Medium Grants Programme. The next deadline for Medium Grant applications is 15 April 2025**

Guidance notes and the online application form are available on the Trust's website.

Contact the National Churches Trust for further information.



## Armed Forces Families Fund: Early Years Programme 2025-26

Funding body:	Ministry of Defence (MoD)
Maximum value:	£ 80,000
Application deadline:	04/06/2025

Grants are available for projects lasting up to two years which help enhance early childhood education and childcare settings of young children (birth to 5 years) from Armed Forces families.

### **Background**

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

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### **Objectives of Fund**

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

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### **Value Notes**

Grants of £5,000 to £80,000 are available for a standalone project being delivered over a period of up to two years

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### **Who Can Apply**

Applications will be accepted from:

- **An early childhood education and childcare provider operating where armed forces families live or work.** The setting must offer group-based childcare and have 50% service children (unless applying as a cluster) on roll as a minimum. They must be registered with, and inspected by, one of the following:
  - Ofsted (England),
  - Care Inspectorate (Scotland),
  - Care Inspectorate (Wales)
  - Early Years Teams within Health and Social Care Trusts (Northern Ireland)
- **A local authority.**



To be eligible, applicants must:

- Be based in the UK.
- Be a registered charity, a CIC, or a company limited by guarantee or a local authority in one of the four countries of the UK.

There are four ways to apply to this programme:

- Settings with less than 50% service children on roll applying as a cluster.
- Settings with more than 50% service children on roll applying as a cluster.
- Settings with more than 50% service children on roll applied as a single setting.
- As a local authority.

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### **Restrictions**

The following are not eligible for funding:

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

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### **Eligible Expenditure**

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

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



To be eligible in 2025-26, projects need to contribute to at least one of the following four outcomes:

- Increased capacity at the setting to allow more Service children to attend.
- Better learning environments for Service children.
- Have provided appropriate training and development to staff to support Service children.
- Establishing collaborative networks and shared resources through clusters to address the needs of service children.

Grants may be used to cover:

- Temporary uplift in staff hours (in line with current legislation) to support more Service children being able to access the setting.
- Training opportunities for staff.
- Temporary use of agency staff or uplift from part time to full time to enable permanent staff training opportunities that benefit the Service children.
- Staff time for this fixed-term project. This could be direct project work or for admin or to manage volunteers that may be involved in the project.
- Sessional staff or freelancers that may be needed to run the project and activity.
- Reasonable travel costs including fares or mileage for project staff and volunteers to enable participation in the project (this would not include the costs for Service children to attend the Early Years setting).
- Purchasing items that can enable activities to take place.
- Reasonable overheads, which reflect the cost to the organisation of delivering this project, taking account of recent cost increases

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### **Location**

UK

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### **How To Apply**

There are two application rounds in 2025.

The deadlines for applications are **12 noon** on:

- 4 June 2025 for a decision before the end of August 2025.
- 8 October 2025 for a decision before the end of December 2025.

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

**A free Early Years Lunch and Learn webinar will be held on 17 March 2025 (12:00 to 13:00). Registration is via the Trust's website.**

Contact Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust for more information.

[Armed Forces Families Fund: Early Years programme 2025-26 : Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust](#)



