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South Ayrshire For Funding

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<https://www.idoxopen4community.co.uk/southayrshire?bcr=MTIzNA>

NORTH CARRICK COMMUNITY BENEFIT COMPANY (NCCBC)

North Carrick Community Benefit is a community-based company (No: SC480121) with charitable recognition (No: SC045947). It has been distributing funds from Scottish Power Renewables' Dersaloch windfarm since 2015. The company focuses on the roughly 9,500 people living in the 5 community council areas in North Carrick: Crosshill, Straiton and Kirkmichael as 1, Kirkoswald, Maidens and Turnberry as 1, and then Dunure and Minishant and Maybole as the other 3 areas.

NCCBC is a membership organisation with membership open to anyone who lives in the area. It has around £300,000 available to spend on improvements in North Carrick each year.

Applications can be submitted by any constituted group that delivers benefits for people in North Carrick. Applications will be considered where they deliver new and innovative projects which promote one or more of the following priorities:

- Regeneration of our built environment for general public benefit
- Environmental Protection and improvement
- Provision, maintenance, or improvement of Public Open Space
- Projects which reduce Greenhouse Gas emissions
- Projects which promote more efficient use of scarce global resources
- Education for local residents
- Recreational activities/facilities
- Protection, preservation, or enhancement of important or significant local buildings
- Alleviating poverty



- Providing training or employment opportunities for unemployed individuals or groups
- Health benefits
- Alleviating hardship caused through health, disability, isolation or other disadvantage
- Citizenship, capacity building, engagement, volunteering and support for individuals and communities
- Arts, Heritage, or culture

HOW TO APPLY

For more information on how to apply please contact admin@nccbc.org.uk.
Or visit the website at <https://nccbc.org.uk/about/>

CARRICK FUTURES

Carrick Futures supports community projects in Carrick, South Ayrshire.

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

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

What Can Carrick Futures Fund?

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

Awards can support a wide range of costs and activities.

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

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

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

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



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

HOW TO APPLY

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

DESTINATION SOUTH AYRSHIRE

Destination South Ayrshire are hoping to have a limited fund from UKSPF available for grants to be awarded to established community groups, businesses, charities and organisations (excluding schools and parent councils) looking to carry out events and initiatives **from 9th April 2025 to the 31st March 2026**. Proposals will require to prove the value to the visitor economy and or the benefit to the community. Eligibility for funding will depend on the nature of activities that you are engaged in and the type and scale of the proposed event and or initiative. There are two categories of grants - **up to £1,000** and between **£1,000- £4,950**.

Please ensure you submit your application prior to the Assessment Panels review dates allowing enough lead in time prior to your event as events will not be funded retrospectively.

Please note grant awards will be dependent on the UKSPF awarding funding to South Ayrshire Council

If your event is happening between 9th April 2025 and 8th October 2025 then your application **must be submitted by 5pm on Wednesday 2nd April 2025** .

The Assessment Panel will only review applications on

- 4th April 2024
- 9th October 2025

[Destination South Ayrshire Grant - South Ayrshire Council](#)

BBC Children in Need – Big Sky Grant Fund

This programme will offer grants of up to £5,000 to support the emotional wellbeing and mental health of children aged 8-13 living in island and remote rural communities.

Grants are for early support to prevent problems developing at a later stage and could be through things like sports groups, art classes, and youth clubs. This is also part of their commitment to funding grassroots organisations who provide vital positive relationships to support children and young people.



The programme in Scotland is already open to those working in Orkney, Shetland, the Western Isles, Highland and Argyll & Bute. It is now opening to those in Dumfries & Galloway, Aberdeenshire, Perth & Kinross, Moray, Scottish Borders, East Ayrshire, North Ayrshire, South Ayrshire, South Lanarkshire, Angus and Stirling.

Find Out More

Applications will be by invitation only. BBC CiN Scotland are running information sessions and encourage organisations interested in applying (or curious to learn more!) to join us. The sessions will cover who the fund is for, what types of work it can support and how to apply. There will also be opportunities to ask questions and speak to the BBC CiN Scotland Grant Officers.

The sessions will take place online via Teams.

Big Sky Information Sessions Dates:

Option 1: Thursday 20th March 14.00 - 14.45

Option 2: Tuesday 1st April 11.00 - 11.45

To register please e-mail:

cin.scotland@bbc.co.uk

with your name, organisation, and the session you would like to attend. If you have any accessibility needs, please let us know.

You can find out more information about Big Sky which is a part of the A Million and Me programme

[Big Sky Programme - BBC Children in Need](#)

National Churches Trust - Large Grants Programme

Funding body:	The National Churches Trust
Maximum value:	£ 50,000
Application deadline:	01/07/2025

Grants are available to support the conservation and sustainable use of church buildings in the UK, focusing on larger and more complex projects with priority given to urgent structural repairs or the introduction of kitchens and accessible toilets.



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 relies on voluntary donations, as well as the help of its Friends and a number of trusts and foundations, to support its work.

The National Churches Trust supports church and chapel buildings open for worship throughout the UK. It 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.

Objectives of Fund

The Large Grants programme (formerly Cornerstone Grants) supports structural repairs and maintenance issues costing more than £100,000 or the installation of kitchen and toilets costing over £30,000.

Value Notes

Grants of between £10,000 and £50,000 are available. The current average is about £15,000.

Grants of between £40,000 and £50,000 are extremely limited and reserved for cases which demonstrate a very high case for investment.

The Trust has a very limited amount of funding available and can only offer grants to a small proportion of applicants. The current success rate is roughly 1 in 4 applicants.

Priority for funding is for urgent structural repairs (costed at more than £80,000 including VAT), but the Trust will consider projects for the installation of kitchens and accessible toilets (costed at more than £30,000 including VAT).

Match Funding Restrictions

Match funding of at least 50% is required.

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.

Applications from the Trust's priority areas are encouraged: North East England, Northern Ireland and Wales, though this is not to the exclusion of churches in other areas.

To be eligible, applicants must demonstrate that:



- The building must be a Christian place of worship (but not a cathedral) located within the UK, and originally built as a place of worship no less than 30 years ago.
- Works must be to the main church building. If applying for new facilities, the proposed works must be to the place of worship, or an extension thereof. The National Churches Trust will not fund new build or stand-alone structures. Exceptions may only be made upon request if the place of worship is Grade I / A listed, and the decision is endorsed by one of the UK Home Countries Heritage Bodies.
- Applicants must be the owners or have the right to carry out the work. If the church is not part of a main denomination, or registered with Churches Together in Britain and Ireland, they must be a registered charity. Any place of worship whose annual income exceeds £100,000 must be registered with the Charity Commission.
- Buildings must be open for regular public worship for a minimum of 6 services per year. Buildings that have been closed to the public must have plans to reopen for regular worship and public access, and a congregation waiting to use the building on completion.
- Buildings must be open to the public for at least 100 days per year in addition to worship within a year of project completion. Applicants should tell the Trust if they will need to have special arrangements, such as keyholder details on display, in order to meet this requirement.
- Projects must be led, overseen and supervised by a suitably qualified professional, usually a professionally qualified architect (listed on the Register of Architects) or a chartered building surveyor (MRICS or FRICS). Where the building is listed, the professional must have conservation accreditation from one of the following conservation accreditation schemes at the stated level:
 - The Register of Architects Accredited in Building Conservation (AABC). Architects should be listed at category 'A'.
 - Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA). Architects should be listed as 'Specialist Conservation Architect'.
 - The Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland (RIAS). Architects should be listed as 'Advanced'.
 - Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS).
 - Chartered Institute of Architectural Technologists (CIAT). Listed at 'Accredited Conservationist' level.
- Work must not have started before the online application is submitted.
- All necessary permissions (from the governing body i.e. Faculty signed off by the Chancellor, and if required, the local planning authority consent) must be approved, valid and in place at the point of application.

Restrictions

Funding is not available for the following:

- Works required due to negligence
- Repairs to, or scheduled maintenance of boilers, clocks, organs, wall paintings, bells, monuments, fittings and fixtures and solar panels
- Reordering, lighting, electricity, and AV
- Works to boundary walls, paths, churchyards, churchyard monuments or car parks
- Stained glass restoration (unless urgent repairs to window structure, or the building is no longer watertight)
- Construction of new places of worship or church halls



- Works to converted buildings, church halls, or privately-owned churches - such as chapels within hospitals, hospices, schools, prisons and similar institutions.

Eligible Expenditure

The funding is for urgent and essential structural repair projects (costed at more than £80,000) to buildings that were originally built as churches, or the installation of kitchen and toilets (costed at more than £30,000).

The Fund will prioritise:

- Work to architecturally and historically significant buildings
- Applications from regions identified as priority areas: Northern Ireland, Wales and the North East of England
- Urgent structural repair projects (as identified in a recent QIR or building survey as required within two years), with a focus on buildings that are at risk
- Installation of kitchens and toilets where a strong need can be demonstrated
- Places of worship that can demonstrate a suitable maintenance system is 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.

Location

United Kingdom

How To Apply

There is a two-stage application process.

- Stage 1 is a simple form to check the project is suitable for this programme. **The next deadline for Stage 1 applications is 1 July 2025 (midnight).**
- Stage 2 applications are by invitation only to those applicants who were successful at Stage 1.

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

Contact The National Churches Trust for further information.

[Large grants | National Churches Trust](#)

Armed Forces Day Events Grant

Funding body:	Ministry of Defence (MoD)
Maximum value:	£ 10,000
Application deadline:	30/04/2025



Grants are available to help organisations and individuals in the UK to host an Armed Forces Day event which can take place within two weeks of the Armed Forces Day event.

Background

Since 2009, Armed Forces Day has been marked annually with events large and small throughout the UK.

Objectives of Fund

The objective of the fund is to support Armed Forces Day events across the UK to show support for our servicemen and women, past and present.

Value Notes

The maximum grant available is £10,000. The amount of the grant will depend on the size and format of the event.

The grant is match-funded. This means, a grant could cover up to half of the overall cost of the event. If the overall event cost is £7,000, the MoD could cover up to £3,500.

Match Funding Restrictions

Match funding of 50% of the total cost of the event is required.

Who Can Apply

Local councils, voluntary and community organisations, schools, ex-service organisations and individuals in the UK are eligible to apply.

Applicants must be able to accept a credit card payment as MOD will no longer be using BACs transfer for the grant payment.

Restrictions

The funding cannot be used for:

- Hospitality, including food, drinks and accommodation.
- Military assets, including displays, equipment or military vehicles.
- Entertainment, such as bands or musicians, films or other entertainment military or otherwise.
- Transport for guests or organisers to or from the event.
- VAT.

Eligible Expenditure

Armed Forces Day events can come in any size or shape, from national and regional celebrations, local events organised by councils, ex-Service organisations, community groups and schools. Parades of veterans, cadets and/or currently serving personnel are very popular, as are presentations of veterans' badges.

In the past, other ideas for activities have included the following:

- Picnic in the park.
- Themed BBQ.
- Knees up in your living room.
- Street party.
- Fete.

Armed Forces Day takes place on the last Saturday each June. Celebrations begin when the Armed Forces Day flag is raised on buildings and famous landmarks around the country. Reserves Day will also provide an opportunity for the country to recognise the country's Reserve Forces.

Events must:

- Be held within two weeks of the Armed Forces Day. This year it falls on 28 June 2025.
- Have 'Armed Forces' in the event title.
- Be relevant to today's serving Armed Forces.
- Have free access to members of the 'Armed Forces Family'.
- Not be centred around fundraising or recruitment.

The funding can be used to pay for:

- Road closures required to hold an event, including to allow for parades and marches.
- Decorations, flags and banners.
- Local or national newspaper and radio advertisements to promote the event.
- Marshalling, security and first aid arrangements for the event.
- Insurance.
- PA and communications systems for events organisers.

Location

UK

How To Apply

The first step in the application process is to register the event on the Armed Forces Day website by 31 March 2025.

Once groups have registered their event, they will receive a confirmation email within 10 working days. This email contains a link to submit an application for funding.

The deadline for grant funding applications is 30 April 2025.



Contact the Armed Forces Day Team for further information.

[Event Funding – Armed Forces Day](#)

BBC Children in Need – Pudsey Next Steps

Funding body:	BBC Children in Need
Maximum value:	£ 45,000
Application deadline:	£ 45,000

Grants are available for not-for-profit organisations working in specific under-served geographic areas and/or thematic areas across the UK to reach under-served and marginalised children and young people.

Background

BBC Children in Need's focus is firmly on children and young people experiencing disadvantage. They fund not-for-profit organisations working to combat this disadvantage and to make a real difference to children and young people's lives.

BBC Children in Need, a registered charity, operates across the UK, with grant-making teams based locally and informed by sector discussion and research relevant to the local area.

As a 'broad-based funder' it aims to support projects that are reaching disadvantaged children and young people not strongly represented through its funding programme. It does this by geographical and thematic areas of interest to achieve a comprehensive and inclusive portfolio of grants, representing the diversity of communities and need across the UK.

Objectives of Fund

The Pudsey Next Steps funding programme was established to help achieve greater equity, diversity and inclusion in BBC Children in Need grant-making.

The funding is intended to reach under-served and marginalised children and young people who may be affected by challenges including poverty, discrimination, and exclusion. For example, this could include care experienced or disabled children and young people. It may include racially minoritised children and young people.

Value Notes

Grants of between £1,000 and £15,000 per year for up to three years are available.

The minimum grant is £3,000 (£1,000 per year).



Who Can Apply

Not-for-profit organisations working with children and young people aged 18 or under who live in the UK, the Isle of Man, or the Channel Islands can apply.

Applications will be considered from organisations which:

- Address the specific local priorities identified for this round in their Nation or Region. (Refer to the guidance notes on the BBC Children in Need website.)
- Have not been funded by BBC Children in Need before.
- Have an annual income of £100,000 or less.
- Are based in the community they serve.
- Are reaching children and young people aged 0-18 years who are experiencing inequality of opportunity.

To be eligible, applicants must be:

- Working with children and young people aged 18 years and under
- Working in the heart of their communities, particularly in times of crisis
- Putting children and young people at the centre of everything they do, from design to delivery
- Addressing challenges faced by children and young people, building their skills and resilience
- Empowering children and young people, and extending their choices in life
- Keen to keep learning about and developing their work with children and young people
- Committed to making a difference in children and young people's lives.

The local priorities for the Spring 2025 round are:

- **Scotland** - organisations working with racially minoritised children and young people, particularly those working with children and young people from Asian communities.
- **Northern Ireland** - organisations working with racially minoritised children and young people **outside** of the Belfast area.
- **Wales** – organisations working with children and young people affected by challenges and barriers connected to discrimination, stigma, and exclusion situated in **Blaenau Gwent, Merthyr Tydfil and Powys**, and/or organisations working with racially minoritised children and young people **outside** of the Cardiff area.
- **North of England** - organisations working with children and young people from **Asian communities in Rochdale, Lancashire, Sheffield, Newcastle and Middlesbrough**. There is particular interest in organisations working with children and young people from **Bangladeshi and Pakistani communities**.
- **Central England** - organisations working with **Early Years children in Birmingham and Leicester**.
- **South West England** - organisations working with racially minoritised children and young people, particularly those working with children and young people from Asian communities.
- **South East England** - organisations working with marginalised children and young people in **Dover, Folkestone & Hythe, Gravesham, Hastings, Isle of Wight, Milton Keynes, Southampton and Thanet**, and/or organisations reaching **racially minoritised children** in any part of the South East England region.



- **London** - organisations situated in **Barking and Dagenham, Bexley, Harrow, Havering, Hillingdon, or Merton** and/or Care experienced children and young people, and/or Children and families living in unstable, unsuitable or temporary accommodation.

Note: Pudsey Next Steps will open again in late 2025 with a different focus and priorities.

Restrictions

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Work that statutory bodies (such as schools or local authorities) have a duty to fund.
- Educational institutions, including schools, universities, and pupil referral units. Special schools are the only exception.
- Local government, prisons, or NHS bodies.
- Capital or building projects.
- Projects that promotes religion.
- Trips abroad, or other activity taking place outside the UK.
- Medical treatment or research.
- Pregnancy testing or advice, information, or counselling on pregnancy choices.
- Awareness-raising work, except where targeted at children or young people most at risk.
- Bursaries, sponsored places, fees, or similar costs.
- Holidays where there is little or no project involvement.
- Political activity, including party political organisations or direct lobbying.
- Individuals.
- Costs passed on to other organisations.
- General appeals or endowment funds.
- Help with budget shortfalls or debt repayments.
- Retrospective costs.
- Expenditure unable to start within 12 months of the grant award date.
- Unspecified expenditure.
- Any activity that is already being funded through another grant.

Eligible Expenditure

The grants can cover core (organisational running costs) or project funding.

Location

UK

How To Apply

BBC Children in Need has announced that it will be 'unable to accept new Expressions of Interest after 15 April 2025 until mid September 2025' as it is moving to a new grant making system during this time.

For more information please visit the programme's [Transition to New Grantmaking System](#) [Frequently Asked Questions](#)



The current guidance notes can be found on the BBC Children in Need website.

Contact BBC Children in Need for further information.

[Pudsey Next Steps - BBC Children in Need](#)

BBC Children in Need - Core Grants

Funding body:	BBC Children in Need
Maximum value:	£ 120,000
Application deadline:	15/04/2025

Grants to cover core costs are available for not-for-profit organisations that are working with disadvantaged children and young people aged 18 years or under who are living in the UK.

Background

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Objectives of Fund

The funding is intended for not-for-profit organisations that work with disadvantaged children and young people, under the age of 18, living in the UK.

This stream offers core funding to organisations whose work aligns with the principles set out in the Children in Need Grantmaking Strategy 2022-2025:

- Sharing power with children and young people.
- Acting flexibly.
- Using its voice to build awareness and empathy around issues.
- Building partnerships to bring communities and investors together.

BBC Children in Need has announced that it will be 'unable to accept new Expressions of Interest application after 15 April 2025 until mid September 2025':



- “As part of our ongoing commitment to improving our systems and processes, BBC Children in Need are transitioning to a new grantmaking system. This transition will take place throughout 2025 and we will launch our new system by the end of September. During this period there will be some disruption to our grant programmes.”

Value Notes

The core grants stream can support organisations for up to three years.

The maximum grant is £120,000 (or £40,000 over three years), though most grants made are for much less than this.

Applications for more than £15,000 per year will only be considered from organisations registered with the appropriate regulatory body.

Who Can Apply

Registered charities and not-for-profit organisations who work with disadvantaged children and young people of 18 years and under living in the UK, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands are eligible to apply.

The following organisations can apply:

- Community interest companies (CIC).
- Companies limited by guarantee (CLG) including social enterprises. A company limited by guarantee must have registered with Companies House.
- Housing associations.
- Industrial and provident community benefit societies.
- Registered charities.
- Religious institutions.
- Special schools (These are provisions for children with learning difficulties or disabilities which cannot be met within a mainstream setting).
- Hospices.

To be eligible, applicants must be:

- Working with children and young people aged 18 years and under.
- Working in the heart of their communities, particularly in times of crisis.
- Putting children and young people at the centre of everything they do, from design to delivery.
- Addressing challenges faced by children and young people, building their skills and resilience.
- Empowering children and young people, and extending their choices in life.
- Keen to keep learning about and developing their work with children and young people.
- Committed to making a difference in children and young people’s lives.

Priority will be given to applications from smaller, local organisations with an annual turnover of more than £1 million in the most recent, complete financial year.



In recognition of the fact that there are some organisations with a higher income delivering vital work for children and young people, the following types of organisations can apply regardless of their turnover:

- Hospices (including children's hospices).
- Housing Associations.
- Groups delivering nationwide (across a whole nation) or UK-wide work (across multiple nations within the UK).

Restrictions

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Work that statutory bodies (such as schools or local authorities) have a duty to fund.
- Educational institutions, including schools, universities, and pupil referral units. Special schools are the only exception.
- Local government, prisons, or NHS bodies.
- Capital or building projects.
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- Holidays where there is little or no project involvement.
- Political activity, including party political organisations or direct lobbying.
- Individuals.
- Costs passed on to other organisations.
- General appeals or endowment funds.
- Help with budget shortfalls or debt repayments.
- Retrospective costs.
- Expenditure unable to start within 12 months of the grant award date.
- Unspecified expenditure.
- Full cost recovery models.

Eligible Expenditure

Core Costs grants are awarded as **restricted** funding and must be used to cover the organisation's essential running expenses.

The funding is to be used for an organisation's central day-to-day operations, including:

- Management and administration.
- HR and payroll.
- General office expenses.
- Accountancy and audit.
- Communications and outreach.
- Monitoring, evaluation, and learning.
- Governance, regulatory, and compliance costs.



Location

UK, Isle of Man, Channel Islands

How To Apply

The deadline for Expressions of Interest is 15 April 2025 (23:59).

Expressions of Interest are expected to reopen in mid to late September 2025 after the BBC Children in Need transition to the new grant making system has been completed.

For more information please visit the programme's [Transition to New Grantmaking System](#) [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Applications can be made at any time. There are no deadlines.

Groups requesting £15,000 or less will receive a quicker decision and be able to start sooner.

There is a two-stage application process:

- An initial Expression of Interest form can be found on the Children in Need website.
- Successful applicants will receive a link to the full application form and have 120 days to complete it.

Organisations can only apply for and hold one grant at any time.

Organisations with a current BBC Children in Need grant that is due to end within 12 months can usually reapply. However, the new funding will not be released until the current grant has ended.

Contact BBC Children in Need for more information.

[Core \(Organisational\) Costs Funding Stream - BBC Children in Need](#)

BBC Children in Need - Project Grants

Funding body:	BBC Children in Need
Maximum value:	£ 120,000
Application deadline:	15/04/2025

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Background

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Objectives of Fund

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Value Notes

The project grants stream can support organisations for up to three years.

The maximum grant is £120,000 (or £40,000 over three years), though most grants made are for much less than this.

Who Can Apply

Registered not-for-profit organisations who work with disadvantaged children and young people of 18 years and under living in the UK, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands are eligible to apply.

The following organisations can apply:

- Community interest companies (CIC).



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- Hospices.

Applicants must be:

- Working with children aged 18 years and under.
- Working in the heart of their communities, particularly in times of crisis.
- Putting children and young people at the heart of everything they do, from design to delivery.
- Addressing challenges faced by children and young people, building their skills and resilience.
- Keen to keep learning about and developing their work with children and young people.
- Committed to making a difference in the lives of children and young people.

The funders will prioritise applications from smaller, local organisations with a turnover of less than £2 million.

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- Hospices (including children's hospices).
- Housing Associations.
- Groups delivering nationwide or UK-wide work.

Restrictions

The following cannot be funded:

- Work that statutory bodies (such as schools or local authorities) have a duty to fund.
- Educational institutions, including schools, universities, and pupil referral units. Special schools are the only exception.
- Local government, prisons, or NHS bodies.
- Capital or building projects.
- Work that promotes religion.
- Trips abroad, or other activity taking place outside the UK.
- Medical treatment or research.
- Pregnancy testing or advice, information, or counselling on pregnancy choices.
- Awareness-raising work, except where targeted at children or young people most at risk.
- Bursaries, sponsored places, fees, or similar costs.
- Holidays where there is little or no project involvement.
- Political activity, including party political organisations or direct lobbying.
- Individuals.
- Costs passed on to other organisations.



- General appeals or endowment funds.
- Help with budget shortfalls or debt repayments.
- Retrospective costs.
- Expenditure unable to start within 12 months of the grant award date.
- Unspecified expenditure.

Eligible Expenditure

Project grants are awarded as restricted funding and will support the aims and delivery of a specific piece of work. This work will usually be time-limited, and based on a defined set of activities.

Location

UK, Isle of Man, Channel Islands

How To Apply

The deadline for Expressions of Interest is 15 April 2025 (23:59).

Expressions of Interest are expected to reopen in mid to late September 2025 after the BBC Children in Need transition to the new grant making system has been completed.

For more information please visit the programme's [Transition to New Grantmaking System Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Applications can be made at any time. There are no deadlines.

Groups requesting £15,000 or less will receive a quicker decision and be able to start sooner.

There is a two-stage application process:

- An initial Expression of Interest form can be found on the Children in Need website.
- Successful applicants will receive a link to the full application form and have 120 days to complete it.

Contact BBC Children in Need for more information.

[Apply For A Grant - BBC Children in Need](#)

Parkinson's UK Physical Activity Grants Programme

Funding body

Funding body:	Boost Charitable Trust
Maximum value:	£ 3,000



Application deadline:	Not specified
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Grants are available for activity providers, communities, networks and organisations across the UK to develop new opportunities for people with Parkinson's to become and stay active or help increase their levels of physical activity.

Background

The Parkinson's UK Physical Activity Grants Programme, started in 2021, supports activity providers, communities, networks and organisations to develop opportunities for people with Parkinson's to become and stay active.

The programme is funded by Parkinson's UK and Boost Charitable Trust.

Objectives of Fund

The funding is for projects that can demonstrate the following desired impact:

- People with Parkinson's become and stay active, and/or significantly increase their levels of activity if they are already active.
- More physical activity provision for everyone with Parkinson's across the UK.
- Improved social wellbeing in people with Parkinson's as a result of attending the project.

Priority will be given to innovative and new projects that will help people with Parkinson's:

- Become and stay active, or
- Who are already active to significantly increase their levels of physical activity.

Parkinson's UK has announced that later in 2025 it 'will also be providing specific grants to support physical activity projects for people with Parkinson's from marginalised communities and underrepresented groups.

Value Notes

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

Who Can Apply

Applications will be accepted from activity providers, national governing bodies, Parkinson's groups and branches, and sports and healthcare professionals.

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Be based in the UK.
- Have a business bank account.
- Consult with a local staff member of Parkinson's UK and enter their name in the application form.
- Be able to explain how they intend to reach and engage with their target community or audience and how they will promote the project.



- Explain how they plan to continue the activities and ensure their longevity and continuing impact after the funding ends.

Restrictions

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Coaching costs for existing activities that do not show expansion or enhancement (applications must show how they will help more people to be active - not just to fund an existing class or activity with no plan on how to attract or support new participants)
- Increasing the payment to an existing provider without a significant increase in quality or frequency of provision
- Relevant Insurances
- Non-essential enhancements that have no impact on sustainability (purchasing any items that are not directly involved with project delivery).
- Individual activity providers or personal trainers (for example, one on one training).
- Applications from individuals to participate in activity (for example, paying for a gym membership).
- Qualifications for activity providers/instructors.
- Transport costs (including travel costs) for activity providers/instructors and participants.
- Refreshments.
- Competition entry fees.
- Trophies, medals, prizes.
- Accommodation.
- Overseas transport.
- Feasibility studies or research.
- IT or technology not directly used in sport or physical activity.
- Costs associated with supporting elite athletes.
- Retrospective projects or activities.

Eligible Expenditure

Funding is for new activities for people affected by Parkinson's to participate in physical activity and sport or increased participation in these areas.

Projects must run for a minimum of three months and a maximum of 12 months and must start within three months of receiving the grant.

Projects should reach and engage with a wide range of people with Parkinson's especially those who may be from the following groups:

- Newly diagnosed.
- Young onset.
- People and groups seen as 'under represented' - including socially isolated, not digitally connected or ethnic communities.
- People who are not engaged with Parkinson's UK.
- People who are inactive, or active at low levels.
- People who are still working.



Examples of the types of projects and activities that can be supported include:

- New physical activity provision for people with Parkinson's.
- New physical activity that significantly increase the level of physical activity of people with Parkinson's who are currently active.
- Buying equipment that will facilitate or enhance activities (for example, people want to try indoor curling so the award will fund the purchase of equipment).
- Essential maintenance or replacement of equipment that will lead to greater participation or increased impact (for example, an indoor archery set is too old to be used properly, so the award would pay for the kit to be refurbished or replaced).
- Facility hire (for example, as part of the bid, groups may need to hire gym space or a studio).
- Coaching fees (for example, to pay a trainer to deliver the activity).
- Specific training (for example, a volunteer gaining a coaching qualification to enable sustained delivery).
- Developing community activities that demonstrate a pathway into sustained activity (for example, to work with an organisation to enable their activity to be accessible for people with Parkinson's).
- Helping people to access Parkinson's specific online support to become more active (for example, an organisation offering help people to become active at home in a structured and safe way).
- Up to 10% of the applicant's core cost, (the day to day running of the charity, which include rent, utilities and broadband rental, governance costs, accountancy and audit costs, insurance, senior management and admin/finance/HR staff salaries, stationery and cleaning costs).

Location

UK

How To Apply

Applications are open and will be accepted until all of the funding has been allocated. Please note this is a rolling programme, and it may close early should funds be allocated sooner due to the number of applications received and the popularity of the programme.

Parkinson's UK will be hosting the following free 'Meet the Funder' webinars:

- 19 March 25 (10:00 - 11:00)
- 8 April 25 (14:00 - 15:00)

Registration is required and can be done via the funder's website.

Guidance notes and the application form can be found on the Parkinson's UK website.

There is a two-step application process:

- The first step in the application process is for applicants to contact their local PUK Area Development Manager. Details can be found in the guidance notes on the Parkinson's UK website. Parkinson's UK colleagues are not there to help with writing applications, but may



offer information and support by connecting applicants with people with Parkinson's, linking them to existing networks or advising on provision and community priorities in the area.

- The second step is to submit the application through a google form on the grants page.

Notification of decisions takes around five weeks and an additional five weeks to receive the payment.

Contact Parkinson's UK for further information.

[Grants for physical activity providers | Parkinson's UK](#)

Aldi Scottish Sport Fund

Funding body:	Aldi Scotland
Maximum value:	£ 2,500
Application deadline:	13/04/2025

One-off grants are available through a random regional draw for local sports clubs in Scotland to support work in their local community.

Background

The Sports Fund is provided and distributed by Aldi Scotland.

Objectives of Fund

The Aldi Scottish Sport Fund is open in areas across Scotland where there is currently an Aldi store. Aldi's goal in providing this programme is to increase the positive impact the company has on local communities and to help as many Scottish sports clubs as possible.

Groups that are successfully selected by the Aldi Scottish Sport Fund judging panel will be entered into their regional prize draw (one prize draw per region) and the winners will be chosen by random draw.

Value Notes

Aldi is providing three levels of funding per region:

- One grant of £2,500
 - Two grants of £1,000
 - Five grants of £500
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Who Can Apply

Applications will be considered from clubs in Scotland which run sporting activities for the benefit of a range of participants from the local community.



Organisations must be based in Scotland and be one of the following:

- A local, community focused club with Sport at the heart of what they do.
- A registered community amateur sports club (CASC).
- A school or educational organisation.
- A religious organisation.
- A Scout or Guide group.
- A charitable service fund of the Armed Forces.
- A Community Interest Company registered with The Office of the Regulator of Community Interest Companies.

Restrictions

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Organisations outside Scotland.
- Political parties.
- Individual sponsorship.
- Travel and accommodation requests.
- Exclusive membership organisations.
- University sports clubs.

Eligible Expenditure

The funding can be used for a number of different things, including:

- The purchase of new team strips.
- The purchase of equipment.
- Subsidising transport costs.

Location

Scotland.

How To Apply

The application windows for 2025 are as follows:

- **Central Scotland:** 10 March to 13 April.
- NE, Highlands & Islands: 14 April to 18 May.
- Glasgow and the West: 19 May to 22 June.
- Dundee and Tayside: 23 June to 27 July.
- Fife, Perth and Kinross: 28 July to 31 August.
- Edinburgh and The Lothians: 1 September to 5 October.
- South Scotland: 6 October to 9 November.

An application form and Frequently Asked Questions can be downloaded from the Aldi Scotland website.



The completed application form should be submitted by email.

All applications will be considered by the Aldi judging panel.

Successful applicants will be contacted by the email address on their entry form.

[Scottish Sport Fund | ALDI UK](#)

Impetus Skills Grant Round

Funding body:	Impetus Private Equity Foundation
Maximum value:	£ 100,000
Application deadline:	17/04/2025

Two unrestricted grants are available for non-profit organisations in England, Scotland or Wales to partner with Impetus to support young people who are not in education, employment or training (NEET) into employment through skills.

Background

The funding for this programme is provided by Impetus, who work to support young people from disadvantaged backgrounds to succeed in school and work.

Objectives of Fund

Impetus is seeking to partner with two non-profit organisations that:

- Support young people (age 16-24) who are NEET and from disadvantaged backgrounds
- Deliver work-related skills (either vocational or essential)
- Aim for employment outcomes for those young people.

There is particular interest in organisations that:

- Deliver vocational skills training (ie, focusing on specific sectors or roles).
 - Have leadership teams who are representative of the young people they serve.
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Value Notes

Impetus partners will receive:

- £100,000 in core, unrestricted funding for an initial period of one year (with potential for Impetus to become a longer-term funder)
- Hands-on support from the Impetus Investment Team to help shape plans and build organisational capabilities for impact and growth



- Support from the Impetus network of pro bono experts on anything from strategy planning and financial modelling to legal support
- Access to Impetus peer learning forums; providing training, networking and co-learning opportunities with 23 partners across the Impetus portfolio
- Access to sector-based coalitions to influence policy and the national conversation on issues faced by the young people served by Impetus
- Access to additional grants through the Impetus network of donors.

Who Can Apply

UK-registered charities, social enterprises or non-profit organisations can apply. Further Education Colleges can also apply if they are delivering a NEET to EET programme.

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Be committed to improving employment outcomes and managing and refining their programme to achieve them.
- Be working with a minimum of 100 young people directly.
- Have at least 10 members of staff (headcount).
- Have a minimum turnover of £250,000.
- Have achieved at least break-even in two of the past three years, OR must hold at least two months of operating costs in their reserves.
- Deliver work-related skills (either vocational or essential).
- Aim for employment outcomes for those young people.
- Have a track record of, or high potential to deliver measurable, positive employment outcomes for young people.
- Have a committed leadership team, eager to engage with the Impetus partnership, and sufficient organisational capacity to absorb the provided support.
- Have financial sustainability and the long-term potential to grow.

There is particular interest in organisations working with young people who are:

- Lower qualified (without GCSEs or A-levels)
- From Pakistani, Black, Mixed, Gypsy or Irish Traveller backgrounds

Eligible Expenditure

The unrestricted grants are for non-profit organisations whose programmes are:

- Focused on supporting NEET young people (16-24) into employment through the development of skills (either vocational, essential or both). This work should represent at least 50% of the young people they work with.
- Youth employment work delivered in England, Wales or Scotland.
- Focused on young people who are or have experienced socio-economic disadvantage, typically demonstrated through eligibility for free school meals and/or pupil premium.

Location

England, Scotland, Wales



How To Apply

Applications will be accepted from 12 March 2025 (noon) until 17 April 2025 (23:59).

Applicants must first complete the online eligibility checker form on the Impetus website.

Eligible organisations will be invited to complete the application form.

Shortlisted applicants (around 15 to 20 organisations) will be contacted by 9 May to arrange a call with their CEO or equivalent.

This will be followed by a visit by the Impetus team in June 2025.

Decisions will be made in late November 2025.

A webinar will be held on 26 March 2025 (10:00am). [Registration is required.](#)

Contact Impetus for further information.

[Grant round: Skills](#)

The Way Forward for Families Partnership Fund

Funding body:	Scottish Government
Maximum value:	£ 250,000
Application deadline:	25/04/2025

Grants are available to constituted third sector organisations in Scotland that work with children, young people and families affected by drugs and alcohol for partnership projects with public sector organisations.

Background

The Way Forward for Families Partnership Fund is now in its third round. The programme is building on the work undertaken through the Partnership Drugs Initiative (PDI) a partnership between the Corra Foundation and Scottish Government. The Fund is being administered by the Corra Foundation.

Funding is intended to facilitate collaborative projects across Scotland between statutory and third sector organisations to support children, young people and families.

Objectives of Fund

The focus of the programme is to:



- Support and improve the wellbeing of children, young people and their families impacted by drugs and alcohol.
- Develop and influence local and national policy and practice.

The Fund aims to support work that aligns with the following policy documents:

- [Independent Care Review](#)
- [The Promise Plan 24 - 30](#)
- [The Promise Oversight Board's Report 2](#)

Value Notes

In this round, a total of £470,000 is available.

Grants of up to £250,000 are available over three years.

Funding can contribute up to a maximum of 50% towards the overall costs.

Match Funding Restrictions

Applicant organisations must identify at least 50% matched funding of the project costs for each year from a public sector partner.

Who Can Apply

The lead applicant and grant holder must:

- Be a constituted third sector organisation eg, charity, community group, development trust.
- Be delivering frontline services to individuals who may have multiple support needs.
- Have an asset lock.
- Have independent governance.

All applications must be made based on a formal partnership between a registered charity and a statutory organisation eg, an Alcohol and Drugs Partnership, a local authority or an NHS Board. Other third sector organisations can be included as partners in the project, such as social enterprises and community and voluntary organisations.

Applicants must provide:

- A project budget.
- A signed letter of support from the lead public sector partner.
- A recent bank statement (no more than six months old) or a copy of their most recent accounts.
- A copy of their governing document.
- Where available, evidence of matched funding.
- Where available, a copy of the formal agreement between partners.

Applications must be approved by a Chief Officer or Director, either of the Health and Social Care Partnership, Children's Services or Alcohol and Drugs Partnership (ADP) and a senior representative



of the third sector partner, all of whom will sign a Memorandum of Understanding or Partnership Agreement.

Restrictions

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Work that will not deliver direct support to children, young people and families affected by alcohol or drug use.
- Major capital appeals including building projects, vehicles and major refurbishment costs.
- Retrospective costs.
- Contributions to funds which will be used for grant making to other organisations.
- Projects utilising funding from Corra's Partnership Drugs Initiative (PDI) as match funding.
- Work that focuses on respite or whole populations.
- Work delivered through existing/current public contracting and commissioning arrangements.
- Work delivered outside of Scotland.

Eligible Expenditure

Funding is intended for projects that build on the work being delivered by charities currently working with children, young people and families affected by substance abuse in Scotland.

Eligible projects must demonstrate:

- A Whole Family Approach as outlined in the [Scottish Government's Framework for Holistic Whole Family Approaches](#).
- Alignment with the strategic objectives of [Keeping the Promise](#).
- How activities will take into consideration both the national and local context.
- A high level of involvement of children, young people and families in the design and delivery of the project. Applications for projects that will be co-produced with these groups are encouraged.
- A relational and trauma-responsive approach. Unconditional support must be given meaning that the project will work to support children, young people and families from all backgrounds.

Examples of potential projects include:

- Increasing capacity in the workforce to take a Whole Family Approach, working with internal and external partners.
- Participation, involvement and creating the conditions where people who use services are meaningfully engaged to bring about change.
- Practical work to support families to be safe and together.
- Development of partnership approaches to address a specific challenge to delivering optimum support.
- Testing new ways of delivering services.

The funding can be used for a range of project costs:



- Staff costs.
- Activity costs.
- Volunteer costs.
- Costs which support participation and engagement.
- Research and evaluation.
- Equipment costs can be supported where these are not the predominate focus of the project.

Location

Scotland

How To Apply

There is a two-stage application process:

- Stage One: Applicants must make an initial enquiry to the Fund via email to arrange a 'Welcome Chat'. The deadline to arrange an initial enquiry is 25 April 2025 **(17:00)**.
- Stage Two: Eligible applicants will then be invited to submit a full application. The deadline for full applications is 8 May 2025 **(14:00)**.

Contact the Corra Foundation for further information.

[The Way Forward for Families Partnership](#)

Material Focus - Electricals Recycling Fund

Funding body:	Material Focus
Maximum value:	£ 100,000
Application deadline:	Not specified

Grants are available to support recycling, reuse or repair organisations that test creative and practical methods for collecting unwanted electricals within the UK.

Background

The annual Electricals Recycling Fund is provided and administered by Material Focus, an independent not-for-profit organisation whose mission is to stop electricals from being hoarded and thrown away and ensure they are reused and recycled instead.

Since its launch in 2020, Material Focus has worked with over 100 local authorities, businesses and local communities to get people across the UK recycling their electricals.

Objectives of Fund

The funding is for organisations who are expanding collection and processing services for reuse and recycling, as well as driving awareness of these services among local residents, with the aim of making it easier for everyone to reuse or recycle their unwanted electricals.

The funding will support projects to:

- Grow/develop existing household collection services for small household electricals.
- Innovate/test new approaches to collect electricals for reuse and recycling.

Value Notes

A total of £750,000 is available.

Grants of up to:

- £100,000 (per applicant) for projects that grow existing collection methods for small electricals. Organisations can apply up to £0.50 per household receiving the service.
- £50,000 per project to innovate new approaches to repairing, reusing and/or recycling electricals. Applications above £50,000 may be considered if the project demonstrates significant impact (in terms of households covered and/or projected tonnes/items collected) and longevity.

Projects should be at least a year long.

Material Focus will provide successful applicants with project management support.

Who Can Apply

Applications will be accepted from registered organisations including:

- Charities.
- Local authorities.
- Waste partnerships.
- Private waste contractors.
- Other private companies.
- Compliance schemes.

Previous Success

Recently funded organisations include:

- ILM Highland to install seven bring banks in remote rural locations.
- Joint Waste Solutions Surrey to promote new bright pink bins in local flats, making it easier for residents to recycle electricals.
- London Borough of Hillingdon to set up new collection points in libraries and community centres for small waste electrical items.
- Newcastle City Council to combine doorstep collections with pop-up recycling centres.



Restrictions

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Individuals.
- Core operational costs.

Eligible Expenditure

The grant should be used to fund the expansion or introduction of a new project that could not happen without the funding.

Priority will be given to new projects and services.

The funding can be used for the following:

- The purchase of new bins/collection points ('bring banks').
- The adaptation of waste collection vehicles to include cages for kerbside WEEE.
- Vehicle rental.
- Installation of bins.
- Communication and marketing materials.
- Staffing costs to cover the time spent planning and delivering the project.
- Salaries if the person is working to deliver the funded project.

Examples of projects that could be funded under the Innovating New Methods include:

- Collection of waste electricals alongside other niche waste streams (e.g. textiles, batteries, furniture).
- Collection of waste electricals using the return journey/spare capacity during collection/delivery of parcels.
- Use of automated booking systems to manage demand and logistics of collection.
- Using new, low-energy, low-CO2 modes of transport for collections (e.g. e-cargo bikes).
- Diversion of electricals for reuse/recycling during household (kitchen) refits, moves or clearances.
- Drop-offs via automated locker companies.
- Shared drop-offs at large shopping centres.
- Drop-offs at post offices, major supermarkets, large shopping centres or retail parks.
- Collection points at large offices or office campuses.
- Projects that include the repair of small electricals.
- Projects that support tackling the growing concerns around digital inclusion.

Examples of projects under the Growing existing services include:

- Adding cages under refuse collection vehicles (RCVs).
- Dedicating a Romaquip compartment in RCVs to collect electricals.
- Bring banks/ WEEE banks.
- Community drop points in libraries and other community locations.



All funded projects must use Material Focus's award-winning HypnoCat-branded assets to promote their projects, and the eye-catching pink designs for bring banks.

Location

UK

How To Apply

Applications for 2025 are now open.

There is no deadline for submissions as applications will remain open on a rolling basis.

An application pack can be found on the Material Focus website.

Contact Material Focus for further information.

[Electricals Recycling Fund - Material Focus](#)

William Syson Foundation

Funding body:	William Syson Foundation
Maximum value:	£ 5,000
Application deadline:	28/03/2025

Grants are available for charities, voluntary groups, and not-for-profit organisations to support the advancement of the arts, heritage, and culture in Scotland.

Background

The William Syson Foundation was established in 2012 with the aim of providing opportunities for the practise and enjoyment of the arts, whilst assisting and encouraging the country's next generation of musical and artistic talent, particularly in Scotland.

The Foundation makes donations to the arts in all its forms, especially institutions, groups and activities based in and from Scotland.

Objectives of Fund

The aim of this fund is to support projects and activities that promote the advancement of the arts, heritage, and culture. This includes, but is not limited to, the promotion and development of the arts, including music, the visual arts, theatre, and literature.



Value Notes

Small grants of up to £5,000 are available.

Who Can Apply

Arts charities registered in Scotland can apply.

Groups must meet the following criteria:

- Their core purpose is to provide opportunities for the practise and enjoyment of the arts.
- Have an annual income of less than £500,000.
- Are based in Scotland and operating for the benefit of people in Scotland.
- Are constituted as a charity, have a bank account in the name of the organisation, have been operating for at least 12 months and be able to supply annual audited/examined accounts.

Applicants must be able to provide:

- Their most recent independently examined/audited Accounts showing their organisation's income and expenditure covering a 12-month period, plus a statement of Funds at the end of that period.
 - A copy of their Child Protection and/or Vulnerable Adults Safeguarding Policy if the organisation carries out regulated work with children, young people under 18 or vulnerable adults aged 16 and above.
 - A copy of their Constitution or other governing document (if the group is not a registered charity).
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Restrictions

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Groups that have been awarded funding from the Foundation within the previous 12 months.
 - Groups that have applied for funding from the Foundation within the previous 12 months, whether successful or not.
 - Capital development costs.
 - Retrospective costs.
 - The promotion of political/religious beliefs.
 - Companies that are limited by shares.
 - Groups that do not have an up-to-date Child Protection or Vulnerable Adults Safeguarding Policy if involved in regulated work or, if said policy fails to include the requirement for staff and volunteers to have membership of the PVG Scheme as managed by Disclosure Scotland.
 - Groups that have submitted Annual Accounts late to the appropriate regulator (where applicable) and/or Companies House, as appropriate.
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Eligible Expenditure

Unrestricted funding is available for activity in any art form or cross-art form including but not limited to visual arts, performing arts, poetry, literature, film-making, music, photography, and digital arts.



Location

Scotland.

How To Apply

There are typically two application windows per year, one in Spring and the other in Autumn.

The application windows for 2025 are:

- 17 March 2025 to 28 March 2025.
- 1 September 2025 to 12 September 2025.

Applicants will typically be notified of any decisions made within 10 weeks of the closing date.

Guidance and an application form are available from the William Syson Foundation website.

Completed applications should be submitted by email.

Contact the William Syson Foundation for further information.

<https://www.williamsysonfoundation.org.uk/>

Trefoil – Organisational Grants

Funding body:	Trefoil
Maximum value:	Discretionary
Application deadline:	25/08/2025

Grants are available for registered charities and other not-for-profit organisations to deliver projects and activities that support children with additional needs across Scotland.

Background

The Organisational Grants Fund is provided and administered by Trefoil, a large grant-making charity registered in Scotland. It is dedicated to supporting the development of children and young people with additional needs in Scotland to enable them to maximise their capabilities and achieve as much independence as possible.

Objectives of Fund

This fund aims to support organisations whose aims, and objectives align with those of Trefoil to:

- Aid, assist and promote, to their advantage, the interests of children and young people under the age of 25 with special needs, including but not limited to physical disability, caring



obligations, other disadvantages or learning and psycho-social needs (or a combination thereof) and to foster their independence, confidence, and assertiveness.

- Promote educational opportunities, social skills development, vocational training and personal development opportunities.
- Advance their physical, mental, and emotional health by promoting aid and assistance whether directly or indirectly.
- Promote or organise recreational facilities, with the object of improving their condition and/or enjoyment of life.

Value Notes

Funding is awarded at the discretion of the Trefoil.

Who Can Apply

Registered charities and other not-for-profit organisations can apply.

Applicants must be formally constituted and be able to demonstrate a track record of strong financial and operational management by the provision of audited or independently inspected accounts and annual reports.

Priority will be given to organisations or charities that are direct service providers.

Restrictions

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Overhead costs.
- Disbursement to other agencies.
- Commercial and for-profit organisations.
- Salaries or subsistence costs, except as entirely incidental to a specific project and proportionate to other funding.
- Core property costs that support the administration of the organisation.
- General appeals.

Trefoil will not normally consider applications from organisations with a turnover of £500,000.

Eligible Expenditure

Funding is for projects and activities that support and promote the development of children and young under the age of 25 in Scotland with additional support needs, in accordance with the main aims of Trefoil.

Preference will be given to:

- Projects promoting education, health, and social welfare.
- Team building activities.
- Recreation with an education element.
- Therapeutic activities that are not core funded by the statutory authorities.



- New development and start-up project costs.

Location

Scotland.

How To Apply

There are normally two application rounds per year. The second deadline for 2025 applications is 25 August 2025.

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

Contact Trefoil for further information.

[Applications — Trefoil](#)



