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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.
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.

Alec Dickson Trust

Funding body:	Alec Dickson Trust
Maximum value:	£ 500
Application deadline:	04/04/2025

Grants are available to support volunteering projects in the UK, organised and run by young people (aged 30 years and younger).

Background

Alex Dickson, along with his wife Mora, founded CSV (Community Service Volunteers) in 1962, mobilising the talents and energy of young people. CSV provided Alec with the opportunity to put many of his innovative ideas about community service into practice. He passionately believed that anyone could make a positive contribution to the world around them. Alec pioneered the involvement of young volunteers with backgrounds in offending, drug misuse and homelessness, built up a programme of community service work in schools, and campaigned vigorously for a nationwide community service.

It was with this spirit of adventure and belief in young people that the Alec Dickson Trust was established after Alec's death in 1994.

The Alec Dickson Trust holds several core values which are:

- Supportive. The Trust aims to be a supportive trust which encourages young people to volunteer as much as possible.
- Empowering. The Trust endeavours to empower young people to lead volunteering projects spanning many different fields.
- Responsible. The Trust will be responsible in how it uses its funds and expects similar reliability from those receiving a grant.

Objectives of Fund

The funding is aimed at individuals and groups of young people who are able to demonstrate that through volunteering or community service they can enhance the lives of others, particularly those most marginalised by society.



Value Notes

Grants of up to £500 are available.

Who Can Apply

Applications are accepted from UK based volunteering or community service projects, organised and run by young people (under 30 years).

Restrictions

Funding is not available for the following:

- Overseas trips or gap year projects.
 - Uniforms, equipment or training for personal benefit, eg university course fees, laptop for an individual.
 - Direct expenditure for a fundraising event, such as venue hire.
 - Projects run by groups aged over 30 years.
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Eligible Expenditure

In general, the Trust aims to support projects which:

- Encourage youth volunteering - particularly those which involve lots of volunteers and encourage people to continue volunteering long term.
 - Have a positive impact on disadvantaged communities and individuals - particularly projects which address a specific need and have a long lasting and meaningful effect on those it reaches.
 - Are innovative and try to do things a bit differently, such as using social media creatively or using existing resources in new ways.
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Location

United Kingdom

How To Apply

The next deadline for applications is 4 April 2025.

Guidelines and the online application form can be found on the Trust's website.

Applications are reviewed approximately once every three months.

Contact the Alec Dickson Trust for more information.

[Alec Dickson Trust](#)



Leathersellers' Foundation

Funding body:	Leathersellers' Company
Maximum value:	£ 25,000
Application deadline:	30/04/2025

Grants are available to support the work of registered charities in the UK.

Background

The Leathersellers' Foundation provides a wide range of funding to UK registered charities, educational institutions and university students.

Objectives of Fund

The foundation operates two grant programmes for UK registered charities:

- Small Grants Programme – one-off grants for small projects.
- Main Grants Programme – targeted funding rounds, with grants available towards core costs to support charities working within the focus area of the active round.

Value Notes

The following funding is available:

- Small Grants Programme grants of up to £5,000.
- Main Grants Programme unrestricted grant (core costs) of between £20,000 and £25,000 per year for a period of up to four years.

Who Can Apply

The **Small Grants Programme** accepts applications from UK registered charities including charitable incorporated organisations (CIOs) but not community interest companies (CICs).

To be eligible organisations must:

- Deliver activities to meet an identified need for vulnerable people in their community.
- Have a planned expenditure of under £200,000 during the financial year in which they are applying for funding.
- Have at least one year's published accounts

The funder is looking for organisations that:

- Understand the needs of their local community.
- Are open and transparent about their work and finances.
- Are working in partnership with others.



The **Main Grants Programme** accepts applications from UK registered charities or Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIOs) that:

- Are operating in the UK in an area of deprivation.
- Have an organisational income over £200,000 and under £2 million (for the coming or current year).
- Work to prevent the occurrence of and/or support recovery from Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) as their core focus.
- Use a trauma-informed approach and evidence-based interventions.
- Can demonstrate the effectiveness of their approach through evaluation or external research.
- Are either lived-experience led or can show significant input from those with lived experience.

Leathersellers recognises that some communities suffer from a greater likelihood of ACEs due to systemic barriers. It welcomes applications from charities who support under-represented groups.

Previous Success

Examples of previously awarded groups include:

Advice and support

- Action against Abduction
- Action for Stammering Children
- Changing Faces
- Derby Women's Centre
- London Youth Support Trust
- Mankind UK
- Missing People
- Shekinah Mission
- The King's Trust

Criminal Justice and Rehabilitation

- Blue Sky Development and Regeneration
- Bounce Back Foundation
- Clean Break
- Fine Cell
- Prison Advice & Care Trust

Education

- Fitzwilliam College
- Leathersellers' Federation of Schools
- St Catherine's College
- University of Hertfordshire

Disability



- Ambitious about Autism
- Calvert Trust Kielder
- Disability Challengers
- Greenhouse
- Bendrigg Trust

Medicine and Health

- Addiction NI
- FoodCycle
- Maytree
- The Urology Foundation

Creative Arts

- Artichoke Trust
- Guildhall School Trust

Homelessness

- FareShare
- The Haven Wolverhampton

Heritage and the environment

- St Mary the Virgin Parish Church

Recreational

- Lake District Calvert Trust

Services Support and Rehabilitation

- Sir Oswald Stoll Foundation
- Walking With The Wounded

Restrictions

Funding is not available for:

- Community interest companies (CICs).
- Medical research.
- Hospices.
- Capital projects.
- Services that charge participants for access, irrespective of a beneficiary's ability to pay.

For the Main Grants Programme, funding is not available for:



- Organisations that have been awarded a grant previously who are applying for the same period of time as that of their grant. (Eg organisations that have received a one-year grant cannot reapply for one year after the date of their final grant payment. If they received multi-year funding for four years they will not be eligible to apply for further funding for four years from the date of their final grant payment.)

A charity may only make one grant application to the Leathersellers at a time.

Eligible Expenditure

The Main Grants Programme:

Applications are invited from charities that work to prevent the occurrence of and/or support recovery from adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) by providing services to children and young people and/or adult survivors in recovery. The term ACEs is used to recognise traumatic events that occur during childhood that can have a significant impact on a person's physical, emotional and mental health throughout their life. Examples include:

- Abuse – physical, sexual or psychological/emotional.
- Neglect – physical or psychological/emotional.
- Domestic abuse.
- Substance misuse by a close family member.
- Mental illness of a close family member.
- Having a close family member serve time in prison.
- Parental or caregiver separation or divorce on account of relationship breakdown.

Charities should use a trauma-informed approach and evidence-based interventions. The foundation recognises that some communities suffer from a greater likelihood of ACEs due to systemic barriers. It welcomes applications from charities who support under-represented groups.

Small Grants Programme:

One-off grants can be used to support the activities of small UK registered charities, including charitable incorporated organisations but not community interest companies, that are currently supporting vulnerable people and working in geographical areas of high deprivation in the UK.

There will be 8 application rounds, with **submissions accepted on a first-come, first-served basis and the total number capped at 40 per round.**

Location

United Kingdom

How To Apply

Main Grants Programme

The 2025 application round is expected to open to expressions of interest from 26 March 2025 (10am) to 30 April 2025 (5pm). The foundation expects to make 15–20 multi-year grants.



Small Grants Programme

The fund is a rolling funding programme. The next application window will open 31 March 2025 (10am).

There are 8 application windows throughout the year. **Submissions are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. As soon as 40 applications have been received, applications will close for the round. (This can occur with one hour of the application window opening.)**

- 31 March 2025
- 6 May 2025

Applicants who have started an application form and then find that the maximum applications have been reached can save a draft and return to the application when the next round opens.

Applications are made using the online application form on the Leathersellers' Company website. The Small Grants Committee meets regularly to ensure charities receive a decision within a month of submitting their application.

Contact the Leathersellers' Foundation for further information.

[Foundation –](#)

Scottish Football Association - Football Facilities Fund

Funding body:	Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS)
Maximum value:	Discretionary
Application deadline:	21/04/2025

Grants are available for the provision or upgrading of football facilities in local communities throughout Scotland.

Background

The Scottish Football Facilities Fund is provided by the Scottish Football Association (SFA) and the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS).

In 2025/26, the Scottish Football Facilities Fund will distribute a further £8.6m into key football facilities identified as critical in retaining and increasing participation at grassroots level and where there is an evidence-based need for investment under the following funding streams:

- Community Football Spaces for grassroots and community football clubs who have facility aspirations.



- Member Support to support clubs with Scottish FA Membership to either retain or improve their Club Licensing status.

Projects that can illustrate impact at both grassroots and member club level may attract investment from both streams.

Objectives of Fund

The Fund is intended for investment in facilities that will promote healthy, physical activity through football and other sports, contributing to social inclusion and cohesion in safe and attractive environments and in a sustainable way.

The Fund has the following priorities:

- Increasing or sustaining participation.
- Increasing the number of multi-sport facilities to boost participation in non-football sports, in turn achieving wider community engagement.
- Projects that will deliver wider community engagement. Strong community focused clubs that are engaging with community groups and increasing player participation across all ages and backgrounds.
- Tackling inequalities:
 - Projects delivering improved access to sports facilities for women's and girls, and other under-represented groups and to increase participation in these groups.
 - Projects that are located within the top 30% of areas of Multiple Deprivation by local authority.

Value Notes

Funding is at the discretion of the SFA.

Match Funding Restrictions

The SFA starting principle for match funding is 50%. However, applications with less partner funding will still be considered.

Who Can Apply

Grassroots and community football clubs in Scotland can apply to the Community Football Spaces funding stream.

Clubs that are SFA members can apply to the member support funding stream.

Restrictions

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Temporary items of equipment.
- Personal equipment such as bibs, cones, balls, or equipment such as tables, chairs, bar furniture that could be used within new facilities.



- Retrospective funding.
- Maintenance charges: ie, roof repair, annual pitch maintenance and professional maintenance charges, boilers.
- Speculative purchases of land or facilities in advance or separate to the delivery of the final project.

Eligible Expenditure

The capital funding is expected to deliver new facilities, or improvements and upgrades to existing infrastructure.

The **Community Football Spaces** project will invest in two main areas:

- **Maintain** projects - focused on the redevelopment or upgrades of existing natural grass or 3G pitches, upgrades to existing floodlights, or general improvements to existing built infrastructure, with a focus on facility requirements that foster the longer-term participation of girls and women.
- **Attain** projects - the development and delivery of 'new build' football facility projects - whether natural grass, 3G pitches or the other forms of built infrastructure. There will be a focus on the types of spaces that are now needed by grassroots football clubs to support their variety of off-pitch activities, as well as on-pitch.

Member Support projects must help the applicant club to;

- Maintain their current level within the Scottish FA's Club Licencing scheme, or
- Attain the next level within the Scottish FA's Club Licencing Scheme.

Location

Scotland

How To Apply

There is a multi-stage application process:

- Potential applicants must submit a 'kick off' form via email. It is highly recommended that applicants engage with the Scottish FA Club Services Co-Ordinator and relevant Club Services Facility Officer to discuss any proposed application.
- Once the team have received the form the relevant member of the Scottish FA Club Services staff will be in contact to discuss the project further. Applicants may then be asked to fill out an application form if the project is at the relevant stage to apply for funding. The application window runs from **24 March 2025 to 21 April 2025**. Should the threshold for delivery not be met, there will be no invitation extended for this window. Instead, the relevant Club Services Facilities Officer will work with the applicant to develop their proposal to 'application ready' stage for a future application window.

Guidance notes and a 'kick off' form are available from the SFA website.

Contact the SFA for further information.



Stephen Lloyd Awards

Funding body:	BWB Foundation
Maximum value:	£ 25,000
Application deadline:	14/05/2025

These global financial awards aim to help create success by finding and nurturing innovative ideas and projects undertaken by start-up enterprises or social entrepreneurs that can lead to practical, sustainable social or environmental change, particularly those that address social problems at a systemic level.

Background

The Stephen Lloyd Awards is an initiative managed by the BWB Foundation.

Objectives of Fund

The Stephen Lloyd Awards were established in memory of charity and social enterprise lawyer, Stephen Lloyd, who died in August 2014. They reflect his commitment to finding and supporting innovative ways of achieving social or environmental change.

Stephen was an innovator and developer of new ideas. These awards continue Stephen's passion through supporting early-stage projects that have real potential to achieve practical, positive, sustainable changes in today's society.

The awards are about creating success and, in line with Stephen's own approach, they will harness the expertise and the finance of those with deep knowledge of the charity and social enterprise sector to help socially valuable projects move from concept to realisation.

Value Notes

Winners will receive funding of at least £25,000, along with extensive pro bono support from experts in the social enterprise sector, who are committed to creating a positive impact on society in a long term and sustainable way.

Shortlisted applicants will also be awarded up to £2,500 to further develop their project ideas, and may also benefit from similar pro bono expertise.

Who Can Apply

Anyone resident in the UK, or any organisation or charity established in the UK that has an innovative idea seeking to address a problem systemically, can apply.



Eligible Expenditure

Ideas may come in many forms. They may be a new-start enterprise or an extension of an organisation's existing work. They might be a discrete piece of lobbying work or a high-profile campaign; the aim might be to change policy or legislation or to create a new legal form or financial structure, for example.

Location

United Kingdom

How To Apply

This is an annual awards programme.

Applications closes on 14 May 2025 (24:00).

All application entries should be emailed to info@stephenlloydawards.org

More details are available at the Stephen Lloyd Awards [website](#).

[Stephen Lloyd Awards | Supporting Sustainable Social Change Ideas](#)

Health and Wellbeing in Museums Fund

Funding body:	Julia Rausing Trust
Maximum value:	£ 75,000
Application deadline:	26/06/2025

Grants are available to support health and wellbeing programmes in Museums across the UK.

Background

The Health and Wellbeing in Museums Fund is provided by the Julia Rausing Trust and administered by the Museums Association.

Objectives of Fund

This fund aims to support the development and continuation of groundbreaking health and wellbeing programmes in UK museums during a time of financial crisis and increasing demand for services.

Value Notes

Around ten grants of between £50,000 to £75,000 are available per funding round.



Who Can Apply

UK Museums can apply.

Applicants should have:

- A proven track record for the work they are doing.
- A strategic commitment to health and wellbeing at their Museum.
- A clear idea of how they would like to develop their work.

Eligible Expenditure

This fund will enable Museums to build on their existing leading health and wellbeing work.

Location

UK

How To Apply

This fund will open for applications on 28 April 2025, with a submission deadline on 26 June 2025

The application process is as follows:

- Potential applicants must complete a short online eligibility quiz.
- Eligible applicants will then be able to book a conversation with Museums Association to discuss their idea.
- Applicants who then meet all the essential criteria and excel in at least one of four criteria for success will be invited to complete a full application.

Applicants will be notified of any decisions made in late September 2025.

Guidance notes and an online eligibility quiz will be available when this fund opens.

[Health and Wellbeing in Museums Fund - Museums Association](#)

Warburtons Families Matter Community Grants Programme

Funding body:	Warburtons
Maximum value:	£ 400
Application deadline:	05/05/2025

Small grants are available for local projects, activities and organisations that have charitable aims



and that will be of real direct benefit to families in England, Scotland and Wales.

Background

The Community Grants Programme is provided by Warburtons, a family run bakery business, and is administered on their behalf by Charities Aid Foundation (CAF).

Objectives of Fund

The principle aim of this funding is to focus on supporting families that need help the most, in a way which adheres to their principles of transparency, trust and transformation.

The aim of these small community grants is to support projects, activities and organisations that will be of real direct benefit to families and have a direct and tangible social impact on people's lives.

Value Notes

Community grants of up to and including £400 are available.

Warburtons has a 'limited amount of money for grant funding and will not be able to support all applications'.

Match Funding Restrictions

Match funding is not a specified requirement.

Who Can Apply

Not-for-profit organisations with charitable purposes that are operating in England, Scotland and Wales are eligible to apply.

Employees of Warburtons are able to apply on behalf of organisations if they are actively involved with them (e.g. they are a volunteer, trustee, active supporter).

Restrictions

Funding is not available for the following:

- Individuals
- Organisations that:
 - Are not charitable and do not operate on a not-for-profit basis.
 - Are not based in and working in England, Wales or Scotland.
 - Discriminate on the basis of race, creed, gender, sexual orientation, age, religion, or national origin.
 - Primarily promote political or religious viewpoints to their beneficiaries.
 - Primarily focus on animals.
 - Solely seek support for salaries. However, consideration will be given to funding a proportion of a salary or sessional worker fees where these are directly linked to funded project delivery.



- Use funds to make grants, bursaries or financial donations to other organisations or individuals.
- Solely seeking to purchase something, (eg, the buying of a building or other significant purchase) other than small items.
- Cannot supply appropriate registration and financial documents, bank details and personal details of trustees/directors.
- Cannot report back on outcomes.
- May be harmful to the Warburtons business.
- Activities or projects that:
 - Have a negative impact on the environment.
 - Benefit Warburtons' commercial business.
 - Have already taken place.
 - Are for sponsorship, advertising and promotion alone, which primarily generate commercial returns.
 - Need raffle prizes.

Eligible Expenditure

Funding is available for projects that are working towards one of Warburtons' outcome areas:

- Health - supporting families to care for each other and lead healthier lives:
 - Improving physical health
 - Improving wellbeing
- Place - supporting families to flourish in communities that are safer, greener and more inclusive:
 - Making spaces safe and inclusive
 - Connecting communities with the environment
- Skills - supporting families to gain useful skills for life and work:
 - Developing useful life skills
 - Developing useful skills for employment.

Grants can be used to cover specific costs that will benefit the cause (e.g. purchasing equipment to support an employability project).

Location

England, Scotland and Wales

How To Apply

Applications are considered quarterly with deadlines in November, February, May and August. Decisions are typically made within six weeks of the deadline.

Applications are currently accepted from:

- **5 February 2025 to 5 May 2025 with decisions by 13 June 2025.**



To access the application form, groups should click on the link on the Financial Giving section of the Warburton website. They will be redirected to the application form hosted by the Charities Aid Foundation (CAF).

CAF may get in touch with applicants directly, to ask for their bank account details and any documents they may need.

Contact Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) for further information.

[Financial Giving](#) | [Community](#) | [Charity Donations](#) | [Warburtons](#)

Patagonia International Environmental Grants

Funding body:	Patagonia Europe
Maximum value:	15,000 USD (£ 11,605)
Application deadline:	31/05/2025

Grants are available to small grassroots activist environmental organisations in the UK and Ireland that are working to protect local habitats and frontline communities through bold, original actions.

Background

Patagonia is a privately held American outdoor clothing and gear company that is based in the United States and operates internationally in several different countries, including the UK and Ireland. It offers grants to non-profit grassroots environmental groups in the countries where it works.

Objectives of Fund

Patagonia believes that “local battles to protect a specific stand of forest, a stretch of river, an indigenous wild species or a community from a polluting refinery are both effective at building public support and confronting larger, more complicated issues - like climate change, biodiversity loss and environmental justice” and accordingly provides grants for grassroot initiatives in the UK and the Republic of Ireland that are addressing these issues.

Value Notes

Grants of between US\$5,000 and US\$15,000 are available.

Only one proposal is accepted per group, per fiscal year (1 May - 30 April).

Who Can Apply

Non-profit organisations with a non-governmental status, doing environmental work in the UK or the Republic of Ireland can apply for funding.



The Company is happy to fund risk-taking, off-the-beaten-track groups.

Restrictions

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Capital costs.
- Organisations without a not-for-profit status or a comparable fiscal sponsor.
- Organisations that perpetuate systemic biases and discrimination based on ethnicity, race, religion, colour, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, age, national origin, ancestry, citizenship, veteran, or disability status.
- Trail creation, maintenance or restoration.
- Any dam renovations, human-assisted fish passage infrastructure or hatchery programs.
- Land acquisition or conservation easements.
- Research, unless it is in direct support of a developed plan for specific action to alleviate an environmental problem.
- Projects that are solely focused on environmental education.
- Environmental conferences.
- Endowment funds.
- Political campaigns.
- Green building projects.
- Bike advocacy, unless the project is in direct support of a climate change solution.

Eligible Expenditure

The funding will support innovative work that addresses the root causes of the environmental crisis and seeks to protect both the environment and affected communities.

Projects should:

- Be action-oriented.
- Focus on root causes.
- Have a clear strategy.
- Identify specific goals and objectives that can be effectively measured to evaluate success.
- Build public involvement and civic engagement.
- Work to build an equitable, inclusive and diverse environmental movement.
- Confront systemic bias, discrimination and injustice in environmental policy or outdoor spaces.
- Take place within the United Kingdom or Ireland.

Location

UK and Ireland

How To Apply

There are two annual deadlines:

- 31 May for a response by the end of August.



- 30 September for a response by the end of December.

Applicants should take the eligibility quiz on the Patagonia website. If the proposed work is eligible, applicants will be directed to the application form.

Contact Patagonia for further information.

[How We Fund | Patagonia UK](#)

National Lottery Heritage Fund: Strategic Initiatives – Landscape Connections

Funding body:	31/05/2025
Maximum value:	£ 10,000,000
Application deadline:	28/05/2025

Grants are available for not-for-profit organisations to deliver projects and activities that improve protected landscapes across UK and make them more accessible.

Background

The National Lottery Heritage Fund uses money from the National Lottery to support a wide range of projects involving the local, regional and national heritage of the United Kingdom.

As part of its Heritage 2033 strategy, the National Lottery Heritage Fund has launched three strategic initiatives offering targeted funding to address long-standing heritage issues across the UK.

These initiatives are:

- [National Lottery Heritage Fund: Strategic Initiatives – Heritage Places](#) – for projects that improve or transform nine identified heritage locations through collaborative projects with local partners and organisations.
 - The Landscape Connections initiative – for around 20 long-term projects to boost nature recovery and connect more people to Protected Landscapes and other world-class landscapes (covered in this scheme).
 - [National Lottery Heritage Fund: Strategic Initiatives – Towns and Cities](#) – will support cities and towns, in partnership with others, to deliver urban nature recovery through thriving historic parks and green spaces.
 - [National Lottery Heritage Fund: Strategic Initiatives – Heritage in Need: Places of Worship](#) – will support places of worship across the UK to address heritage challenges and promote sustainability.
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Objectives of Fund

This fund aims to support and strengthen protected and world-class landscapes to become better for nature and provide space for people to relax and connect with the environment.

Value Notes

A total of £150 million is available.

Grants range from £10,000 to £10 million.

It is expected that approximately 20 long-term projects will be funded.

Who Can Apply

Not-for-profit organisations and partnerships led by not-for-profit organisations can apply.

Protected Landscape management bodies must be a key partner within any application relating to the landscape where they operate and where the works will be taking place, though they do not need to be the applicant or lead partner of an application.

If private owners or for-profit organisations are involved in the project, the public benefit should be demonstrably greater than any private gain.

Proposed projects should take place in:

- National Parks and National Landscapes in England and Wales.
- Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty in Northern Ireland.
- National Parks and other equally important world-class landscapes in Scotland.

Restrictions

It is unlikely that more than one project from a single Protected Landscape will be supported.

Large land acquisitions are unlikely to be supported.

Eligible Expenditure

Funding is for projects that:

- Enable everyone in the UK to have access to landscapes rich in nature, clean water, and fresh air, and places that are inspiring in their beauty and cultural heritage.
- Help these landscapes to become better for nature and more able to welcome people from all backgrounds, including those who rarely visit them now
- Are bold in ambition and create measurable outcomes for Protected Landscapes and equivalent outstanding landscapes in Scotland.
- Support those who live in and care for these places to strengthen them as working landscapes based on a clear diagnosis of why the landscape is currently failing to deliver for nature and people and how that will be addressed.



- Accelerate systemic and lasting nature recovery across whole landscapes, creating and sharing exemplars for how landscape conservation and nature recovery can be delivered with, by, and for people who live and work there.
- Create innovative frameworks for ways in which communities, landowners, organisations, and those that manage the land can work equitably together to agree on how to influence and drive change to ensure a legacy.

Proposed projects can have a delivery phase of up to eight years.

Location

UK.

How To Apply

Applications for grants of £10,000 to £250,000 are accepted year round. There are no deadlines. Decisions are made monthly by the senior investment or engagement staff for the applicant's nation or area.

Applications for grants of £250,000 to £10 million (both developmental and delivery phases) have quarterly deadlines.

For applications of over £250,000, there is a multi-staged application process:

- Groups must first submit an online Expression of Interest.
- Successful groups will then be invited to submit a full application. The next deadlines for applications are:
 - 28 May 2025 (noon), to receive a decision by the end of September 2025.
 - 6 August 2025 (noon), to receive a decision by the end of December 2025.
 - 12 November 2025 (noon), to receive a decision by end of March 2026.

For grants above £250,000, decisions are made on a quarterly basis by the Committee of the applicant's nation or area or by the board of trustees.

Guidance notes are available from the National Lottery Heritage Fund website.

[Strategic initiatives | The National Lottery Heritage Fund](#)

Barchester Healthcare Foundation

Funding body:	Barchester Healthcare Foundation
Maximum value:	£ 2,500
Application deadline:	Not specified



Grants are available for small local groups and small local charities to improve the quality of life and combat loneliness in older people as well as adults with a physical or mental disability in England, Scotland, and Wales.

Background

The Barchester Healthcare Foundation (also known as the Barchester Charitable Foundation) was established by Barchester Healthcare to reinvest into the communities it serves.

It is a registered charity with independent Trustees. The Foundation was set up in 2003 with an initial grant of over £250,000. Barchester Healthcare continues to make further contributions to the Foundation.

Objectives of Fund

The Foundation aims to make a difference to the lives of older people and other adults with a physical, learning or mental disability; supporting practical solutions that lead to increased personal independence, self-sufficiency and dignity.

The aim of this fund is on connecting or re-connecting people with others in their local community. Applications that combat loneliness and enable people to be active and engaged will receive highest priority.

Value Notes

Grants range from £100 to £2,500.

Who Can Apply

Although most funding is awarded to individuals, small community groups and small local charities based in England, Scotland or Wales can also apply.

Eligible organisations must provide a breakdown of their budget and their latest annual accounts.

Support is mainly available to individuals in England, Scotland and Wales who are:

- Older people aged 65+.
- Adults with a disability or mental health problem.

All applications for an individual must be supported by a third party sponsor, such as a health or personal care professional, social worker, charity or support group representative.

The focus for funding is connecting or re-connecting people with others in their local community. Applications that combat loneliness and enable people to be active and engaged will receive the highest priority.

Restrictions

The following are not eligible for funding:



- Core/running costs, including salaries and venue hire.
- Indirect services such as helplines, websites, newsletters, leaflets or research.
- Building/renovation projects or large capital projects, including minibuses.
- Training of staff and training of volunteers.
- Foodbank provision, unless part of a food preparation or activity project.
- Activities for residents in a care home operated by Barchester Healthcare or by any other care home company.

Groups with financial of over £150,000 are unlikely to receive support.

Further funding is not available for three years following a successful grant award.

Eligible Expenditure

Funding is intended to help small community groups and local charities with the following:

- Activity projects.
- Equipment and materials for use by members.
- Member transport.
- Day trips, outings and group holidays in the UK.

Priority will be given to innovative projects that help older people and those with a disability to get active, meet people, and reduce isolation.

Location

England, Scotland and Wales.

How To Apply

Applications may be submitted at any time.

Guidance and an online application form are available from the Barchester Healthcare Foundation website.

[Homepage | Barchester Charitable Foundation](#)

SafeDeposits Scotland – Community Fund

Funding body:	SafeDeposits Scotland
Maximum value:	£ 5,000
Application deadline:	30/05/2025

Grants are available for organisations across Scotland to deliver projects and activities that enhance local communities by addressing issues such as sustainability, the environment,



employability, and social and digital inclusion.

Background

The Community Fund is provided and administered by SafeDeposits Scotland.

Objectives of Fund

This fund aims to support projects and activities that benefit local communities by addressing the following criteria:

- Sustainability and the environment.
- Employability and career skills.
- Social inclusion.
- Technology and digital inclusion.
- Improving the local community.

Value Notes

Grants of up to £5,000 are available.

Up to three grants are available in each funding round.

Who Can Apply

Groups that wish to deliver projects that benefit local communities can apply.

Applicants must provide a summary of their most recent accounts and, where applicable, their latest annual report and financial statement.

Restrictions

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Individuals.
- Staff salaries (unless these are specific and exclusive to the project that the funding is for).
- Day-to-day overheads/running costs (unless these are specific and exclusive to the project that the funding is for).
- Capital projects or contributions towards capital projects.
- General national appeals.
- Holidays or provision or respite care.
- Retrospective costs.
- Funding for the same project over multiple years.
- Projects where the grant contribution would be less than 30% of the total project costs.
- Activities by a for-profit organisation that could be construed as paying their normal business expenses or obligations.
- Projects taking place outside of Scotland.
- Any projects that could be perceived as exclusionary, partisan, political, or religious.



Eligible Expenditure

This fund will support a variety of projects and activities that benefit local communities, such as enhancing play areas, planting trees, providing isolated individuals with social opportunities, and helping young people prepare for work.

Location

Scotland.

How To Apply

Applications will be considered quarterly over 2025/26.

The deadlines for applications are:

- 30 May 2025.
- 29 August 2025.
- 28 November 2025.
- 27 February 2026.

Guidance notes and an application form are available from the SafeDeposits Scotland website.

Completed applications should be submitted by email.

Contact SafeDeposits Scotland for further information.

[SafeDeposits Scotland Community Fund](#)

Gosling Foundation

Funding body:	Gosling Foundation Limited
Maximum value:	Discretionary
Application deadline:	Not specified

Grants are available for charitable organisations carrying out projects in the UK that benefit the Foundation's focus areas: Royal Navy/Royal Marines, Youth, Education or Health.

Background

The Gosling Foundation offers grants to charitable organisations working throughout the UK.

The foundation has awarded over £100 million in grants since 1985.



Objectives of Fund

The funding is for projects that address the following broad categories:

- Royal Navy and Royal Marines
- Education
- Youth

Value Notes

The minimum grant awarded is £5,000.

There are no set grant amounts; trustees may award more or less than requested, and will rarely fully fund projects. Applications should therefore include a fundraising plan.

Single and multi-year funding is available.

Match Funding Restrictions

The Trustees tend to only part fund projects, therefore applicants will have to provide funding towards their project.

Who Can Apply

Applications are accepted from registered charities/CIOs/CICs in the UK that have an income of less than £30 million per annum.

Applications are also accepted from serving members of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines, for projects that benefit multiple serving personnel, and from uniformed youth groups (eg Sea Cadets, Scouts, Girl Guides).

Restrictions

The following will not be funded:

- Core costs - general salaries, running costs, training programmes, rent, utility bills.
- Applications for less than £5,000.
- Professional fees - building surveys, planning applications or feasibility studies.
- Individuals.
- Churches or other religious bodies that are not registered charities/CIOs/CICs and that have no secular activity.
- NHS hospitals or mainstream schools, colleges, or universities.
- Heritage or conservation projects (the trustees occasionally fund naval heritage projects, but do not accept unsolicited applications for them).
- Medical or research medical equipment.
- Hospices.
- Charities with an annual income of £30 million and over.
- Conservation projects.
- Newly established charities with less than two sets of annual accounts.
- Postal applications.



Eligible Expenditure

The funding is for charitable projects that address the Foundation's areas of focus:

- Royal Navy and Royal Marines - to improve their quality of life.
- Youth - provide opportunities and support for disadvantaged young people.
- Education - opportunities and support for people.

Grants can be used for

- Project costs (for projects that directly impact beneficiaries).
- Capital projects eg new buildings, extensions, refurbishment and recreational spaces.
- IT projects, moving services online, setting up helplines etc.
- Equipment and furniture.
- Salaries (for positions that directly impact beneficiaries).
- Events that directly impact beneficiaries.

Location

United Kingdom

How To Apply

Applications may be submitted at any time.

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

Contact the Gosling Foundation for further information.

[The Gosling Foundation](#)

True Colours Trust - UK Small Grants

Funding body:	True Colours Trust
Maximum value:	£ 10,000
Application deadline:	Not specified

Small grants are available to UK registered charities and community interest companies that are working to make a difference to the lives of disabled children and their families in the UK.

Background

The True Colours Trust provides grants to help support families, children and young people in the UK with complex disabilities and/or life-limiting and life-threatening conditions. The Trust seeks to bring



about better lives for children and their families through a broad mix of research, advocacy, service delivery and innovation.

The Trust works in the UK and Africa and its grant-making is focused on the following three areas

- Improving service delivery and support offered to children with complex disabilities, their families and siblings in the UK.
- Strengthening palliative care services for children and their families in the UK.
- Promoting and developing palliative care for adults and children in Africa including improving access to appropriate pain relief.

Objectives of Fund

The UK Small Grants programme supports local organisations and projects that work to improve the lives of disabled children and young people up to the age of 25, children and young people with life-limiting conditions, and their families.

Value Notes

Grants of up to £10,000 are available, although many grants are smaller than this.

The Trust aims to support as many organisations as possible and is unlikely to fund any organisation in consecutive years. Successful organisations should wait at least a year after the completion of their funded project before reapplying.

Match Funding Restrictions

Match funding is not a specified requirement.

Who Can Apply

Applications are accepted from UK registered charitable organisations and community interest companies that:

- Have an annual income of less than £350,000.
- Are delivering projects in the UK.
- Are working with children and young people aged from 0-25 years.
- Are open to children and families of all faiths, backgrounds and cultures.

The Trust is particularly keen to receive applications from organisations which operate in areas of high deprivation.

Restrictions

Funding is not available for:

- Organisations which have received a small grant within the last 12 months.
- Local authorities.
- Residential schemes.



- Schools.
- Condition-specific organisations.
- Organisations seeking funding for wish-granting activities.
- Organisations that are registered outside the UK.
- Projects taking place outside the UK.
- Newly registered organisations that do not yet have a full year of accounts.
- Individuals.

Eligible Expenditure

Grants can be used for the following:

Projects

- Activities for disabled children, children with life-limiting conditions and their families.
- Activities which support siblings of disabled children or siblings of children with life-limiting conditions.
- Bereavement support for children and young people and families bereaved of a child.
- Family support / parent-led peer support for parents of disabled children.
- Respite which supports the whole family.

Equipment and Materials

- Renovation, upgrading and additional equipment for hydrotherapy pools and multi-sensory rooms.
- Minibuses.
- Specialised play equipment/access to play and leisure for disabled children, children with life-limiting conditions and their families.

Location

United Kingdom

How To Apply

Applications can be made at any time. The Trust aims to respond to applications with a final decision within 12 weeks.

An online application form is available from the Trust's website.

[The True Colours Trust | UK small grants](#)

Scotland Food & Drink - Regional Food Fund (RFF)

Funding body:	Scottish Government
Maximum value:	£ 5,000
Application deadline:	30/04/2025

Businesses and community groups in the food and drink sector can access funding for projects that will boost local food and drink across the regions of Scotland.

Background

The Regional Food Fund (RFF) is administered by Scotland Food & Drink on behalf of the Scottish Government.

Objectives of Fund

The funding is intended to help drive projects that celebrate and promote locally sourced and produced food and drink across Scotland. The fund is available for businesses and groups who wish to promote regional food products and establish new markets.

Specifically, the programme is aimed at collaborative projects that:

- Contribute to the development of regional food in line with the national food and drink strategy, Sustaining Scotland, Supplying the World; Food Tourism Scotland national action plan and Pillar 2, Connecting Scottish producers with buyers, Local Food for Everyone.
- Provide funding for small-scale regional, collaborative projects that may be difficult to obtain elsewhere.
- Stimulate creative, innovative and collaborative projects across the regions of Scotland.

In the context of this programme, 'regional food' is defined as being produced/caught and processed within Scotland.

Value Notes

The fund has a total budget of £100,000.

Grants of £1,000 to £5,000 are available per project.

Who Can Apply

Projects must be collaborative. Applications can be made by individual businesses in the food and drink sector, including primary producers, on behalf of a collaborative group or project. Regional community food groups and other food and drink groups/networks may also apply. Additionally, individuals on behalf of a collaborative group or projects will qualify.

Activities must be based in Scotland.



Restrictions

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Fees for social media influencers, celebrities, music artists etc.
- Transport or accommodation.
- Substantial consultancy fees.
- Individual businesses wanting to:
 - Buy a piece of equipment.
 - Develop a new website.
 - Run a social media campaign.
 - Fund new product development.

Eligible Expenditure

Applications could include, for example:

- Promoting or developing regional groups and their initiatives to showcase regional food and drink.
- Innovative projects that develop food tourism at a regional level.
- Businesses collaborating to promote Scottish provenance and sales at a regional level.
- Virtual events promoting and selling local/Scottish produce.

Supported projects must be completed by 31 March 2026.

Location

Scotland

How To Apply

The deadline for 2025/26 applications is 30 April 2025 (17:00).

Guidance notes and the online application form can be found on the Scotland Food & Drink website.

Leche Trust

Funding body:	The Leche Trust
Maximum value:	£ 5,000
Application deadline:	02/05/2025

Grants are available to local not-for-profit groups across the UK for performing arts projects or the conservation of historically, artistically and culturally significant buildings and objects dating from before 1837 that are in urgent need of remedial treatment.



Background

The Leche Trust was founded in 1950 and endowed by the late Mr. Angus Acworth, CBE. Its main priorities are conservation and the performing arts.

Objectives of Fund

Funding is intended to support activities related to:

- Music, theatre and dance.
- The conservation of historic objections, collections and features of buildings which are pre-Victorian in date (pre-1830s).

Value Notes

There are two different grants:

- Performing arts grants are typically around £4,000, though sometimes smaller but rarely larger.
- Heritage conservation grants are typically under £5,000, but occasionally larger.

Who Can Apply

Applicants for:

- Performing art grants must be UK registered charities or local authority-run venues, with a turnover of less than £1.5 million per annum.
- Heritage conservation grants must be UK registered charities or public authorities.

Restrictions

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Community Interest Companies.
- Individuals.
- Buildings and objects in private ownership.
- Schools and school buildings.
- Natural environment and wildlife projects.
- Health, medical or social welfare projects.
- Projects promoting religion.

The following are not eligible for funding for performing arts grants:

- Projects that will commence less than six weeks from the published date of the trustees' meeting concerned.
- Amateur/non-professional performances or the training of amateur/non-professional artists.
- Artist training and development projects aimed at under 18 year-olds.
- Artist training and development bursaries or scholarships at higher education institutions, such as music conservatoires or theatre/ballet schools.



- Artist training and development projects aimed at a single recipient or fixed-term funding of a creative traineeship, such as Assistant Director or Designer for the production of a new work.
- General arts programmes or appeals submitted without specific details about the new works or training that they will include;
- Projects in which the primary purpose is health, therapy or social welfare.
- Visual arts projects.
- Capital developments at arts venues or purchase of equipment.
- Projects not taking place in the UK.

The following are not eligible for funding for conservation projects:

- Items that are Victorian or later in date, ie, post 1837.
- Structural building repairs.
- New buildings or the installation of modern facilities and services.
- Displays and exhibitions.
- Environmental measures such as blinds, storage equipment and materials.
- General appeals for funding without details of specific, eligible works.
- General heritage education, outreach and audience development projects.
- Bell restoration projects, unless the bells and their fittings are substantially pre-1837 in date and the aim is to conserve original elements as far as possible, consistent with safe use.
- Organ conservation, unless instruments are substantially pre-1837 in date and the aim is to conserve an original action and/or casework.
- One off costs related to site visits and quotations.

Eligible Expenditure

Activities must concern either performing arts or heritage conservation.

Performing Arts

The Trust's priorities are:

- New Works in Performing Arts - the commissioning, development, production and/or performance of new works in music, theatre, dance and performance across all genres
- Artists' Professional Development - to support artists' professional development through programmes that address a clear need or gap in development. These programmes can be aimed at early or mid-career artists, but they need to reflect current context and practices.

Heritage Conservation

The Trust will consider applications relating to historic objects, works of art and architectural decorations and fittings of artistic merit, which date prior to 1837. Items must be in public or charitable ownership and accessible to the public.

These might include individual paintings, sculpture and monuments, wall paintings and non-structural architectural fittings such as decorative plaster work and panelling. They will also consider applications relating to archaeological finds, items within archives and libraries and other decorative art objects.



The grants can be used to fund costs related to the completion of a full conservation survey and assessment, in cases where a more detailed understanding of conservation priorities and potential works is required.

Priority will be given to smaller projects or specific elements of projects, where funding can have the greatest impact.

Location

UK with particular interest from outside London and South East England

How To Apply

The trustees meet three times each year to consider applications.

Applications are now open with a deadline of 2 May 2025 for a decision by 23 June 2025

Full guidelines and the online application form (accessible by email registration) can be found on the Leche Trust website.

Contact the Leche Trust for more information.

[Welcome to The Leche Trust | The Leche Trust](#)

Historic Environment Scotland – Partnership Fund

Funding body:	Historic Environment Scotland
Maximum value:	Discretionary
Application deadline:	15/08/2025

Grants are available for third-sector organisations in Scotland for projects and activities that deliver key strategic outcomes that are aligned with the policy aims of Historic Environment Scotland.

Background

The Partnership Fund is provided and administered by Historic Environment Scotland (HES).

Following a public consultation in 2021, Historic Environment Scotland announced a new grant-making framework to guide future activities and streamline its application process. As part of this new framework, this fund will replace the Organisational Support Fund, and provide multi-year support to projects that align with HES' new grant priorities.



Objectives of Fund

This fund will support charities and other third-sector organisations delivering projects and activities that align with Historic Environment Scotland's Grant Priorities:

- Increase understanding of and engagement with Scotland's historic environment.
- Enhance communities' use of the historic environment in place-making.
- Strengthen the resilience of Scotland's historic environment.
- Use the historic environment as a catalyst for climate action.
- Increase the quality and availability of historic environment skills.
- Increase economic benefits from the historic environment sustainably and inclusively.

Value Notes

There is no minimum or maximum award specified. Funding will be awarded at the discretion of HES.

Match Funding Restrictions

As a guide, applicants should aim to request no higher than 50% funding from HES. Groups may request a higher intervention rate if necessary, and the individual circumstances of each organisation will be taken into account.

Who Can Apply

Third sector organisations that wish to deliver strategic outcomes with a national impact on Scotland's historic environment sector can apply.

To be eligible, activities proposed activities must:

- Be established activities with a track record of making a significant contribution to HES Grants Priorities, delivering national impact for Scotland's historic environment sector.
- Demonstrate alignment with national strategies for the historic environment and be aligned with wider national social, economic, and environmental priorities.
- Address a clear and demonstrable need or opportunity for Scotland's historic environment sector with is not being met by other organisations and cannot be delivered without financial support from Historic Environment Scotland.
- Offer good value for money, with an appropriate level of match funding.

Where applicable organisations must demonstrate that they can meet HES Fair Work First requirements.

Whilst there will be an open application process, the fund is designed to support a relatively small number of organisations to deliver established activities closely aligned with HES strategic priorities.

Restrictions

The following are not eligible for funding:

- General operational/core running costs not related to the delivery of the approved Activity Streams.



- Recoverable VAT.
- Work or activity without public benefit and clear link to HES' grants priorities.
- Retrospective costs.
- Organisational resilience projects (these should be applied for under the Historic Environment Grants Programme).
- Funding to build up organisational reserves.
- Organisations who are insolvent or in financial difficulty (as set out in the Subsidy Control Act 2022) or any other activities prohibited by the Act.

Eligible Expenditure

Funding will support a variety of activities, including but not limited to:

- Professional or volunteer training programmes addressing recognised historic environment skills gaps at a national level.
- Developmental, advocacy or capacity-building activities that enable the sector to achieve strategic outcomes in line with national priorities.
- Outreach activities or learning programmes that deliver high-impact outcomes for audiences across Scotland.

Funding can be used for direct costs and appropriate levels of indirect costs where these are associated with funded activities (ie not general core funding).

Funding can be used to support the costs of delivering up to three different areas of activity (Activity Streams) for up to three financial years (from 1 April to 31 March).

Location

Scotland

How To Apply

There is a two-stage application process:

- Applicants must first submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) through the online grant portal. The deadline to submit an EOI is 15 August 2025.
- Successful applicants will then be invited to submit a full application. The deadline to submit a full application is 12 September 2025.

Full guidance notes, a sample application form, and an online expression of interest are available from the HES website.

Contact HES for further information.

[Partnership Fund | Grants and Funding | HistEnvScot](#)



Parks4Life Community Fund

Funding body:	Greenspace Scotland
Maximum value:	£ 1,500
Application deadline:	25/04/2025

Grants are available to community groups working to enhance parks and greenspaces in Scotland.

Further details

Background

The Parks4Life Community Fund has been established through donations and support to work towards creating the first £1 million endowment fund for parks and greenspaces.

The Parks4Life Fund is a partnership project between MyParkScotland (Scotland's only crowdfunding site specifically for parks and greenspaces) and Greenspace Scotland, who manage the Fund.

This is the second round of the fund.

Objectives of Fund

The Fund is intended to support community groups to deliver on their aim of bringing their parks to life and making the best of parks in Scotland for the public to enjoy now and in the future.

To support this objective, the Fund aims to:

- Fund groups from across Scotland.
- Fund a range of projects to showcase the variety of work undertaken by groups.
- Provide funds to established and new groups that support parks and greenspaces.
- Bring attention to the great work that community and Friends groups do to enhance parks and greenspaces.

Value Notes

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

Who Can Apply

Constituted community or Friends groups working in parks and greenspaces in Scotland can apply.

Groups must have their own bank account.

Restrictions

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Retrospective costs.
- Any project taking place on a park or greenspace that does not have open access.



- The cost of any paid staff time.
- Soley reprinting promotional material.

Eligible Expenditure

Projects should align with one or more of the following categories:

- Activate your park.
- Attracting new members.
- Marketing and promotion.
- Improvement - infrastructure.
- Improvement - planting.

Funding can also be used for skills training for volunteers.

The following will be prioritised:

- Applications intending to “activate your park” through events eg, a gala day or focussed park clean that will bring people to the park or greenspace.
- Promoting the work of the community and friends’ group and the role of the park or greenspace.
- Purchase of tools and materials that will help the group.
- Groups where their park or greenspace is in an area that scores highly on the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD), particularly those in the 20% of most deprived areas.

It is anticipated that projects will be delivered within six months of a grant offer being accepted.

Location

Scotland

How To Apply

The deadline for applications is 25 April 2025.

An application pack and an online application form are available from the Greenspace Scotland website.

Contact Greenspace Scotland for further information.

[Parks4Life Community Fund | Greenspace Scotland](#)



Scottish Forestry Community Fund

Funding body:	Scottish Forestry (SF)
Maximum value:	Discretionary
Application deadline:	Not specified

Grants are available to voluntary and community organisations, development trusts, social enterprises, charities and local authorities for projects and activities that encourage people to use woods more.

Further details

Background

The Scottish Forestry Community Fund supports community groups and organisations that encourage people to use woods more. The Fund directly supports the delivery of Scotland's Forestry Strategy 2019-2029 Objectives and Priorities for action.

The fund is administered by five regional offices who each have funding to support activity in their geographical area. These are:

- Highlands and Islands
- Grampian
- Perth and Argyll
- Central Scotland
- South Scotland

Objectives of Fund

The funding aims to support community groups and organisations to encourage and support greater use of woods by people to improve their health, wellbeing and life chances.

Value Notes

The level of funding will be on a sliding scale as follows:

- Up to 100% for projects with a total cost of up to £1,000.
- Up to 90% for projects with a total cost of between £1,001 to £5,000.
- Up to 75% for projects with a total cost exceeding £5,000.

Match Funding Restrictions

Applicants will need to provide match funding for projects above £1,000.



Who Can Apply

Applications are welcome from constituted community groups, voluntary groups, development trusts, social enterprises, charities and local authorities that encourage people to use woods more.

Eligible organisations must be able to provide a bank account.

Restrictions

Funding is not for:

- Land based and infrastructure expenditure that can be supported by the Scotland Rural Development Programme.
- Formal education including forest schools, forest kindergarten and staff continued professional development
- Funding staff who work for public sector organisations eg Local Authorities.
- Capital funding for the acquisition of fixed assets eg land and buildings, or mobile assets except hand tools and (under certain circumstances) chainsaws.
- Private individuals.

Eligible Expenditure

Eligible activities include:

- School care clubs and play schemes.
- Schemes that promote physical activity eg walking schemes, safe routes to school, natural play and adventure play.
- Facilitation of volunteering for skills training, health improvement and community development.
- Establishment of volunteer groups and the induction of volunteers.
- Projects promoting Gaelic.
- Providing resources to involve communities in the decision making process of managing their local woodland.
- Developing materials that promote the health and wellbeing benefits of using woodlands.

Funding can support activities on Scotland's national forests and land.

Eligible costs include those associated with developing Community Asset Transfer Scheme applications from community bodies eg valuations.

Location

Scotland

How To Apply

This Fund is currently open to new applications.

There are two separate application processes depending on the level of funding being requested.



- For applications up to £1,000 (via an application letter).
- For applications above £1,000 (via an application form).

Applicants should contact their local Conservancy office to discuss their project in more detail and obtain an application form.

Applicants are advised to contact the central Scotland office to be kept updated about any additional funds that may become available.

Contact Scottish Forestry for further information.

[Scottish Forestry - Community Fund](#)

Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust

Funding body:	The Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust
Maximum value:	£ 5,000
Application deadline:	£ 5,000

Grants are available to registered UK charities that work with communities in the UK for projects that address specific categories set out by the Trust each year.

Background

The Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust offers funding to UK registered charities whose work takes place in the UK.

The funding is intended to support those in society who face the greatest challenges and whose opportunities are the most limited.

Objectives of Fund

The Trust operates a three-year rotation system, with different fields of interests being funded each year:

- In 2024, the first two rounds focused on Disability specifically employment and training to ensure better access. The third (July) and fourth (September) rounds were focused on Food Poverty given the increasing levels across the UK.
 - **In 2025, the first two rounds will focus on Access to the Arts. The third and fourth rounds will focus on Refugees and Asylum Seekers.**
 - In 2026, the first two rounds will focus on People experiencing or at risk of homelessness. The third and fourth rounds will focus on unpaid carers.
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Value Notes

The Trust awards grants of either £1,000 or £5,000 depending on the grant round:

- Round 1 - £1,000
- Round 2 - £5,000
- Round 3 - £1,000
- Round 4 - £5,000

The level of grant awarded is determined by the income of the charity:

- Grants of £1,000 are available for charities with an operating income of between £100,000 and £1 million.
- Grants of £5,000 are available for charities with a minimum operating income of £1 million. There is no maximum level.

Charities may only apply for one grant per calendar year.

Who Can Apply

Organisations registered with the Charity Commission (England, Wales and Northern Ireland) or OSCR, or exempt from registration, can apply.

Restrictions

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Any not-for-profit organisation (eg social enterprise and community foundation) that is not a UK registered charity or organisation exempt from registration.
- Charities with an income of less than £100,000.
- Overseas projects.
- Capital projects, including churches, schools, hospitals, hospices, museums, galleries and theatres.
- Churches even when they are used by community groups.
- Schools, including activities.
- Village halls.
- Minibuses or other vehicles.
- Shopmobility.
- Charities involved with religion (including repair of church fabric).
- Charities involved with animals (welfare and conservation).
- Individuals, including individuals embarking on a trip overseas with a charitable organisation.
- Individual hospices.
- Students.
- Scouts, Guides, Cubs, Brownies.
- Sea Cadets.
- Holidays, including respite holidays.
- Salaries (unless the staff member is specifically employed for the project).

Eligible Expenditure

The Trust operates a three-year rotation system, with different fields of interests being funded each year.

Support was available for the following priorities in 2024:

- Rounds 1 and 2 – Disability.
- Rounds 3 and 4 – Food Poverty.

Support is available for the following priorities in **2025**.

- **Rounds 1 and 2 - The Arts: Improving Access: Focus is on performing arts projects that improve audience access and participation. (Applications will not be considered from non-performing arts projects or projects focussing on performers.)**
- Rounds 3 and 4 - Refugees and Asylum Seekers: Projects focusing exclusively on refugees and/or asylum seekers without extending services to other groups.

Support will be available for the following priorities in 2026:

- Rounds 1 and 2 - People experiencing or at risk of homelessness: Focus will be given to projects that provide life skills, including food education, healthy living, and budgeting. Priority will be given to people leaving the armed forces, leaving prison, or care.
- Rounds 3 and 4 - Unpaid carers: Projects that provide therapeutic support, including healthy eating and outdoor activities. Projects must focus exclusively on unpaid carers, without extending services to other groups.

The project must fall within the relevant category for the year the application is submitted and organisations may only make one application during any one year.

Location

United Kingdom.

How To Apply

There are normally four application rounds per year with applications accepted for one month only, usually in February, April, July and September. Charities can only apply for one round per calendar year.

The application periods for 2025 are:

- Round 1: 1 February - 28 February.
- Round 2: 1 April - 30 April.
- Round 3: 1 July - 31 July.
- Round 4: 1 September - 30 September.

Applicants should first read the guidelines and FAQs before starting the application process.

The online application form can be found on the Trust's website.



The Trust publishes a list of successful applicants after the trustee meetings. Those who have received funding will find their name on the Trust's website in the 'Successful Applicants' section.

Contact the Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust by email for further information. The Trust does not accept telephone calls.

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Theatres Trust Small Grants Scheme

Funding body:	Theatres Trust
Maximum value:	£ 7,500
Application deadline:	06/06/2025

Small grants are available for essential works to not-for-profit theatres in the UK that will enable them to be viable and thrive in the future.

Background

The Theatres Trust is the national advisory public body for theatres in the UK. Set up by the Government through an Act of Parliament in 1976, it works to promote the better protection of theatres for the benefit of the nation.

The Small Grants scheme is supported by the Linbury Trust as well as donations from Judy Craymer CBE and Charles Michael Holloway Charitable Trust. In autumn 2022, the Mackintosh Foundation committed to £150,000 over five years to the scheme.

Objectives of Fund

The scheme aims to fund small capital improvements to theatres run by charities and not-for-profit groups that will make a big impact to a theatre's resilience, sustainability or accessibility, or to improving the diversity of audiences.

Value Notes

Grants of up to £7,500 are available.

Match Funding Restrictions

Match funding is not required.



Who Can Apply

To be eligible, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Own or manage theatres with titles or signed leases of more than five years on buildings in England, Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland.
- Demonstrate that they run a regular theatre programme of professional, community and/or amateur work presenting no less than 30 performances a year.
- Have a bona fide UK charitable or not-for-profit legal structure and be able to provide certified or audited accounts for at least two years. This can include local authorities or Town and Borough Councils that own and/or operate a venue.

Restrictions

Funding is not available for:

- Venues that are primarily cinemas or music venues.
- Works that have already started or are due to start before a decision about funding is made.
- Revenue costs, including loss of earnings, staff time and training costs.
- Loss of income related to project installation.
- The cost of building surveys or reports.
- Applications from individuals.

Eligible Expenditure

Eligible projects include:

- Improvements and repairs to building fabric.
- Purchase of key plant and machinery.
- Purchase of capital items that improve physical access and the audience/participant experience.
- Purchase of equipment to improve digital access.

This scheme will prioritise improvements to buildings that protect theatre use and remove barriers to participation and attendance.

Location

United Kingdom

How To Apply

The next deadline for applications is 6 June 2025 (5pm).

Application forms are available to download from the Theatres Trust's website.

[Small Grants Programme supported by The Linbury Trust](#)



