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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' Dersalloch 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.

Community and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES) - Community Buildings Fund

Funding body:	Scottish Government
Maximum value:	£ 80,000
Application deadline:	Not specified

Grants are available for community groups in Scotland to decarbonise community buildings.

Background

Local Energy Scotland administers the Scottish Government's Community and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES). Local Energy Scotland provides free impartial advice and support for community groups, rural businesses, social enterprises and other stakeholders to advance local energy projects.

CARES supports projects that:

- Accelerate the uptake of community and locally owned renewable energy.
- Support community involvement in local energy systems that lead to new installations of locally owned renewable energy generation.
- Support shared ownership projects. Shared ownership is where a community group invests in a commercial renewable energy project.
- Assist communities to maximise the impact from community benefit funds through community consultation, action planning and good governance.

CARES provides funding and the following help to develop a local energy project by offering:

- Free, expert and impartial advice from the Local Development Officers.
- Free online toolkits and project guides.
- Mobilisation support for capital projects eg design review, costs and procurement support.
- Ongoing support with project development and delivery.
- Mentoring and community online discussion.



CARES encourages all communities across Scotland to consider how a green recovery could strengthen and build its resilience, support the local economy and the community's wider social aims, and prepare for the future.

Objectives of Fund

The Community Buildings Fund is available for grant funding, advice and support for community organisations to decarbonise community buildings.

Value Notes

Grant funding is available for up to 80% of eligible costs up to a maximum of £80,000

Match Funding Restrictions

Funding can be used to cover up to 80% of eligible costs.

Match funding of at least 20% is required. Common sources of match funding include:

- Community reserves or fund raising.
- Community benefit funds, for example, from local wind farms or utilities.
- Other non-Scottish Government funded grants, such as lottery funding.
- Bank loans.

Other Scottish Government grants and in-kind contributions cannot be used as match funding.

Who Can Apply

Applicants must be constituted not-for-profit distributing community groups, including groups with charitable status that are established and operating across a geographically defined community, or faith groups, such as:

- Scottish charitable incorporated organisations (SCIOs).
- Private companies limited by guarantee (CLGs).
- Community benefit societies (BenComs).
- Community interest companies (CICs).

Organisations that are constituted but unincorporated may also apply but must provide additional information.

Applicants must demonstrate:

- A minimum of three unconnected people on the organisation's management committee that are local to the area served by the community building.
- Their area of benefit is in Scotland.
- A commitment to demonstrating the low carbon technologies in the building and raising awareness among building users and the wider community.



The building must be owned or leased by the applicant and, if the applicant is the tenant, they must have:

- A valid and viable lease in place for at least a further five years following the completion of the project and/or has the right to extend for the equivalent period.
- Evidence of permission from the building owners (or the rights stated in the lease) to carry out all proposed works.

Restrictions

Grants are not available for:

- Measures that do not result in carbon savings, or result in carbon increases.
- Intrusive energy efficiency measures – for example new double glazing, external wall insulation or internal wall insulation that require wider renovation/significant access and/or reinstatement work.
- LED lighting.
- The cost related to wider building renovations.
- Improvements that are required to meet the building regulations – for example, for new builds. (CARES will only fund measures that go beyond regulations and the applicant's design team must have a robust method to identify, evidence, and quantify costs related to improvements that go beyond minimum regulation standards.)
- Community buildings with gas, oil, coal or LPG heating where the heating is not being decarbonised as part of the proposed CARES-funded project.
- Retrospective work (work already started or completed).

Eligible Expenditure

Funding can be used for decarbonising many types of self-managed community buildings, including:

- Village halls.
- Community centres.
- Community hubs.
- Sports facilities.
- Faith buildings.

To be eligible, a building must be used by the local community or charitable organisation. Applicants must demonstrate:

- How the building is used by the community.
- That either anyone in the community can use the space or that no-one is explicitly excluded from being able to use the building.
- The building is used by vulnerable or defined groups stated in the charity's objectives, for example children, women, refugees.
- Good levels of building utilisation/occupancy.

Applicants should apply for at least one of the following core measures:

- Heat pumps (air source, ground source or water source).



- A connection to heat network.
- Solar photovoltaic (PV) panels.
- Solar water heating.

Funding can also be used for the following add on measures:

- Energy storage – heat/thermal or electrical.
- Insulation – any loft, underfloor or cavity wall insulation.
- Secondary glazing.
- Draught proofing.
- Appropriate energy saving controls that are linked to new installations to ensure they operate efficiently.

The following costs are supported:

- Project development costs, such as building warrants, planning permission, grid connection, design and contractor appointment
- Capital or installation costs, such as the cost to install core renewable energy measures and add on energy efficiency and energy storage measures.
- Development costs and add on measures (although these should be a minority of the requested costs)

All projects must be completed and all funding claimed by 28 February 2026.

Location

Scotland

How To Apply

There is a two stage application process:

- **Stage One:** Applicants must submit an Expression of Interest through the CARES project portal. Expressions of Interest are currently being accepted.
- **Stage Two:** Eligible applicants will then be invited to submit a full application. The Fund is expected to reopen to full applications in Spring 2025. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until the end of October 2025, or until funding is fully allocated, whichever is sooner.

Contact Local Energy Scotland for further information.

[CARES Community Buildings Fund · Local Energy Scotland](#)



Service Women: Seen and Heard Programme

Funding body:	Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust
Maximum value:	£ 100,000
Application deadline:	25/06/2025

Grants are available for UK registered charities, CICs, and Armed Forces Units to support projects that tackle the underlying issues unique to serving women (including reservists), providing improved access to support for their physical and mental health and wellbeing and education.

Background

The Service Women: Seen and Heard Programme is provided and administered by the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust as of their three-year Covenant Funding Framework - launched in April 2024.

This programme fits under the theme of ensuring Armed Forces communities are not disadvantaged. It aims to:

- Improve servicewomen's access to self-referral support.
- Address unique challenges faced by servicewomen.
- Empower servicewomen with education and information to maximise their health and wellbeing.

Objectives of Fund

The funding is for projects that address the unique challenges servicewomen face, providing education and information to help maximise their health and wellbeing.

To be eligible, projects must meet **one** of the four following outcomes:

- Serving women – either as a preventative measure or at times of **crisis** – can choose activities and/or find advice that reduces risk and negative impact to their wellbeing.
- Physical health support for servicewomen is enhanced through comprehensive initiatives that address their unique needs and are complementary to statutory services.
- Mental health and wellbeing support for servicewomen is strengthened through targeted initiatives that address their unique needs and are complementary to statutory services.
- Provision of comprehensive education on servicewomen's health challenges – to inform accessible, effective, and long-term solutions.

Applications are welcome for projects that address multiple connected issues, as many may overlap different outcomes. Applications may be for pilot projects, new approaches or the expansion or continuation of existing work.

Value Notes

Grants of £25,000 to £100,000 towards a project being delivered over a two-year period are available.

Projects to start before December 2025.

Who Can Apply

Applications will be accepted from:

- Charities registered with one or more of the charity commissions for England and Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland for at least three years at time of application. They must have at least three unrelated trustees.
- Community Interest Companies (CIC) incorporated in the UK for a least three years and submitted three years of accounts to Companies House at time of application. They must have at least three unrelated directors.
- Armed Forces Units/bases/ships based anywhere in the world.

Charities and CICs which do not have substantial recent experience of working with the Armed Forces community can apply as long as their project is delivered in partnership with another organisation (or organisations) which have substantial recent experience of working with Armed Forces communities or which are Armed Forces-specific.

Restrictions

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Childcare providers (including early years).
- Commercial organisations that would seek for their solution to be provided to a school for profit.
- Schools, including LA maintained and independent schools, regardless of their charitable status.
- Individuals.
- Academy Trusts (cannot apply for an overarching project across their academy chain).
- A charity or CIC which does not have substantial recent experience of supporting Armed Forces communities, unless it will be working in partnership with an organisation that is either Armed Forces-experienced or Armed Forces-specific.
- A charity or CIC which is newly registered.
- A charity or CIC that is based overseas.
- An organisation that has charitable status but is an Exempt Charity.
- Local authorities.
- Other public sector organisations – though they could work with one of the eligible types of organisations as a delivery partner.
- Community organisations that do not fit any of the eligibility criteria, such as a sports organisation which is not a charity or CIC.
- Not-for-profit organisations that are not registered as either a charity or CIC.
- A private or for-profit company.
- Projects primarily focused on research.



Eligible Expenditure

The funding can be used for most things need to run the project or activity, including people's time, costs of delivering work online or buying/hiring equipment. Applicants should consult the guidance notes for a detailed list of what can and cannot be supported.

Location

UK

How To Apply

There will be one application round this financial year.

The deadline for applications is 25 June 2025 (**12 noon**). Notification of decisions can be expected before end of September 2025.

The programme guidance, faqs, application questions and online application portal can be found on the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust website.

Contact the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust for further information.

Bank of Scotland Foundation - Energise Programme

Funding body:	Bank of Scotland Foundation
Maximum value:	£ 40,000
Application deadline:	11/06/2025

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

Background

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

In support of this strategy, the Foundation has announced its grants programme for 2025, each of which will offer multi-year funding:

- **Energise** (the subject of this report) is a multi-year grants programme supporting small and local charities who are alive to the real issues on the ground. Available to new (and more established) charities, this programme offers unrestricted funding enabling charities to use their grants in the way that helps them best.
- [Bank of Scotland Foundation - Empower Programme](#) (reopens on 3 February 2025) offers real security and certainty for charities with funding over three years. Collaborating with



Lloyds Banking Group, the aim is to identify opportunities to add strategic value for funded charities and help them grow stronger and thrive beyond the lifetime of their grant.

- A new programme supporting charities that promote financial wellbeing is expected to be launched in June 2025.

Objectives of Fund

The focus of the Energise grants programme is exclusively on funding grassroots charities that work with vulnerable individuals. This targeted focus comes as the current economic situation continues to impact charities and at-risk groups throughout Scotland.

Value Notes

The Foundation has introduced income tiers for this programme. The new criteria means that:

- Unrestricted grants of up to £20,000 (£10,000 per year over two years) are available to charities with an annual income of under £50,000.
- Unrestricted grants of up to £40,000 (£20,000 per year over two years) are available to charities with an income of between £50,000 and £150,000.

Who Can Apply

Charities registered in and operating within Scotland can apply.

Charities must:

- Have a minimum of one year's accounts lodged and checked at OSCR.
- Have an annual income of less than £150,000.
- Put vulnerable people at the heart of their work.

Restrictions

The following are not eligible to apply:

- Organisations that have received funding from the Bank of Scotland Foundation within the last year or submitted an unsuccessful application to any Bank of Scotland Foundation funding programmes within the past year.
- Organisations with overdue accounts with OSCR.
- Organisations with the sole objective of:
 - The advancement of animal welfare.
 - The advancement of religion.
 - Making grants, donations or gifts to organisations.
- Political organisations.

Eligible Expenditure

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



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

Location

Scotland

How To Apply

There will be two rounds of Energise funding for 2025:

- Round One: The deadline for applications has now passed.
- **Round Two:** Opens on 2 June 2025 and closes on 11 June 2025. Outcomes are expected at the end of August 2025.

There is a four-stage application process:

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

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

Contact the Bank of Scotland Foundation for further information.

[Bank of Scotland Foundation](#)

The Service Women: Seen and Heard Programme

Funding body:	Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust
Maximum value:	£ 100,000
Application deadline:	25/06/2025

Grants are available for UK registered charities, CICs, and Armed Forces Units to support projects that tackle the underlying issues unique to serving women (including reservists), providing improved access to support for their physical and mental health and wellbeing and education.



Background

The Service Women: Seen and Heard Programme is provided and administered by the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust as of their three-year Covenant Funding Framework - launched in April 2024.

This programme fits under the theme of ensuring Armed Forces communities are not disadvantaged. It aims to:

- Improve servicewomen's access to self-referral support.
- Address unique challenges faced by servicewomen.
- Empower servicewomen with education and information to maximise their health and wellbeing.

Objectives of Fund

The funding is for projects that address the unique challenges servicewomen face, providing education and information to help maximise their health and wellbeing.

To be eligible, projects must meet **one** of the four following outcomes:

- Serving women – either as a preventative measure or at times of **crisis** – can choose activities and/or find advice that reduces risk and negative impact to their wellbeing.
- Physical health support for servicewomen is enhanced through comprehensive initiatives that address their unique needs and are complementary to statutory services.
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Applications are welcome for projects that address multiple connected issues, as many may overlap different outcomes. Applications may be for pilot projects, new approaches or the expansion or continuation of existing work.

Value Notes

Grants of £25,000 to £100,000 towards a project being delivered over a two-year period are available.

Projects to start before December 2025.

Who Can Apply

Applications will be accepted from:

- Charities registered with one or more of the charity commissions for England and Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland for at least three years at time of application. They must have at least three unrelated trustees.



- Community Interest Companies (CIC) incorporated in the UK for a least three years and submitted three years of accounts to Companies House at time of application. They must have at least three unrelated directors.
- Armed Forces Units/bases/ships based anywhere in the world.

Charities and CICs which do not have substantial recent experience of working with the Armed Forces community can apply as long as their project is delivered in partnership with another organisation (or organisations) which have substantial recent experience of working with Armed Forces communities or which are Armed Forces-specific.

Restrictions

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Childcare providers (including early years).
- Commercial organisations that would seek for their solution to be provided to a school for profit.
- Schools, including LA maintained and independent schools, regardless of their charitable status.
- Individuals.
- Academy Trusts (cannot apply for an overarching project across their academy chain).
- A charity or CIC which does not have substantial recent experience of supporting Armed Forces communities, unless it will be working in partnership with an organisation that is either Armed Forces-experienced or Armed Forces-specific.
- A charity or CIC which is newly registered.
- A charity or CIC that is based overseas.
- An organisation that has charitable status but is an Exempt Charity.
- Local authorities.
- Other public sector organisations – though they could work with one of the eligible types of organisations as a delivery partner.
- Community organisations that do not fit any of the eligibility criteria, such as a sports organisation which is not a charity or CIC.
- Not-for-profit organisations that are not registered as either a charity or CIC.
- A private or for-profit company.
- Projects primarily focused on research.

Eligible Expenditure

The funding can be used for most things need to run the project or activity, including people's time, costs of delivering work online or buying/hiring equipment. Applicants should consult the guidance notes for a detailed list of what can and cannot be supported.

Location

UK

How To Apply

There will be one application round this financial year.



The deadline for applications is 25 June 2025 (**12 noon**). Notification of decisions can be expected before end of September 2025.

The programme guidance, faqs, application questions and online application portal can be found on the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust website.

Contact the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust for further information.

[Servicewomen: Seen & Heard programme 2025/26 : Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust](#)

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 20 grants of between £50,000 to £75,000 are available over two funding rounds in 2025 and 2026.

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 is for proven health and wellbeing programmes that have the potential to develop and embed excellent practice at the applicant museum and/or are at risk.

Location

UK

How To Apply

The deadline for applications is 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](#)

SPAR's £100,000 Community Cashback Campaign 2025 Invites UK Entries

For a fourth year in a row, SPAR shoppers can apply for a grant of up to £10,000 for a local voluntary or community organisation or charity they feel deserves funding.

Applicants for grants are open to UK residents (England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland mainland only) aged 16 years or over.

All applicants need to do is share the exceptional contribution that a local organisation has made to their local community and what the grant would be used for.

The grants will be given based on the strength of the applicant's story, the recipient's levels of dedication to their community and the credibility of what the grant would be spent on and its impact for the local community.

The following are **not** eligible for funding:

- Individuals
- Community Interest Companies with shares (CICs).
- Community Interest Companies with guarantee that are less than two years old.
- Profit-making organisations.



The short application form and Terms and Conditions can be found on SPAR's website.

Please note there is a different website for Northern Ireland groups.

Once the closing date of 4 June 2025 has passed, SPAR will carry out a shortlisting process, where the successful organisations will be selected by SPAR, at SPAR's discretion and so as to provide a broad representation across Great Britain and Northern Ireland. The proportion of the grant being allocated to each region shall be decided by SPAR once the successful applicants have been chosen.

Commenting on the new round, SPAR UK Brand and Marketing Director, Suzanne Dover, said:

"Empowering local communities is about nurturing our neighbourhoods and promoting a brighter future. We had such a brilliant response to last year's campaign that we are delighted to bring it back again this year."

The deadline for all applications is 4 June 2025 (midnight).

[Community Cashback](#) | [Apply Now](#) | [SPAR](#)

National Lottery Community Fund - Supporting Change: Carers (Scotland)

Funding body:	National Lottery Community Fund - Scotland
Maximum value:	£ 2,000,000
Application deadline:	28/08/2025

Grants are available to voluntary and community and public sector organisations in Scotland for projects that will reduce health inequalities for unpaid carers through systems change.

Background

The National Lottery Community Fund (NLCF) distributes over £600 million a year to communities across the UK, raised by players of The National Lottery.

Supporting Change is a new programme for Scotland.

Objectives of Fund

The Fund will support projects to improve the health and wellbeing of unpaid carers by making meaningful and lasting system changes.

Value Notes

Grants of between £500,000 to £2 million are available over 5 to 10 years. Organisations can also apply for up to £50,000 in development funding.



It is expected that four or five projects will be funded.

Who Can Apply

Applications will be accepted from voluntary and community and public sector organisations in Scotland.

The following can apply:

- Constituted voluntary or community organisations.
- Registered charities.
- Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisations (SCIOs).
- Not-for-profit companies.
- Community Interest Companies (CICs).
- Public sector organisations (such as local authorities).
- Community benefit societies.

Partnerships and groups of organisations can also apply.

To be eligible, applicants must have:

- At least three board or committee members who are not related.
- A bank account in the organisation's name.

Restrictions

The following are not eligible for funding:

- The delivery of an existing service. For example, to expand a service in to new areas or reduce waiting lists.
- Individuals.
- Sole traders.
- Organisations based outside the UK.
- Companies that can pay profits to directors, shareholders or members (including Companies Limited by Shares).
- Organisations applying to more than one NLCF programme for the same project over the same period. It is permitted to apply to another programme if organisations have already had an unsuccessful decision through another.
- Retrospective costs.
- Alcohol.
- Contingency costs, loans, endowments or interest.
- Paying someone else to write a funding application.
- VAT that can be reclaimed.
- Religious activities (religious organisations can be funded if their project benefits the wider community and does not include religious content).
- Statutory activities.
- Activities that help children or young people with their schoolwork during school time.
- Overseas travel.
- Projects that take place outside of the UK.



- Activities that make profits for private gain.
- Cash that will be given directly to individuals.
- Large scale refurbishments or buying land and buildings.

Eligible Expenditure

Projects must:

- Make long-term changes to the systems that affect unpaid carers health.
- Involve people with experience of care in influencing these changes. Particularly, how the project will help unpaid carers have more control over decisions that affect their health and wellbeing.
- Work with other organisations.
- Use learning and evidence to inform the project. Projects must demonstrate how the learning will be used to make changes after the project ends.

Unpaid carers are defined as 'Adults or children who look after a relative, friend or neighbour. They might look after someone due to a disability, illness, mental health condition, addiction or old age'.

The Fund is particularly interested in projects that will involve work with:

- Parents that care for a child with additional support needs or disabilities.
- Older people that care for their partner.
- People that care for someone with an addiction.
- Young carers.
- LGBTQ+ carers.
- Ethnically minoritised carers.

The following costs are eligible for funding:

- Organisational running costs.
- Equipment.
- One-off events.
- Staff costs.
- Training costs.
- Transport.
- Utilities.
- Volunteer expenses.
- Part of the organisation's overheads.
- Some capital costs.

Location

Scotland

How To Apply

The application process is as follows:



- Applicants must first contact the National Lottery Community Fund to arrange a discussion with a funding officer about the project and its eligibility.
- Eligible applicants will then be invited to submit a full application. The deadline for applications is 28 August 2025.

Guidance notes and a sample online application form are available from the National Lottery Community Fund website.

Contact the National Lottery Community Fund for further information.

[Supporting Change - Carers | The National Lottery Community Fund](#)

Benefact Trust – Building Improvement Grants

Funding body:	Benefact Trust
Maximum value:	Discretionary
Application deadline:	Not specified

Grants are available for Christian charities, churches, cathedrals, and denominational bodies across the UK to support the conservation, preservation, or aesthetic enhancement of Christian churches and charity buildings.

Background

The Building Improvement Grants Fund is provided and administered by the Benefact Trust.

Objectives of Fund

This fund aims to provide essential support to protect and enhance Christian church and charity buildings, ensuring their continued use and viability, and the safeguarding of their heritage.

Value Notes

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

Match Funding Restrictions

Applicants are expected to have secured at least 30% of their total project costs before applying.

Who Can Apply

This programme is open to churches, cathedrals, denominational bodies, and Christian charities.



Organisations that have previously received funding under the General Grants Programme will have to wait two years before making an application.

Restrictions

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Educational institutions such as schools or theological institutions.
- Regular maintenance works.
- Work that is normally covered by insurance.
- Retrospective costs.
- Revenue costs.

Eligible Expenditure

Funding can be used to support direct capital costs relating to the following types of work:

- Essential repairs to ensure the viability of a building.
- Works or equipment to improve accessibility.
- Energy efficiency measures.
- Conservation or restoration of historic features.
- Aesthetic enhancements to indoor or outdoor spaces.

Location

United Kingdom and Ireland.

How To Apply

Applications can be submitted at any time.

The average decision time for smaller grants (up to £10,000) is two months. Larger grants (over £10,000) are considered at grants committee and board meetings and can take between four and six months.

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

[Building Improvement Grants | UK Building Grants for Churches](#)

A B Charitable Trust

Funding body:	A B Charitable Trust (ABCT)
Maximum value:	£ 30,000
Application deadline:	25/07/2025

Application deadline

Grants are available for small to medium-sized charities registered and working in the UK that defend human rights and promote respect for vulnerable individuals.

Background

The AB Charitable Trust (ABCT) was established in 1990 by Yves Bonavero with Anne Bonavero to support unpopular causes that championed human dignity and to focus on small and medium-sized charities working close to the ground. The Trust has no endowment and is funded annually by the Bonaveros. The Trust has awarded around £23 million in grants since 1990.

The values that underpin its work are:

- Justice - it seeks to support people most marginalised and excluded by society.
- Collaboration – it aims to build mutually beneficial relationships with the people it works with.
- Efficiency – it maintains high standards of administrative efficiency and cost effectiveness.
- Learning – it is committed to learn from its grant making to inform future practice.

Objectives of Fund

The Trust aims to support charities that promote human dignity and defend the human rights of marginalised and excluded people in the UK.

Value Notes

The grants range in size, with most grants being in the range of £10,000 to £30,000 per year and are awarded from one to three years.

The fund is in high demand, and only around a third of eligible applicants will receive funding.

Who Can Apply

Charities registered and working in the UK can apply.

Charities should provide three year's financial information, with all three years showing a minimum income of £150,000 and maximum of £1.5 million.

The Trust is looking for applicant organisations that:



- Deliver effective work and can demonstrate the difference it makes.
- Listen to the people they seek to support about their needs, and amend their work accordingly.
- Engage the talents of people who have experienced the problems the organisation exists to address.
- Are well run, make best use of resources and follow best practice (eg in governance, financial management, DEI, safeguarding).
- Work well with others in the geographical or policy area (are happy to combine knowledge and resources where helpful and avoid duplication).
- Share knowledge where possible (eg with colleagues in the sector, or to influence attitudes to an issue or to influence policy).
- Would make best use of a grant (ie where the grant would make a positive difference).

Previous Success

Examples of previously funded charities include:

- Assist Sheffield
- Asylum Support Appeals Project
- Baobab Centre for Young Survivors in Exile
- City of Sanctuary
- Great Yarmouth Refugee Support
- Oasis Cardiff
- Positive Action in Housing
- Women's Therapy Centre
- Blackfriars Advice Centre
- Norfolk Community Law Service
- Disability Law Service
- Bounceback Foundation
- Hibiscus Initiatives
- Prison Reform Trust
- Vision Housing Consultancy Service

Restrictions

The following are ineligible for support:

- Individuals.
- The promotion of religion.
- Capital appeals.
- Academic research.
- Charities with large national links.

Eligible Expenditure

ABCT supports charities working where human dignity is imperilled and where there are opportunities for human dignity to be affirmed.

To be eligible, projects should address at least one of the following categories:



Migrants and refugees

In this priority area, funding is available for charities which do any or all of the following:

- Deliver services directly targeting migrant communities, and people who are refugees or seeking asylum.
- Influence policy and/or counter negative narrative.
- Strengthen the voluntary sector and support charities delivering work in this area.

The criminal legal system and penal reform

In this priority area, funding is available for charities which do any or all of the following:

- Deliver services to improve outcomes for individuals (and their families) who are at risk of contact with or within the justice system (at any stage, from prevention to police to courts and prison).
- Support effective rehabilitation in the community.
- Work to influence policy, public opinion, and narratives and to reform/reimagine the justice system.
- Strengthen the sector and support organisations delivering work in this area.

Access to justice

In this priority area, funding is available for charities which do any or all of the following:

- Provide specialist legal advice and representation.
- Work to influence law, policy and practice through eg strategic litigation or public law challenges.
- Strengthen the sector and support organisations delivering work in this area.
- Deliver activities to protect the principles of human rights and the rule of law, including campaigning, advocacy and narrative change work.

The human rights framework

In this priority area, funding is available for charities which do any or all of the following:

- Deliver activities to protect the human rights framework and the principles of human rights and the rule of law, including campaigning, advocacy, and narrative change work.
- Note: this does not include single issue or single right campaigning work, or human rights work focused on particular groups, unless these are captured by the Trust's other funding streams.

For all priority areas, the Trust usually supports single focus organisations working solely in priority areas. For these organisations, core funding (unrestricted grants) or project funding (restricted grants) are both available. On occasion it also accepts restricted grant applications from charities working more broadly, where the project is particularly focused, forms a significant strand, and the charity can show it is best placed to deliver the work.

Location

United Kingdom

How To Apply

Applications are considered four times a year.

The next deadlines for applications are:

- **25 July 2025 for decisions in October 2025.**
- 24 October 2025 for decisions in January 2026.
- 30 January 2026 for decisions in April 2026.

An online application form is available to complete on the AB Charitable Trust's website. Initially, applicants are advised to select the priority that they wish to apply under to be taken through a four-step process to determine their eligibility before completing and submitting the full application.

Contact the A B Charitable Trust for further information.

[The A B Charitable Trust, an independent grant-making organisation](#)

Museums Galleries Scotland - Small Grants Fund

Funding body:	Museums Galleries Scotland
Maximum value:	£ 15,000
Application deadline:	28/05/2025

Small grants are available to museums in Scotland to develop their work and deliver against the priority areas of Scotland's museums and galleries Strategy.

Background

The Small Grants Fund is provided by Museums Galleries Scotland with funding from the Scottish Government.

Objectives of Fund

Small grants are available to accredited museums in Scotland to develop their work and deliver against the priority areas of Scotland's museums and galleries Strategy.

The fund can support:

- Small scale project work.
- Acquisition of equipment and other resources to address time specific needs.
- Preparation and scoping work to plan and inform future strategic development.



Value Notes

Grants of up to £15,000 are available to accredited museums.

Non accredited museums can apply for up to £10,000.

Museums that have official “Working Towards Accreditation” status can apply for up to £3,000 for activity directly linked to achieving Accreditation.

Who Can Apply

Any organisation based in Scotland that runs a museum may apply. Applications from partnerships are eligible; however, these should be submitted by a partner organisation that runs an accredited museum.

Restrictions

Grants cannot be used for:

- Core operating costs.
- Routine maintenance and like for like replacements.
- Acquisitions of collections.
- Work that has already started, or will start before the published decision date, other than preparatory work that is being covered from own budgets.
- Any more than 5% contingency (10% for capital projects).

Location

Scotland

How To Apply

Expressions of Interest may be submitted during the following periods:

- Round One - 30 April 2025 to 28 May 2025.
- Round Two - 26 November 2025 to 7 January 2026.

Guidance notes and the online application portal can be accessed from the Museums Galleries Scotland website.

[Small Grants Fund - Museums Galleries Scotland](#)



Funding body:	Henry Moore Foundation
Maximum value:	£ 20,000
Application deadline:	01/06/2025

Grants are available to support the growth and development of sculpture across historical, modern and contemporary registers and to fund research that expands the appreciation of sculpture.

Background

The Henry Moore Foundation is a registered charity, set up in 1977, to advance the education of the public by the promotion of their appreciation of the fine arts, particularly the works of Henry Moore. It operates from Perry Green, Hertfordshire and at the Henry Moore Institute in Leeds. The Foundation supports a wide range of projects and activities in the visual arts.

Objectives of Fund

The objective of the Foundation is to support sculpture across historical, modern and contemporary registers, seeking to fund research that expands the appreciation of sculpture.

Value Notes

The Foundation offers funding in the following categories:

- New Projects and Commissions - the maximum grant is £20,000 but most grants are for less.
- Acquisitions and Collections - the maximum grant is £20,000 but most grants are for less.
- Research and Development:
 - Long-term Research - (organisations only) the maximum grant is £20,000 but most grants are for less.
 - Research and Travel Grants - (individual academics, curators and scholars) the maximum grant is £2,500.
- Conferences, Lectures and Publications - the maximum grant is £5,000.

Who Can Apply

Not-for-profit art galleries, museums and institutions concerned with art and art history, including UK universities, can apply.

Restrictions

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Revenue expenditure.
- Retrospective costs.
- Projects dedicated to painting.
- Individual applicants (except for the Small Research Grant).

Eligible Expenditure

Grants are available in the following areas:

- New projects and commissions: to encourage new thinking about sculpture or sculpture history, or contribute to public awareness and appreciation of sculpture.
- Acquisitions and collections: for museums and galleries who wish to acquire or conserve sculpture for their collections as well as for cataloguing and display costs.
- Research and development:
 - Long-term Research Grants - for projects that require funding for more than one year, such as a permanent collection catalogue.
 - Small Research Grants - for research on the history and interpretation of sculpture. Academics, curators and independent scholars may apply for research costs, eg travel, photographs, and archival access.
- Conferences, lectures and publications - to publish a new book or journal, or to stage a conference or other event related to sculpture.

Support is available for international sculpture in Britain as well as British sculpture abroad.

Applications are assessed in terms of their:

- Development of the study of sculpture.
- Contribution to the public awareness and understanding of sculpture.
- Encouragement of new thinking in sculpture, including the history of sculpture.
- Artistic quality.
- Careful financial management.

Proposed projects should start no less than six months after the application deadlines.

Location

United Kingdom

How To Apply

There are typically four deadlines per year:

- 1 February to 1 March (23:00).
- 1 May to 1 June (23:00).
- 1 August to 1 September (23:00).
- 1 November to 1 December (23:00).

Application forms and guidelines are available online at the Foundation's website.

[Grants & fellowships | Henry Moore Foundation](#)

Hugo Burge Foundation - Creative Grants

Funding body:	The Hugo Burge Foundation
Maximum value:	£ 15,000
Application deadline:	31/05/2025

Grant funding is available to support projects, individuals, and organisations across the UK that promote creativity through three key areas: Creative Education, Creative Communities, and Creative Individuals.

Background

The Hugo Burge Foundation provide grants to support the arts, crafts and creative industries across the UK.

Objectives of Fund

The funding is intended to support creativity across the UK. There are three key areas:

- **Creative Education:** Supporting projects that provide young people (ages 0-29) with opportunities to engage in creative activities. This includes funding for workshops in schools, field trips to cultural sites, and the purchase of materials for student engagement.
- **Creative Communities:** Aiding organisations, festivals, fairs and community groups that develop and deliver cultural and creative arts initiatives within their local areas.
- **Creative Individuals:** Providing individual artists, including those in visual and expressive arts, writers and craftspeople, with funding to support their artistic projects.

Value Notes

For the Creative Education and Creative Communities strands, the maximum award is £15,000. For Creative Individuals, the maximum award is £5,000.

Who Can Apply

The grants programme is open to a broad range of applicants across the UK:

- Creative Education - individuals, schools, and arts and culture organisations.
- Creative Communities - organisations, festivals, fairs and community groups.
- Creative Individuals - artists who are over 18. **In the first round of funding for the Creative Individuals strand, applications will be limited to artists who primarily reside and practice within Scotland.**



Eligible Expenditure

Grants can be used to support a wide range of activities including individual projects, community arts festivals and cultural fairs, workshops in schools and field trips to arts or cultural sites.

Location

United Kingdom

How To Apply

For 2025, there will be two funding windows:

- Round One: 1-31 May 2025
- Round Two: 1-30 September 2025

Applications must be made during these windows through the Submittable platform.

Further information and FAQs can be found on the Hugo Burge Foundation website.

<https://www.hugoburgefoundation.org/grants>

Radcliffe Trust

Funding body:	The Radcliffe Trust
Maximum value:	£ 7,500
Application deadline:	31/07/2025

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

Background

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

The Trust makes grants principally in two sectors: Music and Heritage & Crafts.

Objectives of Fund

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Value Notes

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



Who Can Apply

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

Restrictions

Funding is not available for the following:

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

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

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

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

Eligible Expenditure

Music Grants

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

Applications are normally considered under the following headings:

- Composition and contemporary music - in the case of commission applications the lead composer must be named.
- Bursaries for courses and summer schools; limited to UK based students.
- Music therapy/special needs.
- Academic research/projects.
- Youth orchestras.
- Performance projects.
- Educational projects - excluding applications from individual mainstream primary and secondary schools.



- Miscellaneous.

Heritage & Crafts Grants

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

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

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

Location

United Kingdom

How To Apply

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

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

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

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

Contact The Radcliffe Trust for further information.

[The Radcliffe Trust](#)

Asda Foundation - Local Community Spaces Fund

Funding body:	ASDA Foundation
Maximum value:	£ 20,000
Application deadline:	28/05/2025



Background

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

Objectives of Fund

The aim of the Fund is to repair, renovate and develop accessible community spaces for continued delivery of essential activities and services to benefit the local community, particularly those experiencing loneliness, isolation and disadvantage. The project should benefit people of all ages and from all communities.

Applications must address at least one of the following funding priorities:

- Carry out essential repairs to enable the space to continue to function.
- Renovate an existing space to accommodate more users/activities.
- Create a new community space where groups can meet and undertake activities.
- Improve accessibility to, or within, a community building.

Value Notes

The total fund value is £1.25 million.

Grants from £10,000 to £20,000 are available.

The Asda Foundation must contribute at least 50% of the total project cost (up to £20,000) and can fund up to 90% of the total project cost.

It is anticipated that approximately 70 projects will be funded.

Applicants **must** already have 10% of the total project cost (demonstrated in submitted accounts).

Match Funding Restrictions

Match funding between 10% and 50% is required.

Groups must already have 10% of the total project cost (and be shown in submitted accounts).

Who Can Apply

Applications are accepted from charities, VCSE and other not-for-profit organisations.

The community space **must** be accessible for community members to interact, seek support and access a variety of services and activities. Applications from groups with free-to-access services that are inclusive to many are encouraged, but groups with fees that prevent participation are less likely to be funded.

To be eligible, applicants must:



- Be not-for-profit.
- Have an annual income of less than £250,000.
- Unrestricted reserves of no more than £40,000.
- Have governing documents.
- Have a safeguarding policy.
- Have a bank account (that accepts cheques) in the group's name and be able to provide proof.

The following applications are encouraged/prioritised:

- Groups unable to continue offering their service without the work taking place.
- Demonstration of a good track record of ongoing work in a community-hub setting.
- Evidence of financial stability and need.
- Work in areas of heightened economic and social deprivation.
- Provide well-thought-out costings which are deemed good value for money.
- Have a wide range of users throughout the community, or those who predominantly support at least one of the following demographics: teens and young adults; the elderly; vulnerable; and low-income users.

The following are also eligible for funding:

- Religious buildings that are community hubs for people of all faiths in areas with limited community facilities.
- Amateur sports clubs who have diversified their sport offering to wider services that strengthen the community, and whose buildings serve as a community hub, offering a variety of services for a range of groups other than those involved in the main sport being offered.
- Scouting, guiding and cadets groups, etc: applications for a space that is a community hub in an area with limited community facilities and where the space is used by multiple different group types outside of the Scouts/Guiding/Cadets community would be considered.
- Youth clubs whose space hosts a range of activities and groups with a large number of service users, particularly groups who provide services in a low socio-economic area.
- Community gardens/allotments projects that are renovating or creating a space where people can meet and be together all year round. Spaces should be open to multiple groups in the community.
- Village halls that are used by a wide range of groups, particularly in isolated areas which might have fewer community spaces.

Restrictions

The funding is not available for:

- Organisations based outside the UK or benefitting people/communities outside of the UK.
- Groups that have previously received an Asda Foundation Investing in Spaces and Places grant.
- Third party grant making organisations (grantees must directly deliver the service/activity).
- Groups who do not currently operate a community space/building.
- Schools or PTAs.



- Groups who have a clear affiliation with a particular political party.
- Groups with an annual income over £250,000.
- Religious organisations whose services are only open to people of a particular faith.
- Animal charities or groups which have animal welfare as their main focus.
- Retrospective costs.
- Projects for spaces with restricted or limited access to community members.
- Equipment which will be kept by individuals, rather than the organisation applying for funding.
- Core running costs, including salaries.
- Contributions to general fundraising or sponsorship.
- Projects which could negatively impact the reputation of The Asda Foundation.
- Projects which will benefit only one person.
- Groups whose services and activities involve alcohol.
- Modifications or maintenance of pitches and grounds.
- Improvements which primarily include plants/planters and tools.
- Improving spaces mainly used for hosting private events (e.g. weddings).
- Core costs.
- Memorials and sensory gardens.
- Solar panels / battery storage packs.
- Vehicles or any other mobile structure.
- Fundraising, sponsorship or licenses.
- Road repairs/access roads and car parks.
- Playgrounds and public park.
- Spaces that cannot be used year-round/ have limited opening hours.
- Heritage projects primarily focused on preserving a building for its historical significance rather than for active community use.
- VAT.

Eligible Expenditure

Projects must not start before September 2025 and must be completed by December 2026.

A range of project costs are supported.

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

- Kitchen and bathroom refurbishments.
- Creation of a new permanent space.
- Roof and floor repairs.
- Building extensions.
- Disabled access ramps to a community building Upgrades and replacements to windows and doors.
- Boilers and heating.
- Essential building security upgrades.
- Transformation of a disused space into a functional space.
- Removable items (e.g. soft furnishings, tables and chairs, white goods and electrical items, garden machinery) provided they only make up a small portion of a wider application to repair, renovate, or develop a community space.



Location

United Kingdom

How To Apply

Applications will be accepted from 7 May (10:00) to 28 May 2025 **(10:00)**.

Applications will be reviewed in August 2025. Projects must be completed by December 2026.

Applicants are advised that the scheme may close early if demand for funding is high.

Application forms are available at the Asda Foundation website: applicants can check eligibility and will then be directed to the Foundation's grant management system, SmartSimple, to register and complete the application form. The following documents should also be submitted:

- Governing documents.
- Safeguarding policies.
- Bank statements covering the most recent three months: as applicants must have 10% of the total project cost before submission, this must be evident on the accounts or bank statements provided.
- Two full years of annual accounts.
- Proof of ownership or lease.
- Permission to carry out the work.
- Photos of the space.

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

Contact the Asda Foundation for further information.

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

