

New funds since 16/10/2020

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<p><b>Awesome Merch 15K Grant Scheme</b></p>	<p>Up to £5,000</p>	<p>Open – deadline 2/11/2020</p>	<p><b>Grants are available help the music and performing arts industries and small businesses in need during the coronavirus pandemic.</b></p> <p>This programme is provided by Awesome Merchandise to celebrate its 15th birthday.</p> <p>Grants are available help support small UK businesses and creative practitioners. The £15,000 scheme will be split evenly across the music and performing arts industries and small businesses.</p> <p>The scheme has been devised to not only support independent businesses and venues in need during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, but to also offer expertise through a year-long mentoring programme.</p> <p>The provider is offering three support grants totalling £15,000. It will work alongside the three grant recipients. As well as the grant, the successful applicant will receive regular training and practical advice from Awesome Merchandise, to help grow their business - through use of marketing, and creating promotional merchandise.</p> <p>The £15,000 will be split evenly across the three sectors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>5K Music Grant</b> For those working in the music industry, eg venues, artists, managers and labels.</li> <li>• <b>5K Business Grant</b> For a business looking to boost its expertise in merchandising, eg shops, restaurants, bars, breweries, galleries and cafes.</li> <li>• <b>5K Creative Grant</b> For artists, illustrators, designers, clothing companies and crafters.</li> </ul> <p><b>Who Can Apply</b></p> <p>Music and performing arts industries and small businesses may apply.</p> <p><b>Eligible Expenditure</b></p> <p>A sample breakdown of the £5,000 grant will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• £1,000 – DIGITAL PRINT (Prints / Posters / Stationery)</li> <li>• £1,000 – GARMENTS (Tees / Headwear / Face Masks)</li> <li>• £1,000 – MERCH (Pins / Patches / Badges / Banners)</li> <li>• £1,000 – EXPERIMENTAL (New Products / Giveaways)</li> <li>• £1,000 – MARKETING (Ads / Strategy / Consultation / Collabs / Competitions / Events)</li> </ul>

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			<p><b>How To Apply</b></p> <p>The scheme opens on 19 October 2020. Applications close on Monday 2 November 2020.</p> <p>Applicants will need to fill out a form and provide supplemental material if it will support the application.</p> <p>More details can be accessed <a href="#">here</a></p> <p>Those who have questions should email <a href="mailto:social@awesomemerchandise.com">social@awesomemerchandise.com</a></p>
<p><b>Scotland Loves Local Fund</b></p>	<p>Up to £5,000</p>	<p>Open – deadline 25/11/2020</p>	<p><b>Grants are available to constituted groups in Scotland for small scale improvements that will help motivate people to shop, eat and relax within their community whilst ensuring public health safety.</b></p> <p>The Scotland Loves Local Fund is provided by the Scottish Government and administered by the Scotland’s Towns Partnership.</p> <p>The aim of the Fund is to empower communities by enabling local delivery, and giving them support and guidance to help them achieve aims important to them. The Fund encourages communities to “love local”, recognise the importance of their local areas, and actively engage in and develop them, especially in light of the coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis.</p> <p><b>Who Can Apply</b></p> <p>Applications are accepted from constituted groups with bank accounts and suitable governance controls, and where a recovery plan has been agreed in partnership with the local authority. Local authorities are also able to apply directly to the Fund.</p> <p>Eligible groups include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Town Centre Partnerships and Town Teams.</li> <li>• Chambers of Commerce.</li> <li>• Community or Development Trusts.</li> <li>• Charitable Community Groups.</li> <li>• Business/Trader Associations.</li> <li>• Business Improvement Districts.</li> <li>• Housing Associations.</li> <li>• Cooperatives.</li> <li>• Social Enterprises.</li> <li>• Community Interest Companies (CICs).</li> <li>• Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisations (SCIOs).</li> <li>• Destination Marketing Organisations (DMOs).</li> </ul>

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			<p><b>Restrictions</b> Retrospective costs are not eligible.</p> <p><b>Eligible Expenditure</b> The funding is for projects that improve and promote their local place and communities. This can include making small scale local improvements and supporting localised responses in town and settlement centres. The grants can be used for revenue and capital projects.</p> <p>Eligible revenue projects include (but are not limited to):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marketing and advertising, using the Scotland Loves Local communications pack resources, on what local businesses have to offer (eg, developing social media, print and local campaigns around a “Love Local” message).</li> <li>• Small scale improvements and information to support the 20 Minute Neighbourhood concept (eg, maps/signage/small scale infrastructure to join up neighbouring villages/suburbs as a single destination, and which advises on active travel routes and facilities available within 20 minutes).</li> <li>• Providing information for local residents/tourists (such as in the lead up to Christmas) on safe shopping, business, community and leisure opportunities, in local places.</li> <li>• Projects to encourage cooperatives, independents and social enterprises to develop local initiatives, collaborations and ownership (such as Community Wealth building).</li> <li>• Creating local online job or volunteering platforms.</li> </ul> <p>Eligible capital projects include (but are not limited to):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Physical distancing and public health infrastructure (eg, supply or installation of distancing markers, outdoor protection while queuing, street marking, protective screens, PPE, and hand sanitising equipment).</li> <li>• Making minor adaptations to continue trading safely and improve the local environment (eg, canopies, outdoor furniture and lighting).</li> <li>• Small scale green infrastructure projects, such as “pocket parks”, tree and greenery planting, or refurbishment/enhancement of vacant and derelict sites.</li> <li>• Shared home delivery digital schemes to encourage digital shopping in the local community using local providers instead of major chains.</li> <li>• Local digital projects for advertising, provision of information, similar to work being carried out by some Business Improvement Districts and aligned with national platform projects.</li> </ul> <p>Priority will be given to projects that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Include community collaboration on shared ambitions for their place.</li> <li>• Evidence solutions that contribution to Scotland’s net-zero emissions target.</li> <li>• Evidence inclusion.</li> </ul>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are from towns which are not already in receipt of funding from the Towns and BIDs Resilience and Recovery Fund.</li> </ul> <p>The funding must be fully expended by 31 March 2021.</p> <p><b>How To Apply</b></p> <p>Applications can be submitted at any time until 5pm 25 November 2020.</p> <p>It is envisaged that there will be a Tranche 1 payment around the beginning of November, with a Tranche 2 of awards following soon after the closing date.</p> <p>Guidance notes and the application form are available on the website of the Scotland's Towns Partnership.</p> <p><b>Useful Links</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.scotlandstowns.org/scotland_loves_local_fund_application_form_and_guidance">https://www.scotlandstowns.org/scotland_loves_local_fund_application_form_and_guidance</a></p>
<b>Cycling Facilities Fund</b>	Up to £500,000	Open – deadline 1/11/2020	<p><b>Grants are available to constituted non-profit distributing organisations in Scotland for projects that improve cycling facilities across the country.</b></p> <p><b>Background</b></p> <p>The Cycling Facilities Fund was made possible through a new £4 million commitment from the Scottish Government and £4 million from sportscotland, provided through National Lottery funds. The Fund will be delivered over two years by sportscotland and Scottish Cycling.</p> <p>The Fund has three main aims:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inspire the nation to cycle: Providing accessible, inclusive and inspiring facilities that enable and encourage people to engage with cycling in all its forms, regardless of their background, gender, age, ethnicity or ability.</li> <li>• Grow and develop club and community cycling: Providing multi-discipline hub facilities with safe coaching and skill development areas that support the growth and development of cycling clubs and hubs.</li> <li>• Grow and develop local and regional event opportunities: Providing new or upgrading existing facilities to enable local and regional festivals, competition and events.</li> </ul> <p>A total of £8 million will be awarded in grants. The level of funding available depends on the type of project to be funded:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inspire the nation to cycle projects: Grants of up to £100,000.</li> <li>• Club hub and event projects: Grants of up to £500,000.</li> </ul> <p>Projects must cost at least £20,000 overall.</p>

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			<p><b>Match Funding Restrictions</b></p> <p>Match funding of at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 50% is required for “inspire the nation to cycle”. Projects within the boundary or serving an area identified within the lowest 20% of the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) can apply for up to 75% of the eligible project cost. This increased award percentage does not apply to projects led by local authorities.</li> <li>• 35% is required for “club hub and event projects”.</li> </ul> <p>Match funding can come from the organisation’s own cash, fundraising, in-kind contributions or can be sourced from other funders.</p> <p>Local authority applicants should meet at least 25% of the total project cost from their capital budget.</p> <p><b>Who Can Apply</b></p> <p>Applications are accepted from any non-profit distributing, constituted organisation whose membership is open to all sections of society, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clubs (existing and new).</li> <li>• Education establishments.</li> <li>• Local authorities or leisure trusts.</li> <li>• Charitable organisations.</li> <li>• Community organisations.</li> <li>• Community sport hubs.</li> </ul> <p><b>Restrictions</b></p> <p>The following are not eligible for funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Projects with a value of less than £20,000.</li> <li>• Repairs, renewals, replacement or maintenance.</li> <li>• Construction of dining rooms, bars, social space, administration, committee rooms, residential or spectator accommodation.</li> <li>• Buildings with a life expectancy of less than 20 years.</li> <li>• Minibuses or vans.</li> <li>• Personal equipment or general sports equipment with a life expectancy of less than seven years.</li> <li>• Feasibility studies and design competitions.</li> <li>• Speculative purchase of land or facilities as a means of saving on payment of rent.</li> <li>• Any projects which have been started prior to a decision being taken by sportscotland and their approval being given to proceed. Funding will not be provided retrospectively. Letting of a construction contract constitutes a project start. Engaging design consultants does not constitute a project start.</li> </ul>

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			<p><b>Eligible Expenditure</b></p> <p>The funding is for building and improving cycling facilities. The types of facilities that the Fund is looking to provide funding for include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New cycling facilities (tracks, trails, circuits, training areas).</li> <li>• Upgrades or extension to existing facilities.</li> <li>• Accessible toilets and/or inclusive changing facilities.</li> <li>• Floodlighting.</li> <li>• Multi-use club spaces.</li> <li>• Storage.</li> <li>• Indoor training and conditioning spaces.</li> </ul> <p>Applicants are encouraged to consider the following gaps in cycling provision in Scotland that have been identified by sportscotland and Cycling Scotland:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inspire the nation to cycle projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ New sites that provide learn to ride areas, skills areas and pump tracks.</li> <li>○ Ancillary facilities and entry-level facilities designed for community use at existing facilities.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Club hub and event projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ New multi-discipline facilities that enable coaching and skill development.</li> <li>○ Addition of skills areas, pump tracks, BMX tracks or cyclo-cross areas to existing facilities.</li> <li>○ Ancillary facilities and changing rooms that enable the wider use of new or existing facilities.</li> <li>○ Two additional regional standard BMX tracks with the north east and east of Scotland identified as geographic gaps.</li> <li>○ One or two closed road circuits in central belt locations, given high population catchment at existing facilities.</li> <li>○ One outdoor velodrome in a central belt location given high population catchment at existing facilities.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Eligible projects must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Traffic-free.</li> <li>• Multi-discipline (for club hub and event projects).</li> <li>• Inclusive and accessible.</li> <li>• A strategic fit that connects to other local and national cycling infrastructure and initiatives.</li> </ul> <p>Priority will be given to projects which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide inclusive opportunities for people who are under-represented in cycling (including children and young people, women, people with disabilities, those from SIMD areas and those who experience other forms of exclusion).</li> </ul>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide opportunities for people within communities to cycle and help aspiring participants and athletes develop and learn.</li> <li>• Provide opportunities for people to participate in more than one discipline in one place.</li> <li>• Are located at or close to and link into other existing path/cycle networks or a community hub.</li> <li>• Include a learn to ride area that will allow people to develop cycling skills and confidence.</li> <li>• Include entry level routes that enable cyclists to develop their skills.</li> <li>• Provide a route into cycle sport by offering local and regional race opportunities.</li> <li>• Work with a Scottish Cycling affiliated club or involve developing a new club.</li> <li>• Provide planned activities for a range of levels designed to recruit and retain users.</li> <li>• Connect projects to UCI Cycling World Championships 2023.</li> <li>• Are designed to use sustainable energy systems and constructed using sustainable materials where possible.</li> <li>• Offer leadership opportunities to young people in a range of roles including decision makers, deliverers/coaches, event/competition organisers and technical officials.</li> <li>• Recruit, retain and develop volunteers to maintain sustainable projects.</li> </ul> <p>Before submitting an application, interested parties must consider the range of facilities that exist in their area, both locally and regionally, and must ensure that their proposals are part of an integrated and planned approach for their area, to avoid competing proposals being submitted.</p> <p><b>How To Apply</b></p> <p>The Fund is expected to be open for applications for two years.</p> <p>There is a two-stage application process:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organisations first complete an expression of interest form. The deadline for Expressions of Interest is the first of each month until the available funding is fully committed. Organisations will receive a decision on their Expression of Interest within two months.</li> <li>• Organisations that are successful at the first stage are then invited to submit a full application by either 1 April or 1 September of each year.</li> </ul> <p>Guidelines and the expression of interest form are available on the website of sportscotland.  <a href="https://sportscotland.org.uk/funding/cycling-facilities-fund/">https://sportscotland.org.uk/funding/cycling-facilities-fund/</a></p>

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