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FUNDING SEARCHES:

- Visit SIC's free Funding search engine which local groups and organisations can sign up for: Funding Shetland Shetland Islands Council
- SCVO's online search engine <u>Funding Scotland</u>

CIOF FUNDRAISING ESSENTIALS: FREE RESOURCES

If you're new to fundraising, supporting a small charity, or want to introduce new income streams for your community group or voluntary organisation, find inspiration and ideas in these helpful short training videos and written guide.

Environmental/ Climate sources

- FUNDING FOR CLIMATE/ ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES
- GCVS DIRECTORY OF ENVIRONMENTAL GRANTS (UPDATED DECEMBER 2023)
- DESIGNING PROJECTS FOR PEOPLE AND PLANET?

Foundation Scotland have outlined some key issues applicants should consider to make projects and activities 'climate smart' and nature-friendly, plus links to further information and support.

YOUTHLINK SCOTLAND FUNDING DIRECTORY FOR YOUTHWORK PROJECTS

COST OF LIVING CRISIS - GRANT FUNDING, RESOURCES & SUPPORT FOR CHARITIES & COMMUNITY GROUPS

<u>UK GOVERNMENT FIND A GRANT SERVICE</u> Find a grant is a UK government service that allows businesses to search all UK government-funded grants. Businesses can use the website to browse or search for available grants, check if they are eligible and find out how to apply for each grant.

RECENTLY ADDED / HIGHLIGHTED FUNDS

NAME	DEADLINE	DESCRIPTION
TESCO STRONGER STARTS		Stronger Starts is open to charities and community organisations to apply for a grant of up to £1,500 via an on-line application form. The scheme is open to all schools, registered charities and not-for-profit organisations, with priority given to projects that provide food and support to young people. Every three months, three local good causes are selected to be in the blue token customer vote in Tesco stores throughout the UK.
		Stronger Starts replaces Tesco Community Grants. Applications already made to Tesco Community Grants will still be eligible and assessed for the Stronger Starts fund. There is no need to make a new application.
SEE ME SCOTLAND: ANTI-STIGMA ARTS FUND	21 January 2024	Grants up to £5,000 are available for community groups and voluntary organisations for arts projects in any medium aiming to tackle mental health stigma. Priority for projects supporting people affected by discrimination or disadvantage. There is a webinar about the fund on 11 January. To attend email Maeve.Grindall@seemescotland.org .
NATIONAL LOTTERY COMMUNITY FUND: CLIMATE ACTION FUND (ENERGY AND CLIMATE)	31 December 2023	Grants up to £500,000 over five years and/or development grants up to £150,000 over two years are available for community-led local projects aiming to reduce energy use and make a lasting change to benefit the natural environment.
THE HENRY SMITH CHARITY – STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES	Rolling	The Strengthening Communities grant programme aims to support small, grass roots organisations who are embedded in the community, working within the most deprived areas of the UK. Through this grant programme we want to make sure that our funding reaches organisations that provide services which are widely accessible to the whole community and respond to, and address the needs of the people living in it.
		 Grants between £20,000 and £70,000 are available for work that enables: People from across the community to participate in activities which improve connectedness, opportunities and wellbeing People who are excluded, vulnerable or facing other forms of hardship to have access to community-based services that support positive lasting change A stronger, active, more engaged community

SCOPS ARTS TRUST	9 January 2024 14 May 2024 27 August 2024	 The goal of Scops Arts Trust is to help people to understand, participate in and enjoy the arts, particularly the performing arts. They are keen to find projects which widen access and have a lasting cultural impact on the community. In 2024, the Trust will be concentrating solely on music projects. Each round will focus on a different area within the performing arts: Round 1: Focus on music performances at regional arts festivals plus children's music education Round 2: Focus on adult music education projects plus children's music education Round 3: Focus on instrumental and choral music groups plus children's music education In addition to the above themes, applications for children's music education projects will be considered at every round.
		 2024 rounds and priorities are: 9 January for decisions by 30 April: Focus on music performances at regional arts festivals plus children's music education 14 May for decisions by 7 August: Focus on adult music education projects plus children's music education 27 August for decisions by 30 November: Focus on instrumental and choral music groups plus children's music education
CORRA FOUNDATION LOCAL SUPPORT FUND - NATIONAL DRUGS MISSION FUNDS	Ongoing until funds are spent	 The Local Support Fund (LSF) is for grassroots and community-based organisations in Scotland, which deliver frontline services to support people who use or used drugs, people who are in recovery and/or their families. To apply for this fund, you should meet the following criteria: You should have previously received funding through the Local Support Fund for one or two years. You should currently be delivering frontline services in Scotland, to support people who use drugs, people in recovery and/or their families. You will require funding to stabilise or increase capacity, extend services and provide further reach into the community. Your organisation should have an annual income of up to £500,000. You must be a registered charity, social enterprise, community group or other voluntary organisation that have independent governance and an asset lock. Corra Foundation encourages applications from organisations supporting Black, Asian, and Minority Ethnic communities, and other under represented groups, to increase access to support. To apply, email the grants team for a chat about your project or call us on 0131 444 4020.

THE WEIR CHARITABLE TRUST	The Trust aims to support small community groups of charities with an income of £125,000 or less per annum based in Scotland and providing services across Scotland. • Animal Welfare • Culture • Health • Sport • Recreational Facilities
GRANT FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS IN SHETLAND	The Shetland Islands Council Coastal Communities Fund offers grants of between £5,000 and £100,000 to projects that support the community and economic development of Shetland by investing in infrastructure, community capacity building, developing community assets and encouraging inclusive growth.
CARES LET'S DO NET ZERO COMMUNITY BUILDINGS FUND	Funding is now available from the Scottish Government's Community and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES). The fund aims to support community organisations to reduce their building energy costs and carbon emissions. The Let's Do Net Zero Community Buildings Fund is open now and is planned to run until the end of March 2025, subject to funding availability. Funding is available for many types of community building, including: community cafes, community hubs, faith buildings, public halls, community halls and centres. Grant funding is available for up to 80% of eligible costs up to a maximum of £80,000. New guidance now available.

PREVIOUSLY LISTED GRANTS:

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ALLANDER YOUTH ACTIVITIES TRUST	Ongoing	You will be a Scout Group, a section of a Scout Group or the equivalent in a voluntary organisation that directly seeks to improve the welfare of young people through the provision of training and/or education. You may be a local group or part of a National Organisation but not a Scout District, Scout Region or equivalent in other similar organisations. Or you will be an individual member of such an organisation wishing to take part in an activity that will develop you and as a result of which you gain new skills that you will then use for the benefit of young people within your organisation.
AMERICAN EXPRESS - COMMUNITY GIVING PROGRAMME	Ongoing	Grants are available for not-for-profit organisations to help empower more diverse and inclusive workforces and communities, build inclusive economic growth and financial literacy, and advance climate innovation and action.
ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE FUND: PROJECT VIABILITY GRANT	Ongoing	Grants up to £10,000 are available for constituted community groups and social enterprises to explore the viability or development costs associated with the regeneration of historic buildings.
ARNOLD CLARK COMMUNITY FUND	n/a	Open to community groups and UK charities. Up to £1,000 is available to organisations that can provide immediate help to their local communities
AVIVA COMMUNITY FUND - CROWDFUNDING REQUIRED	Ongoing	Grants up to £50,000 are available for not-for-profit organisations in the UK who can raise their initial funding through a crowdfunding campaign for projects that address Aviva's current themes of climate champions and financial empowerment.
AWARDS FOR YOUNG MUSICIANS	Anytime	Awards for Young Musicians supports outstanding young instrumentalists making music in any genre. If you can clearly show that you are talented and committed and that you need financial help with your music costs then you can apply for an Award of up to £2000. The average award in 2020 was £550. Young musicians aged between 5 and 17 years of age and are living and studying in the UK are eligible to apply.
BAILLIE GIFFORD COMMUNITY AWARDS	Ongoing	The fund aims to support local grassroots organisations working to address food insecurity and social isolation

BARCLAYS COMMUNITY FOOTBALL FUND	Apply any time	Grants up to £500 are available for community sports clubs and voluntary organisations to offer new football opportunities or expand existing programmes to include people in under-represented groups, particularly girls and people with protected characteristics.
BBC CHILDREN IN		BBC Children in Need will for the first time directly fund charities' core costs over the next three years as part
NEED	Core Funding – Apply anytime	of its new strategy. Grants up to £15,000 are available for not-for-profit organisations and up to £120,000 for
	Apply allytille	registered charities supporting children and young people aged 18 or under.
BBC CHILDREN IN NEED: EMERGENCY ESSENTIALS REOPENED	Apply any time	Grants are available to provide critical household items and clothing to support children and young people facing exceptional and difficult circumstances. Applications must be made by a pre-registered referrer.
BENEFACT TRUST		Funding is now available under the following grants programmes:
		Community Impact Grants A programme of funding aimed at supporting projects that directly address the social challenges faced by some of the most vulnerable communities in our society.
		Building Improvement Grants For the essential repair and improvement of churches and Christian buildings.
		Heritage Skills for Christian Buildings Grants Focused on the preservation of essential heritage skills and careers through apprenticeships, scholarships, and training courses.
		Methodist Grants For building projects that support Methodist churches in their mission and ministry, with a particular focus on church growth, community engagement and accessibility.
		Roof Alarm Grants To protect churches from metal theft.
BENEFACT TRUST – BRIGHTER LIVES	rolling	Running throughout 2022 aimed at Christian organisations to respond to the long-term impact throughout society of Covid-19 on people's mental health – whatever their faith, or none. Project, revenue (staffing) and capital costs supported, but not running costs. Open to Churches, cathedrals and Christian denominational

		bodies, and Christian charities in the UK and the Republic of Ireland.
BUSINESS CHARGEPOINT FUNDING BUSINESS ENERGY SCOTLAND: SME LOAN SCHEME		To support the use of electric vehicles across Scotland, Transport Scotland offers grant funding to help organisations install electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure on their premises. The funding is distributed by Energy Saving Trust and is currently available for chargepoints that will only be used by occupiers, staff and visitors. Cashback grants of £20,000 and interest free loans up to £100,000 are available to charities, community organisations and social enterprises to install energy efficient systems, equipment or to upgrade building fabric such as energy efficient lighting. Free assessments are available.
CANOE FOUNDATION	31 January 2024	 The Foundation supports projects that increase access to canoeing. Specifically, they are looking to fund: Launch and landing platforms, ramps or steps Improvements to pathways and accessible routes to the water's edge Designated or essential additional parking for water users Works that create more sustainable access points Access improvement projects that actively engage and allow water users to protect/enhance the waterway or riverbank environment (e.g. by preventing bank erosion) Signage and information that promotes positive behaviour (e.g. Countryside code, "Check, Clean, Dry", warnings of hazards or guidance on appropriate routes or trails) Projects that would benefit more than one user group Projects that benefit or provide opportunities to a wide range of paddlers rather than facilities limited to members
CHANGEX - THE ACCENTURE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY CHALLENGE		The fund supports communities to start one of six proven ideas! Open Orchard Fresh Water Watch Climate Action Toolkits in secondary schools The Green Plan Community Fridge Repair Cafe If your community has been considering a project which relates to those mentioned above, this could be your chance to secure some funds towards it.
CHARLES HAYWARD FOUNDATION -	n/a	Funds preventative and early intervention programmes being delivered at the community level which allow older people to stay in their own homes and remain independent. They are particularly interested in programmes which show some creativity in improving the quality of life of older people.

OLDER PEOPLE -		Up to £7,000.
SMALL GRANTS CIRCULAR ECONOMY INVESTMENT FUND		This fund, administered by Zero Waste Scotland, offers investment to SMEs based in Scotland for work that will help to deliver circular economy growth.
CIRCULAR TEXTILES FUND		This fund supports the development of circular supply chains across the textiles industry in Scotland to help businesses achieve net zero carbon emissions. Zero Waste Scotland is administering the fund, which is backed by the Scottish Government, to help reduce the environmental impact of textiles.
CLIMATE ENGAGEMENT LAB – 2023 OPEN CALL FOR INNOVATION PARTNERSHIP		Climate Outreach is looking for a new innovation partner organisation to reach and motivate specific audiences in the UK. The Climate Engagement Lab is looking to support an existing project that is engaging people who are concerned about politics and climate change, but aren't generally part of the climate conversation and are deeply and instinctively distrustful that 'elites' will do much to help. Through the partnership, they will provide free support for a group that's engaging working class communities on climate or climate-adjacent (i.e. transport, energy, food) projects. The chosen partner will get support to apply evidence-backed insights to their project, along with up to £3,000 to cover the costs of participation.
COMMUNITY RIGHT TO BUY FUND	 	The Community Right to Buy Fund provides financial support for community organisations in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland. The fund helps communities pay for professional services to help them register an interest in land or buildings under the Community Right to Buy legislation. These services could include legal title searches or help with mapping. Funding of up to £5,000 is available, to cover up to 80% of the eligible cost. Communities must be prepared to cover the rest of the cost from other sources. This support is unlikely to involve state subsidy, but this will be assessed on a case by case basis.
CORRA FOUNDATION - BOOST SMALL GRANTS		Boost small grants programme is for organisations supporting children and families in their local communities. It has been created to help groups that find the increases in basic running costs (for example utilities, salaries, transport) are making their work much more challenging. Boost will provide grants of £500-£3,000 to grassroots organisations and charities with a yearly income of up to £50,000 whose work benefits children and families.
		This fund aims to ensure accessible, supportive community-led activities remain available to children and families despite the challenges the cost of living poses for charities and community groups. Boost is

		delivered by Corra Foundation and is a partnership between the STV Children's Appeal and Corra Foundation.
CREATIVE SCOTLAND - MADE IN SCOTLAND ONWARD INTERNATIONAL TOURING FUND	Remains open until it is fully allocated	The aim of the Onward International Touring Fund is to enable artists, bands and ensembles based in Scotland to take up new international touring opportunities for work programmed as a direct result of the inviting promoter seeing the work at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. This fund exists to support costs linked to flights, freight, visas and the translation of marketing materials. Other costs are expected to be met by the inviting promoter.
CREATIVE SCOTLAND: FUTURE FUNDING FRAMEWORK		If you are a voluntary organisation delivering arts, creative and cultural activities, check the updated planning timetable for multi-year funding published this week by Creative Scotland. Their Open Fund also relaunches in October. Information sessions to follow.
CREATIVE SCOTLAND: OPEN FUND: SUSTAINING CREATIVE DEVELOPMENT	The fund is open all year round – with no deadlines	Grants up to £100,000 over one year are available for charities, organisations and groups involved in the arts, screen and creative industries to adapt, respond and sustain practice. The fund will continue to support organisations to deliver a wide range of creative activity. This includes funding for: • a specific one-off project or production or • a period of creative research and development or • a longer term programme of work. It can also support organisations to undertake business and organisational development that will: • enhance their business sustainability through the development of new or more diverse income streams or • consider broader organisational development costs. Eligible organisations can apply for funding between £1k and £100k for projects or programmes lasting up to 18 months.
CYCLING SCOTLAND: CYCLING FRIENDLY GRANTS	-	Grants up to £20,000 are available for community groups and voluntary organisations for local projects that will improve cycling facilities and increase the number of people cycling. Other funding programmes are available.

CYCLING TOURISM FACILITIES FUND (HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS ENTERPRISE) MOVE YOUR CYCLING FACILITIES UP A GEAR		This fund is for businesses and community enterprises operating in the tourism sector to develop and enhance their cycle tourism facilities. The minimum grant is £5,000 up to a maximum of £25,000 for capital expenditure, which will cover up to 50% of total eligible project costs. Funding can be used towards a variety of capital projects including investing in fixtures, fittings, construction, adaptation, or upgrade of premises to improve cycling tourism facilities. Examples of eligible projects include: • New secure covered cycle storage • New open cycle parking, sheltered cycle parking • Enhancement of existing cycle parking/storage increase capacity and/or security • Lockers and storage • Drying facilities • Bike maintenance equipment
DELAMERE DAIRY	29 February 2024	If you would like to talk to someone about the fund, email enquiries@hient.co.uk . Applications are welcome from charities and organisations whose purpose fits with the objects of the
FOUNDATION		Delamere Dairy Foundation for the benefit of the public, which are:
		The advancement of agriculture and of environmental protection
		 The advancement in life of young people by developing their capabilities so that they may mature as contributory members of society
		The relief of financial hardship
		The advancement of education
		The relief of sickness
		Applications are open in Spring and Autumn. The application window for the Spring 2024 Panel closes on 29 February 2024. Decisions will be made in April, and funding granted in May.
	29th February	Grants of £250 - £5,000 are available for local projects that help strengthen communities across England,
FOUNDATION	2024	Scotland and Wales. The provides support for charities, community groups, social enterprises and other not-
		for-profit organisations delivering projects that fit the objectives of the Foundation: • The advancement of agriculture and of environmental protection
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		contributory members of society
		The relief of financial hardship
		The advancement of education
		The relief of sickness

DEMOCRACY MATTERS COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FUND	26 Jan 2024	Impact Funding Partners is managing the Democracy Matters Community Engagement Fund 2023 on behalf of the Scottish Government and COSLA. Applications are invited from third sector organisations and community groups to this fund. The fund will open for applications on Monday 28th August 2023 and will close on Friday 26th January 2024. Funded activity must take place between 28th August and 14th February 2024. Grants of up to £300.00 are available on a rolling basis during the fund period and must be used to support conversations, events or gatherings in person or online. Following a highly inclusive process of engagement with communities in 2018, the Democracy Matters Fund has developed into phase two. Phase one showed that different places and diverse communities work best when they have local control and influence over decisions that affect them most. This fund aims to develop the thinking around how a vibrant, equal system of local democracy, where people understand their rights and actively participate in civic life, can be made to work in practice. The Fund will: • Support organisations and groups to host conversations and gather the views of people across Scotland on how we can create a system of inclusive local democracy; • Reach out to all communities across Scotland no matter how small, large or what their geographical influences are; • Reach out to marginalised individuals and communities whose voices are not heard. For further information, guidance on how to apply and relevant documents, please visit our webpage here: https://bit.ly/DM23-24
DEVELOPMENT GRANT FUNDING FOR BUSINESSES AND THIRD SECTOR ORGANISATIONS	n/a	The Shetland Islands Council Economic Development Grant Scheme provides grants of up to £25,000 to businesses and third sector organisations in Shetland. It aims to help organisations with the costs related to developing growth or research projects.
DISTRICT HEATING LOAN FUND		The District Heating Loan Fund provides capital loan funding of more than £1 million to organisations in Scotland that use renewables technologies to build out heat networks.

DPO CENTRE CHARITY AND COMMUNITY FUND	Reopens 1 January 2024.	The DPO Charity Fund provides access to data protection consultancy services at an 80% funded rate. Eligible charities can apply for funding towards: Information Asset Register and Data Mapping Policy Drafting and Review Impact Assessments and Gap Analysis Data Protection Training Data Sharing and International Transfers Privacy-by-Design Data Protection Readiness
		Organisations must:
DR. GUTHRIE'S ASSOCIATION (SCOTLAND) SCIO	25 January, 25 May and 25 September	Funding is available to support disadvantaged children and young people in Scotland. Priority will be given to smaller charities whose grants can make a difference and who may find it difficult to obtain funds elsewhere. Grants are usually less than £2,000. Funding can support: • creative and outdoor pursuits for disadvantaged children and young people; and • support young unemployed people
EASY FUNDRAISING APP	n/a	The newly updated easyfundraising app enables you to easily raise money for your voluntary organisation when you shop on your phone or tablet. Get money back when you shop with over 6,000 online retailers, which is then passed to your organisation as a donation, at no extra cost. Retailers include ASDA, Amazon, B&Q, Argos, Sainsbury's, eBay, Just Eat, and many more.
EBIKE BUSINESS LOAN		The eBike Business Loan offers Scottish businesses up to £30,000 interest-free to help reduce the carbon impact and fuel costs of their transport arrangements through the purchase of ebikes.
ENERGY SAVING TRUST - PLUGGED- IN COMMUNITIES GRANT FUND		The Plugged in Communities Grant Fund supports community transport operators in Scotland to purchase or lease zero emission community transport vehicles. Funding can cover the following zero-emission vehicles: Cars Light goods vehicles Minibuses Mopeds/ motorcycles

		You must provide community transport services. Community transport organisations or operators in Scotland who have been operating for at least 12 months can apply. Applications are open now and will run on a first come, first serve bases until all funding has been allocated.
ESMEE FAIRBAIRN FOUNDATION	No Deadlines	The Foundation is one of the largest independent grant-makers in the UK. In 2022, they provided £36.2m in grant funding towards a wide range of work in support of the three main aims: to improve Our Natural World, secure A Fairer Future and nurture Creative, Confident Communities. They also have a £45m allocation to social investments and a £10m allocation to impact investments. It funds work towards the organisation's three main strategic aims:
		Our Natural World
		A Fairer Future
		Creative, Confident Communities
EUROPEAN YOUTH FOUNDATION	15 January, 15 May 2024	The European Youth Foundation (EYF) provides financial and educational support to a wide range of youth projects, focusing on a range of different topics. Whether projects take place at local or international level, EYF-supported projects all share some common characteristics. Learn more about these characteristics and check examples of projects supported at the dedicated page.
FAITH IN COMMUNITY SCOTLAND	Ongoing	Grants up to £500 are available for any local faith group or related organisation working primarily in a small, specific geographic community to tackle poverty and climate change. Top-up grants are available for mentoring support.
FAMILY FUND MOBILITY SUPPORT (FFMS) SCHEME	n/a	The Family Fund has announced £5 million worth of funding for the Mobility Support scheme (FFMS). The fund will provide crucial support to families with a seriously ill or disabled child under three with mobility needs.
FCC SCOTTISH ACTION FUND	2024-2 Round opens 20 March 2024, closes at 5.00pm on 5 June 2024.	 The FCC Scottish Action Fund offers funding to projects through the Scottish Landfill Communities Fund (SLCF). It will consider applications across all types of projects included in the SLCF: Land Reclamation (Object A): The reclamation, remediation, restoration or other operation on land to facilitate economic, social or environmental use. Community Recycling (Object B): Community based recycling, re-use and waste prevention projects. Public Amenities and Parks (Object C): To provide, maintain or improve a public park or other public amenity.

	opens 18 September 2024 closes at 5.00pm on 4 December 2024.	 Biodiversity (Object D): The conservation or promotion of biological diversity through the provision, conservation, restoration or enhancement of a natural habitat or the maintenance or recovery of a species in its natural habitat. Historic Buildings (Object E): The maintenance, repair or restoration of a building, other structure or a site of archaeological interest which is a place of religious worship, or a site of historic or architectural or archaeological interest and is open to the public.
FIT FOR LIFE FOUNDATION: GRANTS FOR PIONEERING HEALTHY AGING INITIATIVES	15th February 2024	Every year, the Fit for Life Foundation awards grants of EUR 100,000 each to 3 to 4 non-profit organisations or social enterprises that are pioneering projects to promote healthy ageing around the world. This multi-year support enables Laureates to steadily scale up their programs, while building public awareness of the importance of healthy aging for communities. The mission and activities of the applicant organisation or initiative must directly address healthy ageing for older (65+ years) or middle-aged people (45+ years). They welcome solutions relevant to: physical fitness, mental health, mental well-being, exercise and sport, mobility, nutrition, at-home care, community support for older people, prevention of non-communicable diseases (NCDs), and other forms of preventative health support.
		You can find further information and how to apply <u>here</u> , or alternatively you can nominate an organisation for funding support <u>here</u> .
FOUNDATION SCOTLAND - MARY JANET KING FUND	Applications can be submitted at any time and decisions take approximately 10 weeks from receipt of your application.	Grants up to £5,000 are available to for Scottish grassroots and community groups working with young people in arts and music, particularly with activities that encourage the uptake of music. The fund supports piano scholarships at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland in Glasgow but also welcomes applications from community groups working with young people in arts and music. They are particularly interested in projects which are helping young people to take up music. Priority will be given to grassroots organisations.
FOYLE FOUNDATION SMALL GRANTS SCHEME	No deadline	The small grants scheme supports smaller UK registered charities with an annual turnover of less than £150,000 a year, especially those working at grassroots and local community level, in any field, across a wide range of activities. One year grants of between £2,000 and £10,000 are made towards core costs, projects, essential equipment or building projects provided charities can demonstrate this makes a significant difference to their work.

		Priority will be to support local charities still active in their communities which are currently delivering services to the young, vulnerable, elderly, disadvantaged or the general community. Applications take up to four months to process.
FRIENDS PROVIDENT FOUNDATION	Monday 15 January 2024 at 5pm	Charities, social enterprises, and private companies can apply for funding for projects and activities that help to create fairness and sustainability in the economy. The funding is being made available through the Foundation's 4D Economy Grants to support the development of new economic approaches based on the four D's: Diversified, Decarbonised, Democratised and Decentralised. They operate a rolling application process, with four review points across the year.
FUNDING SUPPORT FOR CLEAN ENERGY TRANSITION		The Clean Energy Transition Partnership is a competitive funding call that aims to get as many Scottish companies as possible involved in developing new clean energy solutions. There is a 2-stage application process. Scottish Enterprise can only consider projects that have already been selected through the Clean Energy Transition Partnership ranking process. The ranking process is an independent evaluation by a group of international experts. Only the highest-ranking projects will receive funding.
GOOGLE AD GRANTS	n/a	There are 10 modules that describe specific topics and/or challenges that applicants should address in their project proposal. Applicants must choose and apply to a specific module in their proposal. Ad Grants provides access to in-kind advertising every month for text ads and you will also get access to tools to help you build effective marketing campaigns. This support can be used to help attract donors, raise
GRASSROOTS ACTI VITY DEMENTIA FUND	Opens 1 September	awareness for your organisation, and recruit volunteers with in-kind advertising on Google Search. The Encouraging and Supporting Grassroots Activity (ESGA) 2023 Fund has £170,000 for groups and individuals in Scotland to run projects within their community supporting people affected by dementia. People looking to set up new projects, or those running already existing groups or activities, are welcome to apply for funding from £5,000 to £20,000 to cover a 12-month period. Collaborative bids considered.
GREEN JOBS CAPITAL FUND		This fund helps businesses and social enterprises in the Highlands and Islands to create and preserve jobs that produce goods or services that benefit the environment. This could be by conserving natural resources, or creating more environmentally friendly processes in those organisations. For this fund, green jobs are considered (one of the following):

		 jobs in businesses that provide goods or services that benefit the environment or conserve natural resources - for example, any job in a renewables or low carbon technology company, including warehouse and office staff, engineers and researchers jobs that focus on making an organisation's production processes more environmentally friendly or use fewer natural resources, either as their main focus or as part of a wider role - for example, a designated sustainability officer, or a purchasing manager who aims to source more sustainable materials and suppliers
		The funding is to be used only for capital expenditure to support these jobs. This can include spending on equipment, machinery, fixtures and fittings and information technology infrastructure.
		The application process has 2 stages. The first stage is to complete the online expression of interest form on the Highlands and Islands Enterprise website. There is no deadline for this.
		Your expression of interest form will be reviewed. If your application meets the basic criteria, you'll be allocated a development manager who will advise you on what you need to provide to make a stage 2 application.
		If your application is unsuccessful, Highlands and Islands Enterprise will explain why and will highlight other support options where possible.
HEAT NETWORK FUND: APPLICATION GUIDANCE	n/a	The Scottish Government is making £300 million available over the next parliamentary session to support the development and rollout of zero emission heat networks across Scotland. This fair and open fund aims to stimulate commercial interest, investment and maximise Scotland's vast potential in the low carbon sector, whilst contributing to the positive progress on reducing Scotland's greenhouse gas emissions.
HENRY SMITH CHARITY - IMPROVING LIVES GRANT	There are no deadlines and applications can be submitted at any time.	The Improving Lives grant programme provides grants of between £20,000 and £60,000 for charities, not-for-profit organisations and social enterprises within the UK to help people when other sources of support have failed. There are six priority areas. • Help at a critical moment • Positive choices • Accommodation / housing support • Employment and training • Financial inclusion, rights and entitlements • Support networks and family

HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS COMMUNITY CLIMATE ACTION FUND		The Climate Hub is delighted to offer small grants to community groups for community engagement or seed funding for a community climate action project. This grant is available to existing and emerging community groups. If you need any help or assistance with our funding application form, please get in touch with us. Funding is awarded on a rolling monthly basis as we receive it. If demand for funding is heavy within a one-month period, we may roll your application into the next month but will keep you updated. Groups can apply for up to £500 for a single project or £1000 for a collaboration project: https://www.nhclimatehub.co.uk/highlands-and-islands-community-climate-action-fund NEW * discretionary funding available for larger innovative projects, think pilot projects, feasibility.
HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT GRANTS PROGRAMME		Historic Environment Scotland provides a range of grants and funding schemes to organisations developing projects that will benefit Scotland's historic environment. Funding applications can focus on any aspect of Scotland's historic environment. To apply, you'll need to submit an initial expression of interest. A grants manager will then respond. If your expression of interest is approved, you'll be invited to submit a full application with more detailed information about the project. Express Grants (£1,000 to £25,000) – open all year Small Grants (£25,001 to £100,000) – deadlines 30 April; 31 August; 31 December Large Grants (£100,001 to £500,000) - 30th June; 31st October; 28th/ 29th February
HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT SCOTLAND: NEW GRANTS FRAMEWORK	n/a	This is a new, major place-based fund that will support community-led regeneration of historic environment assets and strengthen local traditional skills.
IAN FINDLAY PATH FUND – PATHS FOR ALL		Grants of £10,000 - £100,000 (match funding required) for community groups and educational establishments towards path management projects that: improve accessibility and resilience of existing paths between homes, community facilities, active travel routes and public transport facilities; remove barriers to make existing paths more accessible to more people; link paths to community destinations such as homes and public transport connections; improve and create routes to aid the development of 20-minute neighbourhoods.
JEANS FOR GENES GRANT PROGRAMME		The annual <u>Jeans for Genes</u> campaign raises money and awareness, uniting schools, organisations and individuals to help fund and support incredible charities and groups all over the UK that provide vital services to the genetic condition community. By supporting the resilience and sustainability of organisations serving the genetic condition community the Programme hopes to achieve their ambition that every individual in the

		UK living with a genetic condition and their families, are able to access the appropriate support at the time they need it so that they feel supported, valued and included.
KELLY FAMILY CHARITABLE TRUST	1 September 1 March	Interested in funding charities whose activities involve the whole family, in initiatives that seek to tackle issues that face one or more of its members, and whose aims include the strengthening of family bonds by helping all elements of the family unit to grow together and support each other.
		They are also interested in charities that support families which have been the subject of domestic abuse and violence and families of prisoners. Grants will generally be in the range of £1,000 to £5,000, but Trustees will consider requests for higher amounts.
KING CHARLES III CHARITABLE	Opens January 2024	This new programme focuses on supporting projects that contribute to the environment, countryside, social inclusion, health and wellbeing, education, heritage and conservation.
FUND - SMALL GRANTS		Each year, the fund will allocate grants of up to £5,000 to about 100 community-based organisations, those with an annual income of less than £1 million and two years of activity.
LEATHERSELLERS' COMPANY SMALL GRANTS PROGRAMME		Small one-off grants up to a maximum of £5,000 are open to applications from UK charities that are: currently supporting vulnerable people in their community; working in geographical areas of high deprivation (within the UK); and have an annual income under £200,000. There will be 10 rounds or opportunities to submit applications from August 2022 to June 2023. The number of applications will be capped to ensure time spent applying is proportionate to your chance of funding.
		Submissions will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. The first 45 applications after each opened round will be able to be submitted.
COMMUNITY BUILDINGS FUND CHANGES TO GUIDANCE		The Let's Do Net Zero Community Buildings Fund provides up to 80% as a grant (up to a maximum of £80,000) to decarbonise your community building by installing renewable systems such as heat pumps, solar panels, energy storage batteries and energy efficiency measures. Funding applicants told us they were facing challenges that were making it difficult to take action. We've listened, and have introduced some changes to the funding guidance.
		You said: It's challenging to get three quotes, particularly in rural areas. What we've changed: We still recommend that you seek at least three quotations to ensure you are getting the right choice of contractor for you. However, where it is not possible/practical to secure more than one quote, and where evidence of seeking additional quotes is provided and you wish to appoint a particular contractor, you can send us their quote and we can assess this for value for money.
		You said: Our project is part of a renovation, extension or new build - how can my design team support us?

LOCAL ENERGY SCOTLAND (CARES)- COMMUNITY HEAT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME		What we've changed: Where your project is part of a larger renovation or new build, written advice from one of the project's professional advisors confirming the rationale for the technology choice can be used to support your applications evidence for proposed measures. Where CARES funded measures are part of a larger construction project we will try and align our processes. Further information is available in our funding FAQs Do you have an idea for a climate-friendly way to heat your community? Support is available for communities and groups of householders across Scotland to develop their ideas about locally generated, low and zero carbon heat projects to tackle climate change. The Community Heat Development Programme, funded by the Scottish Government, aims to learn how communities and groups of householders can work together to make buildings in their communities more environmentally friendly to heat. The programme, which is expected to run until March 2025, will support eligible community organisations and groups of householders with their locally-generated heat project ideas. The feasibility work for the Community Heat Development Programme will be free to successful applicants, but the approach will require householders to work with their neighbours to gauge interest and collate and provide the appropriate property and energy consumption information that will be required. Register your interest for the community heat development programme by completing the enquiry form on our contact us webpage.
MARSH CHARITABLE TRUST	Rolling programme	The Trust focuses on providing funding which could help small organisations pay for various running costs, such as volunteer expenses, training days, equipment maintenance and other core outgoings. Grants are unrestricted and range from £300-£2,000. Successful new applicants can expect to receive a grant at the lower end of this scale. Applications are considered on the basis of the organisation's financial position, performance against charitable aims and objectives and the ratio of voluntary income against fundraising expenses. The Trust aims to build long-standing relationships with successful applicants and, subject to an annual review, continue its support over time. Applicants must be a registered charity, established for more than one financial year and able to provide a full set of their most recent Annual Report and Accounts, or the equivalent financial information if their annual income is under £25,000.

MARY JANET KING FUND	ongoing	Grants up to £5,000 for local community groups and voluntary organisations working with young people in arts and music. Priority for projects that are helping young people to take up music.
MATTHEW GOOD FOUNDATION GRANTS FOR GOOD FUND		Every three months, this fund divides £10,000 between five shortlisted projects that have a positive impact on communities, people, or the environment. Local community groups, charities, voluntary groups and social enterprises in the UK are eligible to apply. have an average annual income of less than £50,000 to apply
MCCARTHY STONE FOUNDATION	n/a	 This funding is for organisations or programmes that: Support intergenerational activity Build partnerships with charities, local schools, and community groups Support children to engage with older people in their community Promote intergenerational learning opportunities
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE - ARMED FORCES DAY	1 November to 1 March of the following year 1 March 2024	Funding is available to assist with Armed Forces Day festivities. It could be an event for your local community to a get-together with family and friends such as a picnic in the park, themed bbq, street party or fête.
MOTABILITY: ACCESSIBLE TRANS PORT	ongoing	Recently launched grants up to £4M are available for registered charities and organisations working in the Community Transport sector: • Community Transport Grants to develop and improve community transport for disabled people • The Wheelchair Sector Grant Programme will improve access to quality affordable wheelchairs.
MUSHROOM TRUST	31 Mar 2024	The trustees main focus is on protecting and enhancing green spaces in and around Edinburgh, Scotland and beyond. In particular they wish to support projects that enhance the public's enjoyment and appreciation of green spaces including the horticultural and aesthetic enhancement of green spaces. The trustees are keen to support organisations that might have difficulties in obtaining public funding from other sources. You can apply throughout the year. However, the deadline for annual donations is usually 31 March each year. The Trustees tend to meet during the course of the Summer to consider all applications.
NATIONAL CENTRE FOR RESILIENCE (NCR) COMMUNITY COUNCIL FUND	31st January 2024	The Community Council Fund is a new Grant Call for the financial year 24/25. Open to: Scottish Community Councils Grant Amount: £500 The National Centre for Resilience (NCR) is dedicated to building resilient communities across Scotland. We recognise that community-driven efforts are essential in addressing the challenges posed by natural hazards and their resulting disruptions. Through this funding initiative, the NCR aims to support Scottish Community

		Councils by providing funding to develop local resilience plans that address potential natural hazards such as heavy snow, landslides, high winds, and other disruptive events and subsequently enhance their local community preparedness and response to natural hazards. Full grant details, guidance and application form can be found here: https://www.gla.ac.uk/research/az/ncr/howtoworkwithus/#applyforfunding
NATIONAL CENTRE FOR RESILIENCE (NCR): THE THIRD SECTOR, COMMUNITY AND PRACTICE FUND BUILDING RESILIENCE TO NATURAL HAZARDS THROUGH LOCAL COMMUNITY AND PLACE-BASED APPROACHES	31st January 2024	Open to: Community Groups, Practitioners & Third Sector organisations from across Scotland Grant Amount: Up to £15,000 Application Deadline: 31st January 2024 Theme: Building Resilience to Natural Hazards through Local Community and Place-Based Approaches Intro: This funding call seeks to support 12-month projects that prioritize the adoption and implementation of local community and place-based approaches to build resilience. Projects should demonstrate a deep understanding of local issues, interconnections, and relationships within their specific setting while focusing on coordinating action and investment to improve the quality of life for their community. Additionally, projects should serve as frameworks for knowledge sharing and collaboration with other communities across Scotland facing similar challenges. Full grant details, guidance and application form can be found here: https://www.gla.ac.uk/research/az/ncr/howtoworkwithus/#applyforfunding
NATIONAL LOTTERY COMMUNITY FUND (NLCF) COST OF LIVING SUPPORT SCOTLAND		Voluntary organisations and community groups can apply for between £10,001 and £75,000 to deliver projects that help support individuals, families and communities experiencing hardship as a result of the increased cost of living. NLCF want to fund activity that means people: • have more resilience and are more able to identify ways to deal with the impact of increased cost of living in their lives • are able to shape activity in their community to address the increased cost-of-living • have more access to support and services that will help them to deal with the increased cost of living Eligible organisations can apply for funding for up to 12 months to deliver or tailor existing services, or to develop new activity. Applications with match funding are welcomed, but NLCF can fund up to 100 per cent of the costs of activity including: staff, training, volunteer expenses, equipment, premises costs, evaluation, overheads.

		This list does not cover everything, so please check with NCLF if you are unsure. For more information and details on how to apply please see web link below: Cost-of-Living Support Scotland The National Lottery Community Fund (tnlcommunityfund.org.uk)
NATIONAL LOTTERY COMMUNITY FUND AWARDS FOR ALL PROGRAMME		National Lottery Community Fund Awards for All programme has increased the maximum grant amount for community-led projects to £20,000 over two years. Awards For All supports projects that aim to help improve local communities and the lives of people most in
TROGRAMME		need. Priorities are: bringing communities together, improving places that matter to communities, enabling people to fulfil their potential and supporting people, communities and organisations facing more demand due to cost of living crisis.
		Funding for Community led projects: Awards for All can provide between £300 and £20,000 and can support projects for up to two years.
		Funding for arts and sports projects: Awards for All can provide between £300 and £10,000 and can support projects for up to 12 months.
NATIONAL LOTTERY	Ongoing	Grants from £10,001 to £200,000 to help people facing challenging circumstances.
COMMUNITY FUND – IMPROVING LIVES FUND		We know people, communities and organisations are facing increased demands and challenges as a result of the cost-of-living crisis. If you would like to talk to us about a project in response to this, please get in touch at advicescotland@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk
NATIONAL LOTTERY HERITAGE FUND	Rolling programme	The National Lottery Heritage fund is once again accepting project funding applications up to £100,000. This National Lottery funding is there to help the heritage community recover from the effects of the pandemic, and re-engage with the communities hardest hit over the last year. Grants between £3,000 and £100,000 are available to organisations working with heritage to build their resilience and engage with those most in need in our communities.
		Applications are welcome from community groups that are not heritage-based but can deliver heritage focused activity and have not previously received a grant from The National Lottery Heritage Fund.
		Heritage can be anything from the past that you value and want to pass on to future generations. Heritage can mean different things to different people. As a guide heritage could include people's memories and experiences, cultural traditions, nature, community archaeology, collections of objects, books or documents in museums, libraries and archives, history of people and communities or places and events and places and objects linked to our maritime and transport history.

		You can apply whenever you are ready, your application will be assessed within eight weeks.
NATIONWIDE		Community Grants supports projects which provide housing solutions. Applications are open to any
COMMUNITY GRANT		organisations that provide solutions to help:
		Prevent people from losing their home
		Help people into a home
		Support people to thrive within the home environment
		Charities, Community Land Trusts and housing co-operatives who are making positive changes in their local
		areas can apply. Apply as soon as possible as applications will close once the cap has been reached. The
		cap for each region is 40 applications.
NATURE	Monday 29	The Nature Restoration Fund has two streams, Helping Nature, awarding grants of £25,000 to £250,000 and
RESTORATION		Transforming Nature, for grants of £250,000 upwards, including development phase funding.
	noon for a	The mediation Nation Declaration Found (NDF) is to bishetest the action and ded to another and action
	decision in late	The goal of the Nature Restoration Fund (NRF) is to kickstart the action needed to protect and restore
	April/early May	Scotland's biodiversity on land and sea. For the 'Helping Nature' stream of this fund, they are keen to encourage and support partnership projects that can make the transformational changes needed to restore
	Thursday 25 April	nature at the required scale and pace
	2024 at 12 noon	Inature at the required scale and pace
	for a decision in	The fund specifically encourages projects that restore wildlife and habitats on land and sea, and address
	July	biodiversity loss and climate change.
	n/a	Match-funded grants up to £50,000 are available to public, third and community sector organisations for
THE SMARTER		projects that encourage people to change their everyday travel behaviours to cut Scotland's carbon
CHOICES, SMARTER		emissions, improve air quality and tackle health inequalities.
PLACES (SCSP)		
OPEN FUND		
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PAUL HAMLYN	Ongoing	Organisations addressing inequalities of opportunity to access and participate in the arts. The Foundation
FOUNDATION: ARTS		wants to support change in the way the arts are created, presented, accessed and experienced
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PARTICIPATION		
POUNDLAND	n/a	The Poundland Foundation supports organisations working to transform communities and change lives
FOUNDATION		across the UK. Their first grant window is Kits 4 Kids.
TOURDATION		Local kids' sports teams can apply for a grant of up to £750 to be spent on new kit (essential clothing only
		e.g. football shirt and shorts. We can't fund extras like coats or waterproofs).

POUNDS FOR PURPOSE		Pounds for Purpose offers £500 awards for project costs to young people in Scotland aged 16 to 26 who have an idea to make a positive difference to their community or the environment. Projects must be developed by the young person or persons applying and report back within 6 months. Projects with themes that bring about positive change will be supported such as: Tackling inequality. Bringing people together to reduce isolation. Promoting positive mental health. A greener world – reducing negative impact on the environment and creating a more sustainable future. Caring for others – working to support and look after vulnerable members of society.
ROSS AND LIDDELL - COMMUNITY BURSARY PROGRAMME	n/a	Small grants are available to local community organisations in Scotland that make a vital difference to their local area. Previous grants have been awarded to youth drama groups, sports clubs, mental health charities, early years groups and many more. See funder website for examples of previous awards
SAVE OUR WILD ISLES COMMUNITY FUND		Aviva, in partnership with WWF and the RSPB, is giving £1 million to support community groups across the UK to protect and restore nature in their local area. WWF, the RSPB and Aviva have come together to launch the Save Our Wild Isles Community Fund to make it easier for communities to take action for nature. From creating community gardens and replanting wildflower meadows, to protecting local wildlife and promoting community connection to nature – together we can help communities around the UK bring nature back to life and make our isles wilder. CEMVO Scotland and EMEN can help and are working with the Save Our Wild Isles Community Fund to help support organisations in Scotland who are keen to apply. Whether you're looking for support with your application, peer-to-peer training, or the opportunity to meet likeminded people in your area - join a support network near you! If you're based in Scotland, please reach out to Aekus Kamboj from CEMVO Scotland via email at Aekus.Kamboj@cemvoscotland.org.uk.
SCALE ACCELERATOR: PREVENTING CHILDHOOD SEXUAL VIOLENCE		Spring Impact has now opened applications for Scale Accelerator: Preventing Childhood Sexual Violence. Supported by Oak Foundation, the programme provides fully-funded consultancy for ambitious NGOs working on reducing the number of children that experience sexual violence across the EU and UK. The programme is designed to help organisations reach more people with their work and drive change at a much larger scale. By taking part, participants will gain a clear, actionable plan and strategy for scale,

		frameworks and tools to build the capacity of their wider team, and the mindsets and confidence needed to make the journey to scale sustainable, achievable, and a whole lot easier. All eligible NGOs will be granted a free place on Getting Scale Ready, a 5-week online course designed to kick-start your journey to scale. The completion of this course will be the first step in the application process.
SCOT GOVT/CORRA FOUNDATION - LOCAL SUPPORT FUND	n/a	The Local Support Fund is focused on community-based organisations delivering frontline services to support people who use drugs, people who are in recovery and their families. It aims to facilitate rights-based, relational support for people so that they can easily access the right support at the right time. Open to organisations with an annual income of up to £500,000. Applicants can be charities, social enterprises, community groups and other voluntary organisations. Funding of up to £50,000 per year for four years.
SCOT GOVT/CORRA FOUNDATION - MICRO GRANTS	n/a	The Local Support Fund – Micro Grants are focused on supporting small community-based groups to deliver frontline services to support people who use or used drugs, people in recovery and/or families affected by someone else's drug use. Micro Grants are for organisations with an annual income of up to £50,000 Applicants can be charities, social enterprises or constituted community/voluntary groups that operate on a not-for-profit basis. Funding from £1,000 to £10,000 per year for up to four years can be requested.
SCOTTISH CO- INVESTMENT FUND	n/a	The Scottish Co-Investment Fund from Scottish Enterprise provides match-funding for Scottish start-up, early-stage or growing companies that are seeking investment alongside accredited co-investment partners to support their growth plans. Funding is typically available in amounts from £100,000 up to £2 million, as part of a total deal size that typically ranges from £200,000 up to £10 million.
SCOTTISH LAND FUND	See guidelines	The Scottish Land Fund supports rural and urban communities to become more resilient and sustainable through the ownership and management of land and land assets. It offers grants of between £5,000 and £1 million to help communities take ownership of the land and buildings that matter to them, as well as practical support to develop their aspirations into viable projects. It is funded by the Scottish Government and delivered in partnership with The National Lottery Community Fund and Highlands and Islands Enterprise. There is a 2-stage application process. As a guide, the minimum time between application and funding decision is usually around 4 months. To apply, contact The National Lottery Community Fund Scotland to discuss your idea

		at <u>advicescotland@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk</u> or on <u>0300 123 7110</u> . If your project is eligible you will be assigned a Scottish Land Fund Adviser from Highlands and Islands Enterprise, who will help you develop your idea and get ready to submit your application.
SCREWFIX FOUNDATION (UK)		Offer grants of up to £5,000 to support UK registered charities and not-for-profit organisations, projects, that will improve community facilities used by those in need throughout the UK. Before applying, your organisation must: • Be a registered charity or not for profit organisation. • Help those in need. This could be by reason of financial hardship, sickness, distress or other disadvantages in the UK. • Be looking for funding to support projects that relate to the repair, maintenance, improvement or construction of homes, community buildings and other buildings.
_	31 May and 30 November	Shetland Amenity Trust's Heritage Grant Fund has been updated and from next financial year applications will be considered twice annually with closing dates of 31 May and 30 November. Shetland Amenity Trust may fund heritage initiatives which align with its strategic aims and can fund up to 90% of project costs up to a maximum of £5,000. Full details are available via their website https://www.shetlandamenity.org/grant-fund There is a small outstanding balance in the 2022-23 fund and the Trust will accept applications up to 31 January. Prospective applicants are encouraged to talk through their project ideas in advance and should contact info@shetlandamenity.org so they can be referred to the relevant officer. Details of the revised scheme and application form attached for your information.
SHETLAND BUSINESS START UP GRANT		 The Shetland Business Start-Up Grant is funded jointly by Shetland Islands Council's Economic Development Service and Highlands and Islands Enterprise. The grant is administered by the Business Gateway Shetland team and is open to applications from new small businesses located in Shetland. The objectives of the fund are to: Ensure early engagement of new business starts with Business Gateway, who will support the production of business plans, cash flow forecasts and provide early stage support to help improve viability, increase ongoing sustainability and growth. Provide new business start-ups with funds to support capital investment, training costs and marketing and promotion. Encourage and support young entrepreneurs and new businesses which will contribute to Shetland's transition to net zero.

SHETLAND CHARITABLE TRUST - SMALL GRANT SCHEME INFORMATION FOR 22/23	Rolling programme	In the first instance, applicants should contact Business Gateway Shetland to discuss the project and check eligibility. A business adviser will be assigned and will provide guidance and assistance to develop the project and to support submission of the required information, including the business plan and financial forecast. Prior to submitting an application, applicants will be expected to take part in a Business Gateway start-up workshop/webinar, if reasonably practicable. Business Gateway offers a broad range of regular webinars, and more detail can be found here. Please note that all Business Gateway services are free of charge. All applications will be assessed and verified against the grant criteria by Business Gateway Shetland. All decisions are subject to the availability of funds. It is possible that all eligible applicants may not receive funding. For more details, including grant eligibility, please use this link. To apply, prospective applicants should contact us in the first instance by email at businessgateway@shetland.gov.uk or by phoning 01595 707451, or by speaking to your Business Gateway Adviser if you already have one assigned. The Small Grant Scheme, which is open to constituted community groups with a turnover of less than £50,000 per annum, is currently open to enquiries for 2022/23. There currently is not a closing date set for the Small Grant Scheme as it is open for applications on a rolling programme for 2022-23 Applicants can apply for a grant of £500 - £5,000 for projects, services or activities that meets one or more of the Trust's funding strands and will promote inclusion and reduce inequality issues in Shetland. The guidance for the Small Grant Scheme is attached and if this is something you would like to discuss further, please get in touch with Shetland Charitable Trust directly via e-mail at: grants@shetlandcharitabletrust.co.uk Alternatively, the Scheme will open to applications for 2023/24 later this year.
SHIFT SCOTLAND - CYCLING UK		Specialist support and funds to run a programme of activities in the local community to empower more people to use bicycles for short journeys.
SOCIAL HOUSING NET ZERO HEAT FUND		This Scottish Government fund will help social housing landlords across Scotland install zero emission heating systems and energy efficiency measures. The funding can be used for the retrofit or refurbishment of existing housing and is not for new build social housing.

SP ENERGY NETWORKS' TRANSMISSION NET ZERO FUND		The SP Energy Networks' Transmission Net Zero Fund, which aims to help communities develop their net zero plans, is approaching its funding support stage. Eligible organisations that have projects meeting the Net Zero Fund criteria will be able to apply for funding support. We have launched our Transmission Net Zero Fund to help vulnerable communities develop their net zero plans to ensure that no one is left behind on the Scotland's journey to Net Zero. Net Zero means we need to decarbonise buildings, electrify transport and rethink how we power and heat our homes. We want to enable our communities' decarbonisation plans and a just transition for all, so this fund will help them develop robust routes to achieving Net Zero. We're looking forward to supporting them to be well underway with delivery of their plans by 2030 (#FutureFor30) which will in-turn, support Scotland's ambitious Net Zero targets. The fund will operate in three phases - initially delivering community workshops, secondly, supporting development of formal plans and finally, providing funding support.
SPORTSCOTLAND: SPORTS FACILITIES FUND	1 April and 1 September each year	Grants up to £100,000 are available for sports clubs, community organisations and social enterprises to provide or upgrade community sports facilities. Priority for activities that will promote inclusion and return to sport. Contact SportScotland before starting your application.
SUSTRANS - LOVE YOUR NETWORK GRANT FUND	5 Feb 2024	Grants of equipment and training bundles for community groups delivering projects which will benefit people or wildlife on the traffic-free paths of the National Cycle Network in Scotland. With a Love Your Network grant, groups can access: • Equipment for litter picking – to transform the safety and attractiveness of your local path • Tools for maintenance and wildlife management tasks – from shovels and brushes to clear debris, to scythes and seeds for creating and maintaining a wildflower meadow • Workshops in wildlife identification and recording – so you can find out more about the birds, bees, butterflies, and other wildlife in your area.
TECHSTART VENTURES EQUITY FINANCE		The Scottish Growth Scheme is a package of financial support for small and medium enterprises in Scotland. As part of this, Techstart Ventures Equity Finance offer equity finance of up to £2 million for eligible businesses. It can be used for growth funding, research and development, working capital and capital expenditure.
TESCO STRONGER STARTS		Tesco Stronger Starts will award funding to schools and organisations working with schools to provide nutritious food and activities/resources to boost physical health and mental wellbeing in children and young people. Funding up to £1500 is available for projects and Tesco customers will be able to choose which

REPLACING TESCO COMMUNITY GRANTS		project receives the most funding by voting in store every time they shop. The scheme is open to registered charities and not-for-profit organisations, via an on-line application form. Greenspace Scotland's team of friendly Community Enablers can support you to apply or answer any questions. Examples of eligible projects include: School Breakfast clubs Holiday clubs Play areas Food banks Counselling and support services for children Equipment or non-statutory services for nurseries or schools e.g. forest schools, library books Equipment for Brownie, Guide or Scout Groups e.g. camping equipment, badges Services or equipment to support children and young people's health Equipment/kit for youth sports teams Please note that this programme will replace Tesco Community Grants. Applications already made to Tesco Community Grants will still be eligible and assessed for the Stronger Starts fund.
THE BIG GIVE - THE GREEN MATCH FUND	16 January 2024. Next deadline: 16 Jan 2024	The Green Match Fund is a match funding campaign for charities which are working on environmental issues. Each participating charity will be awarded a ring-fenced amount of match funding which will be used to match public donations.
THE CLOTHWORKERS' FOUNDATION		The Clothworkers' Foundation has recently expanded the eligibility criteria for our Open Grants Programmes and it may be of interest to the organisations that you support. We now offer capital grants for digital infrastructure projects and will consider applications for products and software (such as websites, databases and apps). You can find full guidance on digital infrastructure applications here .
THE DULVERTON TRUST	Rolling	The Trust awards grants to UK charities registered in Scotland, England and Wales. Single year grants range from £25,000 to £35,000 with preference given to medium sized charities, meaning charities with an annual income between £200,000 and £3m. Youth Opportunities is the largest category and aims to support charities that help socio-economically disadvantaged children and young people aged 25 and under to develop life skills that enable them to thrive

		and foster employability skills and skills to succeed at school. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and Trustee meetings are held in February, June and October. It is recommended to apply at least 3 months in advance of the meeting that considers the application.
THE FAMILY RECOVERY INITIATIVE FUND		The FRIF offers one-off grants of up to £5000 to groups that support families affected by alcohol and drugs in Scotland. The aim of FRIF is to improve the wellbeing of family members affected by someone else's harmful substance use based on creating opportunities for people to connect with other people through group activities, and if required, access further support (with this group or through services). The FRIF is funded by the Scottish Government Drugs Policy Unit and is supported and managed by Scottish Families. If you are interested in applying for a grant from the Family Recovery Initiative Fund, the first step is to contact Debra Nelson or Tich Watson at Scottish Families to discuss your idea: Debra: 07379830357 or debra@sfad.org.uk , Tich: 07775252380 or richard@sfad.org.uk
THE FORE TRUST	Spring 2024 – opens 12 noon on 6 December and closes 12 noon on 13 December. Summer 2024 opens at 12 noon on 10 April 2024 and closes at 12 noon on 17 April 2024	 A grant of up to £30,000 of unrestricted funding spread over 1 to 3 years. Access to free, highly skilled support provided by experienced professionals. Access to their programme of skills training workshops, covering areas such as fundraising, communications, finance, strategy and more. A fully funded place on an impact measurement course. You can watch their webinar here to understand how you can make the best possible application for funding. You will need to register your interest. Registration will be open for one week from 12pm (midday) on Wednesday 6th December to 12pm (midday) on Wednesday 13th December. During this time, please register your interest here. You can find further information, full eligibility criteria, application guidelines, and the timetable of funding rounds here. If you have any questions, they are happy to help —
THE GROCER'S	Deadlines for	please email: info@thefore.org The Grocers' Charity typically provides one-off grants up to £5,000 for U.K. registered charities working in
CHARITY -	initial enquiry forms are:	the following areas:
MEMORIAL GRANTS	12 January 2024	 Relief of Poverty The Elderly
		Disability

		 Health Military Heritage and The Arts Environment Children and Young People In 2023 they are leaning towards, but not exclusively funding, applications which support youth e.g., preventing (re)offending; helping those struggling due to financial hardship; and environment charities helping to reduce plastic waste and reducing emissions. Up to 3 weeks after the deadline, you will receive an email letting you know if your initial application will proceed to the second stage. You will have one week to complete the second stage form.
THE HOSPITAL SATURDAY FUND - GRANTS FOR INDIVIDUALS	Grant meetings are held quarterly	 For Individuals: The Hospital Saturday Fund will consider giving partial or full grants to individuals for the following: Specialised mobility equipment, wheelchairs, mobility scooters, car adaptions, medical appliances and aids, hearing aids, nebulisers, specialised vision aids, specialised computer equipment, therapeutic equipment/treatment, orthopaedic beds, mattresses or pillows, riser /recliners chairs, lift hoist/aids. Physiotherapy, Hydrotherapy, Acupuncture, Speech Therapy, Osteopathy, Chiropractic treatment, Reflexology, Massage Therapy and Aromatherapy. Home adaptations, walk in showers, accessibility adaptations to bathrooms, access ramps, non-slip flooring, stair lifts.
THE HOSPITAL SATURDAY FUND - LARGE GRANTS	Grant meetings are held quarterly	Grants up to £10,000 are available for registered health charities, charitable hospices and medical organisations for a range of capital projects, research, training and running costs. Applications are considered quarterly. The Hospital Saturday Fund will consider giving grants towards medical capital projects, medical care or research and in support of medical training. The Hospital Saturday Fund will also consider grants for running costs.
THE JOHN ELLERMAN FOUNDATION - MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES FUND	open for applications from 16 October 2023 until 9 January 2024	Funding is available to help strengthen regional museums and galleries in the UK by helping organisations to enhance and sustain curatorial development to attract a broader public. They are keen to fund work which has a legacy within and beyond the organisation and are particularly interested in proposals which: enable new ways of working both for established curators or those just starting out ensure organisations are able to safeguard and advance curatorial skills and make the most of opportunities at a time of development or change.

THE NATIONAL LOTTERY COMMUNITY FUND - CLIMATE ACTION FUND	Ongoing	Grants of up to £1.5 million over two to five years are available for community-led partnerships in the UK to make changes in their community that they believe will have the biggest impact on climate change.
THE PIXEL FUND		This Fund provides grants of between £2,500 and £5,000 to charities based in the UK in order to support the improvement in mental health and well-being of children and young adults. Eligible organisations must demonstrate a measurable difference to the charities' users and be core-focussed on mental-health-related matters. A strong preference is given to organisations with an annual income of under £10m. Applications are reviewed quarterly.
THE RAYNE FOUNDATION		Grants for charitable and not-for-profit organisations across the UK that work in the fields of arts, health and wellbeing, education and social issues. No deadlines for applications. This Foundation makes grants to charitable and not-for-profit organisations across the UK that work in the fields of arts, health and wellbeing, education and social issues and undertake projects that directly benefit marginalised groups. The Foundation considers applications that meet a broad range of criteria but also welcomes especially applications that address the following issues. • Young people's improved mental health • Arts as a tool to achieve mental health • Improved quality of life for carers and for older people Grants target issues and organisations which do not enjoy widespread public support and typically fall in the range of £10,000 to £20,000 per annum for up to three years. Applicants should note that projects are unlikely to be funded in full. There is a two-stage application process and applications can be made at any time. Application guidelines can be downloaded on the Rayne Foundation website.
THE ROBERTSON TRUST	Ongoing	Funding to support communities affected by poverty and trauma, with a focus on early intervention, support capacity, skills and capability. Wee Grants For constituted community groups and charities with an annual income of less than £25,000 Funding of up to £2,000 for one year only Could cover revenue* or capital costs to support your work.

		Small Grants For registered charities with an annual income of between £25,000 and £100,000 Revenue funding* of between £2,000 and £15,000 for up to five years Unrestricted or restricted* funding Can include the costs of equipment to support your work.
		Large Grants For registered charities with an annual income of between £100,000 and £2 million Revenue funding* of between £15,000 and £50,000 for up to five years Unrestricted or restricted funding* Can include the costs of equipment to support your work.
		Community Vehicle Grants For registered charities with an annual income of between £25,000 and £2 million Funding of up to £10,000 for a vehicle to support your work.
THE ST. JAMES'S PLACE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION	No deadline	The St. James's Place Foundation is the charitable arm of the St James's Place Wealth Management Group which aims to improve the quality of life for children and young people in need as a result of disability or disadvantage.
		Small grants of up to £10,000 are available to UK Registered Charities with an annual income of up to £750,000. A small number of major grants are also available to UK Registered Charities with an annual income of up to £8m.
		The foundation will support projects that provide directly for under-25s in the UK who suffer from physical or mental health difficulties or conditions, or a life-threatening or degenerative illness. This includes young people under 25 caring for others.
		There are no deadlines or closing dates for applications. <u>Applications for funding</u> can be made via an online application form.
THE STEEL CHARITABLE TRUST	11 Jan 2024	The Trustees prefer applications to fall into one of the five core categories below, although applications that fall outside these will be considered in exceptional circumstances: • Arts and Heritage • Economic or social disadvantage • Education

		 Environment Health There are no focus areas within the categories of Arts and Heritage, Education or Environment. Applications for the Health category, must have a focus on one of the following: programmes and activities that aim to support, maintain and improve mental health in any demographic health care for older people Applications for the Social or Economic Disadvantage category, must have a focus on one of the following: disadvantaged children housing and homeless people Applications can be made at any time. Applications are normally considered according to the timescales shown: 21 October - 15 January (12 noon on 11 January in 2024) (reviewed mid-March for decisions early April) 16 January - 15 April (reviewed mid-June for decisions early July) 16 April - 15 July (reviewed mid-September for decisions early October) 16 July - 15 October (12 noon on 11 October in 2023) (reviewed mid-December for decisions early January) Applicants are encouraged to submit applications early in the application period to allow more time for their review.
THE THREE GUINEAS TRUST	Applications open in early 2024. Access to legal advice: Deadline 12 January 2024	 Funding for work to support the autonomy, liberty and civil rights of autistic, neurodiverse and disabled people. They currently have two open grant programmes: Access to legal advice for disabled people: This programme runs once a year and provides grants to projects providing better access to free legal advice and representation for disabled people on benefits, debt, housing, homelessness, community care, personal liberty, and equal access to goods and services. There are no restrictions on what the grant can be used for provided the funding furthers access to justice for disabled people. Grants will be awarded by a panel of 10-12 people people with lived experience of disability and learned experience of legal advice. The panel will also help shape the direction of this programme. Holiday activity schemes for autistic children and young people: This programme runs once a year and provides grants for holiday play and activity schemes for autistic children and young people.

THE WOLFSON FOUNDATION - FUNDING FOR PLACES	Round 1 - Open from 20 November - 5 January (for decisions in June) Round 2 - Open from 14 May - 1 July (for decisions in December)	The Foundation's main grants programme provides support for places. These grants are for capital initiatives, i.e. buildings (new build or refurbishment) and equipment. They fund a broad range of organisations working across the fields of education, science and medicine, health and disability, places of worship, heritage, and arts and humanities. Each category has its own specific funding criteria, more detail on which can be found on the Foundation's website. Please see the How to apply section under each specific category on the Funding for Places page. Once you've checked that your project is eligible, you can submit a Stage 1 application via the online form. It usually takes around 5 months between submitting a Stage 1 application and hearing the outcome of a Stage 2 application. If eligible, you will be invited to submit a Stage 2 application, normally around 1 month after the deadline.
TOY TRUST FUNDING		This fund supports organisations whose work benefits disadvantaged children and their families. Organisations must have unrestricted net assets of not more than £200,000 or less than one year's income to apply. Projects can: • Support children and their families through challenging experiences • Purchase vital equipment • Provide care and other vital services • Initiate brand new projects • Satisfy basic needs
TRANSPORT SCOTLAND: ACTIVE TRAVEL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES		A range of grant funding is available for local projects that will encourage more people to engage with active travel, such as walking and cycling. See this helpful directory:
• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	No deadlines and applications can be made at any time	 This grant programme supports projects in the UK which address issues in rural communities and/or areas of urban deprivation. Within these two main headings the Foundation are interested in helping established projects which work in the fields of: Community support. Arts. Education and heritage. Disability and health care. The Foundation also have a small budget for UK charities working on projects in developing countries.

UFI VOC TECH TRUST - VOCTECH ACTIVATE UFI VOC TECH TRUST - VOCTECH	Opens 2 January 2024. Closes 31 January 2024 Opens 2 January 2024. Closes 31	The VocTech Activate grant fund supports the development of new ideas that use digital tools and approaches to transform how people gain skills for work. They encourage ideas which have the potential to transform how vocational learning happens, rooted in a real-world understanding of the problems, issues and opportunities in the vocational sector. Projects will need to show how the idea is novel. Funding is to support for the development of early-stage ideas, small scale testing, proof of concept work and the development of strategies to scale once Ufi funding has ended. This could include: • Design, development and prototyping • Refining learning design • Small scale testing with users • Planning a route to market & strategies for scaling • Project Management • Evidencing impact & what works Projects must focus on adult vocational learning in the UK (be aimed at adults aged 16+) VocTech Activate is our test bed where the first spark of an idea which could solve a vocational learning problem can be scoped and tested in the supportive environment that Ufi funding provides. We grant fund
ACTIVATE GRANT FUND	January 2024	projects that are at a relatively early stage, helping to prototype ideas and work out the next steps necessary on the journey to long-term success.
UK YOUTH - COST OF LIVING FUNDING		UK Youth and Pears Foundation have launched a fund to support youth organisations through the cost of living crisis aims to benefit thousands of young people across the country. The fund aims to ensure that as many vital youth services as possible are able to keep the lights on and support young people in their local community. It will support youth organisations delivering high quality youth provision whose work is being hindered, curtailed or cut back due to rising core costs or a need to address unprecedented demand. • Youth organisations with an annual income of no more than £500,000. • Organisations must have been in operation for at least 2 years. • At least 70% of beneficiaries must be aged 8 – 25 years old. • Maximum annual income: £500,000
VOLUNTEERING MATTERS ACTION EARTH: GRANTS TO HELP LOCAL COMMUNITIES TO	n/a	Funded by NatureScot, these nature grants support volunteers of all ages, backgrounds and abilities in practical outdoor activities. Any group of volunteers are able to apply for Volunteering Matters Action Earth nature grants of between £50 and £250 to run environmental activities in Scotland's green spaces. Activities should emphasize local nature enrichment and biodiversity improvements. This could include creating or improving community gardens, shared spaces, wildflower meadows, ponds, woodlands and other wildlife habitats. We cannot support applications for activities which are primarily about food growing.

RESPOND TO OUR NATURE AND CLIMATE CRISES	For more information and to register for an Action Earth grant please visit the Volunteering Matters: website, or you can email robert.henderson@volunteeringmatters.org.uk
WARMER HOMES SCOTLAND FUND	The Scottish Government's Warmer Homes Scotland programme aims to make Scotland's homes warmer and more comfortable by supporting those struggling to pay energy bills and heat their homes. Possible support measures may include: wall and loft insulation, draught-proofing, central heating and renewables.