

# FUNDING £ALERT

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## **South Ayrshire For Funding**

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## **NORTH CARRICK COMMUNITY BENEFIT COMPANY (NCCBC)**

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

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

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

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



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

## HOW TO APPLY

For more information on how to apply please contact Claire Bryan on [admin@nccbc.org.uk](mailto:admin@nccbc.org.uk).  
Or visit the website at <https://nccbc.org.uk/about/>

## **CARRICK FUTURES**

Carrick Futures supports community projects in Carrick, South Ayrshire.

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

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

### What Can Carrick Futures Fund?

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

Awards can support a wide range of costs and activities.

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

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

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

- The proposal is for projects or activities consistent with the charitable purposes of Carrick Futures;



- Applicants have a constitution (governing document or set of rules) and are set up on a not-for-private-profit basis. However applicants do not need to be registered charities to apply.
- Applicants must provide their latest set of accounts, signed by an independent third party, and a copy of a recent bank statement.

## HOW TO APPLY

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

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## We Are Here Scotland - Creators' Fund+

Funding body:	Creative Scotland
Maximum value:	£ 2,000
Application deadline:	03/06/2024

Grants and mentorship available to Black People and People of Colour (BPOC) artists and creatives in Scotland to boost their careers.

### Further details

#### **Background**

The Creators' Fund+ is a new pilot programme provided by We Are Here Scotland and supported by the National Lottery through Creative Scotland.

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#### **Objectives of Fund**

The fund is intended to address the inequalities within Scotland's creative industries by supporting Black People and People of Colour (BPOC) creative and cultural professionals through grants and mentorship from industry professionals.

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#### **Value Notes**

Grants of £2,000 are available, plus 20 hours of mentoring from industry professionals.

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#### **Who Can Apply**

The fund is open to creative and cultural professionals who identify as Black or a Person of Colour living in Scotland.

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#### **Eligible Expenditure**

Grants are to support the development of creative businesses and can be used for various purposes including projects, development, materials, studio time, courses and personal fees related to a specific project.



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**Location**

Scotland

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**How To Apply**

Applications must be submitted online by the deadline of 3 June 2024 (11:00).

The application form and FAQs can be found on the We Are Here Scotland website.

[Creators' Fund+ — We Are Here Scotland](#)

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## Robertson Trust - Work Pathways: Programme Awards

Funding body:	Robertson Trust
Maximum value:	£ 500,000
Application deadline:	07/06/2024

Multi-year funding is available to charities, community interest companies, housing associations and credit unions in Scotland for strategic work, including policy work, campaigning, and research, focused on improving job quality to tackle in-work poverty in Scotland.

**Background**

The Robertson Trust, one of Scotland's largest independent funders, was established in 1961 by the Robertson sisters, who had inherited a controlling interest in Robertson/Baxter and Clyde Bonding Company (now known as the Edrington Group).

The Trust aims to improve the quality of life and realise the potential of people and communities in Scotland by recognising and responding to need and disadvantage, and by building the capacity and sustainability of charitable organisations. The Trust's funding strategy for 2020-30 aims to provide £200 million in funding to help to improve the lives of people and communities experiencing poverty and trauma.

The subject of this report is the Trust's Work Pathways Programme Awards which run separately from the Trust's rolling grants programme.

The Trust's rolling grants programme, [Robertson Trust](#), will be closing from 31 May 2024 until September 2024. During this time, the Trust will be making changes to its funding programme to 'sharpen the focus' of its Funds to achieve its strategic aims, but not changing those aims.

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**Objectives of Fund**

The main priority of the Fund is addressing in-work poverty in Scotland through enhancing job quality.



The Trust uses the Scottish Government's definition of in-work or working poverty 'households who live in relative poverty even though someone in the household is in paid work.' Relative poverty is defined as households where the equivalised household income is below 60% of the UK median income in the same year.

The aim of the Work Pathways Programme Awards is to support the development of new and improved work pathways out of poverty to:

- Increase earnings for low-income households.
- Reduce levels of poverty and in-work poverty over the short-term.
- Prevent and reduce poverty and trauma over the long-term.

Funding is intended to support projects focused on the following areas:

- Improving employment rates for key population groups facing structural barriers to fair work.
- Driving improved pay, conditions, and secure/increased hours for low paid workers.
- Minimising volatile earnings and maximising secure work.
- Delivering improved career progression for low-income workers.

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### **Value Notes**

Funding for up to five years is available. Project restricted revenue grants, ordinarily between £50,000 and £500,000, up to £250,000 per year are available.

It is expected that the Trust will spend £2 million through this call, depending on the level of demand and the quality of proposals received.

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### **Who Can Apply**

The following can apply:

- Registered charities.
- Asset locked Community Interest Companies (CICs must be able to demonstrate a satisfactory asset lock demonstrating how they do not distribute assets or profits to individuals or third parties).
- Housing Associations.
- Credit Unions.

Organisations do not need to be Scotland based but must be operating within Scotland.

Organisations must have:

- An annual income of more than £100,000.
- A minimum of three unconnected Trustees on the organisation's Board.
- Recent audited annual accounts.

Partnership applications are welcomed. The lead applicant must meet the eligibility criteria.

Applicants will be expected to provide the following at Stage Two:



- A safeguarding policy.
- A policy on equity and diversity.
- A Living Wage policy or an outline of progress being made towards paying the real living wage.
- A Fair Work policy including all dimensions of the Fair Work Framework (effective voice, opportunity, security, fulfilment, and respect) and especially around effective employee voice.
- A Climate Commitment Policy or outline of how core work of the lead organisation is responding to impacts and/or causes of the climate crisis.

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### **Restrictions**

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Work that could be funded through the Trust's rolling grants programme, including Large Grants.
- Direct delivery of services, unless this is testing and demonstrating a new approach which has a good potential to lead to wider change and is in line the Trust's priority areas.
- Unrestricted funding (though the Trust encourages full cost recovery and will fund a proportionate share of organisational overheads through Programme Awards).
- Wider interventions and approaches which do not have a clear connection to delivering big change that lasts on tackling poverty and trauma in Scotland.
- Projects which are about improving or changing internal organisational capacity, capabilities, or structure (unless there is a clear link to how this will improve outcomes for people experiencing poverty and/or trauma).
- Work which solely seeks to build understanding of the causes of poverty and trauma as opposed to delivering solutions on poverty and trauma.
- Restricted funding for capital projects.

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### **Eligible Expenditure**

Revenue funding is available for work that has a strong potential for change that lasts on poverty and trauma in Scotland, this includes work such as:

- Feasibility and development projects.
- Test and demonstration projects.
- Research projects with a clear and strong link to delivering change.
- Campaigning, mobilising, policy and influencing projects.

The Trust is interested in:

- Employer-focused approaches, as well as approaches that have a joint focus on the employer.
- Supporting employers to embed fair work practices across Scotland.
- Improving career progression, skills investment, and job design.
- Removing barriers to earning more (where people want to).
- Strengthening worker power, rights, and enforcement.



The Trust is seeking applications that can demonstrate a clear link between the proposed work and a long-term impact on preventing and reducing in-work poverty and trauma within the Work Pathways theme.

Organisations should incorporate meaningful and ethical co-design with people with experience of poverty and trauma.

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**Location**

Scotland

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**How To Apply**

There is a two-stage application process:

- **Stage One:** Applicants must complete an initial application. The deadline for Stage One applications is 7 June 2024 (**noon**). Applicants are expected to be informed of Stage One decisions in the week commencing 29 July 2024.
- **Stage Two:** Applicants successful at Stage One will be invited to complete a Stage Two application. Stage Two applications are expected to be open from 25 July to 4 September 2024.

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

Contact the Robertson Trust for further information.

[Work Pathways – Programme Award call | The Robertson Trust](#)

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## Eat it Up Fund

Funding body:	Starbucks UK
Maximum value:	£ 60,000
Application deadline:	14/06/2024

A small number of one-off grants are available for UK registered organisations to support innovative ideas to tackle food waste in the UK.

**Further details****Background**

The Eat it Up Fund was created in 2023 with funding provided by Starbucks (using the money coming from Starbucks 5p cup charge) in partnership with Hubbub Foundation UK, which is an environmental charity.



### **Objectives of Fund**

The fund is aimed at finding and supporting creative approaches to reducing food waste.

The fund will support UK registered organisations with an early-stage food waste project with potential for impact at scale.

The funding is for initiatives that do one or more of the following:

- Address pre-farmgate waste (the food production process, up to the point where the products have been harvested and prepared as produce for sale).
- Prevent food from being wasted at the manufacturing and processing stage.
- Minimise food waste from retailers.
- Find creative ways to use surplus food in communities or at home.

The fund can support ideas that are ready to test, or concepts that have been tested and are ready to progress further.

The focus for this funding is as high up the food waste hierarchy as possible. Priority will be given to prevention and edible recovery/ repurposing over initiatives that do not result in food being kept within the human food chain.

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### **Value Notes**

Six grants of up to £60,000 each are available in 2024.

The grant must be used within one year of funding being awarded.

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### **Who Can Apply**

Applications will be accepted from any organisation that can prove they are an officially constituted body, registered in the UK.

This includes:

- Registered charities, including charitable incorporated organisations and not for profit companies
- Social enterprises
- Community Interest Companies
- Schools, universities and colleges
- Local authorities
- Micro and small businesses with a clear social purpose (less than 50 employees and an annual turnover under £10 million)

Applications from a collaboration of organisations are welcomed as long as the lead organisation is one of the types of organisations listed above.

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### **Restrictions**

The following are not eligible for funding:





- Organisations not registered in the UK
- Initiatives not delivered in the UK
- Businesses that do not match the criteria of micro and small businesses with a clear social purpose [less than 50 employees and an annual turnover under £10 million].

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### ***Eligible Expenditure***

The funding will support specific and discrete initiative rather than core operational costs.

The funding can be spent on the following costs as long as the costs are directly attributed to the initiative being funded:

- Salaries if the person is working to deliver the initiative being funded.
- Marketing and promotion costs.
- Capital costs.

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### ***Location***

UK

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### ***How To Apply***

The fund's terms and conditions, frequently asked questions and Expression of Interest form can be found on the Eat it Up Fund website.

A Q&A webinar will be held on 4 June 2024 (11:00 to 11:45am). [Registration](#) is required for this Zoom session.

There is a two-stage application process.

- Stage one is to complete an Expression of Interest form. **The deadline for EOIs is 14 June 2024 (5pm).**
- Stage two is only open to those organisations who are invited to apply. Full applications will be accepted from 8 July 2024 to 13 September 2024.
- Successful applicants will be informed in November 2024
- Winners will be announced publicly at the end of 2024.

Contact Hubbub for further information.

[Eat It Up Fund | Hubbub x Starbucks](#)

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## Wolfson Foundation

Funding body:	Wolfson Foundation
Maximum value:	Discretionary
Application deadline:	01/07/2024

The Foundation aims to support excellence in the UK, generally through the funding of capital infrastructure in the fields of science and medicine, heritage, arts and humanities, education, and health and disability.

### **Background**

The Wolfson Foundation, established in 1955, is an independent charity that awards grants to support and promote excellence in the fields of science, health, education and the arts and humanities. The funding is intended to support capital infrastructure in these fields.

Since 1955, the Foundation has awarded over £1 billion in grants (£2 billion in real terms) to more than 14,000 projects all over the UK.

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### **Objectives of Fund**

The main objective of the Foundation is the funding of capital infrastructure in the following areas:

- Science and medicine.
- Arts and humanities.
- Heritage.
- Education.
- Health and disability.

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### **Value Notes**

The size of the grants varies across different programme areas. The usual grant ranges are:

- Charities working with disability funding – £20,000–£75,000.
- Charities working in mental health funding – £20,000–£75,000.
- Charities working with older people funding – £20,000–£75,000.
- Historic buildings and landscapes funding – £15,000–£100,000.
- Hospices and palliative care organisations funding – £30,000–£125,000.
- Libraries and archives – £15,000–£100,000.
- Museums and galleries funding – £50,000–£500,000.
- Performing arts organisations funding – £50,000–£150,000.
- Public engagement with science organisations funding – £100,000–£250,000.
- Secondary schools and sixth form colleges funding – £15,000–£50,000 (for equipment); £15,000–£100,000 (for new build and refurbishment).
- Special needs schools and colleges funding – £20,000–£75,000.
- Universities and research institutions – £250,000–£1 million.



The minimum grant available is generally £15,000 (except for universities and research institutions funding which is £100,000).

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### **Match Funding Restrictions**

Match funding is required for projects where the total project cost is above £50,000 and should be in place at the point of submission of a Stage 2 application. Match funding may include funds committed by the organisation, funds already received, as well as confirmed pledges. In the case of National Lottery Heritage Fund, the foundation generally accepts a stage 1 pass as match funding.

Match funding may include any capital costs, including VAT, related to the project. It should not include non-capital costs such as staff costs or other core funding costs.

The following match funding criteria applies:

- Arts and humanities, science and medicine or health and disability programmes - the Foundation generally requires that at least 25% of the capital costs of the project are raised before submission (unless the project cost is under £50,000).
- Schools/education programme - where the total cost of the project is above £1 million, 25% match funding is required; if the total project cost is between £50,000 and £1 million, some match funds are required; and if the total project cost is below £50,000, no match funding is required.

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### **Who Can Apply**

Applications are accepted from organisations and educational establishments in the UK which are registered charities or which have charitable status.

The Foundation accepts applications from the following types of organisation:

- Charities working with disability.
- Charities working in mental health.
- Charities working with older people.
- Historic buildings and landscapes.
- Hospices and palliative care organisations.
- Places of worship.
- Libraries and archives.
- Museums and galleries.
- Performing arts organisations.
- Public engagement with science organisations.
- Secondary schools and sixth form colleges.
- Special needs schools and colleges.
- Universities and research institutions.

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### **Restrictions**

Funding is not available for:

- Community interest companies (CICs).



- Purchase of land or existing buildings (including a building's freehold).
- Grants direct to individuals.
- Grants through conduit organisations.
- Overheads, maintenance costs and VAT.
- Non-specific appeals (including circulars) and endowment funds.
- Costs of meetings, exhibitions, concerts, expeditions, conferences, lectures, etc.
- Salary costs.
- Running costs, including vehicle fuel and maintenance.
- Film, websites or promotional materials.
- Repayment of loans.
- Projects that have already been completed or will be by the time of award.

Specific restrictions also apply to some individual types of place. Applicants are advised check the Wolfson Foundation website to confirm eligibility.

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### ***Eligible Expenditure***

The main grants programme provides support for places. These grants are for capital initiatives, ie buildings (new build or refurbishment) and equipment. The Foundation funds a broad range of organisations working across the fields of education, science and medicine, health and disability, heritage and arts and humanities.

### **Health and disability**

Support is available for:

- Organisations working with disability. Grants are awarded towards capital projects that encourage independence. The Foundation is particularly interested in projects which focus on training, employment and supported housing, especially when the project aids the transition from children's services to adults' services.
- Organisations focused on mental health. Grants are awarded towards capital projects with a particular emphasis on projects that focus on training, employment and supported housing.
- Organisations which provide care and services for older people, particularly if they have a neurodegenerative condition or are isolated. Grants are awarded towards new buildings, refurbishment work and equipment.
- Hospices and palliative care organisations which provide excellent care to patients and their families. Grants are awarded towards new buildings, refurbishment work and equipment.

### **Heritage, humanities and the arts**

Support is available for:

- Organisations managing sites of outstanding historic, architectural and cultural significance and that have a clear emphasis on public access and engagement. Grants are awarded towards conservation and restoration work, interpretation, and education spaces.
- Libraries and archives caring for nationally significant collections and which have a clear emphasis on public access and engagement. Grants are generally awarded towards collection storage facilities and research, education or interpretation spaces.



- Museums and galleries undertaking projects to improve the display and interpretation of nationally significant collections for the public. Grants are generally awarded towards refurbishing or creating new galleries and, occasionally, education and learning spaces.
- Performing arts organisations with an outstanding artistic programme to improve their performance and training facilities. Grants are awarded towards the building or refurbishment of these facilities, and occasionally towards the purchase of related specialist equipment.

## Science and medicine

Support is available for:

- Organisations that are in possession of significant scientific or natural history collections to improve public engagement with science through projects related to the history of science. Grants are generally awarded towards refurbishing or creating new galleries and, occasionally, education and learning spaces.
- Research intensive universities and research institutions. Grants are awarded towards new buildings, refurbishment work and major equipment to enable high-quality research. It sometimes also awards grants to improve access and research libraries or to improve public engagement with science.

## Education

Support is available for:

- Schools and colleges for children and young people with special educational needs. Grants are awarded for projects focused on helping pupils to develop skills which would help them to gain employment or live independently after leaving school or college.
- High-achieving state-funded secondary schools and sixth form colleges to improve the teaching at GCSE and A-Level of subjects that need specialist spaces and equipment. It awards grants towards capital projects that help schools to create and improve these facilities.

Specific criteria applies to the different types of places that are eligible for funding. Applicants are advised to consult the Wolfson Foundation website or contact the funders before applying to check eligibility.

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### **Location**

United Kingdom

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### **How To Apply**

There are two funding rounds per year and the Foundation operates a two-stage application process.

The deadlines for Stage 1 applications are generally 5 January and 1 July each year but these can vary between specific categories, so applicants are advised to check the Foundation's website before applying. (The Secondary schools and sixth form colleges scheme has a slightly different schedule.)



Stage 1 determines whether a project is eligible and applications should be submitted online through the Wolfson Foundation website. Applicants who are successful at stage 1 will be invited to submit a stage 2 application.

[Funding for places - The Wolfson Foundation](#)

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## Essentia Foundation

Funding body:	Essentia Foundation
Maximum value:	£ 9,000
Application deadline:	24/06/2024

Grants are available to community groups in Scotland for projects aiming to improve the health and social welfare of children and young people, and to support opportunities for training, enhanced learning and upskilling for young people up to 25 years old. The current round of funding supports grassroots organisations.

### Further details

#### **Background**

The Essentia Foundation is a charity that once operated Health and Social Welfare telephone counselling and information services supported by data processing and analysis in the field of public information. The Essentia Foundation was established when the company was sold.

The Essentia Foundation is an independent charity in Scotland who awards non-refundable grants to applicant organisations which are active in the areas that match its charitable objectives.

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#### **Objectives of Fund**

Funding is intended to support grassroots groups for projects that achieve the following objectives:

- Improved health and social welfare of children and young people up to the age of 25.
- Increased opportunities for training, enhancing learning, upskilling, and developing career opportunities, and supporting young people up to the age of 25 years old to move towards employment.

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#### **Value Notes**

The total fund value is £80,000.

Grants up to £9,000 are available.

The Fund only supports applications if the grant request is at least 25% of total costs.

For the current round, only three year projects are supported and **not** 12 month initiatives.



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### ***Match Funding Restrictions***

Match funding is not required (unless the overall cost of the project is higher than the maximum grant).

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### ***Who Can Apply***

Constituted community groups, with a governing document, can apply.

They must have:

- A governing document.
- An annual income less than £250,000.
- A bank account set up in the name of the group.
- At least three unrelated members on the management committee.
- Unrelated account signatories.
- Committee meetings with a quorum of at least three unrelated members present.

For projects that involve working with children and/or vulnerable adults, an appropriate Safeguarding Policy must be in place.

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### ***Restrictions***

For the current round, 12 month projects are **not** supported.

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Non constituted groups.
- Individuals or private businesses.
- General fundraising appeals or activities.
- Trips abroad.
- Costs already incurred or activities which will take place before the decision on an application is made.
- Repayment of loans or payment of debts.
- The advancement of religion or politics, including requests to support religious or political groups' core activities.
- Activities that are understood to be a statutory responsibility.
- Projects benefitting those over the age of 25.
- Grant requests that are less than 25% of the total project cost.
- Organisations with an annual gross income of more than £250,000.
- The total project costs exceeds £36,000.
- Individuals or private business.
- Standalone costs for small capital or equipment costs.

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### ***Eligible Expenditure***

Project costs are supported and examples of projects that can be funded include (but not limited to):



- Support the participation in mainstream society for individuals with learning disabilities or long-term life limiting health conditions.
- Support young people who face long-term challenges living in poverty and inequality.
- Support those who have been excluded from school to access or return to education or training opportunities.
- Provide skills and training to those who are furthest from the labour market.
- Improve the health and welfare of children and young people up to 25 years old.

All eligible projects must be in relation to those up to the age of 25 only.

**Location**

Scotland

**How To Apply**

The closing date for applications is 24 June 2024 for decisions in August.

Guidelines and an online application form are available on the website of Foundation Scotland. Applicants must also submit:

- A governing document (constitution/memorandum & articles/set of rules).
- Safeguarding policy.
- Accounts or record of income and expenditure.
- Management committee details.
- A recent bank statement.

Contact Foundation Scotland for further information

## Inspiring Scotland - Neighbourhood Ecosystem Fund

Funding body:	Scottish Government
Maximum value:	£ 13,500
Application deadline:	03/07/2024

Grants are available for community groups in Scotland to develop local ecosystem restoration projects

**Further details**

**Background**

The Neighbour Ecosystem Fund is a new Fund supported by the Carman Family Foundation, the Scottish Government’s Nature Restoration Fund, which is managed by Nature Scot, and others and is being administered by Inspiring Scotland.





## **Objectives of Fund**

The Fund aims to:

- Inspire and allow communities to explore and deliver ambitious ecosystem restoration projects locally.
- Raise awareness about the importance of local ecosystem restoration and address barriers faced by community-led efforts.

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## **Value Notes**

Grants of up to £13,500 are available.

Successful applicants will also receive up to £1,500 in professional fundraising support.

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## **Who Can Apply**

Not-for-profit community-led organisations that are locally based and operating within a specific area of Scotland can apply, including:

- SCIOs.
- Community Interest Companies.
- Community Benefit societies.
- Cooperatives.
- Not-for-profit companies limited by guarantee.

Unincorporated organisations can apply but must have a constitution and a bank account in the name of the organisation that requires two signatories for the withdrawals.

Organisations must have a turnover of less than £200,000 in the last year.

Applicants must provide:

- A project budget.
- Their constitution.
- A copy of their latest annual accounts.
- At least one (up to five) photos of the project site.
- A copy of the partnership agreement or MOU (if submitting a partnership application).

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## **Restrictions**

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Private individuals and for-profit companies.
- Public bodies.
- Schools.
- Academic institutes.
- Charities or other not-for-profit organisations operating at a national or international scale (NGOs).



- Projects that focus exclusively on conservation activities, maintenance, or which cannot demonstrate how activities will actively promote ecosystem restoration, recovery, enhancement, or resilience (eg, beach cleans, litter picking).

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### **Eligible Expenditure**

Projects must focus on one or more of the following priorities for ecosystem restoration:

- **Connecting nature corridors:** connecting areas of habitat or patches of greenspaces to support to nature revival and restoration.
- **Habitat and species restoration** (eg, creating flower-rich grassland). This includes restoration of unused and derelict land, including farmland.
- **Freshwater and wetland restoration** (eg, pond creation or river restoration).
- **Coastal and marine initiatives** which promote restoration, recovery, enhancement or resilience in Scotland's coasts and seas.
- **Control of invasive non-native species** (INNS) impacting on nature (eg, early-stage community action to plan removal of isolated invasive plant species).
- **Urban nature:** Enhancing and connecting nature within villages, towns, or cities (eg, creating pollinator friendly habitat spaces).

The Fund is interested in development stage projects, such as:

- Turning a high-level concept into a more detailed proposal.
- Generating support and buy-in within a community for a proposal.
- Developing partnerships.
- Undertaking modelling, surveys and feasibility studies.
- Project planning and design.

The following are eligible for funding:

- **Activities:**
  - Activities should link to the nature focus of your project and be tailored to the needs of the people that the organisation works with. This can include ways to engage the wider community in the nature project, such as events and workshops.
- **Specialist consultancy and technical expertise:**
  - Recruiting experts to engage with communities in the design and implementation of ecosystem restoration proposals.
- **New staff posts and training placements:**
  - This could also include part of a current employee's role, if they were dedicating a specific amount of time to the project or training for existing staff, to support the aims of the project. Such as, increasing staff time or recruiting additional people to support evaluation or communications activities.
- **Core costs:**
  - Up to 20% of the funding can be used to cover management costs and organisational over such as day-to-day running costs, insurance, or routine accommodation.

Funding is intended for revenue costs. Requests for small amounts of capital funding to purchase or upgrade physical items essential to delivery of the project will be considered.



Projects must be delivered within 12 months of the grant being awarded.

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**Location**

Scotland

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**How To Apply**

Groups must first submit an Expression of Interest. Eligible applicants will then gain access to the online application form.

The deadline for applications is **3 July 2024 (noon)**.

Guidance notes and an online Expression of Interest form are available from the Inspiring Scotland website.

Contact Inspiring Scotland for further information.

[Neighbourhood Ecosystem Fund - Inspiring Scotland](#)

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## Younity Powering Communities Fund

Funding body:	Younity
Maximum value:	£ 3,800
Application deadline:	<b>31/05/2024</b>

Grants are available to support community energy projects in Great Britain.

**Background**

The Powering Communities Fund is provided by Younity, created from a partnership between Your Co-op Energy and Octopus Energy.

For every customer that signs-up to the Co-op Community Power tariff, Younity donate £10 to the Fund so it can provide grants to community groups and organisations. Grants are awarded twice a year.

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**Objectives of Fund**

The funding is intended to support community energy projects across Great Britain. For this round, the Fund is welcoming applications which focus on creating social impact. This could be creating a resource for a local community, running an event for young people or starting a community garden.

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**Value Notes**

Grants of up to £3,750 are available.



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### **Who Can Apply**

Applications will only be considered from a community energy group or organisation which has a current or upcoming Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with Yunity or have made use of their Kickstart Loan facility.

Groups must:

- Be either a community energy group or community energy organisation holding a bank account in the name of that group.
- Be based and working in Great Britain.
- Have projects that are designed to benefit the wider community.

Applicants must be an officer of (or have a direct ongoing involvement with) the group.

Groups that have previously received funding for a project are allowed to reapply for a new project.

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### **Restrictions**

Non-community energy groups or organisations that do not have a current or upcoming PPA with Yunity, or have never used Yunity's Kickstart Loan facility are excluded from applying for this funding.

The following cannot be funded:

- Trips abroad or overseas activities.
- Party political activities.
- Groups that promote or exclude a particular religion.
- Retrospective costs.

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### **Eligible Expenditure**

Grants are to support groups to start or improve their community energy project. Examples of what can be funded include:

- The purchase of equipment.
- The costs of putting on a local event or workshop.
- Staff costs to enable the employment of individuals.
- The cost of attending a conference or event which provides training for volunteers.
- Additional activities to expand an existing project.
- Support for an organisation to achieve a quality or other standard, relevant to their activities.
- Assisting the development of a local service or venue for the good of the community.

Grants must be spent within 12 months of receipt.

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### **Location**

Great Britain



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### **How To Apply**

The sixth round of funding is open for applications.

Applicants should complete the online application form by the deadline of 31 May 2024 **(5pm)**.

Contact Yunity for further information via its online 'contact us' form on the Yunity website.

[Powering Communities Fund | Yunity](#)

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## **ORIT Impact Fund**

Funding body:	Octopus Renewables Infrastructure Trust Plc
Maximum value:	£ 10,000
Application deadline:	01/08/2024

Grants are available to charities and constituted community organisations across the UK for projects promoting a just transition to net zero.

### **Background**

The ORIT Impact Fund is provided by Octopus Renewables Infrastructure Trust (ORIT) and administered by BizGive.

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### **Objectives of Fund**

The Fund aims to implement community initiatives that enhance the environment and support communities, encouraging a just transition to clean energy.

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### **Value Notes**

There is a total of £50,000 available for 2024.

Grants of up to £10,000 are available.

Volunteering support is also available.

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### **Who Can Apply**

Registered charities and constituted community organisations throughout the UK can apply.

Groups must have an organisational bank account.

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### **Restrictions**

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Long-term core revenue costs such as wages, utilities, rents etc. These will only be considered for a maximum of two years of funding.
- Overseas trips or the repayment of loans or payment of debts.
- Retrospective funding.
- Activities contrary to the commercial or reputational interests and activities of ORIT.
- Projects that are detrimental to the environment or anti-renewable energy development activities.
- The development of assets not wholly owned by the applicant.

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### **Eligible Expenditure**

The Fund will support project costs for:

- New and innovative approaches to tackling environmental challenges.
- New and innovative approaches to tackle social challenges as part of the just transition.
- Initiatives that help to alleviate fuel poverty.

Examples of previously funded projects include:

- Projects supporting STEM learning.
- Reskilling individuals into green jobs.
- Climate action.
- Local energy efficiency initiatives.

Projects must start after 2 September 2024.

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### **Location**

UK

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### **How To Apply**

The deadline for applications is 1 August 2024.

An application form and guidance are available from the BizGive website. Groups must first register with BizGive.

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## **Community Energy Generation Growth Fund**

Funding body:	Scottish Government
Maximum value:	Discretionary
Application deadline:	28/06/2024



Grants are available to community groups in Scotland to set up renewable energy generation projects.

### **Background**

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

CARES supports projects that:

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

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

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

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

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### **Objectives of Fund**

The new Community Energy Generation Fund aims to:

- Contribute to Scotland's target of 2GW of renewable energy to be community or locally owned.
- Help communities participate and benefit from our transition to renewable energy sources.
- Support incorporated community groups to progress well-developed renewable energy generation projects or project ideas.

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### **Value Notes**

A total of £1.5 million is available.

Up to £10,000 is available for options appraisals and feasibility studies.



There is no maximum grant for capital funding. However, applications will need to demonstrate value for money, and align with subsidy control guidance.

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### ***Who Can Apply***

Established and incorporated community groups such as, Development Trusts, and Community Energy and Climate Action Groups can apply.

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### ***Eligible Expenditure***

Most of the funding available is capital funding. Funding can be used for:

- Costs that support bringing assets to site for installation and construction costs.
- Developing and installing community owned renewable energy generation, including wind, solar PV and hydro.
- Projects that sell electricity through a connection to the national grid or supplying a local energy demand.

A small amount of funding is available for feasibility studies and options appraisals.

The Fund is aimed at progressing projects through development and/or construction stages in 2024/25. There is an interest in communities whose projects will be able to achieve this aim and complete a significant project milestone by 28 February 2025.

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### ***Location***

Scotland

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### ***How To Apply***

**Expressions of Interest are currently being accepted.**

Full applications will open on 28 May 2024 and close on 28 June 2024.

Further information on the criteria and how to apply will be provided when published.

Contact Local Energy Scotland for further information.

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# SCVO LISTED FUNDING

## National Lottery Game Changers

### Summary

The National Lottery Awards are the annual search to find the UK's favourite Lottery-funded projects. To celebrate the 30th anniversary of the first National Lottery draw in 1994, they are on the hunt to find 30 inspirational people who have achieved amazing things across the UK in the arts, heritage, sport and the community in the last 30 years, with the help of National Lottery funding.

Nominations must be funded by The National Lottery or be associated with a project which has received National Lottery funding.

**Geographical areas funded:** UK

<b>Type of funding:</b>	Prize/award
<b>Type of cost:</b>	Revenue
<b>Minimum:</b>	Not specified
<b>Maximum:</b>	Not specified

### Who can apply

Any person who has received National Lottery funding or is part of a National Lottery funded project is eligible for nomination.

### When to apply

Nominations close at 12 noon on 17 June 2024.

Next deadline: 17 Jun 2024

### How to apply

Nominate projects on the National Lottery Good Causes website.

[National Lottery Good Causes - National Lottery Good Causes](#)

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## Summary

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 (**Current round**)
- 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.

**Geographical areas funded:** UK

<b>Type of funding:</b>	Grant
<b>Type of cost:</b>	Revenue, Core costs
<b>Minimum:</b>	Not specified
<b>Maximum:</b>	£30,000

## Annually awarded:

£347,293

## Notes on award amounts:

Most grants are for specific projects but they will consider core costs of smaller organisations where a grant could make an impact.

Annual total from 2022 accounts. Grants ranged from £1,000 to £15,000. Of the 53 grantees, 32 received a one-off grant and 21 received a multi-year award. The majority of grants were under £10,000.

## Who can apply

Registered charities and other organisations with a clear charitable purpose are considered; small to medium size organisations preferred to large organisations

## When to apply

Remaining 2024 rounds and priorities are:

- 5pm on 28 May 2024 for decisions by 7 August: Focus on adult music education projects plus children's music education
- Opens 27 August for decisions by 30 November: Focus on instrumental and choral music groups plus children's music education

Applications for children's music education projects will be considered at every round.

Next deadline: 28 May 2024

## How to apply

Complete the online eligibility checker on the Trust website. There is a two stage application process.

## Exclusions

They do not support projects or organisations where the main focus is health, therapy or social welfare; nor do we contribute towards the costs of construction, fit-out or repairs of arts venues.

**Activities funded:** Arts & culture

[Scops Arts Trust - Grant Funding for the Arts](#)



