

External Funding Alert

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○ The external funding alert from South Ayrshire Council provides details on new funding opportunities available and approaching deadlines of various programmes. More detail on these opportunities can be obtained by clicking on the links provided or by contacting the External Funding Team. If you wish to be added to our mailing list, email: externalfunding2@south-ayrshire.gov.uk. You can also conduct your own external funding search at: www.open4community.info/southayrshire/Default.aspx

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News

SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL'S GRANTS SCHEME TO SUPPORT VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

South Ayrshire Council recently undertook a review of the existing grants system providing financial support to voluntary organisations. This included the grants that were operated via the Council's General Purpose/Rural Panels and the Community Development Fund.

The findings of the review confirmed the Council's commitment to continue to support the voluntary sector via grant funding. However the existing grants scheme ceased on 31st March 2016 and will be replaced by a new approach. The final arrangements are being completed presently which will include the use of updated forms and processes.

For further details please email grants@south-ayrshire.gov.uk



Supporting Rural and Coastal Communities throughout Ayrshire

AYRSHIRE LEADER PROGRAMME 2015-2020

This scheme provides financial assistance for farmers, foresters, rural businesses, public sector bodies, social enterprises and community organisations based in rural Ayrshire LEADER area. The programme is provided by the Scottish Government and is delivered on their behalf by the Ayrshire LEADER Local Action Group (LAG).

The vision for the LAG is:

"To provide the investment to inspire, build confidence and strengthen local communities and business, generating new opportunities to support resilience and wellbeing across Ayrshire."

Our goals:

- Ayrshire realises its full economic potential with more and better employment opportunities for its people
- Ayrshire people live in well-designed, sustainable places where they are able to access the amenities and services they need
- Ayrshire has strong, resilient and supportive communities where people take responsibility for their own actions
- Be responsive to new challenges and opportunities helping communities and enterprise to adapt and develop over time
- Through partnership working we will create the conditions to succeed

Our core values:

Our core values acknowledge the seven principles of the LEADER approach to ensure the LAG:

- ✓ Put our communities at the heart of developing and delivering our strategy
- ✓ Are fully accountable for our decisions
- ✓ Maintain transparent and robust governance
- ✓ Are professional and approachable
- ✓ Communicate in a clear, concise, and inclusive manner

DECISION MAKING FOR APPROVAL OF FUNDING

There is a delegated decision making process for LEADER investment requests of between the £1,000 minimum threshold and £99,999. High-value requests of £100,000 or more will be considered by the full LAG.

£1,000-£2,999 (LEADER request)

Applications of this value will be technically assessed by the Programme Coordinator and a written recommendation will be provided to three LAG members for consideration.

These applications, whilst considered small-value investments must demonstrate a contribution to the Local Development Strategy.

£3,000-£99,999 (LEADER request)

Applications within these values will be technically assessed by the Programme Coordinator, and a written recommendation will be provided to the relevant Thematic Action Group for consideration and decision.

These small to mid-value thematic applications will be expected to demonstrate a contribution to the Local Development Strategy equitable to level of grant request.

£100,000 + (LEADER request)

Large scale and strategic project seeking £100,000+ of LEADER investment will be technically assessed by the Programme Coordinator and a written recommendation will be provided to a full LAG meeting for consideration and decision.

These projects will be considered high-value investment initiatives that will be expected to make a **key contribution** to the Local Development Strategy. In addition, the LAG may identify specialist advisers to assist with any technical, financial, marketing, management aspect of the application, where they deem it necessary.

Drawing together the development needs and opportunities of rural and coastal Ayrshire with the strategic overview of EU and Scottish context, lead to the development of five themes that have been created, reviewed and refined in consultation with people who live and work in Ayrshire.

The following themes, objectives and priorities will guide funding decisions made under the 2014-2020 Programme.

FOSTERING BUSINESS & ENTERPRISE

Objective:

By 2020, rural Ayrshire realises its full economic potential with more and better employment opportunities for its people provided through creating or enhancing small rural enterprises, creating new jobs and increasing the skills base.

Support will be directed to small and micro businesses, including those in tourism etc. to improve their competitiveness and/or facilitate diversification from primary production.

Initiatives supported under this theme will need to demonstrate how they meet the following priorities:

- Creating and/or supporting small and micro enterprises
- Creating and/or safeguarding jobs
- Building business capacity and skills, e.g. through support networks or forums, business incubators and mentoring
- Facilitating and supporting farm diversification
- Identifying and developing new markets for new and existing products or services
- Support new bespoke initiatives to provide skills which will help deliver enhancements to existing businesses and assist in the start-up of new companies
- Foster entrepreneurship through small scale pilot initiatives to trial new rural business ideas

CONNECTING PEOPLE & PLACES

Objective:

By 2020, people living and working in rural Ayrshire are better connected physically, digitally and socially and are able to access the amenities and services they need.

Initiatives supported under this theme will need to demonstrate how they meet the following priorities:

- Creating affordable transport solutions that link key demographic groups (e.g. young people, older people) with the amenities and services they need (e.g. employment, training and health and social care services)
- Support and mentoring to increase digital inclusion
- Intergenerational activities to facilitate digital, social, or physical connections
- Supporting community facilities (e.g. centres) to become well used, high profile and multi-purpose, connected community hubs

PROMOTING TOURISM, CULTURE & HERITAGE

Objective:

By 2020 rural Ayrshire's people better capitalise on the area's cultural, historical, recreational and natural assets to improve the visitor experience, visitor numbers & spend, and local skills & employment in tourism.

Initiatives supported under this theme will need to demonstrate how they meet the following priorities:

- Creating connections between sectors (e.g. food & drink and local crafts) through knowledge exchange, networking, and collaboration
- Promoting, showcasing, and marketing Ayrshire's assets
- Supporting skills development in tourism-related activities
- Improving the visitor experience and visitor infrastructure

CELEBRATE OUR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Objective:

By 2020, rural Ayrshire's people have increased awareness, knowledge and enthusiasm to reap the social, economic and environmental benefits of the area's abundant natural assets.

Initiatives supported under this theme will need to demonstrate how they meet the following priorities:

- Increasing awareness of and interest in the area's biodiversity
- Enhancing and protecting the area's natural heritage
- Reducing the local carbon footprint through actions on climate change
- Improving access to the natural environment

SUPPORTING COASTAL COMMUNITIES (FISHERIES LOCAL ACTION GROUP FLAG)

Objective:

By 2020, key rural coastal communities in Ayrshire are sustainable through diversifying their local economies with an increase in employment and skills of people living in these areas, while protecting the marine environment.

Initiatives supported under this theme will need to demonstrate how they meet the following priorities:

- Supporting lifelong learning and job creation in fisheries areas, maintaining the skills of fishermen as fishermen and re-skilling them to be able to offer new services (e.g. to tourism or renewables)
- Supporting coastal communities to diversify their local economies through, for example, improving the tourism offer (e.g. through providing easy access to the water for recreation) and supporting the use of local food in Ayrshire restaurants and markets
- Creating links between and adding value to existing marine initiatives (e.g. Marine Spatial Planning, the work of Clyde 2020) and between marine and freshwater environments

- Strengthening the role of fisheries communities in local development and the governance of local fisheries resources

There are three funding strands available through the Ayrshire LEADER Programme:

1. Main Fund:

Funding of between £1,000 and £200,000 is available, and up to 50% of eligible costs will usually be funded. Open to community, voluntary and third sector organisations, charitable, and public bodies.

2. Farm Diversification and Rural Enterprise:

Funding of between £1,000 and £45,000 is available, and up to 50% of eligible costs will usually be funded. The farm diversification scheme is open to farmers looking to diversify into non-farming activity and the small rural enterprise scheme is open to those setting up or expanding a rural business.

3. Co-operation Fund:

Applicants for the co-operation fund should discuss their project idea with the LEADER team directly before submitting an Expression of Interest. This is open to applicants working across different LEADER areas, either in Scotland, the UK, or in Europe.

The Ayrshire LAG will cover rural areas in South Ayrshire, East Ayrshire and North Ayrshire, with eligible areas including all rural South Ayrshire settlements including Mossblown, Annbank, Tarbolton, Coylton, Maybole, Maidens, Kirkmichael, Dailly, Dundonald, Girvan, Ballantrae, Pinwherry, Barr, Barrhill.

Further information and guidance is available from the LEADER website via the link below. However Expressions of Interest forms can be completed at any time and are available through the Scottish Rural Network website at:

Link: <http://www.ruralnetwork.scot>.

Link: www.ayrshire-leader.com

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Scottish Rural Development Programme



WILL CHARITABLE TRUST OPEN TO APPLICATIONS (UK)

The Will Charitable Trust provides support within the following categories: care of and services for blind people; long-term care of people with learning disabilities; and care of and services for people suffering from cancer.

Grants are currently available for the care of and services for people suffering from cancer, and their families.

UK registered or exempt charities are eligible to apply. Applicants must be based mainly within the UK, although some work abroad may be permitted. Applicant organisations must have proven track records of successful work in their field of operation or, in the case of newer charities, convincing evidence of ability.

Grants vary in amount, but generally fall within the range of £5,000 to £20,000.

The deadline for applications is 31 August 2016.

Link: <http://www.willcharitabletrust.org.uk/index.htm>

MONEY ADVICE SERVICE – WHAT WORKS FUND

This scheme has been launched across the UK to help organisations pilot new approaches for improving financial capability and to evaluate their projects. It has been set up to provide financial support for projects which are focused on building evidence of the types of interventions that can make a measurable difference to people's financial capability.

The Programme consists of two parts:

- Stream A will fund and evaluate projects seeking to help answer the 'What Works questions'
- Stream B will fund pilot activity focused on capacity building and sharing of best practice among financial capability practitioners

Up to £7 million is being made available for 2016/17. Of this £600,000 is committed to Stream B, which will open for applications in July 2016. Further information will be published as it becomes available. However as a general guide, the following grants are expected to be available for Stream A, which is currently open for applications:

- Grants to evaluate an existing intervention are estimated to be between 10–20% of the intervention's delivery costs, although this is strictly a guide figure and the cost may be more or less.
- Grants to expand the scope of an existing intervention to reach a new audience and evaluate its impact could be between £50,000 and £1 million depending on scope and target group.
- Grants that would develop and test new pilot interventions for a specific audience could be up to £250,000.
- Effective, learning-focused evaluation is central to this grant programme. As such MAS does not expect to award grants under £5,000.

Applications for Stream A will be considered from any organisation in the UK that delivers financial capability interventions, or which may wish to do so in the future. This includes charities and other third sector bodies including trusts; commercial organisations (but not for projects that result in any commercial advantage or profit); social enterprises; local authorities; housing associations; and education bodies.

Applicants are encouraged to put in joint bids in partnership with other providers or other organisations.

Funding for Stream A is intended to support three types of projects:

- Existing interventions
- Expanding existing interventions
- Piloting new approaches

Projects should help answer the questions 'what works' either fully or with a more specific focus on:

- Children and young people
- Young adults
- Working-age people
- Retirement planning
- Older people in retirement
- Financial difficulties

Projects must be delivered by the end of February 2018, although the preference is for projects that can deliver robust evidence of their impact within the 2016/17 financial year.

The Money Advice Service (MAS) is using the Bravo Sourcing portal for this Expression of Interest application exercise.

Applicants will need to register on the Bravo Sourcing portal to access the application forms and submit an application.

The deadline for Expression of Interest for Stream A funding is 12 noon on Friday 8 July 2016.

Link: <https://mas.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.html>

Programme Updates

VISITSCOTLAND GROWTH FUND IS CURRENTLY OPEN TO APPLICATIONS

The VisitScotland Growth Fund provides funding for well-researched, collaborative marketing projects. Applications are encouraged from groups of tourism businesses in Scotland operating at a local, regional or national level that will assist the tourism industry to meet targets regarding the national Tourism 2020 strategy. Applicant groups should consist of at least three tourism businesses.

Applications will be assessed on criteria such as achievable, measurable growth targets and project viability and deliverability. When creating their proposal, applicants should bear in mind the core objectives of the fund which are as follows:

- Increasing the amount of people visiting Scotland
- Increasing the overall visitor spend
- Encouraging visitors to travel more widely throughout Scotland
- Encouraging tourism throughout the whole year
- Developing and supporting the Scottish brand within the key consumer markets

Applications must include activity which is considered “new”, i.e. working with new partners, targeting new markets, including new packages/offers, or using new media. Subsequent applications may be made, however the funding should not be treated as long-term or core funding. The Fund can support groups with 50% of approved total marketing costs over a one-year period, with a minimum award of £5,000 and a maximum of £40,000 available.

Applicants must ensure that they converse with a member of the Growth Fund team before beginning the application process, well in advance of the deadline. Applicants should either contact the team directly by email or else should complete an expression of interest form online.

The next deadline for this scheme will be 18 July 2016.

Link: http://www.visitscotland.org/business_support/marketing_opportunities/growth_fund.aspx

BID SEEDCORN GRANT IS CURRENTLY OPEN TO APPLICATIONS

The Scottish Government provides seedcorn funding for the development of proposals for Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) in Scotland on a biannual basis. One-off grants worth up to £20,000 are available for local partnerships that involve the private sector, local authorities and other bodies. The grant take the form

of a single one-off payment and no further financial support will be provided by the Scottish Government.

This funding is designed to give local businesses a unified voice, and will help to provide businesses and local authorities with the opportunity to increase their understanding of each other's priorities. It is anticipated that this scheme will improve the quality of life of their citizens and will help to build strong local communities.

Funding should be used for appropriate activities such as marketing, website development and communications as well as covering expenditure such as relevant personnel costs. Other matters which enabled the development of a BID partnership or the development of an existing partnership will also be considered eligible for funding.

Grant applications must include a letter of support from local businesses as well as evidence that the local authority has been consulted and will support the project over an extended period of time, which may be up to two years in length.

The next award window for 2016 is between 1-30 June, with funding commencing 1 August.

Link: <http://j4bgrants.co.uk/Default.aspx?WCI=htmHome&WCU=CBC=View;DSCODE=J4BGRB,NEWSITEMID=38-N59313>.

COMMUNITY FOOD AND HEALTH (SCOTLAND) – CAPACITY BUILDING FUND OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS

Community Health and Food (Scotland)'s Capacity Building Fund provides funding to support groups and agencies running food and health activities in Scotland to build the knowledge, skills and expertise they need to help them deliver their activities better.

Grants of up to £500 are available to community groups, voluntary organisations or social enterprises working with people in a low-income community or already involved in running a food and health activity.

The funding can be used for the following:

- All or part of the cost of a member of staff, volunteer, or management committee/board member taking part in a capacity building activity (for example a training or learning opportunity)
- All or part of the cost of delivering an in-house capacity building activity for staff, volunteers or management committee/board members

Applicants must be able to show how funding will build the knowledge, skills and expertise of volunteers, staff or management committee or board members, and demonstrate how this will make a positive difference to their food and health activities.

Applications can be made at any time until the funding is allocated.

Link: <http://www.communityfoodandhealth.org.uk/>

NEW COMIC RELIEF GRANTS STRATEGY AND NEW FUNDING PROGRAMMES

1. Girls in Gangs initiative

This scheme is open to applications from across the UK. Research and evidence shows that gang-involved girls and young women navigate a range of harmful environments which can expose them to high levels of sexual exploitation and increased criminal activity. We recognise that this is a complex issue.

Evidence shows the need to work much more systemically and calls for multi-partner, collaborative approaches to support young women and girls effectively in reducing their likelihood of joining gangs, reducing the harm they face within gangs and supporting them to leave gangs. Proposals are welcome **for up to £150,000 for 18 months of activity**, with the potential for a further £150,000 for a subsequent 18 month period.

The deadline for applications is midday on Wednesday 13 July 2016 (midday).

Link: <https://www.comicrelief.com/grants/initiatives/girls-in-gangs>

Comic Relief Advance Notice: opening soon

This scheme will also be **opening a new fund in mid-June** for small to medium organisations across the UK called **Core Strength**.

Funding of **up to £40,000 over two years** will be available to locally significant organisations working in our theme areas of Children and Young People, Women and Girls, Health and Wellbeing and Strengthening Communities **with turnovers of between £100,000 and £500,000 to support core running costs and work to increase the capacity and stability of organisations**. Further information will be available on the grants pages of our website shortly.

Comic Relief anticipates launching further funding initiatives in Autumn 2016. Supplementary information will be provided as it becomes available.

Link: <https://www.comicrelief.com/grants/initiatives>

Resources/information/publications

Resources

SCOTTISH LANDFILL COMMUNITIES FUND



South Ayrshire Waste and Environment Trust (SAWET) is a registered Approved Body with the **Scottish Environment Protection Agency** (SEPA) set up to give out money through the Scottish Landfill Communities Fund (SLCF) to approved projects.

The aim of the Trust is to help organisations, groups and communities to make practical improvements to their environment by providing funding for environmental projects.

For further information regarding SAWET please contact Jacqueline Brown on 01292 616 245 or email sawet@south-ayrshire.gov.uk

BT – COMMUNITY WEB KIT

This scheme is open to small charitable voluntary and community groups in the UK that provide a clear benefit to the local community. A simple-to-build website may be constructed from simple on-screen instructions on the Internet.

As part of the BT Community web kit applicants will receive the following:

- Free website hosting
- Free website addresses
- The choice of eight templates with five or 15 colour themes depending on the template selected
- One free format template
- Enough space for unlimited pages and up to 500 pictures
- Templates and colour options for all content
- An easy-to-use page editor or an HTML editor for technically minded applicants
- Free technical support

To qualify, organisations must be based in the United Kingdom and provide a clear benefit to the local community. They should be registered charities, non-profit-making groups or volunteer-led organisations. Users are advised to contact the sponsor for details of any specific criteria that may apply.

Applications may be made at any time.

Link: <http://www.btck.co.uk/Default.aspx>

OPEN4COMMUNITY (O4C) DATABASE

Search for funding using the O4C Database which is funded by South Ayrshire Council. It provides a valuable resource for individuals and organisations, in both the private and public sector, looking for funding.

Registration on the system is free, quick and easy. Once registered, you can search the database for the funds that are most appropriate to your organisation or need and will then be able to view and print any of the results. O4C is updated every month and offers all the information required to identify appropriate funding.

Link: <http://www.idoxopen4community.co.uk/southayrshire>

SCVO – FUNDING AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

FUNDING SCOTLAND

Find funding for your charity, community group or social enterprise using their free online search engine.

From small grants to funding for big capital projects, they can help you track down the funding you need to make a difference in your community. They have over 800 records of funds which help Scottish projects.

Link: <http://www.fundingscotland.com>

IDENTIFYING OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING

If you are looking for funding you may also find these other Links helpful:

1. www.guidestar.org.uk
2. www.fundingcentral.org.uk
3. www.charitycommission.gov.uk/SHOWCHARITY/RegisterOfCharities/RegisterHomePage.aspx
4. www.family-action.org.uk/section.aspx?id=1037

(Educational Grants Advisory Service: for post-16 students studying at specific colleges or universities)

VOLUNTARY ACTION SOUTH AYRSHIRE (VASA) – SOUTH AYRSHIRE'S VOLUNTARY SECTOR INTERFACE

VASA are the development agency for third sector organisations in South Ayrshire. VASA is the point of contact for information, advice and support on voluntary action, and represents the sector in strategic dialogue with community planning partners.

Operating from offices in Ayr, VASA are open to third sector organisations across the local authority area.

If you have any funding questions you can contact VASA on 01292 432 661 or visit the website.

Link: <http://www.voluntaryactionsouthayrshire.org.uk>

HLF WELCOMES UK APPLICATIONS FOR FIRST WORLD WAR HERITAGE PROJECTS

The 'First World War Fund: Then and Now' aims to mark the heritage of the First World War by supporting community projects in the UK which explore, conserve and share the heritage of the First World War.

Not-for-profit organisations in the UK with a bank account and a constitution can apply for grants of between £3,000 and £10,000. This includes a wide range of organisations, such as charities, trusts, clubs, interest groups, faith groups, history groups, community and voluntary groups, social enterprises, youth groups, schools and colleges.

The projects should enable communities to understand more about the heritage of the First World War and benefit a wide range of people.

To be eligible, projects should have not started yet, last for no more than two years, and achieve one or more of the following outcomes:

- Outcomes for people – people will have learnt about heritage; developed skills; changed their attitudes and/or behaviour; and volunteered time
- Outcomes for heritage – heritage will be in better condition; better interpreted and explained; identified and recorded
- Outcomes for communities – more people and a wider range of people will have engaged with heritage

HLF is particularly keen that people will have learnt about heritage.

This programme has a short application form which is suitable for everyone, including first-time applicants.

There are no deadlines. Applications may be submitted at any time until 2019.

Web Resources

1. Sources of Guidance and Advice

Cranfield Trust

Link: <http://www.cranfieldtrust.org>

Pilotlight

Link: <http://pilotlight.org.uk>

2. Networking/Advocacy Support

Social Enterprise Scotland

Link: <http://www.socialenterprisescotland.org.uk/>

Link: <https://www.facebook.com/socialenterprisescotland>

Link: <https://mobile.twitter.com/signup>

SENSCOT

Link: <http://www.senscot.net>

Link: <http://www.facebook.com/ThematicSENS>

Link: <https://twitter.com/senscot>

Link: <http://www.senscot.net/networks1st/notices.php>

Community Recycling Network

Link: <http://www.crns.org.uk/>

Linkedin

Link: <https://uk.linkedin.com>

3. Capacity Building

FirstPort

Link: <http://www.firstport.org.uk/>

Link: <https://www.facebook.com/FirstportScotland>

Link: <https://mobile.twitter.com/Firstport>

Link: <http://www.youtube.com/user/Firstport1>

CEIS

Link: <http://ceis.org.uk/>

Development Trust Association

Link: <http://www.dtascot.org.uk/>

Link: <http://www.dtascot.org.uk/content/learning/events/e-bulletin>

Just Enterprise

Link: <http://justenterprise.org/>

UNLtd

Link: <http://unltd.org.uk/path/>

4. Training

Social Enterprise Academy

Link: <http://www.theacademy-ssea.org/>

Link: <https://mobile.twitter.com/signup>

Link: <https://www.facebook.com/SocEntAcademy?sk=wall>

5. Tendering Opportunities

Supplier Development Programme

Link: <http://www.sdpscotland.co.uk>

Public Contracts Scotland

Link: <http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/>

6. Industry Trends

The Guardian

Link: <http://www.theguardian.com/social-enterprise-network>

Link: <https://twitter.com/GuardianSocEnt>

Glasgow Social Enterprise Network

Link: <http://www.gsen.org.uk/>

Third Force News

Link: <http://thirdforcenews.org.uk/>

Information

COMMUNITY SHARES SCOTLAND

Crowdfunding offers both commercial and non-commercial ventures the opportunity to raise a sum of money by offering shares to people who put forward small amounts of money. Community Shares Scotland connects not-for-profit groups and investors looking to provide money for social good. People buying shares in the projects promoted through the site will recoup their investment through improvements to their community rather than profit. Social businesses can offer interest to be paid on the shares if the profit from trading is sufficient.

Community Shares Scotland hopes it can provide organisations such as community groups looking to save a local shop or start a local food scheme with access to funds.

The programme is scheduled to run for three years and its partners include the Plunkett Foundation, Co-ops UK and Rocket Science. It is funded by the Big Lottery Fund and Carnegie UK Trust through an award of £800,000.

A series of Community Shares Scotland road shows will take place across Scotland providing local groups with more information about how to get involved. Although dates have not been released yet, information will be available from their website when they are.

Link: <http://www.communitysharesscotland.org.uk>

IDENTIFYING OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING

If you are looking for funding you may also find these other Links helpful:

1. www.guidestar.org.uk
2. www.fundingcentral.org.uk

3. www.charitycommission.gov.uk/SHOWCHARITY/RegisterOfCharities/RegisterHomePage.aspx

4. <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/charity-commission/services-information>

JUSTGIVING

Online fundraising platform JustGiving is expanding its services to enable any business to fundraise online for charity. This will enable businesses to showcase their employees' achievements, and match their donations with company funds if they choose.

The new tools offer:

- branded company fundraising pages to showcase all a business' employee fundraising activity in one place
- running totals of all donations raised by employees
- the facility for employees to form teams to compete against each other and link their JustGiving individual fundraising pages to their company page
- leader boards featuring the most successful fundraising staff to encourage competition and reward success
- the option for companies to match-fund the sums raised by their employees and to display this total publicly on their company profile
- measurement and reporting of fundraising data

Perhaps you know of a local company that would like to raise funds for your group in this way.

Further details are available via the web link below.

Link: <http://www.justgiving.com/companies>

RESOURCE EFFICIENT SCOTLAND

This scheme is a Scottish Government funded programme delivered by Zero Waste Scotland. It works to engage Scottish business, the public sector including local authorities and housing associations and third sector organisations on the benefits of using resources more efficiently and to help them implement resource efficiency actions within their organisation.

There are three main elements to the programme:

1. Advice and support service:

(Tel: 0808 808 2268) this service provides free advice, support, training and access to funding to help organisations implement resource efficiency measures.

2. Sector Programmes:

These programmes provide a strategic sector focused approach with activities tailored around specific resource-use 'hotspots'.

3. Innovation:

This area of work involves the development of new resource efficient products and technologies, business models, working practices and de-centralised renewable energy infrastructure – providing solutions for the sector support and advice services. Support for local authorities is provided through one of the sector programmes.

For more information contact Warren McIntyre, Programme Area Manager – Public Sector Resource Efficient Scotland, 01786 433930 or email warren.mcintyre@resourceefficientscotland.com

Link: <http://www.resourceefficientscotland.com/>

WAYS TO PAY

The Payments Council has confirmed that banks have delivered on the promise to extend the ways charities can authorise their payments if they are reliant on more than one signatory.

Nominated signatories will be able to authorise payments using either online banking or, in some cases phone banking facilities, with a range of Payments Council members.

Cheques will still be continued to be used and banks have committed to carrying on using and accepting cheques for as long as needed.

Further details can be obtained from your bank or the Payment Council website.

Link: <http://www.paymentsuk.org.uk/>

ASDA COMMUNITY CAPITAL SCHEME WELCOMES APPLICATIONS

The ASDA Community Capital Scheme, administered by Social Investment Scotland, provides flexible loans of between £10,000 and £50,000 for the purpose of supporting early stage Social Enterprises with growing their business. The loans can be used for the purposes of innovation, asset purchases/improvements and for growing the organisation.

Social enterprises that are based in Scotland can apply as long as they are:

- New enterprises that have been running for less than two years
- Practicing social investment for the very first time
- Wish to take a step change in the delivery of significant social impact
- Able to show that their enterprise would benefit significantly from this loan investment in terms of financial sustainability

The terms of the loan are as follows:

- No penalty for partial or full early repayment
- Repayable over a maximum of six years

- Fixed interest rate of 5% (chargeable from the second year)
- No interest charged or accrued in the first year
- No repayments in the first year
- Interest and capital repayments start from the second year
- No security is required
- There is no arrangement fee

It is expected that around 10-20 organisations will be awarded funding each year.

Applications will be considered throughout the year, as funding allows.

There are no deadlines.

Link: http://www.socialinvestmentscotland.com/files/7714/1899/6847/ASDA_Community_Capital_Guidelines_Final.pdf

Publications

BIG DIRECTORY OF SOCIAL INVESTMENT

Social investment is a term used to describe many different forms of finance – like loans, bonds and equity – all of which involve some kind of financial return to the investor, as well as helping to achieve social impact.

The Big Lottery Fund achieves its mission of bringing improvements to communities and people most in need primarily through making grants. But they recognise that there are circumstances when social investment can be the right path to growth and sustainability for third sector organisations.

This directory aims to provide a single source of information that third sectors organisations in Scotland can use to find out what sorts of social investment finance are available to support their social enterprise activities and aspirations.

Link: http://www.youthlinkscotland.org/webs/245/documents/Big_Directory_FinalJul14.pdf

EVENT ORGANISERS' GUIDE

The Can-Do guide is an interactive guide to organising community events. Published by the Cabinet Office the guide aims to dispel a raft of inaccurate myths leading, it is hoped, to a surge in community events in the coming year.

Link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/can-do-guide-for-organisers-of-voluntary-events>

EDGE FUND OPEN TO APPLICATIONS (UK)

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The deadline for applications is 3 July 2016 (midnight).

Link: <https://edgefund.org.uk/>

SCOTTISH EMPLOYERS ENCOURAGED TO APPLY FOR EMPLOYER RECRUITMENT INCENTIVE (ERI)

Scotland's Employer Recruitment Incentive (ERI) has now resumed after a brief period of inaction. It is administered by Skills Development Scotland and is managed and delivered and managed by local authorities. Employers in Scotland may use this programme as an incentive to help young people, who may be facing significant challenges, into work. These young people should be between the ages of 16 and 29. This scheme is open to small and medium sized enterprises that are based in Scotland, from any sector. However, public sector employers are not eligible to apply.

Since the programme has been reopened, there is now a sharper focus on the career prospects of young people who are facing the most difficult barriers in terms of employment, for numerous reasons. These young people may have a disability or may be an ex-offender looking to reform their life. They may be leaving care or indeed they may even be a carer themselves.

Employer Recruitment Incentive (ERI) payments of up to £4,000 will be made available to employers who recruit a targeted young person (TYP) as a Modern Apprentice (MA) or into employment of 15 hours or more per week. This should be a sustainable opportunity complete with a contract of employment.

This payment should contribute to the costs of recruiting and sustaining a previously unemployed young person during their first 52 weeks of employment. An additional £500 is available to those employers who are committed to paying a Living Wage.

This programme has reopened and will run up until 31 January 2017.

New Funding Opportunities

Arts, Culture & Heritage

ELEPHANT TRUST

This scheme awards grants to artists, small organisations and galleries within the United Kingdom to make it possible for artists and those presenting their work to undertake and complete projects when frustrated by lack of funds.

The Elephant Trust was created in 1975 by Roland Penrose and Lee Miller with a view to developing and improving the knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the fine arts in the United Kingdom.

The trust aims to make it possible for artists and those presenting their work to undertake and complete projects when frustrated by lack of funds. It is committed to helping artists and art institutions and galleries that depart from the routine and signal new, distinct and imaginative sets of possibilities.

Available grants are usually limited to £2,000, but larger grants up to £5,000 may be considered with priority given to artists in the fine arts, small organisations and galleries within the United Kingdom.

Grants are not available for the following:

- Arts festivals
- Group exhibitions
- Charities organising community projects
- Students
- Educational or other studies
- Residencies or research
- Symposia or conferences
- Theatres
- Catalogues
- Projects taking place outside the UK

Applicants should submit well argued, imaginative proposals for making or producing new work or exhibitions.

Applicants are requested to provide the following:

- Cover sheet which is available to download from the Trust's website

- Synopsis of the project (single side of A4, 300 words maximum)
- Budget (single side of A4) stating:
 - Total cost of the project
 - Amount requested
 - Details of other funding applications made
 - Name, address and email of recipient of grant, if awarded
- Brief CV (single side of A4)
- Visual material:
 - Still images, maximum of eight
 - Film/video should be submitted as online links
 - Other visual materials, e.g. catalogues, press cuttings, only if relevant and may help the trustees when considering the application

The deadline for receipt of applications is 27 June 2016.

Link: <http://www.elephanttrust.org.uk/docs/theguide.html>

FIDELIO CHARITABLE TRUST

This scheme provides grant funding to help individuals and organisations of exceptional ability in the UK who would not otherwise be able to carry out an artistic project or activity without financial support.

The trust offers grants up to £5,000 with the aim of helping individuals and groups of exceptional ability who would not be able to carry out an artistic project or activity without financial support, particularly those who are at an early stage in their careers.

Applications are accepted on behalf of individuals and groups who are practitioners or performers in the Arts as well as institutions and colleges providing opportunities for those studying, practicing or performing.

Proposed grantees must be recommended by an appropriate person in an institution, college, arts festival or similar organisation that can vouch for the abilities of the applicant.

Proposed grantees must be in real need of financial support and be particularly able and/or gifted. The person representing the recommending institution or organisation must vouch for the competence and skill of those for whom they are applying to Fidelio and state how they were selected. They should explain their professional relationship with the individual or group, and describe accurately the project or activity for which money is required.

Applications from individuals or groups seeking support for themselves will not be accepted.

The Trust welcomes applications in support of the Arts, in particular the dramatic and operatic arts, music, speech and dance.

Grants may be awarded to enable individuals or groups of exceptional ability to:

- Receive special tuition or coaching, e.g. in the case of musicians, to attend Master Classes
- Participate in external competitions
- Be supported for a specially arranged performance
- Receive support for a special publication, musical composition or work of art

Application forms are available from the Trust's website and may be accompanied by a one page A4 letter which should be submitted by e-mail to fidelio@act.eu.com

The deadline for receipt of applications is 1 October 2016.

Link: <http://fideliocharitabletrust.org.uk/howToApply.php>

Children & Young People

AUSTIN AND HOPE PILKINGTON TRUST

This scheme awards grants of between £1,000 and £3,000 to UK registered charities for projects undertaken in the UK.

Categories change yearly and usually run on a three year rolling programme. The categories for 2016 are:

- Children
- Youth

Applications are normally awarded in June and November each year. Please note that this fund does not support individuals under any circumstances.

Further information and guidance, on how to apply, is available by emailing the trust directly at admin@austin-hope-pilkington.org.uk or visit their website via the link below.

The deadline for receipt of applications is 1 November 2016.

Link: <http://www.austin-hope-pilkington.org.uk>

CASHBACK FOR COMMUNITIES SMALL GRANTS SCHEME

This scheme makes grants available to support local volunteer-led groups or units in Scotland to enhance their programmes for young people aged 10 to 19 years.

The CashBack for Communities Fund is a Scottish Government initiative that uses the money and goods seized from serious

organised criminals to make a difference to the lives of young people in Scotland.

It is being managed by a partnership of six national, volunteer-led youth organisations; The Scout Association, Girlguiding Scotland, Boys Brigade, The Girls' Brigade in Scotland, Clubs for Young People (Scotland) and Youth Scotland, the network of youth clubs and groups in Scotland.

The aim of the scheme is to support to local volunteer led groups or units, who may not previously have had access to external funding, to enhance their programmes for young people and get positive projects off the ground.

The scheme will fund the following:

- The start-up costs of a unit or youth group (up to a maximum of £1,000), particularly in areas of deprivation or need
- The costs (or part of the costs) of a particular project or programme of activity (up to a maximum of £2,000)

Eligible local units or youth groups will:

- Be led by volunteers
- Have members which include young people aged 10 or over
- Be based in Scotland
- Be a member of one of the six partnership organisations

The last requirement is to ensure all groups awarded a small grant have the appropriate national organisational support, with clear operating policies in place, and are properly constituted.

Priority will be given to:

- Start-up grant applications
- Youth groups applying for the first time

It is unlikely (except in exceptional circumstances) that a grant will be made for travel outwith the UK.

Grants are available to support the following:

- Start-up costs of a unit or youth group (up to £1,000), particularly in areas of deprivation or need
- Existing local groups to meet the costs (or part of the costs) of a particular project or programme of activity (up to £2,000) which can include the purchase of equipment

Each group or project should apply directly to the organisation of which they are a member. Applicants will be informed whether or not their application has been successful within 21 days of the closing date.

The next quarterly deadline for receipt of applications is 1 September 2016.

Link: <http://www.cashbacksmallgrants.org/help-applying/apply-for-a-grant/>

YOUNG START FUND

This scheme makes grants available to not-for-profit organisations for projects that provide Scottish children and young people, aged 8 to 24 years, with opportunities to become more confident, healthy, connected and enterprising.

The Young Start Programme is provided and administered by the Big Lottery Fund with money from dormant bank and building society accounts.

Grants are available between £10,000 and £50,000 for up to two years, with the aim of creating opportunities for children and young people aged between 8 and 24 years to help them realise their potential.

Funding is available up to 100% of project costs. If only part funding is required then the total cost of the project should be no more than £100,000.

Not-for-profit organisations that are working in Scotland are eligible to apply. Examples of eligible organisations are:

- Voluntary organisations
- Community groups
- Social enterprises
- Housing associations
- Sports organisations
- Cooperatives
- Charities

Organisations must have:

- A written governing document such as a constitution
- At least three unrelated people on their governing body or management committee
- Recently approved annual accounts, signed and dated by a chair, secretary or treasurer, and by an auditor or independent examiner where appropriate. New organisations will require a spending estimate for the first year of the grant
- A UK-based bank account in the name of the organisation. This account must require two people who do not live at the same address and are not related to sign cheques or make a withdrawal

Successful applicants must complete an end of grant report to confirm what the grant was spent on and what was achieved.

From April 2016, applications from groups that have received two or more Young Start grants will not be accepted until at least two years after the most recent grant has ended.

Applications cannot be accepted from:

- Schools
- Statutory bodies
- Individuals
- Sole traders
- Profit-making organisations
- Non-departmental public bodies and government departments

Support is available for projects across Scotland that are working with children and young people between 8 and 24 years old that meet one or more of the following 4 programme outcomes:

1. **Confident:** children and young people have more confidence and skills. Examples of the types of project that could be funded include:
 - Using local artists in a creative arts project to improve young people's confidence
 - Peer support project providing buddies and mentors for children and young people
2. **Healthy:** children and young people have better physical, mental and emotional health. Examples of the types of project that could be funded include:
 - Youth workers providing support to young people with mental health issues
 - Getting young people involved in sport through the use of local sports facilities
3. **Connected:** Younger and older generations are better connected and have more understanding and respect for each other. Examples of the types of project that could be funded include:
 - Older people teaching young people about the history of their area or skills such as cooking and gardening
 - Young people teaching older people how to use technology and try new activities such as using the internet, social networking and gaming
4. **Enterprising:** young people are better prepared for getting a job or starting a business. Examples of the types of project that could be funded include:
 - Work experience tasters with local employers
 - Volunteering placements with local social enterprises

Young Start can help by funding projects that aim to build on existing resources as well as fill the gaps or address issues in local communities to help young people overcome barriers and realise their ambition and potential. Grants can be used for the following:

- Staff costs
- Activity costs
- Training costs
- Venue hire
- Purchase or leasing of a new vehicle
- Other transport costs including travel expenses
- Materials or equipment such as IT equipment for use in the project
- Publicity and marketing costs related to the project
- Equipment hire or purchase
- VAT that cannot be recovered
- Organisational overheads (proportional to the project)
- Volunteer expenses
- Minor refurbishment of premises required to deliver the project

An application form can be downloaded from the BIG Lottery Fund website.

Completed forms should be returned preferably by email to youngstartfund@biglotteryfund.org.uk

Applications can be made at any time.

Link: <https://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/>

SCOTLAND'S CASHBACK FOR COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME

This scheme is currently accepting applications from not-for-profit organisations who wish to become a CashBack Partner for Phase 4 of the programme which runs from 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2020. Organisations must have a proven track record of delivering activities and opportunities to disadvantaged young people across Scotland.

Grants of more than £150,000 are available for suitable organisations; however to be eligible, projects should meet one of the following themes:

- Diversionary Youth Work – participative engagement work involving young people which has a positive impact on outlook, ambition, resilience, confidence and wellbeing to prevent offending and improve life chances.
- Sport for Change – sport for development activities which are deliberately designed to deliver social impacts for individuals and communities. If you intend to submit a Sport for Change

proposal, then you must have discussed it with sportscotland in advance. Please contact sportscotland by email at cashbackforcommunities@sportscotland.org.uk

- Creativity – high quality learning and developmental activities across all art forms which improve the skills and confidence of young people, but also raise attainment and aspirations and provide pathways for further learning, training, education and employment.
- Journey to Employment – learning and training (including volunteering) activities which improve soft and core skills which actively engage young people to improve their employability skills and employment options.

Projects should focus on young people aged 10 to 24 years old who are disadvantaged by:

- Living in areas of deprivation
- Being unemployed, not in education or training
- Being excluded, or at risk of exclusion from school
- Being at risk of being involved in antisocial behaviour, offending/re-offending

All projects must meet these four mandatory outcomes:

- Outcome 1: Young people build their capacity and confidence
- Outcome 2: Young people develop their personal and/or physical skills
- Outcome 3: Young people's behaviours and aspirations change positively
- Outcome 4: Young people's wellbeing improves

Eligible projects must also meet at least two of these further outcomes:

- Outcome 5: Schools attendance and attainment increases
- Outcome 6: Young people participate in activity which improves their learning, employability and employment options (positive destinations)
- Outcome 7: Young people participate in positive activity
- Outcome 8: Young people are diverted from criminal behaviour or involvement with the criminal justice system
- Outcome 9: Young people contribute positively to their communities

The deadline for receipt of applications is 30 June 2016.

Link: <http://www.cashbackforcommunities.org/cashback-phase-4>

NURTURING TALENT – TIME TO SHINE FUND

This scheme, delivered by Creative Scotland provides financial support to young people in Scotland aged 14 to 20 to develop their talent within the creative industry in one or more of the following areas:

- Drama
- Dance
- Music
- Film
- Visual Arts
- Literature
- Digital Arts

Individuals can apply for funding up to £200 and groups of two people or more for up to £750. The funding will be administered by Young Scot over the next two years and will be provided to individuals and groups to help nurture talent through:

- Artistic Development (such as auditioning, training, taking part in a workshop, work shadowing, mentoring)
- Promotion and showcasing (such as staging an exhibition, recording a demo, marketing a performance, publishing written work)
- Peer-to-peer delivery (hosting a workshop, setting up a local group)

An online application form is available from the Young Scot website; however further information and guidance is available by contacting Young Scot on 0808 801 0338.

The next deadline for receipt of applications is 26 June 2016.

Link: <http://young.scot/information/learning/nurturing-talent-time-to-shine-fund/>

Community Development

BIG LOTTERY – COMMUNITY-LED ACTIVITY – SCOTLAND

This scheme is available to organisations that are locally based for projects that bring real improvement to the places where they live and the wellbeing of those most in need in Scotland.

The new Community-led Activities Fund has been established by the Big Lottery Fund Scotland as part of its mission to help communities and individuals most in need.

The Big Lottery Fund Scotland has set the following three approaches as being vital to helping it achieve its mission and to

address inequality in Scotland and will fund activity that embraces these approaches:

1. People-led – meaningfully involving people in the development, design and delivery of the funded activity.
2. Strengths-based – making the most of, and building on, the skills and experiences of people and assets within communities.
3. Connected – having a good understanding of what others are doing locally, developing good working relationships and complementing and adding value to other relevant activity in the area.

Voluntary and community organisations in Scotland that are based in the local area they serve and are run by local people are eligible to apply to this fund which has been designed to support organisations deliver activity that enables:

- Everyone in the community to influence and get involved in community-led activity.
- Residents to work together to improve their well-being and become better connected.

Grants of between £10,000 and £150,000 are available for between three to five years. Match funding is welcomed but not required as the funding will cover 100% of the costs of the activity; although capital costs (up to £50,000 will be considered when they are related to the funded activity.

Please note that applicants can only have one medium grant for community-led activity at any given time.

Further information, guidance and application forms may be obtained by contacting the Scotland Advice Team on 0300 123 7110 or by email at advicescotland@biglotteryfund.org.uk

Applications may be submitted at any time.

Link: <https://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/>

ONEFAMILY FOUNDATION COMMUNITY AWARDS 2016 OPEN FOR NOMINATIONS

Through its Community Awards, the OneFamily Foundation wishes to make money available to help its customers make a positive difference to a project in their local community. Although projects must be nominated by a OneFamily customer, community groups can look for a customer to make a nomination on their behalf.

OneFamily Foundation Community Awards 2016 will open for nominations on 1 June 2016 (midday) and close on 29 June 2016.

This year, the Foundation will make £560,000 available for community groups and causes through its Community Awards.

The Awards, which will be determined by a public vote, will be either for £5,000 or £25,000.

The 2016 categories are:

- Health, Disability and Social Care
- Schools and Centres of Education
- Sports and Social Groups
- Youth and Affiliated Organisations

Although projects must be nominated by a OneFamily customer, community groups can look for a customer to make a nomination on their behalf.

There are two nomination rounds per year.

Nominations for Round 1 close on 29 June 2016.

The public vote runs from 4 July to 20 July 2016.

BIG LOTTERY – IMPROVING LIVES – SCOTLAND

This scheme makes funding available to a range of organisations in Scotland for activities which help people in Scotland to overcome difficulties and become more resilient.

The fund has been designed to support activity that means people:

Are better able to identify ways to take control over their lives and build resilience.

Are able to shape the activities and services they use to better meet their needs.

Have more access to support and opportunities to improve their lives.

Grants are available for up to five years through two levels of funding:

1. Medium grants of between £10,000 and £150,000.
2. Large grants of between £150,000 and £1 million.

Activities must be people-led, connected, and strengths-based. Funding is mainly available for revenue costs, although capital costs will be considered when they are related to the funded activity.

Please note that organisations can have only one grant at a time from each of the above and whilst match funding is welcomed but not required as the funding will cover 100% of the costs of the activity.

Local authorities and voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) organisations, including charitable organisations, based and working in Scotland can apply.

Priority will be given to smaller organisations that have not received Big Lottery Funding before and organisations that are working at a local level.

Funding is available for activity which:

- Supports children, young people and families currently experiencing challenging circumstances.
- Supports people who have experienced abuse.
- Tackles loss, isolation and loneliness.
- Challenges discrimination and supports people affected by this.
- Activity that takes, or includes, a preventative approach to these issues are welcomed.

The application process depends on the level of funding being requested:

- A single application form is required for applications of up to £150,000.
- A two-stage application process is required for applications of between £150,000 and £1 million.

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The deadline for applications is midnight on Sunday 3 July 2016 (midnight).

Link: <https://edgefund.org.uk/>

Environmental

SMART ENERGY GB IN COMMUNITIES FUND

This scheme offers a new five-year fund to support local community based organisations that provide information about how to get and use smart meters, especially for those who may face barriers to getting a smart meter.

The Smart Energy GB in Communities Fund has been launched by Smart Energy GB, the voice of the smart meter rollout. Every home in Britain will be offered a smart meter by 2020 at no additional cost, and Smart Energy GB is responsible for helping everyone in Great Britain understand smart meters, the national rollout and how to use the new meters to get their gas and electricity under control.

Local not-for-profit community groups that have a charitable purpose (e.g. charities, clubs, social enterprises, residents associations, parish councils) working with Smart Energy GB's priority groups can apply.

The funding is intended to support the costs of activities that deliver results against one or more of the following outcomes:

- Raising awareness of smart meters and understanding their key benefits
- Increasing interest in getting a smart meter installed
- Motivating people to use their smart meter
- Educating people on how to get the most benefit from using their smart meter

The following are priority groups for 2016 (this may change in 2017):

- District heating customers (district heating is a system where a communal source of heat is shared with other properties)
- Lack of proficiency in English
- Lacking basic digital skills
- Learning disability
- Low literacy
- Memory impairment
- No personal internet access
- Off-gas grid customers
- Prepay customers
- Private tenants
- Severe or profound deafness
- Social housing tenants

The funding, which must be used by 31 December 2016, can be used for the full costs needed to run the project, for example a proportion of staff salaries, room hire, equipment hire, transport costs, publicity materials, volunteer expenses, costs to support the grant monitoring requirements and other appropriate overheads.

Two levels of funding will be available:

- Small grants of up to £10,000 are aimed at community organisations who will work directly with one or more of the priority groups on projects to be completed in 2016
- Large grants of between £10,000 and £25,000 are aimed at regional organisations that will help reach priority groups

The 2016 deadlines for receipt of applications are as follows:

- **Small Grant applications will be accepted from 17 May 2016 to 30 September 2016**
- **Large Grant Expressions of Interest will be accepted from 6 June 2016 to 10 July 2016**

Link: <https://www.cafonline.org/about-us/our-grant-programmes/smart-energy-gb-grant>

LOW CARBON SKILLS FUND 2016-2017 OPEN TO APPLICATIONS (SCOTLAND)

Applications are now welcome for the Low Carbon Skills Fund on an ongoing basis, until 31 March 2017. However, grants will be awarded on a first come first served basis and the application process may be closed at any time during the 2016-2017 financial year. Businesses and other organisations operating in the renewable energy, energy efficiency and carbon reduction sectors in Scotland are welcome to apply, as long as they are able to meet the eligible requirements. Previous recipients have included Renewable Installation Solutions Ltd who experience business growth due to this fund and so were able to employ three new engineers as a result.

In order to apply, the business in question must be employing less than 100 workers. Applicants must be able to demonstrate that their work involves increasing the energy efficiency of products or installing lower carbon products or renewable energy resources. It is not just businesses that are able to apply for this scheme. Voluntary and community non-for-profits are also welcome to submit applications.

The purpose of this scheme is to give Scottish businesses the opportunity to employ training in areas such as renewable energy, low carbon technologies, energy efficiency, waste management and reuse, and reducing carbon in supply and energy management. It is expected that this scheme will help towards industry development and will ultimately aid Scotland in becoming more environmentally sustainable. Funding is intended to assist with the costs of eligible training activities. These training activities could include the following: qualifications, master classes, National Occupancy

Standards based learning, first line supervisory management, workshops and taster sessions.

The maximum amount of funding that an organisation may apply for overall is £5,000 and Skills Development Scotland is able to fund up to 50% of employee training costs. The remainder of the funding must be found elsewhere. There is no official limit to the number of training opportunities that an organisation can apply for, however, prospective applicants should note that a maximum of £1,000 will be granted per training session. Furthermore, the employees that are participating in the training sessions should be residents of Scotland.

Prospective candidates should register and apply online. Only one application per candidate may be made per year. Training must be conducted by an external organisation and must take place only after the grant has been received. Further information can be found on the Our Skill Force website

Applications will be accepted at any time until 31 March 2017.

Link: <https://www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk/what-we-do/our-products/low-carbon-skills-fund/>

Faith Organisations

SCOTLAND'S CHURCHES TRUST

This scheme provides support to assist congregations of any denomination in Scotland in the preservation and upkeep of church buildings which are in regular use for public worship. Funding is also available for conservation work on items of special artistic quality or having associations with the history of the building and its significance to the community.

Funding is provided by Scotland's Churches Trust following the merger of Scotland's Churches Scheme and the Scottish Churches Architectural Heritage Trust.

Funding is typically for between £500 and £5,000 with the aim of assisting congregations of any denomination in Scotland in the preservation and upkeep of church buildings which are in regular use for public worship, principally by raising funds for their repair and restoration and by acting as a source of technical advice and assistance on maintenance and repair.

Applicants are required to provide the remainder of any costs from alternative sources.

Applicants may also find it useful to look at the examples of grants awarded in previous years to determine whether their project may be suitable.

Grants are not given for the following:

- Buildings outwith Scotland
- Church buildings no longer in use for public worship

- Halls, manses, other ancillary buildings, boundary walls or gates
- Bells, bell frames or organs
- Alterations or reordering
- Electrical, plumbing, heating
- Disabled access or toilets
- Decorating costs
- Quinquennial and other regular architectural inspections
- Work that is wholly or substantially complete

The Trust will consider applications for the following:

1. Repairs to, or restoration of, the structure of church buildings in use for public worship. The building need not have a congregation, but must be furnished as a church and be used for occasional services.
2. Other work essential to preserve or to recover the identity or continued function of the building as place of worship within the context of an accepted religious tradition.
3. Conservation work upon items of special artistic quality or having associations with the history of the building and its significance to the community.
4. Summary conservation reports.

Application forms are available on request from the Trust. Applicants should give their name, the name of the church, a summary of the work required and the likely timetable.

Applications may be submitted at any time.

Link: <https://www.scotlandschurchestrust.org.uk>

Miscellaneous

ALLEN LANE FOUNDATION

This scheme makes grants available to small registered charities, voluntary groups and charitable organisations in the UK for work that makes a difference to people's lives as opposed to simply alleviating the symptoms or current problems and should aim to reduce isolation, stigma and discrimination.

The foundation is a grant-making trust and was set up in 1966 by the late Sir Allen Lane, founder of Penguin Books, to support general charitable causes. The Foundation has no connection with the publishing company, but five of the Trustees are members of the founder's family.

The Foundation makes grants to voluntary not-for-profit organisations in the UK for work which benefits groups of people

who are under-represented in UK society. Overall, the Foundation wishes to fund work which:

- Will make a lasting difference to people's lives rather than simply alleviating the symptoms or current problems
- Is aimed at reducing isolation, stigma and discrimination
- Encourages or enables unpopular groups to share in the life of the whole community

One-off grants of between £500 and £15,000 are available. The average grant is between £5,000 and £6,000.

Grants repeated for more than one year vary from around £500 per annum up to £5,000 per annum, for a maximum of three years.

Small registered charities, voluntary groups and charitable organisations in the UK can apply. Registered charities are eligible to apply as well as other organisations which are not charities, but which seek funding for a charitable project.

To make sure its grants have an impact, the Foundation will not fund larger organisations. If an organisation works in a relatively local area – a village, or estate or small town – to be eligible it will have an income of less than about £100,000. At the other end of the spectrum, an organisation which works across the whole of the UK will be eligible if it has an income of not more than about £250,000.

The Foundation makes grants for work all over the United Kingdom but not where the beneficiaries of the work all live in London. Organisations which have their offices in London would still be eligible provided the people who benefit from their work are not only in London.

Grants may be used for start-up, core or project costs, for example:

- Volunteers' or participants' expenses
- Venue hire
- Part-time or sessional staffing costs
- Work aimed at strengthening the organisation such as trustee or staff training

The Foundation is particularly interested in unusual, imaginative or pioneering projects which have perhaps not yet caught the public imagination.

Applications may be submitted at any time.

Link: <http://allenlane.org.uk>

JAMES T HOWAT CHARITABLE TRUST

This scheme makes funding available for voluntary and community organisations in Scotland which provide a benefit to their community.

The James T Howat Charitable Trust offer funding to voluntary and community organisations which are active in Scotland in support of projects that benefit local communities.

Funding is available for costs associated with eligible projects at the discretion of the Trustees.

Further information and guidance on how to apply is available by contacting James T Howat Charitable Trust at:

The Ca'd'Oro
45 Gordon Street
Glasgow
G1 3PE

There are no published deadlines.

Link: *None given*

TRUSTHOUSE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

This scheme makes grants available to charitable and not-for-profit organisations in the UK for small, local projects working to address community issues in areas of extreme Urban Deprivation or remote, socio-economically deprived Rural Areas.

The funding is for charities and not-for-profit organisations whose projects address the Foundation's two target areas:

- Needy Rural Areas: places with fewer than 10,000 residents
- Deprived Urban Areas: places that are considered to be in the lowest 20% on the government's Multiple Deprivation Index and have more than 10,000 residents

Funding aims to improve or introduce community projects for the residents of these areas. In particular, the foundation targets three main areas and has particular interests in each:

- Health Care and Disability
- Community Support
- Arts, Education and Heritage

The following three levels of support are available:

- **Small Grants** – are designed to help smallest groups who work directly within their area of need.
 - Core, salaries and project grants of up to £5,000 for organisations with an annual income under £100,000
 - Capital grants of up to £5,000 for organisations with an annual income under £250,000
- **Standard Grants** – are aimed at small to medium sized organisation (with incomes between £100,000 and £500,000) with decisions made quarterly.
 - Core, salaries, project and capital grants between £5,001 and £10,000 for organisations

- **Large Grants** – are for organisations with an income of up to £5 million.
 - Capital grants of between £10,000 and £40,000 for purchase, alteration and improvement of buildings, including village halls and community centres, and for large items of capital equipment such as vehicles

Established charitable organisations (including CICs, social enterprises, not-for-profit registered companies, voluntary organisations) in the UK are eligible to apply. However applicants will need to have secured 50% of their funding from other sources.

To be eligible, applicants should be:

- Small to medium sized organisations
- Have a demonstrable track record of success working to address local problems in communities in areas of extreme urban deprivation or remote, needy rural locations

The level of the applicant's income will determine which grants programme they can apply for. Total annual income refers to the total annual income for the whole organisation as shown in the latest annual accounts.

Applicants should provide their latest annual accounts. However, if this is not possible then the latest annual accounts and bank statement will also be accepted.

Applicants should note the following terms and conditions:

- The applicant will need to demonstrate within their application form that their proposed project fits with one or both of the stated overarching themes which are rural issues and urban deprivation
- For projects concentrating on rural issues, the local postcode of the area in question must be recognised as being in the bottom 50% of the latest Indices of Multiple Deprivation
- For projects concentrating on urban deprivation, the local postcode of the area in question must be recognised as being in the bottom 20% of the latest Indices of Multiple Deprivation
- Fast Track and Small Grants are only available to organisations with an annual income of less than £500,000
- Large Grants are available to organisations with an income of less than £5 million

All grants are for one year only but are available for general running costs including salaries, core costs and overheads and capital expenditure on buildings or essential equipment.

Projects should address rural issues and urban deprivation. Applicants must clearly show in their appeal how their project fits into one or both of these categories:

- Rural Isolation & Poverty**
- Urban Deprivation**

HOSPICES

Trusthouse is also interested in supporting capital projects at hospices throughout the UK. Applicants will need to have secured a minimum of 50% of the total cost of the project and to identify a specific element of the project which a grant from Trusthouse would cover. Priority will be given to projects that benefit patients, rather than visitors or staff. Trusthouse does not give grants for hospice running costs.

Although Trusthouse waives the need for hospices to comply with the requirement that applicants should be based in areas of extreme urban deprivation or remote rural districts, preference will still be given to such areas, as the possibilities of local fundraising are more limited.

THEMED GRANTS PROGRAMME

Trusthouse runs three-year programmes focussing on a specific issue of interest to the trustees.

The latest three year Themed Grant programme focuses on local projects providing support for mothers and babies in the first two years of life. Trusthouse's grants will concentrate on three fields of activity:

- Support and activities in pregnancy which reduce stress and mental illness in the expectant mother.
- Health, diet and exercise in pregnancy and the first two years.
- Teaching mothers the vital need for bonding with their baby in the first year of life and supporting such interaction.

Grants are available for covering overheads and salary costs are available capital projects, for one-off expenditures such as equipment and new builds are also available.

Applications can be made at any time. Decisions for small grants are made within four to six weeks and quarterly for standard and large grants.

Links to start the application process are available from the charity's website undernoted

Applicants will first be taken through a short questionnaire to identify which type of grant is most suitable. The application form should be returned by post together with the additional information listed in the application form.

Successful applicants will be paid on award of the grant (for revenue appeals) or on production of copies of invoices/architect's certificates (for capital appeals).

There are no published deadlines.

Link: <http://trusthousecharitablefoundation.org.uk/>

WOODWARD CHARITABLE TRUST – MAIN GRANTS

This scheme awards grant funding to small-scale, locally-based charitable initiatives in the UK in the following areas: children and young people; minority groups including refugees, gypsies and travellers; prisoners and ex-offenders; disability; homelessness; arts outreach; and environmental projects.

The trust aims to support small-scale, locally-based charitable initiatives in the UK and offers the following types of funding:

- Small grants of between £100 and £5,000 (around 100 grants are made per year)
- Large grants of over £5,000 (around five grants are made per year)

Funding is primarily for one-off projects, but the trustees are willing to consider funding running costs, including core cost and salaries. Large grants are usually awarded to charities already known to the trustees. Before submitting an application for a large grant, applicants must contact the administrator. Applications will automatically be rejected unless they have first been discussed with the administrator.

Applications are accepted from UK registered charities with an annual turnover of less than £300,000.

The trust is particularly interested in helping smaller organisations which offer direct services.

Applicants must clearly state the following:

- Who the target users are, what the projected outcomes of the work are and how many people will benefit from the grant
- If this is a continuation of existing work, what the outcomes to date are
- If the request is for a one-off project, what its legacy will be

Trustees are interested in helping smaller organisations that offer direct services and those that encourage cross community participation. Any participation by past or current users of the service should be mentioned and is encouraged.

Applications must be in support of the following activities within the trust's current funding priorities:

- Children and young people who are isolated, at risk of exclusion or involved in anti-social behaviour
- Minority groups including refugees, gypsies and travellers. Projects that promote integration and community cohesion will be favoured
- Prisoners and ex-offenders. Projects that help the rehabilitation and resettlement of prisoners and/or ex-offenders are supported as well as requests to help prisoners' families

- Disability projects which can include rehabilitation and training for people who are either physically disabled or have a learning disability, as well as help to improve employment prospects
- Homelessness, especially affecting young people and women, and covering facilities such as women's refuges
- Arts outreach work by local groups for the benefit of disadvantaged people
- Environmental projects, especially with a strong educational element

Application forms are available from the trust's website and all completed applications must be supported by a detailed project budget. Applicants are asked not to send their annual report and accounts, unless these are unavailable on the Charity Commission website.

Applications for large grants will be rejected unless applications are discussed with the Trust's administrator prior to submission.

The deadline for receipt of applications is 31 July 2016.

Link: <http://woodwardcharitabletrust.org.uk/>

SOCIAL ENTERPRISES

Social Investment Scotland All Purpose Loan Fund

This scheme provides loan support to not-for-profit social economy organisations throughout Scotland that are unable to raise funding, either in total or in part, from normal commercial sources such as banks; have a clear social purpose that will make a real difference to the communities in which they operate; and can demonstrate long-lasting social impacts.

Social Investment Scotland (SIS) is a unique partnership between Scotland's four biggest banks and the voluntary and public sectors. SIS provides loan finance and business support to social economy organisations that are unable to raise any or all of the loan finance they need from normal commercial sources.

1. Social Investment Scotland/Tridos Property Loan:

Loans for a wide range of purposes such as: the purchase of new or existing premises; the development or upgrading of premises or even the construction of completely new premises.

Key features:

- Loans from £30,000
- Competitive interest rates
- Quick decision
- No penalty for partial or full repayments
- Option for SIS to arrange either part or the entire total borrowing requirement

Note: for property purchase, it is possible to borrow up to 95%, and in some cases 100%, of the value of the property due to a new arrangement between itself and Triodos Bank.

2. Social Investment Scotland Bridging Loan:

Loans are available for applicants, who need money at short notice, for relatively short periods enabling their project to go ahead, and for invoices to be paid while they claim grant money.

Key Features:

- Loans from £10,000
- Competitive Fixed interest rate at 7% and fees 2%
- Fees waived if subsequent borrowing taken
- Security not required
- Quick decision

SIS will seek to take security for the loan where appropriate, which may involve securing property the applicant already owns or a property they are purchasing with the loan. It does not, however, seek a personal guarantee. Taking a security over property acts as a safeguard for SIS as it means that, should the applicant fail to make repayments under the loan, it has the right to take on and sell the property. SIS will normally lend amounts starting from £10,000 up to £250,000.

Social Investment Scotland seeks to encourage enquiries from social economy not-for-profit organisations, including social enterprises, community and voluntary groups, and the trading operations of charitable bodies, community businesses, cooperatives, Community Development Finance Initiatives (CDFIs) and housing associations. Applicants should have the following characteristics:

- Be non-profit distributing
- Be unable to access the finance needed from commercial sources such as banks
- Have a clear social purpose that benefits disadvantaged vulnerable groups
- Be able to make a long-lasting social impact with the loan
- Be based in Scotland and serve the Scottish market
- Have borrowing powers within its constitutional documents
- Be allowed to borrow under the organisation's constitution

Full details on SIS's terms and conditions and how to apply for loan support, can be accessed from their website.

Note: SIS does not compete for business with High Street banks. It tends to lend where there is a higher degree of risk and some potential borrowers have not had their needs met fully by such banks. A key benefit is that because SIS only provides fixed rate

loans, it means that rates will not rise during the term of the loan hence providing certainty during the borrowing period.

Organisations wishing to apply for a loan should first submit the pre-application form available online. All full applications should include the following:

- A Business Plan incorporating financial projections for the next three years
- The last three years audited accounts (less if the organisation has not been in existence for three years)
- The organisation's constitutional documents which usually take the form of a Constitution or Memorandum and Articles of Association
- Income and expenditure forecasts for the current financial year

Interested parties are advised to contact SIS for further information.

Applications may be submitted at any time.

Link: <http://www.socialinvestmentscotland.com/looking-for-investment/our-funds/>

Women

FEMINIST REVIEW TRUST

This scheme makes grants available for projects in the UK and internationally that transform the lives of women.

Individuals and organisations in the UK and internationally are eligible to apply for grants of up to £15,000. However, the trustees rarely give out awards of this amount; applicants should also bear in mind that they may only be offered partial funding.

Please note that successful applicants will be required to display the trust's logo on all material associated with the project and provide a final report.

Funding is for projects that relate to the trust's objectives, which are:

- To advance the education of the public in the subject of gender
- To promote equality of opportunity between women and men in any part of the world
- To alleviate poverty and hardship by promoting and advancing good health and education among women in any part of the world
- To undertake other charitable purposes

THE TRUST WILL FUND THE FOLLOWING:

- **Hard to fund** projects. Some types of projects are difficult to fund. Typically these projects have no other obvious sources of funding. This might mean, for example, that traditional academic sources are either not interested in the area or that it is an activist project or that it is too feminist for most conventional funding sources. For example the trust supported the writing and publication of the history of Rape Crisis in Scotland and the translation and updating sections of 'Women and Their Bodies' into Arabic and Hebrew.
- **Pump priming activities.** This means that the trust will provide a small amount of funding to help start an activity in the hope that it will then be able attract sufficient funding to continue. For example the Trust funded a project in Argentina to strengthen the capacity of organisations promoting women's rights and a project to provide audio visual equipment for a feminist social centre in Madrid. In each case these projects have hopefully helped to create a sustainable activity.
- **Interventionist projects** which support feminist values. It is often difficult for projects around core feminist concerns such as abortion rights and domestic violence to find funding. The trust has supported, for example, Asylum Aid (an independent charity workshop with asylum seekers in the UK) to promote its 'Charter of Rights' for Women Seeking Asylum. The Trust has also supported the 40th Anniversary Campaign of Abortion Rights in the UK, a documentary about abortion in Trinidad and Tobago and a feminist art studio in Tbilisi, Georgia.
- **Training and development** projects: funding for projects which provide training in relevant areas. For example, the trust has funded English lessons for sex workers in London; leadership skills training for women in the voluntary sector and volunteer training at Glasgow Women's Library.
- **One off events:** the trust supported Cine25 as part of the celebrations of 25 years of Women's Studies at the University of York (UK); a seminar for the Lileth Project (a violence against women housing related project), and a workshop on the gender dimensions of Bulgarian Immigration Policy.
- **Dissemination:** the trust will fund the production and distribution of relevant material. Too often work has had a more limited impact than it should because it was not well distributed. For example the trust has supported the production of a booklet on Asian women's experiences of higher education in the UK and the distribution of publications by the Rights of Women (a non-profit UK group).
- **Core funding:** the trust realises that many groups struggle to raise core funding. The trustees are willing to offer core funding to cover staff costs, accommodation etc.

- **Other projects:** the trust may still support an application that does not easily fit into any of the above categories. For example, the trust has funded a project to capture oral histories of women's experience of the menopause. Applicants should contact the trust to discuss eligibility prior to submitting an application.

Application forms are available to download from the trust's website and should be returned by email. Where projects include a research element, applicants should describe the steps that have been taken to ensure the research will be undertaken in an ethical manner and careful attention should be paid to the costs.

The next deadline for receipt of applications is 30 September 2016.

[Link: http://www.feminist-review-trust.com/](http://www.feminist-review-trust.com/)

WOMEN'S FUND FOR SCOTLAND OPEN TO APPLICATIONS

Funding is provided from the UK Government Tampon Tax fund and is administered by Foundation Scotland.

The Fund's vision is that Scotland is safe, healthy, prosperous and connected because women and girls have been encouraged and supported to reach their full potential.

Funding is available for projects that promote women's development, self-sufficiency, and social and economic equality. Grants are made across the following four key themes:

- Building skills and confidence
- Improving health and well-being
- Building social networks
- Moving on from violence

Not for profit groups in Scotland are eligible to apply for two levels of award:

- Small Grants of between £500 and £2,000. Grants must be spent within one year and the total project cost must not exceed £8,000
- Large Grants of up to £30,000 (£10,000 maximum for each of three years)

The 2016/17 deadlines for applications are 28 June 2016 (4pm), 28 September 2016 (4pm) and 6 January 2017 (4pm).

Any applications received after the deadline will automatically be entered for the next round.

[Link: http://www.womensfundscotland.org/](http://www.womensfundscotland.org/)

WOMEN IN INNOVATION COMPETITION

This scheme, operated by Innovate UK (IUK), provides funding for businesswomen who have the potential to be successful entrepreneurs and leaders in innovation. A package of tailored support will assist those who have the ideas and flair to deliver significant economic growth through their operations.

The support on offer includes:

- Training on pitching to investors
- Introduction to investors
- Media and communications training
- Intellectual property advice provided by the Intellectual Property Office
- Training in developing new business models

It also includes guidance and advice on:

- Accessing funding programmes;
- Evaluating market opportunities; and
- Making introductions to contacts in their sector through the Knowledge Transfer Network/European Enterprise Network and Catapults.

In addition to this, the four overall winners (IUK expects to have a winner in each of the Innovate UK sector areas) will receive £50,000 to support their innovation project/activities.

The competition is open to any woman in the UK with experience in business innovation in one of Innovate UK's four sectors: manufacturing and materials; infrastructure systems; emerging and enabling technologies; and health and life sciences.

The applicant may be a company owner, employee or sole trader/entrepreneur in any size of business.

The deadline for registration is noon on 24 August 2016.

Link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/infocus-funding-award-women-in-innovation>

WOMEN'S FUND FOR SCOTLAND

This scheme makes grants available for not-for-profit groups to support projects across Scotland that promote women's development, self-sufficiency, and social and economic equality.

The fund aims to support projects across Scotland that promote women's development, self-sufficiency, and social and economic equality so that Scotland is safe, healthy, prosperous and connected because women and girls have been encouraged and supported to reach their full potential.

Grants are made across the following four key themes:

- Building skills and confidence
- Improving health and well-being
- Building social networks
- Moving on from violence

There are two levels of award:

- **Small Grants** of between £500 and £2,000. Grants must be spent within one year, and the total project cost must not exceed £8,000
- **Large Grants** of up to £30,000 (£10,000 maximum for each of three years)

Not for profit groups in Scotland are eligible to apply but must:

- Be constituted
- Have at least three members on the management committee/board
- Have independently examined annual accounts or a projection of income and expenditure if in the first year of operation
- Have an income of less than £250,000 in the organisation's most recent annual accounts –
- organisations that are applying under the Moving on from Violence theme are eligible if their income exceeds £250,000
- Have a bank account in the name of the group
- Have at least two unrelated cheque signatories
- Have a policy if working with vulnerable adults/children

Any applications received after the deadline will automatically be entered for the next round.

Application forms for Small Grants are available to complete online at the foundation's website. Large Grant applicants should send an outline of the project using the enquiry form which can be downloaded from the foundation's website. The form should be returned by email to grants@foundationscotland.org.uk. Once reviewed, applicants may be invited to submit a full application on behalf of the project.

The remaining 2016/17 deadlines for receipt of applications are 28 September 2016 and 6 January 2017.

Link: <https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/womens-fund-for-scotland/>

Awards

2016 NECTAR BUSINESS SMALL BUSINESS AWARDS

This scheme invites small and medium-sized businesses throughout the UK to apply for the Nectar Business Small Business Awards 2016.

The awards recognise and celebrate success, best practice, innovative ideas and outstanding achievements, including a cash prize for eight category winners.

The 2016 award categories are as follows:

- **Best Use of New Technology (new for 2016):** A small business or individual that has successfully used or developed technology for the commercial advantage of their business
- **Apprentice of the Year (new for 2016):** An individual who is either currently undertaking, or has completed an apprenticeship within a small business since 1 November 2015 and excels in their discipline
- **Innovation of the Year:** A small business or individual that has created and successfully brought to market a product or service exploiting a gap in the market
- **Home Grown Business of the Year:** A small, sales-based business that has grown from 'humble beginnings'
- **Entrepreneur of the Year:** An individual who successfully launched and continues to run their own business or businesses
- **Tradesperson of the Year:** A qualified tradesperson, defined as a skilled manual labourer, who owns or works in a small business
- **Contribution to the Community:** A small business, social enterprise or charity able to demonstrate a positive impact in the local community
- **Small Business of the Year:** A small business able to demonstrate overall excellence in its field

The prize package includes: £2,000 cash, 50,000 Nectar points and national media publicity.

Application forms are available for download from the Nectar Business Awards website.

The deadline for receipt of applications is 10 July 2016.

Link: <http://nectarbizhub.com/nectar-business-small-business-awards/>

BRITISH SMALL BUSINESSES AWARDS 2016

This scheme welcomes nominations put forward for sole traders, businesses and small companies of a high calibre. The purpose of this awards scheme is to give recognition to outstanding small businesses in the United Kingdom. It is through these awards that the most enterprising small companies will be rewarded, alongside the vendors and advisors that have proved essential to their development. There a number of awards available reflecting the efforts of these entrepreneurial individuals.

The three awards which are devoted to best companies are as follows: Sole Trader of the Year, Micro Business of the Year (2-9 people) and Small Business of the Year (10-50 people). Nominees for the Sole Trader of the Year award should be able to demonstrate consistent sales over the period of the last year and must be able to show how they have established a niche position in their chosen industry. Nominees for the Micro Business of the Year award should be able to demonstrate strong revenue growth and a high quality product or service. Nominees for the Small Business of the Year award should be able to exhibit a high level of innovation as well as a strong turnover growth over the past year.

The awards will take place 20 October 2016 in the form of black tie dinner event. There will be a number of well-known expert judges who will decide who the winners will be at this event. These will include Sir Roger Aldridge, founder of Capita, Luke Lang, co-founder of Crowdcube, Julie Meyer, founder of Ariadne Capital, and Ian Cass, managing director of the Forum of Private Business. For further information, those who are interested should visit The British Small Businesses Awards website

The deadline for receipt of nominations is 30 June 2016.

Link: <http://britishsmallbusinessawards.co.uk/#awards>

Trusts

LLOYDS TSB FOUNDATION FOR SCOTLAND – HENRY DUNCAN AWARDS

This scheme makes funding available for grassroots charities in Scotland delivering programmes or services that are clearly focused on improving the quality of life for people who are disadvantaged.

Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland owes its existence to The Reverend Henry Duncan, who founded the Trustee Savings Bank in Ruthwell, Dumfriesshire in 1810. He started the Bank so that everyone, regardless of wealth or position, could benefit from a savings bank.

Grassroots charities operating in Scotland are eligible to apply for grants of between a few hundred pounds and £7,000. Organisations must have an income of less than £500,000 per annum and able to demonstrate that at least one of the following will be achieved:

- Improve family welfare
- Reduce isolation
- Improve health and wellbeing
- Increase independence or life skills
- Improve community cohesion and integration

The services/projects supported through the awards will typically address one or more of the following issues:

- Challenging family circumstances
- Mental health
- Community segregation and territorialism
- Disability
- Physical, emotional and sexual abuse
- Drug and alcohol issues
- Isolation of older people
- Homelessness
- Illness and poor health
- Lack of equality
- Poverty
- Lack of development opportunities for disadvantaged young people

Please note that priority will be given to applications that are focussed on supporting:

- Vulnerable children and young people
- Isolated older people

- People debilitated as a result of a disability or mental health issue
- Families in poverty, particularly as a result of welfare reform
- Carers

Funding can be for salaries, core costs and running costs. Consideration will also be given to applications for small capital projects such as equipment.

Successful applications will clearly demonstrate the difference this support makes and how quality of life will be improved in the longer term.

Funding is unlikely to be given to charities which hold more than 12 months unrestricted reserves; and where an award is made, reapplication is not possible until at least 12 months have elapsed from the date that the original grant was awarded. Unsuccessful applicants are not eligible to reapply to this programme for 12 months.

Successful applicants must submit a progress report 12 months after the date of release of funding.

The remaining 2016 deadlines for receipt of applications are 18 July and 19 September 2016.

[Link: http://www.ltsbfoundationforscotland.org.uk/index.asp?pg=106](http://www.ltsbfoundationforscotland.org.uk/index.asp?pg=106)

WILL CHARITABLE TRUST

This scheme provides support within the following three categories:

1. Care of and services for blind people
2. Long-term care of people with learning disabilities
3. Care of and services for people suffering from cancer

Grants are currently available for the care of and services for people suffering from cancer, and their families.

UK registered or exempt charities are eligible to apply. Applicants must be based mainly within the UK, although some work abroad may be permitted. Applicant organisations must have proven track records of successful work in their field of operation or, in the case of newer charities, convincing evidence of ability.

Grants vary in amount, but generally fall within the range of £5,000 to £20,000.

The deadline for receipt of applications is 31 August 2016.

[Link: http://www.willcharitabletrust.org.uk/grantspolicy.htm](http://www.willcharitabletrust.org.uk/grantspolicy.htm)

Imminent Deadlines— June – July 2016

DEADLINE APPROACHING FOR THE ANCIENT MONUMENT GRANTS SCHEME 2016

Ancient Monument Grants are provided by Historic Scotland. The purpose of these grants is to support monument owners and land managers who are undertaking conservation, management and maintenance works in relation to a historic monument.

Other bodies who are acting with the owner's written approval will also be considered. The monument in question will need to be in proven need of conservation or else should have significant historic interest. Priority is given to monuments that are of particular interest or notability.

Grant support can cover a percentage of eligible costs, including consultancy and scheduling, and will help to preserve and maintain ancient monuments throughout Scotland. There is no official fixed rate of grant. However, the programme has a limited budget and so the maximum annual grant for a project will very rarely exceed £50,000. In making a decision, the judging panel will take into consideration the urgency of the repair work needed as well as whether or not the applicant has access to other possible sources of funding.

Eligible work is generally related to the conservation of existing fabric and associated below ground archaeological work. Eligible expenditure may include the acquisition or removal of a monument for the purpose of preserving it or the provision by a local authority of facilities, information or other relevant services at a monument which is open to the public. It is expected that recipients of this grant will ensure that their monument is accessible and can be enjoyed by the general public.

The next deadline for this scheme will be 31 July 2016.

PHILIP BATES TRUST

This scheme makes grants available for individuals and voluntary and community organisations undertaking projects that encourage and develop artistic interests in young people in the UK.

DEADLINE: 30th June 2016

MAX GRANT: £500

Link: <http://www.philipbatesttrust.org.uk/finance.html>

SCOTCH WHISKY ACTION FUND TACKLING ALCOHOL RELATED HARM

This scheme makes funding available to reduce the impact of alcohol-related harm in Scotland's communities.

DEADLINE: 30th June 2016

MAX GRANT: £25,000

Link: <http://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/scotch-whisky-action-fund.aspx>

STAFFORD TRUST

This scheme makes grants available to support registered charities in the UK, with a preference towards charitable organisations operating in Scotland.

DEADLINE: 30th June 2016

MAX GRANT: £5,000

Link: <http://www.staffordtrust.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/>

GREGGS FOUNDATION – SMALL ENVIRONMENTAL GRANTS

This scheme is open to not-for-profit organisations and schools in Great Britain for projects which make a difference to local areas, with preference given to projects that involve or benefit people who are disadvantaged.

DEADLINE: 1st July 2016

MAX GRANT: £2,500

Link: <https://www.greggsfoundation.org.uk/small-environment-grants>

FIVER CHALLENGE

This scheme provides loans for primary school pupils in the UK to encourage school children to develop important entrepreneurial talents and help equip them with basic skills for later life. Organisations will receive a loan of £5 for every pupil taking part.

DEADLINE: 6th July 2016

MAX GRANT: None specified

Link: <http://www.fiverchallenge.org.uk/>

ANCHOR FOUNDATION

This scheme makes grants available to UK-registered Christian charities for projects that encourage social inclusion through ministries of healing and the arts.

DEADLINE: 31st July 2016

MAX GRANT: £10,000

Link: <http://www.theanchorfoundation.org.uk/>

IRONMONGERS' COMPANY

This scheme makes grants available for projects in the UK that provide opportunities for disadvantaged children and young people under the age of 25 years to fulfil their potential.

DEADLINE: 31st July 2016

MAX GRANT: £10,000

Link: <http://www.ironmongers.org/>

JOHN BRABOURNE AWARDS

This scheme provides support for up-and-coming talent looking to further their career in the UK film, commercial television and cinema industries.

DEADLINE: 31st July 2016

MAX GRANT: £5,000

Link: <http://jbawards.org.uk/apply/how-to-apply/>

RADCLIFFE TRUST – HERITAGE & CRAFT DEADLINE

This scheme provides funding for UK registered charities working in music, and heritage and crafts.

DEADLINE: 31st July 2016

MAX GRANT: None specified

Link: <http://www.theradcliffetrust.org/guidelines/>

WOODWARD CHARITABLE TRUST – MAIN GRANTS

This scheme awards grant funding to small-scale, locally-based charitable initiatives in the UK in the following areas: children and young people; minority groups including refugees, gypsies and travellers; prisoners and ex-offenders; disability; homelessness; arts outreach; and environmental projects.

DEADLINE: 31st July 2016

MAX GRANT: Dependent on programme

Link: <http://woodwardcharitabletrust.org.uk/>

Forthcoming Deadlines – Aug – Sept 2016

WEAVER'S COMPANY BENEVOLENT FUND

This scheme provides funding for organisations undertaking projects involving young people who are vulnerable or may become involved in crime in the UK.

DEADLINE: 1st August 2016

MAX GRANT: £15,000

Link: <http://www.weavers.org.uk/>

STANLEY SMITH (UK) HORTICULTURAL TRUST

This scheme seeks to further the advancement of horticulture in the UK and abroad, grants are available for projects in support of horticultural research, the creation, preservation and maintenance of public gardens, publication of books on horticulture, study visits, plant collecting expeditions and training schemes for gardeners.

DEADLINE: 15th August 2016

MAX GRANT: £5,000

Link: <http://www.grantsforhorticulturists.org.uk/Smith.html>

BRITISH RECORD INDUSTRY TRUST (BRIT TRUST)

This scheme provides grants for UK charitable organisations undertaking projects that encourage young peoples' involvement in music.

DEADLINE: 31st August 2016

MAX GRANT: Discretionary

Link: <http://www.brittrust.co.uk/funding/#>

ERANDA FOUNDATION

This scheme provides grants for charities undertaking projects for research into medicine and education, encouraging the arts and supporting social welfare in the UK. Further information and guidance is available by contacting Evelyn de Rothschild, The Eranda Foundation, PO Box 6226

Wing, Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire, LU7 0XF, Tel: 01296 689157 or E-Mail: eranda@btconnect.com.

DEADLINE: 31st August 2016

MAX GRANT: Discretionary

Link: *None given*

INMAN CHARITY

This scheme makes grants available for registered charities in the UK carrying out medical, social welfare or general welfare activities.

DEADLINE: 31st August 2016

MAX GRANT: Discretionary

Link: <http://www.inmancharity.org/>

SYLVIA AITKEN CHARITABLE TRUST

This scheme makes grants available for charitable organisations in the UK, preferably Scotland, for a wide range of projects, but particularly for medical research. Further information and guidance is available by contacting the Administrator, The Sylvia Aitkens Charitable Trust, c/o Fergusons, 24 Woodside, Houston, Renfrewshire, PA6 7DD, Tel: 01505 610412.

DEADLINE: 31st August 2016

MAX GRANT: Discretionary

Link: *None given*

WEIR CHARITABLE TRUST

This scheme makes grants available to groups and individuals in Scotland for activities in the categories of Sport; Recreational Facilities; Animal Welfare; Health; and Culture.

DEADLINE: 31st August 2016

MAX GRANT: £25,000

Link: <http://www.weircharitabletrust.com/>

WILLIAM AND JANE MORRIS FUND

This scheme makes grants available for places of worship undertaking restoration projects in the UK.

DEADLINE: 31st August 2016

MAX GRANT: £3,000

Link: <http://www.sal.org.uk/>

CASHBACK FOR COMMUNITIES SMALL GRANTS SCHEME

This scheme makes grants available to support local volunteer-led groups or units in Scotland to enhance their programmes for young people aged 10 to 19 years. Each group or project should apply directly to the organisation of which they are a member. Applicants will be informed whether or not their application has been successful within 21 days of the closing date.

DEADLINE: 1st September 2016

MAX GRANT: £2,000

Link: <http://www.cashbacksmallgrants.org/help-applying/apply-for-a-grant/>

BBC CHILDREN IN NEED – SMALL GRANTS PROGRAMME

This scheme makes grants to not-for-profit organisations that are working with disadvantaged children and young people who are 18 years old and younger living in the UK.

DEADLINE: 1st September 2016

MAX GRANT: £10,000

Link: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b008dk4b/features/cin-grants-small-index>

KELLY FAMILY CHARITABLE TRUST

This scheme provides grants for UK charities whose activities nurture and support family life.

DEADLINE: 1st September 2016

MAX GRANT: £5,000

Link: <http://www.kfct.org.uk/apply.html>

WOODLAND TRUST TREE PLANTING PACKS

This scheme provides tree planting packs are available to community groups, schools and youth groups to help them to plant more trees, hedges and copses in their local shared spaces.

DEADLINE: 7th September 2016

MAX GRANT: not applicable

Link: <http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/in-your-community/>

THE IDLEWILD TRUST

This scheme makes grants available for projects in the UK that encourage the performing/fine arts and preserve buildings, objects of beauty and items of historic interest or national importance for public benefit.

DEADLINE: 8th September 2016

MAX GRANT: £5,000

Link: <http://www.idlewildtrust.org.uk/how-to-apply.htm>

AGE SCOTLAND GRANTS PROGRAMME TACKLING LONELINESS AND ISOLATION

This scheme provides grants to its member organisations in Scotland working to tackle loneliness and isolation amongst older people and improve later life.

DEADLINE: 30th September 2016

MAX GRANT: Discretionary

Link: <http://www.ageuk.org.uk/scotland/>

FAITHS IN SCOTLAND COMMUNITY ACTION FUND

This scheme works with local faith groups in Scotland to build hope and fight against poverty by providing grants and support in Scotland's most fragile urban and rural communities.

DEADLINE: 30th September 2016

MAX GRANT: £15,000

Link: <http://www.faithincommunityscotland.org/faith-in-community-scotland-action-fund/>

FEMINIST REVIEW TRUST

This scheme provides grants for projects in the UK and internationally that transform the lives of women.

DEADLINE: 30th September 2016

MAX GRANT: £15,000

Link: <http://www.feminist-review-trust.com/>

HISTORIC SCOTLAND – HISTORIC BUILDING REPAIR GRANTS SCHEME

This scheme provides funding for the repair and conservation of historic buildings in Scotland assessed as being of outstanding architectural or historic interest. Grants are awarded primarily for urgent repairs that need to be done within two years to prevent loss or damage to important historic fabric.

DEADLINE: 30th September 2016

MAX GRANT: £500,000

Link: <http://www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/index/heritage/grants/building-repair-grants.htm>

MICHAEL TIPPETT MUSICAL FOUNDATION

This scheme makes grants available for the development of group music-making in the UK, especially involving young people in projects incorporating composition and creative ideas.

DEADLINE: 30th September 2016

MAX GRANT: £4,000

Link: <http://www.tippettfoundation.org.uk/index.htm>

ON ORGAN FUND

This scheme makes funding available for the provision and restoration of pipe organs in the British Isles.

DEADLINE: 30th September 2016

MAX GRANT: £1,000

Link: <http://www.onorganfund.org.uk/apply.html>

RS MACDONALD CHARITABLE TRUST

Funding is available for registered charities in Scotland in the following areas: child welfare, visual impairment, neurological conditions, medical research and animal welfare. Applications for awards of £10,000 or less may be submitted at any time. Deadlines for awards of more than £10,000 are: 31 March 2016 for Child Welfare, Medical Research: Charities, Animal Welfare and Neurological Conditions; and 30 September 2016 for Medical Research: Universities and Visual Impairment.

DEADLINE: 30th September 2016

MAX GRANT: Various

Link: <http://www.rsmacdonald.com/>

THOMAS WALL TRUST

This scheme makes grants available for registered charities undertaking educational and social welfare projects in the UK.

DEADLINE: 30th September 2016

MAX GRANT: £1,000

Link: <http://www.thomaswalltrust.org.uk>