

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

'Making a Difference in East Ayrshire Communities'

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Arnold Clark – Community Fund

Registered charities and other not-for-profit groups and organisations from across England, Scotland and Wales can apply for the following support:

- **Cost of Living Support** – funding to any registered UK charity or community group whose work directly supports those most affected by the cost-of-living crisis, such as foodbanks, accommodation, poverty relief and where people/communities in the UK are the primary and immediate focus of investment.
- **Our Communities Support** – funding to projects embedded in the communities in which Arnold Clark operates and is available to organisations who provide services widely accessible to those within Arnold Clark local communities, addressing the needs of those living within them.
- **Gear Up for Sport** – 150 sports kits given away each month to support youth sports teams across the UK. Any youth team with up to 30 members aged 4 to 15 years can apply.

Projects applying for 'Our Communities Support' must address one of the following categories:

- Animal welfare (benefiting humans)
- Arts and culture
- Community development
- Disability
- Education
- Recreation
- Relief support
- Mental health support

Funding is at the discretion of Arnold Clark Community Fund with a possible maximum grant of £2,500.

Applications are reviewed when they are received. Arnold Clark will contact successful applicants on a weekly basis.

Applications are expected to be accepted until the end of December 2024.

[Arnold Clark - Community Fund](#)

Barchester's Charitable Foundation

Grants of up to £2,500 for small community groups and local charities across England, Scotland, and Wales for projects that help reduce isolation and loneliness, promote group activities, and generally improve mobility and quality of life for older people and adults with physical, learning, or mental disabilities.

Funding is intended to help small community groups and local charities with the following:

- Activities.
- Equipment and materials for use by members.
- Member transport.
- Day trips, outings, and group holidays in the UK.

Priority will be given to innovative projects that help older people and those with a disability to get active, meet people, and reduce isolation. Funding is for small and local groups, and groups with financial reserves in the hundreds of thousands or millions are unlikely to receive support.

[Barchester's Charitable Foundation](#)

Corra Foundation – Boost Small Grants Programme

Corra Foundation, in partnership with STV Children's Appeal and Comic Relief, is offering grants of between £500 and £3,000 for charities, voluntary and community organisations and Community Interest Companies with an annual income of up to £50,000 across Scotland that work with children and families affected by poverty. For 2024, grants of between £250 and £1,500 are also available to unconstituted groups.

This funding is for projects that ensure accessible, supportive, community-led activities remain available to children and families despite the challenges the higher cost of living poses for charities and community groups.

Priority will be given to groups that are facing financial challenges due to the cost-of-living crisis. Grants can be used to fund a new project, help continue a pre-existing project, or support running costs (such as utilities, salaries, or transport).

Applications can be submitted at any time and will close when the available funding is fully allocated.

<https://www.corra.scot/grants/boost-fund/>

Cunninghame Housing Association – Making Our Communities Better Places Fund

Grants of up to £1,000 for groups, individual or organisation with a clear connection with the communities within which the Association operates can make an application for funding. In East Ayrshire, these are currently Auchinleck, Mauchline, Kilmarnock and Kilmaurs.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

[Cunninghame Housing Association - Making Our Communities Better Places Fund](#)

Museums Association – Esmée Fairbairn Collections Fund

Provided by the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation and administered by the Museums Association (MA), the Collections Fund supports museums and their community partners to develop together, using existing collections.

The fund is open to all museums and galleries in the UK with priority given to smaller and medium-sized organisations where funding of this size can make the most difference in the long term.

Following a period of review last year, the fund currently supports museums that have established strategic aims for diversity, equity and inclusion; and that are ready to use their collections and Esmée Fairbairn Foundation funding to support social and climate justice, in ways that are relevant to local contexts and relationships.

Grants of £40,000–£100,000 are available over a period of up to three years. It is expected that around 12 grants per year will be awarded over the two funding rounds in 2024. The funding can be used for core costs, a change from previous years.

Successful applicants are required to join the Collections Network and should reserve resources to allow at least one to two people to attend network meetings at least twice a year. Alongside informal peer support, the Collections Network includes coaching conversations and action learning sets to support planning, evaluation and legacy.

The deadline for applications to the second round is 16 September 2024.

[Museums Association - Esmée Fairbairn Collections Fund](#)

Paths for All – Community Project Transition Fund

Paths for All is offering grants of between £5,000 and £100,000 for third sector and community organisations in Scotland through its new Community Project Transition Fund. The Fund is provided by Transport Scotland and is being delivered by Paths for All on behalf of Tactran and Scotland's Regional Transport Partnerships.

Revenue funding is available to support projects that will encourage a shift towards active travel within local communities.

A total of £2.1 million is expected to be available through the Fund. Timescales for the award of funding are currently subject to confirmation of funding from Transport Scotland.

Activities should contribute to the Transport Scotland Active Travel Framework Outcome to “Increase the number of people choosing walking, cycling and wheeling in Scotland” through delivery of the following outcomes:

- More people choose to walk, wheel or cycle for short local journeys and/or
- People develop more positive attitudes towards active travel options.

Projects should also align with the Transport Scotland People and Place programme priorities of:

- Active Schools and young people.
- Workplaces.

- Accessibility and inclusion.
- Capacity and capability.

There is a two-stage application process.

Expressions of interest are currently being accepted.

[Paths for All - Community Project Transition Fund](#)

NatureScot – Scottish Government Nature Restoration Fund

NatureScot is offering grants for projects for groups across Scotland that restore wildlife and habitats on land and sea and address the twin crises of biodiversity loss and climate change across the following themes:

- Habitat and species restoration: management for enhancement and connectivity.
- Freshwater restoration, including restoring natural flows in rural catchments.
- Coastal and marine initiatives which promote restoration, recovery, enhancement, or resilience.
- Control of invasive non-native species impacting on nature (INNS).
- Urban: Enhancing and connecting nature across and between towns and cities.

Grants are available across the following funding strands:

- Helping Nature grants of between £25,000 and £250,000.
- Transforming Nature grants of over £250,000. Through this funding strand, a development option is also available for applicants seeking to fund development phase activities such as feasibility studies, land or site investigation, or the development of project plans.

Applications will be accepted from registered charities and trusts, constituted community groups, private individuals, and companies and partnerships and organisations working collaboratively with others. Public bodies cannot be the principal beneficiary of a grant from the Fund but can be a coordinator of, or funding contributor to, a wider partnership bid.

Funding can be used for contractor costs, capital equipment and material, staff costs, travel and subsistence, irrecoverable VAT relating to project costs, training and skills development, full cost recovery (where there are staff costs, organisational and overhead costs), and costs associated with partnership or collaborative applications. All projects must be completed by 31 March 2026.

There is a two-stage application process wherein groups must first submit an Expression of Interest before being invited to complete a full application. Expressions of Interest should be submitted well in advance of the application deadline date.

The deadline for applications is 12 August 2024.

[NatureScot - Scottish Government Nature Restoration Fund](#)

East Ayrshire Council Community Grant

The next deadline date for applications is 26 July 2024.

[East Ayrshire Council Community Grant](#)

Renewable Energy Fund

To check the next deadline date for applications please contact Democratic Services at Council HQ on 01563 554400 for further information.

[Renewable Energy Fund](#)

Tincornhill Quarry Fund

For further information on application criteria and deadline dates please go to:

[Tincornhill Quarry Fund](#)

East Ayrshire 4 Community

If you are looking for external funding for a particular project then please remember to register **FREE** at East Ayrshire 4 Community by going to the following link:

[East Ayrshire 4 Community](#)