

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT 'Making a Difference in East Ayrshire Communities'

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BUPA Foundation – Green Community Grants

The Green Community Grants scheme is provided by the BUPA Foundation as part of its Healthy Cities campaign, which aims to support one million people across the globe to improve their health each year by 2025, through restoring and regenerating nature.

Now in its second year, the scheme is administered by Groundwork, which is a federation of charities working nationally and locally to transform lives in the UK's most disadvantaged communities.

Grants of between £500 and £2,500 are available for projects delivered by 30 April 2025.

The funding is intended for schools, registered charities, not-for-profit organisations, local authorities and social housing providers for practical projects which help with both people and planet health.

Priority will be given to projects that:

- Improve or create new green spaces.
- Benefit and involve the local community.
- Are located in disadvantaged areas (high Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) scores for the postcode, or a school with a significant proportion of children benefitting from free school meals).

Examples of green projects could include:

- Improving a local community garden for community use and recreational activities.
- Volunteer-led tree or flower planting to improve air quality and biodiversity.
- Creating an outdoor classroom or 'forest school' on school grounds.
- Creating a community food growing space.

This is not an exhaustive list and other project ideas to improve green spaces are welcomed.

The deadline for applications is 30 June 2024.

[BUPA Foundation Green Grants](#)

Central Scotland Green Network – Growing Food Together Fund

The Central Scotland Green Network, with support from the Scottish Government, is offering grants for constituted, not-for-profit organisations that aim to promote and increase community food growing activities across Scotland.

Through the Growing Food Together Fund, a total of £100,000 is available for projects that:

- Improve food growing skills, particularly in poorly ranked Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) areas.
- Improve access to and understanding of the benefits of growing food.
- Enable people from all walks of life to enjoy and learn about nutritious food.

Funding for projects and activities that have a tangible community benefit, such as:

- Setting up a community-growing area where the land has been set aside for this purpose.
- Installing physical infrastructures such as raised beds or polytunnels.
- Sourcing materials and equipment to prepare sites for growing.
- Purchasing or leasing of tools and equipment.
- Making the site safe for growing, eg installing fences ensuring accessible access.
- Soil analysis testing and site research.
- Site feasibility studies or design work.
- Learning and training opportunities to increase knowledge about food growing.

Eligible costs include staff time dedicated to the project, and reasonable expenses towards volunteers, community members, and overheads such as project management or liability insurance.

The deadline for applications is 19 July 2024.

[Central Scotland Green Network - Growing Food Together Fund](#)

Co-op – Local Community Fund

The Local Community Fund supports projects in Co-op members' communities that help to create Sustainable Future for People and the Planet (the themes for this year).

There is a total of £5 million for Co-op communities across the UK with £6,000 to share between three local causes in each community.

Funding is determined by Co-op community members who vote on the project they wish to support in their local community. The more Co-op members that support the project and shop at Co-op, the more money groups will receive. Successful groups will receive a minimum of £1,000 to support their projects.

Not-for-profit groups that are registered or based in the UK with their own bank account can apply if their project supports this year's themes of:

- **People** – project should enable people to play a part in their community's future by:

- Supporting young people to fulfil their potential.
- Helping older people feel connected
- Improving people’s mental wellbeing
- **Planet** - projects that help to protect the planet by:
 - Tackling climate change
 - Reducing waste and resource use
 - Protecting nature

The funder is keen to support projects across both themes that promote and celebrate diversity and inclusion.

Projects need to take place in the UK or Isle of Man and take place or still be running after November 2025.

Applicants will need to provide a Co-op membership number for one of the people making the application. Non-members can join online.

The deadline for applications is 7 July 2024.

[Co-op - Local Community Fund](#)

Delamere Dairy Foundation

Delamere Dairy Foundation is offering grants of between £1,000 and £5,000 for charities and community groups to deliver projects in communities across England, Scotland, and Wales that align with the Foundation’s objectives.

Funding is available for the following:

- The advancement of agriculture and environmental protection.
- The advancement in life of young people by developing their capabilities so that they may mature as contributory members of society.
- The relief of financial hardship.
- The advancement of education.
- The relief of sickness.

There are typically two funding rounds per year, in Spring and Autumn. Groups can apply once per calendar year.

The next deadline for applications is 31 August 2024.

[Delamere Dairy Foundation](#)

Greenspace Scotland – Parks4Life Community Fund

Grants of between £500 and £1500 are now available to constituted community and friends' groups that are working to improve parks and greenspaces in Scotland.

The funding is provided through the first round of the Parks4Life Community Fund, established through donations and support to Scotland's only crowdfunding site specifically for parks and greenspaces, MyParkScotland, and is managed by Greenspace Scotland.

The Fund is intended to support community groups to deliver on their aim of bringing their parks to life and making the best of parks in Scotland for the public to enjoy now and in the future.

Funding can be used for a range of costs, including events, skills training for volunteers, or small planting schemes.

Priority will be given to the following:

- Projects that aim to 'activate' the park through events eg, a gala day or focussed park clean that will bring people to the park or greenspace.
- Promoting the work of the community and friends' group and the role of the park or greenspace.
- Purchase of tools and materials that will help the group.
- Groups where their park or greenspace is in an area that scores highly on the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD), particularly those in the 20% of most deprived areas.

It is anticipated that projects will be delivered within six months of a grant offer being accepted.

Applications will be considered, and funding allocated every two weeks. Groups are encouraged to apply as early as possible.

Applications will close when funding is fully allocated or on 30 August 2024.

[Greenspace Scotland - Parks4life Community Fund](#)

International Tree Foundation – UK Community Tree Planting Programme

The International Tree Foundation is offering grants for community-based organisations across the UK to deliver tree-planting projects that protect and restore indigenous trees and woodlands, support community engagement in tree planting, and increase awareness of the importance of trees and forests to environmental and human well-being.

The UK Community Tree Planting Programme will support projects that meet the following essential criteria:

- Plant trees in public/publicly accessible spaces: sites that are readily accessible to the public, including schools, parks, rights of way, and sites managed by community groups.
- Plant indigenous tree species: this may include traditional fruit trees and 'honorary' natives where appropriate.
- Engage community members in tree planting and enjoying the benefits of woodlands.
- Have clear plans for maintenance and sustainability.

In addition, for this funding round proposed projects must meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Engage children and young adults in tree planting and learning about trees.
- Engage vulnerable groups and groups with low access to woodlands.
- Create biodiversity in habitats.
- Conserve soil and water.
- Demonstrate new approaches, such as agroforestry.
- Support rewilding and natural regeneration.
- Support work or research on tree pest and disease resistance and climate change adaptation.
- Support urban tree planting.

Grants are available across two funding streams:

- Grants for community woodland/hedging projects that range from 100 to 25,000 trees planted per year, with a maximum price equivalent to £1.95 per tree.
- Grants for community orchard projects of up to 30 trees planted per year.

There is a two-stage application process. Groups must first submit an online Expression of Interest form before being shortlisted to complete a full application.

The deadline for applications is 13 December 2024.

[International Tree Foundation - UK Community Tree Planting Programme](#)

Islamic Relief UK

Islamic Relief UK is offering grants of between £1,000 and £40,000 for voluntary, community, and social enterprise sector organisations across the UK to deliver projects that support marginalised and vulnerable people and their communities.

In 2024, a total of £2.5 million is available for projects and activities that align with the following aims:

- Building resilience to poverty:
 - Prioritise programme delivery within disadvantaged and vulnerable communities.
 - Incorporate sustainability within programme initiatives.
 - Develop the capacity of local communities to address issues of poverty.
- Empowering women and girls:
 - Providing economic opportunities for women.
 - Supporting survivors of domestic abuse.
 - Developing the confidence and skills of women.
- Supporting refugee and asylum-seeking populations:
 - Engage in projects which empower refugee communities socially and financially.

- Youth and family development:
 - Engaging young people in constructive activities.
 - Encouraging youth leadership and confidence-building.
 - Supporting disadvantaged BAMER populations.

Funding can be used to cover project delivery costs, such as staff salaries, room hire, equipment and materials, or organisational and core costs proportional to the size of the project, such as rent, heating, or insurance costs).

The deadline for applications is 8 July 2024.

[Islamic Relief UK](#)

Leeds Building Society Foundation

The Leeds Building Society Foundation offers grants to UK registered charities for projects which address one or more of the following themes:

- Financial stress - projects that help with bills or debt stress.
- Security and refuge - projects that support emergency accommodation.
- Quality and suitability of housing.
- Health and wellbeing support for those experiencing homelessness.

Applications are welcome from those who take a Housing First and/or relationship-based approach. Applications should show evidence of:

- Strength-based practice
- Trauma-informed care
- Psychologically informed environments.

UK registered charities can apply for:

- Small Grants of between £250 and £1,000 to charities anywhere in the UK that have a turnover of less than £1 million. The funding is to be used for projects that support those in need of a safe and secure home. Grants are only for capital expenditure (that is, to purchase items used to directly help those in need).

There are two more closing dates for applications in 2024. Successful applicants will be contacted two months after the meeting date.

The deadline for applications is 9 September 2024

[Leeds Building Society Foundation](#)

SafeDeposits Scotland – Community Fund

Grants of up to £5,000 are available to groups and organisations across Scotland to deliver a variety of projects and activities that benefit local communities.

Through the SafeDeposits Scotland Community Fund, groups can apply for funding for projects that positively impact local communities by addressing the following priorities:

- Sustainability and the environment.
- Employability and career skills.
- Social inclusion.
- Technology and digital inclusion.
- Improving the local community.

Applications are considered on a quarterly basis with up to three grants available in each funding round.

The next deadline for applications is 30 August 2024.

[SafeDeposits Scotland - Community Fund](#)

Skipton Building Society Charitable Foundation

The Skipton Building Society Charitable Foundation was established 24 years ago by Skipton Building Society. Since then it has given away more than £3.4 million to good causes across the UK.

The funding is intended for UK registered charities based and working in the UK whose purpose is to:

- Benefit children and adults particularly those living in socially deprived areas, through education to develop core skills and support wellbeing and mental health.
- Benefit the wellbeing and welfare of children and adults by preventing or reducing poverty and homelessness in the community.
- Support the elderly and improve their wellbeing by reducing isolation, helping reduce the effects of Dementia and Alzheimer's and support later life/palliative care.

Grants of up to £6,000 are available, though the Foundation prefers to give smaller amounts with the aim of supporting as many good causes as possible throughout the UK.

The grants are to be used for items or activities that have tangible benefit to the charity's beneficiaries.

For example, equipment to:

- Support young people as they transition from homelessness to new accommodation such as toiletries, bedding, cooking utensils.
- Engage the elderly in activities, exercise and experiences to help improve mental and physical wellbeing such as a large, digital interactive activity table for a care setting.

The next deadline for applications is 31 July 2024.

[Skipton Building Society Charitable Foundation](#)

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](#)