

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT 'Making a Difference in East Ayrshire Communities'

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Bòrd na Gàidhlig – Early Years Grants

Bòrd na Gàidhlig is offering grants of up to £15,000 for voluntary and third sector early years groups in Scotland looking to deliver sessions for children aged 0 to 3 years through the medium of Gaelic.

Through the Early Years Grants Fund, a total of £100,000 is available to enable groups to encourage and increase the day-to-day use of Gaelic and achieve one or more of the following objectives:

- Ensure that children and families have sustained access to Gaelic early years provision.
- Increase the number of children continuing with Gaelic-medium learning at key transition stages.
- Help more families in Scotland become aware of the benefits of bilingualism and the opportunities offered by Gaelic-medium education.
- Help parents become better informed on resources and opportunities to support and interact with their children through Gaelic in homes and communities.

There are two levels of funding available:

- Grants of up to £4,000 are available for groups delivering only one session per week.
- Grants of up to £15,000 are available for groups delivering more than one session per week.

Funding is for costs associated with the delivery of Gaelic-medium sessions for young children.

All playleaders supported through this fund should be fluent Gaelic speakers and must be paid at least the Scottish Living Wage.

Funded activities should commence from 1 August 2024 and be fully completed by 5 July 2025.

The deadline for applications is 27 June 2024.

[Bord na Gaidhlig - Early Years Grants](#)

Foundation Scotland – Essentia Foundation

Grassroots community organisations with an income of under £250,000 from across Scotland can apply now for a maximum grant of £9,000 over a three year period.

The funding is for projects that achieve the following objectives:

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

The funder is seeking projects for young people up to the age of 25 years only that:

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

The current funding round has around £80,000 to award as grants. As a result, this is a highly competitive fund, with around 20% of applicants receiving funds.

Please note, 12 month projects are **not** supported for the current round.

The deadline for applications is 24 June 2024 for decisions in August 2024.

[Foundation Scotland - Essentia Foundation](#)

Hilden Charitable Fund

The Fund aims to address disadvantage by supporting causes which are less likely to raise funds from public subscription or statutory services.

Applications will be accepted from the following groups providing they have a total annual income of less than £250,000 in the last three years and they are registered and operating within the UK:

- Registered charities.
- Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIOs).
- Community Interest Companies (CICs) limited by guarantee, not by shares.
- Charitable Companies (must be registered both as a charity and a company)
- Excepted charities

Grants will usually be in the range of £5,000 to £7,000 per year for up to two years. Unrestricted grants of core or project funding are available. However, to be eligible for unrestricted funding all of an

organisation's work must meet the Fund's criteria. All unrestricted grants must be used for charitable purposes.

Activities must fall into one of two programme areas:

- Asylum Seekers and Refugees - for organisations working to provide essential services which help meet the needs of asylum seekers and refugees and support their integration/participation in the wider community.
- Penal Affairs – for work "through the door" where organisations go into prisons with projects and support to help prisoners (especially women) cope and/or maintain family bonds and to be better able to resettle positively when released. Post-release projects which support positive settlement and reduce the risk of re-offending are also welcomed.

The application window opens 30 May and closes 11 July 2024.

[Hilden Charitable Fund](#)

Hubbub / Starbucks – Eat It Up Fund

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

Now in its second year, the grant fund is offering six grants of £60,000 each to support innovative ideas to tackle food waste in the UK. The grant must be used within a year.

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

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

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

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

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

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

This includes:

- Registered charities, including charitable incorporated organisations and not for profit companies.
- Social enterprises.
- Community Interest Companies.

- Schools, universities and colleges.
- Local authorities.
- Micro and small businesses with a clear social purpose.

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

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

There is a two stage application process.

The deadline for Expressions of Interest is 14 June 2024.

[Hubbub & Starbucks - Eat It Up Fund](#)

Local Energy Scotland – Community Energy Generation Growth Fund

Local Energy Scotland has announced the launch of a new £1.5 million Community Energy Generation Growth Fund.

The Fund is provided by the Scottish Government through the Community and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES). The current CARES funding round is ending in March 2025.

Through the Fund, grants are available to established and incorporated community groups such as development trusts and community energy and climate action groups to set up renewable energy generation projects, such as:

- Installing wind turbines and solar panels.
- Developing other types of renewable energy generation, such as hydro.

The funding available is mostly capital. There is no maximum grant for capital funding.

A limited amount of funding is also available for feasibility studies and option appraisals, with grants of up to £10,000 available.

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

Further information on the Fund's criteria will be provided when it becomes available.

Expressions of Interest are currently being accepted. Full applications will open on 28 May 2024 and close on 28 June 2024.

[Local Energy Scotland - Community Energy Generation Growth Fund](#)

Local Energy Scotland – Let’s Do Net Zero Community Buildings Fund

Local Energy Scotland has announced that its Let’s Do Net Zero Community Buildings Fund will close to new applications from the end of August 2024 or sooner if funding is fully allocated. The Fund is provided by the Scottish Government through the Community and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES). The current CARES funding round is ending in March 2025.

Through the Fund, grants of up to £80,000 are available to community groups, registered charities, and other not-for-profit organisations across Scotland to support the installation of low-carbon and renewable energy measures in community buildings and to help support decarbonisation.

Funding is intended to enable groups to install low carbon and renewable energy measures in self-managed community buildings, such as village halls, community centres, community hubs, sports facilities, and faith buildings.

Applicants can apply for at least one of the following core measures:

- Heat pumps (air, ground, or water source) and heat distribution systems, including emitters, pipework, and controls.
- Connections to a heat network.
- Direct electric (storage heating or electric boilers).
- Biomass heating.
- Solar photovoltaic (PV) panels.
- Solar water heating.

Funding can also be used for the following add-on measures:

- Energy storage - thermal or electrical.
- Insulation - any loft, underfloor or cavity wall insulation.
- Secondary glazing.
- Draught proofing.
- Replacement LEDs, bulbs, and other appropriate light fittings.
- Smart controls.

All work must be completed, and all funding claimed by 28 February 2025.

There is a two-stage application process wherein groups must first submit an Expression of Interest before being invited to complete a full application.

The deadline for applications is 31 August 2024 or whenever funding is fully allocated, whichever is sooner.

[Local Energy Scotland - Let's Do Net Zero Community Buildings Fund](#)

NatureScot – Future Routes Fund

A total of £20,000 is available in 2024 for projects that are run by and help young people (aged 11 to 26 years):

- Connect with nature.
- Contribute positively to Scotland's natural environment and landscapes.
- Increase their knowledge and understanding of Scottish biodiversity and empower them to take positive action for nature and the climate.

Two levels of funding are available:

- Grants of between £500 and £2,000 are available to individuals.
- Grants of between £1,000 and £5,000 are available to groups.

Projects must take place in Scotland before 30 November 2024 and address at least two of the following outcomes:

- Have access to improving their local environment.
- Are encouraged to be engaged in their community through nature.
- Are supported to increase their knowledge and understanding of Scottish nature.
- Are more empowered through opportunities to connect to nature.

Projects can be anything that connects young people to Scotland's nature (eg, films, performances, exhibitions, conservation projects, discussion days, nature trails).

There is particular interest in ideas which would:

- Provide a platform for young people's opinions about the environment to be heard.
- Encourage young people who have little experience or interest in nature or the outdoors to get involved.
- Show how nature can promote a healthy lifestyle.
- Highlight equality issues and celebrate diversity.
- Showcase the skills of young people.

The deadline for applications is 19 June 2024.

[NatureScot - Future Routes Fund](#)

Robertson Trust – Work Pathways Programme Award

The Robertson Trust, one of Scotland's largest independent funders, is offering grants for up to five years, typically between £50,000 and £500,000, up to £250,000 per year.

The funding is available through the Trusts Work Pathways Programme Awards for strategic work focused on improving job quality to tackle in-work poverty in Scotland. It is expected that the Trust will spend £2 million through this call, depending on the level of demand and the quality of proposals received.

The Programme Awards are intended for work that falls out with the criteria of the Trust's rolling grants programme, which will be closing from 31 May 2024 until September 2024 whilst the Trust makes changes to its funding programme to 'sharpen the focus' of its Funds.

Applications will be accepted from the following organisations provided they have an annual income of more than £100,000 and operate in Scotland:

- Registered charities.
- Asset-locked Community Interest Companies.
- Housing Associations.
- Credit Unions.

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

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

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

Project restricted revenue funding is available for work that has a strong potential for change that lasts on poverty and trauma in Scotland, including:

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

There is a two-stage application process.

The deadline for Stage One applications is 7 June 2024.

[The Robertson Trust - Work Pathways Programme Award](#)

Wolfson Foundation – Funding for Places

Twice a year, the Wolfson Foundation accepts applications from charitable organisations and educational establishments in the UK who are seeking grants for capital initiatives, i.e. buildings (new build or refurbishment) and equipment.

The Foundation funds a broad range of organisations working across the fields of education, science and medicine, health and disability, heritage and arts and humanities.

The size of the grants varies across the different programme areas.

The usual grant ranges are:

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

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

Match funding is required for projects where the total project cost is above £50,000.

The project should be for a new building, refurbishment work or equipment that leads to at least one of the following aims:

- Increased access to services for new and existing users.
- Improved quality and range of services.
- Improved financial stability of the organisation.

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

The application window for Round 2 is now open for all of the programme areas listed above.

The deadline for Stage 1 applications is 1 July 2024 with decisions in December 2024.

[Wolfson Foundation - Funding for Places](#)

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](#)