

# COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

## 'Making a Difference in East Ayrshire Communities'

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## NHS Scotland Community Benefits Gateway

As part of their Community Wealth Building programme, NHS Ayrshire & Arran is working to promote the NHS Scotland Community Benefits Gateway.

They are asking community groups, third sector organisations, associations and charities within Ayrshire who would like to request support to register a community need on the NHS Scotland Community Benefits gateway.

The NHS Scotland Community Benefits Gateway connects NHS Scotland suppliers with third sector community organisations within Scotland who are looking for assistance with community initiatives.

Through supporting the use of NHS Scotland Community Benefits Gateway (CBG) NHS Ayrshire & Arran aims to help to reduce health inequalities and improve the economic, social and environmental wellbeing of the citizens of Ayrshire.

A community initiative (or 'need' as it's known) is something which improves the economic, social and environmental wellbeing of a local area. So a third sector organisation might ask, for example, for support such as provision of equipment, repairs or upgrades to a building, assistance to build community facilities, provision of volunteers for a project, funding a work placement opportunity and much more. The NHS Scotland Community Benefit Gateway (CBG) itself is not a funding platform and should not be viewed as such.

It supports community initiatives such as:

- Work placement opportunities
- Volunteering projects
- The provision of professional advice
- Assistance with building community facilities
- Environmental proposals
- Improving and promoting biodiversity
- Lifelong learning projects (this list is not exhaustive)

[NHS Scotland - Community Benefit Gateway](#)

## B&Q Foundation

A wide range of UK registered charities based and working in the UK can apply for one-off grants of up to £5,000 for garden projects or up to £10,000 for building or indoor projects.

The funding is for registered charities working with people most in need because of homelessness, financial hardship, sickness, disability or other disadvantage.

Charities can use the grants to decorate, renovate or create spaces (indoors and outdoors) with the aim of making people feel at home and having a sense of belonging. Projects could include creating community gardens, redecorating properties, installing new boilers, and creating new buildings or rooms.

The funding will cover the full cost for the completion of the project, including staff time required.

Projects need to be delivered within six months of receiving the grant.

There are three more application windows in 2024.

**The next deadline for applications 17 May 2024.**

[B&Q Foundation](#)

## Material Focus – Electricals Recycling Fund

Grants to communities across the UK to reuse and recycle small household electricals.

A total of £750,000 is being made available in 2024 to support two types of projects:

- **Growing existing services** – grants of up to £100,000 for projects that grow existing collection methods for small electricals. This could be community drop points in libraries and other community locations, adding cages under refuse collection vehicles, bring banks/WEEE banks.
- **Innovating new methods** – grants of up to £50,000 to come up with new approaches to repair, reuse and/or recycle electricals, for example, collection points at large offices/campuses, drop-offs at post offices, major supermarkets, large shopping centres, retail parks, collection of waste electricals using the return journey/spare capacity during collection/delivery of parcels, or projects that support tackling the growing concerns around digital inclusion.

The funding can be used for:

- The purchase of new bins/collection points ('bring banks').
- The adaptation of waste collection vehicles to include cages for kerbside WEEE.
- Vehicle rental.
- Installation of bins.
- Communication and marketing materials.
- Staffing costs to cover the time spent planning and delivering the project.
- Salaries if the person is working to deliver the funded project.

A range of registered organisations can apply, including charities, local authorities, waste partnerships, private waste contractors, other private companies, and compliance schemes.

Material Focus will provide successful applicants with project management support.

**Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.**

[Material Focus - Electricals Recycling Fund](#)

## Morrisons Foundation

Grants of up to £10,000 are available for specific projects that help to improve people's lives.

To be eligible, projects must address at least one of the Foundation's funding objectives of:

- Tackling poverty and social deprivation.
- Enhancing community spaces, facilities and services.
- Improving health and wellbeing.

The funding is to be used for capital spend or direct project delivery and must wholly fund the project.

Priority is given to smaller charities with an income of less than £1 million, though applications will be considered from larger charities.

The Foundation will not generally support salaries and other running costs or ongoing service delivery.

**There is no deadline for applications.**

[Morrisons Foundation](#)

## Screwfix Foundation

Local registered charities and not-for-profit organisations can apply for grants of up to £5,000 for projects which improve a physical building (or land attached to it) that is used by people in need.

The funding is to be used for the following types of projects:

- Improved energy efficient lighting and heating.
- Installation of new kitchen, bathroom etc.
- Installation of a sensory room.
- General painting and decorating.
- Improving safety and security of a building.

Registered charities, Community Benefit Societies, Cooperative Societies and Community Interest Companies can apply as long as they have suitable governance to manage the fund and are supporting people in need whether by reason of financial hardship, sickness, disability or other disadvantage or distress.

There are three more opportunities to submit an application for 2024 funding.

**The next deadline for applications is 10 May.**

[Screwfix Foundation](#)

## Spar – Community Cashback

For a third year in a row, SPAR shoppers can apply for a grant of up to £10,000 for a local voluntary or community organisation or charity they feel deserves funding.

Applicants for grants are open to UK residents (England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland mainland only) aged 16 years or over.

All applicants need to do is share the exceptional contribution that a local organisation has made to their local community and what the grant would be used for.

Grants will be given based on the strength of the applicant's story, the recipient's levels of dedication to their community and the credibility of what the grant would be spent on and its impact for the local community.

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Individuals
- Community Interest Companies with shares (CICs).
- Community Interest Companies with guarantee that are less than two years old.
- Profit-making organisations.

**The deadline for applications is 22 May 2024.**

[Spar - Community Cashback](#)

## Steel Charitable Trust – Rolling Grants Programme

Charities, charitable incorporated organisations (CIOs) and municipally funded museums across the UK with an annual income of more than £50,000 can apply for funding to deliver a variety of projects and activities across the following core categories:

- Arts and Heritage
- Education
- Environment
- Health
- Social or Economic Disadvantage

Proposed projects for the health category should have a focus on one of the following:

- Programmes and activities that aim to support, maintain, and improve mental health in any demographic.
- Health care for older people.

Proposed projects for the social or economic disadvantage categories should focus on one of the following:

- Disadvantaged children.
- Housing and homeless people.

Funding can be used to cover core costs, capital works, and specific projects.

The minimum grant size is £10,000. Awards of more than £25,000 are rare.

There are typically four application periods throughout the year.

**The next deadline for applications is 11 July 2024.**

[Steel Charitable Trust - Rolling Grants Programme](#)

## Triangle Trust - 1949 Fund

Following on from its change in funding strategy last year, the Triangle Trust 1949 Fund is focusing its funding in 2024 solely on not-for-profit organisations working with vulnerable young women and girls who have been in the criminal justice system or who are at a high risk of entering it.

The Trust holds two grants rounds per year with grants of up to £80,000 over two years (up to £40,000 can be requested per year):

- The Spring round is for proposals wanting to work with young people who already have a criminal conviction.
- The Autumn round is for proposals focused on targeted work with high-risk young people on the edge of the criminal justice system.

Registered charities, not-for-profit social enterprises and community interest companies that are working within the UK and have a UK office can apply.

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Have previous experience of working with vulnerable young women or girls either on the edge of the criminal justice system or who already have criminal convictions.
- Be requesting funding for a project working exclusively with young women and girls.
- Work solely with women and girls.
- Have a proven track record of running projects working with young women and girls that is both gender and trauma informed.
- Be proposing a project with targets that are specifically linked to either reducing the number of young women or girls who reoffend or reduce the number of young women and girls who receive a first conviction.
- Have an average annual income over the past three years of less than £1.5 million.
- Be a registered charity or an organisation set up with a clear social purpose and appropriate governing documents stating this.

The Trust particularly welcomes applications from organisations working in Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

**The next deadline for applications is 23 May 2024.**

[Triangle Trust - 1949 Fund](#)

## Volunteering Matters – Action Earth Fund

Volunteering Matters is offering grants of between £50 and £250 for volunteer groups across Scotland to respond to the ongoing nature and climate crises and support practical outdoor activities in local communities.

Through the Action Earth Grants Programme, groups can apply for funding to make environmental improvements to urban green spaces, such as planting projects or wildlife habitat creation.

Priority will be given to volunteer groups that:

- Work in areas where there is substantial social or economic deprivation.
- Improve and develop the health and well-being of their local community.
- Involve disabled people, vulnerable people, or those at risk of exclusion.
- Encourage and involve people under 26 in practical outdoor conservation.

Applications that make major environmental impacts or involve mass participation will also be considered.

A minimum of 15 volunteers must be involved in the project, each giving at least five hours of volunteering time. Sites to be worked on must be accessible to the public.

Groups must use non-peat compost and are encouraged to plant native species only.

**Applications will be accepted until all the funding has been awarded.**

[Volunteering Matters - Action Earth Fund](#)

## Wellbeing of Women – Women’s Health Community Fund

Working in partnership with Holland & Barrett, the charity Wellbeing of Women is offering grants of up to £5,000 to small, grassroots organisations and community groups to deliver health information and support to women, girls and people from underrepresented groups in the UK.

The funding is for projects that address the following key points:

- Projects that aim to improve information, education and support for menstrual health, related gynaecological conditions e.g. PCOS, endometriosis, adenomyosis, fibroids, PMDD, and menopause.
- Support people and groups that are often underrepresented in mainstream healthcare, information and services, for example people from Black, Asian and ethnic minority backgrounds (BAME/global majority), LGBTQI+, people living with disabilities, deaf people, blind and partially sighted people, people experiencing homelessness, addiction, people living in areas of economic deprivation.

Grants of up to £5,000 are available to spend across 12 months. Funds will be distributed in two tranches, 50% at the beginning of the project and 50% upon receipt of a six month report.

**The deadline for applications is 19 May 2024.**

[Wellbeing of Women - Women's Health Community 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](#)