

FUNDING NEWSLETTER

Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund

The Scottish Government has renewed funding for 23/24 as part of their Recovery and Renewal Fund to support mental health and well-being in communities across Scotland.

The intended outcome of the Fund is to develop a culture of mental wellbeing and prevention within local communities with improved awareness of how we can all stay well and help ourselves and others.

Grants of up to £7,500 (Level 1 Grants) or up to £25,000 (Level 2 Grants) are available. The deadline is 1 December 2023. Visit the [DVVA website](#) for more information.

Loganair GreenSkies Community Fund

The Loganair GreenSkies Community Fund offers funding to small and medium organisations to support them in becoming more sustainable.

Grants of up to £5,000 are available for projects such as solar panel installations, EV car chargers, small-scale hydropower units, air-source heat pumps etc. Funding is not available for research of feasibility studies.

The deadline for applications is 31 October 2023. Visit the [Loganair website](#) for more information.

UK Community Tree Planting Programme

The UK Community Tree Planting Programme provides financial support for community tree planting projects. Organisations must be community-based e.g. schools, community groups, social enterprises etc.

Projects can be small, such as a community woodland or orchard, or a larger scale project such as landscape restoration or rewilding. The programme also offers expert consultation and advice for projects if needed. This may include help with project design, species selection, ground preparation, and so on. The deadline for applications is Friday 1st December. See [here](#) for more information.

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Corporate Funding Team

The Corporate External Funding Team was established to drive strategy, shape bids and ensure that the Council and key partners don't miss opportunities to bid for major external funding streams. The aim is to maximise the level of external funding secured by the Council.

We will focus our efforts in 4 general areas: Strategy & Governance; Project Support and Applications; Capacity Building; and Communication/ Engagement

You can contact the team at externalfunding@dundee.gov.uk to find out how we can help you with your funding queries.

Women's Fund for Scotland (WFS)

The Women's Fund for Scotland (WFS) has £100,000 in total available to distribute in grants to projects across Scotland that support women's development, self-sufficiency and social and economic equality.

The programme offers grants across six key investment themes: Building skills and confidence, improving health and well-being, growing social connections, moving on from abuse, developing leadership and innovation, and combatting poverty and building financial resilience. To date the Fund has distributed over £3m in grants to over 640 community groups and local charities.

Organisations who have a proven track record of working with women and girls can apply for an unrestricted grant of up to £5,000.

The deadline for applications is 16 November 2024. See [here](#) for more details on funding criteria and how to apply.

British Science Week - Kick Start Grants

The British Science Association is offering grants for schools to organise their own events during British Science Week 8-17 March 2024. There are different grants available, from £150 to £700.

The grants scheme aims to engage children who might not otherwise choose to participate in science, and to promote cross-curricular learning. A wide range of events and activities are eligible for support. See [here](#) for case studies of previous projects.

Visit the British Science Week [website](#) for information on how to apply. The deadline is 6 November 2023.

Anna Burnett Trust

The Anna Burnett Trust invites applications from secondary school teachers who wish to raise the bar and offer exciting, artistic and creative opportunities to their pupils. Grants are offered for artistic and creative activities not currently available and the Trust is unlikely to fund activities which form part of the school curriculum. Examples of projects may include a trip to a gallery, starting up a photography group, offering senior pupils the chance to do a short, external art and design course.

Applications can be made at any time, [visit the website](#) for more information.

Kellogg's Breakfast Club Programme

Schools can apply to the Kellogg's Breakfast Club Programme for a grant of £1,000 to help fund their breakfast clubs. Priority is given to schools based in an area which is classified as falling in the 10% most deprived according to the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation.

Only one grant per school in each academic year is available. Apply at the [Kellogg's website](#).

Michelin Development – Community & Charity

As part of their development programme, Michelin has a small grants available to charities and community groups to bid in to.

Core focus areas:

Education – committed to developing creative thinkers for tomorrow's workplace. Supporting programmes that build reading, literacy and numeracy skills within local schools. We also promote scientific and technical professions and encourage youth development through sport and culture. We believe these programmes nurture creativity and develop important life and work skills.

Mobility, safety and environment – committed to support programmes that reduce the impact of our activities on the environment. In addition, we look to support programmes that sustain our natural environment and promote green mobility. We work to educate, raise awareness of and sustain better mobility through road safety initiatives.

Community Enhancement – committed to supporting programmes that enrich the quality of life for individuals and our communities as a whole. Providing support in Health & Human services should be considered and we also believe the Arts and our heritage are a powerful way to expose people to different cultures and celebrate the diversity of all people.

To apply, contact Michelin directly - <https://michelindevelopment.co.uk/community-support/>

Delamere Dairy Foundation

The Delamere Dairy Foundation offers funding for projects that support agriculture and environmental protection, young people, people facing financial hardship, education and ill-health.

The objectives of the Foundation are as follows:

- The advancement of agriculture and of 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

The minimum grants is £250 and the maximum is £5,000. The application window for the Spring 2024 Panel opens on 1 November 2023.

Community Ownership Fund

The Community Ownership Fund is a UK Government programme which offers funding to help communities take ownership of assets that would otherwise be lost, either by being closed, sold or neglected.

Community asset or spaces are buildings or land which are used for the well-being or social interest of the local community. These include green spaces, libraries, cultural spaces, leisure facilities, community centres, pubs and more. Communities can apply for up to £250,000 of capital funding to purchase or lease the asset, although in exceptional cases applications of up to £2 million will be considered. 20% match funding of the total project costs is required.

There are four bidding windows per year, but Expressions of Interest (EOI) can be made at any time. For more information and for support in submitting an EOI, contact [My Community](#), the support service set up by the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC).

See [here](#) for a map of the twenty-four projects in Scotland which have been funded so far.

Energy Saving Trust - Energy Redress Scheme

The Energy Saving Trust provides grants to charities and community energy groups that support households most at risk from cold homes and high energy bills.

The scheme will fund new projects in the following funding streams:

- The Main Fund (£50,000 to £1 million) is aimed at projects that will support energy consumers in vulnerable situations.
- The Small Project Fund (£20,000 to £49,999) is aimed at projects that will support energy consumers in vulnerable situations.
- The Innovation Fund (£20,000 to £500,000) is aimed at projects that will develop innovative products or services to benefit energy consumers.
- The Carbon Emissions Reduction Fund (£20,000 to £500,000) is targeted at projects that empower householders to reduce their carbon emissions and engage positively with the transition to net zero.

Only charities that are registered with the Energy Redress Scheme and have passed the due diligence process can apply. The next deadline is 14 November. See [more](#) here.

Cultivation Street

Garden vouchers are available to community, neighbourhood and school gardens who want to bring back community gardening and revitalise our streets and inspire people to take up gardening and grow their green skills.

The categories are: Best Community Garden, gardens for Better Health, Best School Garden, Miracle Gro® - Gro Your Best and Garden Centre of the Year

Apply at the [Cultivation Street website](#).

Horizon Europe

The UK has officially rejoined Horizon Europe, the EU's flagship £82 billion research and development programme, and the world's largest scientific collaboration programme.

Funding themes across Horizon Europe include: Health; creativity and inclusive society; digital, technology and space; climate, energy and mobility; and food, bioeconomy, natural resources, agriculture and environment.

Upcoming calls include: Smart grid-ready buildings; development of next generation synthetic renewable fuel technologies; effects of disruptive changes in transport: towards resilient, safe and energy efficient mobility; and emerging energy technologies for a climate neutral Europe.

For most calls for proposals, bids must come from at least 3 partner organisations from 3 different EU or associated countries.

Visit the [European Commission website](#) for more information or contact the External Funding team to explore how to join a Horizon Europe consortium.

Turing Scheme

The Corporate External Funding team recently supported the Modern Languages department at Grove Academy in securing a grant of £85,000 to send 80 pupils to Orleans, France and Würzburg, Germany. The trip will take place in 2024.

The Turing Scheme is the UK's programme offering opportunities for young people from schools, those studying in higher education institutions and those in further education, vocational education and training to study and work abroad.

Schools, colleges and higher education providers can apply for funding to allow pupils, students and learners to spend time overseas. Funding can be used to send pupils to learn abroad offering exciting opportunities to all those involved. It is an opportunity to offer pupils a life changing experience to learn new skills, raise aspirations and get a better understanding of other cultures.

There are two types of placements abroad for the 2023-24 academic year open to schools:

- Short-term placements, which can last from three days to two months
- Long-term placements, which can last from two to six months

Short-term placements are for pupils of any age enrolled in a participating school and are accompanied by school staff. Long-term placements are open to pupils aged at least 14.

Hosting organisations must be non-UK schools that provide general, vocational or technical education at any level from primary school to upper secondary education.

Round 4 is expected to open in March/April 2024.

Teachers that are interested in applying to Round 4 are advised to contact the Corporate External Funding team at the earliest opportunity, in order that they can be supported in developing a bid and finding a host organisation.

Visit the [Turing Scheme website](#) for more information.

Tayside Contracts Community Fund

Tayside Contracts can provide services of up to £3,000 to charities and community groups across Tayside, funded for by the Community Fund.

Projects up to the value of £500 will be fast-tracked. Services could include:

- Carrying out roads/footway improvements and repairs to community facilities such as community hall car parks, or local pathways
- Providing food or catering for community/charity events
- Provision of signage for a range of community needs
- Provision of traffic management for community events
- Food hygiene training
- Vehicle servicing/repairs/mechanical support
- One off deep cleans of gutters, roofs, kitchen cleaning

The next deadline is 31 October and successful applicants will be notified by 30 November. See more at the [Tayside Contracts website](#).

National Lottery Awards for All

From 15 November 2023, National Lottery Awards for All is changing. Community-led projects applicants will be able to apply for up to £20,000 (from the current level of £10,000) and the project can be funded for up to two years (currently just one year). For sports or arts projects, the maximum level is still £10,000.

Projects should do at least one of these things:

- Bring people together to build strong relationships in and across communities
- Improve the places and spaces that matter to communities
- Help more people to reach their potential, by supporting them at the earliest possible stage.

Awards for all grants can also be used to celebrate or commemorate national events which are of importance to communities.

See [here](#) for the list of almost 25,000 organisations which have received Awards for All grants to date.

For more information on how to apply, please visit the National Lottery Community Fund [website](#).

Essentia Foundation

The Essentia Foundation is looking to provide financial support to charities and community groups that will help achieve the following objectives:

- Improved health and social welfare of children and young people up to the age of 25 years old.
- 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.

This round of funding is aimed at supporting grassroots community organisations across Scotland. Grants are to be spent over a period of three years.

The fund is looking for projects 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)

Groups can only apply for funding for a maximum period of three years. The maximum grant available is £9,000.00, i.e. £3,000.00 a year for three years. The fund can only support applications where the grant request is at least 25% of total costs..

The next deadline is 30 November 2023. Apply [here](#).

The Scottish Government - Scottish Connections Fund

The Scottish Connections Fund offers funding to organisations to set up new projects to promote Scotland's reputation and interests. Applicants must also be able to demonstrate that their project:

- Has a clear link to at least one commitment in the Scottish Connections Framework
- Brings together or contribute to interests across sectors of activity (live/work, study, visit, do business, culture) - those multiple links will attract additional weighting during the scoring process
- Will increase vibrancy, visibility or connectivity between Scottish diaspora communities outside Scotland, or with Scotland itself
- Has a credible communications plan that promotes Scotland's reputation as a place to live, work, visit, study, and do business
- Promotes inclusion and diversity, for example working in historically marginalised communities and groups, such as with minority ethnic Scots and LGBTQ communities, or encouraging participation of women and young people
- Is co-funded, where possible

The next deadline is 8 November. Apply [here](#).