

FUNDING NEWSLETTER

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 with the intention of maximising the level of external funding secured by the council.

We will focus our efforts in 4 general areas:

- Strategy & Governance
- Project Support
- Capacity Building
- Communication/Engagement

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

Funds open for bids

Regeneration Capital Grants Fund

The Regeneration Capital Grants Fund (RCGF) has opened for applications. Stage 1 bids must be submitted by 2pm on Friday 17 June.

The RCGF, which is delivered in partnership with COSLA and local government, supports locally developed place-based regeneration projects that involve local communities, helping to tackle inequalities and deliver inclusive growth in deprived, disadvantaged communities across Scotland. Typical projects include community centres/spaces, business hubs/incubator spaces, training facilities and environmental works.

Projects should have a focus on:

- areas that suffer from high levels of deprivation and disadvantage
- demonstrating clear community involvement
- delivering large scale transformational change with strong regeneration outcomes
- encouraging additional investment and address market failure

The following projects in Dundee have received funding from the RCGF:

Project	Total grant
Menzieshill Community Campus	£1,320,000
City Quay Project	£1,000,000
Camperdown Community Growing Hub	£899,305
FCSS Fintry Community Hub Childcare Project	£531,503

Bids to the RCGF can only be submitted via Dundee City Council. Potential applicants should contact the External Funding team in the first instance to obtain an Expression of Interest form.

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Further information can be found here - <https://www.gov.scot/policies/regeneration/capital-investment>

Horizon Europe

Horizon Europe is the EU's key funding programme for research and innovation with a budget of €95.5 billion.

The programme facilitates collaboration and strengthens the impact of research and innovation in developing, supporting and implementing EU policies while tackling global challenges. It supports the creation and deployment of excellent knowledge and technologies. Projects are developed in partnership with other organisations across Europe and beyond.

Horizon Europe is the one EU programme that UK organisations are still eligible to participate in as the UK Government has contributed to the budget.

Calls will be open throughout the duration of the programme (2021-27). Examples of topics include:

- Designing inclusive, safe, affordable and sustainable urban mobility
- Accelerating the deployment of new and shared mobility services for the next decade
- Nature-based Solutions integrated to protect local infrastructure
- Enhanced citizen preparedness in the event of a disaster or crisis-related emergency

For more details on issues such as call information or joining a consortium, contact the External Funding team. More information can be found on the Horizon Europe [Website](#).

Investing in Communities Fund

Investing in Communities (ICF) is a new Scottish Government fund, with Round 2 expected to open in May 2022. It will close 4 weeks later. The fund reflects the Government's commitment to investing in communities so that they can develop the resources and resilience to decide their own aspirations, priorities and solutions in response.

The call for applications will support projects being delivered between April 2023 and March 2026. Projects will be expected to start between April and September 2023 and can last up to 3 years.

The programme has four key themes that it expects projects to consider:

- Ensuring a just transition to net zero
- Tackling Poverty and Inequality
- Developing and Sustaining Place Based Approaches
- Community led Regeneration

Grants: From £5,000 to £350,000 over 3 years, with a maximum of £150,000 in any one year.

Eligible Applicants: Community & voluntary organisations; registered charities; Housing Associations and Registered Social Landlords; community councils and social enterprises or community interest companies.

Colleagues interested in applying to the ICF are advised to contact the External Funding team, which has information and resources to support with applications, such as a summary of the application form.

Further information is available: [Empowering Communities Programme - Community empowerment - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](#)

The Turing Scheme

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

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 2022-23 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.

In the previous round several schools from County Durham shared more than £300,000 in grants after Durham County Council's International Relations Team supported their applications.

Round 2 of the Scheme closed on 29 April and round 3 is expected to open in March/April 2023. Teachers that are interested in applying to Round 3 are advised to get in touch with the External Funding team at the earliest opportunity, in order that they can be supported in developing a bid and finding a host organisation.

<https://www.turing-scheme.org.uk/about/>

Aviva Community Fund

Aviva has teamed up with the fundraising platform Crowdfunder to offer funding of up to £50,000 to small charities, schools and community interest groups in the UK with innovative ideas that benefit their community. Every three months from January 2020 onwards, £250,000 will be split equally among Aviva's UK employees to donate to the projects that matter to them most.

Aviva wants to support projects that boost the resilience of communities in the face of uncertainty and will be supporting projects in two key areas:

Climate Action: Promoting healthy, thriving communities by preventing, preparing for and protecting against the impacts of climate change.

Financial Wellbeing: Helping people to take control of their wellbeing by giving them the tools to be more financially resilient and independent.

Once applications have been submitted, applicants will need to create a fundraising page on Crowdfunder that Aviva employees can browse and donate funds to. Applicants can also showcase their projects to raise additional public donations.

Grants: Up to a maximum of £50,000

Eligible Applicants: be registered in the UK as a charity or social enterprise; be based in the UK; have been operating for at least 12 months at the time of submission; have an annual income of no more than £1 million (can be averaged over the last three years); have a UK bank account in its own name; have a safeguarding policy if it supports children or vulnerable people; be a living wage employee (if the organisation employs people); have an active board of trustees or directors or management body.

Eligibility: projects that are already in development and seeking funding; looking to develop a new product, technology or approach; implementing a new approach or a pilot project; expanding the role of an existing project to a new area or beneficiary group; or adapting services to meet the needs of today without compromising the needs of future generations.

Deadline: 12th July 2022

More Information: [Aviva Community Fund - Supporting Your Community - Aviva - Aviva](#)

The Royal Society - Tomorrow's Climate Scientists

The Royal Society's Tomorrow's Climate Scientists started in 2020 and is open to new applications for the 2022/23 school year. The programme will provide grants to schools to support the delivery of a STEM related research project with a focus on climate and biodiversity issues. The programme will see schools working together with STEM professionals from academia or industry to deliver a project that answers a key question related to climate change. Projects should last a minimum of half a term but will score more highly if they last longer.

In the past, questions that schools have sought to answer include:

- Can we power classroom items with renewable energy
- How much can we reduce our school's use of fossil fuels by generating renewable energy on site?
- How can solar power help people in Zambia light their homes?
- How do trees affect climate and air quality?

The Royal Society hosts a series of free training sessions for teachers on how to complete the application alongside a series of drop-in applicant support sessions.

Grants: up to £3,000, mostly for equipment to deliver the project

Eligibility: schools can apply for projects working with pupils aged 5 to 18, if they have at least one STEM partner in academia or industry

Deadline: end of June or end of November

More information: [Tomorrow's climate scientists | Royal Society](#)

The Community Ownership Fund

Round 2 of the UK Government's Community Ownership Fund will launch in Spring 2022 (exact date TBC). The aim of the fund is to help ensure that communities can support and continue benefiting from the local facilities, community assets and amenities most important to them. A total of £150m is available across the UK with a minimum of £12.3m for Scottish based projects.

Local organisations will be able to apply for grants to help them buy, take over and renovate local community assets at risk of being lost, to run as community-owned businesses.

The Community Ownership Fund has 4 strategic objectives:

Providing targeted investment for communities to save community assets that would otherwise be lost

Strengthen capacity and capability in communities to support them to shape their places and develop sustainable community businesses

Empower communities in left behind places to level up

Strengthen direct links between places across the UK and the UK Government

For example, projects may include - sporting and leisure facilities, cinemas and theatres, music venues, museums, galleries, parks, pubs, post office buildings and shops.

Projects must deliver one or more of the following objectives:

- Increase feelings of pride and improve perceptions of the local area as a place to live
- Improve social trust, cohesion and sense of belonging
- Increase local participation in community life, arts, culture and/or sport
- Create additional local economic outcomes – including creating jobs, volunteering opportunities, and improving employability and skills levels in the local community
- Create additional social and well-being outcomes

Grants: up to £250,000. The fund provides 50% of match funding. Applicants must contribute the rest. Sports related assets may apply for up to £1m. Projects can also apply for up to £50,000 in revenue costs to develop plans, feasibility and business cases to ensure the project is sustainable.

Eligible Applicants: Community or voluntary groups with formal governance in place such as a SCIO, Community Interest Company, Co-operative, or a not-for-profit company limited by guarantee.

Eligible Buildings: spaces that will be lost to the community without support or that are already closed. Premises must be owned, being bought as part of the Community Ownership Fund bid or be subject to a long lease (25 years with no break clauses)

Previous Successes: 5 of the projects funded in Round 1 were in Scotland:

- Highland Council - The Old Forge Community Benefit Society: a community owned pub - £219,096
- Stirling Council – Callander Visitor Information Centre - £124,843
- Dumfries & Galloway Council – New Galloway Town Hall Save our Space - £175,000
- Dumfries & Galloway Council – Whithorn ReBuilding – Renewing the Town Hall - £300,000
- Perth & Kinross Council – The Rannoch Hub - £250,000

Deadline: to be confirmed

More Information: <https://www.communityownershipfund.co.uk>

Dundee Common Good Fund

The Common Good Fund for 2022/23 is to be used to support organisations who deliver services for the common good of the City. Approximately £85k is available each year, with all applications assessed on their individual merit.

For 2022/23 the focus of this year's allocation of Common Good funding will continue to prioritise agencies supporting those who find themselves in need. This includes support for agencies providing relief for the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, and those looking to restart services in the wake of the pandemic. Awards are generally in the range of £3,000 to £10,000.

Future deadlines for the year are spread out on a quarterly basis; 18th July, 17th October and 16th January.

<https://www.dundee.gov.uk/dundee-partnership/dundee-partnership-funding>

Social Housing Partnership Fund

Cycling Scotland's Social Housing Partnership Fund aims to address barriers to greater uptake of active travel through the provision of secure, cycle storage facilities at sites owned and operated by social housing providers. In addition to storage facilities the fund can also be used to provide improvements to benches, planters and access points to benefit residents.

The programme recognises that active travel can play a key role in helping to overcome health and socioeconomic issues.

Grants will support the capital costs associated with the purchase and installation of the new facilities and applications are welcome from any social housing providers.

Grants: between £5,000 and £25,000 per site

Eligible Applicants: all social housing providers in Scotland – Councils, Registered Social Landlords

Previous Successes: Angus Housing Association secured funding for works at The Square, Ormiston Crescent.

Deadline: 23rd May 2022

More Information: [Social Housing Fund - Cycling Friendly - Our Programmes - Cycling Scotland](#)

Energy Industry Voluntary Redress Scheme

Ofgem have appointed Energy Savings Trust to distribute payments made by companies that may have breached Ofgem rules. These can then be used in three general areas:

- Supporting energy consumers in vulnerable situations – this is aimed at helping those most at risk of cold homes or high energy bills.
- Innovation Projects – aimed at supporting the development of innovative products and services that can deliver benefits to existing and future energy consumers and that help to reduce the environmental impact of energy use.
- Carbon Emissions Reduction Fund (CERF) – to support activities aimed at reducing carbon dioxide emissions from energy use. Any projects applying to this fund must have a focus on energy generation, distribution or use.

Grants: £20,000 minimum – the maximum will depend on the amount of funding available.

Eligible Applicants: Registered charities, Community Interest Companies, Co-operative societies and Community Benefit Societies

Previous Successes: Angus Housing Association secured funding for internal heating upgrades in Arbroath

Deadline: 6 June 2022

More Information: [About us | Energy Redress scheme](#)

Walking for Health Grant

Paths for All are providing funding to members of the Scottish Health Walks Network who are seeking to increase uptake of walking in Scotland.

The fund aims to:

- Diversify and increase the number of people taking part in Health Walks in Scotland.
- Increase physical activity more generally in Scotland – particularly for those experiencing inequality.
- Improve overall health & wellbeing.

Grants: up to £15,000

Eligible Applicants: Members of the Scottish Health Walks Network

Deadline: 24 June 2022

More Information: [Walking for Health Fund | Paths for All](#)

Museum Development Fund

This fund run by Museums Galleries Scotland aims to assist Accredited museums to take steps towards making their organisations more resilient in line with the aims of the National Strategy.

Priority will be given to applications for projects about:

- Developing Digital Capacity
- Re-engaging with communities
- Workforce capacity and resilience
- Building resilience
- Responding to the climate emergency

Grants: Between £15,000 - £50,000

Eligible Applicants: Any organisation that runs an Accredited Museum in Scotland.

Deadline: Round 1 – 13 June 2022. Round 2 – 31 October 2022

More Information: [Museums Galleries Scotland | Museum Development Fund](#)

Community Transport Grants

This new grant programme operated by Motability aims to support charities and organisations to improve and expand community transport options for people with disabilities.

The grant can be used to:

- Fund support for staff or volunteer training costs
- Increase the number of vehicles available in the community to support people with disabilities.
- Fund initiatives to increase awareness of community transport and increase its influence in transport strategy and policy.
- Provide support to schemes that are already in operation but require funding to either remain operational or expand in scale.

Grants: £100,000 - £4,000,000

Eligible Applicants: Medium or large charities or organisations with well-established ways of working. They must have been active for at least 3 years and have had an annual income of at least £150,000 over that period.

Deadline: March 2025

More Information: [Charitable Grants | Community Transport Grant | Motability](#)

Fund Overviews

The Robertson Trust

About: the Robertson Trust is Scotland's largest charitable trust, founded over 60 years ago. Their 2020-2030 Strategy focuses on actions that will help further understand and alleviate the effects of poverty and trauma in our society.

The Trust will fund:

- Organisations seeking to address the immediate needs of their communities in relation to poverty and trauma
- Focus on organisations providing early intervention and improving the design and delivery of systems and services supported by poverty and trauma.
- Capacity building, skills development and enhanced capabilities within the organisation
- Development of multi-agency initiatives and partnerships between organisations

Projects should:

- Address the financial and material effects of poverty on people and communities
- Ensure people have the emotional well-being and strength in their relationships with others
- Equip people for the future through learning and skills pathways

The Trust has 4 current grant schemes based on scale of both the organisation and the project:

Large Grants	Small Grants	Wee Grants	Community Vehicles
Charities with income between £100,000 and £2M p.a.	Charities with annual income between £25,000 and £100,000	Constituted community groups with income <£25,000	Charities with annual income of £25,000 to £2M
Revenue funding of £15,000 to £50,000 p.a. for 5 years	Revenue funding of £2000 to £15,000 p.a. for 5 year	Grants of up to £2,000 for 1-year only	Funding of up to £10,000 for vehicles to support their work
Unrestricted and restricted funding	Unrestricted and restricted funding		
Can include costs of equipment to support work	Can include costs of equipment to support work		

Key groups the Trust seeks to support:

- Certain family groups e.g. large families, single parents, care-experienced youngsters
- Women
- People with a disability
- People from a BAME background
- Asylum seekers and refugees
- People experiencing severe and multiple disadvantage
- Older People
- People under 25

Projects Funded in Dundee in the last 12 months:

Organisation	Funding for	Type of Grant	Amount
Dundee Women's Aid	Salary costs of a prevention worker	Large Grant	£66,000
Aberlour Childcare Trust	Tayside Family Financial Well-being project	One off scheme - Partners in Change	£409,000
Front Lounge Dundee	Salary costs of a learning manager	Small Grant	£75,000
Community Food Hub, Freecycle Project	Running costs	Wee Grant	£2,000
Faith in Community Dundee	Costs of Dundee Food Security Network	Large Grant	£75,000
Lochee Community Group	Running costs	Wee Grant	£2,000
Just Bee	Running costs	Small Grant	£45,000
The Steeple Church	The Parish Nursing Project	Small Grant	£36,000

Deadline: there are no fixed deadlines and applications from eligible organisations can be made at any time.

National Lottery Community Fund

The National Lottery Community Fund has 4 key funding programmes that it delivers in Scotland to support communities and individuals living in those communities. The programmes provide grants of between £300 and £200,000:

- Awards for All
- Improving Lives
- Community Led
- Young Start

Awards for All – Grants from £300 - £10,000

Priorities:

- Bring people together and build strong relationships in and across communities
- Improve places and spaces that matter to communities
- Help more people to reach their potential by supporting them at the earliest possible stage
- Sports projects that engage young people from deprived communities; girls and young women, young people with disabilities

Funding can support:

- Equipment
- One off events
- Small scale land or building projects
- Transport
- Staff Costs
- Volunteer Expenses
- Training Costs

Deadline: there are no deadlines and bids can be submitted at any time

Projects Funded in Dundee in 2021		
Family Mediation Tayside & Fife	£10,000	New equipment to make services more accessible for people with disabilities e.g. induction loop
Arts & Communities Assoc.	£9,800	Artist led community sessions to paint a mural in the local community
NeON Digital Arts	£3,500	Collaborative project working with digital artists and the community to develop a grassroots internet space
Scottish Ballet	£9,000	Running a series of ballet sessions for young people in Dudhope Young People's In-patient Unit – supporting mental health challenges
Feeling Strong	£9,682	Hiring a worker to create a space for people suffering from a mental health crisis
Women's Business Station	£9,216	Run sessions for women from disadvantaged and BAME background in enterprise, skills and confidence
Friends of Dundee University Botanic Gardens	£10,000	Upgrading spaces within the Botanic Gardens – creating a well-being space
Under 12s Project	£6,535	Summer and October holiday activities for young people in Mid Craigie and Linlathen
Gymology CIC	£9,280	Running tailored 5-day courses offering holistic support to people suffering from a range of health issues
Harris Academy FP Rugby Club	£7,980	Deliver 2 new rugby programmes to engage LGBTQ+ community in rugby and to deliver a walking rugby programme for older people
DUSA Family Art Club	£9,930	Weekly outdoor, cross-cultural creative workshops for families
Togs to Tots	£10,000	Develop the capacity of the organisation to meet the increased demand they are experiencing as a result of COVID-19

Community Led – Grants of £10,001 to £150,000 for up to 3 years

Priorities:

- People are better able to identify ways to take control over their lives and build resilience
- Shape the activities and services that people use to help at challenging times
- People have more access to support and opportunities to improve their lives
- Support children, young people and families currently experiencing challenging circumstances
- Support people that have experienced abuse
- Tackle loss, isolation or loneliness
- People facing financial hardship

Funding can support:

- Equipment
- Premises Costs
- Overheads Costs
- Minor capital costs
- Staff Costs
- Volunteer Expenses
- Training Costs

Who can apply: Constituted organisations with a social purpose; registered charities

How to apply: Contact the National Lottery Community Fund for an informal chat on: advicescotland@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk or 0300 123 7110. If your project is considered eligible you will be sent an electronic copy of the application form

Deadline: Midday, 30th September 2022. The Community Led programme is closing on this date – applications can be submitted at any time before this

Projects Funded in Dundee in 2021

Ninewells Community Garden	£149,539	Further development of the garden, engaging volunteers, delivering a range of community activities such as gardening, cooking and exercise.
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Young Start – Grants of £10,001 to £100,000 over 3 years

Priorities:

- Helping young people aged 8-24 to become more confident
- Helping young people to play an active part in realising their potential
- Children and young people have better physical, mental and emotional well-being
- Children and young people have better connections with the wider community
- Children and young people have access to new skills and training opportunities which will help them get a job or start a business

Funding can support:

- Equipment
- Premises Costs
- Overheads Costs
- Minor capital costs
- Staff Costs
- Volunteer Expenses
- Training Costs
- Evaluation

Who can apply:

- Voluntary organisations with a constitution; charities; sports clubs; co-operative organisations; social enterprises; housing associations; community interest companies
- Constituted organisations with a social purpose; registered charities

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