

Funds and those Supporting Charities and Voluntary Organisations

Please note, this list is not exhaustive. We aim to update this list as and when we find new Funds and Grants, when Grants and Funds have closed for applications and when new Grants and Funds are opened.

Would you like to add to this list? Please email kate@ayrshire-chamber.org to amend or add to this list. Our aim is to have as much up to date information as possible to help as many local businesses, and people, as possible.

Please note that every Fund/Grant has its own specific set of restrictions, eligibility criteria and terms, please check all information on each Fund website

Fund Organisation	Open/Closed/Paused	Amount (£)	Website (click for further information and eligibility criteria)
Action Earth Grants	Open	Between £50 and £250	Any group of volunteers are able to apply for Volunteering Matters Action Earth grants of between £50-250 to run environmental activities in Scotland's green spaces. This could include creating or improving community gardens, wildflower meadows, ponds, woodlands or other wildlife habitats. Find out more: https://volunteeringmatters.org.uk/project/action-earth/
Action Earth Enhanced Grants	Open	Up to £500	In 2021 Volunteering Matters are also offering a limited number of Action Earth Enhanced Grants up to £500 for projects which can demonstrate a significant health impact through working with people who have defined health or social needs. These grants are available to projects where a minimum of 50% of the volunteers involved will have defined health issues. Find out more: https://volunteeringmatters.org.uk/app/uploads/2015/05/Enhanced-Health-Grants-Website-Text-Action-Earth-2021.pdf
Allander Youth Activities Trust	Open	Various	You may apply if you are a Scout Group, a section of a Scout Group or the equivalent in a voluntary organisation that directly seeks to improve the welfare of young people through the provision of training and/or education. You may also apply if you are a local group or part of a National Organisation but not a Scout District, Scout Region or equivalent in other similar organisations. Or you will be an individual member of such an organisation wishing to take part in an activity that will develop you and as a result of which you gain new skills that you will then use for the benefit of young people within your organisation. Find out more: Allander Youth Activities Trust

Alpkit Foundation – Grassroots Support Now	Open	Up to £500	<p>Prioritising our funds to support projects that demonstrate an immediate impact on those affected by the Covid-19 virus crisis. Welcome any applications from individuals or organisations serving those affected by coronavirus across the country</p> <p>https://alpkit.com/blogs/foundation/adapting-to-the-coronavirus-crisis</p>
Aviva – Community Fund	Open, quarterly funding rounds	Up to £50,000	<p>The Aviva Community Fund have broadened their eligibility criteria to support causes in addressing the impact of the outbreak. It supports projects that boost the resilience of communities in the face of uncertainty and is investing in two key areas: community resilience and financial capability and inclusion. The focus is on funding small charities and giving them the opportunity to innovate and test new ideas without fear of risk.</p> <p>Any not-for-profit community organisation whose income is less than £1 million and has existed for at least 12 months. Maximum annual income: £1,000,000</p> <p>https://acf.crowdfunder.co.uk/</p>
Ayrshire Housing Community Grants & Partnership	Open	Up to £1000 or 'in kind'	<p>The Building Community Capacity Fund helps smaller groups make a bigger impact in their communities or to develop new initiatives. We are interested in exploring opportunities to provide practical assistance alongside financial support.</p> <p>They especially welcome applications which directly involve our tenants or would at least be of general benefit to tenants or housing applicants. The fund builds on our longstanding support for community activities such as galas, and gardening and sports clubs.</p> <p>Read more: https://www.ayrshirehousing.org.uk/about/wider-action/</p>
B&Q Foundation	Open	Up to £5,000	<p>B&Q Foundation provides grants to registered charities who support people experiencing poor quality housing and homelessness or are looking for help with a project to improve homes and community spaces.</p> <p>https://www.neighbourly.com/BandQFoundation</p>
British Muslim Covid-19 Fund	Open	£250 to £5,000	<p>This Fund is to help charities, organisations and voluntary groups in the UK irrespective of faith affected by the impact of Covid-19. Grants from £250 up to £5,000 are available. Please submit an application if you are a charity, organisation or voluntary group working towards ameliorating the impact of coronavirus.</p> <p>https://britishmuslimcovid19fund.co.uk</p>
Business Loans Scotland – COVID-19 Working Capital Loan	Open	£25,000 to £100,000	<p>https://www.bls.scot/covid-19-working-capital-loan</p>
Cameron Grants for Innovation in Mental Health	Open	Between £100 and £2,500	<p>Seed funding grants are available for UK based charities and other not-for-profit groups and organisations to trial new and innovative ways to support people in the UK who are suffering with poor mental health.</p> <p>Applications will be accepted from individuals; charities; social enterprises, community</p>



			<p>interest companies; schools; colleges; universities; pre-registration start-ups; voluntary groups; community groups and other not-for-profit entities based in the UK.</p> <p>Applicants should send a brief outline of the idea and the budget being requested by email to innovate@camgrant.org.uk</p> <p>There are no closing dates for applications. Applications will be reviewed by the trustees during their monthly meetings.</p> <p>https://www.camgrant.org.uk/innovate/</p>
Corra Foundation – Children and Families Fund	Not yet opened. Re-opening soon.	Not yet announced	<p>They are seeking applications that are based on partnership approaches which demonstrate how they will take a Whole Family Approach which is Relational and Rights Based when delivering front-line services which support children and families.</p> <p>To be funded, applications must demonstrate significant connection, collaboration, and contribution to the work their Local Authority area is implementing in relation to both The Promise and the Whole Family Approaches work being taken by ADPs.</p> <p>Sign-up for update on the grant here: https://www.corra.scot/grants/</p>
Creative Scotland Open Fund – Sustaining Creative Development	Open	From £1000 - £100,000	<p>The fund aims to enable individuals and organisations to explore ways of working that will help them to adapt and respond to the current changing circumstances</p> <p>https://www.creativescotland.com/funding/funding-programmes/open-fund-sustaining-creative-development</p>
Cycling Friendly & Social Housing development fund	Open	Various	<p>Cycling Scotland's Cycling Friendly programmes support organisations in employer, community, campus, school and social housing settings across Scotland who are committed to encouraging cycling through nationally accredited award schemes and development funds.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cycling Friendly Employer: up to £25,000 per site; • Cycling Friendly Communities: up to £20,000; • Cycling Friendly Campus: £25,000 per campus; • Cycling Friendly Secondary Schools: £4,000; • Social Housing Fund: £25,000 per site. <p>Find out more: https://www.cycling.scot/mediaLibrary/other/english/8044.pdf or https://www.cycling.scot/</p>
DPD Eco Fund	Open		<p>Grants are available to charities, community groups, schools, small businesses and other local organisations in the United Kingdom for green projects and environment-friendly initiatives.</p>



			More information: https://green.dpd.co.uk/
Ecclesiastical Insurance – 12 Days of Giving	Final draw, 21 st December 2021 DRAWS TAKING PLACE FROM 6 th to 21 st DECEMBER, WITH NOMINATIONS EACH DAY FOR EACH DAYS DRAW.	Ten winners of £1,000 each will be drawn at random each weekday from 6-21 December 2021	12 Days of Giving Programme £120,000 – 120 Charities – 12 Days Now in its fourth year, the draw is open to any registered charity, not-for-profit organisation and community interest company in the UK, Republic of Ireland, Channel Islands or Isle of Man. Anyone can nominate their favourite charity to be entered into the draw which will take place each weekday from Monday 6 December until Tuesday 21 December 2021. More information: https://www.movementforgood.com/12days/
FCC Scottish Action Fund	Round 4 open, closes on 1 st December 2021	Between £2,000 and £40,000	The FCC Scottish Action Fund provides grants of between £2,000 and £40,000 to not-for-profit organisations for the following types of projects eligible under Scottish Landfill Communities Fund (SLCF). There are 5 eligibility objectives: Land Reclamation (Object A), Community Recycling (Object B), Public Amenities and Parks (Object C), Biodiversity (Object D) and Historic Buildings (Object E). More: https://fcccommunitiesfoundation.org.uk/funds/fcc-scottish-action-fund
Firstport – Social Entrepreneurs Fund Pounds for Purpose Fund	Open	Up to £500	For people aged 16 to 26 to test an idea that creates a positive change in the world around them. https://www.firstport.org.uk/funding/pounds-for-purpose/
Firstport – Social Entrepreneurs Fund Start It Fund	Open	Up to £5,000	To get a social enterprise idea off the ground. https://www.firstport.org.uk/funding/social-entrepreneurs-fund-start-it/
Friends Provident Foundation – Developing a Fair Economy Grants Programme	Open, various closing dates: 12 th January 2022 8 th April 2022 6 th July 2022 5 th October 2022	Various	Friends Provident Foundation are looking for applications that look at why problems like inequality, poverty and climate breakdown exist and try to get to the root causes of those problems. They don't fund activities that deal with the symptoms of those problems but instead support work that gets at the economic systems and structures that cause them. More information: https://www.friendsprovidentfoundation.org/grants/
Foundation Scotland ~ Community Response, Recovery, Resilience Fund	Open	£1,000 to £5,000	Resilience Funding for Scottish Charities and Community Organisations Grants are available to support organisations with their long-term planning, helping them to become more sustainable in the future, despite the continued uncertainty.



			<p>From 1 December, Foundation Scotland is inviting applications for the Resilience phase of the Community Response, Recovery and Resilience Fund (RRR Fund).</p> <p>Constituted community organisations and registered charities can apply. Priority will be given to organisations with an income of below £500,000.</p> <p>Applications are assessed on a rolling basis.</p> <p>https://wwwFOUNDATIONSscotland.org.uk/programmes/community-response,-recovery-resilience-fund/</p>
Foyle Foundation – Small Grants Scheme	Open	Between £1,000 and £10,000	<p>The scheme is designed to support charities registered and operating in the United Kingdom, especially those working at grass roots and local community level, in any field, across a wide range of activities. The focus will be to make one-year grants only to cover core costs or essential equipment, to enable ongoing service provision, homeworking, or delivery of online digital services to charities that can show financial stability</p> <p>The Foundation can only accept applications from organisations with charitable status. This includes registered charities, charitable incorporated organisations (SCIOs), excepted charities and exempt charities. Organisations must have an annual turnover of less than £150,000 per annum. Larger or national charities will normally not be considered under this scheme. Maximum annual income: £150,000</p> <p>http://www.foylefoundation.org.uk/small-grants-scheme/</p>
Future Woodlands Fund (FWF)	Open, no closing date	£100/hr per annum for 20 years	<p>The Future Woodlands Fund (FWF) offers land managers in Scotland a simple and low risk way to plant or regenerate native trees, working alongside the Scottish Government Forestry Grant Scheme. The FWF covers the costs of developing applications to the Forestry Grant Scheme and pays an annual incentive to the land manager for 20 years.</p> <p>More: https://www.futurewoodlands.org.uk/future-woodlands-fund/</p>
The Ireland Funds of Great Britain	Open, closes 21 st December 2021	Between £1,000 and £10,000	<p>The aim of this fund is to help organisations supporting communities across Great Britain and the isle of Ireland, whether of Irish descent or not.</p> <p>This year, the fund will support projects addressing the following themes: Community Development; Peace and Reconciliation; Education; Arts and Culture.</p> <p>More information: https://irelandfunds.org/chapters/worldwide/great-britain/grants/</p>



Kellogg's Breakfast Club Grants	Open	Up to £1,000	Kellogg's, in partnership with Forever Manchester, is awarding grants of £1,000 to school Breakfast Clubs, to help them provide breakfast to those children who need it most. More information: https://www.kelloggs.co.uk/en_GB/our-story/feeding-people-in-need/support-for-school-breakfast-clubs/grants-for-schools.html
Matthew Good Foundation – Grants for Good Fund	Open, grants awarded every 3 months. Application deadline is the 15 th of the month before	Up to £3,500	Funding for Local community groups, charities, voluntary groups or social enterprises in the UK with an average income of less than £50,000 in the last 12 months are welcome to apply. https://www.matthewgoodfoundation.org/grantsforgood/
National Lottery: Community Fund , Awards for All Young start, Improving Lives, Community-Led Activity	Open	£300-£10,000 £10,001-£100,000 £10,001-£150,000	https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes?location=scotland
National Lottery: Brining People Together fund	Open	Up to £300,000	The Bringing People Together funding can support projects that will build stronger connections across communities, and improve the infrastructure and conditions that are needed to strengthen these connections. Find out more and Apply: https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/bringing-people-together#section-4
National Lottery Heritage Fund: Heritage Emergency Fund	Open	£3000 - £50,000	https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/news/coronavirus-update
Petplan Charitable Trust	Open, Scientific Grants Deadline – 26 th Nov Welfare Grants Deadline – 10 th Dec Pump/Pilot Grants Deadline - 25 th March 2022	Up to £25,000	The aim of this fund is to support animal welfare by funding advances in veterinary science as well as the work of charities committed to animal welfare. There are two categories of funding: Welfare grants for the direct benefit of species supported by the Trust (i.e., dogs, cats, horses, and rabbits), and Scientific grants. More information: https://petplancharitabletrust.org.uk/
Paul Hamlyn Foundation – Access and Participation Fund	Open		Investing in young people – Youth Fund They are particularly interested in supporting work that addresses social justice under the following themes:



			<p>Strengthening civil society; Supporting social innovation; Championing people's voice and agency; Responding to digital transformation; Responding to the climate emergency</p> <p>There are no deadlines and applications can be submitted at any time. You can see all of the funds and find out how to apply on the PHF website.</p>
Paul Hamlyn Foundation – Arts-Based Learning Fund	Open		<p>Migration and integration – Shared Ground Fund</p> <p>They are particularly interested in supporting work that addresses social justice under the following themes:</p> <p>Strengthening civil society; Supporting social innovation; Championing people's voice and agency; Responding to digital transformation; Responding to the climate emergency</p> <p>There are no deadlines and applications can be submitted at any time. You can see all of the funds and find out how to apply on the PHF website.</p>
Paul Hamlyn Foundation – Shared Ground Fund	Open		<p>Education and learning through the arts – Arts-Based Learning Fund</p> <p>They are particularly interested in supporting work that addresses social justice under the following themes:</p> <p>Strengthening civil society; Supporting social innovation; Championing people's voice and agency; Responding to digital transformation; Responding to the climate emergency</p> <p>There are no deadlines and applications can be submitted at any time. You can see all of the funds and find out how to apply on the PHF website.</p>
Persimmon Community Champions	Open, no deadline set	Up to £1,000	<p>Persimmon Community Champions is here to fund local good causes across the UK.</p> <p>Each of Persimmons 31 businesses and our PLC head office are giving away up to £2,000 every month.</p> <p>Find out more and apply: https://www.persimmonhomes.com/community-champions</p>
The Pixel Fund	Open	Up to £5,000	<p>Grants are available for UK-based charities and community interest organisations to support projects that promote the mental health and wellbeing of children and young adults.</p> <p>More information: https://www.pixelfund.org.uk/</p>



Poundland Foundation – Kits 4 Kids		Up to £750	<p>If you're a local sports club or organisation looking for support for your team, then Poundland would love to hear from you.</p> <p>Applications are not eligible from profit-making organisations.</p> <p>Register interest: foundation@poundland.co.uk</p> <p>Find out more: https://poundlandfoundation.org.uk/apply-for-support/</p>
Princes Countryside Fund	Open	Up to £10,000	<p>The Prince's Countryside Fund exists to support thriving rural communities with farming at their heart</p> <p>The guidelines, short eligibility quiz, and application form are available from the Prince's Countryside Fund website: https://www.princescountrysidefund.org.uk/</p> <p>The completed application form should be sent by email to grants@countrysidefund.org.uk</p>
The Robertson Trust – Wee Grants	Open	Up to £2,000	<p>These awards are for constituted community groups and charities with an annual income of less than £25,000 and offer funding of up to £2,000 for one year only.</p> <p>www.therobertsontrust.org.uk/funding/wee-grants/</p>
The Robertson Trust – Small Grants	Open	Up to £15,000	<p>For registered charities with an annual income of between £25,000 and £100,000.</p> <p>www.therobertsontrust.org.uk/funding/small-grants/</p>
The Robertson Trust – Large Grants	Open	Up to £50,000	<p>For registered charities with an annual income of between £100,000 and £2 million</p> <p>www.therobertsontrust.org.uk/funding/large-grants/</p>
The Robertson Trust – Community Vehicle Grants	Open	Up to £10,000	<p>For registered charities with an annual income of between £25,000 and £2 million.</p> <p>www.therobertsontrust.org.uk/funding/community-vehicle-grants/</p>
The Robertson Trust – Community Building	Open	Up to £75,000	<p>For registered charities with an annual income of between £25,000 and £2 million.</p> <p>www.therobertsontrust.org.uk/funding/community-building-grants/</p>
Scaling the Edge	Open	Up to £5,000	<p>Scaling the Edge is an eight-week pilot programme to help existing SME businesses accelerate their new product and process innovations. This is achieved using the Strategyzer Toolkit to rapidly validate and iterate new ideas profitably under the guidance and support of team of entrepreneurs and business coaches.</p>



			<p>Applications are made online at the programme website.</p> <p>Those who have any queries on the innovation programmes at Queen's should contact Kerri Crossey by emailing K.crossey@qub.ac.uk</p> <p>More details can be accessed here</p>
Schroder Charity Trust	Open	Up to £5000	https://schrodercharitytrust.org/homepage
Scotmid	Open	Small Grants	Email: yvonnegoodfellow@scotmid.co.uk
Scottish Co-Investment Fund	Open	Between £10,000 and £1.5 million	<p>The Scottish Co-investment Fund (SCF) is designed to address a finance gap alongside our accredited co-investment partners.</p> <p>Investment can be made in companies from start-up, early-stage to expanding businesses seeking to develop products and/or markets.</p> <p>More: https://www.scottish-enterprise.com/support-for-businesses/funding-and-grants/accessing-finance-and-attracting-investment/scottish-co-investment-fund?utm_source=scotent&utm_medium=social&utm_term=twitter&utm_content=51e4c9f2-5432-47e5-a5ad-18f3aada7f72&utm_campaign=se_web</p>
Tesco Bags of Help – Children and Young People themed grant programme	Open	Up to £1,000	<p>Grants to support a wide range of community groups, organisations, charities, schools and other not-for-profit organisations for projects that support local children and young people across the UK.</p> <p>There are no deadlines. This is a rolling programme and applications can be made at any time from 1 October 2020 until 31 December 2020.</p> <p>Guidance notes and the online application form are available from the Tesco Community grants webpage</p> <p>Applicants should first locate their local Tesco store, read the guidance notes, and then take the eligibility quiz. Groups with eligible projects will be given a link to the application form.</p>
Tesco Community Grants	Open, applications can be made throughout the year	Between £500 and £1,500	<p>Tesco Community Grants fund thousands of local community projects across the UK, helping to fight holiday hunger, tackle mental health, support young people, host community events and much more.</p> <p>Find out more and apply: https://tescocommunitygrants.org.uk/</p>
Together for Our Planet	Open	Between £1,000 and £10,000	This programme will offer grants from £1,000 to £10,000 of National Lottery funding to support communities across the UK to take action on climate change.



			<p>Projects should reflect what matters to your community and can be small in scale. They could cover an area like: Food; transport; energy; waste and consumption and/or the natural environment.</p> <p>To help answer any questions groups may have about your eligibility, a Q&A webinar has been arranged on Monday 16 August at 14:00 - you can sign up to this via this link</p> <p>More: https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/together-for-our-planet</p>
Urquhart Opticians - Care & Community Fund	Open, you can apply in the first two weeks of every month in 2021	Up to £1,000	<p>Each month Urquhart Opticians has £1000 available for local, Ayrshire groups and charities.</p> <p>Read more: https://urquhart-opticians.co.uk/our-story/community/care-community-fund</p>
William Syson Foundation	Open, no closing date announced yet		<p>The aim of this fund is to support projects and activities that promote the advancement of the arts, heritage, and culture. This includes, but is not limited to, the promotion and development of the arts, including music, the visual arts, theatre, and literature.</p> <p>There are two tiers of funding for organisations: Small grants up to £5,000, and Large grants from £5,001.</p> <p>More Information: https://www.williamsysonfoundation.org.uk/</p>
The Wolfson Foundation	Open	Between £1,500 and £3,000	<p>The programme aims to support the professional development of individual staff, significantly increasing their expertise in the work they do, rather than training or updating them in the basic skills needed for their role.</p> <p>Bursaries can be used to cover fees for university accredited palliative care courses including degree, masters and PhD level programmes and modules from the same. Some palliative care conferences may also be included.</p> <p>Find out more: https://www.hospiceuk.org/what-we-offer/grants/open-grant-programmes/details/wolfson-bursaries---hospice-staff</p>
Yorkshire Building Society – Coronavirus Response Fund	Open, Deadlines for applications: 31st December	Up to £2000	<p>The Charitable Foundation considers applications to fund specific projects and/or items that will have a positive impact to the charity's beneficiaries.</p> <p>https://www.ybs.co.uk/your-society/charitable-foundation/index.html</p>



UK Government Dormant Accounts Funds & Grants

The Government's Culture Secretary recently announced that £150 million will be taken from dormant bank and building society accounts to help support the UK's charities and social enterprises whose work has been affected by the COVID-19 crisis. Bank and building society accounts that have not been touched for 15 years will see their money 'unlocked' to help charities, social enterprises and vulnerable individuals during the coronavirus/COVID-19 crisis.

The £150 million in funding will support urgent work to tackle youth unemployment, expand access to emergency loans for civil society organisations and help improve the availability of fair, affordable credit to people in vulnerable circumstances. More funds/grants may be announced.

Please note that every Government Fund and Grant has its own specific set of restrictions and terms, please check all terms on each of the Grant or Fund websites

Fund Organisation	Amount to be released in total (£)	Website/Email (click for further information and eligibility criteria)
£50m for the UK's Grassroot Football Pitches in 2022	£50 million TOT.	Further details of the funding rollout will be made available in 2022.
Access - The Foundation for Social Investment	£30 million TOT.	https://access-socialinvestment.org.uk/
The Community Ownership Fund	£150 million TOT.	<p>The Fund aims to help ensure that communities across England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland can support and continue benefiting from the local facilities, community assets and amenities most important to them.</p> <p>The Fund will run until 2024/25 and there will be at least 8 bidding rounds in total.</p> <p>Find out more: https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/new-levelling-up-and-community-investments#the-community-ownership-fund</p>
Help to Grow: Management Scheme		<p>Small businesses will be able to access a 12 week-programme delivered by leading business schools across the UK. The programme will combine a practical curriculum, with 1:1 support from a business mentor, peer-learning sessions and an alumni network.</p> <p>Designed to be manageable alongside full-time work, this programme will support small business leaders to develop their strategic skills with key modules covering financial management, innovation and digital adoption. By the end of the programme participants will develop a tailored business growth plan to lead their business to its full potential.</p> <p>30,000 places will be available over 3 years. The programme is 90% subsidised by government – participants will be charged £750.</p>



		Find out more & register interest: https://smallbusinesscharter.org/help-to-grow-management/
<p>Kickstart Scheme for employers</p> <p>EXTENDED UNTIL 17TH December 2021</p>		<p>Employers of all sizes can apply for funding until 17 December 2021 to create jobs for 16 to 24 year olds on Universal Credit.</p> <p>The funding covers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% of the National Minimum Wage (or the National Living Wage depending on the age of the participant) for 25 hours per week for a total of 6 months • associated employer National Insurance contributions • minimum automatic enrolment pension contributions <p>Read more: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/kickstart-scheme-for-employers?utm_campaign=964333_FindBusinessSupport%20%E2%80%93%20COVID-19%2C%20Brexit%20and%20other%20public%20sector%20guidance%20%E2%80%93%20Up%20dates%2024&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Scottish%20Enterprise&dm_i=4X7B,KO31,4,K6K1E,2H1SX,1</p>
<p>Plug in Car and Van Grants (Department for Transport)</p> <p>Applications are open year round.</p>	£582 million TOT.	<p>From 18 March 2021, grants of up to £2,500 will be provided for electric vehicles on cars priced under £35,000. Grants will no longer be available for higher-priced vehicles. The Government asserts that purchasers of such vehicles are typically drivers who can afford to switch without taxpayer subsidy.</p> <p>The grant is available to individuals and businesses in the UK. Vehicles must be pre-approved and registered in the UK.</p> <p>Both commercial and private buyers are eligible to purchase vehicles under the scheme.</p> <p>The vehicle is likely to be eligible if it is one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electric vehicles (EVs) – these run completely on batteries and are plugged into the mains to be recharged. • Plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (PHEVs) – these use a petrol or diesel engine combined with a battery that plugs into the mains. • Hydrogen fuel cell vehicles and other technologies. <p>Only new cars in category M1 are eligible for the grant. Other vehicles, including motorcycles, quadricycles and vans will not be eligible.</p> <p>Find out more: https://www.gov.uk/plug-in-car-van-grants/overview</p>
Seafood Exporters Funding	£23 million TOT.	DETAILS ANNOUNCED SOON. Up to £100,000 per individual operator.



		<p>Support will be available immediately and paid retrospectively to cover losses incurred since 1 January 2021.</p> <p>The fund will be targeted at fishing export businesses that can evidence a genuine loss in exporting fish and shellfish to the EU.</p> <p>More details will be available on eligibility criteria in the coming days. The Government will be consulting industry across the UK and working with the devolved administrations on these eligibility criteria before they are confirmed.</p>
SME Brexit Support Fund	£20 Million TOT.	<p>The SME Brexit Support Fund could give you up to £2,000 to help with training or professional advice, if your business has up to 500 employees and no more than £100 million annual turnover.</p> <p>You can use the grant for training on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • how to complete customs declarations • how to manage customs processes and use customs software and systems • specific import and export related aspects including VAT, excise and rules of origin • It can be used to help you get professional advice so your business can meet its customs, excise, import VAT or safety and security declaration requirements. <p>Find out more and apply: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/grants-to-help-small-and-medium-sized-businesses-new-to-importing-or-exporting</p>
<p>UK Community Ownership Fund</p> <p>Round 2 opens December 2021</p> <p>Round 3 opens May 2022</p>	£150 million TOT.	<p>The £150 million Community Ownership Fund is for communities across the United Kingdom. It has been set up to help communities take ownership of assets and amenities at risk of closure. It will run for 4 years.</p> <p>Funding may support the purchase and/or renovation costs of community assets and amenities, subject to the full eligibility criteria outlined in this prospectus. Projects may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sporting and leisure facilities • cinemas and theatres • music venues • museums • galleries • parks • pubs • post office buildings



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Youth Futures Foundation	£10 million TOT.	Development Grants, Resilience Grants and Inspiring Futures Grants available https://youthfuturesfoundation.org/grants/

Scottish Government Grants and Funds

Fund Organisation	Amount to be released in total (£)	Website/Email (click for further information and eligibility criteria)
Community & Third Sector Recovery Programme NOW REOPENED Closing date not yet announced		<p>The Community & Third Sector Recovery Programme aims to support charities, community groups, social enterprises and voluntary organisations that are supporting people and communities through the shift from lockdown to recovery. As well as providing ongoing crisis support, they will be planning and implementing changes to adapt and thrive in a very different social and economic climate.</p> <p>Read more: https://scvo.scot/support/coronavirus/funding/scottish-government/community-recovery</p>
Creative Scotland Open Fund for Sustaining Creative Development No closing date yet announced	Between £1,000 and £100,000 depending on business eligibility.	<p>The disruption of COVID-19 is a situation without precedent. The creative sector is facing significant challenge. This fund is designed to support individual creatives and arts organisations to sustain their practice in a changing world. To apply for the Open Fund, you must explain what you want to do, and how it will help you and/or others in the months and years to come.</p> <p>Read more: https://findbusinesssupport.gov.scot/service/funding/creative-scotland-open-fund-for-sustaining-creative-development</p>
Creative Scotland - Radical Care CLOSES 26TH NOVEMBER AT MIDDAY	Between £3,000 and £15,000 per successful application	<p>Radical Care is an action research project for organisations in these industries who want to try out new approaches to support those with caring responsibilities.</p> <p>Creative Scotland invites applications to run pilot or demonstration projects from arts, screen, and creative industries organisations in Scotland.</p> <p>More at: https://www.creativescotland.com/funding/funding-programmes/targeted-funding/radical-care</p>



<p>COVID-19 Ventilation Fund</p> <p>NOT YET OPNED</p>	<p>£25 Million TOT.</p>	<p>The Scottish Government's COVID-19 Ventilation Fund will help businesses improve ventilation and air quality on their premises to help reduce the risk of coronavirus (COVID-19) transmission.</p> <p>Further details to be announced. Visit http://www.findbusinesssupport.gov.scot/</p>
<p>eBike Grant Fund</p> <p>Various closing dates depending on Application Category</p>	<p>£900,000 TOT.</p>	<p>The funding is available to assist local authorities, public sector agencies, further and higher education institutions, active travel hubs and community groups to adopt ebikes as a sustainable alternative to car journeys. The fund can be used to cover the cost of ebikes, etrikes, ecargo bikes, cargo bikes and trailers, tandems, adapted cycles, and trikes.</p> <p>Read more: https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/grants-and-loans/ebike-grant-fund/</p>
<p>Emergency funding for Full-time private colleges and training providers</p> <p>CURRENTLY OPEN</p>		<p>There is currently an emergency hardship fund open to SAAS funded students. You must be studying full-time at a private provider of higher education in Scotland or the rest of the UK.</p> <p>They fund many full-time undergraduate courses at approved Scottish private colleges and training providers. Eligible students can apply for the same living cost support as any student attending a publicly funded college or university.</p> <p>Read more: https://www.saas.gov.uk/guides/private-colleges-and-training-providers</p>
<p>Extra hardship payments for students</p> <p>CURRENTLY OPEN</p>		<p>Students experiencing hardship as a result of coronavirus (COVID-19) will be supported by £20 million of Scottish Government funding.</p> <p>You should apply to the funding/support team at your college or university.</p> <p>Their student support services will assess the hardship payments, including how much is available. They may give priority for some students based on their needs.</p> <p>Read more: https://www.studentinformation.gov.scot/coronavirus/extra-hardship-payments-for-students</p>
<p>Funding for Scottish Frontline Drug Services</p> <p>NO DEADLINE ANNOUNCED</p>	<p>£50 million TOT.</p>	<p>The Local Support Fund – Micro Grants, is focused on small community-based groups which deliver frontline services to support people who use or used drugs, people in recovery and families affected by someone else's drug use.</p> <p>This vital support is often delivered with very limited funding which means that small groups can be stretched to their limits. In some cases, the pandemic will have put more of a strain on finances, making it even harder to provide support for people and families when they most need it.</p>



		<p>This fund is designed to help these groups by providing grants which will offer some financial security for planning and delivering support to improve the wellbeing of both people who use drugs and their families.</p> <p>Find out more and apply: https://www.corra.scot/grants/drugs-services-funds/</p>
Market and Festival Attendance Fund		<p>During this period of Covid-related restrictions on travel, the Market and Festivals Fund will only be open for writers, directors and producers taking part in online events. Whilst this means that costs for travel and accommodation cannot be included in an application, costs such as accreditation and access costs including childcare are eligible. This will be reviewed on an ongoing basis in line with guidance from the Scottish Government.</p> <p>This fund aims to support the continued development of a skilled and diverse screen workforce, fostering real professional opportunities and sustainable careers by supporting the professional and creative development of both emerging and established filmmaking talent, and promoting their work and Scottish filmmaking internationally.</p> <p>Find out more: https://www.screen.scot/funding-and-support/screen-scotland-funding/market-and-festival-attendance-fund?utm_campaign=834941_FindBusinessSupport%20-%20COVID-19%20-%20Updates%20199&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Scottish%20Enterprise&dm_i=4X7B_HW8T_4K6K1E_24A8I_1</p>
Mentor Scheme to improve life chances for young people announced	£19.4 million TOT.	<p>A £19.4 million Scottish Government fund will support a six year mentoring programme to help young people reach their full potential.</p> <p>MCR Pathways charity will roll out its successful Young Scottish Talent mentoring programme and social enterprise and charity Columba 1400 will expand its values-based Leadership Academy for Young People, working in partnership to improve education outcomes, career opportunities and life chances.</p> <p>Education Secretary John Swinney said: “Our young people have endured an extremely challenging 12 months coping with the disruption to school life caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. For some young people, this period has impacted them disproportionately, which is why we have introduced the young person's guarantee.</p> <p>Find out more: https://buff.ly/3cwTOfx</p>
National drugs mission funds: guidance	£18 million TOT.	Information and guidance for the National Drugs Mission Funds to reduce drug related deaths and harms.



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service Improvement Fund: £5 million has been allocated to continue the Improvement Fund, launched earlier this year. To provide improved services for outreach, treatment, rehabilitation and after care; • Local Support Fund: £5 million has been allocated to continue the Grassroots Fund, launched earlier this year. To provide access to funding for a wide range of communities and grassroots organisations which support the aims of the national mission; • Recovery Fund: £5 million has been allocated to support access to residential rehabilitation by providing additional residential rehabilitation capacity, support people to access residential rehabilitation and support people after they leave residential rehabilitation; • Children and Families Fund: £3 million has been allocated to improve support for children, young people and families impacted by drug use, and ensure all children, young people and families have access to services. <p>Find out more: https://www.gov.scot/publications/national-drugs-mission-funds-guidance/</p>
<p>The Promise Partnership: A Good Childhood</p> <p>Open, closes 3rd December 2021</p>	£3.5 million TOT.	<p>The Promise Partnership is an investment of £3.25 million intended to support to organisations and collaborations to #KeepThePromise and help drive forward change that matters to children, young people and families.</p> <p>The aim of this fund is to build upon or put structures in place that will create space to think, plan and co-design changes that ensure a Good Childhood, ensuring children and young people experience a loving family environment, and recognising that family will mean different things to each child or young person.</p> <p>More at: https://www.corra.scot/grants/revision-of-the-promise-partnership/</p>
<p>Scotland's Creative Digital Initiative</p>	£1 million TOT.	<p>The Creative Digital Initiative will help the sector develop digital capabilities in response to the limitations imposed by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.</p> <p>The programme includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • grants for creative businesses to build their digital capacity • courses to increase confidence in digital understanding • workshops and mentoring for artists and cultural organisations <p>Culture Secretary Fiona Hyslop said: "The COVID-19 pandemic has changed the way we work and creative and cultural businesses in particular have shown great innovation over the last year, exploring new ways to reach out to and engage with people.</p>



		<p>"This programme will provide support to small and medium-sized creative and cultural businesses to help them continue to build their digital capacity and provide the tools needed to respond to the limitations they currently face.</p> <p>Read more: https://buff.ly/3fnpyW5 and https://digitalfunding.xponorth.co.uk/details</p>
<p>Scottish Technology Ecosystem Fund</p> <p>OPEN, CLOSSES 5pm on 26TH NOVEMBER 2021</p>		<p>The fund aims to to expand and improve the quality of the community, networking and peer learning dimensions of the Scottish technology ecosystem. This is phase 1 of the fund, which will specifically focus on supporting Scottish tech meet-ups, education and networking events.</p> <p>The fund's ambition is to elevate the social infrastructure of the Scottish tech ecosystem to a world-class level. This includes turning Scotland's ecosystem outwards and learning from international practice. Supported projects should provide a diverse audience with greater access to a variety of experiences and broader opportunities.</p> <p>More: https://www.gov.scot/publications/ecosystem-fund-form-and-guidance/</p>
<p>SME Loan (For installation of heating renewables & energy efficiency measures within premises)</p>	<p>£26 million TOT.</p>	<p>The fund is funded by the Scottish Government to support small and medium sized enterprises in reducing their energy and resource costs.</p> <p>Find out more & Apply: https://energy.zerowastescotland.org.uk/SMELoan</p> <p>Contact Stuart at Climate Kind Energy if you require help with your application www.climatekindenergy.com</p>
<p>The Women Returners Programme</p>		<p>The Women Returners Programme has been set up to help you restart your career following a period of absence. It's free for women over the age of 25. It is only available to people living in Scotland.</p> <p>You must have worked before your career break and have been out of work for 6 months or longer. You may have been out of work due to childcare, health or caring commitments. The programme will support your journey back to work.</p> <p>More at: https://careers.myworldofwork.co.uk/career-advice/get-advice-based-on-your-situation/women-returners-programme</p>

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