

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 year round	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 year round	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 year round	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 year round	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>
Corra Foundation – Various Grants	Open, closing dates specific to individual funding streams	Various	<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>



			https://www.creativescotland.com/funding/funding-programmes/open-fund-sustaining-creative-development
Cycling Friendly & Social Housing development fund	Open, year round funding	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, year round funding	Various	<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> <p>More information: https://green.dpd.co.uk/</p>
Friends Provident Foundation – Developing a Fair Economy Grants Programme	Open, various closing dates: 8 th April 2022 6 th July 2022 5 th October 2022	Various	<p>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.</p> <p>More information: https://www.friendsprovidentfoundation.org/grants/</p>
Foundation Scotland ~ Community Response, Recovery, Resilience Fund	Open	£1,000 to £5,000	<p><u>Resilience Funding for Scottish Charities and Community Organisations</u></p> <p>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> <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>



			https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/community-response,-recovery-resilience-fund/
Foyle Foundation – Small Grants Scheme	Open	Between £1,000 and £10,000	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 http://www.foylefoundation.org.uk/small-grants-scheme/
Future Woodlands Fund (FWF)	Open, no closing date	£100/hr per annum for 20 years	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. More: https://www.futurewoodlands.org.uk/future-woodlands-fund/
Gaelic Officers Scheme	Open, closes 3pm on 15 th February	Up to £40,000	Bòrd na Gàidhlig's Gaelic Officers scheme is a new fund to support organisations to employ an officer to undertake Gaelic development work. Applications are welcomed from third-sector organisations looking to create a new post, or to extend an existing Gaelic development post. More at: https://www.gaidhlig.scot/en/funding/funding-schemes/gaelic-officers-scheme/
Greener Spaces, Fairer Places	Open, no closing date announced	Up to £500	A local faith group or related organisation in Scotland can apply for this fund. You must be working primarily in a specific local community (regional/national groups are not eligible). Priority will be given to groups with limited resources. More at: https://www.faithincommunity.scot/gsfp
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
Made in Scotland Funding	Open, you must apply no less than 8 weeks before you are due to travel	No minimum or maximum request amount	The purpose of the Programme is to raise the international profile of Scottish artists through the promotion of Scottish work at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, and this fund supports the Made in Scotland Showcase as well as Onward International Touring.



			More at: https://www.creativescotland.com/funding/funding-programmes/targeted-funding/made-in-scotland
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/
Museums Recovery Fund	Open, closes 5pm on Friday 25th February 2022.	£Maximum of £90,000	Independent museums in need of some additional financial capacity in order to operate and continue adapting in response to the challenges and opportunities arising from the pandemic will be able to apply for grants of a size determined by their operating costs. More at: https://www.museumsgalleriesscotland.org.uk/funding/museums-recovery-fund/
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: Bringing 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	£3,000 - £50,000	https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/news/coronavirus-update
National Lottery – Grants for Heritage	Open	£3,000 and £10,000	National Lottery Grants for Heritage allows us to fund projects that connect people and communities to the national, regional and local heritage of the UK. Read more: https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/funding/national-lottery-grants-heritage-3k-10k
Petplan Charitable Trust	Open, Pump/Pilot Grants Deadline - 25 th March	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



	2022		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: Strengthening civil society; Supporting social innovation; Championing people's voice and agency; Responding to digital transformation; Responding to the climate emergency 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 .
Paul Hamlyn Foundation – Arts-Based Learning Fund	Open		Migration and integration – Shared Ground Fund They are particularly interested in supporting work that addresses social justice under the following themes: Strengthening civil society; Supporting social innovation; Championing people's voice and agency; Responding to digital transformation; Responding to the climate emergency 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 .
Paul Hamlyn Foundation – Shared Ground Fund	Open		Education and learning through the arts – Arts-Based Learning Fund They are particularly interested in supporting work that addresses social justice under the following themes: Strengthening civil society; Supporting social innovation; Championing people's voice and agency; Responding to digital transformation; Responding to the climate emergency 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 .
Persimmon Community Champions	Open, no deadline set	Up to £1,000	Persimmon Community Champions is here to fund local good causes across the UK. Each of Persimmons 31 businesses and our PLC head office are giving away up to £2,000 every month.



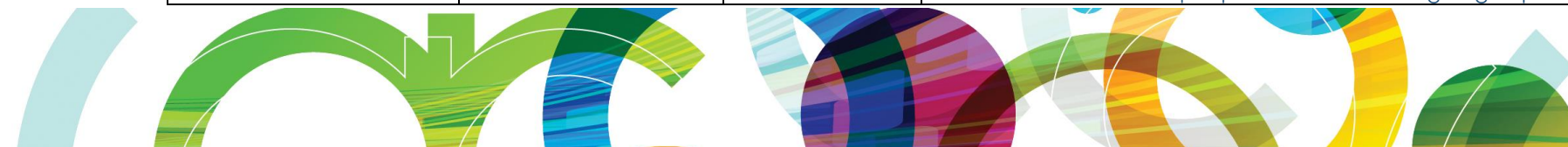
			Find out more and apply: https://www.persimmonhomes.com/community-champions
The Pixel Fund	Open	Up to £5,000	Grants are available for UK-based charities and community interest organisations to support projects that promote the mental health and wellbeing of children and young adults. More information: https://www.pixelfund.org.uk/
Poundland Foundation – Kits 4 Kids		Up to £750	If you're a local sports club or organisation looking for support for your team, then Poundland would love to hear from you. Applications are not eligible from profit-making organisations. Register interest: foundation@poundland.co.uk Find out more: https://poundlandfoundation.org.uk/apply-for-support/
Princes Countryside Fund	Open	Up to £10,000	The Prince's Countryside Fund exists to support thriving rural communities with farming at their heart The guidelines, short eligibility quiz, and application form are available from the Prince's Countryside Fund website: https://www.princescountrysidefund.org.uk/ The completed application form should be sent by email to grants@countrysidefund.org.uk
Public Engagement Innovation Grant Scheme	Open, closes at 23:59 on 1 st June 2022	Up to £1,000	The Public Engagement Innovation Grant Scheme provides financial support for the delivery of pathology-related activities and events in the UK. Grants of up to £1,000 are available for individuals or organisations who wish to develop pathology-related public engagement activities or events. Read more: https://www.rcpath.org/discover-pathology/events-landing-page/funding-for-public-events.html
Real Farming Trust – Loans for Agriculture Programme (LEAP)	Open		LEAP is a new model for financing and supporting food and farming enterprises that puts people and the biosphere at the heart of our food system. LEAP will provide a critical next step for community based agroecological enterprises that have relied on grant funding to date and who have had nowhere to go to finance their onward development. More at: http://www.feainetwork.org/our-projects/loans-for-enlightened-agriculture-programme
The Robertson Trust – Wee Grants	Open	Up to £2,000	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.



			www.therobertsontrust.org.uk/funding/wee-grants/
The Robertson Trust – Small Grants	Open	Up to £15,000	For registered charities with an annual income of between £25,000 and £100,000. www.therobertsontrust.org.uk/funding/small-grants/
The Robertson Trust – Large Grants	Open	Up to £50,000	For registered charities with an annual income of between £100,000 and £2 million. www.therobertsontrust.org.uk/funding/large-grants/
The Robertson Trust – Community Vehicle Grants	Open	Up to £10,000	For registered charities with an annual income of between £25,000 and £2 million. www.therobertsontrust.org.uk/funding/community-vehicle-grants/
The Robertson Trust – Community Building	Open	Up to £75,000	For registered charities with an annual income of between £25,000 and £2 million. www.therobertsontrust.org.uk/funding/community-building-grants/
Scaling the Edge	Open	Up to £5,000	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. Applications are made online at the programme website. Those who have any queries on the innovation programmes at Queen's should contact Kerri Crossey by emailing K.crossey@qub.ac.uk More details can be accessed here
Scottish Book Trust – Live Literature Programme	Open, rolling deadlines throughout the year. Final deadline: 21 st November 2022	£175 per author	Are you a school, library, community group or not-for-profit organisation based in Scotland? Apply now for our Live Literature programme and the Scottish Book Trust will pay over half the fees to run an author event in your local community. The current application window covers Live Literature events taking place before 31st March 2023. More at: https://www.scottishbooktrust.com/writing-and-authors/live-literature/apply-now-part-funded
Scottish Co-Investment	Open	Between £10,000	The Scottish Co-investment Fund (SCF) is designed to address a finance gap alongside



Fund		and £1.5 million	our accredited co-investment partners. Investment can be made in companies from start-up, early-stage to expanding businesses seeking to develop products and/or markets. 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
Social Enterprise Net Zero Transition Fund - Loans	Open, closing date not yet announced		The purpose of the fund is to support these social sector organisations (SSO) in their journey to become carbon neutral, and to develop the circular economy. Through the fund, we are interested in supporting activities that will reduce carbon footprint. More at https://www.socialinvestmentscotland.com/learning-hub/social-enterprise-net-zero-transition-fund/
Tesco Bags of Help – Children and Young People themed grant programme	Open	Up to £1,000	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. 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. Guidance notes and the online application form are available from the Tesco Community grants webpage 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.
Tesco Community Grants	Open, applications can be made throughout the year	Between £500 and £1,500	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. Find out more and apply: https://tescocommunitygrants.org.uk/
Thomas Wal Trust - Grants for Registered Charities	Open, closes 2 nd May 2022	Up to £5,000	Thomas Wall Trust are an inclusive charity, welcoming proposals which target people experiencing multiple deprivation or other groups demonstrably facing major hurdles to employment, especially; women, people with physical, mental, or learning disabilities, refugees and asylum seekers. The Trust offer grants up to £5,000 to specific projects or core activities that develop these critical life skills for people from disadvantaged groups.



			More at: https://www.thomaswalltrust.org.uk/grants-for-registered-charities-2/
Together for Our Planet	Open	Between £1,000 and £10,000	<p>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> <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>



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.
Help to Grow programme - Management and Digital		<p>The UK Government's Help to Grow programme is designed to help small and medium-sized businesses (SMEs) across the UK learn new skills, reach new customers and boost profits.</p> <p>The programme has two strands:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help to Grow: Management – an Executive Development programme that could help you improve business performance and growth potential • Help to Grow: Digital – free online advice and discounts on software that could help you save time and cut costs <p>The programme runs for 12 weeks from June 2022.</p> <p>Read more: https://findbusinesssupport.gov.scot/service/programmes/help-to-grow-programme-management-and-digital</p>
Plug in Car and Van Grants (Department for Transport) Applications are open year round.	£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>
<p>Recovery Loan Scheme</p> <p>DEADLINE EXTENDED TO 30TH JUNE 2022</p>	Up to £2 million per eligible business	<p>This scheme ensures that businesses of any size can continue to access loans and other kinds of finance up to £2 million per business once the existing COVID-19 loan schemes close. The UK Government will guarantee 70% of the finance to the lender to give them the confidence to lend to businesses.</p> <p>More at: https://findbusinesssupport.gov.scot/service/funding/recovery-loan-scheme</p>
<p>Statutory Sick Pay Rebate Scheme (SSPRS) REINTRODUCED</p>	Up to 2 weeks statutory sick pay for eligible employees.	<p>The government is reintroducing the Statutory Sick Pay Rebate Scheme (SSPRS). This will be a temporary scheme to support employers facing heightened levels of sickness absence due to COVID-19. The SSPRS will refund small and medium-sized employers' COVID-related SSP costs for up to two weeks per employee.</p> <p>Claiming is open from Mid January here: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/claim-back-statutory-sick-paypaid-to-your-employees-due-to-coronavirus-covid-19.</p> <p>See guidance here: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1042699/Public_fact_sheet_SSPRS_Dec_2021.pdf</p>
<p>UK Community Ownership Fund</p> <p>Round 2 open</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



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • galleries • parks • pubs • post office buildings • shops <p>Read more: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/community-ownership-fund-prospectus/community-ownership-fund-prospectus</p>
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Scottish Government Grants and Funds

Fund Organisation	Amount to be released in total (£)	Website/Email (click for further information and eligibility criteria)
Ayrshire Food and Drink Capital Grant Fund OPEN, closes soon	Maximum of £100,000 per eligible project	<p>This grant is open to any food and drink manufacturing businesses operating in Ayrshire (including Arran) that have been referred by their local authority or are currently working with Scottish Enterprise.</p> <p>This grant will help companies on their net zero journey as they will have to demonstrate that their project will contribute towards carbon reduction. It is about improving a company's capabilities, not simply maintaining business as usual.</p> <p>To be eligible, projects must conclude by March 2022, with all funding spent.</p> <p>More at: https://findbusinesssupport.gov.scot/service/funding/ayrshire-food-and-drink-capital-grant-fund</p>
Close Contact Services Fund Opens 14th February. Closes 4th March 2022.	Between £1,000 and £1,500 depending on business type	<p>In line with the commitment to sustainable and inclusive growth and the Coronavirus (COVID-19): fair work statement, the Scottish Government has allocated funding to support businesses in close contact settings who are impacted by the requirement for physical distancing and capacity limits and advice to reduce contact within indoor setting that came into force from 9 December 2021 to 24 January 2022.</p> <p>More at: https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-business-funding/close-contact-services/close-contact-services-including-hairdressers/</p>
COVID 19 Business Support	£28.8 million TOT.	VisitScotland will distribute funding worth up to £28.8 million to the tourism and events



<p>and Continuity Tourism Fund</p> <p>Contact will be made with eligible businesses from 24th January 2022</p>		<p>industry as part of a multimillion-pound Scottish Government support package for businesses impacted by the spread of the Omicron COVID variant.</p> <p>The funding includes up to £9 million for tourism businesses, which will be distributed by VisitScotland on behalf of the Scottish Government. Eligible businesses will receive a top-up payment of £6,800 under the fund.</p> <p>More at: https://findbusinesssupport.gov.scot/service/funding/covid-19-business-support-and-continuity-tourism-fund</p>
<p>Creative Scotland Open Fund for Sustaining Creative Development</p> <p>Year round applications</p>	<p>Between £1,000 and £100,000 depending on business eligibility.</p>	<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>
<p>Creative Scotland Open Fund for Individuals</p> <p>Year round applications</p>	<p>£5 million total</p>	<p>The Open Fund for Individuals is one of Creative Scotland's key funding programmes, supporting the wide range of activity initiated by artists, writers, producers and other creative practitioners in Scotland.</p> <p>The Open Fund will support a period of research, development and/or delivery of creative activity for up to 24 months. We will ask you to tell us the start and end date for this activity and to describe the outcomes, benefits and impacts that you wish to achieve.</p> <p>More at https://www.creativescotland.com/funding/funding-programmes/open-fund/open-fund-for-individuals</p>
<p>Business Ventilation Fund</p> <p>OPEN, CLOSING 31ST MARCH 2022</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 https://findbusinesssupport.gov.scot/service/funding/business-ventilation-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>	£50 million TOT.	<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>
<p>Hardship Fund for Creative Freelancers</p> <p>OPEN, closes when funds are depleted</p>	£8 million TOT.	<p>These funds are to support freelance creative professionals working in the arts, screen and creative sector in Scotland who are experiencing immediate financial difficulty due to the loss of income as a result of COVID-19.</p> <p>Applicants must be able to demonstrate that they are a freelance professional, AND that they derive a significant proportion of their income from work that contributes strongly to the cultural life of Scotland. Anyone applying can ask for between £500 and £2,000 in support.</p> <p>More at https://www.creativescotland.com/funding/funding-programmes/hardship-fund-for-creative-freelancers#access</p>
<p>Interest free Digital Development Loan</p>	No closing date announced yet	<p>Digital Development Loans let eligible businesses registered or based in Scotland borrow anywhere from £5000 to £100,000. The funds can be used to improve the digital capacity, digital capability or digital skills of your workforce.</p>



		<p>Read more: https://findbusinesssupport.gov.scot/service/funding/interest-free-digital-development-loan</p>
<p>Kilmarnock Shopfront Improvement</p> <p>OPEN, contracts must be in place by 31st March 2022</p>	<p>Up to £6,000 per eligible business</p>	<p>Funding has been provided by the Place Based Investment Programme, Scotland's Towns Partnership and East Ayrshire Council.</p> <p>Applications for Shopfront Improvement Funding are invited from businesses from Kilmarnock town centre looking to make repairs or enhance their shopfront. There is a budget of £6,000 per shop.</p> <p>More at: https://www.celebratekilmarnock.com/shopfrontimprovement</p>
<p>Low Emission Zone Retrofit Fund</p> <p>OPEN, closes 31st March</p>	<p>Up to £16,000 per eligible vehicle</p>	<p>The Low Emission Zone (LEZ) Retrofit Fund helps micro businesses and sole traders improve their vehicle and avoid future LEZ penalties. Eligible businesses operating non-compliant vehicles with available retrofit solutions in a planned LEZ can receive up to 80% funding to retrofit of their vehicle, subject to availability and terms and conditions.</p> <p>More at: https://findbusinesssupport.gov.scot/service/funding/low-emission-zone-retrofit-fund</p>
<p>Market and Festival Attendance Fund</p>		<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>
<p>Mentor Scheme to improve life chances for young people announced</p>	<p>£19.4 million TOT.</p>	<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</p>



		<p>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.	<p>Information and guidance for the National Drugs Mission Funds to reduce drug related deaths and harms.</p> <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>
Nightclub Closure Fund OPEN, you do not need to apply, you will be contacted if eligible.	Up to £55,000 depending on your businesses rateable value	<p>The Nightclub Closure Fund will provide financial support to eligible nightclubs etc. required to close to members of the public under regulation 4C of the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Requirements) (Scotland) Regulations 2021.</p> <p>Nightclubs previously required to close under the Business Contingency Funding will be contacted directly and invited to apply for this grant.</p> <p>More at: https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-business-funding/hospitality/nightclub-closure-fund/</p>
Rural Community	Up to £2,500	Local groups and organisations across Scotland’s Rural* Communities are now able to



<p>Engagement Fund</p> <p>OPEN, Round 1 closes 31st March</p> <p>Round 2 opens 1st April, closes 15th July</p> <p>Round 2 opens 1st August, closes 21st October.</p>		<p>apply for micro grants of up to £2,500 to support and promote mental health recovery following the pandemic in Scotland's rural communities through community engagement and support approaches.</p> <p>The grants are specifically aimed at people who face additional inequalities in achieving good mental health whilst recovering from the pandemic.</p> <p>More at: https://www.supportinmindscotland.org.uk/News/rural-community-engagement-fund</p>
<p>Scottish Brewers Support Fund</p> <p>OPEN, you do not need to apply. If eligible your local authority will contact you.</p>	<p>Between £5,625 and £29,500 depending on your businesses rateable value.</p>	<p>Breweries who previously received funding from the Brewers Support Fund Phase 1 (part of the Contingency Fund Plus), plus any new brewery businesses which meet the eligibility criteria are entitled to this one off grant payment.</p> <p>Local authorities will administer this grant and will be responsible for delivering the funding to eligible businesses.</p> <p>More at: https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-business-funding/manufacturing/scottish-brewers-support-fund/</p>
<p>Scotland's Creative Digital Initiative</p>	<p>£1 million TOT.</p>	<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>SME Loan (For installation of heating renewables &</p>	<p>£26 million TOT.</p>	<p>The fund is funded by the Scottish Government to support small and medium sized</p>



energy efficiency measures within premises)		<p>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>
The Women Returners Programme		<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>
Workplace Equality Fund OPEN, closes 11th April	Up to £75,000 per year	<p>The goal of the fund is to support employers in identifying, addressing, and diminishing longstanding barriers facing particular priority groups in entering and progressing within the labour market. Projects can apply for a maximum of £75,000 per year.</p> <p>More at: https://equalityadvice.scot/</p>

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