

Fife Funding Community Bulletin - Edition 6 - November 2026

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Edition 6

Welcome to edition 6 of the Funding Bulletin from the Community Investment Team.

This Bulletin is for Fife Council staff working in communities, voluntary organisations/charities, social enterprises or people who are interested in keeping up to date with latest funding programmes.

🌊 Crown Estate Fund (Fife) - Now Open for Applications

Funding Available for Coastal Community Projects

Community groups and organisations in Fife's coastal communities are invited to apply to the **Crown Estate Fund (Fife)** for projects that will benefit local people and help create a more sustainable future.

Grants of **£10,000 to £75,000** are available for eligible projects that address community priorities and contribute to at least one of the following investment themes:

- Environmental enhancement
- Emissions reduction and waste removal
- Climate change adaptation

This is an **interim funding round**, with applications closing on **Friday 27 November 2026**.

Applications must be submitted via the online Microsoft Form: Crown Estate Fund Application Form

Further information, eligibility details and guidance are available within the application form and on the **Fife Council Crown Estate Funding** webpage: Crown Estate Funding | Fife Council

🏉 Funding Opportunity for Rugby Clubs 🏉

Scottish Gas Energy for Tomorrow Fund

Rugby clubs across Scotland can now access funding to help make their facilities more environmentally sustainable through the Scottish Gas Energy for Tomorrow Fund.

The fund offers **up to £20,000 in match funding** to support energy-efficiency improvements, helping clubs reduce energy costs and their environmental impact. Projects could include measures such as improved insulation, heating upgrades, renewable energy installations, and other sustainability initiatives.

For more information and to apply, click here: Scottish Gas Energy for Tomorrow Fund.

Information Webinar

A webinar for clubs interested in applying will take place on **16th November 2026 at 7.00pm**. This session will provide further information on the fund, eligibility criteria and the application process.

To register, click here: SCRUMS Rugby Management System.

Community Benefits for Community Groups and Organisations

🤝 **Need Extra Support for Your Community Project?**

Community groups and organisations across Fife can now submit requests for support to help deliver projects and activities in their local area.

Support could include: 🛠️ Labour or materials

💰 Sponsorship or donations

🤝 Practical help and other community support

Requests may be matched with suppliers' Community Benefit commitments or voluntary contributions. While every effort will be made to secure support, requests cannot be guaranteed.

New guidance and a Community Benefits Request Form are now available, helping eligible organisations connect with suppliers and contractors to access support for local projects and activities.

To find out more about this option and to access the MS Form - please click here

Support for Community Groups and Projects

Whether it's a community clean-up or an idea to support members of your local community we can help get you started.

- Project Support - Help and advice available to support your community project
- Funding in Fife - Discover funding sources available for a range of local projects
- Crowdfund Fife - Get an extra cash injection alongside what you raise yourself!
- Community Asset Transfer - Transferring responsibility for a local asset from the Council to a community group or voluntary organisation.

For more information click here

Council Related Funding

Did you know there are over 15 different grant funds available through Fife Council to support your community group?

Whether you're working on a local project, supporting young people, improving facilities, or promoting culture and sport — there's likely a fund that fits your needs!

Here are just some of the grants available:

💷 £2 for £1 Grants for Rural Halls

👶 Childcare Grants

🏛️ Common Good Fund

🎭 Culture Grants

💙 Fife Charities Trust

🏘️ Local Community Planning Grants

🏞️ Settlement Trusts

⚽ Sports Grants

🌊 Tayport Community Fund

🏠 Tenants Group Schemes

🧒 Youth Work Grants

Find out more here: [Fife Grants | Fife Council]

External Funding Information

ARTS & CULTURE GRANTS

- **Creative Scotland - Open Fund -** supports organisations who require funding to undertake creative activity. **No Deadlines.** Click here for more information.
- **Historic Environment Scotland** - can support a wide range of projects which clearly relate to and will benefit Scotland's historic environment, e.g. historic buildings, ancient monuments and archaeology, designed or cultural landscapes and historic gardens and battlefields. **Deadlines throughout the year**. Click here for more information
- **Museums Galleries Scotland - Creative Minds Fund** - supports museums and organisations working with people experiencing mental health issues. Grants up to

£40,000 available for projects lasting up to 18 months. **EOI Deadline: 8th January 2027**. Click here for more information.

- **Music For All - Community Project Funding** - supports projects that bring music to communities and projects which would benefit from extra support. There are various categories eligible for support. **Application Deadline: 30th November 2026**. Click here for more information.
- **National Lottery Heritage Grants** - fund projects that connect people and communities to the national, regional and local heritage of the UK. They fund projects that value, care for and sustain heritage for everyone across the UK, now and in the future. Heritage can include nature and habitats, historic buildings and environments, or cultures, traditions and people's memories. There are two grant levels available, £10k - £250k and £250k - £10m. **Applications can be made at any time** Click here for more information
- **National Museums of Scotland** - The fund helps museums, galleries, libraries and archives throughout Scotland to make acquisitions for their collections, provided they are open to the public and not run for profit. Grants may be made to assist the purchase of an object or group of objects that conforms to the applicant's collecting policy. **Applications can be made at any time** Click here for more information
- **The Association for Industrial Archaeology - Restoration Grant** - Grants are provided for the restoration of historically, technically, architecturally, and/or archaeologically important industrial buildings, structures, machinery, vehicles and vessels within the UK. **Next Deadline: 31st March 2027**. Click here for more information.
- **The Radcliffe Trust - Heritage, Craft & Music -** supports the development of skills, knowledge and experience through cultural heritage and craft projects. Classic music performance and training is also supported. **Application Deadline: 31st January 2027**. Click here for more information.
- **The Richard and Siobhan Coward Foundation** - provides grants to support projects which use photography for community benefit. Individual grants are also supported. **Applications can be made at any time**. Click here for more information.

COMMUNITIES

- **British Heart Foundation - Defib Programme -** BHF are giving our free defibs to non-profit community groups. **Deadline for Applications: 28th February 2027**. Click here for more information.
- **Cashback for Communities** - will run **from 1st April 26 to 31 March 29** with an increased budget. Funds will support young people by providing opportunities to help them make informed decisions about their future. Click here for more information

- **Carnegie Trust** - grants are given for projects and activities with social, community, educational, cultural, sporting and recreational purposes which benefit people in the local area. **Applications can be made at any time** Click here for more information
- **Coalfields Regeneration Trust - CRT Programmes** - runs a variety of programmes and funding opportunities in eligible coalfield areas and focuses on five key priorities; Community, Health, Skills, Jobs and Climate. **Applications can be made at any time**. Click here for more information.
- **Crowdfund Fife** - provides an opportunity for local, constituted community groups to crowdfund and receive a matching grant from Fife Council. Projects that can be funded include: small capital works to improve your community, local events that bring people out of their homes e.g. Men's Shed, Tea Dance etc, regeneration of your local area, pilot projects that trial alternative ways of working, buying new equipment, materials, or expertise you do not already have that will expand your activities and encourage more people to get involved in your group, a technical study if you are developing a new facility or service. **Applications can be made at any time** Click here for more information
- **Easyfundraising - Online Fundraising** - Popular retailers will donate money to your organisations when your supporters, volunteers, trustees and community shop with them. Click here for more information.
- **Fife Charities Trust** - is Fife Council's employee charity group and operate a grants scheme on behalf of the Fife Lottery Organisation. This raises funds for charitable and community groups through the Fife Council Employee Lottery for various type of projects. Charity and Community Groups seeking funding MUST be nominated by a Fife Council Employee. Applications are considered throughout the year. Click here for more information
- **Foundation Scotland - Windfarm Funds** - support community projects that benefits residents in the local area. To check if your area have a windfarm fund Click here
- **Garfield Weston Foundation** - supports a broad range of organisations and activities that share a commitment to making a positive impact to the lives of the communities in which they work. These include welfare, youth, community, environment, education, health, arts, heritage and faith. Click here for more information
- **Home Stead - Supporting Communities** - funds groups who support the mental, physical, and emotional wellbeing of ageing adults. This might be: Regular weekly or monthly events and activities such as weekly cinema club, weekly knit and natter or Thursday lunch club, One off activities such as a day trip or a Christmas lunch, Activities such as yoga or a guest speaker for your group such as a local historian. Click here for more information

- **Kingdom Housing Association - Community Initiatives Fund** - supports community projects from tenants & residents groups, clubs, schools, voluntary groups in the Kingdom Housing Association area. **No Deadline**. Click here for more information
- **Muirden Energy - Community Benefit Fund** - funds projects which are within a 10 mile radius of these turbines and support local impact through various themes. **Applications can be made at any time.** Click here for more information.
- **Paul Hamlyn Foundation - Youth Fund** - supports organisations whose main purpose is about helping young people (aged 14-25) in the most precarious positions, where making the transition to adult independence is most challenging. It supports organisations which work with young people experiencing disadvantage in a way that recognises and builds on their strengths and potential. **Applications can be made at any time**. Click here for more information
- **Permission Homes - Community Champions & Foundations for Charities** - supports projects that address deprivation or disadvantage in our communities, especially amongst young people. **Applications can be made at any time**. Click here for more information.
- **SGN H100 Fife Community Fund** - supports community groups in the Levenmouth area with grants between £150-£250. **No Deadline**. Click here for more information.
- **The Hays Travel Foundation** - is looking to support children and young people though education, sport, health, arts & culture and the prevention of poverty. **Applications can be made at any time**. Click here for more information.
- **The Robertson Trust - Community Spaces Grants** - Can provide revenue funding of between £5,000 and £20,000 per year, for up to 3 years, to support the costs of community centres, hubs or anchor organisations who are delivering and/or hosting a range of services and activities to meet the needs of their community. **Applications can be made at any time**. Click here for more information
- **University of Edinburgh Micro Grant Scheme** - local organisations can apply for funding up to £500 for small scale community activities and local action. Projects should contribute to one or more of these themes - Poverty, Health & Wellbeing, Education, Work or Economic Growth, Reduced Inequalities, Sustainable Communities. Click here for more information
- **University of St Andrews Community Fund -** provides grants between £250 - £3,000 which benefit the wider community. **Application Deadline for this Round: 5pm 13th November 202**6. Click here for more information
- **Wolfson Foundation** - provides grants for capital projects which can include new builds and refurbishments. **Application Deadline: 5th January 2027.** Click here for more information.

COST OF LIVING

- **Aberlour Urgent Assistance Fund -** can provide immediate relief to families with children (aged 21 and under) who are suffering extreme hardship. Families who are struggling to provide food, heating and clothing for their children. This support is usually via cash grants to assist with a range of needs, such as food, utilities, clothing, bedding, appliance repairs, replacement of appliances that have failed, or other essentials. **Applications can be made at any time** Click here for more information
- **Arnold Clark Cost of Living Fund -** support charities and community groups whose work directly supports those most affected by the cost of living crisis. **Application Deadlines will be published asap**.Click here for more information.
- **BBC Children in Need Emergency Essentials Programme** - supports children and young people who are facing exceptionally difficult circumstances. The programme provides items that meet a child's most basic needs such as a bed to sleep in, a cooker to provide a hot meal and other items or services critical to a child's wellbeing. **Applications can be made at any time** Click here for more information
- **Corra Foundation - Boost Fund** - Boost Small Grants programme is for community-led organisations across Scotland supporting local people affected by poverty or disadvantage. This fund aims to - Provide an accessible funding opportunity for small community-led organisations and Ensure supportive community-led activities are available to children and families. This deadline has been continued past March. Click here for more information
- **Tesco - Fruit & Veg Grants** - provides schools, charities, community group to support children to improve access to fruit and vegetables. **Applications can be made at any time**. Click here for more information
- **The Robertson Trust - The Big Change That Lasts Fund** - provides funding to prevent and reduce poverty & trauma and supporting solutions that will drive change. **Applications can be made at any time**. Click here for more information.
- **Warburtons Giving & Donating** - can provide support to local communities through the donation of our products. These donations support local community activities. **Applications should be made at least 3 weeks prior notice to the date of your event**. Click here for more information

DIGITAL

- **SCVO** - are providing an opportunity for third sector organisations in Scotland to access free cyber expertise to help them protect their digital systems and data. Organisations can choose their support - Improve (2 days remote support) or Assure (1 day of remote support). Click here for more information

- **Vodafone** - are providing free mobile connectivity to support charities in the UK tackle digital exclusion. Click here for more information

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

- **CSE - Thrive Renewables Community Benefit Fund -** support to help with energy improvements to community buildings. Application Deadline: 26th November 2026. Click here for more information.
- **Energy Saving Trust - Energy Redress Scheme -** this fund aims to build the capacity of the community energy sector and deliver impactful renewable energy projects. No deadline stated. Click here for more information
- **Local Energy Scotland - Community Energy Generation Growth Fund -** will support community groups across Scotland to set up renewable energy generation projects. Please note due to the Scottish Election in May they are unable to confirm the fund closing date or confirm overall scheme funding until a new Government is in place and approves the awarding of new funds. Click here for more information.
- **Local Energy Scotland - CARES Community Buildings -** provides grants to help community organisations reduce their energy costs by helping them to fund renewable technologies. **Deadline: 31st October 2026**. Click here for more information.

ENVIRONMENTAL

- **Aviva Foundation - Communities Fund - Climate action** - helping communities prevent, prepare for, and adapt to the impacts of a changing climate. This might involve restoring nature, improving access to green spaces, or providing education and skills for a sustainable future. **No deadline stated**. Click here for more information
- **Esmee Fairbairn Foundation -** is one of the largest independent grant-makers in the UK. Their new strategy focuses on three aims: Improving Our Natural World, Tackling injustice to deliver A Fairer Future, Nurturing Creative, Confident Communities. **EOIs can be made at any time** Click here for more information
- **Fife Climate Hub** - offers grants to support community led climate action projects across Fife under 3 schemes. **Various deadlines**. Click here for more information.
- **Inspiring Scotland - Neighbourhood Ecosystem Fund** - supports community groups to develop local ecosystem restoration projects. **Applications can be made at any time**. Click here for more information.
- **Paths for All - Ian Findlay Path Fund -** supports the improvement of local path networks within and between communities, making it easier for people to choose to walk, wheel or cycle for everyday journeys. The fund supports projects that clearly

demonstrate that they will make it easier for people to travel actively. **Applications can be made at any time** Click here for more information

- **Ramble Worldwide Outdoor Trust** - funds projects or initiatives that help outdoor activities, environment, access to footpaths. **Applications can be made at any time** . Click here for more information.
- **RSE - Healthy Planet, Healthy People** - funding to support new and existing project for climate, nature & food. **Application deadline: 1st December 2026**. Click here for more information.
- **Scotmid Coop - Community Orchard -** local groups can apply for up to £200 to plant fruit trees and shrubs. **No deadline**. Click here for more information
- **The Conservation Volunteer - I Dig Trees** - have 12,000 packs of 50 trees to distribute to community groups. All the tree varieties are native UK species and available in packs of 50. **Applications can be made at any time** Click here for more information
- **The Conservation Volunteers - The Chestnut Fund** - makes grants available to encourage and enable community groups to carry out conservation activities. There are two categories for this grants scheme - Start Up Grants & Support Grants. **Applications can be made at any time** Click here for more information
- **Volunteering Matters - Action Earth Awards -** are offering grants to help urban communities to respond to our nature and climate crises. Awards are available to groups of volunteers carrying out environmental activities. Activities should emphasize local nature enrichment and biodiversity improvements. This could include creating or improving community gardens, shared spaces, wildflower meadows, ponds, woodlands and other wildlife habitats. Grants between £50 - £250 are available. Click here for more information

HEALTH & WELLBEING

- **Hargreaves Foundation -** funds projects/initiatives to help under 18s living with a mental health condition, disability, or growing up in poverty. **Applications can be made at any time**. Click here for more information.
- **Happy Days Children's Charity** - supports groups who work with young people with additional support needs to go on a group day trip or activity holiday. **Applications can be made at any time**. Click here for more information
- **Henry Smith Foundation - Holiday Grants Programme** - gives grants to schools, youth groups and non-profit organisations to take children 13 and under on recreational day trips or short residential trips. **Application Deadline: 19th November 2026**. Click here for more information.

- **James Tudor Foundation - Mental Health Support Grant** - supports charities that help children and young people recovering from ACEs and parents. **Deadline for EOIs: 11th December 2026**. Click here for more information:
- **McCarthy Stone Foundation** - awards unrestricted core funding to grassroots charitable organisations, who have people over 65 at the heart of their work. They also invite applications for Project Funding. **Applications can be made at any time**. Click here for more information.
- **Ramblers Worldwide Outdoor Trust** - The Trust's main objectives which are to promote, encourage, facilitate and assist in getting people active outdoors through walking and other activities to improve their well-being, Advancing knowledge, conservation and protection of the beauty of the countryside and Improving and protecting access to footpaths and other countryside rights of way. **Various deadlines throughout the year**. Click here for more information.
- **The 7Stars Foundation** - Offers several grant programmes for charities working with children and young people. Current schemes open are social impact fund, individual funding and apprenticeships. **Various deadline dates**. Click here for more information.
- **The Robertson Trust** - are offering grants that focus on work that addresses the impacts of poverty and trauma under one or more of the following themes: financial security, education pathways, work pathways, relationships. There are various grants available. **Applications can be made at any time** Click here for more information
- **The True Colours Trust** - provides grants to local organisations supporting disabled children and young people (aged 0–25) and their families. Funding can be used for project costs, equipment, or materials. **Applications can be made at any time**. Click here for more information.
- **Variety - Sunshine Coaches** - provide fully accessible adapted minibuses for SEND schools and non-profit organisations. **No deadline note**d. Click here for more information.
- **Wooden Spoon** - Funds projects that enhance and support the lives of children and young people (under the age of 25) who are disadvantaged physically, mentally or socially. They want you to work directly with children and young people and have a positive influence on their lives as a result of the activities or service provided. **Applications can be made at any time**. Click here for more information

SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

- **Big Issue Invest -** is a venture established to provide social investment and loan finance to social enterprises, social ventures and third sector organisations in Scotland. Like The Big Issue, BIIS aims to help people to help themselves by investing

in social enterprises that have business-like responses to social problems. **Applications can be made at any time.** Click here for more information

- **Firstport - Community Enterprise Fund** - funds programme that helps community organisations to start trading or set up social enterprises. **Applications can be made at any time.** Click here for more information.
- **Firstport - LaunchME** - is Scotland's social enterprise accelerator. It prepares ambitious social enterprises and community organisations for growth so they can achieve social impact at scale. **EOI can be submitted at any time.** Click here for more information

SCHOOLS & EDUCATION

- **Anna Burnett Trust -** to advance educational arts for young people, instilling confidence and self-esteem through creativity, and helping them reach their full potential by funding artistic and creative opportunities. They invite applications from inspiring, highly motivated secondary school headteachers/teachers who wish to raise the bar and offer exciting, artistic and creative opportunities to their young students. **Applications can be made at any time** Click here for more information
- **Greggs Foundation - Breakfast Clubs -** helps primary school children get a nutritious start to their school day. Every school is provided with fresh bread from their nearest Greggs shop, and a grant to support start-up and ongoing costs. The school should demonstrate a commitment to engaging parents or other volunteers and the breakfast club must be offered for free to ensure all pupils can attend. Click here for more information
- **Scottish Schools Pipes and Drums Trust** - funds start up grants, costs of instruments, bagpipe loans. **Applications can be made at any time**. Click here for more information.

SPORTS & PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES

- **Andy Jackson Fund for Access -** aims to improve and increase access to paddle-sports/canoeing for the waters of Scotland (e.g. canal, open water, marine and river). It provides funding to any project in Scotland that helps paddlers get on the water. **Applications can be made at any time.** Click here for more information
- **British Dodgeball - Coach Training Fund -** are offering £315 per organisation to support part-funding coaching courses throughout 2026. **Deadline: 21st December 2026**. Click here for more information.
- **Boost Charitable Trust** - to fund and support inspiring programmes which help improve the lives of the disabled and disadvantaged through the power of sport. **Applications can be made at any time**. Click here for more information

- **Cash for Clubs (over 18s)** - supports local clubs with grant up to £2,000 to help grow sporting activities. **Application Deadline: 1st January 2027**. Click here for more information.
- **Paddle Trust** - supports projects that increase access to canoeing. **Application Deadline: 7th December 2026**. Click here for more information.
- **The Alpkit Foundation** - make small awards to people, groups and schools that work to remove the barriers in getting outdoors and experience wild places. **Applications should be made 3 months before the start of a project.** Click here for more information
- **The Cycling Access Fund** - supports those least likely to have access to a bike and provides capital grants to organisations through four different funding strands: Individual Bike Ownership, Shared Use, Recycle & Repair. Click here for more information
- **The Scottish Football Partnership Trust** - supports grassroots level of the game in Scotland with funding opportunities for initiatives which assist in encouraging and sustaining greater participation in football. Applications are invited from any football organisation, from senior clubs in the Scottish Premier League to children's teams competing at a local level. **Applications can be made at any time -** Click here for more information
- **Sportscotland - Sports Facilities Fund** - The fund supports capital projects that create or improve places that people take part in sport and physical activity. Awards are available for sports facility projects within club & communities, school & education or performance sport environments. Click here for more information

VETERANS

- **Forces In Mind -** to assist with the the transition of Service personnel, and their families, from military into civilian life, across seven streams Employment, Health, Housing, Criminal Justice, Relationships, Finance, and their Enabling Programme. **No deadlines**. Click here for more information.
- **The Veterans Foundation Small Grant** - provides funding to assist serving and former members of the armed forces community. **Applications can be made at any time.** Click here for more information.
- **War Memorials Trust** - support grants to war memorials for repairs and conservation work. **Applications can be made at any time.** Click here for more information.

The National Lottery Community Fund

Funding Opportunities from The National Lottery Community Fund (TNLCF)

Looking to bring your next community project to life? TNLCF offers a range of funding programmes tailored to support organisations across Scotland and the UK.

Please find below a list of funds available to support a wide range of community projects:

Scottish Funding Programmes:

- **Awards for All** - Funding to support what matters most to people and communities. - Click here
- **Community Action** - For communities in Scotland—whether united by identity, interest, experience, or location. Click here
- **Fairer Life Chances** - Supports projects that help children, young people, and families thrive, and improve access to health and wellbeing support. Click here
- **Young Start -** Up to three years of funding for projects that help young people (aged 8–24) become confident, healthy, connected, or enterprising.. Click here
- **Scottish Land Fund** - Empowering communities to take ownership of land and buildings, with practical support to turn ideas into action. Click here
- **Small Eco Awards** - provides grants for communities in Scotland to support community led projects which help protect the environment. Click here
- **Strengthening Organisations -** Helping organisations test new ideas, improve existing work, or build capacity for the future. Click here

UK-Wide Funding Programmes

- **Climate Action Fund -** Supporting local action on climate change across the UK. Click here
- **Small Eco Awards** - supports community-led projects that help to protect the environment
- **The UK Fund -** Larger grants for projects that bring diverse communities together. Click here
- **Forces In Mind** - Helping veterans and their families transition successfully into civilian life, with a focus on psychological wellbeing. Click here

This Edition's Top Tip

Applying for a community grant? Here are two quick tips to help your application shine:

✅ **DO** - Speak directly with the funder before applying. Early contact can provide useful information and help your application stand out.

❌ **DON'T -** Let missing quotes, documentation, bank details hold up your application.

Free Period Products

From the 1st April 2026 access to free period products is expanding across Fife, making it even easier for anyone who needs them to get the products that works best for them.

A wider range of disposable and reusable options - including period pants, pads and menstrual cups - will now be available in ONFife libraires theatres, galleries and museums.

This is part of our continued commitment to tackling period poverty and ensuring everyone can access essential items with dignity. There is no sign up and no questions asked - simply take what you need, free of charge.

To find your nearest collection point or to order online click here

Access Financial Support Easily with Lightning Reach

Lightning Reach provides a secure, easy to use portal that helps you access a wide range of financial support all in one place.

By creating a profile you can explore your options such as:

💡Help with energy and utility bills

🎗️Charity grants

🏠Funding for essential home items like furniture and appliances

🍎Assistance with food, clothing, and daily essentials

The portal matches you to relevant support programmes and lets you apply in just minutes. It's completely free, trusted, and designed to get you the help you need quickly and without judgment.

Click here to find out more / Click here for creating a profile

Have a Question?

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- Scanning the QR code below

OR

- Visiting: www.fife.gov.uk/fundingenquiry

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