



Fife Funding Community Update Winter Edition - Issue 3- December 2025

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News




Welcome to edition 3 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.


Community Benefits for Community Groups and Organisations

Community groups and organisations in Fife can now submit specific requests for support to help them do more in their local area.

Whether you need help with:

-  Labour or materials
-  Sponsorship or donations
-  General support for your activities

You can now submit a request, which may be fulfilled through suppliers' community benefit commitments or voluntary contributions.

 Please note: While every effort is made to match requests with available support, there is no guarantee of fulfilment.

To find out more about this option [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](#)


Featured Funding News

 Save the Date! 

Kinglassie Community Funding Event:

 Tuesday 3rd March 2026

 6:30pm – 8:30pm

 Mitchell Hall, Kinglassie

Fife Council and Foundation Scotland are partnering to host a funding fayre for the Kinglassie community on **3rd March 2026** at the Mitchell Hall.

The event will bring together key funders, including Foundation Scotland (representing the Nadara Westfield Community Fund), Fife Council, Corra Foundation, National Lottery, and Fife Voluntary Action, alongside Kinglassie Community Council and members from the local Nadara Westfield (Kinglassie) decision-making panel.

Local volunteer groups and charitable organisations are invited to the open applicants evening to explore funding opportunities for their work and access governance support from Fife Voluntary Action.

If you would like to find out about opportunities available for your local group or organisation, stop by the Mitchell Hall on 3rd March 2026 from 18:30 to 20:30 for a hot drink, a blether and a biscuit!


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

- **Historical Environment Scotland - Heritage & Place Programme** is an area-based funding programme that aims to contribute to the development of vibrant and sustainable places in Scotland, through community-led regeneration of the historic environment. It supports the development and delivery of heritage focused schemes within conservation areas, or alternatively distinctive heritage areas with local authority recognition. **Next Deadline: 16th January 2026.** [Click here for more information](#)
- **Museums Galleries Scotland** - supports museums to develop their work and deliver against the priority areas of Scotland's museums and galleries Strategy. **Next Deadline: 21st January 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](#)

COMMUNITIES

- **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](#)
- **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](#)
- **Fife Environment Trust** - offers funding to projects through the Scottish Landfill Communities Fund. It awards grant for community, environmental and heritage projects. There are two levels of funding. Small grant scheme - up to £10,000 and Large grant scheme - £10,000 to £20,000. [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](#)

- **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](#)
- **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](#)
- **Wolfson Foundation - Funding for Places** - grants are for capital initiatives, i.e. buildings (new build or refurbishment) and equipment. **Next Deadline: 5th January 2026.** [Click here for more information](#)
- **Youth Scotland - Grassroots YW Grant** - provides grants of up to £2,000 will support grassroots, community-based youth work groups to create or enhance safe spaces where trusted adults can help young people develop resilience, confidence, and skills for life, and to run a wide range of youth work activities addressing poverty, isolation, anti-social behaviour and mental health challenges. **Next Deadline: 11th December 2025.** [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](#)
- **Bank of Scotland - Empower** - funding to help with the cost of living. Funding provides unrestricted funding which can be used towards core costs, delivery costs, project costs and/or general running costs enabling charities to use their funding in the way that helps them best. **Next Deadline: 12noon on 10th December.** [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](#)
- **Sainsburys Local Food Donation Programme** - will donate food free of charge which may include fresh food (within their use by date), that is fit for human consumption to charity. You must help local people in need and be in a position to use donated food to support your beneficiaries. [Click here for more information](#)
- **Tesco Stronger Start** - funds 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. Community groups, schools, charities, local authorities and not for profits can all apply for grants for projects that bring benefit for the community. **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

- **Local Energy Scotland - CARES Development Fund** - support a wide range of projects including installing renewable technologies in community buildings, community benefits and shared ownership. **Next Deadline: 26th February 2026.** [Click here for more information](#)
- **Local Energy Scotland - CARES Community Solar Fund** - supports community and faith organisations to install solar PV and battery storage in their buildings. This is a short-term pilot, funded by the Scottish Government and Great British Energy, with funds needing to be spent and claimed by 31 March 2026. Funding will be allocated on a first come first served basis. **Next Deadline: 31st March 2026.** [Click here for more information](#)

- **Scotland's Heat Network Fund** - offers capital grants to businesses and organisations in the public, private and third sectors to develop heat network projects. It aims to support the roll-out of zero emission district heat networks and communal heating systems. **There is no specific deadline for this one but funds must be drawn down by March 2026.** [Click here for more information](#)

ENVIRONMENTAL

- **Community Food Grant** - is now open for application and is designed to encourage community growing groups (constituted) throughout Fife to develop projects and to provide support for existing and new growing projects. Max grant available is £2,000. **Deadline: 31st December 2025.** [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](#)
- **Future Woodlands Scotland** - The Urban Forestry Challenge Fund provides grants of up to £100,000 for projects. **Next Deadline: 26th January 2026.** [Click here for more information](#)
- **Nineveh Charitable Trust** - supports a broad range of UK-based projects and activities of benefit to the General Public, with an emphasis on promoting a better understanding of the countryside. [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](#)
- **Sustrans - Love Your Network Grant Fund** - Grants of equipment and training bundles for community groups delivering projects which will benefit people or wildlife on the traffic-free paths of the National Cycle Network in Scotland. Groups can access: equipment for litter picking, tools for maintenance and wildlife management tasks, workshops in wildlife identification and recording. **Deadline: 28th February 2026.** [Click here for more information.](#)
- **The Big Give - Earth Raise** - is a seven-day online match funding campaign dedicated to helping charities playing a vital role in tackling pressing environmental issues, run in partnership with Environmental Funders Network (EFN). Campaigns should run between 22-29 April 2026. **Deadline: 16th January 2026.** [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](#)
- **UK Community Tree Planting Grants** - provides financial support for community tree planting projects. They also provide expert consultation and advice for projects that need it. This may include help with project design, species selection, ground preparation. **Deadline: 12th December 2025.** [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](#)
- **Woodlands Trust** - Provides tree packs to schools, community and youth groups to encourage local wildlife, protect our landscape against tree disease and create wooded areas. **Deadline: January for a March 2026 delivery.** [Click here for more information](#)

HEALTH & WELLBEING

- **British Heart Foundation - Defibrillator Programme** - The British Heart Foundation is giving out a limited number of free defibrillators to community groups in the UK. A limited number is available in each annual funding period so programme will close once these have been allocated. [Click here for more information](#)
- **Henry Smith Foundation - Holiday Grants Programme** - offers one-off grants for schools, youth groups and non-profit organisations to take children aged 13 and under on recreational day trips or short residential trips (up to 7 days). **Next Deadline: 20th March 2026.** [Click here for more information](#)
- **Kristina Martin Charitable Trust** - provide grants to UK registered charities whose work supports those with mental health issues and provides support and activities which tackle, in particular but not exclusively, suicide, online bullying and grief, fostering hope and resilience. **Deadline: 12th December 2025.** [Click here for more information.](#)

- **Pixel Fund** - Supports improvement in mental health by providing grants to charities registered and operating solely in the UK and involved in the mental health and wellbeing of children and young adults. Q&A sessions are offered to groups thinking of applying. [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.](#)
- **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.](#)
- **Toy Trust** - Makes grants to UK registered charities for projects working with disadvantaged children aged 13 and under. **Various deadlines throughout the year.** [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 - Build It** - aims to help early-stage social enterprises working towards becoming financially sustainable. It offers grant funding for salary costs so that the new jobs help the enterprise increase its income, become financially sustainable and continue to deliver social impact without relying on grant funding. **Next Deadline: 22nd January 2026.** [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](#)
- **Bòrd na Gàidhlig - Taic Freumhan Coimhearsnachd** - fund for supporting community organisations in delivering projects to promote and increase the usage and learning of Gaelic at community level. The fund offers the opportunity to apply for up to 2 years' worth of funding, for longer-term projects or those that are recurring annually. **Deadline: 10th December 2025.** [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](#)

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](#)
- **Arnold Clark - Gear Up for Sport** - sports teams, with members between 4-15 up to 30 max, can apply for assistance towards either 20 tracksuits, 30 hoodies, an agility pack filled with great training items, or where possible, a kit relating to their team (e.g. football strip, netball bibs, etc). [Click here for more information](#)
- **Cash for Clubs** - offers small grants to community sports clubs and organisations. The funding can be used for anything that helps your club—like buying new equipment, gaining coaching qualifications, or supporting long-term sustainability. **Deadline: 8th December 2025.** [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](#)

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 for more information](#)
- **Strengthening Organisations** - Helping organisations test new ideas, improve existing work, or build capacity for the future. [Click here for more information](#)


UK-Wide Funding Programmes

- **Climate Action Fund** - Supporting local action on climate change across the UK. [Click here for more information](#)
- **The UK Fund** - Larger grants for projects that bring diverse communities together. [Click here for more information](#)
- **Forces In Mind** - Helping veterans and their families transition successfully into civilian life, with a focus on psychological wellbeing. [Click here for more information](#)

This Editions Top Tip

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

 **DO Research thoroughly:** Understand the funding body's strategic goals and align your project with them.

 **DON'T Overestimate project requirements:** Be realistic and honest about the time and resources needed.

Make your case simple, strong, and meaningful! 💡

Have a Question?

Please feel free to contact the team by either:

- Scanning the QR code below

OR

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



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