



Fife Funding Community Update Summer Edition- Issue 1- June 2025

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NEWS

Welcome to the new look 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 can now submit specific requests for support for help with the provision of labour or materials, sponsorship or donations etc. to help their organisation/group do more in the community. These requests are then potentially met through suppliers' community benefit commitments or voluntary contributions. (please keep in mind that there is no guarantee of fulfilment of requests).

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

FEATURED FUNDING NEWS!

The National Lottery Community Fund (Scotland) - New Funds!

Fairer Life Chances - is for projects that support children, young people and families; or that help people to be healthier and have better access to support.

Projects should support people experiencing poverty, disadvantage or discrimination.

Your project should be designed with the people you support. You should:

- involve them in how it's developed, delivered and led
- make use of their existing skills and interests
- complement and make connections with other services that support them.
- *Funding between £20,001 to £500,000 for up to 5 years is available*

[Click here for more information](#)

Community Action - is for communities in Scotland: people who share an identity, interest or experience, or people living in the same place.

They're looking for projects that will help people connect more with each other, and will support projects that are open, inclusive and led by their community.

Your project must achieve at least 2 of these outcomes:

- build positive relationships
- support people's health or wellbeing
- help people improve their access and connection to nature
- make a positive difference to the environment
- *Funding between £20,001 to £500,000 for up to 5 years is available*

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To have a look at other funding offered by The National Lottery Community Fund (Scotland) [please click here](#)

COUNCIL RELATED FUNDING

Did you know that there are over 15 different community grant funds your community group can apply to with Fife Council?

These include:

- £2 for £1 grants for Rural Halls
- Childcare Grants
- Common Good Fund
- Culture Grants
- Fife Charities Trust
- Local Community Planning Grants
- Settlement Trusts
- Special Project Scheme
- Sports Grants
- Tayport Community Fund

- Tenants Group Schemes
- Youth Work Grants

To find out more information and how to apply [please click here](#)

EXTERNAL FUNDING INFORMATION

ARTS & CULTURE GRANTS

- **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](#)
- **Museums Galleries Scotland - Creative Minds Fund** - will support museums and organisations working with people experiencing mental health issues to create engagement opportunities. Projects can last up to 18 months and will involve participants in creative activities related to the museum and its collection. **Next Deadline: 25th June 2025.** [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 Community Investment Programme** - is a small fund created to support activities that tackle some of the key challenges that still remain in coalfield communities. The five key priorities are community, health, skills, jobs climate. [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 £50,000. [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](#)
- **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](#)
- **Screwfix Foundation** - supports projects that improve, fix and repair buildings, homes and facilities specifically used by people in need throughout the UK. The types of projects they can fund are: improved energy efficient lighting & heating, installation of new kitchen, bathroom etc, installation of a sensory room, general painting & decorating, improving safety and security of a building. **Next Deadline: 10th August 2025.** [Click here for more information](#)
- **The Big Give - Christmas Challenge** - is an online match funding campaign that can help your charity to raise more money this Christmas. It offers supporters of participating charities the opportunity to have their donations doubled when the campaign goes live from late November - early December. **Deadline: 4th July 2025.** [Click here for more information](#)
- **The Scottish Government - Cashback for Communities** - funds early and effective prevention activities for children and young people aged 10-25 and will focus on 4 themes. Providing safe spaces and suitable activities, Supporting young people to

understand their own value and become positive influences, Delivering holistic support & Offering support for young people who are already in conflict with the law.

Deadline: 12noon on the 7th August 2025. [Click here for more information](#)

- **The Wolfson Foundation - Funding for Places** - provides grants for capital initiatives, i.e. buildings (new build or refurbishment) and equipment. **Next deadline: 1st July 2025.** [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](#)

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 Community Fund - Cost of Living Support** - is available to organisations whose work directly supports those most affected by the cost-of-living crisis. They will support organisations that fall in one of the following categories: foodbank, accommodation, poverty relief and where people/communities in the UK are the primary and immediate focus of investment. **Applications can be made at any time** [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](#)

EMPLOYABILITY

- **Thomas Wall Trust** - offer grants to specific projects or core activities that develop these critical life skills for people from disadvantaged groups. **Next Deadline: 22nd September 2025** [Click here for more information](#)

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

- **Local Energy Scotland - CARES Community Buildings Fund** - provides grants to help community organisations reduce their building's energy costs and greenhouse gas emissions. It does this by funding the installation of renewable technologies like heat pumps, battery storage, and solar photovoltaic (PV) panels, as well as some energy efficiency measures. **Next Deadline: 31st October 2025.** [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

- **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](#)
- **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](#)

- **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](#)
- **The Naturesave Trust** - the Trust was set up to promote the adoption of sustainable development. The theme of the current funding window is nature connection. Grant applications should evidence work that connects to communities through nature. **Next Deadline: 15th July 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](#)

HEALTH & WELLBEING

- **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](#)
- **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. **Deadlines: 26th June & 25th September 2025.** [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](#)

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](#)
- **Barclays Community Football Fund** - is available for groups wishing to start offering football, those keen to expand their existing provision to new audiences or those already delivering football to under-represented young people. Alongside the grants, the programme will offer training and support resources to groups to help reduce inequalities in the participation of football. **Grants of £500 are available.** [Click here for more information](#)
- **Dan Maskell Tennis Trust** - Clubs, groups or projects can apply for tennis wheelchairs, equipment or a grant to support people with disabilities. **Next Deadline: 20th July 2025.** [Click here for more information](#)
- **Sports Facilities 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. **Next Deadline: 1st September 2025.** [Click here for more information](#)

- **The Alpkite 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](#)

THIS EDITION'S TOP TIP!

- DO Start early - give yourself time to gather information and do your project justice
- DONT use buzzwords or jargon

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