



Fife Funding Community Update

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NEWS




Welcome to edition 2 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](#)

FEATURED FUNDING NEWS!

FIFE FUNDING FAYRE!

 Fife Funders' Fayre 2025 – Book Your Free Place Today! 

 Date: Wednesday 15 October 2025

 Time: 10:00am – 4:00pm

 Venue: Fife College, Kirkcaldy Campus, St Brycedale Avenue, KY1 1EX

 Cost: FREE to attend!

What's in Store?

- ✓ Meet the Funders – including The National Lottery Fund, Creative Scotland, Foundation Scotland, Fife Council Grants, The Robertson Trust, and many more!
- ✓ Get Expert Advice – FVA staff will be on hand to support with funding applications, constitutions, and governance.
- ✓ Free Workshops – Learn practical skills and insights to strengthen your organisation (full programme coming soon).
- ✓ Support Services – Connect with organisations offering help with insurance, payroll, energy, and more.

Book now to secure your place by using this link - [News: Fife Funders' Fayre 2025: Book Your Place](#)

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

- **Hugo Burge Foundation** - Creative Communities fund will go towards supporting organisations, festivals, fairs and community groups that develop and deliver initiatives focusing on culture and creative arts in their local area. Creative Education fund is seeking applications from people, schools, and arts and culture organisations that are creating opportunities for young people (0-29) to engage and build their creative skills and knowledge. **Deadline: 30th September 2025.** [Click here for more information](#)
- **Music For All** - grants are available to address the musical needs of community music groups and educational organisations. This fund will support projects and initiatives taking place throughout the UK that all aim to bring music to their community and would benefit from a “helping hand” to fulfil their potential in becoming truly sustainable music programmes. **Next Deadline: 24th September 2025.** [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](#)
- **Scops Arts Trust** - aims to give people of all ages, backgrounds and life circumstances, opportunities to access, participate in and enjoy the arts, particularly the performing arts. **Next Deadline: 23rd September 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](#)
- **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](#)
- **Crown Estate** - provides funding (grants of up to £40,000) if you have a project which focusses on community priorities, the themes of the Climate Fife Strategy & Action Plan. **Deadline: 30th September 2025. Email: Community.Investment@fife.gov.uk for more information.**
- **Edinburgh Airport Fund** - provides financial support to community groups and charities that are committed to improving the opportunities, facilities and services available to local people. **Next Deadline: 28th November 2025.** [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](#)
- **FCC Scottish Action Fund** - offers funding to projects through the Scottish Landfill Communities Fund. It awards grant for community, environmental and heritage projects. **Next Deadline: 5pm, 19th November 2025.** [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](#)

- **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](#)
- **Outdoor Community Play Incubator Programme** - will support small community groups in rural and remote areas to develop and deliver local outdoor play opportunities. **Deadline: 12 noon, 22nd September 2025.** [Click here for more information](#)
- **Peoples Postcode Trust** - support smaller charities and good causes in the Scotland to make a difference to their community for the benefit of people and planet. **Due to open: 25th September 2025 and Close: 6th October 2025.** [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](#)
- **Wesleyan Foundation** - supports grassroots charities across the UK to deliver vital community services across varies themes. **Deadline: 30th September 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](#)

- **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](#)
- **The Fat Beehive Foundation** - is an independent UK registered charity that provides small grants for websites and digital products to other small UK registered charities. **Next Deadline: 30th September 2025.** [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](#)

- **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

- **Esmée 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](#)
- **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](#)
- **Rewilding Britain - Rewilding Challenge Fund** - is a major new fund for the rewilding project which shows the maximum potential to upscale rewilding on land or at sea. **Next Deadline: 10th October 2025.** [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](#)
- **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](#)
- **Charles Hayward Foundation** - Funds preventative and early intervention programmes being delivered at the community level which allow older people to stay in their own homes and remain independent. [Click here for more information](#)
- **Inspiring Scotland - Changing Places Toilets Scotland Fund** - the Fund will pay for the development and installation of new Changing Places Toilets in Scotland. **Deadline: 12noon, 20th October 2025.** [Click here for more information](#)
- **Corra Foundation - The Way Forward for Families Partnership** - grants to support the delivery of work which directly supports children, young people and families affected by drugs and alcohol. **Deadline: 2pm, 27th November 2025.** [Click here for more information](#)
- **Corra Foundation - You're Only Young Once Fund** - this is a small grant programme on supporting children, young people and their families to shape and share experiences, create connections, and to create the conditions where they are empowered to influence participation, policy and practice across Scotland, and can thrive in the future. **Deadline: 2pm, 10th November 2025.** [Click here for more information](#)
- **Parkinson's UK - Physical Activity Grants** - Supports activity providers, communities, networks, organisations and others to develop opportunities for people with Parkinson's to become and stay active. **Deadline: 2nd October 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](#)
- **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, BII 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: 25th September 2025.** [Click here for more information](#)
- **UnLtd Awards** - The programme provides specialist support for social entrepreneurs to help them grow as social leaders. They combine cash and coaching to help nurture ideas and grow impact. **Next Deadline: 30th 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](#)

- **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 Dan Maskell Tennis Trust** - clubs, groups or projects can apply for tennis wheelchairs, equipment, or a grant to support people with disabilities. **Next Deadline: 26th October 2025.** [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](#)

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](#)
- **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](#)
- **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 use plain English – clear applications are easier to assess.

 DON'T forget the *why* – explain why your project matters and why it's needed.

Make your case simple, strong, and meaningful! 💡

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