



External Funding Sources

2026



Some Possible Grants

Who	Amount	Basic overview
<u>Asda Foundation</u>	£500-£20,000	Their mission is to transform communities and improve lives throughout the UK. Current funds include Young Futures Fund (Improving mental health and wellbeing for teens to help build better futures) & Local Community Spaces Fund (Supporting grassroots community groups to transform spaces at the heart of their local community) as well as Colleague Match Funding for local causes and Local Community Emergency Donations.
<u>Awards for All</u>	Funding between £300 and £10,000	Fund projects that bring people together and help communities across Scotland thrive. You can use the funding to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • start a new activity or continue an existing one • help your organisation adapt to new challenges • run one-off events Particularly interested in projects that aim to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • bring people together to build strong relationships in and across communities • improve the places and spaces that matter to communities • help more people to reach their potential, by supporting them at the earliest possible stage • support people, communities and organisations facing more demands and challenges because of the cost-of-living crisis
<u>Bank of Scotland Foundation</u>	Varies depending on which fund is open	New grant programmes launched in 2024 with the focus of supporting charities who help vulnerable groups.
<u>BBC Children in Need</u>	Available grants range from £1,000 to £40,000 per year and can be awarded for up to three years.	The Grants have no application deadline – you can apply at any time. Will fund projects and organisations to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support children and young people who are or whose families are facing housing insecurity, where this is impacting on their health and future life chances. • Support children to navigate the challenges of growing up with confidence, positivity, and kindness. Targeting children between 8-13 years old as they make the move between primary and secondary schools. • Support the inclusion of minoritised communities, especially from South Asian and Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities. • Support disabled children, especially those who are Deaf or with a hearing or visual impairment or children with a life-limiting condition.
<u>Co-operative Community Fund</u>	Community Grant - Up to £500 for kit, events or fundraising. Member's Choice Award - Up to £5,000 to spend on large-scale projects.	Scotmid's Community Grant scheme helps deserving causes across Scotland. It's all about projects that benefit local communities or address a specific community need.
<u>Corra Foundation</u>	Grants of £500-£3,000	Boost small grants programme is for organisations supporting children and families in their local communities. It has been created to help groups that find the increase in basic running costs (for example utilities, salaries, transport) are making their work much more challenging. To grassroots organisations and charities with a yearly income of up to £50,000 whose work benefits children and families and wider community activity.

<u>Easyfundraising</u>	Money raised through shopping (variable)	Register as a cause then raise donations for free as you encourage members to shop using the easyfundraising link with over 7000 brands and the club will get a percentage of sales.
<u>Edinburgh Airport Community Board</u>	up to £7,000	Provides financial support to community groups and charities committed to improving opportunities, facilities, and services available to local people in Edinburgh, Falkirk, the Lothians and Fife. Linked to their <u>sustainability strategy</u>
<u>Fat Beehive Foundation</u>	small grants of up to £2,500	Improving your digital presence can be transformational, but it's really tough to secure funding in this area. The Fat Beehive Foundation exists to change that, offering small grants to charities with a turnover of less than £1,000,000.
<u>Forte Charitable Foundation</u>	Single year funding between £2,000 and £10,000 for core costs, salaries, running and project costs but you cannot apply for more than 50% of the total cost of the project	A grant making foundation giving grants to small and medium sized local organisations in the UK with a demonstrable track record of success working to address local issues in communities of extreme urban deprivation and deprived rural districts. For charities with a focus on Community Support and annual income does not exceed £250,000.
<u>The Gannochy Trust</u>	small grants of up to £10,000 a year for a maximum of three years; main grants of up to £30,000 a year for a maximum of three years; and major grants of over £30,000 a year for a maximum of three years	The Gannochy Trust provides grants for the delivery of charitable work and capital projects. A large proportion of the funding work takes place in Perth and Kinross. provide three types of grant: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project funding for the delivery of projects and activities; • Core funding for operational costs such as salaries, overheads and day to day running costs; and • Capital funding to create or improve an asset, such as a new building or refurbishment.
<u>Garfield Weston foundation</u>	Grants range from £1,000 to several million pounds, depending on each charity's size and scope of work	Three categories – Capital, Revenue (often called 'core costs') and Project work. Quite a wide range of different projects. Must be a registered charity to apply – Online submission. Applications are reviewed by Trustees on an ongoing basis so there are no specific deadlines to worry about.
<u>GREAT</u>	Small Funds Grant can receive an award of up to £2,500	Founded in 2024, the Grass-roots Rugby for Everyone Award Trust (GREAT) is a charitable organisation which supports the development of rugby across Scotland. Their mission is to increase the number of people and children throughout Scotland who play and support rugby at grass-roots level and to improve the facilities in clubs and schools which enable them to do so. Fund closed for now but worth checking for it reopening in 2026.
<u>Hearts & Balls</u>	Undisclosed	Main object is to help players and families who have been impacted by catastrophic injury. Assistance is usually direct financial help or advice and advocacy to identify and access funds from other sources.
<u>Local Giving</u>	Whilst not directly grant funding offer tools to support charities and community groups to supercharge their fundraising	Boost online donations using their complete fundraising toolkit. Or boost impact through their engaged community & grant platform.
<u>Mickel Fund</u>	£500 - £10,000.	Sole purpose of improving the lives of others through charitable donations in and around Scotland. For charities one of their core funding priorities is the advancement of public participation in sports. Next window will open March 2026.
<u>Morrison's Foundation</u>	Grants are available for up to £10,000 for capital spend or direct project delivery	The Morrisons Foundation supports registered charities making a positive difference in local communities. Applications should deliver on (at least) one of three objectives to be considered for support, these are: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tackling poverty and social deprivation; 2. Enhancing community spaces, facilities and services; 3. Improving health and wellbeing.

<u>National Lottery Community Fund (Scotland)</u>	A variety of different funds – up to £1,000,000.	Award money raised by National Lottery players to fund great ideas that help communities to thrive. Can fund: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • capital costs (such as building and land improvements) • staff costs • running costs • activities • equipment • other core costs needed to support the project.
<u>The Postcode Lottery Trust</u>	Up to £50,000 in total over three years is open to Charities, Community Interest Companies and community benefit societies.	Funds are focused on charities and good causes in Scotland. Be ready to apply within the 24hr funding windows opening and consider project funding or unrestricted applications.
<u>Robert Barr's Charitable Trust</u>	£2,000 minimum, no maximum provided	The trust supports the relief of poverty, aid for the aged, the infirm and handicapped, the advancement of education, the provision of recreational facilities and the preservation of buildings or other items of national or historic interest. The Trustees also tend to favour capital projects rather than running costs. The Trustees meet annually in March to consider all applications received.
<u>The Robertson Trust</u>	Grants between £2,000 and £50,000 as well as Community Vehicle grants of up to £10,000	Offer funding to charitable organisations that support people and communities in Scotland who are living with poverty or trauma who have an annual income of under £2 million. Both revenue and capital funding no set closing dates.
<u>Scottish Children's Lottery</u>	Grants available up to £10,000	The Scottish Children's Lottery works across the broad spectrum of enhancing the welfare of children and young people. Need to be a charity to apply. Closed for now but will reopen in March 2026
<u>Silverhill Trust</u>	£2000 - £20,000	Objectives are to promote the mental, physical, and social development of young people in the UK, especially those in poor circumstances. Apply any time in writing.
<u>Sports Charity Scotland</u>	Most distributions awarded have been in the range £500.00 – £5,000.00	(Have to be a charity) Over the years they have supported a wide range of charitable activities as witnessed from the list of beneficiaries. The principal aim is to provide support which can make a significant difference to the delivery of existing activities, rather than funding running costs or overheads. A major proportion of the distributed of funds is by grants to smaller charities and projects. In addition, each year we identify two partner organisations which will receive a significant proportion of the funds raised at The Sports Charity Dinner.
<u>Sportscotland Facility Fund</u>	Awards of up to £100,000	Available for sports facility projects. Greater prioritisation will be given to projects and applications that can clearly demonstrate an embedded inclusive approach such as Changing Lives Through Sport and Physical Activity and target participants in/from SIMD areas or Disability, BAME or other protected characteristic groups.
<u>SSE Renewables community investment funds</u>	Variable depending on the fund.	38 community investment funds across Scotland and England. Each community fund has a set of guidance which details the area of benefit covered. For further information, please refer to the relevant community fund location page.
<u>Tesco Stronger Starts</u>	up to £1,500	Tesco Stronger Starts open to all schools, registered charities and not-for-profit organisations that support children and young people. Every three months, three local good causes are selected to be in the blue token customer vote in Tesco stores throughout the UK.
<u>Weir Trust</u>	Apply up to £25,000.	One of the core areas of focus is Encouraging and increasing public participation in sport (activities which involve physical skill and exertion). For community groups and small charities generating an income less than £125,000.

Loans

<u>Social Investment Scotland</u>	Flexible loans - £25,000 - £875,000	The SIS Community Finance Fund is a loan offering, designed to provide flexible, affordable finance to charities and social enterprises across Scotland. Flexibility to consider smaller amounts, from £10,000, based on specific requirements. Loan funds can be used for a wide range of purposes, from business expansion, asset purchase, or to cover operational cashflow.
<u>Foundation Scotland</u>	The fund can invest between £10,000 and £250,000 per organisation	Social investment is a unique type of funding designed to support social enterprises and charities and enable them to grow and deliver positive social impact. The investment provided is a unique form of blended finance, a combination of grants and loans.
Banks – speak to your own	Flexible loans up to 1,000,000	This can be an in-depth process – with interest rates often 3-8%.

Funding Search Engines

These links provide an opportunity to also search for your own funding from other sources that may not be captured above. They are very useful and are kept up to date:

Foundation Scotland: <https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/apply-for-funding/funding-available>

Funding Scotland: <https://funding.scot/>

Sportscotland: <https://sportscotland.org.uk/funding/>

SCVO: <https://scvo.scot/funding/guide>