

Foundation Scotland

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Where philanthropy meets community

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What is Foundation Scotland?

We are an independent charity established to strengthen local communities by providing a source of funding to community led projects the length and breadth of Scotland.

Foundation Scotland, formerly Scottish Community Foundation, was established to help people and organisations give to good causes effectively and inexpensively. Since 1996, the Foundation has been delivering innovative funding programmes, distributing over £32.7 million to charities and community groups. Our knowledge of the sector allows us to find lesser known charities ensuring our awards create lasting change.

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What do we do?

Our vision:

To create a vibrant Scotland where philanthropists and independent funders invest money, expertise and influence to make a difference to causes and in communities that inspire them.

Our mission:

To facilitate charitable funding making it effective and engaging

Our purpose:

To be the professional hub of Scottish philanthropy for lasting impact in Scotland's Communities

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How do we do it?

We work with individuals, companies, charitable trusts and public agencies...



... and administer over 270 different funds on behalf of these clients.

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We then distribute these funds through

Scotland-wide programmes eg

- Express Grants (Up to £2,000)
- ScotRail Foundation Community Grants (£5,000)
- Volant Charitable Trust Fund (up to £30,000 over 3 yrs)

Local programmes eg

- Renewable energy-related Community Funds
- Kinross-shire Fund
- William Grant Youth Opportunity Fund
- Moidart Trust

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How do we do it?

Life-cycle of a grant application

- Application is received
- Application is checked for completeness and eligibility
- Application is allocated to a panel or decision date "round" and then to an assessor for assessment
- Assessor reviews application materials, prepares questions, conducts telephone interview with main contact (and/or referee if necessary)
- Assessor completes assessment report
- Where applicable, funding recommendation reports are sent to external decision-making bodies
- Final approval/rejection is notified to FS by external panels
- Grant Offer letter and Grant Acceptance letter are sent to the successful applicants.
- Rejected letters are sent to the unsuccessful applicants
- Successful applicants return the grant acceptance form.
- Cheque is sent with a paper copy of our completion report
- Project takes place.
- Once project is complete or 12 months has passed, group then send back their project completion report.
- We are currently reviewing how we process and report on completion report information.

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