

External Funding Alert

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○ The external funding alert from South Ayrshire Council provides details on new funding opportunities available and approaching deadlines of various programmes. More detail on these opportunities can be obtained by clicking on the links provided or by contacting the External Funding Team. If you wish to be added to our mailing list, email: externalfunding2@south-ayrshire.gov.uk. You can also conduct your own external funding search at: www.open4community.info/southayrshire/Default.aspx

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News

FREE GUIDE TO SOCIAL INVESTMENT FROM BIG AND SOCIAL ENTERPRISE UK

Charities may be able to access more flexible finance and attract more support through social investment than traditional grant funding, according to a guide from Social Enterprise UK and the Big Lottery Fund.

The guide, Social Investment Explained, says that charities must consider whether they are ready for investment, including examining the skills of their staff and board, the services they offer, the track record of the organisation, and the state of the organisation's finances.

It says social investment is only appropriate for charities which are able to pay it back, particularly those with an income stream that investment would help to grow. It says charities are most likely to want money to buy assets or scale up.

The guide examines the types of social investment available and the sources who provide it, and looks at how charities can work out how much money they need and provides a guide to the available social finance intermediaries and a glossary of terms.

Link: http://www.bigpotential.org.uk/sites/default/files/slideshare/Social%20Investment%20Explained_Guide_SEUK-BIG.pdf

BIG LOTTERY PROGRAMME NEWS

1. 2014 Communities

2014 Communities is closing as planned following the Glasgow Commonwealth Games at 12 noon on Friday 29 August 2014. This has been a highly successful grants programme, which has made 3,861 grants totalling around £5.8 million since its launch and is on track to commit its budget this year.

2. Awards for All

Awards for All is now re-open and the application will be available on their website from then.

3. Tips on applying

BIG have supplied a quick tip for each of their current funds:

2014 Communities

It must benefit new people only (not existing people in the group).

Communities and Families Fund

Apply for projects that will benefit up to eight years of age (don't apply for teenagers!).

Growing Community Assets

Focus on the geographical community's needs (don't initially focus on a particular building).

Investing in Ideas

Only apply for a new idea or new way of working (not existing work).

Life Transitions

Be specific and in-depth to meet an outcome (don't be 'too general' or 'all-encompassing').

Scottish Land Fund

Has to benefit a geographical community with a population of less than 10,000 people (it cannot be a community of interest).

Supporting 21st Century Life

Be an established organisation with experience of working with the families you are applying for (they are unlikely to fund new organisations).

Young Start

Focus on one or two outcomes (it will be challenging to meet three or four outcomes).

Programme Updates

SOUTH AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND

This scheme has a pot of £65,000 available to constituted local community organisations across South Ayrshire working for the benefit of their local area and residents. The fund can be used to help develop the necessary skills and access expertise to develop successful funding bids and more effectively deliver improvements in their areas. For more information, call Marion Young on 01292 612626 or email: marion.young@south-ayrshire.gov.uk

Deadline for applications: Monday 27 October 2014, Monday 26 January 2015

Link: <http://www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/cpp/community-devfund.aspx>

THE SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT'S VOLUNTARY SECTOR DEVELOPMENT FUNDING (VSDF)

This scheme offers funding to support voluntary sector organisations in Scotland that provide social services. The aim of the Fund is to provide further investment in the voluntary sector to develop a confident, competent workforce and to meet the demands now required of these staff.

Voluntary organisations registered with the Care Inspectorate can apply for funding to contribute to costs associated with achieving Scottish Vocational Qualifications (SVQs), management awards and professional development awards.

A total of £950,000 is available for the 2014/15 round, with successful applicants receiving up to £25,000 each. The priority groups for the 2014/15 round are as follows:

- Supervisors and support workers in housing support/care at home services (priority will be given to funding for supervisors).
- Assessors – to support the costs of an assessor qualification for staff working within any of the eligible sectors.

The deadline for receipt of applications is 29 August 2014.

Link: <http://www.sssc.uk.com/News/voluntary-sector-development-funding-vsdf-2014-15.html>

Resources/Information/Publications

Resources

COMMUNITY SHARES SCOTLAND

Crowdfunding offers both commercial and non-commercial ventures the opportunity to raise a sum of money by offering shares to people who put forward small amounts of money. Community Shares Scotland connects not-for-profit groups and investors looking to provide money for social good. People buying shares in the projects promoted through the site will recoup their investment through improvements to their community rather than profit. Social businesses can offer interest to be paid on the shares if the profit from trading is sufficient.

Community Shares Scotland hopes it can provide organisations such as community groups looking to save a local shop or start a local food scheme with access to funds. The programme is scheduled to run for three years and its partners include the Plunkett Foundation, Co-ops UK and Rocket Science. It is funded by the Big Lottery Fund and Carnegie UK Trust through an award of £800,000.

A series of Community Shares Scotland road shows will take place across Scotland providing local groups with more information about how to get involved. Although dates have not been released yet, information will be available from their website when they are.

Link: <http://www.communitysharesscotland.org.uk>

EVENT ORGANISERS' GUIDE

The Can-Do guide is an interactive guide to organising community events. Published by the Cabinet Office the guide aims to dispel a raft of inaccurate myths leading, it is hoped, to a surge in community events over the coming year.

Link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/can-do-guide-for-organisers-of-voluntary-events>

IDENTIFYING OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING

If you are looking for funding you may also find these other links helpful:

1. www.guidestar.org.uk
2. www.fundingcentral.org.uk
3. www.acf.org.uk/seekingfunding/index.aspx?id=70
4. www.charitycommission.gov.uk/SHOWCHARITY/RegisterOfCharities/RegisterHomePage.aspx

5. www.family-action.org.uk/section.aspx?id=1037
(Educational Grants Advisory Service: for post-16 students studying at specific colleges or universities)

JUSTGIVING

Online fundraising platform JustGiving is expanding its services to enable any business to fundraise online for charity. This will enable businesses to showcase their employees' achievements, and match their donations with company funds if they choose.

The new tools offer:

- branded company fundraising pages to showcase all a business' employee fundraising activity in one place
- running totals of all donations raised by employees
- the facility for employees to form teams to compete against each other and link their JustGiving individual fundraising pages to their company page
- leader boards featuring the most successful fundraising staff to encourage competition and reward success
- the option for companies to match-fund the sums raised by their employees and to display this total publicly on their company profile
- measurement and reporting of fundraising data

Perhaps you know of a local company that would like to raise funds for your group in this way.

Further details are available via the web link below.

Link: <http://www.justgiving.com/companies>

PEER-TO-PEER MENTORING SCHEME/INSPIRING STUDY VISIT SCHEME

The Plunkett Foundation have secured funds from the Prince's Countryside Fund to deliver a Peer-to-Peer mentoring scheme and an Inspiring Study Visit scheme for Scotland.

This programme gives groups the opportunity to learn from another established shop group. A substantial amount of time is spent discussing the details of community enterprise. In addition a Plunkett mentor or adviser assists the visit and a tour of the shop is generally given and travel expenses are paid.

To find out more contact the Frontline Team on 01993 810730 or email Hannah.barrett@plunkett.co.uk

REDUCE TECHNOLOGY COSTS

Through this programme, eligible UK-based charities are able to request donated technology products from partners such as Microsoft, Symantec and Cisco.

The products include operating system software and server software, security software and hardware products such as switches, routers, wireless equipment and firewalls.

Although there is an administration fee for charities the CTX programme still gives savings of 92-96% on typical retail prices. For further information visit: www.ctxchange.org

RESOURCE EFFICIENT SCOTLAND

This scheme is a Scottish Government funded programme delivered by Zero Waste Scotland. It works to engage Scottish business, the public sector including local authorities and housing associations and third sector organisations on the benefits of using resources more efficiently and to help them implement resource efficiency actions within their organisation.

There are three main elements to the programme:

1. Advice and support service:

(Tel: 0808 808 2268) this service provides free advice, support, training and access to funding to help organisations implement resource efficiency measures.

2. Sector Programmes:

These programmes provide a strategic sector focused approach with activities tailored around specific resource-use 'hotspots'

3. Innovation:

This area of work involves the development of new resource efficient products and technologies, business models, working practices and de-centralised renewable energy infrastructure – providing solutions for the sector support and advice services.

Support for local authorities is provided through one of the sector programmes.

For more information contact Warren McIntyre, Programme Area Manager – Public Sector Resource Efficient Scotland, 01786 433930 or email warren.mcintyre@resourceefficientscotland.com

Link: <http://www.resourceefficientscotland.com/>

SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES – NATIONAL SUPPORT PACKAGE

The Scottish Community Development Centre (SCDC) is now into the second stage of their Supporting Communities programme which is an expanded package of support for community organisations across Scotland. The support package will run until March 2015 and aims to increase the capacity of community groups and organisations to effect change and contribute to the regeneration of their communities.

If you would like to find out more about the support package being offered by SCDC, or if you are aware of groups that may benefit, please contact Alex MacDonald on 0141 248 1924 or email alex@scdc.org.uk

Link: <http://www.scdc.org.uk/what/supporting-communities>

WAYS TO PAY

The Payments Council announced before Christmas that banks have delivered on the promise to extend the ways charities can authorise their payments if they are reliant on more than one signatory.

Nominated signatories will be able to authorise payments using either online banking or, in some cases phone banking facilities, with a range of Payments Council members.

Cheques will still be continued to be used and banks have committed to carrying on using and accepting cheques for as long as needed.

Further details can be obtained from your bank or the Payment Council website.

Link: http://www.paymentscouncil.org.uk/media_centre/press_releases/-/page/2788/

WEB RESOURCES

1. Sources of Guidance and Advice

Lanarkshire Enterprise Services Ltd

Link: <http://www.lesl.org>

VANL

Link: <http://www.voluntaryactionnorthlanarkshire.org.uk/>

VASLAN

Link: <http://www.vaslan.org.uk/>

Cranfield Trust

Link: <http://www.cranfieldtrust.org>

Pilotlight

Link: <http://pilotlight.org.uk>

2. Networking/Advocacy Support

Social Enterprise Scotland

Link: <http://www.socialenterprisescotland.org.uk/>

Link: <https://www.facebook.com/socialenterprisescotland>

Link: <https://mobile.twitter.com/signup>

SENSCOT

Link: <http://www.senscot.net>

Link: <http://www.facebook.com/ThematicSENS>

Link: <https://twitter.com/senscot>

Link: <http://www.senscot.net/networks1st/notices.php>

Social Firms Scotland

Link: <http://www.socialfirms.org.uk/home/home.asp>

SENSL

Link: <http://www.sensl.org.uk/>

Community Recycling Network

Link: <http://www.crns.org.uk/>

Linkedin

Link: <https://uk.linkedin.com>

3. Capacity Building

FirstPort

Link: <http://www.firstport.org.uk/>

Link: <https://www.facebook.com/FirstportScotland>

Link: <https://mobile.twitter.com/Firstport>

Link: <http://www.youtube.com/user/Firstport1>

CEIS

Link: <http://ceis.org.uk/>

Development Trust Association

Link: <http://www.dtascot.org.uk/>

Link: <http://www.dtascot.org.uk/content/learning/events/e-bulletin>

Just Enterprise

Link: <http://justenterprise.org/>

UNLtd

Link: <http://unltd.org.uk/path/>

4. Training

Social Enterprise Academy

Link: <http://www.theacademy-ssea.org/>

Link: <https://mobile.twitter.com/signup>

Link: <https://www.facebook.com/SocEntAcademy?sk=wall>

5. Tendering Opportunities

Supplier Development Programme

Link: <http://www.sdpscotland.co.uk>

Public Contracts Scotland

Link: <http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/>

6. Industry Trends

The Guardian

Link: <http://www.theguardian.com/social-enterprise-network>

Link: <https://twitter.com/GuardianSocEnt>

Glasgow Social Enterprise Network

Link: <http://www.gsen.org.uk/>

Third Force News

Link: <http://thirdforcenews.org.uk/>

New Funding Opportunities

Arts, Culture & Heritage

HLF – HERITAGE ENTERPRISE

This scheme aims to support community organisations to achieve economic growth by helping them to rescue neglected historic buildings and sites and return them to a viable productive use.

Grants of between £100,000 and £5 million are available but applicants are advised to note that grant requests of over £100,000 and under £2 million will be considered every three months. Grant requests of over £2 million and up to £5 million will be considered every two months.

Applicants must make a contribution to the project. This can be made up of cash, volunteer time, non-cash contributions, or a combination of all of these. Some of the funding must be from the organisation's own resources.

Not-for-profit organisations and partnerships led by not-for-profit organisations in the UK are eligible to apply. Partnerships are required to nominate a lead applicant which will be a not-for-profit organisation that will provide a signed partnership agreement showing the involvement of each partner and how the project will be managed.

Private sector for-profit organisations are encouraged to participate but are required to be minority partners in a partnership that is led by a not-for-profit group. The private for-profit sector may engage with Heritage Enterprise projects in several ways, such as:

- By forming a development partnership with a not-for-profit group. In this way the commercial company will invest in some of the capital costs and take back a return from the rental income generated by the business occupation of the conserved heritage site.
- By occupying and setting up their businesses in refurbished historic buildings, paying market rents to the not-for-profit organisation or partnership that manages the heritage site.
- By providing some of the capital for the conservation and adaptation of the heritage site.

Priority will be given to projects that are located within areas of the UK experiencing economic disadvantage. Projects do not need to be located within designated areas of deprivation but applicants will be asked to define the economic need of the area and the difference the project will make.

Voluntary organisations can also submit part of the organisation's overheads (core costs) as a part of the costs of the project. This contribution should be calculated using Full Cost Recovery.

Applications may be submitted at any time.

Link: http://www.hlf.org.uk/HowToApply/programmes/Pages/Heritage_Enterprise.aspx

THE STRATHMARTINE TRUST

This scheme awards various grants and awards to individuals and bodies in the United Kingdom, to support the completion of research projects and the publication of works associated with Scottish history. The Trust currently has the following three grant and award categories:

1. Strathmartine Grants (Strathmartine Trust Awards)

The Trustees consider applications for grants of up to £5,000 to assist with the completion of existing projects, or, to aid publication of a completed project or existing project nearing completion. Projects can be in relation to local or national history or broader topics relating to Scottish history.

2. Sandeman Grants

The Trustees consider applications for modest grants from the Sandeman Fund, in order to assist research in the field of early medieval Scottish History. Research which is in the field of early medieval Scottish history, either on documentary sources which relate to the history of Scotland before 1100 AD, or in cognate fields of historical research such as place-names and art and archaeology of the peoples of early Scotland (including Scots, Britons, Picts and Vikings) will be supported.

3. Marinell Ash Awards

Applications are invited for a single award of £500 (or the US or Canadian Dollar equivalent) from The Marinell Ash Fund, which is available to offer travel and study grants to a person studying any aspect of Scottish or North American History, either as a postgraduate student at any University or College whether in Scotland or elsewhere, or as an independent scholar. Applications are welcome for interdisciplinary projects and applications for travel to overseas conferences will also be considered. The Trustees are willing to collaborate with other institutions or trusts. Projects which may lead to publication are favoured, but a publication commitment is not a pre-condition to an award.

Applicants must disclose any other applications made, or to be made, for funding the project covered by the application. If no other funding is being sought, the reason for this should be stated in the Application Form.

Applications may be made by individuals or bodies undertaking research and developing projects in relation to Scottish history. There is no requirement for applicants to the Strathmartine Trust to reside in Scotland. The requirement rests with a subject matter related to Scotland.

Successful applicants in a prior round of awards may make application in respect of any subsequent round of awards.

The deadline for receipt of all applications is 31 December 2014.

Link: <http://www.strathmartinetrust.org/grants.htm>

THEATRES PROTECTION FUND – SMALL GRANTS SCHEME

This scheme makes small capital grants, up to £5,000, available to theatres in the UK that are run by charities and not-for-profit groups that can clearly demonstrate the value capital improvements to their theatres would make to their work with local communities.

Small capital building projects that address urgent building repairs, improve operational viability, introduce environmental improvements, and which enhance physical accessibility will be prioritised.

Applicants have to own or manage theatres with titles or signed leases of more than 5 years on buildings in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. Applicants also need to demonstrate that they run a regular theatre programme of professional, community and/or amateur work presenting no less than 30 performances a year.

Applicants must have a bona fide UK charitable or not-for-profit legal structure and be able to provide certified or audited accounts for at least two years.

The deadline for receipt of applications is 5 November 2014.

Link: <http://www.theatrestrust.org.uk/grants>

Children/Youth/Young People

ALEC DICKSON TRUST

This scheme provides grants to help young people to run a project in their local area anywhere in the UK that involves local volunteers.

The trust is passionate about volunteering and about young people making a difference. Grants of up to £500 are available for individuals aged 30 and under and from small groups of young people in the UK.

The trust will consider projects in the applicant's local area that involve local people and can demonstrate that through volunteering or community service they can enhance the lives of others, particularly those most marginalised by society. Preference is given to supporting innovative projects.

Please note that the trust is unlikely to support applications from young people embarking on organised 'gap year' projects overseas with organisations like Project Trust, Raleigh International, or Health Projects Abroad; or applicants requesting a grant for college/university course fees.

Applications may be submitted at any time.

Link: <http://www.alecdicksontrust.org.uk/>

Community Development

BANK OF SCOTLAND FOUNDATION – SMALL/MEDIUM GRANTS PROGRAMMES

This scheme provides grants to charities for projects that develop and improve local communities. Applications can only be accepted from charities registered in Scotland. Grants have been given for core costs, equipment, staff costs, playgroups, volunteer costs.

- Medium grants of between £10,001 and £25,000
- Small grants of between £1,000 and £10,000

There is a grants database on the foundations website.

The next deadline for receipt of applications is 13 October 2014.

Link: <http://www.bankofscotlandfoundation.org>

Education

THE FREDERICK SODDY TRUST

This scheme, with the support of the Geographical Association, runs an annual award programme for schools to support geography based field work and expeditions. Priority will be given to those applications that have at least a strong element of human geography.

The awards are made to teams of pupils between 5 and 18 years of age. Preference will be given to those schools applying for funds for expeditions or field study in the United Kingdom and Ireland as opposed to countries elsewhere in the world. The total sum available for awards is £2,500. Normally sums awarded are between £200 and £550.

The deadline for receipt of applications is 31 January 2015.

Link: <http://www.soddy.org/schools.htm>

Events

NATIONAL EVENTS PROGRAMME (SCOTLAND)

This scheme makes grants, up to £25,000, available towards cultural and sporting events, designed to showcase specific towns and regions across Scotland, outside of the key metropolitan areas of Glasgow and Edinburgh and drive domestic tourism within Scotland, as well as the normal impacts of economic and media value, to Scotland.

The National Events Programme supports events which:

- Generate economic benefits for specific regions of Scotland
- Attract visitors to specific regions of Scotland from other parts of the country and beyond
- Enhance the profile and appeal of the host region
- Inspire and involve local communities
- Have measurable outcomes

The National Events Programme is a development programme and therefore does not provide long-term or core funding. It is designed to support additional elements or new activity specifically intended to grow events.

Support for events through the national Programme is provided entirely from public funding and as such events must be able to demonstrate clear and measurable value to Scotland.

The deadline for receipt of applications is 3 October 2014

Link: <http://www.eventscotland.org/funding-and-resources/national-events-programme/>

Faith Groups

ALLCHURCHES TRUST

This scheme provides funding in support of churches, church establishments and Christian organisations in the UK. Anglican churches and churches of other denominations and the Christian community in the UK may apply.

The Trust exists to promote the Christian religion and to contribute to the funds of charitable institution, association, fund or object and to carry out any charitable purpose.

The Trust supports appeals from churches for the following:

- Building and restoration projects.
- Repair of church fabric.
- Church community initiatives.

- Religious charities.
- Charities preserving the UK heritage.
- Other charitable causes.

No minimum or maximum value of grant is specified; however applicants should show what other sources of funding have been secured.

Funding is not normally available for the following:

- Charities with political associations, national charities, individuals, running costs and salaries, more than one appeal from the same applicant within a 24 month period, churches which are not members of Churches Together in England, Action of Churches Together in Scotland, Cytun Churches Together in Wales or the Irish Council of Churches.

Applications may be submitted at any time.

Link: <http://www.allchurches.co.uk/applications/index.aspx>

FAITHS IN SCOTLAND COMMUNITY ACTION FUND (FISCAF) – SMALL GRANTS PROGRAMME

This scheme works with local faith groups, building hope by providing grants and support in Scotland's most fragile urban and rural communities.

They offer small grants which range between £500 and £2,000 to locally based faith groups in Scotland wishing to undertake practical action in response to community need, particularly in the economically poorest urban and rural communities.

Further information and guidance is available to download from their website.

The next deadline for receipt of applications is the end of September 2014.

Link: <http://www.faithincommunityscotland.org/faith-in-community-scotland-action-fund/>

NATIONAL CHURCHES TRUST – COMMUNITY GRANTS

This scheme provides financial support for projects which introduce facilities to enable increased community use of places of worship. This includes capital works such as additions and extensions, and the introduction of facilities, such as accessible toilets and catering facilities.

Grants of £5,000 and above are available for projects that have an estimated cost of at least £25,000 (including VAT and fees) to qualify.

The Trust encourages applicants to apply to other funding bodies and to fundraise locally. However applicants must have raised at least 50% of the estimated project cost.

The Trust will consider both listed and unlisted churches, chapels and meeting houses of any age, as long as they are open for public worship in England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man.

The principle denomination that worships in the building should be a member of, or belong to an umbrella body that is a member of, Churches Together in Britain and Ireland.

This is an annual programme however applicants are advised to apply as early as possible in the year.

The deadline for receipt of applications is 1 October 2014.

Link: <http://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/our-grants/community-grants>

Health & Welfare

ACT FOUNDATION (ACT)

This scheme provides grants to individuals and other charities, principally in the UK, with the aim of enhancing the quality of life for people in need, specifically the mentally and physically disabled. Funding is available as follows:

- Grants of up to £2,500 are available to individuals.
- Grants to registered charities have no upper limit. Previous grants have been for between £100 and £4 million.

ACT would be concerned to be a sole funder of projects that require ongoing support.

UK-based individuals and registered charities may apply. For overseas applications, only charitable organisations can apply. Charities must have been registered for at least three years.

Grants generally fall into the following areas:

- Building – funding modifications to homes, schools, hospices.
- Equipment – provision of specialised wheelchairs, other mobility aids and equipment including medical equipment to assist independent living.
- Financial assistance – towards the cost of short-term respite breaks at a registered respite centre.

Examples of grants that have been made to individuals are as follows:

- Stair lifts.
- Disabled bathroom conversions.
- Motorised wheelchairs.
- Books and equipment for use at specialist colleges.
- Respite breaks.
- Specialist and other furniture.

- Vehicle adaptations.

Further information and guidance is available to download from the trusts website or email info@theactfoundation.co.uk.

Applications may be submitted at any time.

Link: <http://www.theactfoundation.co.uk/index.php/apply-for-a-grant>

Miscellaneous

ALLIANCE FAMILY FOUNDATION

This scheme offers grants to charitable organisations working throughout the UK and abroad.

The foundation aims to fund a wide range of projects, including those focusing on:

- Education.
- Relief of poverty and hardship.
- Religious activities.

Further information and guidance is available by contacting the foundation directly at Enquiries,

Alliance Family Foundation, Spencer House, 27 St James's Place, London, SW1A 1NR.

Applications may be submitted at any time.

Link: *None specified*

Older People

AGE SCOTLAND GRANTS

This scheme supports a wide network of older people and older people's groups, which in turn provide local responsive services to older people in their own communities. In addition, it offers a range of services which reflect its role as advocate, and the involvement of older people.

The charity also undertakes to pilot innovative services and to work with members to develop locally-based services which draw on local needs, expertise, and volunteers as appropriate.

Age Scotland additionally provides information and publications to meet the needs of older people living in the community and to disseminate best practice for those working with older people, to publicise issues relevant to older people, and to inform them of their rights.

It campaigns with older people for:

- an adequate retirement income;

- affordable, accessible and available transport;
- improvement of older people's housing conditions;
- better health and care services for older people;
- an end to age discrimination; and
- an end to abuse and mistreatment of older people.

Applicants must show, where possible, what other sources of funding have been sought or secured for the project. Eligible organisations must be:

- Category 1 members of Age Scotland.
- Working to benefit the lives of older people.
- Based in Scotland.
- Non-profit.
- Properly constituted.

Applications may be submitted at any time.

Link: <http://www.ageuk.org.uk/scotland/about-us/our-work/community-services/age-scotland-grants-programme/>

AFTAID – AID FOR THE AGED IN DISTRESS

This scheme offers direct financial relief to older people in distress. This is often in emergency circumstances or to address a wide range of 'quality of life' issues which are not covered elsewhere. AFTAID concentrates its efforts and resources directly to older people in the United Kingdom who are struggling to meet their basic needs.

Grants are not awarded directly to the applicant. The payment is made directly to the provider of the services or goods. A beneficiary does not receive the grant, but gets the help needed as soon as possible.

The beneficiary of the grant must be:

- At least 65 years of age;
- A UK citizen, resident in the United Kingdom; and
- On a lower income and have minimal savings.

A letter of support is required for all eligible applicants from a social worker, doctor or similar professional of the official care services.

AFTAID award emergency grants for anything which is required to take away hardship from the day-to-day life of an older person. For example, this can include:

Mobility scooters, walk-in showers, radiators, cookers, fridge, washing machines, beds, bedding, clothing, rise/recliner chair, tumble drier, small emergency house repairs, carpeting, essential or emergency house cleaning, microwave, rewiring, central heating

boiler, video intercom installation of phone line, TFT magnifier, 'blind' software for PC, wheelchair powerpack, wheelchair access ramp, bath lift.

Applications may be submitted at any time.

Link: <http://www.aftaid.org.uk/grantapp.html>

Veterans

BRANCH ASSISTANCE FUND

This scheme is primarily aimed at the start-up of new branches but other applications may be considered.

It is only available once other grant sources have been exhausted, e.g. the local Legion Scotland Area Committee and external grant providers. Applications should not usually exceed £500 per application, and they will be taken at any point in the year on a first come, first served basis.

Applicants must complete a form and attach a short business plan outlining who will benefit and how their proposal furthers the aims of Legion Scotland. Forms are available from Head Office. For more information contact: Helen Henderson on 0131 550 1562.

Applications may be submitted at any time.

Link: <http://www.legionscotland.org.uk/how-can-we-help/grants/>

WORLD WAR ONE COMMEMORATIONS FUND

This scheme aims to encourage innovative ideas for commemorative projects and events related to the First World War from Legion Scotland branches and areas.

Any individual member with a proposal must apply through their local branch. This grant is only available to Legion Scotland Branches or Areas that cannot fund the proposed activity themselves from existing sources. Applications will be taken at any point in the year on a first come, first served basis. Applicants must complete an application form and provide a short business plan outlining who will benefit and how their proposal furthers the aims of Legion Scotland.

There is no financial limit on the amount for which one applicant can apply. Applications will be considered on a case by case basis. Contact Helen Henderson or on 0131 550 1562 for more information. Please note that many of these grants have limited funds available and will be given on a first come, first served basis.

Applications may be submitted at any time.

Link: <http://www.legionscotland.org.uk/how-can-we-help/grants/>

Travel

WINSTON CHURCHILL TRAVELLING FELLOWSHIPS

This scheme provides British citizens, of all ages and all backgrounds to travel overseas and bring back inspiration, for the benefit of others in their communities and professions in the UK.

No qualifications are required as every application is judged on the individual themselves and the merit of the project, although please check eligibility before applying. Applicants must be 18 years of age to be eligible for a fellowship.

This year's categories are:

- Arts & Older People/Creative Ageing
- Crafts and Makers
- Designers
- Early Years Prevention & Intervention
- Education
- Environment & Sustainable Living
- Medicine, Health & Patient Care
- Prison & Penal Reform
- Science, Technology & Innovation
- Young People
- Open

Please note the application to completion timeline is approximately one year long.

Further information and guidance is available by visiting their website, call 0207 799 1660 or email: office@wcmt.org.uk.

The deadline for receipt of applications, for travel in 2015, is 23 September 2014.

Link: <http://www.wcmt.org.uk/>

Awards

THE RAD AWARDS

This award scheme aims to celebrate ideas that evolve around businesses within the recruitment, marketing and HR industry.

The 2015 Awards are now open to entries under the following categories:

- Work of the Year
- Audio Visual
- Outdoor, Events and Experiential
- Candidate Engagement
- Candidate Interaction (including Gamification, Competitions)
- Best Print Advertisement
- Best Integrated Campaign
- Best Use of Mobile
- Best Use of Social
- Diversity and Inclusion Initiative
- Employee Engagement
- Employer Brand
- Employer Website
- Graduate Campaign
- Graduate Website
- Innovation
- Recruitment Literature
- School Leaver/Apprenticeship Campaign

Entry is open to any company, agency, or individual producing work specifically to recruit personnel within the UK recruitment, marketing, media and HR sector. There is an entry fee of £170 for each advertisement entered into each category.

Campaigns must have taken place between 31 October 2013 and 31 October 2014.

The 2014 deadline for the receipt of applications for the 2015 awards is 10 October 2014.

Link: <http://www.radawards.com/>

SURF AWARDS FOR BEST PRACTICE IN COMMUNITY REGENERATION IN SCOTLAND

This award scheme aims to:

- Recognise and reward best practice and innovation in community regeneration.
- Promote and disseminate best practice across Scotland as means of sharing knowledge and experience, and thereby enhancing future policy and practice.
- Highlight the role that regeneration projects have in improving the wellbeing of individuals and communities.

The SURF Awards are open to any community regeneration project or initiative, taking place in Scotland, which is currently in place or which has been completed within two years of the closing date. Winning projects receive additional showcase opportunities through SURF activities in the following year, as well as free consultancy support services to help them build further on their success.

Applications to the 2014 Awards can be made in the following categories:

- Town Centre Regeneration – highlighting and rewarding good practice in improving a town centre through a regeneration activity.
- Preparing for Employment – supporting community regeneration by using work experience as a basis for delivering effective employability support to young people aged 16-25.
- Infrastructure and Social Benefits – rewarding best practice in achieving community regeneration outcomes from investments in infrastructure.
- Creative Regeneration – rewarding best practice in placing the arts and creativity at the heart of community regeneration efforts.
- Community Led Regeneration – for projects in which representatives of the community of place or theme are taking a leading role in a regeneration activity.

Category shortlists will be announced on 6 October 2014 and the winning projects will be confirmed at the SURF Awards Presentation Dinner event in Glasgow's Radisson Hotel on 2 December 2014.

The deadline for receipt of applications is 2pm on 1 September 2014.

Link: <http://www.scotregen.co.uk/surf-awards/>

Trusts

ADAMSON TRUST

This scheme provides support organisations and registered charities that provide assistance with the cost of holidays or respite breaks for young people aged 17 and under who have a physical or mental disability.

Funding is available for the costs associated with holidays and/or respite breaks with no minimum or maximum amounts stated. Applications on behalf of groups of children, organisations or other registered charities in Scotland will be considered.

Further information and guidance is available to download from the trusts website.

The deadline for receipt of applications is 30 September 2014.

Link: <http://www.theadamsontrust.co.uk/>

TUDOR TRUST – SUPPORTING POSITIVE CHANGE IN COMMUNITIES

This scheme is focused on providing support to smaller, community-led organisations which work directly with people at the margins of society. The trust is keen to work with organisations that have a real understanding of the challenges facing the communities they support, and a clear sense of the difference they seek to make through their work.

Some of the characteristics they look for include:

- A focus on encouraging inclusion, connection and integration
- Organisations which are embedded in their community whether a local area or a 'community of interest'
- Organisations which can demonstrate that they listen to and are responsive to their users

There is a two-stage application process with around one in ten applicants receiving a grant.

However applicants are strongly advised to read the Trust's "What we do" which is available to download from their website, before making a start on your application so that you can find out more about what kind of grants they make and check your eligibility.

Alternatively, you can download their funding guidelines for the full picture or call their Information Team on 020 7727 8522.

Please note that if you have previously been refused funding by Tudor please do not re-apply until at least 12 months after the date of the refusal letter

First stage applications may be submitted at any time.

Link: <http://tudortrust.org.uk/>

Imminent Deadlines – August – September 2014

THE AGNES HUNTER TRUST

This scheme supports a variety of charities that: help the blind and visually impaired; are researching into the cause, cure or alleviation of cancer or arthritis, or supporting people with these conditions; help disabled people, including those affected by physical disability or illness and those with mental health problems or learning disabilities; and assist with the education and training of disadvantaged people or with youth development projects.

DEADLINE: 15 August 2014

MAX GRANT: None Specified

Link: <http://www.agneshunter.org.uk/>

THE LAW SOCIETY CHARITY

This scheme supports charitable work related to the law and the legal profession. Specifically projects that promote: Human rights; Access to justice; and Legal education.

DEADLINE: 15 August 2014

MAX GRANT: £15,000

Link: <http://www.lawsociety.org.uk/aboutlawsociety/charity/apply.page>

SEAFARERS UK

This scheme aims to support organisations seeking funding for projects, schemes or activities involving seafarers, ex-seafarers, their spouses or dependants, or maritime youth organisations.

DEADLINE: 15 August 2014

MAX GRANT: £50,000

Link: <http://www.seafarers-uk.org/grants/>

STANLEY SMITH (UK) HORTICULTURAL TRUST

This scheme makes grants to support the advancement of horticulture. It specifically supports amenity horticulture and education for amenity horticulture. It supports the following areas: The advancement of research in any branch of horticulture or botany with a strong horticultural content and the publication of the results of such research; Assisting in the creation, development, preservation and maintenance of gardens accessible to the public; Promotion of the cultivation and wide distribution of plants which have horticultural value or are otherwise of value to mankind;

Promotion of the cultivation of plants new to horticulture; and Assisting in the publication of books or other works relating to the science of horticulture.

DEADLINE: 15 August 2014

MAX GRANT: £10,000

Link: <http://www.grantsforhorticulturists.org.uk/Smith.html>

BBC PERFORMING ARTS FUND (PAF)

This scheme aims to support individuals through the early stages of their performing arts career; helping them to establish themselves in the professional world through bespoke placements within existing organisations. The PAF Fellowship will lead to an exciting new creative network in the performing arts sector, supported, developed and ready to launch their professional careers.

DEADLINE: 18 August 2014

MAX GRANT: £10,000

Link: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/performingartsfund/grants/paf-fellowship>

THE LINTEL TRUST

This scheme's broad aim is to encourage and enable individuals to live as independently as possible in their homes, and to play an active part in their communities.

DEADLINE: 22 August 2014

MAX GRANT: £2,000

Link: <http://www.linteltrust.org.uk/index.html>

PEOPLE'S POSTCODE TRUST – SMALL GRANTS PROGRAMME

This scheme aims to make the UK a better place for both people and nature. All projects should provide assistance in one or more of the Trust's following fields of operation: Prevention of poverty; reduction of distress and suffering; Advancement of health; Advancement of citizenship or community development; Advancement of public participation in sport; Advancement of human rights, conflict resolution or reconciliation; and Advancement of environmental protection or improvement. Applicants that are not formally registered as a charity with OSCR/Charity Commission can apply for support to the small grants programme.

DEADLINE: 22 August 2014

MAX GRANT: £2,000

Link: <http://www.postcodetrust.org.uk/>

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES GRANT PROGRAMME – FINAL APPLICATIONS FOR NOVEMBER 2014 MEETING

This scheme supports research and innovation that will bring about beneficial social change. Their children and families programme supports work to help ensure that the laws and institutions governing family life in the UK are operating in the best interests of children and families. They have three substantive areas of interest under this programme: child welfare and development; early years education and childcare; and child protection. We also fund work in family law under our Law in Society Programme. The deadline for initial applications to this programme is 4 July 2014.

DEADLINE: 29 August 2014

MAX GRANT: £150,000

Link: <http://www.nuffieldfoundation.org/children-and-families-0>

THE WEIR CHARITABLE TRUST

This scheme aims to support individuals, groups and charities in Scotland who are struggling. Grants are available to support services/projects in the following qualifying categories: Sport; Recreational facilities; Animal welfare; Health and Culture.

DEADLINE: 29 August 2014

MAX GRANT: None specified

Link: <http://www.weircharitabletrust.com/faq-page>

THOMAS WALL TRUST – GRANTS FOR INDIVIDUALS

This scheme provides assistance, support and encouragement of individuals and organisations in the fields of education and social service in its broadest sense.

DEADLINE: 31 August 2014

MAX GRANT: £1,000

Link: <http://www.thomaswalltrust.org.uk/>

WILL CHARITABLE TRUST – CANCER CARE

This scheme provides support within the following categories: care of and services for blind people; long-term care of people with learning disabilities; and care of and services for people suffering from cancer.

DEADLINE: 31 August 2014

MAX GRANT: £20,000

Link: <http://www.willcharitabletrust.org.uk/grantspolicy.htm>

CASHBACK FOR COMMUNITIES SMALL GRANTS SCHEME

This scheme is being managed by a partnership of six national, volunteer-led youth organisations; The Scout Association, Girlguiding Scotland, Boys Brigade, The Girls' Brigade in Scotland, Clubs for Young People (Scotland) and Youth Scotland, the network of youth clubs and groups in Scotland. The aim of the scheme is to support to local volunteer led groups or units, who may not previously have had access to external funding, to enhance their programmes for young people and get positive projects off the ground.

DEADLINE: 1 September 2014

MAX GRANT: £2,000

Link: <http://www.youthscotland.org.uk/projects/cashback-small-grants-scheme/how-to-apply.htm>

IDEASTAP (16 TO 22)

This scheme is established to help young, creative people aged 16 to 22 at the start of their careers and is responsible for providing Ideas Fund – Innovators.

DEADLINE: 1 September 2014

MAX GRANT: £500

Link: <http://www.ideastap.com/Opportunities/Brief/Ideas-Fund-Innovators-16-to-22-270514#Overview>

IDEASTAP (23 TO 30)

This scheme aims to provide assistance to projects that are inspiring, original, and innovative and that can be delivered in all creative disciplines, undertaken by young people aged 23-30.

DEADLINE: 1 September 2014

MAX GRANT: £500

Link: <http://www.ideastap.com/Opportunities/Brief/Ideas-Fund-Innovators-23-to-30-280514#Overview>

KELLY FAMILY CHARITABLE TRUST

This scheme funds charities whose activities nurture and support family life. Applicants are expected to show what other sources of funding have been sought and secured.

DEADLINE: 1 September 2014

MAX GRANT: £5,000

Link: <http://www.kfct.org.uk/apply.html>

ERASMUS PLUS – YOUTH (2014-2020)

This scheme is the EU Programme for lifelong learning. It supports activities in education, training, youth and sport across all sectors including Higher Education, Further Education, adult education, schools and youth activities. The aim is to boost skills and employability as well as to modernise education, training and youth work across Europe.

DEADLINE: 2 September 2014

MAX GRANT: None specified

Link: http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus_en

PHILIP HENMAN TRUST

This scheme provides financial assistance for long-term overseas development projects operated by major UK-based charities.

DEADLINE: 10 September 2014

MAX GRANT: £5,000

Link: <http://www.djclark.com/pht/long.html>

THE ESMEE FAIRBAIRN COLLECTIONS FUND

This scheme supports time-limited work on the collections of museums and galleries in the UK to support and facilitate research, development, understanding and the use of collections.

DEADLINE: 12 September 2014

MAX GRANT: £100,000

Link: <http://www.museumsassociation.org/collections/18022011-esmee-fairbairn-collections-fund>

BBC CHILDREN IN NEED – MAIN GRANTS PROGRAMME

This scheme provides for not-for-profit organizations that are working with disadvantaged children and young people who are 18 years old and younger living in the UK.

DEADLINE: 15 September 2014

MAX GRANT: None specified

Link: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b008dk4b/features/cin-grants-main-index>

IDLEWILD TRUST

This scheme provides grants for projects in the UK that encourage the performing/fine arts and preserve buildings, objects of beauty and items of historic interest or national importance for public benefit.

DEADLINE: 24 September 2014

MAX GRANT: £5,000

Link: <http://www.idlewildtrust.org.uk/how-to-apply.htm>

SEA-CHANGERS GRANT PROGRAMME

This scheme makes grants available to UK based marine conservation charities and organisations for projects that address specific marine conservation areas. Sea-Changers will allocate funding on a six monthly basis. Applicants can only submit one funding application per cycle.

DEADLINE: 26 September 2014

MAX GRANT: £500

Link: <http://www.sea-changers.org.uk/charities>

CENTRAL SCOTLAND GREEN NETWORK ORCHARDS GRANT SCHEME

This scheme provides financial assistance to organisations and individuals for projects relating to the establishment, management and use of small scale orchards, and to help with managing existing traditional orchards, in Central Scotland.

DEADLINE: 29 September 2014

MAX GRANT: £500

Link: <http://www.forthvalleysorchards.org.uk/page/csgn-orchard-grants>

PRS FOR MUSIC FOUNDATION – WOMEN MAKE MUSIC

This scheme makes grants available to support the creation and performance of new music, across any genre, which is written by a woman creator living and working in the United Kingdom.

DEADLINE: 29 September 2014

MAX GRANT: £5,000

Link: <http://www.prsformusicfoundation.com/Funding/Women-Make-Music>

CREATIVE SCOTLAND – LIVE LITERATURE FUNDING

This scheme will part-fund the cost of hiring authors, poets, writers, storytellers and illustrators to attend public literary events, such as readings, workshops and residencies. Funding can cover 50% of the author's fee, plus their travel and expenses. However organisations have to pay the Trust 50% of the writer's fee (£75) plus VAT (a total of £90) for every session that is funded.

DEADLINE: 30 September 2014

MAX GRANT: None specified

Link: <http://www.scottishbooktrust.com/node/3865>

ON ORGAN FUND

This scheme exists for the purpose of supporting the provision and restoration of pipe organs in the British Isles. At least 50% of the project costs must be raised prior to applying. Churches and places of worship in the British Isles are eligible to apply.

DEADLINE: 30 September 2014

MAX GRANT: £1,000

Link: <http://www.onorganfund.org.uk/apply.html>

THE RS MACDONALD CHARITABLE TRUST

This scheme provides grants to charities registered in Scotland for work relating to research into the causes or prevention and treatment of sight impairment and neurological conditions and for the care and welfare of sufferers, as well as for the prevention of cruelty to children and animals.

DEADLINE: 30 September 2014

MAX GRANT: £40,000

Link: <http://www.rsmacdonald.com/applications.php>

THE SCOTCH WHISKY ACTION FUND TACKLING ALCOHOL RELATED HARM

This scheme, administered by Foundation Scotland, is provided by Scotch Whisky as part of its commitment to promoting responsible attitudes to alcohol and tackling alcohol-related harm. The Fund aims to invest in groups and organisations that wish to reduce the impact of alcohol-related harm in Scotland's communities.

DEADLINE: 30 September 2014

MAX GRANT: £25,000

Link: <http://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/scotch-whisky-action-fund.aspx>

Forthcoming Deadlines – October – November 2014

FIDELIO CHARITABLE TRUST

This scheme provides grant funding to help individuals and organisations of exceptional ability in the UK who would not otherwise be able to carry out an artistic project or activity without financial support.

DEADLINE: 1 October 2014

MAX GRANT: £5,000

Link: <http://www.fideliocharitabletrust.org.uk/index.php>

NATIONAL CHURCHES TRUST – COMMUNITY GRANTS

This scheme provides financial support for projects which introduce facilities to enable increased community use of places of worship. This includes capital works such as additions and extensions, and the introduction of facilities, such as accessible toilets and catering facilities.

DEADLINE: 1 October 2014

MAX GRANT: None specified

Link: <http://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/our-grants/community-grants>

NATIONAL EVENTS PROGRAMME (SCOTLAND)

This scheme makes support available towards cultural and sporting events, designed to showcase specific towns and regions across Scotland, outside of the key metropolitan areas of Glasgow and Edinburgh.

DEADLINE: 3 October 2014

MAX GRANT: £25,000

Link: <http://www.eventscotland.org/funding-and-resources/national-events-programme/>

CANOE FOUNDATION – SMALL GRANTS

This scheme provides funding for projects in the UK that support or promote paddle sport activities with a specific focus on young people and/or people with disabilities.

DEADLINE: 6 October 2014

MAX GRANT: £1,000

Link: <http://www.canoe.foundation.org.uk/cf/index.cfm/grants/application-guidelines/>

THE COALFIELDS REGENERATION TRUST (CRT)

This scheme provides funding to support activities delivered by community and voluntary organisations working in Scotland's coalfield communities.

DEADLINE: 8 October 2014

MAX GRANT: £10,000

Link: <http://www.coalfields-regen.org.uk/what-we-do/grant-programmes-and-community-support/>

ENTERPRISE MUSIC SCOTLAND TRADITIONAL ARTS FUND

This scheme is designed to provide support for traditional artists and organisations to create, platform, tour and showcase their work. The fund will also support professional development projects.

DEADLINE: 10 October 2014

MAX GRANT: £3,000

Link: www.enterprisemusicscotland.com/about/financial-support/

LOCAL FILM FESTIVALS OPEN ACCESS FUND (SCOTLAND)

This scheme intends to assist film festivals, cinemas, film clubs, community groups, and other bodies seeking to present a public film festival or similar unique audience development activity, in areas of cinema under-provision in Scotland.

DEADLINE: 10 October 2014

MAX GRANT: £3,000

Link: <http://www.regionalscreenscotland.org/funding/>

MUSEUMS GALLERIES SCOTLAND CAPITAL FUND

This scheme provides financial assistance for projects which will both support the strategic development of Scotland's museums and contribute to the delivery of the aims of the National Strategy. Priorities include: Business Development; Audience Development; and Product Development.

DEADLINE: 10 October 2014

MAX GRANT: £40,000

Link: <http://www.museumsgalleriescotland.org.uk/>

BANK OF SCOTLAND FOUNDATION – SMALL/MEDIUM GRANTS PROGRAMMES

This scheme provides grants to charities for projects that develop and improve local communities. Applications can only be accepted from charities registered in Scotland. Grants have been given for core costs, equipment, staff costs, playgroups, volunteer costs.

DEADLINE: 13 October 2014

MAX GRANT: Dependent on programme

Link: <http://www.bankofscotlandfoundation.org/>

CONNECTING CLASSROOMS

This global programme creates partnerships between clusters of schools in the UK and clusters of schools in other countries to create an international dimension to young people's learning and improve their knowledge and understanding of other cultures.

DEADLINE: 31 October 2014

MAX GRANT: £1,500

Link: <http://schoolsonline.britishcouncil.org/programmes-and-funding/linking-programmes-worldwide/connecting-classrooms>

FORBES CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

This scheme aims to provide benefits for adults with learning disabilities with preference given to small and medium sized organisations.

DEADLINE: 31 October 2014

MAX GRANT: £5,000

Link: <http://www.theforbescharitablefoundation.org/apply-for-a-grant/>

MACROBERT TRUST

Grants are available for UK registered charities with preference for organisations based in Scotland. Projects should address the themes and sub-themes as set out by The MacRobert Trust.

DEADLINE: 31 October 2014

MAX GRANT: £25,000

Link: <http://www.themacroberttrust.org.uk/grant-making/monetary-awards/guidelines/>

AUSTIN AND HOPE PILKINGTON TRUST

This scheme makes grants available to UK registered charities for a range of projects. The project area changes each year.

DEADLINE: 1 November 2014

MAX GRANT: £10,000

Link: <http://www.austin-hope-pilkington.org.uk/>

SCHOOL GRANTS SCHEME

The small grants scheme provides UK schools with funding for small-scale projects or events linked to the teaching or promotion of physics and, in particular, particle physics, astronomy and space science.

DEADLINE: 1 November 2014

MAX GRANT: £500

Link: http://www.iop.org/about/grants/school/page_38824.html

WESSEX YOUTH TRUST

Funding is available for projects that provide opportunities to help support and advance children and young people in the UK.

DEADLINE: 1 November 2014

MAX GRANT: None specified

Link: <http://www.wessexyouthtrust.org.uk/grant-applications.php>

THEATRES PROTECTION FUND – SMALL GRANTS SCHEME

This scheme makes small capital grants available to theatres in the UK that are run by charities and not-for-profit groups that can clearly demonstrate the value capital improvements to their theatres would make to their work with local communities.

DEADLINE: 5 November 2014

MAX GRANT: £5,000

Link: <http://www.theatrestrust.org.uk/grants>

EQUITABLE CHARITABLE TRUST

This scheme provides grant funding for educational projects that benefit children and young people under the age of 25 who are disabled or from disadvantaged backgrounds in the UK and in developing countries.

DEADLINE: 24 November 2014

MAX GRANT: £30,000

Link: <http://www.equitablecharitabletrust.org.uk/Home/tabid/294/language/en-US/Default.aspx>

WRITERS' PROJECTS FUNDING FOR PLAYWRIGHTS IN SCOTLAND

This scheme makes funding available to professional playwrights in Scotland to help them develop their projects.

DEADLINE: 28 November 2014

MAX GRANT: £3,250

Link: <http://www.playwrightsstudio.co.uk/resources/writers-projects.aspx#.U6v-85RdXYg>

BELL'S NAUTICAL TRUST

This scheme provides grants for voluntary and community organisations to benefit maritime education in Scotland.

DEADLINE: 30 November 2014

MAX GRANT: None specified

Link: <http://www.bellsnauticaltrust.com/>

COMMUNITY BROADBAND SCOTLAND – START UP FUND

This scheme makes funding available to assist Scottish communities with the costs involved in establishing local community-led projects to access superfast broadband services.

DEADLINE: 30 November 2014

MAX GRANT: Dependent on programme

Link: <http://www.hie.co.uk/>

HISTORIC SCOTLAND MAINTENANCE PLAN GRANTS

This scheme provides assistance to owners or occupiers of historic buildings in Scotland for the creation of a maintenance plan.

DEADLINE: 30 November 2014

MAX GRANT: £6,000

Link: <http://www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/index/heritage/grants/maintenance-plan-grants.htm>

WOLFSON FOUNDATION

This scheme aims to support excellence in the UK, generally through the funding of capital infrastructure in the fields of science and technology, arts and humanities, education, and health and disability

DEADLINE: 30 November 2014

MAX GRANT: None specified

Link: <http://www.wolfson.org.uk/grant-applicants/>