

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

ASDA COMMUNITY CAPITAL – A NEW FUND IS LAUNCHED

Social Investment Scotland (SIS) has teamed up with Asda to launch a new fund aimed at supporting social enterprises to make the step change they need to increase their impact.

Asda Community Capital will donate the funds arising from the bag charge to support innovative social enterprises and community projects across Scotland. In what is a UK-first, the partnership with SIS will see half of the proceeds distributed through loans, helping third sector organisations who would otherwise find it difficult to get access to funding.

Investment will be available from £10,000 to £50,000 for a period of up to 6 years. Interest will be charged at 5% fixed from year 2 to year 6 (ie for 5 years) however no interest will be charged in year 1. In fact, an investee will not have to pay back anything in year 1 (neither interest nor capital), and no interest will be accrued during this period. Further to this, social enterprises will be able to pay back the loan early, with no penalty, should they be in a position to do so.

The other half of the funds will be donated to Foundation Scotland to be distributed in small grants of up to £2,000. Estimates suggest that single use carrier bag charging by Asda could raise as much as £800,000 in the first year of carrier bag charges being levied.

Kevin McBride, Asda's Regional Operations Manager for Scotland, commented: "At Asda, we want the carrier bag charge to have long-term social as well as environmental benefits. By working with our partners Social Investment Scotland and Foundation Scotland, we have the opportunity to invest innovatively in our local communities, helping to grow the social enterprise sector and supporting local projects in every Asda mile."

Alastair Davis, CEO, Social Investment Scotland, said: "Scotland's third sector has an increasingly crucial role to play in fostering thriving communities through local job creation, community engagement and economic development. Many of the enterprises delivering these benefits frequently struggle to access capital, either as a result of their own investment readiness or the lack of suitable financial products. Through the creation of Asda Community Capital, we'll be able to support the development of highly motivated, small, community-based enterprises throughout Scotland. In turn, we can help to connect more capital with communities, making a real, measurable and sustainable impact on people's lives."

For more information including guidelines and an expression of interest, visit the SIS website via the link below.

Link: <http://www.socialinvestmentscotland.com/looking-for-investment/our-funds/>

Programme Updates

WELCOME TO THE BIG LOTTERY'S DECEMBER UPDATES

Awards for All

BIG has seen a significant increase in arts organisations, including pipe bands, applying for an arts project. If your project can meet one of Awards for All's outcomes they can consider an application. However, it is likely it will be taken as a weaker outcome and a lower priority for funding and your chances of being successful to Awards for All will be small.

Some schools thought they would be a branch of their local authority, but they will be taken as being independent. All schools applying, including local authority controlled ones, are considered by BIG to be independent, rather than a branch.

Please note that if your group received Celebrate funding for a sports activity, you will not be funded through Awards for All for the same activity again. Therefore if you decide to reapply, the project must be different from your Celebrate project.

Communities and Families Fund

BIG are keen to support applications to their Communities and Families Fund for the rest of this financial year 2014/5. If groups can meet the requirements for applying, there is real potential for receiving funding.

iPads

BIG have asked us to emphasise that whilst iPads are an eligible item for them to fund there has to be a need for them as part of delivering a project. In addition applicants have to demonstrate value-for-money so should consider other options including other (cheaper) tablets to help deliver the project instead?

Investing in Communities (stage one)

Organisations considering an application for land or buildings must complete an options appraisal along with a stage one application form. This relates to Q18b.

Investing in Communities (stage one and stage two)

Please note that the timescale to receive funding for this can take up 9-12 months from first applying (stage one) to receiving funding (after stage two). Whilst BIG understand the need for funding (often urgent) some applicants are not applying far enough in advance.

Young Start

This programme is continuing to receive more good applications than they can fund.

A key issue in some applications has been requests for 'general' salaries such as, for example a Centre Manager. Unfortunately they can only fund a salary if it is essential to the delivery of the project and includes other costs such as activities/equipment; because their view is that a salary on its own cannot fully deliver the project.

Tips on applying

BIG held some Webinars, for their Small Grants (Awards for All, Communities and Families Fund and Investing in Ideas), shortly before Christmas. They proved to be very popular, however if you missed them or want to check anything from them you can view a recording which should be available on their website via the link below.

Funding myths

This month's top myth is:

"Awards for All will pay for an individual to travel abroad"

Please note that this definitely isn't true they cannot pay for individuals, nor can they pay for travel outside the UK.

If you want further information on any of the above please visit the BIG Lottery website via the link below or contact their information team on 0300 123 7110.

Link: <http://bigblogscotland.org.uk/2014/12/20/small-grants-masterclass/>

Resources/Information/Publications

Resources

BT – COMMUNITY WEB KIT

This scheme is open to small charitable voluntary and community groups in the UK that provide a clear benefit to the local community. A simple-to-build website may be constructed from simple on-screen instructions on the Internet.

As part of the BT Community Web Kit applicants will receive the following:

- Free website hosting.
- Free website addresses.
- The choice of eight templates with five or 15 colour themes depending on the template selected.
- One free format template.
- Enough space for unlimited pages and up to 500 pictures.
- Templates and colour options for all content.
- An easy-to-use Page Editor or an HTML Editor for technically minded applicants.
- Free technical support.
- Welsh language options.

To qualify, organisations must be based in the United Kingdom and provide a clear benefit to the local community. They should be registered charities, non-profit-making groups or volunteer-led organisations. Users are advised to contact the sponsor for details of any specific criteria that may apply.

Applications may be made at any time.

Link: <http://www.btck.co.uk/Default.aspx>

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/>

SCVO – FUNDING AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

Find funding for your charity, community group or social enterprise using their free online search engine.

From small grants to funding for big capital projects, they can help you track down the funding you need to make a difference in your community. They have over 800 records of funds which help Scottish projects.

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

WEB RESOURCES

1. Sources of Guidance and Advice

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/>

Information

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>

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

Link http://www.ctxchange.org/about_ctx

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/>

WAYS TO PAY

The Payments Council has confirmed 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>

Publications

BIG DIRECTORY OF SOCIAL INVESTMENT

Social investment is a term used to describe many different forms of finance – like loans, bonds and equity – all of which involve some kind of financial return to the investor, as well as helping to achieve social impact.

The Big Lottery Fund achieves its mission of bringing improvements to communities and people most in need primarily through making grants. But they recognise that there are circumstances when social investment can be the right path to growth and sustainability for third sector organisations.

This directory aims to provide a single source of information that third sectors organisations in Scotland can use to find out what sorts of social investment finance are available to support their social enterprise activities and aspirations.

Link: http://www.youthlinkscotland.org/webs/245/documents/Big_Directory_FinalJul14.pdf

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>

New Funding Opportunities

Arts, Culture & Heritage

MUSEUMS GALLERIES SCOTLAND – RECOGNITION SCHEME 2015

The aim of the scheme is to celebrate, promote and invest in the nationally significant museum and gallery collections around Scotland held outside the nationally-run institutions. Funding of up to £60,000 per project is available, to cover 100% of costs.

The scheme applies to collections held within Scottish non-national Accredited or Registered museums and galleries. Applicants must be organisations that manage museums or galleries that are Registered (under Phase 2) or Accredited under the Museums, Libraries and Archive Council's Scheme. The collection should be made publicly available through Accredited or Registered sites, unless there are exceptional circumstances.

The threshold of eligibility is full status, except for those Registered/Accredited under the additional national criteria for which provisional status is acceptable.

Partnership applications are particularly welcomed, and applicants are encouraged to consider how they might add value to their project by collaborating with:

- Other recognised collections.
- Accredited museums and galleries in Scotland that do not hold registered collections.
- Organisations outwith the museum sector with whom the applicant wishes to work for public benefit.

Two applications will be accepted per applicant; however one of these must be for a partnership project.

The Recognition Process requires an organisation to submit an application for the collection they wish to be considered. The application will have to demonstrate that the collection is of such importance and quality that it is worthy of formal recognition as a Recognised Collection of National Significance.

As a secondary requirement, the application must also demonstrate the organisation's commitment to collections management and public services since there is an expectation that those holding such collections will aim for excellence in these areas and that these collections will have a greater impact on people.

Further information and guidance is available from Museums Galleries Scotland website.

The deadlines for receipt of application are 8 May 2015 and 9 October 2015.

Link: <http://www.museumsgalleryscotland.org.uk/funding/recognition-funding/>

MUSEUMS GALLERIES SCOTLAND – SMALL PROJECT FUND

This scheme provides grants of between £500 and £5,000 for Museums Galleries Scotland members, for projects that will improve the quality and capacity of services and meet the cross-cutting themes of business development, audience development and product development. The main objective of the scheme is to help develop museums in Scotland by supporting projects that aim to improve the quality and/or capacity of the service.

Maximum grant will normally cover up to 75% of project costs, to a maximum amount of £5,000. Projects may be funded at more than 75% in exceptional circumstances.

Applicants should be full members of the Museums Galleries Scotland and can include:

- Single museums.
- A museums service.
- Group of museums (which may be grouped only for the duration of the project).
- Museums forum or partnership (which may include non-members, although the MGS member should make the application).

Projects must be completed in the financial year in which funding has been applied for.

Support is available for projects that will develop the provision of the museum service through the improvement of quality or capacity.

The deadlines for receipt of applications are 20 March, 26 June and 11 September 2015.

Link: <http://www.museumsgalleryscotland.org.uk/funding/small-project-fund/>

Children/Youth/Young People

CREATIVE SCOTLAND LAUNCHES FIRST PHASE OF TTS DIGITAL FUND

This scheme aims to inspire digital creativity in young people in Scotland through a series of youth-led projects working with arts organisations in collaboration with technology partners.

The fund is part of 'Time to Shine', Scotland's first national youth arts strategy, which sets out a vision and key recommendations to enable Scotland's children and young people to flourish and achieve, in and through the arts and culture.

The fund is intended to encourage experimentation, test new ways of working, forge new partnerships, unlock potential and share knowledge and enthusiasm across generations and artistic disciplines.

The fund will be delivered in two phases: the first will fund up to 10 pilot projects led by young people of up to £5,000; while the second, to be launched in August 2015, will consist of an open call for larger scale projects, between £50,000 and £100,000, which build on the outcomes of the phase one pilot projects.

Phase one projects must be led by young people and have the aim of encouraging digital creativity. The projects should be facilitated by arts organisations in collaboration with technology partners, where one or both of the partners has a track record of working with young people.

The second phase of the scheme will be open to both successful applicants to phase one of the project as well as new applicants. As in the first phase, projects must be led by young people and facilitated by arts organisations in collaboration with technology partners, where one or both of the partners has a track record of working with young people, and must focus on digital creativity and experimentation.

Fully resolved project ideas are not required for phase one of the scheme – rather the provider is looking for ways of testing a methodology and of working with technology partners, which are led by young people. The results of these projects will be shared with the sector and built on for phase two of the project. The outcomes of these projects could include:

- workshops;
- the testing of new technologies;
- experimenting with new digital languages and channels; or
- the creation of artworks or performances which are a work in progress.

The deadline for applications under the first phase of the scheme is 13 March 2015 (5pm). The second phase will launch in August 2015 with a deadline for applications of 14 September 2015.

Link: <http://www.creativescotland.com/funding/funding-programmes/targeted-funding/tts-digital>

O2 THINK BIG FOR 2015 – HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE TO TACKLE PROBLEMS IN SOCIETY

This scheme aims to find young people with great ideas and help them turn their ideas into reality. This is done by awarding funding and delivering training and support. Projects have to help the community or tackle a problem with society. Projects that only help one person will not be accepted. Beyond that, applicants can do everything or anything – in fact the more bold and creative the ideas, the better. The following is available under Think Big (Level 1):

- £300 cash for the project.
- Training and support.
- A Think Big merchandise pack.
- Communications tools.
- Support from the team of O2 helpers.
- Chances to win gig tickets and other prizes.

All Think Big projects that successfully complete their Think Big project and have carried out an Exit Interview can apply to Think Bigger (Level 2). Projects that are invited to be taken further could receive the following:

- Up to £2,500 cash for the project (given in stages).
- Free O2 broadband for a year.
- Support from O2 mentors.
- The chance to win gig tickets and merchandise for the project group.
- The opportunity to progress on to the Alumni programme.

Projects must help the community or tackle a problem with society and funding can be spent on anything appropriate that will make the project work, apart from on a salary for the applicant. Examples of appropriate purchases are:

- Materials and equipment integral to the project.
- Cost of renting space.
- Transportation.
- Advertising.
- Professional fees for people to teach skills needed for the project.

Individuals or groups between the ages of 13 and 25 can apply for, and run, a project; however, people of any age can get involved by becoming fans or members of the project in the UK.

The next for receipt of applications is 11 March 2015.

Link: <http://www.o2thinkbig.co.uk/>

WOODWARD CHARITABLE TRUST – CHILDREN'S SUMMER PLAY SCHEME GRANT

This scheme provides grants up to £1,000 to support small scale organisations that provide children's summer play schemes.

Project budgets must be submitted with all applications whether they are via the website, email or post. The application form should be completed without exceeding one page. If supplementary information is sent this should be separate from the information requested by the Trustees on their form.

Grants can only be paid to registered charities. If you are not a registered charity, please give full name and address of a registered charity who has agreed to accept a grant on your behalf. Please note we will need a copy of their most recent audited accounts.

Further information and guidance including summer play scheme application forms can be downloaded from the trust's website.

The deadline for receipt of applications is 17 April 2015.

Link: <http://www.woodwardcharitabletrust.org.uk/playschemeguidelines.html>

Community Development

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 next round of applications is Monday 27th April 2015.

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

BANK OF SCOTLAND FOUNDATION – SMALL GRANTS PROGRAMME

This scheme is provided and administered by the Bank of Scotland Foundation, an independent charity, with funding from Lloyds Banking Group.

The foundation makes grants of between £1,000 and £10,000 available to charitable organisations in Scotland to support people and their local communities to gain a better quality of life.

The foundation feels that it is important to help individuals and groups work together to ensure a better quality of life within their community. Practical ways of making this happen may include:

- Initiatives designed to encourage the involvement in the community of those too often excluded.

- Working with people on low incomes, at risk from poverty or with problems finding accommodation.
- Improving the standard of local facilities.

The deadlines for receipt of applications are 13 April 2015 (5pm); 13 July 2015 (5pm); and 12 October 2015 (5pm).

Link: <http://bankofscotlandfoundation.org/small-grants-programme-0>

PEOPLE'S POSTCODE COMMUNITY TRUST – COMMUNITY GRANTS

This scheme provides grants that range from £500 to £20,000 for charities and community groups that support environmental protection, community development, engagement in sport, advancement of health, promotion of human rights and prevention of poverty.

The Trust is looking for projects that engage local communities and leave a positive long term impact beyond the duration of funding. Priority will be given to projects that are focused on improving life for disadvantaged groups and encouraging their inclusion within society. Examples of eligible project costs could include the following:

- New equipment.
- Creation of community gardens.
- Development of sensory or therapy rooms.
- Programmes of activities that engage members of a community.
- Kit and equipment for local sports teams and clubs.

The following funding levels apply to specific applicants:

- Applicants that are not formally registered as a charity with OSCR/Charity Commission can apply for up to £2,000 in funding.
- Applicants that are registered with OSCR / Charity Commission and can provide a charity number can apply for up to £20,000 in funding.

The Trust will not fund items that are unreasonably or excessively priced, for example top of the range IT, photography or musical equipment. Applicants must, therefore, provide evidence with their application that they have:

- Researched into the possibility of purchasing a second-hand version of the item(s).
- Looked into better value of the item(s) required (for example a lower model specification).
- Attempted to secure a charity rate with any external expertise being resourced to carry out some or all of the project.

Funding is available for pilot projects as long as applicants can demonstrate how they intend to continue the project beyond the period of funding. Funding is not made for general requests for running costs towards existing projects. However, if the existing project is to be expanded in a new way or into a new area then the project could be eligible.

Applications for building renovations, must have an ecological impact, or demonstrate a wider impact on the organisation (such as enabling new and vital services to take place).

Further information and guidance is available from the trusts website.

The next round for receipt of applications is 1 July 2015 to 31 July 2015.

Link: <http://www.postcodecommunitytrust.org.uk/community-grants.htm>

PEOPLE'S POSTCODE TRUST – SMALL GRANTS PROGRAMME

This scheme makes funding available for projects that advance citizenship or community development in South of England, London, Scotland, and Wales.

Funding from People's Postcode Trust has already enabled hundreds of organisations to deliver successful initiatives involving sport, health, reducing poverty, environmental improvement and the advancement of human rights within the framework of community development and the advancement of citizenship.

They provide funding from £500 to £20,000 if you are a registered charity, if you do not have a registered charity number, you can apply for up to £2,000.

Please read the guidance notes thoroughly before you consider applying. The online application form will be open between the opening and closing dates as detailed below:

The next round for receipt of applications is 1 April 2014 to 30 April 2015.

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

RED NOSE DAY COMMUNITY CASH

This scheme has made £100,000 available to distribute to not-for-profit organisations across Scotland for work that helps people of all ages feel more included in their community, builds their skills and increases their sense of achievement. Examples of eligible activities include:

- Parent and toddler groups.
- Dad and lads groups.
- Youth groups.
- Elderly groups.
- Community garden/in bloom groups.

Grants can support a wide range of costs, including running costs, project costs, or equipment. Only groups with an income of £100,000 or less in the previous financial year are eligible to apply.

The deadline for receipt of applications is 4pm on Monday 2 March 2015.

Link: <https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/red-nose-day-community-cash/>

Environmental/Energy

SCOTTISH POWER – ENERGY PEOPLE TRUST

This scheme will make grants of up to £50,000 available to registered charities in Great Britain for projects that address fuel poverty explicitly and as the primary purpose and include the provision of energy efficiency advice.

Organisations can apply for funding to support projects or schemes covering the following:

- Energy efficiency measures – improving home energy efficiency through draught proofing, insulating and/or other practical measures.
- Income maximisation – providing funding to front line charities that carry out benefits advice to households missing out on financial help that they are entitled to through welfare benefits and tax credits.
- Fuel debt assistance – providing assistance, or funding the provision by other persons of assistance, to reduce or cancel debts for household electricity or gas supply, where such assistance is provided as part of a package of measures aimed at providing customers with long-term relief from fuel poverty.
- Any combination of the above.

A maximum of 30 fully completed applications will be presented to the Trustees at any one meeting and applications are considered on a first come, first served basis. Any eligible and complete applications not dealt with will be carried forward to the next meeting.

The next deadlines for receipt of applications are 3 February 2015, 19 May 2015 and 15 September 2015.

Link: <http://www.energypeopletrust.com/content/default.asp?page=s4>

Financial Inclusion

BANK OF SCOTLAND FOUNDATION – MEDIUM GRANTS PROGRAMME

This scheme makes grants available for charities registered in Scotland to develop and improve local communities and financial literacy and financial inclusion.

The programme is provided and administered by the Bank of Scotland Foundation, an independent charity, with funding from Lloyds Banking Group. Applicants may only make one application per year, whether successful or unsuccessful. Successful applicants are required to return an evaluation form within 12 months of receipt of payment.

Funding is available for projects that address the following two areas:

1. Developing and improving local communities

The Foundation feels that it is important to help individuals and groups work together to ensure a better quality of life within their community. Practical ways of making this happen may include:

- Initiatives designed to encourage the involvement in the community of those too often excluded.
- Working with people on low incomes, at risk from poverty or with problems finding accommodation.
- Improving the standard of local facilities.

2. Financial literacy and financial inclusion

The Foundation believes that making informed judgements and taking effective decisions regarding money are important skills and it aims to help make these essential skills both easy and accessible for all. Initiatives that the Foundation is particularly interested in supporting are:

- Promoting financial awareness and money advice.
- Enhancing debt counselling services within the community.
- Supporting life-skills in all age groups and sections of the community.

The deadlines for receipt of applications are: 12 January 2015 (5pm); 13 April 2015 (5pm); 13 July 2015 (5pm); and 12 October 2015 (5pm).

Link: <http://bankofscotlandfoundation.org/medium-grants-programme>

Health & Wellbeing

MACMILLAN – SUPPORTING YOU TO HELP OTHERS GRANTS OPEN FOR 2015 (UK)

The Supporting You to Help Others Grants programme aims to provide people affected by cancer with opportunities to use their experiences to support others, while also receiving support themselves. Funding is available for the following:

- Start-up costs for new self help and support and user groups.
- Development funds to support the ongoing activities and development of self help and support projects for people affected by cancer.
- User involvement grants to encourage the involvement of people affected by cancer in the design and improvement of cancer services.
- Individual development grants to enable people affected by cancer to develop their skills and use their cancer experience to help support others affected by cancer.

Individuals or groups of people affected by cancer, and organisations and professionals working in partnership with people affected by cancer in the UK are eligible to apply.

Grants can be for up to £500 for projects that have been running for less than 12 months and up to £3,000 for projects that have been in existence for more than 12 months. Grants for individual development are provided for the actual cost of the activity.

The deadlines for receipt of applications are 13 March, 15 May, 24 July and 16 October 2015.

Link: <http://www.macmillan.org.uk/HowWeCanHelp/CancerSupportGroups/HowWeSupportYourGroup.aspx>

Sport

LEGACY 2014: SCOTLAND'S SUSTAINABLE SPORT FOR COMMUNITIES FUND

This scheme seeks to support the sustainability and capacity of aspiring and existing social enterprises delivering sport and physical activity in communities across Scotland. It will run from 2014 to 2016 and is funded by the Scottish Government and the Robertson Trust, each of whom have given £500,000 to the programme.

Funding is available to support clubs and organisations seeking to take on ownership of and/or develop local facilities for use by the local community. Packages of up to £25,000 to support business planning and development support is available to organisations who want to scope out ideas around purchasing, renovating, building from new or enhancing an existing physical asset.

Applications are accepted from newly-formed organisations or those that have been operating for a while; however, it is expected that they will be at an early stage of considering how the development of a facility or asset would enhance their role within their community beyond just increasing participation in sport and developing their ability to trade as a social enterprise. Applicants should also seek to make a wider difference in their community through their work, for example in areas such as health and well-being, employment and education.

An overview of the fund is available via the link below. Once you have read these guidelines, you can contact one of the following officers to obtain an Expression of Interest Form. Closing date for submission of Expression of Interest is 26 February 2015.

Alternatively, you can contact one of the following officers to discuss the fund:

Tracy Drummond
Investment Manager – Sport
Social Investment Scotland
E: tracy@socialinvestmentscotland.com
T: 0131 603 8285

Linda Macdonald
Project Officer
The Robertson Trust
E: linda.macdonald@therobertsontrust.org.uk
T: 0141 353 7300

The deadline for submission of Expression of Interest is 12 noon on 26 February 2015.

Link: http://www.therobertsontrust.org.uk/index.php/download_file/view/430/

Volunteering

VOLUNTARY ACTION FUND – VOLUNTEERING SUPPORT GRANT

This scheme awards grants of up to £10,000 to:

- Create new or enhanced volunteering projects in Scotland.
- Increase the diversity of volunteers, especially those from disadvantaged groups.
- Improve opportunities, skills and personal development through volunteering.

Funding is also available to enable Scottish VCSE organisations to enhance their services and improve their capacity to deploy, support and train volunteers. Applications are invited from organisations in Scotland with an annual income of under £250,000 in their last financial year, although priority will be given to those with an income under £100,000.

In previous volunteering programmes, funds have been used for the following:

- Increasing the hours of an existing staff member.
- Buying in support to help develop volunteering opportunities and practices.
- Paying for volunteers' expenses.
- Training for staff, committee members and volunteers.
- Trialling a new idea by seeking funding for a pilot project.

Applications are particularly welcomed from organisations that have little experience of volunteering.

The deadline for receipt of applications is 5pm on 27 February 2015.

Link: <http://www.voluntaryactionfund.org.uk/funding-and-support/volunteering-development-grants/volunteering-support-grant/>

Awards

CIS EXCELLENCE AWARDS (SCOTLAND)

This Award scheme, launched in 2004, aims to recognise, celebrate and reward the high degrees of creativity, innovation and excellence in Scotland's catering, hospitality and tourism industries, and is positioned as the industry's ultimate accolade. From chefs, hotels and caterers, to restaurants, colleges, pubs and local authorities, the Awards are aimed to suit a host of businesses and talents.

The Awards will recognise an individual or company's business achievements and their contribution to their industry or profession. In addition to the prestige and publicity that comes with gaining national recognition as a major player, winners will receive a CIS Excellence trophy and will be offered valuable publicity through Catering in Scotland magazine, the Federation of Chefs Scotland and other affiliated websites.

An individual, organisation or company of any size who is involved in the catering, hospitality and tourism industries in Scotland may enter themselves or nominate another party. Applicants do not need to be originally from Scotland, but must live and work in the country at the time of application.

Although no specific exclusions are cited for the Awards, interested applicants are advised to contact the sponsor directly to ensure that applications meet the eligibility criteria. The following categories are in operation:

- Employee of the Year Award.
- The Business Innovation Award.
- The Healthier Scotland Award.
- The Training and Employee Retention Award.
- The Pub Excellence Award.
- The Banqueting and Events Chef Excellence Award.
- The Sustainable Business Award.
- The Restaurant Newcomer of the Year Award.
- The Hospitality Educator of the Year Award.
- The Independent Hotel of the Year Award.
- The Patisserie Chef of the Year Award.
- The Group Hotel of the Year Award.
- The Restaurant of the Year Award.
- The Chef of the Year Award.

- The Lifetime Excellence Award.

Further information and guidance is available via the link below.

The deadline for receipt of nominations for the 2015 Awards is 6 March 2015.

Link: <http://www.cis-excellenceawards.com/>

CIVIL SOCIETY – CHARITY AWARDS

This Award scheme recognises and celebrates the inspirational work of UK charities and shares best practice and learning across the sector.

The Leadership Trust Foundation is offering each category winner a complimentary place on either of two development courses: Leadership in Management and Leading with Impact.

Each category winner will be entitled to ten hours of expert assistance from RBS staff in one or more of the following areas: banking efficiency/cost savings; finance/banking awareness; financial advice; leadership skills; strategy/marketing; tendering; negotiation skills; money sense; physical work; fundraising events; networking together; sharing sector knowledge; and connecting people.

The Charity Awards are open to UK charities, of any size, that are registered with the Charity Commission in England and Wales, or recognised with the HM Revenue and Customs in Scotland and Northern Ireland. Exempt or excepted charities registered with the HM Revenue and Customs within England and Wales are also eligible to apply.

There are 10 categories which are as follows:

- Advice, Support and Advocacy.
- Arts, Culture and Heritage.
- Children and Youth.
- Disability.
- Education and Training.
- Environment and Conservation.
- Grantmaking and Funding.
- Healthcare and Medical Research.
- International Aid and Development.
- Social Care and Welfare.

In addition to these categories the judges also select the Overall Winner (chosen from the category winners) and the Outstanding Achievement Award.

Successful nominees will be able to demonstrate achievement in one or more of the hallmarks of excellence, which are as follows:

- Leadership: Inspiration in the pursuit of the charity's objectives, galvanising action within the team and encouraging others by example.
- People development: A commitment to developing and motivating staff and volunteers at all levels in the organisation.
- Planning: Developing and following a robust project plan, which is sufficiently detailed but also flexible and responsive to events.
- Innovation: Imaginative and creative use of original or adapted ideas and techniques. This could involve the application to the charity's work of concepts first applied in other organisations or sectors.
- Enterprise: New ways of raising new funds or building support, especially from non-traditional sources. New methods of controlling costs, especially administration costs.
- Learning: A culture of sharing learning and responsiveness to changing needs and attitudes.
- Impact measurement: The use of appropriate techniques to measure the impact of the organisation's activity or organisation.
- Effectiveness: Being able to show with evidence that the charity is achieving or exceeding intended results or 'outcomes' and that these results are being achieved cost-effectively.
- Accountability: A commitment to communicating with volunteers, staff, funders, beneficiaries and the public so that they can understand and influence the progress of the project or initiative and how it meets its objectives.
- Sustainability: Elements in the management of a project or initiative which will ensure that it takes on a life of its own after the initial input of resources and/or management effort.

The deadline for receipt of nominations for the 2015 Awards is 6 March 2015.

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

Trusts

BARCAPEL FOUNDATION

This scheme provides financial assistance up to a maximum of £100,000, for registered charities in Great Britain, with a preference for Scotland, for projects and activities which promote one or more of the Foundation's following three priority areas: health, heritage and youth.

1. Health

All areas of medicine and healing are supported by the foundation, with a particular interest in complementary and alternative therapies.

2. Heritage

Barcapel are committed to preserving and protecting our artistic and cultural heritage, especially with reference to the built environment.

3. Youth

The foundation supports all areas of development for young people especially those from socially disadvantaged backgrounds

Further information, including application forms, is available from the foundations website. Applicants are asked to ensure that their project fits with the foundations priorities, complete the application concisely and return to The Barcapel Foundation, The Mews, Skelmorlie Castle, Skelmorlie, Ayrshire, PA17 5EY with a covering letter & a copy of your annual accounts.

If your application is likely to be successful a representative from the foundation may contact you requesting further information. Therefore applicants are strongly advised not to send any additional information with their application other than their annual accounts.

Please note that Barcapel do not, and cannot, accept grant applications by email.

The deadline for receipt of applications is 17 April 2015.

Link: http://www.barcapelfoundation.org/?page_id=9

RS MACDONALD CHARITABLE TRUST

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

1. Small grants

There are no deadlines for applications for awards of a value of £10,000 or less. We seek to make decisions on awards as soon as we can, and when an application is made we will let you know when you are likely to receive a response.

2. Main grants

Main grants (over £10,000) are decided twice a year. Applications are assessed by volunteer panels and recommendations on awards are made to Trustees twice a year. There are different deadlines for applications depending on the charitable object your application relates to. The next deadlines are:

- Neurological Conditions (Care and Welfare) – 31st March 2015
- Child Welfare – 31st March 2015
- Visual Impairment & Sight Loss – 30th September 2015
- Animal Welfare – 31st March 2015

3. Medical Research grants

Approximately 20% of our annual awards in recent years have gone towards supporting research into neurological conditions, or visual impairment and sight loss. Applications are invited from charities and academic institutions but there are different deadlines and different criteria depending on who is applying.

The next deadlines are:

- University research applications – 30th September 2015
- Charity research project applications – 31st March 2015

Universities are able to apply for seedcorn or unrestricted funding that is related to specific academics, research groups or centres who will be carrying out research in relation to one of our areas of charitable concern.

Charities are able to apply for specific research projects that have already been through a peer review assessment process.

Before making an application for a medical research grant, we would encourage you to contact the Trust's Director for an early discussion.

The next deadlines for receipt of applications are outline above.

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

Imminent Deadlines – February – March 2015

CEMEX COMMUNITY FUND

This scheme makes grants available to provide or improve community facilities in the vicinity of a CEMEX operation or ten miles within the vicinity of another landfill site in England, Scotland or Wales.

DEADLINE: 17 February 2015

MAX GRANT: £15,000

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

WEIR CHARITABLE TRUST

This scheme awards grants to groups and individuals in Scotland for activities in the categories of Sport; Recreational Facilities; Animal Welfare; Health; and Culture.

DEADLINE: 27 February 2015

MAX GRANT: Flexible

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

HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND (HLF) – PARKS FOR PEOPLE

This scheme will provide financial assistance for restoration and regeneration projects focussing on public parks and cemeteries in the UK.

DEADLINE: 28 February 2015

MAX GRANT: £ 5,000,000

Link: <http://www.hlf.org.uk/HowToApply/programmes/Pages/parksforpeople.aspx>

INMAN CHARITY

This scheme makes grants available for registered charities in the UK carrying out medical, social welfare or general welfare activities.

DEADLINE: 28 February 2015

MAX GRANT: Flexible

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

KELLY FAMILY CHARITABLE TRUST

This scheme provides grant to UK charities whose activities nurture and support family life.

DEADLINE: 1 March 2015

MAX GRANT: £5,000

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

OAKDALE TRUST

This scheme makes grants primarily for projects in Wales; however it also supports UK-based charities working in developing countries.

DEADLINE: 1 March 2015

MAX GRANT: £2,000

Link: <http://79.170.44.120/oakdaletrust.org.uk/guidelines/>

AGNES HUNTER TRUST

This scheme provides support for charitable organisations in Scotland that help the blind and visually impaired; research the cause, cure or alleviation of cancer or arthritis, or support people with these conditions; help people with a disability; and assist with the education and training of disadvantaged people or with youth development projects. Applications for medical research can be made by centres of excellence throughout the UK.

DEADLINE: 2 March 2015

MAX GRANT: None given

Link: <http://www.agneshunter.org.uk/what-we-fund/>

A B CHARITABLE TRUST

This scheme aims to support charities that defend human rights and promote respect for vulnerable individuals in the UK whatever their circumstances.

DEADLINE: 6 March 2015

MAX GRANT: £10,000

Link: <http://abcharitabletrust.org.uk/funding.htm>

CLORE POETRY AND LITERATURE AWARDS

This scheme makes grants available for poetry and literature initiatives aimed at children and young people under the age of 19 years across the UK.

DEADLINE: 6 March 2015

MAX GRANT: £10,000

Link: http://www.cloreduffield.org.uk/Grant_Programmes/Clore_Poetry_and_Literature_Awards.htm

AWARDS FOR YOUNG MUSICIANS

This scheme supports the UK's most talented young instrumentalists aged five to 17 years of age who, because of financial need, may be prevented from fulfilling their creative potential.

DEADLINE: 13 March 2015

MAX GRANT: £2,000

Link: <http://www.a-y-m.org/how-we-help/awards/>

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.

DEADLINE: 27 March 2015

MAX GRANT: £500

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

RS MACDONALD CHARITABLE TRUST – GRANTS OVER £10,000

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

DEADLINE: 31 March 2015

MAX GRANT: Dependent on project

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

WILLIAM AND JANE MORRIS FUND

This scheme makes grants available for places of worship undertaking restoration projects in the UK. Only buildings or monuments erected before 1896 are eligible.

DEADLINE: 31 March 2015

MAX GRANT: £3,000

Link: <http://www.sal.org.uk/grants/morris-fund-conservation-grants/>

WOODWARD CHARITABLE TRUST – CHILDREN'S SUMMER PLAY SCHEME GRANT

This scheme makes grants available for small-scale, locally-based registered charities in the UK to support children's summer play schemes.

DEADLINE: 31 March 2015

MAX GRANT: £1,000

Link: <http://www.woodwardcharitabletrust.org.uk/playschemeguidelines.html>

MARKET DEVELOPMENT CAPITAL GRANT PROGRAMME FOR PRIORITY RESOURCE STREAMS IN SCOTLAND

This scheme seeks to establish capacity for new or existing processes and equipment and associated infrastructure capable of recycling dry recyclates in Scotland and allowing for onward reprocessing in Scotland or the UK, thereby increasing diversion from landfill or export.

DEADLINE: 31 March 2015

MAX GRANT: £169,000

Link: <http://www.wrap.org.uk/funding/prioritymaterials>

Forthcoming Deadlines – April – May 2015

NATIONAL MANUSCRIPTS CONSERVATION TRUST

This scheme provides financial assistance for owners and custodians of manuscripts in the UK to help preserve manuscripts of historical or educational value by awarding grants for their conservation.

DEADLINE: 1 April 2015

MAX GRANT: £20,000

Link: <http://www.nmct.co.uk/applying-us>

THE ESMEE FAIRBAIRN COLLECTIONS FUND

This scheme provides grants to support 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: 2 April 2015

MAX GRANT: £100,000

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

BANK OF SCOTLAND FOUNDATION – SMALL GRANTS PROGRAMME

The scheme makes grants available to charitable organisations in Scotland to support people and their local communities to gain a better quality of life.

DEADLINE: 13 April 2015 (5pm)

MAX GRANT: £10,000

Link: <http://bankofscotlandfoundation.org/small-grants-programme-0>

BANK OF SCOTLAND FOUNDATION – MEDIUM GRANTS PROGRAMME

This scheme makes grants available for charities registered in Scotland to develop and improve local communities and financial literacy and financial inclusion.

DEADLINE: 13 April 2015 (5pm)

MAX GRANT: £25,000

Link: <http://bankofscotlandfoundation.org/medium-grants-programme>

THE ELEPHANT TRUST

This scheme aims to make it possible for artists and those presenting their work to undertake and complete projects when frustrated by lack of funds. It is committed to helping artists and art institutions and galleries that depart from the routine and signal new, distinct and imaginative sets of possibilities.

DEADLINE: 13 April 2015

MAX GRANT: £2,000

Link: <http://www.elephanttrust.org.uk/docs/theguide.html>

BARCAPEL FOUNDATION

This scheme provides financial assistance for registered charities in Great Britain, with a preference for Scotland, who are seeking funding for projects and activities which promote one or more of the Foundation's following three priority areas: health, heritage and youth.

DEADLINE: 17 April 2015

MAX GRANT: £100,000

Link: http://www.barcapelfoundation.org/?page_id=9

WOODWARD CHARITABLE TRUST – CHILDREN'S SUMMER PLAYScheme GRANT

This scheme seeks to support small scale organisations that provide children's summer play schemes.

DEADLINE: 17th April 2015

MAX GRANT: £1,000

Link: <http://www.woodwardcharitabletrust.org.uk/playschemeguidelines.html>

ON ORGAN FUND

This scheme makes funding available for the provision and restoration of pipe organs in the British Isles.

DEADLINE: 30 April 2015

MAX GRANT: £1,000

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

FAITHS IN SCOTLAND COMMUNITY ACTION FUND (FISCAF)

This scheme works with local faith groups in Scotland to build hope and fight against poverty by providing grants and support in Scotland's most fragile urban and rural communities.

DEADLINE: 30 April 2015

MAX GRANT: £15,000

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

PEOPLE'S POSTCODE TRUST – SMALL GRANTS PROGRAMME

This scheme makes funding available for projects that advance citizenship or community development in South of England, London, Scotland, and Wales.

DEADLINE: 30 April 2015

MAX GRANT: £20,000

Link: <http://www.postcodetrust.org.uk/small-grants.htm>

TRIANGLE TRUST 1949 FUND

This scheme makes funding available for charities, not-for-profit social enterprises and community interest companies in the UK that are working to support unpaid carers or the rehabilitation of offenders or ex-offenders.

DEADLINE: 30 April 2015

MAX GRANT: £120,000

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

THE CAUSEWAY YOUTH EXCHANGE

This scheme distributes grants to youth groups in Ireland and the UK to participate in educational group exchanges between the two countries.

DEADLINE: 1 May 2015

MAX GRANT: None

Link: <http://www.causewayyouth.org/index.html>

WESSEX YOUTH TRUST

This scheme makes funding available for projects that provide opportunities to help support and advance children and young people up to the age of 21 years in the UK.

DEADLINE: 1 May 2015

MAX GRANT: None

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

BBC CHILDREN IN NEED – MAIN GRANTS PROGRAMME

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

DEADLINE: 15th May 2015

MAX GRANT: None given

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

LLOYDS TSB FOUNDATION FOR SCOTLAND – PARTNERSHIP DRUGS INITIATIVE

This scheme makes funding available to support children, young people and families in Scotland that are affected by alcohol and other drugs.

DEADLINE: 15 May 2015

MAX GRANT: None given

Link: <http://www.ltsbfoundationforscotland.org.uk/index.asp?lm=66>

WOODWARD CHARITABLE TRUST – MAIN GRANTS

This scheme awards grant funding to small-scale, locally-based charitable initiatives in the UK in the following areas: children and young people; minority groups including refugees, gypsies and travellers; prisoners and ex-offenders; disability; homelessness; arts outreach; and environmental projects.

DEADLINE: 15 May 2015

MAX GRANT: None given

Link: <http://www.woodwardcharitabletrust.org.uk/guidelines.html>

MACROBERT TRUST

This scheme makes grants 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 May 2015

MAX GRANT: £25,000

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

MONEY SAVING EXPERT (MSE) CHARITY

This scheme awards grants to organisations in the United Kingdom for projects that tackle financial and consumer illiteracy.

DEADLINE: 31 May 2015

MAX GRANT: £5,000

Link: <https://www.msecharity.com/how-to-apply.aspx>

THOMAS WALL TRUST

This scheme makes grants available for registered charities undertaking educational and social welfare projects in the UK.

DEADLINE: 31 May 2015

MAX GRANT: £1,000

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