

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT 'Making a Difference in East Ayrshire Communities'

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Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust

This round offers grants of £5,000 for projects that are focused on disability, specifically employment and training for people living with disabilities to ensure better access.

Applications will be accepted during the month of April from UK registered charities or organisations that are exempt from registration in the UK. Charities must have a minimum operating income and minimum operating expenditure of £1 million to apply. There is no maximum income or expenditure.

Applications will **not** be accepted from CICs or non-profit organisations. The funding cannot be used for capital projects, minibuses or other vehicles.

There are normally four application rounds per year with applications accepted for one month only, usually in February, April, July and September.

Charities can only apply for one round per calendar year.

The deadline for Round Two applications is 30 April 2024.

[Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust](#)

Comic Relief - Youth Homelessness in the UK Fund

This is a new funding opportunity for UK based not-for-profit organisations that specialise in providing holistic support to young people aged 16-25 in the UK, who are at risk of, or experiencing homelessness.

Comic Relief is offering flexible, core funding in the way of grants of up to £200,000 over a three to five year period to organisations which do both of the following:

- Specialise in the provision of holistic support to young people aged 16-25 in the UK, who are at immediate risk of, or experiencing homelessness. Support services should be tailored, inclusive and accessible, to remove barriers and better meet the multiple and diverse needs of young people at immediate risk of or experiencing homelessness. This work could be delivered by the applicant alone or in partnership.

- Meaningfully involve young people with lived experience of homelessness, or who have been at risk of homelessness. This should include involving young people in the development of the organisation's work and priority areas, and/or in the running of the organisation.

Although not a requirement, there is interest in organisations who work to change public attitudes towards youth homelessness and/or reduce the stigma and discrimination that young people face. This influencing work can be done either by the applicant or by working in partnership with others to effect change.

To be eligible, applicants must have an annual income of between £250,000 and £10 million and a set of annual accounts.

Comic Relief predominantly funds charities. Organisations that are not a registered charity must have a governing document that outlines the organisation's social purpose, demonstrating that any profit or assets are used for this purpose, and show that an asset lock is in place.

Flexible, core funding is designed to support the good work of organisations, and not just projects. This could mean core funding of the organisation's annual budget to continue its good work, or funding to expand the work, or to add something new that amplifies the work or its results.

The deadline for applications is 7 May 2024.

[Comic Relief - Youth Homelessness in the UK Fund](#)

Inspiring Scotland - Survivors of Childhood Abuse Support Fund

Grants of up to £300,000 over 18 months are available to incorporated third sector organisations operating in Scotland that are currently working to support adult survivors of childhood abuse.

The Survivors of Childhood Abuse Support Fund is provided by the Scottish Government and managed by Inspiring Scotland. The 2024-2026 round of funding builds on the Fund's previous work, with the 2020-24 round distributing £10 million over four years and benefitting more than 16,000 survivors throughout Scotland.

This Fund is intended to support the recovery, resilience, and well-being of survivors of childhood abuse. It aims to achieve this by enhancing the capacity and capability of third sector organisations providing dedicated support.

Around £3.3 million is available through the Fund which will run from 1 October 2024 to 31 March 2026.

Four levels of funding are available:

- Grants of up to £75,000.
- Grants of between £75,001 and £150,000.
- Grants of between £150,001 and £225,000.
- Grants of between £225,001 and £300,000.

The following can apply:

- Companies limited by guarantee registered with OSCR.
- Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisations.
- Community benefit societies registered with OSCR.

Community Interest Companies can apply in partnership with an eligible organisation.

The focus of the Fund is on existing projects under the following categories:

- Peer support.
- Counselling/psychological support.
- Other survivor support activities.

The funding can be used to continue and/or improve existing services.

Inspiring Scotland will be hosting a live webinar on 27 March 2024 (**14:00 - 14:45**).

Applicants can register for the session on the Inspiring Scotland website.

The deadline for applications is 3 May 2024.

[Inspiring Scotland - Survivors of Childhood Abuse Support Fund](#)

National Lottery Community Fund: Climate Action Fund – Our Shared Future

The funding is for formal partnership working across sectors, led by community and voluntary organisations or public sector organisations for projects that reach more people by either:

- Linking climate action to the everyday lives and interests of local communities and inspiring them to take action.
- Influencing communities at a regional or national level, for example by linking up groups across locations, or a campaign that inspires change across one country, or the whole UK.

The funding is intended to reach people who are new to climate action by funding other types of organisations and by using other people's everyday activities and interests as a starting point for climate action.

For example, a project might:

- Involve people who have not had a say. This could be because they are new to climate action, or because they come from communities that experience poverty, disadvantage and discrimination.
- Introduce a climate perspective to a group who came together around another interest or activity.
- Test the best ways to engage different audiences in climate action.
- Spread an exciting local approach to climate action by sharing it nationally.

There is particular interest in projects that involve people, places and communities experiencing poverty, discrimination and disadvantage.

The minimum grant is £500,000 and it is expected that most grants will be between £1 million and £1.5 million over three to five years. Some exceptional projects of up to £3 million, for up to seven years, may be funded.

NLCF is holding the following information sessions:

- 16 May 2024 (11:00 to 12 noon)

- 21 May 2024 (14:00 to 15:00)

Advanced registration is required and can be done on the NLCF website.

There are currently no deadlines for funding applications.

Applications will be accepted until at least 31 December 2024.

[National Lottery Community Fund: Climate Action Fund- Our Shared Future](#)

Paul Hamlyn Foundation - Arts Fund

The Foundation is providing grants of between £90,000 and £300,000 to support the core costs of not-for-profit cultural organisations working at the intersection of art and social change within the UK so they can continue the work they are already doing and for programmes which are central to their mission.

The support is for not-for-profit cultural organisations who:

- Use their creative practice to help us engage with the complexity of the world around us.
- Centre the lived experience of those affected by injustice in their programmes, leadership and governance.
- Are exploring how values of care, equity and justice can be embedded in their own organisational culture.
- Have a clear sense of their own role in supporting change as part of a wider ecosystem.
- Are generous with their learning and working with other organisations towards mutual aims.
- Use their creative practice to challenge traditional cultural hierarchies of genre and art form.

The Arts Fund supports the long-term development and transformation of these organisations as a route towards social justice and sustainability.

This fund is focused on supporting organisations to become more sustainable and to deepen the impact of the work. This can include support for specific posts, skills development, underpinning of the strategy or business model and for project delivery which is central to their organisation's mission and vision.

The funding will cover work that involves any of the following: crafts, creative writing (including poetry), dance, design, film, music, opera, photography, digital arts and media, theatre and drama, the visual arts and cross-arts practices.

The deadline for Stage One applications is 31 May 2024.

[Paul Hamlyn Foundation - Arts Fund](#)

Shared Care Scotland - Creative Breaks Programme

Shared Care Scotland is offering grants of up to £35,000 (up to £10,000 for unincorporated organisations) to develop and deliver short breaks projects and services for carers of adults (aged 21 and over), young carers (caring for children or adults) and the people they care for.

Through the Creative Breaks Programme, a total fund of around £1.1 million for 2024-25 is available to support organisations providing a wide range of different short break activities. This includes breaks away (i.e. overnight stays, residential breaks), days out, and/or shorter sessions (ie, regular activities).

Activities must be designed to enable carers to have a life outside or alongside their caring role and to support their health and well-being. Short breaks should also benefit the cared-for person and others (eg, family members) and help sustain the caring relationship.

Funding can be used for costs directly related to projects taking place between 1 October 2024 and 30 September 2025.

Applications are welcome for existing projects and activities that are tried and tested, and for new projects and activities

Applicants can register for the online support sessions through the Shared Care Scotland website and must contact Shared Care Scotland to register for the phone-in sessions.

The deadline for applications is 23 May 2024.

[Shared Care Scotland - Creative Breaks Programme](#)

SafeDeposits Scotland - Community Fund

Grants of up to £5,000 are available to groups and organisations across Scotland to deliver a variety of projects and activities that benefit local communities.

Through the SafeDeposits Scotland Community Fund, groups can apply for funding for projects that positively impact local communities by addressing the following priorities:

- Sustainability and the environment.
- Employability and career skills.
- Social inclusion.
- Technology and digital inclusion.
- Improving the local community.

Applications are considered on a quarterly basis with up to three grants available in each funding round.

The next deadline for applications is 31 May 2024.

[SafeDeposits Scotland - Community Fund](#)

Scottish Government - Climate Engagement Fund

The Scottish Government is offering grants of between £25,000 and £80,000 for charities, community groups, local government, and community planning partnerships, and other 'trusted messenger' organisations, to deliver projects and activities that help to build an understanding of the climate emergency across communities in Scotland, in line with the strategic objectives of the Scottish Government's Net Zero Nation: Public Engagement Strategy for Climate Change (PES).

A total of £250,000 is currently available for groups to achieve the following:

- Increase the number of individuals and communities who are climate literate.
- Increase the number of individuals and communities who understand the need to act and are empowered to do so.
- Widen participation by engaging new communities and individuals.

Engagement activities that can be considered for funding include public events or lectures, climate festivals, learning and development activities, skills workshops, exhibitions and art installations, or youth development programmes. Projects must be completed by 31 March 2025.

The Fund will support both local and national climate change engagement projects, as well as provide support for both new and continuing activities.

The deadline for applications is 7 May 2024.

[Scottish Government - Climate Engagement Fund](#)

Weir Charitable Trust

The Weir Charitable Trust offers grants of up to £25,000 to small charities and community groups across Scotland with an annual income of less than £125,000 to deliver projects and activities that improve the quality of life for local communities.

The Trust will support projects and activities that fall within the following categories:

- Sport - Projects to encourage and increase public participation in sport (eligible activities should involve physical skill and exertion).
- Recreational facilities - Providing or organising recreational facilities (buildings, pitches or similar) to improve the conditions of life for the people for whom the facilities are primarily intended. This is only in relation to facilities which are primarily intended for people who need them due to age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship, or another disadvantage.
- Animal welfare - The advancement of animal welfare.
- Health - The advancement of health, including prevention or relief of sickness, disease, or human suffering.
- Culture - Supporting the heritage - tangible or otherwise - of Scotland, through projects that encourage participation in and preservation of Scotland's distinctive culture.

Examples of eligible activities and costs are as follows:

- Capital projects (such as equipment, fixtures, fittings, and refurbishments).

- One-off projects.
- Running costs.
- Core costs.
- Salaries.

Priority will be given to groups and charities that may have faced challenges in accessing funds from other sources.

There are typically two funding rounds per year.

The next deadline for applications is 30 August 2024.

[Weir Charitable Trust](#)

East Ayrshire Council Community Grant

The next deadline date for applications is 19 April 2024.

[East Ayrshire Council Community Grant](#)

Renewable Energy Fund

To check the next deadline date for applications please contact Democratic Services at Council HQ on 01563 554400 for further information.

[Renewable Energy Fund](#)

Tincornhill Quarry Fund

For further information on application criteria and deadline dates please go to:

[Tincornhill Quarry Fund](#)

East Ayrshire 4 Community

If you are looking for external funding for a particular project then please remember to register **FREE** at East Ayrshire 4 Community by going to the following link:

[East Ayrshire 4 Community](#)