

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

'Making a Difference in East Ayrshire Communities'



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Auchrobert Community Energy Society

Grants of up to £5,000 are available for projects within 10 miles of the Auchrobert windfarm, including Muirkirk and Glenbuck.

Funding priorities are:

- Projects to reduce greenhouse gas emissions including improving energy efficiency; installing micro-renewables on community buildings; active and low emission travel.
- Projects to support conservation, biodiversity and wildlife
- Projects which provide environmental education and information.

The deadline for applications 31 May 2026.

[Auchrobert Community Energy Society](#)

Cash 4 Kids – Holiday Hunger Grants

The Cash for Kids Holiday Hunger Grants scheme supports children and young people (up to 18 years old) facing food insecurity during the school holidays.

Registered charities with an annual turnover less than £1 million, schools, and community, voluntary, youth group or sports groups with a formal governance document (e.g. constitution, articles of association, club rules and regulations) can apply.

Projects must focus on outcomes that encourage children to eat more healthily and be more active during the school holidays.

Grants are usually between £1,000 and £3,000.

Applications are now open and will close when the funding is fully allocated.

[Cash 4 Kids – Holiday Hunger Grants](#)

Corra Foundation – Boost Fund

The fund aims to help ensure accessible, supportive and community-led activities remain available to children and families, despite the financial challenges that the cost-of-living poses for charities and community groups.

Following an increase in available support, around £1 million is available until April 2027. It is anticipated that 325 awards will be made. Constituted groups can apply for grants of between £500 and £3,000. Unconstituted groups can apply for between £250 and £1,500, although they will need to discuss their application with Corra Foundation and provide a referee from the local community.

Applicants must support children and families in their local communities and have an annual income of up to £50,000. Not all of an organisation's work needs to be focused on children and families, with examples including community food pantries that serve a wide range of local residents.

Grants can support new or existing projects and can also be used for running costs such as utilities, salaries or transport, with spending expected within 12 months of the award.

Applications can be made at any time and will close when the funding is fully allocated.

[Corra Foundation – Boost Fund](#)

Creative Scotland – Crowdmatch

Creative Scotland is inviting applications to Crowdmatch, a match-funding initiative administered by Crowdfunder.

The initiative is designed to support artists and creatives across Scotland to deliver work that contributes to the nation's creative and cultural life. It provides match funding to help participants boost their fundraising and increase the visibility of projects hosted on Crowdfunder.

A total pot of £250,000 is available. Successful applicants can receive match funding of up to 50% of their initial crowdfunding target, capped at £10,000. Awards are conditional on applicants first securing crowdfunding through Crowdfunder's platform, meaning it is not a traditional grant.

Applications are open to individuals aged 18 or over who are UK residents at the time of entry and are based in Scotland. Eligible applicants include individual artists and creative practitioners working across areas such as writing, music, craft, fashion, dance, visual arts, producing, curating, digital art, film, theatre, publishing and other creative industries.

Groups and collaborations can also apply, including unconstituted creative groups such as bands, ensembles and partnerships where two or more people work together on projects. Joint applications are permitted, but one person must act as the lead applicant and take responsibility for managing the application and any finance awarded.

Creative businesses are eligible where the work or project relates to the arts, screen or creative industries. Organisations or individuals already in receipt of other Creative Scotland support,

including MYFOs and Open Fund grant recipients, may also apply, provided the request relates to activity different from that already supported.

The deadline for applications is 30 September 2026.

[Creative Scotland – Crowdmatch](#)

Dan Maskell Tennis Trust

Dan Maskell Tennis Trust provides small grants for people with disabilities to play tennis, including help with purchasing wheelchairs, tennis equipment and coaching.

Groups, clubs or projects can apply for grants of up to £1,600, while individuals can apply for up to £600.

Eligible applicants include disability groups and programmes, clubs, schools and associations in the UK, as well as individuals. Applications for the same purpose must wait for two years to reapply.

Support for wheelchairs is available through separate routes for organisations and individuals. For group, club or project applications, applicants may request one or more tennis wheelchairs designed for general use at grass roots level. A contribution towards the chair is required, with the Trust offering a grant towards the remaining cost, based on eligible models listed on the Trust's website.

For individuals who play wheelchair tennis, four types of wheelchair are available, with the applicant expected to raise a contribution, which varies by chair type. Where an alternative wheelchair is requested, a grant may be awarded and the applicant is responsible for ordering and paying the supplier directly.

The Trust can also provide a package of equipment, ordered and paid for by the Trust and delivered to a specified address. Packages include rackets, balls, mini nets and coaching aids such as cones and throw down marker lines, with sound balls available for visually impaired groups.

Further support is available for starting or maintaining a disability group, club activity or project, including court hire, coaching fees and equipment. Individuals may apply for items such as rackets, strings, tape and gloves, as well as coaching lessons with an LTA Licensed coach and course fees for official LTA Development or Coaching courses.

The next deadline for applications is 3 August 2026.

[Dan Maskell Tennis Trust](#)

Fat Beehive Foundation

Fat Beehive Foundation is offering grants of up to £2,500 for small UK charities to deliver a wide range of digital projects to help organisations develop a strong, user-friendly digital presence.

Funding can be used to support specific digital projects, such as building a new website, developing online resources, or improving digital accessibility, that help an organisation reach more people, raise more funding, and deliver greater impact.

The trustees are particularly keen to support traditionally hard-to-fund organisations, such as those supporting prisoners, refugees, or disadvantaged youth.

Charities must have an annual income of less than £1 million to apply.

The next deadline for applications is 30 September 2026.

[Fat Beehive Foundation](#)

Foundation Scotland – Essentia Foundation

The Essentia Foundation's Small Grant programme is available for young people (up to 25 years old) living in Scotland to:

- Support the participation in mainstream society for individuals with learning disabilities or long-term life limiting health conditions.
- Support young people who face long-term challenges living in poverty and inequality.
- Support those who have been excluded from school to access or return to education or training opportunities.
- Provide skills and training to those who are furthest from the labour market.
- Improve the health and welfare of children and young people.

Constituted charities and community groups based and working in Scotland with an annual income below £250,000 may apply. Grants up to £3,000 are available for up to 12 months, but the request for funds must be at least 25% of total costs (the project as a whole should not exceed £12,000).

The closing date for applications is 1 June 2026.

[Foundation Scotland – Essentia Foundation](#)

Henry Smith Foundation – Holiday Grants

Grants for recreational trips in the UK, Isle of Man and Channel Islands for children up to and including 13 years old who face financial hardship, systemic inequity or disability.

Youth groups and UK-based, non-profit groups (with an organisational income below £2 million) and schools in the UK are eligible to apply.

Priority will be given to projects that will benefit disadvantaged and disabled children in the most deprived areas in the UK, based on the National Indices of Deprivation. For groups of children with disabilities, more flexibility will be given regarding the level of deprivation.

Grants between £500 and £3,000 are available for either a day trip or holidays up to seven days in length. This could be to a countryside or city location but must be outside the children's immediate locality. Day trips should not involve a disproportionate amount of time spent travelling.

Applications should be received at least six weeks before the date of the trip to allow for administrative processing and decision making.

For excursions taking place up to 30 September 2026, applications will close 19 August 2026.

[Henry Smith Foundation – Holiday Grants](#)

Museums Galleries Scotland – Museum Development Fund

The Museum Development Fund exists to support museums to deliver medium sized, strategic sustainable development projects in line with your own business plans and Scotland's museums and galleries Strategy.

Projects can run for 2 years and in all cases, you will have to tell us what difference the activity will make for your museum in relation to our grant outcomes and how you will measure and report this impact. As a result of the funding:

1. Funded organisations will be more resilient
2. Funded organisations will be more environmentally sustainable
3. Collections will be better cared for and managed and more accessible
4. The museum workforce will be more skilled, confident, and diverse
5. A wider range of people will be engaging with and represented in museums
6. Museums will enhance quality of life for people by improving wellbeing, supporting learning, or contributing to place-making

The following are eligible to apply:

- Organisations that run Accredited museums in Scotland
- Accredited museums on behalf of partnerships, which may include non-Accredited museums

- Formally constituted groups of museums (e.g. geographical forums) which include Accredited museums which will benefit from the funded work.

Accredited museums may apply for £15,000 - £60,000.

The deadline for applications is 17 June 2026.

[Museums Galleries Scotland – Museum Development Fund](#)

Robertson Trust – Big Change That Lasts Fund

The Robertson Trust is offering multi-year grant support to organisations in Scotland through its new Big Change That Lasts Fund that are replacing its Programme Awards. The funding is intended to support strategic work that aims to achieve long-term or systemic impact on poverty and trauma.

Grants of between £20,000 and £500,000 are available for restricted project activity lasting up to five years, with awards typically made at £50,000 to £100,000 per year. Support can include a proportionate share of organisational overheads and evaluation costs.

Eligible applicants include registered charities active in Scotland, asset-locked community interest companies, housing associations and credit unions with an annual income of more than £200,000.

The funding is currently focused on work linked to financial security. Priority areas include access to essential goods and services such as housing, energy, food, transport and childcare, strengthening the social security safety net and upstream approaches that prevent long-term financial insecurity.

Applications are being accepted on a rolling basis.

[Robertson Trust – Big Change That Lasts Fund](#)

Tesco – Fruit and Veg Grants

Tesco has launched a new Fruit and Veg Grants programme to support organisations working with children and young people to improve access to healthy food across the UK.

The funding is intended to help deliver activities that increase the availability of fruit and vegetables and support physical and mental wellbeing.

Grants are awarded through a customer voting process in Tesco stores. Three local projects are shortlisted at a time, with awards of up to £1,500 for the project receiving the most votes, up to £1,000 for second place and up to £500 for third place. Shortlisting takes place every four months.

The initiative is open to schools, registered charities and not-for-profit organisations, including voluntary and community groups, social enterprises, parish and town councils, local authorities and housing organisations. Community Interest Companies must be limited by guarantee and have been operating for at least two years.

Funding can be used for a range of activities focused on healthy eating. This includes breakfast and after-school clubs providing fruit and vegetables, holiday clubs offering healthy meals and snacks, growing projects, cooking sessions, youth clubs, sports clubs and initiatives addressing holiday hunger. Support may also be provided for foodbanks assisting families.

There are no deadlines. This is a rolling programme, and applications can be made at any time during the year.

[Tesco – Fruit and Veg Grants](#)

True Colours Trust – UK Small Grants

Grants of up to £10,000 are available for registered charitable organisations with an annual income of less than £350,000 across the United Kingdom to deliver projects that work to improve the lives of disabled children and young people up to the age of 25, children and young people with life-limiting conditions, and their families.

The True Colours Trust Small Grants Programme will support projects such as:

- Activities for disabled children, children with life-limiting conditions, and their families.
- Activities that support siblings of disabled children or siblings of children with life-limiting conditions.
- Bereavement support for children and young people and families bereaved of a child.
- Family and parent-led peer support for parents of disabled children.
- Respite, which supports the whole family.

Priority will be given to organisations that operate in areas of high deprivation.

Eligible costs include renovation work, upgrading, and additional equipment for hydrotherapy pools and multi-sensory rooms, minibuses, and specialised play equipment or access to play for disabled children, children with life-limiting conditions, and their families.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

[True Colours Trust – UK Small Grants](#)

Warburtons – Community Grants

Through its Community Grants programme, the family run bakery business Warburtons provides a limited number of grants of up to £400 four times a year.

Not-for-profit organisations with charitable purposes can apply as long as their projects are addressing one of Warburtons' priority areas:

- Health - supporting families to care for each other and lead healthier lives:

- Improving physical health
- Improving wellbeing
- Place - supporting families to flourish in communities that are safer, greener and more inclusive:
 - Making spaces safe and inclusive
 - Connecting communities with the environment
- Skills - supporting families to gain useful skills for life and work:
 - Developing useful life skills
 - Developing useful skills for employment.

Grants can be used to cover specific costs that will benefit the cause (e.g., purchasing equipment to support an employability project).

Applications are considered quarterly.

The next deadline for applications is 17 August 2026.

[Warburtons – Community Grants](#)

East Ayrshire Council Community Grant

The next deadline for applications is 17 July 2026.

[East Ayrshire Council Community Grant](#)

Renewable Energy Fund

To check the next deadline for applications please contact Democratic Services at Council HQ on 01563 554400 or eacrenewableenergyfund@east-ayrshire.gov.uk .

[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](#)