

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

'Making a Difference in East Ayrshire Communities'

ALERT



14 February 2025

Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust

The Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust is offering grants for UK-registered charities working with communities across the UK to help those most in need.

The Trust operates a three-year rotation system, with different fields of interest being funded each year. There are normally four application rounds per year with applications accepted for one month only, usually in February, April, July, and September. Charities can apply for one round per calendar year.

In 2025, Rounds 1 and 2 will accept applications for projects that focus on improving access to the Arts, specifically projects that will improve audience access and participation. Applications will not be considered from non-performing arts projects or projects focussing on performers.

In this round, grants of £1,000 are available for UK-registered charities or organisations that are exempted from registration with an operating income of between £100,000 and £1 million. Applications will not be accepted from CICs or other not-for-profit organisations.

The deadline for Round 1 is 28 February 2025.

[Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust](#)

CEMVO Scotland – Ethnic Minority Development Fund

CEMVO Scotland is offering grants of between £500 and £15,000 to ethnic minority-led (at least 60% representation of people from an ethnic minority background on their board, management team and in decision-making roles) third sector organisations in Scotland with an annual income of £100,000 or less to support projects that promote the well-being of ethnic minority communities.

Support is available for projects and activities across Scotland that achieve at least one of the following priorities:

- Bring ethnic minority people together and build strong relationships across communities.
- Help more ethnic minority people to be the best they can be by supporting them as soon as possible.
- Improve places and spaces that matter to ethnic minority communities.

Funding can be used for a variety of costs, including but not limited to:

- Equipment.
- One-off events.
- Small land or building projects.
- Staff costs.
- Training costs.
- Transport.
- Utilities/running costs.
- Volunteer expenses.

Proposed projects should involve community members in the design, development, and delivery of any planned activities.

CEMVO Scotland is hosting the following online information sessions:

- 26 February 2025 (10:00).
- 17 March 2025 (10:00).
- 1 April 2025 (10:00).

Organisations can register for the sessions [here](#).

The deadline for applications is 14 April 2025.

[CEMVO Scotland - Ethnic Minority Development Grants](#)

Grow Wild – Youth Grants

Grow Wild is once again offering grants of £500 to young people (aged 16 to 25 years) across the UK to deliver a creative project that celebrates why UK native plants and/or fungi are so special.

The project should be original and exciting and focus on UK native plants and/or fungi. Projects need to engage at least 100 other people (either in person or online). The grant be used to pay for anything to support the project, such as equipment, materials, training, resources, or expert help. Projects can start in May but must be completed by the end of October 2025.

Applications will be accepted from young people aged 16 to 25 years old who live in the UK and who can find a supporting organisation, such as a school, university, youth club or a local community group, to help them deliver the project.

A free webinar will be held on 26 February 2025 (12:00 to 12:45pm). [Registration](#) is required.

The deadline for applications is 19 March 2025.

[Grow Wild - Youth Grants](#)

Jerwood Foundation

Jerwood Foundation is offering grants to UK-based organisations that focus on making art available for public benefit and promoting emerging talent in the arts.

Funding is available for a range of projects and activities that promote the arts for public benefit.

Proposed activities should start at least three months, but less than 12 months, from the closing date. In this round, proposed projects should start or be open to the public from 1 July 2025 and by 1 March 2025.

The next deadline for applications is 19 March 2025.

[Jerwood Foundation](#)

McCarthy Stone Foundation – Dementia Grants Programme

The Foundation is offering around 20 grants of up to £7,500 each to help with the project costs of running dementia clubs and memory cafes in areas of high deprivation affecting older people over the age of 65 years in Great Britain.

Although applications will be accepted from all areas of England, Scotland and Wales, priority will be given to those applications working in more deprived areas. Please see the specified areas in the guidance notes on the Foundation's website. Locations have been selected based on data from the ONS, Age UK, and the Centre for Ageing Better, with a key focus on areas where income deprivation and loneliness affecting older people is most acute.

Community organisations, registered charities, exempt charities and other groups (including CICs limited by guarantee) with an annual income of less than £250,000, a governing document and a bank account in the group's name may apply.

The deadline applications is 14 March 2025.

[McCarthy Stone Foundation - Dementia Grants Programme](#)

Music for All – Community Projects

Music for All, the charity of the UK musical instrument industry, is currently accepting applications for its first funding round of 2025.

Groups, schools, any form of educational establishment, community projects, charities, and organisations that are bringing music to their communities in the UK can apply.

Priority will be given to applicants who are most in need of help.

In the current round, grants of up to £2,000 are available in the following areas:

- **Working with primary school-aged children** – community-based groups providing music-making opportunities to young-people aged between 4–11 can apply, including groups operating in caring as well as more formal educational settings. Applicants should be able to demonstrate ways in which they nurture underprivileged young talent through their work.

- **Learning and cognitive challenges** – community-based groups providing opportunities to make music to those with learning and cognitive challenges, including but not limited to autism, aphasia, dyslexia, dyspraxia, dyscalculia, attention deficit and memory loss, can apply. Groups operating in caring and educational settings are welcome to apply.
- **Working with diverse communities from the Global Majority, in collaboration with Black Lives in Music** – community-based groups providing music-making opportunities working with diverse communities from the global majority can apply.

Decisions are usually conveyed within three months of the application deadline.

The deadline for Round 1 applications is 27 March 2025.

[Music for All - Community Projects](#)

East Ayrshire Council Community Grant

The next deadline date for applications is 4 April 2025.

[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](#)