

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

'Making a Difference in East Ayrshire Communities'

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14 March 2025

Armed Forces Day – Event Grants

Local councils, voluntary and community organisations, schools, ex-service organisations and individuals can apply for grants of up to £10,000 for activities taking place across the UK. The amount of the grant depends on the size and format of the event.

The grant is match-funded. This means, a grant could cover up to half of the overall cost of the event. If the overall event cost is £7,000, the MoD could cover up to £3,500.

The 2025 event should be held within two weeks of the Armed Forces Day. This year it falls on 28 June 2025.

The funding can be used to pay for:

- Road closures required to hold an event, including to allow for parades and marches.
- Decorations, flags and banners.
- Local or national newspaper and radio advertisements to promote the event.
- Marshalling, security and first aid arrangements for the event.
- Insurance.
- PA and communications systems for event organisers.

The first step in the application process is to register the event on the Armed Forces Day website by 31 March 2025.

Once groups have registered their event, they will receive a confirmation email with a link to submit an application for funding.

The deadline for grant applications is 30 April 2025.

[Armed Forces Day - Event Grants](#)

BBC Children in Need – Big Sky Programme

This programme will offer grants of up to £5,000 to support the emotional wellbeing and mental health of children aged 8-13 living in island and remote rural communities.

Grants are for early support to prevent problems developing at a later stage and could be through things like sports groups, art classes, and youth clubs.

Applications will be by **invitation only**. BBC CiN Scotland are running information sessions and encourage organisations interested in applying (or curious to learn more!) to join us. The sessions will cover who the fund is for, what types of work it can support and how to apply. There will also be opportunities to ask questions and speak to the BBC CiN Scotland Grant Officers.

The sessions will take place online via Teams.

Big Sky Information Sessions Dates:

Option 1: Thursday 20th March 14.00 - 14.45

Option 2: Tuesday 1st April 11.00 - 11.45

To register please e-mail cin.scotland@bbc.co.uk with your name, organisation, and the session you would like to attend. If you have any accessibility needs, please let them know.

You can find out more information about Big Sky at:

[BBC Children in Need - Big Sky Programme](#)

National Churches Trust – Large Grants

Grants of between £10,000 and £50,000 for urgent and essential structural repair projects (costed at more than £80,000) to buildings that were originally built as churches, or the installation of kitchen and toilets (costed at more than £30,000). Match funding of at least 50% is required. As the Trust has limited funding, most grants will be for less than £40,000. The average grant is around £15,000.

Applications will be considered from listed and unlisted Christian places of worship, of any denomination, in the UK that are open for at least six services of public worship a year. Although not listed as distinct priorities, the Trust seeks more applications from non-Anglican denominations and a geographic spread.

Priority is given to:

- Work to architecturally and historically significant buildings
- Urgent/essential structural repair projects (as identified in a recent QIR or building survey as required within two years), with a focus on buildings that are at risk
- Installation of kitchens and toilets where a strong need can be demonstrated
- Places of worship that can demonstrate a suitable maintenance system is in place to protect the investment
- Places of worship with regular opening hours
- Places of worship that can demonstrate strong community engagement and sound plans for economic viability.

There is a two-stage application process. If successful, a stage one application submitted in time for the July deadline would have a final decision in November 2025.

The deadline for stage 1 applications is 1 July 2025.

[National Churches Trust - Large Grants](#)

SUEZ – Communities Fund Scotland

SUEZ Recycling and Recovery UK offers grants of between £3,000 and £20,000 distributed through the Scottish Landfill Communities Fund for the following types of projects:

- Land Reclamation (Object A) - the reclamation, remediation, restoration, or other operation on land to facilitate economic, social, or environmental use.
- Community Recycling (Object B) – community-based recycling, reuse, and waste prevention projects.
- Public Amenities (Object C) - to provide, maintain or improve an amenity that is used primarily for leisure and recreation. The amenity must be open to all sections of the community for at least 104 days a year.
- Biodiversity (Object D) - the conservation or promotion of biological diversity through the provision, conservation, restoration or enhancement of a natural habitat or the maintenance or recovery of a species in its natural habitat.
- Historic Buildings, Structures or Sites (Object E) - the maintenance, repair or restoration of a building, other structure or a site of archaeological interest which is a place of religious worship, or a site of historic or architectural or archaeological interest and is open to the public.

Public Amenity, Biodiversity or Historic Building projects must be within 10 miles of a SUEZ Recycling and Recovery UK landfill site or transfer station. Applicants can verify their eligibility through the Scottish Environmental Protection Agency's (SEPA) National Grid Reference [Search Tool](#).

The next deadline for applications is 14 May 2025.

[SUEZ - Communities Fund Scotland](#)

Parkinson's UK – Physical Activity Grants

Grants of between £500 and £3,000 are available to support physical activity projects for people with Parkinson's within the UK.

The funding is for projects that can demonstrate the following desired impact:

- People with Parkinson's become and stay active, and/or significantly increase their levels of activity if they are already active.
- More physical activity provision for everyone with Parkinson's across the UK.
- Improved social wellbeing in people with Parkinson's as a result of attending the project.

Priority will be given to innovative and new projects that will help people with Parkinson's:

- Become and stay active, or
- Who are already active to significantly increase their levels of physical activity.

Projects should reach and engage with a wide range of people with Parkinson's especially those who may be from the following groups:

- Newly diagnosed.
- Young onset.
- People and groups seen as 'under represented' - including socially isolated, not digitally connected or ethnic communities.
- People who are not engaged with Parkinson's UK.
- People who are inactive, or active at low levels.
- People who are still working.

Projects must run for a minimum of three months and a maximum of 12 months and must start within three months of receiving the grant.

The funder is planning to provide specific grants to support physical activity projects for people with Parkinson's from marginalised communities and underrepresented groups. Further details are expected later this year.

Parkinson's UK will be hosting the following free 'Meet the Funder' webinars:

- 19 March 25 (10:00 - 11:00)
- 8 April 25 (14:00 - 15:00)

[Registration is required](#) and can be done via the funder's website.

Applications are open and will be accepted until all of the funding has been allocated.

[Parkinson's UK - Physical Activity Grants](#)

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](#)