

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

'Making a Difference in East Ayrshire Communities'

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Barclays Community Sport Fund

The funding supports community groups and grassroots sports organisations who are working within the most deprived areas of the UK and are making sport more accessible to women and girls, as well as engaging people from other under-represented groups including people with disabilities, from racially diverse communities and from the LGBTQ+ community.

Applications will be accepted from not-for-profit organisations including community groups, youth groups and traditional sports clubs.

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Deliver football, cricket, or tennis activities for women and girls – or are applying for funding to start.
- Operate in an area of high deprivation. Only organisations located in or supporting people from SIMD areas 1-3 are eligible to apply.

Disability applications from groups that sit outside of SIMD areas 1-3 will be considered as long as they groups offer activities for women and girls.

The following funding is available:

- Grants of £1,000 which can be split across football, tennis or cricket activities.
- Female Coaches for Girls Grants (Football - £160 grant; Tennis - £200 grant; Cricket - £200 grant) to support coaching courses to help increase the number of female coaches delivering sport to girls.

The £1,000 grant is unrestricted and can be used for anything that will support delivery of football, cricket, or tennis activities for women and girls. Ideally the funding should be spent within a six month period.

The fund also offers:

- Exclusive match tickets, mascot places, and promotional opportunities.
- Access to advice and support and signposting to training and resource.

The fund is expected to be popular and may close early if heavily over-subscribed.

The deadline for applications is 22 June 2025.

[Sported - Barclays Community Sport Fund](#)

Corra Foundation – Boost Small Grants Programme

Grants of between £500 and £3,000 for charities and community organisations across Scotland with an annual income of up to £50,000 that work with children and families affected by poverty.

Grants of between £250 and £1,500 are available to unconstituted groups.

Through the Boost Small Grants Programme funding is available for projects that ensure accessible, supportive, community-led activities remain available to children and families despite the challenges the higher cost of living poses for charities and community groups.

This is the second 2025 funding round. One further round will run in early September. Around one-third of the grants will be made in each round.

The deadline for applications to Round Two is 7 May 2025.

[Corra Foundation - Boost Small Grants Programme](#)

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 various projects and activities that promote the arts for public benefit.

There is no maximum or minimum award amount specified, although most grants range between £1,000 and £25,000.

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 October 2025 and by 1 June 2026.

The next deadline for applications is 28 May 2025.

[Jerwood Foundation](#)

National Lottery Community Fund – Supporting Change: Carers

The National Lottery Community Fund (NLCF) for Scotland has launched a new funding programme for voluntary, community and public sector organisations in Scotland aimed at reducing health inequalities for unpaid carers through long-term and meaningful systems change.

Grants of between £500,000 and £2 million are available over 5 to 10 years. Organisations can also apply for £50,000 in development funding.

It is expected that four or five projects will be funded.

Projects must:

- Involve people with experience of care in influencing changes.
- Collaborate with other organisations.

- Use learning and evidence to inform the project.

The Fund is particularly interested in projects focused on:

- Parents caring for a child with additional support needs or disabilities.
- Older people caring for their partner.
- People caring for someone with an addiction.
- Young carers.
- LGBTQ+ carers.
- Ethnically minoritised carers.

Project costs and overheads are eligible for funding.

Groups must contact the National Lottery Community Fund to discuss their project idea and request an application form.

The deadline for applications is 28 August 2025.

[National Lottery Community Fund - Supporting Change: Carers](#)

NFU Mutual Charitable Foundation

NFU Mutual Charitable Trust is offering grants for organisations working in agriculture, rural development, and insurance across the UK to deliver projects and activities across one or more of the Trust's main objectives:

- To advance the education of the public using research and the dissemination of information concerning agriculture.
- To advance the education of young people within rural areas.
- To relieve poverty within rural areas.
- To promote the benefit and social welfare of inhabitants of rural communities by associating together with the inhabitants and local authorities, voluntary and other organisations to advance education and leisure.
- To promote research into agricultural-associated activities.
- To advance the education of the public using research and the dissemination of information concerning insurance.

Priority will be given to larger initiatives that would have a significant impact on rural communities, as well as initiatives in the areas of education of young people in rural areas, relief of poverty within rural areas, and support for the next generation of farmers.

Funding is at the discretion of the Trust. However, most grants fall within the range of £1,000 to £50,000.

Trustees met twice a year to consider applications, typically in June and November.

The next deadline for applications is 23 May 2025.

[NFU Mutual Charitable Trust](#)

Pink Ribbon Foundation

Grants of up to £6,000 are available to breast cancer charities in the UK that assist people affected by breast cancer and organisations that work on breast cancer research and prevention. The funding is for projects and initiatives that make a direct impact on individuals with breast cancer in the UK.

For the 2025 grant period, and with requests for assistance growing, the Foundation will focus in the main on organisations with limited financial resources to deliver their services.

Application should relate to a specific project, not 'business as usual' or core costs. However, the Foundation has 'helped out' with core costs should the need be vital to the continuity of an organisation.

In most instances, the Foundation will consider funding delivery for projects that are already up and running. These can also be pilot programmes that are being rolled out to reach a new or much wider audience or projects that take a new approach in tackling a specific challenge.

Registered charities, community interest groups and social enterprises with a legal constitution and charitable objectives may apply.

The Foundation welcomes applications from all ethnic and minority groups.

Grant applications must be hard copy and reach the Foundation by the deadline.

The deadline for applications is 30 May 2025.

[Pink Ribbon Foundation](#)

Spar – Community Cashback

Shoppers from all over the UK can apply for a grant for an organisation or charity they feel deserves funding.

All applicants need to do is share the exceptional contribution a local organisation has made to their community and what the grant would be put towards.

The deadline for applications is 4 June 2025.

[Spar - Community Cashback](#)

The Different Foundation – AI for All

The Different Foundation, a charity registered in 2024, 'exists to embrace diversity, empower the underrepresented, and shape an inclusive future'.

'AI for All' is the Foundation's 'flagship programme' which offers one-off grants of up to £2,500 and four hours of specialised mentorship with respected leaders in AI. This mentorship provides practical guidance to enhance impact, improve programme delivery, and strengthen organisational capabilities.

The funding is intended to promote access and opportunity for members of underrepresented and diverse communities in AI innovation. It supports organisations committed to diversity in technology.

The current focus is addressing digital bias, elevating diverse voices, and developing AI that works for everyone.

Applications will be accepted from UK registered charities, based and working within the UK, with a turnover of between £150,000 and £1.15 million and one to ten employees.

There will be two funding rounds in 2025 and two rounds in 2026.

The deadline for applications is 30 June 2025.

[The Different Foundation - AI for All](#)

East Ayrshire Council Community Grant

The next deadline date for applications is 18 July 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](#)