

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

'Making a Difference in East Ayrshire Communities'

ALERT



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ALLIANCE - Self-Management Fund

Grants of up to £150,000 for third and community sector organisations for projects supporting people in Scotland with long-term conditions to live well.

Two levels of funding are available:

- Small grants of up to £15,000 for up to one year.
- Large grants of up to £150,000 for up to three years.

Eligible projects must align with one or more of the following priorities:

- Work that aligns with secondary prevention by working to embed self-management soon after a long-term condition or disability is identified, or early in someone's unpaid caring role.
- Work that seeks to address health inequalities while increasing the self-management capacity of people with long term conditions, disabilities and/or unpaid caring responsibilities who experience these inequalities.
- Work that develops the self-management capacity of people living with long term conditions, disabilities, and/or their unpaid carers, whilst awaiting health or social care support.

All projects should start between 1 June 2026 and 1 December 2026.

The ALLIANCE is holding information sessions 28 October 2025 and 11 November 2025. Applicants can register for these sessions on the ALLIANCE website.

Large grants have a two-stage application process.

The deadline for small grants and stage one large grant applications is 19 December 2025.

[ALLIANCE - Self-Management Fund](#)

Arnold Clark – Community Fund

UK registered charities and community groups who provide services that are widely accessible to their local community and are located within a 50-mile radius of an Arnold Clark branch can apply now for a Community Support grant of up to £1,000. Preference is given to smaller voluntary and community organisations.

The funding must be used for charitable or community purposes that address at least one of the following categories:

- Pet welfare
- Arts and culture
- Community enhancement
- Disability
- Educational training / advancement
- Sustainability enhancements / projects
- Mental health
- Relief support organisations
- Equality and diversity
- Youth clubs and groups, such as Brownies, Scouts, Guides, Sea Cadets, Cubs, amateur sports teams, dance groups and gymnastics can apply for up to £750 for community trips, club costs materials, venue hire, transport.

There are no deadlines for applications; however, groups are encouraged to apply as early as they can as applications could be paused due to high demand.

Applications are currently being accepted.

[Arnold Clark - Community Fund](#)

Bòrd na Gàidhlig – Taic Freumhan Coimhearsnachd Fund

Grants to constituted third sector organisations, schools, or individuals based in Scotland that aim to deliver a project promoting the use of Gaelic within a specific community.

Through the Fund, Bòrd na Gàidhlig offers the opportunity to apply for funding of up to two years for longer-term projects or those that recur annually. Grants of up to £5,000 are available for projects lasting up to 12 months or £10,000 for projects of up to 24 months. The scheme has an estimated budget of around £200,000 for 2026-2028.

The Bòrd will consider providing 80% of the eligible project costs. The remainder of any necessary costs must be secured from alternative sources. The Fund exists to support initiatives which aim to strengthen learning and usage of Gaelic, such as:

- Gaelic events in the community and online.
- Projects and opportunities that encourage young people to use Gaelic together.
- Projects that support Gaelic usage among families and between generations.
- Adult Gaelic learning in the community.
- Colmcille – Building connections between speakers of Gaelic and Irish.

Projects must take place between March 2026 and August 2028.

The deadline for applications is 10 December 2025.

[Bòrd na Gàidhlig – Taic Freumhan Coimhearsnachd Fund](#)

Kristina Martin Charitable Trust

Grants are available for UK-registered charities whose work supports people with mental health issues and addresses issues such as, but not exclusively, suicide, online bullying, grief, and fostering hope and resilience.

In this funding round, the Kristina Martin Charitable Trust has made £400,000 available, split across the following themes:

- Breaking the link between homelessness and poor mental health.
- Reduction in the effects of social media on mental health.
- Reduction of Social Isolation.
- Improving mental health outcomes for children and young people.

A total of £100,000 is available for projects in each funding theme. The Trustees aim to provide grants on an unrestricted basis where possible.

The deadline for applications is 12 December 2025.

[Kristina Martin Charitable Trust](#)

Naturesave Trust

UK based charities, community groups and organisations can apply now for a grant of up to £5,000 to support projects that boost biodiversity via:

- Pollinator plants.
- Wildlife gardens.
- Education.
- Community wildlife surveys.
- Habitat restoration.
- Pesticide alternatives.
- Influencing local councils.
- Hedgerow management.
- Conservation volunteering.
- Citizen science.

There is a funding pot of around £25,000–30,000 for each of the three application windows. The trust receives between 200 and 1,000 applications for each window and usually funds between 5 and 10 projects.

The Trust no longer accepts applications from government-funded organisations or schools.

The deadline for applications is 27 November 2025.

[Naturesave Trust](#)

Scottish Government – Connecting Scotland Digital Inclusion Fund

Grants are available for local authorities, charities, voluntary sector organisations, research institutions eligible for UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) funding and consortia to help reduce digital exclusion and improve access to technology across Scotland through the Connecting Scotland Digital Inclusion Fund.

Managed by the Scottish Government and supported by the UK Government's Digital Inclusion Innovation Fund, the programme aims to address barriers to digital access, skills and confidence. It will also support projects that expand proven digital inclusion models, foster innovation and contribute to wider national priorities such as tackling child poverty, supporting sustainable public services and advancing Scotland's Digital and AI Strategies.

Grants of between £10,000 and £50,000 are available under two categories:

- Resource support for projects that scale best practice or deliver innovative approaches.
- Capital investment in equipment and assets such as laptops, devices and software.

Projects must focus on supporting digitally excluded groups such as low-income households, disabled people, older adults, refugees, rural and island communities and people seeking employment.

The deadline for applications is 30 October 2025.

[Scottish Government – Connecting Scotland Digital Inclusion Fund](#)

Scottish Government – Scottish Veterans Fund

Grants to support innovative projects that help veterans overcome any disadvantage experienced because of service, achieve a successful transition to civilian life and make Scotland the most attractive place to be for those leaving the services.

Through the Scottish Veterans Fund, a total of £500,000 is available during the 2026/27 funding round.

New for this year, there are two funding streams:

- **Main funding stream:** A total of £400,000 is available. Grants of between £10,000 and £50,000 are available for projects of up to three years.
- **Small funding stream:** A total of £100,000 is available. Grants of between £1,000 and £10,000 are available for one-year projects.

Priority will be given to projects that address recommendations made by the Scottish Veterans Commissioner and bring together both veterans and serving communities.

The deadline for applications is 5 December 2025.

[Scottish Government – Scottish Veterans Fund Main Stream](#)

[Scottish Government – Scottish Veterans Fund Small Stream](#)

East Ayrshire Council Community Grant

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

[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](#)