

# COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

## 'Making a Difference in East Ayrshire Communities'

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## Asda Foundation – Young Futures Fund

Grants of between £500 and £1,000 to grassroots community groups across the UK to help them deliver activities that improve the mental health and wellbeing of young people aged 13 years to 21 years.

Not-for-profit groups and organisations with an income of less than £250,000 and who already have an existing service for young people within the 13-21 age group can apply.

Applicants need to meet at least one of the following objectives:

- Provide services that support, educate and empower.
- Connect young people to their peers.
- Support rehabilitation and recovery and provide shelter.
- Deliver activities / programmes that improve physical health and wellbeing.

The funding can be used for a number of different things. Examples of the kinds of items and services that could be funded include, but are not limited to:

- Intervention and prevention programmes to address social issues.
- Essential items for crisis support, such as clothes, food and hygiene items for a homeless shelter focusing on young people.
- Delivery of specialist support or services or speakers.
- Group drop-in and talking sessions.
- Workshops to upskill and deliver life skills (cooking, finance, employment, CV writing).
- Resources for recreational activities, e.g. craft materials, board games
- Sports kit and/or equipment (cap £500).
- Volunteering costs (cap £100 per person).
- Peer support events, and activities that bring people together.

The grant must be used and projects completed by September 2025.

The application window will be open for two weeks; however, it may close early if there is a high level of applications. In addition, if a geographic region is oversubscribed, individual areas may close before the deadline for the total grant programme.

**The deadline for applications is 13 March 2025.**

[Asda Foundation - Young Futures Fund](#)

## Corra Foundation – Boost Small Grants

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 will also be available to unconstituted groups.

Through the Boost Small Grants Programme, around £400,000 is available over 2025 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.

There will be three rounds of funding in 2025 opening in February, late April and September.

**The deadline for applications is 11 March 2025.**

[Corra Foundation - Boost Small Grants](#)

## Digital Xtra – Grant Awards

Grants to organisations delivering extracurricular digital skills activities for children and young people in Scotland.

The initiative aims to equip young people with skills in areas such as coding, robotics, games design, data science and cyber, encouraging them to consider careers in digital technology.

Funding between £500 and £5,000 is available to eligible organisations, including registered companies, charities, chartered bodies, local authorities, schools, colleges and universities.

Applicants must be based in Scotland and provide evidence that the grant is necessary, valuable and will positively impact extracurricular digital technology activities for those aged under 16.

Funded projects will tangibly demonstrate exciting, stimulating ways of engaging young people with digital skills. Activities which are able to contextualise the skills learned; promoting various digital tech or computing science career pathways are of particular interest.

**The deadline for applications is 27 March 2025.**

[Digital Xtra - Grant Awards](#)

## FCC Communities Foundation – Scottish Action Fund

Grants of between £2,000 and £40,000 for constituted not-for-profit organisations and local authorities across Scotland to support community, environmental, and heritage projects in communities near landfill sites and transfer stations.

- 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 and Parks (Object C) - To provide, maintain or improve a public park or other public amenities.
- 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 (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, architectural, or archaeological interest and is open to the public.

Projects under objects C, D and E must be within 10 miles of an eligible licensed landfill site or transfer station. Applicants can check to see if their site is in an eligible area by using the screening tool on SEPA's [website](#).

Funding can be used for the following types of costs:

- Contractors.
- Materials.
- Capital items.
- Small items of equipment used by volunteers and staff to deliver the project.

The total cost of any proposed project should not exceed £250,000. All grant recipients are required to secure a 'Contributing Third Party' (CTP) payment.

**The next deadline for applications is 14 May 2025.**

[FCC Communities Foundation - Scottish Action Fund](#)

## Robertson Trust – Community Spaces Grants

Funding is intended to support the running costs of local community centres, hubs or anchor organisations that are delivering and/or hosting a range of services and activities in places with high levels of poverty and trauma.

Grants of between £5,000 and £20,000 per year for up to three years are available to registered charities working in Scotland with an annual income of between £30,000 and £500,000.

Unrestricted or restricted funding can be considered.

The Trust is particularly interested in supporting organisations that can demonstrate how they reach out to and remove barriers for groups of people in their community who are at higher risk of experiencing poverty and trauma, such as disabled people, people experiencing racial inequity and asylum seekers and refugees, ensuring they are aware of and can access available services and activities.

**Applications can be made at any time.**

[Robertson Trust - Community Spaces Grants](#)

## WCIT – IT4Good Grants Programme

Grants of up to £15,000 are available to educational establishments and constituted not-for-profit organisations across the UK to support IT projects and activities.

The WCIT Charity will support activities within the themes of education, inclusion, IT for charities, and understanding of IT, such as the development and delivery of new services, solutions, training, apps, analytics, AI, robotics, or accessibility features/hardware.

Projects that are more likely to be funded include:

- Projects where WCIT is a material or sole funder.
- Projects where WCIT is the sole funder of the IT component of a larger project.
- Organisations that could benefit from pro-bono support.

Proposals should demonstrate an innovative use of IT, be scalable for wider replication, and be sustainable over time. Grants of over £15,000 may be considered in exceptional circumstances..

**The next deadline for applications is 7 May 2025.**

[WCIT - IT4Good Grants Programme](#)

## 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](#)