

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

'Making a Difference in East Ayrshire Communities'

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Corra Foundation – The Way Forward Partnership

Grants of up to £250,000 over three years are available to constituted third sector organisations in Scotland that work with children, young people and families affected by drugs and alcohol for partnership projects with public sector organisations.

Funding is intended to:

- Encourage partnership working between third and public sector organisations.
- Support and improve the wellbeing of children, young people and families impacted by alcohol and substance abuse.
- Develop and influence policy and practice at a local and national level.

The lead applicant and grant holder must:

- Be a constituted third sector organisation in Scotland eg, charity, community group or development trust.
- Currently be delivering services for children, young people and families affected by drugs and alcohol.
- Have a formal partnership with and be endorsed by the relevant public sector partner eg, an Alcohol and Drugs Partnership, a local authority, or an NHS Board.
- Identify at least 50% matched funding of the project costs for each year from a public sector partner.

Other third sector organisations, such as voluntary and community groups and social enterprises, can be additional partners to the project. The funding can be used for staff costs, activities, volunteer expenses, costs to support participation and engagement, and research and evaluation.

There is a two-stage application process. Due to high demand, potential applicants are advised to contact the Corra Foundation as soon as possible to arrange an initial conversation.

The deadline to arrange an initial enquiry to the fund is 25 April 2025.

[Corra Foundation - The Way Forward for Families Partnership Fund](#)

Alec Dickson Trust

Grants of up to £500 are available for volunteering or community service projects in the UK that are organised and run by young people aged 30 and younger to help them put their ideas into action and run projects that benefit the lives of others, particularly the most marginalised and disadvantaged.

Alec Dickson Trust provides funding for UK-based projects that:

- Encourage youth volunteering - particularly those that involve lots of volunteers- and encourage people to continue volunteering in the long term.
- Have a positive impact on disadvantaged communities and individuals, particularly projects that address a specific need and have a long-lasting and meaningful effect on those they reach.
- Are innovative and try to do things differently, such as using social media creatively or using existing resources in new ways.

Applicants will need to provide a referee who knows them in a professional capacity, but who is not part of the volunteer project.

The deadline for applications is 4 April 2025.

[Alec Dickson Trust](#)

Leatherseller's Foundation – ACEs Main Grants Programme

Charities and SCIOs operating in an area of deprivation in the UK with an income of between £200,000 and £2 million can apply. This programme provides multi-year grants of up to four years of £20,000-£25,000 per annum.

Charities should be working to prevent the occurrence of and/or support recovery from adverse childhood experiences by providing services to children and young people and/or adult survivors in recovery. The term ACEs is used to recognise traumatic events that occur during childhood that can have a significant impact on a person's physical, emotional and mental health throughout their life. Examples include:

- Abuse – physical, sexual or psychological/emotional.
- Neglect – physical or psychological/emotional.
- Domestic abuse.
- Substance misuse by a close family member.
- Mental illness of a close family member.
- Having a close family member serve time in prison.
- Parental or caregiver separation or divorce on account of relationship breakdown.

Charities should use a trauma-informed approach and evidence-based interventions. The foundation recognises that some communities suffer from a greater likelihood of ACEs due to systemic barriers. It welcomes applications from charities who support under-represented groups.

There is a two stage application process.

The deadline for applications is 30 April 2025.

[Leathersellers Foundation - ACES Main Grants Programme](#)

Material Focus – Electricals Recycling Fund

Material Focus, an independent not-for-profit organisation whose mission is to stop electricals from being hoarded and thrown away, is once again offering grants to communities across the UK to reuse and recycle small household electricals.

A total of £750,000 is available to support two types of projects:

- **Growing existing services** – grants of up to £100,000 for projects that grow existing collection methods for small electricals. This could be community drop points in libraries and other community locations, adding cages under refuse collection vehicles, bring banks/WEEE banks.
- **Innovating new methods** – grants of up to £50,000 to come up with new approaches to repair, reuse and/or recycle electricals, for example, collection points at large offices/campuses, drop-offs at post offices, major supermarkets, large shopping centres, retail parks, collection of waste electricals using the return journey/spare capacity during collection/delivery of parcels, or projects that support tackling the growing concerns around digital inclusion.

The funding can be used for:

- The purchase of new bins/collection points ('bring banks').
- The adaptation of waste collection vehicles to include cages for kerbside WEEE.
- Vehicle rental.
- Installation of bins.
- Communication and marketing materials.
- Staffing costs to cover the time spent planning and delivering the project.
- Salaries if the person is working to deliver the funded project.

A range of registered organisations can apply, including charities, local authorities, waste partnerships, private waste contractors, other private companies, and compliance schemes.

Material Focus will provide successful applicants with project management support.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

[Material Focus - Electricals Recycling Fund](#)

Scottish Football Association – Scottish Football Facilities Fund

The Scottish Football Facilities Fund is provided by the Scottish Football Association (SFA) and the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS).

In 2025/26, the Scottish Football Facilities Fund will distribute a further £8.6m into key football facilities identified as critical in retaining and increasing participation at grassroots level and where there is an evidence-based need for investment under the following funding streams:

- Community Football Spaces for grassroots and community football clubs who have facility aspirations.

- Member Support to support clubs with Scottish FA Membership to either retain or improve their Club Licensing status.

Projects that can illustrate impact at both grassroots and member club level may attract investment from both streams.

The Fund has the following priorities:

- Increasing or sustaining participation.
- Increasing the number of multi-sport facilities to boost participation in non-football sports, in turn achieving wider community engagement.
- Projects that will deliver wider community engagement. Strong community focused clubs that are engaging with community groups and increasing player participation across all ages and backgrounds.
- Tackling inequalities:
 - Projects delivering improved access to sports facilities for women's and girls, and other under-represented groups and to increase participation in these groups.
 - Projects that are located within the top 30% of areas of Multiple Deprivation by local authority.

Grassroots and community football clubs in Scotland can apply to the Community Football Spaces funding stream.

Clubs that are SFA members can apply to the Member Support funding stream.

Full applications are by invitation only. New/Potential applicants must initially complete the 'Kick Off' form - this is available to download via the link below. On submission of this form, an initial assessment will be made against the key criteria.

The deadline applications is 21 April 2025.

[Scottish Football Association - Scottish Football Facilities Fund/](#)

Trefoil – Organisational Grants

Trefoil, a large grant-making charity in Scotland, is accepting applications to its second funding round for 2025.

Formally constituted not-for-profit groups with an annual turnover of less than £500,000 can apply for a grant (there is no minimum or maximum amount).

An applicant's aims and objectives must align with those of Trefoil to aid, assist and promote, to their advantage, the interests of children and young people under the age of 25 with additional support needs, including but not limited to physical disability, caring obligations, other disadvantages or learning and psycho-social needs (or a combination thereof) and to foster their independence, confidence, and assertiveness.

Preference will be given to:

- Projects promoting education, health, and social welfare.

- Team building activities.
- Projects providing education.
- Therapeutic activities that are not core funded by the statutory authorities.
- New development and start-up project costs.

The deadline for applications is 25 August 2025.

[Trefoil - Organisational 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](#)