

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT 'Making a Difference in East Ayrshire Communities'

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People's Health Trust – Nature for Health

People's Health Trust has launched its Nature for Health funding programme which is part of its Health Justice Fund.

Grants of between £20,000 and £40,000 are available for not-for-profit organisations with an income of less than £1 million to improve mental health and provide greater access to natural spaces and nature-based activities for people (aged 11-18) experiencing mental health problems, socio-economic disadvantage, discrimination and marginalisation.

For the purposes of this funding programme:

- Natural spaces can be in towns and cities, the countryside, or the coast, such as parks, community gardens, woodland, canals, lakes, rivers, beaches, and greened/reclaimed urban spaces.
- Nature-based activities can include creating, maintaining, accessing and using natural spaces.

The funded activity should last for two years. The grants can be used for running costs for the activities, for example, staff salaries, events, venue hire, small capital items, and can include a small contribution to organisational overheads. Match funding of at least 25% of the grant value is required.

Applications will be accepted from incorporated organisations, which have been set up for three months or unincorporated organisations/constituted organisations with an income of less than £1 million and a clear track record and evidence of supporting access to natural spaces and/or providing mental health support, particularly for communities experiencing marginalisation and discrimination.

There is a two-stage application process.

The deadline for first stage applications is 20 March 2024.

[People's Health Trust - Nature for Health](#)

Faith in the Community Scotland – Faithful Welcome Small Grants

Local faith groups that are registered as charities in Scotland can apply for funding to for projects and activities that welcome refugees and asylum seekers and help them to integrate into community life.

Faith in Community Scotland, partnered with Scottish Faiths Action for Refugees, offers grants of up to £500 to faith groups registered as charities to support activities that welcome refugees and asylum seekers into Scotland, helping to integrate into community life, wherever they are coming from and whatever the reason.

The Faithful Welcome Small Grants Programme enables groups to support meaningful two-way integration through relationship building and providing resources to organise events, offer hospitality and get new ideas off the ground.

Funding is available for local action around the following themes:

- Offering hospitality (eg, costs of community meals and social events bringing people together).
- Easing integration (eg, costs of interpreting services or running language classes).
- Enabling participation (eg, skill-sharing activities such as gardening, sewing, cooking, providing bus passes for travel).

To be eligible, groups must have an annual income under £80,000. Priority will be given to groups with minimal resources.

Groups should demonstrate how refugees and asylum seekers have been involved in planning and delivering their proposed work.

Applications can be made at any time.

[Faith in the Community Scotland - Faithful Welcome Small Grants](#)

Grow Wild – Youth Grants

Grow Wild is once again offering grants of up to £500 to young people in the UK aged 14-25 to bring their nature project to life this summer.

Individuals or groups of up to six people can apply for a grant to support an innovative project idea to celebrate why UK native plants and/or fungi are so special.

Organisations supporting young people with their project must be established, relevant and charitable in purpose or not for profit. This includes voluntary, youth or community groups, education bodies, arts or environmental charities, local authorities, other council bodies or health authorities.

Grant recipients will receive:

- £500 grant for the project which can be used for anything needed such as materials, equipment, resources or helpful training.
- Support and online training from Grow Wild.
- Opportunities to connect with a community of young nature enthusiasts completing projects across the UK.

- The chance to complete Kew's Young Environmental Leader Award designed to work alongside their Grow Wild project and recognise their achievements.

There is particular interest in applications from people who don't know much about UK native species.

Successful projects can be started in May 2024 and must be completed by the end of October 2024.

The deadline for applications is 19 March 2024.

[Grow Wild - Youth Grants](#)

Historic Environment Scotland – Partnership Fund

Historic Environment Scotland (HES) is offering grants to support third-sector organisations delivering projects and activities that have a national impact on Scotland's historic environment and align with the HES grant priorities to:

- Increase understanding of and engagement with Scotland's historic environment.
- Enhance communities' use of the historic environment in place-making.
- Strengthen the resilience of Scotland's historic environment.
- Use the historic environment as a catalyst for climate action.
- Increase the quality and availability of historic environment skills.
- Increase economic benefits from the historic environment sustainably and inclusively.

Funding is at the discretion of HES and will support a variety of activities, including but not limited to:

- Professional or volunteer training programmes addressing recognised historic environment skills gaps at a national level.
- Developmental, advocacy or capacity-building activities that enable the sector to achieve strategic outcomes in line with national priorities.
- Outreach activities or learning programmes that deliver high-impact outcomes for audiences across Scotland.

The funding can be used to support the costs of delivering up to three different areas of activity (Activity Streams) for up to three financial years. Eligible costs include both direct project costs, such as staff time, materials, and equipment, and appropriate levels of indirect costs, such as overheads, where these are related to any proposed activities.

There is a two-stage application process.

The deadline to submit an Expression of Interest is 16 August 2024.

[Historic Environment Scotland - Partnership Fund](#)

Hinrichsen Foundation

The Hinrichsen Foundation is offering grants to charities and other organisations across the United Kingdom to support the performance of contemporary music, which may include the commissioning of new work, non-commercial recording, or publication.

There are two levels of funding available:

- One-off small grants typically between £500 and £2,500 (for new applicants and former beneficiaries).
- Larger projects or concert series generally £2,000 and over.

The Trustees will occasionally provide funds for research projects that are not being conducted under the remit of an academic institution. Multi-year partnerships may also be considered.

There are typically three application deadlines per year.

The next application deadline is 31 March 2024.

[Hinrichsen Foundation](#)

Kellogg's – Breakfast Club Grants

Kellogg's, in partnership with Forever Manchester, is offering grants of up to £1,000 to schools across the UK to help fund breakfast clubs aimed at pupils between reception class and year 13 to ensure that those who need it most receive a morning meal.

Priority will be given to schools that either:

- Have 35% and above of children eligible for free school meals.
- Are based in an area which is classified as falling in the 10% of most deprived areas according to the Index of Multiple Deprivation.

Only one grant per school in each academic year is available. A limited number of grants are available, and the fund may close at short notice if oversubscribed.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

[Kellogg's - Breakfast Club Grants](#)

7stars Foundation

7Stars Foundation is offering grants of up to £2,500 for registered charities with an annual turnover of less than £1.5 million across the UK to deliver projects and activities that support young people aged 16 years and under across the priority themes of abuse, addiction, child carers, and homelessness.

Funding is offered across the following streams:

- Project grants of up to £2,500 to cover the costs of projects that:
 - Enable young people to have the best start in life and aim high.

- Have a direct impact and respond to a need in an immediate manner.
- Are hosted in geographical areas of deprivation and socioeconomic disadvantage.
- Respond to one or more of the funding priorities of the 7stars Foundation.
- Address a lack of provision (due to a lack of funding from alternative sources).
- Provide immediate support, not just in the short-term but with long-term benefits too.
- Shine Bright grants of up to £1,500 for registered charities to purchase educational, well-being, or recreational items for young people, aged 16 years old or under.
- Social Impact funding for three charities across the year for projects that align with various awareness days (such as Race Equality Week, PRIDE month, World Homeless Day or Black History Month).

The trustees typically meet four times a year to review grant applications.

The next deadline for applications is 30 April 2024.

[7stars Foundation](#)

SUEZ – Communities Fund Scotland

SUEZ Recycling and Recovery UK offers grants of between £3,000 and £25,000 distributed through the Scottish Landfill Communities Fund.

Through the SUEZ Communities Fund for Scotland, £200,000 is available annually 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.

Examples of eligible projects include:

- Village hall improvements.
- Nature reserves and conservation.

- Village greens.
- Community centres.
- Public playgrounds.
- Cycle paths.
- Sports fields and facilities.
- Country parks.
- Historic buildings, structures, or sites.

Typically, there are three funding rounds per year.

The next deadline for applications is 3 April 2024.

[SUEZ - Communities Fund Scotland](#)

East Ayrshire Council Community Grant

The next deadline date for applications is 19 April 2024.

[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](#)