

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

'Making a Difference in East Ayrshire Communities'

ALERT



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ALLIANCE – Self-Management Fund

Grants of up to £120,000 for third and community sector organisations for projects supporting people in Scotland with long-term conditions to live well. A total of £1.8 million is available for the 2024 round, the first in a new cycle of funding for the Self-Management Fund titled Self-Management for Life.

Two levels of funding are available:

- Small grants of up to £15,000 for up to one year.
- Large grants of up to £120,000 for up to three years.

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

- Supporting people living with, or who might be at risk of developing, long-term conditions to be better able to self-manage and/or reduce risk factors.
- Supporting people who experience barriers to accessing health and social care support and services, due to geographical, social, or economic factors to feel better able to self-manage through direct support or support to access services.
- Supporting people who are waiting for a specialist health or social care intervention or rehabilitation support through enabling them to develop self-management capabilities while awaiting treatment.
- Supporting disabled young people or young people living with long-term conditions or unpaid carers to understand the importance of self-management and to develop skills which maximise their health and wellbeing.

Priority will be given to initiatives that:

- Meet more than one priority.
- Support individuals with a range of conditions and demonstrate a holistic approach.
- Have strong potential to create learning opportunities for self-management practices.

All projects should start before December 2024. Large grants have a two-stage application process.

The deadline for applications is 5 March 2024.

[ALLIANCE - Self-Management Fund](#)

Barclays Bank – Community Football Fund

Grants of up to £1,000 to not-for-profit organisations operating in an area of high deprivation to support delivery of their football activities to engage with young people (under the age of 25 years) from underrepresented groups.

This is an access grant, which aims to help improve access to football for all. The funding is for groups that are running football activities for one or more of the following underrepresented groups: women and girls, young people with disabilities, young people from racially diverse communities, young people from the LGBTQ+ community and young people from lower socio-economic groups.

Community sports groups can apply to receive:

- £1,000 Access Grants to spend on increasing underrepresented young people's access to play.
- Up to £5,000 Deep Impact grants for existing fund recipients who have already received a £500 grant in 2022 or 2023.
- Coaching grants to get more women qualified to coach girls' football at a grassroots level.
- Access to Equality, Diversity and Inclusion training and resources.
- Exclusive opportunities to apply for Premier League and Barclays FA Women's Super League tickets, mascot opportunities and exclusive promotional experiences.

The funding can be used for anything that will support delivery of football activities to underrepresented groups.

The funding cannot be used for schools and other educational establishments, trips abroad, school based football activities, costs associated with elite football or talent development or multiple teams/projects within the same organisation.

There will be two funding rounds in 2024, each of which be open for applications for about two months. Please note it is anticipated that the fund will be 'extremely popular' and thus applications may close earlier than the deadline. Groups should apply early to avoid disappointment.

Applications for the first round open on 12 February and close on 12 April 2024.

[Barclays Bank - Community Football Fund](#)

Church of Scotland – Small Grants Fund

The Church of Scotland is offering grants of up to £5,000 to churches and presbyteries in Scotland to deliver short-term project activities of between 3 and 12 months to support early-stage work, to respond to more immediate needs, and to help with innovation. Winter support funding is also available to support communities through the cost-of-living crisis.

The Small Grants Fund will support projects that bring about change in at least one of the following areas:

- Developing mission through new worshipping communities (including online worship).
- Engaging and attracting those aged 40 and under including children, young people, and families.
- Addressing pressing issues in the church.

- Increasing experimentation with innovation in church practices.
- Winter support to help local communities during a time of increased need.

Applications can be made at any time across two periods throughout the year: between February and June and between September and November.

The deadline for applications is 30 June 2024.

[Church of Scotland - Small Grants Fund](#)

Esmee Fairbairn Foundation – Youth-Led Creativity Fund

The Youth-Led Creativity programme builds on young people's power to make change, use creativity to enhance their lives, develop their careers, and influence the world around them.

The funding is focused on work led by and for young people (aged 14 to 30) who have less access to creative programmes or who are underrepresented in arts and culture.

This includes young people who:

- Are D/deaf, disabled or neurodivergent.
- Are from communities experiencing racial inequity.
- Are economically or educationally disadvantaged.
- Identify as LGBT+.
- Have migration or care experience.

The Foundation anticipates awarding £1 million in 2024. The funding can be used for single or multi-year grants and for project and/or core costs.

The maximum limit that can be applied for is £120,000 for up to three years. It is expected that between 8 to 12 grants will be awarded.

A Learning Programme will run alongside the funding. This will be co-designed by funded organisations and facilitated by a Learning Partner. The Learning Programme will enable peer support and learning. Organisations will be compensated to support participation.

Applications will be considered from organisations and work that:

- Are driven and shaped by young people so they can build their confidence and skills. Most of the young people supported need to be aged 14 to 30.
- Understand and can demonstrate a track record of centring the voices of young people from communities underrepresented in arts and culture. This includes: young people who are D/deaf, disabled or neurodivergent, are from communities experiencing racial inequity, are economically disadvantaged, identify as LGBT+, have migration and/or care experience.
- Prioritise the joy and care of young people.
- Use art and creativity as a tool for young people to use their voice and influence change in their own lives and the world around them.

- Are driving change for the future either by doing something new, or by using tried and tested models to push things forward.

Applications will be accepted from two or more organisations working in partnership.

There is a two-stage application process.

Expressions of interest will be accepted from 14 February 2024 and 15 March 2024.

[Esmee Fairbairn FOUndation - Youth-Led Creativity Fund](#)

Mushroom Trust

The Mushroom Trust offers grants ranging from £500 to £10,000 for organisations primarily involved in enhancing green spaces, particularly in urban environments through horticulture across Scotland.

Funding is intended for a wide variety of green improvement and horticultural projects, including but not limited to:

- The improvement and maintenance of formal gardens.
- Public parks and pathways.
- Community gardens, woodlands, orchards, and allotments.
- Cycleways.
- Woodland restoration projects.

Applications for the initial costs for design work in connection with new projects are also encouraged.

The Trustees meet each summer to consider applications.

The deadline for applications is 31 March 2024.

[Mushroom Trust](#)

Pixel Fund

The Pixel Fund is offering grants of between £2,500 and £5,000 for UK-registered charities to deliver projects and activities that promote the mental health and wellbeing of children and young adults aged under 26 years old and provide a measurable difference to the charity's users.

From 1 February 2024, the Pixel Fund has introduced a new eligibility checklist and re-evaluated their application process to help reduce the number of unsuccessful applications.

To apply, groups must first check the new eligibility checklist, before attending a Pixel Fund Applicants pre-meeting to discuss their ideas. Eligible charities will then be required to complete an Eligibility Requirements questionnaire and due diligence form before being assessed and potentially invited to complete a full application.

There is a strong preference for charities with an annual income of less than £2 million. Typically, no single grant will be worth more than 5% of an organisation's annual income.

To apply, groups must first book a place at an applicant pre-meeting, which are held regularly throughout the year.

[Pixel Fund](#)

Prudence Trust

Prudent Trust has launched a new funding round and is offering around five to eight grants of between £10,000 and £200,000 for youth mental health organisations with an annual income of more than £250,000 across the UK to deliver evaluation projects.

In this funding round, titled 'What's Working for Young People's Mental Health?', a total of around £1 million is available to support charities working to support young people's mental health to better understand how their service works and how it can be improved.

Examples of what funding can cover include:

- Consultancy support for work such as strategy review, theory of change, creation of an evaluation and change plan.
- Upskilling of staff responsible for monitoring and evaluation
- Costs to work with an external evaluator or academic on specific programmes.
- Staff or consultant time to review evidence of similar services.

Where a proposal is linked to a particular service, the service must have been running for at least two years and applicants must have secured sufficient funding to ensure the programme runs for the duration of the proposed evaluation.

Priority will be given to proposals that clearly demonstrate strategic value, eg designing more effective programmes, demonstrating impact for commissioning, stopping programmes, or aligning services with young people's needs.

There is a two-stage application process. Groups must first submit an online expression of interest, before being invited to submit a full application.

The deadline to submit an expression of interest is 8 March 2024.

[Prudence Trust](#)

Scottish Power Energy Networks – Transmission Net Zero Fund

Scottish Power Energy Networks is offering grants starting from £10,000 through a second round of the Transmission Net Zero Fund.

Not-for-profit groups and local authorities can apply to deliver projects and activities that achieve the following objectives:

- Enable a Just Transition to Net Zero by supporting vulnerable communities and delivering social, economic, and environmental benefits.
- Focus on net zero measures that save carbon and provide cost reductions.

- Build Net Zero capacity.
- Leave a positive Net Zero legacy in the communities served by Scottish Power Energy Networks.

Through the Fund, a total of £5 million is available for projects that fall into the following categories:

- Energy efficiency capital improvements in buildings, focussing on domestic or community-owned buildings.
- Low and zero-emission renewable heating systems and micro-to-small scale renewable power generation (where that power is predominantly designed for use on-site), with a focus on domestic or community-owned buildings.
- Electric vehicle and e-bike transport and infrastructure.
- Net-zero skills development (only as an addendum to a project focussing on the above three categories).

Proposed projects should meet the following criteria:

- Demonstrate a strong link to the energy sector.
- Focus on net zero measures that principally save carbon and provide cost reductions.
- Support consumers and communities in vulnerable situations.
- Deliver social benefits for the communities they serve.
- There is clear additionality demonstrating the need for funding.
- Demonstrate value for money through a defined formal procurement process or benchmarked rates from project partners.

Projects must be completed before December 2025.

There is a two-stage application process.

The deadline to submit an expression of interest is 5 March 2024.

[Scottish Power Energy Networks - Transmission Net Zero Fund](#)

National Lottery Heritage Fund – National Lottery Heritage Grants

National Lottery Heritage Grants form part of the National Lottery Heritage Fund's new 10-year strategy, Heritage 2033, which aims to invest £3.6 billion across the UK with grants ranging from £10,000 up to £10 million.

The strategy is centred around a simplified framework of four investment principles:

- Saving heritage.
- Protecting the environment.
- Inclusion, access and participation.
- Organisational sustainability.

Grants are available to support projects of up to five years that care for and sustain heritage in the UK. This could include nature and habitats, historic buildings and environments, or cultures, traditions and people's memories.

The programme funds projects that:

- Clearly focus on heritage – this can be national, regional or local heritage of the UK.
- Take into account all four investment principles.
- Have a clear plan with a defined start, middle and end.
- Have not already started.
- Can demonstrate the need for National Lottery investment.

Two levels of funding are available:

- Grants from £10,000 to £250,000 for projects of no more than five years in duration.
- Grants from £250,000 to £10 million for projects of no more than five years in duration (excluding the development phase).

Applications from:

- £10,000 to £100,000 will be accepted from not-for-profit organisations, private owners of heritage and partnerships.
- £100,000 to £10 million will be accepted from not-for-profit organisations and partnerships led by not-for-profit organisations.

Applications for more than £250,000 require an Expression of Interest which can be submitted at any time. If successful, applicants will then need to submit a development phase application. These have quarterly application deadlines.

Applications for grants of between £10,000 and £250,000 are open all year round with decisions in about two months.

Applications are currently being accepted for all levels of funding.

[National Lottery Heritage Fund - National Lottery Heritage Grants](#)

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](#)