

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

'Making a Difference in East Ayrshire Communities'

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Asda Foundation – Young Futures Fund: Healthy Teen Minds

Asda Foundation's Young Futures Fund is offering up to £600,000 through its Healthy Teen Minds programme with grants of between £500 and £1,000.

The funding is for community groups across the UK to deliver activities for disadvantaged, vulnerable teenagers (13 years to 18 years), helping to improve mental health and wellbeing, and create positive life opportunities.

The funding priorities are:

- Promotion of inclusivity and access to activities for individuals facing barriers to participation.
- Projects addressing prevalent social issues in the community (e.g. knife crime, gangs, bullying, personal safety).

The grants can be used for a range of project costs, including:

- Emotional and mental health support (counselling and therapy).
- Provide essential items (hygiene supplies and clothing).
- Awareness of the key issues facing teenagers (e.g. educational workshops).
- Rehabilitation, recovery, and shelter (e.g. addiction support and youth homelessness reintegration).
- Activities and events that build connections and improve wellbeing and physical health.
- Delivery of specialist support or services or speakers.
- Peer support events and activities that bring teenagers together.
- Resources for recreational activities, e.g. craft materials and board games.
- Sports kit and/or equipment (up to £500) and must be essential playing kit.
- Volunteering costs (e.g. training) capped to £100 per person.

Not-for-profit groups and organisations with an income of below £250,000, who are based and working within the UK, and offering services to support teenagers' mental health and wellbeing can apply. Examples of eligible groups include (but not limited to) PTAs, amateur sports clubs, uniformed groups and youth clubs.

Applications are encouraged from groups with free to access services that are inclusive to many, as it is unlikely that activities with fees that prevent participation will be supported.

Applicants are advised to apply as soon as possible as the programme may close early if demand is high or if specific regions become oversubscribed.

The deadline for applications is 20 January 2026.

[Asda Foundation - Young Futures Fund: Healthy Teen Minds](#)

Another Way Women's Foundation

The Foundation supports impactful projects and services with the aim of accelerating gender equality, effecting system change and advancing women's lives, sustainably, at both an individual and community level.

UK registered charities and other not-for-profit organisations based and working in England and Scotland can apply for either of the following grants:

- **Another Way Women's Foundation** grants of up to £5,000 are for any type of project, initiative, service aimed at advancing and empowering women, creating positive social change, sustainably impacting communities, or indeed anything that makes the world a brighter and better place for women and girls.
- The '**£1000 for 1000 words**' grants provide 'seed funding' to kick start things on a project or service aimed at advancing women's lives for the better.

The grants typically fall into two areas:

- Project support – 'seed' funding for pilot or start-up initiatives to show 'proof of concept', with a view to enabling partner organisations to go on to apply for further/larger grants from other funders to expand/increase the project scope, or to attain self-sustainability for the project.
- Services support – aid funding to enable support organisation and service providers to pay for essential service delivery.

The deadline for applications is 31 January 2026.

[Another Way Women's Foundation](#)

Big Give – Earth Raise

Big Give's environmental match funding campaign gives charities the chance to have donations doubled for seven days starting on World Earth Day (22–29 April 2026) with an initial funding pot provided by donors such as philanthropists, foundations and businesses.

This pot of match funding incentivises donations from the public during the week of the campaign in April, where everyone's donations get doubled. For example, for every £10 a funder provides, that £10 is then matched by a public donation, meaning the charity receives £20. The campaign always takes place around World Earth Day on 22 April.

In order to access the match funding, charities need to apply on the Big Give website where they can select either the 1:1 or Pledge Model of match funding. Their application is assessed by Big Give and partner, Environmental Funders Network (EFN). Successful charities are awarded a sum of match funding which is ring-fenced for their organisation. This match funding is unlocked by public donations given through Big Give's online fundraising platform during the week of the campaign.

Please note there is increased match funding available specifically for Scottish organisations, and charities based in Scotland are encouraged to apply.

The deadline for applications is 16 January 2026.

[Big Give - Earth Raise](#)

Future Woodlands Scotland – Urban Forestry Challenge Programme

The Urban Forestry Programme is designed to tackle the lack of trees within urban areas in Scotland. Funded projects aim to enhance biodiversity, promote education, foster community involvement, and create green jobs.

- Small Grants of between £2,000 and £20,000
- Large Grants of between £20,000 and £100,000 for projects running up to three years.

Projects seeking more than £20,000 are required to secure match funding.

Funding can be used for tree planting, long-term care and maintenance of woodlands, urban forestry management, and educational or engagement activities. Support is also available for project development, including consultancy, staff time and community engagement. Applications will be prioritised from areas with the fewest trees, assessed using the Tree Equity Score.

Any not-for-profit registered or constituted body in Scotland can apply. This includes community groups, state-funded educational institutions, charities, community interest companies, development trusts, local authorities or partnerships of these organisations.

The deadline for Small Grant and Stage One Large Grant applications is 23 January 2026.

[Future Woodlands - Urban Forestry Challenge Programme](#)

Scottish Book Trust – Live Literature Programme

The Scottish Book Trust offers funding to schools, libraries, community groups and not-for-profit organisations based in Scotland to facilitate author visits in their local community.

The Live Literature Programme will cover the £120 of the author's fee plus all author expenses within set guidelines. Organisations must pay a set contribution of £90 plus VAT per author session.

Applications from ASN settings and schools supporting vulnerable children are welcome.

Applicants must intend to work with an author listed on the Live Literature Authority Directory.

Funding is for events taking place before 31 March 2027.

There will be four application deadlines in 2026 in February, May, September and November.

The next deadline for applications is 13 February 2026.

[Scottish Book Trust- Live Literature Programme](#)

Stafford Trust

Grants to support a wide variety of charities across the UK.

Typically grants of between £500 and £5,000 are awarded for projects that fall within the following areas:

- Child welfare.
- Medical research & support.
- Animal welfare.
- Services for personnel welfare.
- Sea rescue.
- Community projects.
- Overseas support.
- Adult welfare.

Funding can be used for a variety of costs, including capital projects, running costs, and salary support.

Registered charities across the UK can apply. However, priority will be given to charitable organisations operating in Scotland.

There are usually two trustee meetings per year, in Spring and Autumn, to consider applications.

The deadline for applications to be considered at the Autumn 2026 trustee meeting is 30 June 2026.

[Stafford Trust](#)

Three Guineas Trust – Holiday Activity Schemes for Autistic Children and Young People

This grants programme runs once a year.

The 2026 round will only fund autistic-specific holiday schemes. The programme will be for autistic-specific activity programmes that run in the school holidays in the UK, including sessions for siblings.

Not-for-profit organisations in the UK can apply for grants of up to £15,000 which are usually for part of the costs to run the activity schemes.

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Have a safeguarding policy.
- Have Public Liability Insurance.
- If paying staff, have Employer's Liability Insurance.
- Use professional trained staff and volunteers (not parents/guardians).
- Have bank account with two people to authorise or check on payments.
- Have an income of less than £1 million.

Please note there is a high demand for this programme and last year the grant round closed for applications one day after it opened.

The 2026 round will open for expressions of interest on 2 February 2026 with a deadline of 13 February 2026.

[Three Guineas Trust. - Holiday Activity Schemes for Autistic Children and Young People](#)

East Ayrshire Council Community Grant

The next deadline for applications is 13 February 2026

[East Ayrshire Council Community Grant](#)

Renewable Energy Fund

To check the next deadline for applications please contact Democratic Services at Council HQ on 01563 554400 or eacrenewableenergyfund@east-ayrshire.gov.uk .

[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](#)