UK Shared Prosperity Dundee

Round 3 of the UK Shared prosperity Fund (UKSPF) Dundee is open for applications. Applications are being sought for the following interventions and priorities:

Communities and Place
- S5: Support for arts, cultural, heritage and creative activities, projects and facilities and institutions (revenue projects)
- S11: Funding to support relevant feasibility studies (revenue projects)

Local Business Support
- S18: Investing in enterprise infrastructure and employment/innovation site development projects (capital projects)
- S19: Strengthening local entrepreneurial ecosystems - focus on support for export/trade development for SMEs (revenue projects)

People and Skills
- S36: Support for local areas to fund local skills needs (digital).

All projects and activities must take place within the Dundee City Council boundary.

The deadline for applications is 17:00 on Friday 6th October 2023. Applications received after this time will not be considered for this call. There will be future funding calls throughout the lifetime of the programme.

The UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) is a three year £2.6 billion UK-wide fund launched in April 2022 as a domestic replacement to the EU Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF). It is a core component of the UK Government's Levelling Up agenda.

Dundee City Council has been allocated £5,608,964 to invest in local projects until March 2025. This is broken down into £4.6m for core UKSPF funding, and £968,616 for Multiply, the national adult numeracy programme.

Visit DCC's website for more information.

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Corporate Funding Team

The Corporate External Funding Team was established to drive strategy, shape bids and ensure that the Council and key partners don't miss opportunities to bid for major external funding streams. The aim is to maximise the level of external funding secured by the Council.

We will focus our efforts in 4 general areas: Strategy & Governance; Project Support and Applications; Capacity Building; and Communication/ Engagement

You can contact the team at externalfunding@dundeecity.gov.uk to find out how we can help you with your funding queries

Dundee Volunteer & Voluntary Action

Dundee Volunteer and Voluntary Action is an independent charity that aims to ensure the third sector (charities, social enterprises, community and voluntary groups etc.) is robust, resilient and delivers high quality services for the people of Dundee. We provide a wide range of support to third sector organisations and have expertise in a wide range of skills and topics including governance, funding, legislation, policy, planning and problem solving to name just a few key areas.

We have a primary role in ensuring the continuation and development of a vibrant third sector in Dundee, and achieve this by supporting organisations to be:
- well governed and managed to enable them to deliver quality outcomes
- better connected and able to influence and contribute to public policy

Dundee Volunteer and Voluntary Action is a Registered Charity (No. SC000487) and a Company Limited by Guarantee (No.SC093088). More info: www.dvva.scot

Dundee Third Sector Funding – Research Survey

The survey aims to gather information about the current landscape of funding in the Third Sector within Dundee; what support is available and the needs, wants and thoughts of organisations within the industry. This is part of Dundee Volunteer & Voluntary Action (DVVA) wider research to develop a sustainable programme of training to support and enable the Third Sector to build capacity, better positioning itself to access funding.

Link to form: https://forms.office.com/e/xDdmRAf5bq

Dundee Climate Fund 2.0

The Dundee Climate Fund 2.0 is inviting applications until October 29. Dundee citizens were consulted on the Fund's priorities and projects are invited on the themes which align with the community's suggestions.

These are:
- Energy: reducing consumption, promoting energy efficiency, use of renewables
- Transport: encouraging active travel, decarbonising transport
- Waste: reducing waste, recycling, reusing resources
- Resilience: improving greenspaces, biodiversity, local food growing
- Community Engagement: increasing public awareness, engaging communities and young people in climate change .

Twelve projects were successful in securing funding in Round 1, with grants ranging between £6,000 to £87,000.

To find out more and to apply, visit the fund's website.

Turing Scheme –funding opportunities for school trips

The Corporate External Funding team recently supported the Modern Languages department at Grove Academy in securing a grant of £85,000 to send 80 pupils to Orleans, France and Würzburg, Germany. The trip will take place in 2024.

The Turing Scheme is the UK's programme offering opportunities for young people from schools, those studying in higher education institutions and those in further education, vocational education and training to study and work abroad.

Schools, colleges and higher education providers can apply for funding to allow pupils, students and learners to spend time overseas. Funding can be used to send pupils to learn abroad offering exciting opportunities to all those involved. It is an opportunity to offer pupils a life changing experience to learn new skills, raise aspirations and get a better understanding of other cultures.

There are two types of placements abroad for the 2023-24 academic year open to schools:
- Short-term placements, which can last from three days to two months
- Long-term placements, which can last from two to six months

Short-term placements are for pupils of any age enrolled in a participating school and are accompanied by school staff. Long-term placements are open to pupils aged at least 14.

Hosting organisations must be non-UK schools that provide general, vocational or technical education at any level from primary school to upper secondary education.

Round 4 is expected to open in March/April 2024.

Teachers that are interested in applying to Round 4 are advised to contact the Corporate External Funding team at the earliest opportunity, in order that they can be supported in developing a bid and finding a host organisation.

Visit the Turing Scheme website for more information.

Smarter Choices, Smarter Places (SCSP) Open Fund

The Smarter Choices, Smarter Places (SCSP) Open Fund aims to encourage people to change their everyday travel behaviours.

Grants are available to encourage people to use public transport or other sustainable options such as buses and community car clubs for longer journeys; walking and cycling for short journeys, and home-working to replace daily commutes. The Open Fund is available to support public, third and community sector organisations. The fund aims to help cut Scotland's carbon emissions and improve our air quality. It will also help reverse the trend towards sedentary lifestyles and will tackle health inequalities.

Grants available are between £5,000 and £100,000 and need to be match funded. More info: Smarter Choices, Smarter Places Open Fund | Paths for All

Community Ownership Fund

The Community Ownership Fund is a UK Government programme which offers funding to help communities take ownership of assets that would otherwise be lost, either by being closed, sold or neglected.

Community asset or spaces are buildings or land which are used for the well-being or social interest of the local community. These include green spaces, libraries, cultural spaces, leisure facilities, community centres, pubs and more. Communities can apply for up to £250,000 of capital funding to purchase or lease the asset, although in exceptional cases applications of up to £2 million will be considered. 20% match funding of the total project costs is required.

There are four bidding windows per year, but Expressions of Interest (EOI) can be made at any time. For more information and for support in submitting an EOI, contact My Community, the support service set up by the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC).

See here for a map of the twenty-four projects in Scotland which have been funded so far.

UK Games Fund

Established UK-based companies with a game development project at an early stage in the pipeline can apply for grants of up to £25,000.

Interested applicants must complete a two-part submission – an online written application form and a (maximum) two-minute video pitch. The current round has been suspended to allow the first 50 applications to be processed. It will re-open after these have been assessed.

If approved, the project should be able to start in January 2024 and must be complete by August 2024.

https://ukgamesfund.com/prototype-fund/

Kellogg's Breakfast Club Programme

From 18 September, schools can apply to the Kellogg's Breakfast Club Programme for a grant of £1,000 to help fund their breakfast clubs. Priority is given to schools based in an area which is classified as falling in the 10% most deprived according to the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation.

Only one grant per school in each academic year is available.

Apply at the Kellogg's website.

Support for Housing Providers

The objective of this project is to provide devices and/or connectivity to organisations across Scotland providing social housing or transitional accommodation.

There are three opportunities within this fund for devices and/or connectivity to support people who are experiencing digital exclusion:
- To form a new lending library
- To be part of a community space where devices and connectivity are available
- A larger improvement project for connectivity infrastructure in communal areas

For this project, Connecting Scotland are looking to fund organisations who are less experienced in digital inclusion work (less than one year activity) but who have the resource and supporting infrastructure in place to manage new projects.

To support projects that can be accessed by people who fall into at least one of the following categories:
- Those over 65
- People living in low-income households
- People living with a long-term illness or disability
- People currently unemployed
- Women and children at risk of violence
- Families
- People who are homeless

This is a small fund distributing £300,000 capital funding overall.

Applications are open and close 27th October 2023.Assessment of applications will be done on a rolling basis with awards made until funds are exhausted. This means applications may close earlier than 27th October, so please apply as soon as you can. Connecting Scotland

Support for Device Lending Libraries

The Connecting Scotland device lending libraries programme is open to organisations that are already running device lending libraries.

It can help them expand the range of devices and connectivity that they have available, extend the number of devices available for loan or replace devices that are coming to the end of their lives. Through the programme Connecting Scotland aim to support people who are digitally excluded focusing on people:
- over 65
- in a low-income household
- living with a long-term illness or disability
- who are unemployed
- or who are the victims of crime or abuse

This is a small fund distributing £100,000 capital funding overall.

Applications close 27th October 2023. Assessment of applications will be done on a rolling basis with awards made until funds are exhausted. This means applications may close earlier than 27th October, so please apply as soon as you can. Connecting Scotland

Horizon Europe

The UK has officially rejoined Horizon Europe, the EU's flagship £82 billion research and development programme, and the world's largest scientific collaboration programme.

From 1 January 2024, the UK will contribute £2.2 billion per year, and a clawback mechanism means that the UK will be given a rebate if UK organisations receive less money via grants than has been put into the programme.

Funding themes across Horizon Europe include: Health; creativity and inclusive society; digital, technology and space; climate, energy and mobility; and food, bioeconomy, natural resources, agriculture and environment.

Upcoming calls include: Smart grid-ready buildings; development of next generation synthetic renewable fuel technologies; effects of disruptive changes in transport: towards resilient, safe and energy efficient mobility; and emerging energy technologies for a climate neutral Europe.

For most calls for proposals, bids must come from at least 3 partner organisations from 3 different EU or associated countries.

Visit the European Commission website for more information or contact the External Funding team to explore how to join a Horizon Europe consortium.

Learning Through Landscapes – Nature Grant

The Local Schools Nature Grants Scheme is funded through the Postcode Local Trust and allows schools to apply for outdoor resources and a two-hour training session.

The scheme is looking for schools whose learners are aged 5+ and are passionate about making environmental improvements for the benefit of their pupils, staff and the community and who will make great use of the equipment and training supplied by this programme.

With a Local School Nature Grant, schools will be given a budget of £500 to mix and match on items from the Scheme's product catalogue. A wide variety of products is offered to appeal to a broad range of age groups and projects.

Deadline 5 November.

https://ltl.org.uk/projects/local-school-nature-grants/

Tayside Contracts Community Fund

Tayside Contracts can provide services of up to £3,000 to charities and community groups across Tayside, funded for by the Community Fund.

Projects up to the value of £500 will be fast-tracked.

Services could include:

- Carrying out roads/footway improvements and repairs to community facilities such as community hall car parks, or local pathways
- Providing food or catering for community/charity events
- Provision of signage for a range of community needs
- Provision of traffic management for community events
- Food hygiene training
- Vehicle servicing/repairs/mechanical support
- One off deep cleans of gutters, roofs, kitchen cleaning

The next deadline is 31 October and successful applicants will be notified by 30 November. See more at the Tayside Contracts website.

National Lottery Awards for All

From 15 November 2023, National Lottery Awards for All is changing. Community-led projects applicants will be able to apply for up to £20,000 (from the current level of £10,000) and the project can be funded for up to two years (currently just one year). For sports or arts projects, the maximum level is still £10,000.

If applicants would like to ask for more than £10,000 and less than £20,000 then they should wait until 15 November to apply. The time it takes to assess and pay successful applicants is still 12 weeks.

Projects should do at least one of these things:
- Bring people together to build strong relationships in and across communities
- Improve the places and spaces that matter to communities
- Help more people to reach their potential, by supporting them at the earliest possible stage.

Awards for all grants can also be used to celebrate or commemorate national events which are of importance to communities.

See here for the list of almost 25,000 organisations which have received Awards for All grants to date.

For more information on how to apply, please visit the National Lottery Community Fund website.