

Dundee Funding Newsletter



What's new

DVVA Funding Forum: open to all Third Sector organisations, community groups and stakeholders across sectors. For more info, contact Third Sector Funding Development Manager:

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Funding Forum

To bring together groups, organisations and partners to create an ecosystem of learning and sharing best practice around income generation and strategic planning for the Third Sector.

Time: 2pm - 3.30pm

Date: Wed 29th May 2024

Location: Camperdown Room, DVVA,
10 Constitution Road, Dundee, DD1 1LL



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National Lottery Community Fund

The following National Lottery funding streams will permanently close for applications on Wednesday 21 August – they are the Community Led, Improving Lives and Cost of Living Support Scotland funds.

In the meantime, new funding programmes are being prepared which align with the new [NLCE strategy](#) which was launched last year.

National Lottery Awards for All, Young Start and Scottish Land Fund remain open to applications with no closing dates. More details here - <https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/>

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Dundee Common Good Fund

The Dundee Common Good Fund 2024/25 is now open for applications. For 2024/25 the focus of this year's allocation of Common Good funding will continue to prioritise agencies supporting those who find themselves in need.

Awards are generally in the range of £3,000 to £10,000.

The 2024/25 Deadlines are Monday 27th May, 26th August, 25th November and 17th February.

More information can be found here <https://www.dundee.gov.uk/dundee-partnership/dundee-partnership-funding>

Dundee SME Development Grant

This grant from Dundee City Council provides funding to help small and medium-sized businesses (SMEs) in the area grow, develop and adapt. This scheme is operated by Dundee City Council and is funded by the UK government's Shared Prosperity Fund.

The grant can provide up to £3,000 to cover eligible costs including the following:

- research and development (R&D) activity
- innovation
- digital transformation
- measures to achieve net zero objectives
- infrastructure improvements
- the introduction of new or improved products, processes, or services
- feasibility studies linked to company growth, development or expansion
- changing to an inclusive ownership business model
- taking a stand or exhibition space at major trade shows (excluding accommodation, travel and standard delegate attendance costs)

Eligible companies can **apply for the grant between April and December 2024.**

https://my.dundee.gov.uk/service/SME_Development_Grant

Dundee Market Development Grant

Dundee City Council's Economic Growth Team operates a scheme of financial assistance for local SMEs in the form of a grant aimed at assisting and encouraging Dundee companies to access new markets. This scheme is operated by Dundee City Council and is funded by the UK government's Shared Prosperity Fund.

The scheme is available once the initial market research work has been completed and is designed to complement export assistance available from other support organisations.

Assistance for a maximum of two individuals per organisation, travelling as part of the same market investigation/business is available. The grant award provides the following:

- 50% of eligible travel and accommodation costs for a first visit to a new market.
- 25% of eligible travel and accommodation costs for a second visit to the same market may be available.

https://my.dundee.gov.uk/en/service/Market_Development_Grant

Festive Fund

The Dundee Festive Fund is now open for applications. Funding is available to community-based organisations and groups to assist them in hosting a festive winter event or putting in place a festive installation for their community. Please note that any applications seeking to install a tree or lights must be made by the first deadline.

The initial deadline for applications is the 10th of June, with decisions being made shortly thereafter. If any funding remains there will be a second round of applications for which the closing date will be the 12th of August.

<https://www.dundee.gov.uk/dundee-partnership/dundee-partnership-funding>

Tayside Contracts Community Fund

The Tayside Contracts Community Fund carries out work for local charities or constituted community groups up to the cost of a maximum of £3,000.

Some of the services they can provide for local communities include:

- Carrying out roads/footway improvements and repairs to community facilities such as community hall car parks, or a local pathway
- Digging trenches for rural community broadband schemes
- Providing food or catering for a community/charity event
- Provision of signage via our Sign Shop for a range of community needs
- Provision of Traffic Management for a community event.

The next deadline is 31 May 2024. See more here - <https://www.tayside-contracts.co.uk/community/community-fund>

NHS Tayside Charitable Foundation

The Foundation has three strands:

- Innovation - Groups can apply for funding between £500 and £25,000 (maximum of £20,000 for two years and a maximum of £25,000 over three years) to establish innovative projects to tackle issues affecting the community.
- Prevention - Groups can apply for funding between £50,000- £100,000 over 3 years (max £250,000) to help support the priorities focused on prevention.
- Investment - NHS Tayside colleagues can claim up to £500 for fundraising activities generating over £1,000 to help deliver the charitable priorities.

There are four committee meetings per year when funding decisions are made. Applications under £25,000 are tabled at a management committee which meets once a month. The upcoming submission dates for bids over £25,000 are:

10th Oct 24 - Submission deadline Nov/Dec 24 Assessment Panels

6th March 25 - Submission deadline for April/May Assessment Panels

Find out more here - <https://nhstayside.foundation/apply-for-funding/>

[The Robertson Trust](#)

The Robertson Trust will be closed for application to their Our Funds programme from 31st May until September 2024 to enable them to make changes to their communications, applications, monitoring forms and guidance.

The Work Pathways programme is still open. It aims to improve job quality to tackle in-work poverty in Scotland. The fund offers project-restricted revenue funding for up to five years, usually between £50K and £500K in total, and up to £250k per year. **The next deadline is 12pm on Friday 7 June.** See here for more information - <https://www.therobertsontrust.org.uk/news-and-blogs/work-pathways-open-call-now-open/>

[Tay Charitable Trust](#)

The Tay Charitable Trust gives to a wide range of causes including health, education, arts and the environment. The majority of awards are from £1,000 to £5,000, with a few awards over £50,000. The trustees look first to local Dundee community charities, second to Tayside, third to Scotland and then to the rest of the UK.

Applications can be made at any time, in writing, to the following address - 87 Godstow Road, Wolvercote, Oxford, OX2 8PF.

[Help for Kids](#)

The Help for Kids fund supports vulnerable and/or disadvantaged local children or causes concerning local children, in Dundee and the surrounding area. Funding is available for items/activities which will directly benefit children including equipment, resources, mobility aids, sensory aids, educational activities, experiences, activities, safety/security, and protection. The fund will also consider volunteer expenses, travel, treatments, therapies, training, furnishings, and white goods.

There is a quarterly grant application process with deadlines in February, May, August and November. In the event of a crisis situation, a decision can be given 48 hours. Apply here - <https://helpforkids.org.uk/apply-for-funding/>

[Community Ownership Fund](#)

The final round of the Community Ownership Fund **opens on 30 May and closes on 2pm on 26 June 2024.** Voluntary and community groups can bid for match funding to help them buy or take over

local community assets at risk of being lost, to run as community-owned businesses. Funding may support the purchase and/or renovation costs of community assets and amenities.

Assets could include sporting and leisure facilities, cinemas and theatres, music venues, museums, galleries, parks, pubs, post office buildings and shops.

Before submitting a full application, interested organisations must first submit an Expression of Interest to confirm eligibility.

More information here - <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/new-levelling-up-and-community-investments#the-community-ownership-fund>

The Essentia Foundation

The Essentia Foundation provides financial support to charities and community groups to help achieve the following objectives:

- Improved health and social welfare of children and young people up to the age of 25 years old.
- Increased opportunities for training, enhancing learning, upskilling, and developing career opportunities, and supporting young people up to the age of 25 years old to move towards employment.

The purpose of the fund is to support grassroots community organisations across Scotland. Grants of up to £9,000 are available for a period of 3 years. This means that organisations can apply for 3 years of £3,000.

The fund is looking for projects that:

- Support the participation in mainstream society for individuals with learning disabilities or long-term life limiting health conditions
- Support young people who face long-term challenges living in poverty and inequality.
- Support those who have been excluded from school to access or return to education or training opportunities
- Provide skills and training to those who are furthest from the labour market
- Aim to improve the health and welfare of children and young people (being those under 25)

Please note the above are all in relation to supporting young people aged 25 or under only.

Groups can only apply for funding for a maximum period of 3 years. The maximum grant available is £9,000 and priority will be given to 3 year projects.

The application deadline is Monday 24 June 2024. See more here -

<https://www.essentiafoundation.org.uk/>

Alexander Moncur Trust

The Alexander Moncur Trust is a grant making charity supporting cultural, educational, health and social projects within Dundee and the surrounding area. It awards multiple grants, generally up to £5,000, twice a year. In exceptional circumstances, the Trust will award grants significantly in excess of £5,000.

The next deadline is 30th September, apply here <https://www.moncurtrust.org/apply-for-a-grant/>

Volant Charitable Trust Small Grants Programme

The Volant Charitable Trust awards funding to charities and organisations who are addressing poverty and deprivation, helping to support vulnerable groups who are most affected and with an emphasis on women, children and young people.

Grants are up to £5,000. **The next deadline is Monday 10 June.** See more here -

<https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/apply-for-funding/funding-available/volant-charitable-trust-small-grants-programme>

Scotmid Community Grants

Scotmid Community Grants offers small, one-off grants of up to £500 for the benefit of local communities around Scotmid stores. Key areas supported are children/education, health, homelessness/poverty, arts & culture, environment, elderly, and active lifestyles.

Applications are welcomed from groups including local community, self-help or voluntary groups and charities (including local branches of national charities) or individuals acting for the benefit of the local community. **There are no deadlines, however you must apply at least eight weeks prior to when the grant is required.** See more here - <https://scotmid.coop/community-and-charity/supporting-local-communities/community-grant/>

Inspiring Scotland - Neighbourhood Ecosystem Fund

The Neighbourhood Ecosystem Fund seeks to inspire, encourage, and enable communities to explore and deliver ambitious ecosystem restoration projects locally. It also seeks to raise awareness about the importance of local ecosystem restoration and address barriers faced by community-led efforts.

Community groups can apply for up to £13,500, with successful applicants receiving up to £1,500 in professional fundraising support in addition to their grant.

The deadline is 12pm on Wednesday 3 July. Details here - <https://inspiringscotland.org.uk/fund/neighbourhood-ecosystem-fund/>

Larger Grants

Garfield Weston Foundation

The Foundation supports a broad range of organisations and activities that share a commitment to making a positive impact to the lives of the communities in which they work. They make grants across the UK to organisations in the following categories arts, education, youth, health, community, museums and heritage, environment, and religion and welfare.

Funding can be for capital or revenue projects or core costs. The Trust states “You don’t need to create a project for us – if you need unrestricted funds, tell us. We will listen and if we are able to support you, we will make a grant. It’s that simple.”

There are no minimum or maximum amounts and applications can be made any time. See more here - <https://garfieldweston.org/>

Esmée Fairbairn Foundation

The Esmée Fairbairn Foundation is one of the largest independent grant-makers in the UK. Their strategy focuses on three aims: Improving Our Natural World; Tackling injustice to deliver A Fairer Future; and Nurturing Creative, Confident Communities.

They support larger charities with an annual income of at least £100,000. Expressions of interest can be submitted at any time. See more here - <https://esmeefairbairn.org.uk/applications/>

Wolfson Foundation

The Wolfson Foundation has a wide range of funding programmes and activities. Its fundamental aim is to improve the civic health of society, mainly through education and research. It supports excellence in the fields of education, science & medicine, health & disability, and heritage, humanities & the arts.

Its programmes can be grouped into funding for places (capital funding) and funding for people. See more here - <https://www.wolfson.org.uk/funding/>

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