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Worrying about money leaflet

Support for individuals who are worrying about money! We have produced a leaflet with our partners sign posting to where help is available for individual and their families.

Click the link or scan the QR code <https://www.worryingaboutmoney.co.uk/argyll-and-bute>



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Robertson Trust – Wee Grants for Wee Groups

Later this year, the Robertson Trust will be making adjustments to the structure of their Funds. This includes changes to the income thresholds and maximum award sizes available through the Wee and Small Grants. The maximum Wee Grant award will increase from £2,000 to £5,000, and the maximum Small Grant will increase from £15,000 to £20,000.

The Robertson Trust will be **closing to new applications from 12 noon on Friday 31st May 2024** and **reopening with the new look version of the Funds in September 2024**.

ARTS AND CULTURE

1. Music for All - Community Project Funding

Grants are available to UK-based community groups that aim to bring musical projects to their local communities.

Deadline 01 July 2024 <https://www.musicforall.org.uk/>

2. Michael Tippett Musical Foundation

Grants of up to £3,000 are available for the development of group music making in the UK, especially involving young people, with composing central to the project.

Deadline 30 September 2024 <https://www.tippettfoundation.org.uk/grants>

3. Awards for Young Musicians

Grants of £100 to £2,000 are available for the UK's most talented young instrumentalists in any genre, aged five to 17 years of age who, because of financial need, may be prevented from fulfilling their creative potential.

Deadline Ongoing <https://www.youngsounds.org.uk/about>

4. BFI National Lottery Audience Projects Fund

Grants of between £20,000 and £200,000 are available to support various audience related activities in the UK, including film festivals, distribution releases, multiplatform distribution proposals, touring film programmes, large scale and ambitious film programmes.

Deadline Ongoing <https://www.bfi.org.uk/get-funding-support/bring-film-wider-audience/audience-fund>

5. Creative Scotland – National Lottery Open Fund for Organisations

Grants of between £1,000 and £100,000 are available to projects lasting up to 18 months for constituted artistic, creative, or cultural organisations across Scotland to deliver a variety of creative projects and activities and enable business changes or development projects that make the organisation more financially sustainable.

Deadline Ongoing <https://www.creativescotland.com/funding/funding-programmes/open-funding/national-lottery-open-fund-for-organisations#support>

6. Pear Tree Fund for Music

Grants are available for charities, institutions, and organisations across Scotland to deliver projects and activities that promote the advancement of music.

Deadline Ongoing <https://www.turcanconnell.com/the-pear-tree-fund-for-music>

7. William Syson Foundation

Grants are available for charities, voluntary groups, and not-for-profit organisations to support the advancement of the arts, heritage, and culture in Scotland. Opens 02 September 2024

Deadline: 13 September 2024 <https://www.williamsysonfoundation.org.uk/small-grants-fund>

BUSINESS AND ENTERPRISE

8. UnLtd - Awards for Social Entrepreneurs

Funding and specialist support are available for UK social entrepreneurs to help them develop as social leaders, and to start up or grow their idea for a social venture.

Deadline: 30 June 2024 <https://www.unltd.org.uk/awards>

9. Graduate Placement Programme

Funding is available to support small to medium sized enterprises and social enterprises with the opportunity to take on a graduate – funding up to 50% of their salary.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://www.hie.co.uk/support/browse-all-support-services/innovation-argyll-and-bute-fund/>

10. Growth Impact Fund

Funding is available to early stage growing social enterprises and charitable organisations in the UK to address the structural barriers that diverse organisations face.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://www.bigissue.com/invest/investments-funds-programmes/>

11. Redundancy Payments - Financial Assistance

Assistance to help employers in the UK with severe cash flow problems to make necessary redundancy payments.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://www.gov.uk/staff-redundant/redundancy-pay>

12. Scottish Community Alliance - Community Learning Exchange Fund

Grants up to £1,000 are available to local community groups in Scotland to facilitate learning exchanges with other community groups.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://scottishcommunityalliance.org.uk/community-learning-exchange/>

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

13. BBC Children in Need - Core Grants

Grants up to £120,000 to cover core costs for up to three years are available for not-for-profit organisations that are working with disadvantaged children and young people aged 18 years or under who are living in the UK.

Deadline Ongoing <https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/grants/apply/>

14. Buttle UK - Chances for Children

Grants of up to £2,400 are available for children and young people who have experienced a crisis that has recently had a significant and enduring impact on their wellbeing and educational engagement.

Deadline Ongoing <https://www.buttleuk.org>

15. Variety Club - Equipment Grants

Grants are available for specialist equipment for the direct use of children up to the age of 18 years who are sick, disabled or disadvantaged and are resident in the UK.

Deadline Ongoing <https://www.variety.org.uk/what-we-do/equipment-grants>

16. Percy Bilton Charity - Grants for Organisations

Grants up to £5,000 are available to UK registered charities with primary objectives to assist one or more of the following groups: disadvantaged/underprivileged young people (under 25 years old); people with disabilities (physical or learning disabilities or mental health problems); older people (aged over 60).

Deadline Ongoing <https://www.percy-bilton-charity.org/applyOrg>

17. Tesco Stronger Starts Grants

Grants up to £1,500 are available to all schools, registered charities and not-for-profit organisations, with priority given to projects that provide food and support to young people.

Deadline Ongoing <https://www.greenspacescotland.org.uk/grant-funding>

COMMUNITY FUNDING

18. Better Community Business Network Grant Initiative

A small number of grants (12 per year) are available each year to small not-for-profit groups with projects that address a community issue or support a local community initiative; and provide benefits to the local community. Grants of up to £3,000 are available.

Deadline: 16 June 2024 <https://bcbn.org.uk/grant-initiative/>

19. Home Instead Charities

Grants are available up to £1,500 for small grassroots community groups and small local registered charities that are providing activities and projects to prevent social isolation and loneliness for older people (the over 55s) in the UK.

Deadline: 31 July 2024 <https://www.homeinstead.co.uk/charities/how-we-do-it/apply-for-a-grant/>

20. Carraig Gheal Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund

Grants up to £10,000 (up to £20,000 for village halls) are available to local constituted and non-constituted groups for projects which benefit the community council areas of Avich and Kilchrenan, Taynuilt, Glenorchy and Innishail, Kilinver and Kilmelford, and Kilmore. The next round of funding for the main grants opens on 1st May with the closing date being 31st July. The micro grant limit has now increased from £500 to £750 and there's no deadline for those.

Deadline: 31 July 2024 <https://carraighealwindfarm.co.uk/community-2/carraig-gheal-wind-farm-community-benefit-fund-application-forms-and-guidance.html>

21. Baily Thomas Charitable Fund

Grants are available to voluntary organisations, charities and schools in the UK to assist with the care and relief of children, young people and adults with learning disabilities in the UK.

Deadline: 01 August 2024 <https://www.bailythomas.org.uk/grants>

22. National Lottery Community Fund - Improving Lives

Grants from £20,001 to £200,000 for up to three years are available for voluntary groups, community organisations, and other not-for-profit organisations across Scotland to help people facing challenging circumstances.

Deadline: 21 August 2024 <https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/grants-for-improving-lives>

23. Foundation Scotland - An Suidhe Wind Farm Community Fund

Grants up to £9,000 are available to not-for-profit organisations for projects which benefit people living within the Dalavich, Furnace, Glenorchy and Inishail or Inveraray areas, which are in close proximity to the An Suidhe Wind Farm.

Deadline: 07 October 2024 <https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/apply-for-funding/funding-available/suidhe>

24. Argyll Community Housing Association - Community Action Fund

Grants of up to £500 to registered charities in Argyll and Bute for community projects.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://www.acha.co.uk/services-community-action-fund/>

25. Henry Smith Charity - Main Grants - Strengthening Communities

Grants of between £20,000 and £70,000 per year for one to three years are available to support the running costs of small community-based organisations working in the most deprived areas of the UK to help people to make positive changes in their lives.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/explore-our-grants-and-apply/strengthening-communities-grants/strengthening-communities-overview/>

26. National Lottery Community Fund - The UK Fund

Grants of £500,000 to £5 million are available to not-for-profit groups for projects which forge connections between communities to create a better-connected society across the UK.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/the-uk-fund>

27. Scotmid Co-op Community Grants

Grants up to £500 are available to local voluntary and community groups and charities for projects that support local communities served by Scotmid stores.

Deadline: Ongoing

<https://www.scotmid.coop/community-and-charity/supporting-local-communities/community-grant/>

28. Scottish Sea Farms - Heart of the Community Trust (HCT)

Grants are available for projects that deliver lasting change within Shetland, Orkney, areas of the Highlands and the wider Oban and Mull area focused on health, education, personal development, and community activities.

Deadline: Ongoing <http://www.scottishseafarms.com/community/heart-of-the-community/>

ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION

29. Groundwork - One Stop Community Partnership Programme

Grants of up to £1,000 are available through a partnership programme to support not-for-profit organisations with local community projects that address social welfare and environmental issues.

Deadline: 26 July 2024 <https://www.onestop.co.uk/community-partnership-page/>

30. Sea-Changers Grant Programme

One-off grants up to £2,500 are available to UK-based marine conservation charities and not-for-profit organisations for projects that address specific marine conservation areas.

Deadline: 30 September 2024 <https://www.sea-changers.org.uk/>

31. Aviva Community Fund (with Crowdfunding)

Grants up to £50,000 are available for not-for-profit organisations in the UK who can raise their initial funding through a crowdfunding campaign for projects that address Aviva's current themes of climate champions and financial empowerment.

Deadline: Ongoing https://www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk/start-crowdfunding?utm_source=Newsletter&utm_medium=SEO&utm_campaign=ACF

32. Cruach Trust

Grants up to £2,000 are available to charities and other organisations to support gardeners, retired gardeners and the preservation of gardens throughout the United Kingdom. Additionally, funding can support a wide range of activities.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://www.wssociety.co.uk/charities/cruach-trust>

33. Esmee Fairbairn Foundation - Grants

The minimum grant size is £30,000 and available to organisations doing legally charitable work in the UK that focuses on the Foundation's funding priorities of improving the natural world, securing a fairer future, and strengthening the bonds in communities in the UK.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://esmeefairbairn.org.uk/>

34. Lush Charity Pot

Grants range from £100 to £10,000 and are available to small grass-roots organisations working in environment, animal protection and human rights, with priority for less popular causes that aim to create long-term change and struggle to find funding.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://www.lush.com/uk/en/a/charity-pot-funding-guidelines>

35. Material Focus - Electricals Recycling Fund

Grants up to £100,000 and are available to support recycling, reuse or repair organisations that test creative and practical methods for collecting unwanted electricals within the UK.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://www.materialfocus.org.uk/partnerships-with-material-focus/funding-information/funded-project-electrical-recycling-easier-across-uk/>

36. National Lottery Community Fund - Climate Action Fund - Our Shared Future

Grants of £500,000 to £1.5 million over three to five years are available to local not-for-profit groups and partnerships for community-driven projects. They want to reach people who are new to climate action by funding other types of organisations too. And by using people's everyday activities as a starting point for climate action.

Deadline: Ongoing

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/climate-action-fund-our-shared-future>

37. Network Rail Community Tree Planting Fund

Grants up to £15,000 and over are available for community groups, charities, community interest companies, schools, and other organisations to support tree-planting projects across the United Kingdom.

Deadline: Ongoing

<https://treecouncil.org.uk/grants-and-guidance/our-grants/network-rail-community-tree-planting-fund/>

38. Swire Charitable Trust

Grants are available for UK registered charities working to deliver positive and lasting change to UK society under three programme areas: opportunity, environment and heritage.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://www.swirecharitabletrust.org.uk/>

GENERAL FUNDING

39. People's Postcode Trust - Scotland

Grants range from £500 to £25,000 are available for smaller charities and good causes in Scotland. Round 2 **Opens 24 June 2024 short window to apply**

Deadline: 01 July 2024 <https://www.postcodetrust.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant>

40. The Fore

Unrestricted grants are available to enable small charities in the UK to grow, strengthen or become more efficient or resilient. **Opens 24 July 2024 short window to apply.**

Deadline: 31 July 2024 <https://thefore.org/apply-for-funding/>

41. Seven Friends Foundation

Grants of between £300 and £3,000 are available to support small registered charities and charitable causes that are unpopular or do not receive widespread attention within the UK, with particular focus on deprived areas.

Deadline: 01 August 2024 <https://sevenfriends.org/>

42. RS MacDonald Charitable Trust

Funding is available for registered charities in Scotland in the following areas: tackling child abuse and neglect, visual impairment, neurological conditions, medical research and animal welfare.

Deadline: 03 Sept 2024 <https://www.rsmacdonald.com/our-grants/>

43. Grocers' Charity Grant

One-off grants are available to small UK registered charities for work in the specific areas of: relief of poverty, disability and inclusion, the elderly, health, military, environment and conservation, and the arts and heritage.

Deadline: 06 Sept 2024 <https://grocershall.co.uk/the-charity/apply-for-a-grant/our-grant-process>

44. MacRobert Trust

Grants are available for UK registered charities with a preference for organisations based in Scotland which have projects that address the themes set out by The MacRobert Trust.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://www.themacroberttrust.org.uk/grants/>

45. Matthew Good Foundation - Grants for Good Fund

A small number of grants are available for local community groups, charities, voluntary groups and social enterprises in the UK for projects that have a positive impact on communities, people, or the environment.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://www.matthewgoodfoundation.org/grantsforgood/>

46. The Access Foundation

Grants from £25,000 and £100,000 are available to registered charities, CICs, educational establishments and CIOs for projects that mitigate the digital divide by making computing facilities, support and/or learning available to disadvantaged and vulnerable people.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://theaccessgroupfoundation.com/>

47. Argyll and Bute Council – Common Good Funds

Grants are available for constituted voluntary and charitable organisations to support projects and activities that benefit the residents of Oban, Campbeltown, Rothesay, and Dunoon.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/community-life-and-leisure/common-good-funds>

HEALTH

48. Ulverscroft Foundation

The Foundation provides grants to eye clinics, hospitals, schools, libraries and other organisations helping visually impaired people in the UK and overseas. It also funds medical research and the provision of facilities for the treatment or alleviation of visual impairment.

Deadline: 15 June 2024 <https://www.ulverscroft-foundation.org.uk/>

49. Vegetarian for Life Grants

Funding is available for charities and charitable organisations supporting older vegetarians and vegans.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://vegetarianforlife.org.uk/resources/grants>

50. Hargreaves Foundation

Grants are available for charities and educational institutions that support those under the age of 18 years, and living with a mental health condition, disability or growing up in poverty through the mediums of sport and education.

Deadline Ongoing <https://www.thehargreavesfoundation.org/>

51. The Family Recovery Initiative Fund (FRIF)

One-off grants of up to £5,000 are available to organisations and groups working to support families affected by alcohol and drugs in Scotland.

Deadline Ongoing <https://www.sfad.org.uk/communities/fund-for-families>

52. The Pixel Fund

Grants up to £5,000 are available for registered UK-based charities and registered to support projects that promote the mental health and wellbeing of children and young adults.

Deadline Ongoing <https://pixelfund.org.uk/>

LAND AND PROPERTY

53. Screwfix Foundation

Grants are available to UK registered charities and not-for-profit organisations for projects that improve, fix, and repair buildings, homes and facilities specifically used by people in need across the UK.

Deadline: 10 August 2024 <https://www.screwfix.com/landingpage/screwfix-foundation>

54. Historic Environment Scotland – Partnership Fund

Grants are available for third-sector organisations in Scotland for projects and activities that deliver key strategic outcomes that are aligned with the policy aims of Historic Environment Scotland.

Deadline: 16 August 2024 <https://www.historicenvironment.scot/grants-and-funding/our-grants/partnership-fund/>

55. Architectural Heritage Fund (AHF) - Project Viability Grant

Grants up to £10,000 are available to carry out an initial assessment of whether it is viable to bring a historic building in Scotland, Northern Ireland or Wales back into a sustainable use.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://ahfund.org.uk/>

56. Community and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES) - Net Zero Community Buildings Fund

Grants of up to £80,000 are available for community groups in Scotland to decarbonise community buildings.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://localenergy.scot/funding/lets-do-net-zero-community-buildings->

57. Community Ownership Fund

Round 4 grants are available to voluntary, community and charitable organisations in the UK to support them in taking ownership of local assets such as sporting and cultural venues, meeting spaces, community centres, pubs and shops that are at risk of closure. An updated prospectus and new Expression of Interest form for Round 4, the final round of the Fund, has been published. Round 4 Window 1 is open from 25 March 2024 to 10 April 2024. Round 4 Window 2 will open in late May. Specific timings for the final window will be published in due course.

Deadline: Ongoing

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/community-ownership-fund-round-4-how-to-express-your-interest-in-applying>

58. Historic Environment Scotland - Historic Environment Grants Programme

Grants of up to £500,000 are available for formally constituted, not-for-profit organisations across Scotland to deliver projects and activities that support Scotland's historic environment.

Deadline: Ongoing https://www.historicenvironment.scot/grants-and-funding/our-grants/historic-environment-grants-programme/#overview_tab

59. National Heritage Memorial Fund

Funding for charities, not-for-profit organisations and public bodies to help with the cost of acquiring historic land, buildings, works of fine and decorative art and other objects of interest which are important to national heritage.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://www.nhmf.org.uk/funding>

60. Scottish Land Fund

Grants between £5,000 and £1,000,000 are available to organisations in both urban and rural Scotland which are community-led, community-controlled and defined by a geographic area that can demonstrate significant positive impact for the community as a whole. Applicants will have the opportunity to test out and develop their ideas with support from a Scottish Land Fund Adviser.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/scottish-land-fund#section-2>

61. Edward Gostling Foundation - Capital Grants Programme

Capital grants of up to £250,000 are available for registered charities and CIOs for major capital projects that will cost at least £1 million and support the Foundation's commitment to creating new and sustainable capacity that will transform lives and bring about a step change in the way care is delivered.

Deadline Ongoing <https://www.edwardgostlingfoundation.org.uk/capital-grants/>

POVERTY AND COST OF LIVING CRISIS

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SPORT FUNDING

62. Aldi Scottish Sport Fund

Grants up to £2,500 are available through a random regional draw for local sports clubs in Scotland to support work in their local community. **Opens Monday 20 May - Closes Sunday 23 June**

Deadline 23 June 2024 <https://www.aldi.co.uk/scottishsportfund>

63. Barclays Community Football Fund

Grants up to £1,000 are available for not-for-profit organisations operating in an area of high deprivation to support delivery of their football activities to engage with young people from underrepresented groups. **Opens 15 July 2024**

Applications for the Footie for All Fund are currently closed

Deadline 15 September 2024 <https://thehub.sported.org.uk/barclays-community-football-fund/apply-now.html>

64. Greene King IPA – Proud to Pitch In

Grants of up to £4,000 are available to support grassroots football clubs across the UK with a priority on supporting children up to the age of 18 access sport and physical activity and/or providing more equipment and opportunity for children.

Deadline 01 November 2024 <https://www.greeneking.co.uk/proud-to-pitch-in>

65. Jordan Sinnott Foundation Trust

Grants of up to £5,000 per court are available to clubs, community groups or teams in the UK to encourage vulnerable and underprivileged children and young adults to get active and enjoy taking part in sport.

Deadline Ongoing <https://www.js25.co.uk/ApplyForFunding>

YOUNG PEOPLE

66. Essentia Foundation

Grants are available to community groups in Scotland for projects aiming to improve the health and social welfare of children and young people, and to support opportunities for training, enhanced learning and upskilling for young people up to 25 years old. The current round of funding supports grassroots organisations. Grants up to £9,000 available.

Deadline: 24 June 2024

<https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/apply-for-funding/funding-available/essentia-foundation>

67. Bòrd na Gàidhlig – Early Years Grants

Grants of up to £15,000 are available for voluntary early years groups that support parents, families and children aged 0 to 3 years, to encourage and increase the day to day use of Gaelic, and to encourage continuity into Gaelic education throughout Scotland.

Deadline: 27 June 2024 <https://www.gaidhlig.scot/en/funding/funding-schemes/early-years-grants/>

68. Learning through Landscapes – Local School Nature Grants

The aim of this fund is to promote outdoor learning among young children by providing schools and early years providers with outdoor resources and training. Successful applicants will include children in their decision making, whilst incorporating local communities.

Deadline: 06 September 2024 <https://naturegrants.ltl.org.uk/>

69. Leslie Sell Charitable Trust

Grants for trips or projects associated with the Scouts or Guides movement within the UK.

Deadline Ongoing <https://lesliesellct.org.uk/>

70. National Lottery Community Fund - Young Start Fund

Grants of between £20,001 and £100,000 for up to three years are available to voluntary and community organisations in Scotland for work that helps young people (aged 8 to 24) to become more confident and play an active part in realising their potential.

Deadline Ongoing <https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/young-start>

71. Youth Scotland - Stand Up to Sectarianism Small Grants Scheme

Grants up to £5,000 are available to community-based youth groups to tackle local experiences of sectarianism in Scotland.

Deadline Ongoing <https://www.youthlink.scot/funds/stand-up-to-sectarianism-small-grants-scheme/>