



Are you looking for funding?

Developing your ideas and applying for funding

We can help you when you are developing your funding applications. We offer one to one surgery sessions to help you as you progress your application. We can also help you identify different sources of funding so contact Tariq or Claire on 01324 692000 or email info@cvsfalkirk.org.uk

Sources of funding

There are a number of different sources of funding that groups and organisations can apply to, some are open to any type of group, others are restricted to, for example, registered charities or particular areas of work or geographical area.

FUNDING HOTLIST

DECEMBER 2017

THE FORE RE-OPENING

The Fore, part of The Bulldog Trust and a partner of the BIG Lottery Fund, is an open-access funder, which offers development funding and strategic support to early stage charities and social enterprises. Successful applicants are matched with professional support – ongoing mentoring, strategic advice, governance support or other assistance.

The Fore will fund any small charitable organisation (ie. those with an income under £1 million) which is registered in the UK as a charity, social enterprise or community interest company (CIC).

Unrestricted grants are awarded, which have the potential to have a transformational impact on an organisation.

To apply for funding, applicants must first register at the start of each funding round. The next funding round opens at 10am on **Monday 11th December**. Registration is run on a first-come, first-serve basis and once the cap is reached, the round is closed; therefore, it is advisable to register early. For further information, including guidelines on how to apply, please visit [The Fore](#) website.

FUNDING FOR BREAKFAST CLUBS

UK Schools can apply for grants of up to £1,000 to support Breakfast Clubs through the Kellogg's Breakfast Club Grants Programme. The aim of the programme is to provide breakfast to those children who need it most. A limited number of grants are available, so priority will be given to schools that have 40% and above of children eligible for pupil premium funding.

Schools can apply for an award at any date and you will hear within one month if you have been successful. Please note the fund may close if oversubscribed. If you are unsure about any of the above or have any other queries, then please contact [Forever Manchester](#) by phone: 0161 214 0940 or by e-mail: kelloggs@forevermanchester.com

FUNDING TO HELP CHURCHES

Grants of up to £10,000 are available to support churches of any Christian denomination to develop high quality sustainable repair and community projects.

Priority during 2018 will be given to applications from the North East of England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales, as well as from Baptist and Presbyterian churches. Buildings must have been built as churches originally and 50% of the funds needed must be in place.

The funding can be used to:

- Diagnose issues affecting the church
- Test the viability of proposed solutions to improve sustainability
- Develop guiding policies and plans that will be implemented through an application to the Heritage Lottery Fund, or other large church heritage funders.

The next deadline for applications is the **10th January 2018**. For further information please visit the [National Churches Trust](#) website.

FUNDING FOR GROUPS FACING DISCRIMINATION

Organisations and individuals in the UK have until the **5th January 2018** to submit an expression of interest (EOI) to the Nesta ShareLab Fund.

The fund provides grants of between £15,000 and £30,000 and aims to support early stage organisations to develop and apply digital platforms to address a social challenge.

The theme of the fund this year is "prevention"; recognising the pressure on local authorities and other public-sector organisations. Nesta is inviting EOI's from people with ideas that use digital platforms to relieve pressure on existing public services.

Example areas might include:

- * Connecting the elderly
- * Sharing community resources
- * Supporting communities to help themselves
- * Encouraging children to learn and play
- * Addressing anxiety and mental health issues in young people
- * Addressing transport poverty
- * Reducing waste and improving sustainability
- * Supporting people with low level care needs
- * Tackling homelessness

Funding can be used to cover direct staff costs, related staff costs and learning and development/user research. For further information, please visit the [Nesta](#) website.

FUNDING FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS

The Central Scotland Green Network (CSGN) has announced that the CSGN Development Fund has re-opened for applications. Through the fund, grants are available for environmental projects in Scotland that enhance woodlands and green infrastructure, boost active travel and encourage community growing. Funding is available for projects that:

- * Deliver or lead to woodland creation, management or enhancement, especially for community use
- * Formal or informal food growing projects with a focus on community lead activities or engaging local communities and encouraging the Good Food Nation ethos
- * Feasibility studies for new routes or major sections, and capital works in urban areas for route enhancement and development
- * Improving or creating functional access routes passing through or leading to the development of green networks, greenspace or countryside and associated green infrastructure.

Projects funded are likely to be located in or immediately adjacent to communities in the 15% most deprived datazones (nationally) according to the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation.

The application deadline is 5pm, **Monday 5th February 2018**. For further information please visit the [CSGN](#) website.

GRANTS AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT THE ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY

The next application deadline for Stage 1 applications to the Royal British Legion's external grants scheme is the **26th January 2018**.

Grants of up to £50,000 are available to any not-for-profit or non-statutory organisation running, or planning, charitable activities in support of the Armed Forces community. Priority will be given to projects or services supporting the following outcome themes:

- * Employment and training
- * Family support
- * Homelessness and outreach
- * Supporting the elderly.

Organisations successful at Stage 1 of the application process will be invited to submit a Stage 2 application. The deadline for Stage 2 applications is the **2nd April 2018** with decisions to be confirmed in June 2018.

For further information please visit the [Royal British Legion's](#) website.

OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING

Some of the most popular funding sources include:

Bank of Scotland Foundation	http://bankofscotlandfoundation.org/
BIG Lottery Awards for All	www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/funding/Awards-For-All
BBC Children in Need	http://www.bbc.co.uk/corporate2/childreninneed
Comic Relief	http://www.comicrelief.com/
Esmee Fairbairn Charitable Trust	www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk/
Falkirk Environment Trust (FET)	www.fet.org.uk/
Foundation Scotland	https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/
Henry Smith's Small Grants Programme	www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/grant-programmes
Heritage Lottery Fund	www.hlf.org.uk
Kelvin Valley & Falkirk LEADER	www.kvleader.org.uk
Corra Foundation	https://www.corra.scot/
Robertson Trust	http://www.therobertsontrust.org.uk/
Scotmid Community Grants	http://www.scotmid.coop/community-and-charity/
SportScotland	http://www.sportscotland.org.uk/
Tesco Charity Trust	www.tescopl.com/index
Tudor Trust	www.tudortrust.org.uk

MATCHED FUNDING

Find out if any of your supporters can apply for matched funding from their employers. Some companies offer matched funding/matched giving schemes where they pledge a sum of money relating to the amount their employee has raised for or donated to the third sector organisation/charity of their choice.

- **Vodafone** employees can claim up to £350 each financial quarter in matched funding. The Vodafone Foundation also supports team volunteering activities by providing funds of up to £1,000 for the purchase of materials or hire of equipment.
- **Santander UK** Under the matched donation scheme, employee donations to charities in 2012 were matched with almost £1.7 million (average £1,009).
- **Lloyds Banking Group** staff in Scotland can claim £1,000 for charities of their choice: up to £500 for fundraising events; up to £500 for voluntary time given.
- **Boots** UK's Make the Difference Fund matches up to £500 per employee.
- **Royal Bank of Scotland** staff have access to community cashback funds of up to £250 and community grants of up to £10,000 to help local initiatives they are involved in.
- **Royal Mail** offers its employees grants of up to £400 (for volunteering) and/or up to £200 for fundraising plus up to £200 in matched giving.
- **Tesco** colleagues can apply to the Tesco Charity Trust for 20% top-up on their personal fundraising.

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