

CVS Falkirk

FUNDING FOCUS Volunteering Funding

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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 on 01324 692000 or email info@cvsfalkirk.org.uk.

Funding Officers Network

Why not join our Funding Officers Network (FON) and attend quarterly meetings with presentations from funders and opportunities to meet with colleagues from third sector organisations involved in fundraising – for more information email tariq@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.

Alec Dickson Trust

DESCRIPTION OF GRANT PROGRAMME / FUNDER

The Alec Dickson Trusts supports young people who through volunteering or community service, aim to enhance the lives of others, particularly those most marginalised by society.

AIMS / CRITERIA / ELIGIBILITY

Applications for grants up to £500 are invited from individuals aged 30 years and under, or from small groups of young people who believe their actions to be in pursuit of the aims of the Trust.

Trustees will meet quarterly to consider applications. All applications for support will be judged on their own merits and in relation to how they expect to achieve or further the aims of the Trust.

UK based **volunteering** activity only.

HOW TO APPLY / DEADLINE

Current funding round closed, will reopen, to apply visit the [Alec Dickson Trust](#)

Arnold Clark Community Fund

DESCRIPTION OF GRANT PROGRAMME / FUNDER

Arnold Clark's Communities Support is available to organisations who provide services which are widely accessible to those within our local communities and address the needs of the people living within them, supporting local communities to a better future.

AIMS / CRITERIA / ELIGIBILITY

Applications to the Communities Support are only eligible if in one of the following categories: animal welfare (benefiting humans), arts and culture, community development, disability, education, recreation, relief support and mental health support – where people/communities in the UK are the primary and immediate focus of investment.

HOW TO APPLY / DEADLINE

Funding will continue on a rolling monthly basis. However, it is recommended to apply as early as possible once the fund is open, as applications could be paused due to high demand. To apply visit [Arnold Clark Community Fund](#)

The Kelly Family Charitable Trust

DESCRIPTION OF GRANT PROGRAMME / FUNDER

The Kelly Family Charitable Trust is a grant-giving body founded in 2004 by members of the Kelly family. The Trust fund charities whose activities involve all or most family members, where possible, in initiatives that seek to tackle problems facing one or more of its members.

AIMS / CRITERIA / ELIGIBILITY

The Trust has charities working in fields including early intervention, mediation, prison services and services for families affected by sexual abuse, physical abuse and domestic violence, among others.

The Trust offers grants worth up to £5,000 – though trustees will consider requests for higher amounts and are happy to fund charities' core costs, this can include expenses related to **volunteers** and encourage applications from relatively new charities to help them become established.

HOW TO APPLY / DEADLINE

To apply visit the [Kelly Family Charitable Trust](#) website.

The Hugh Fraser Foundation

DESCRIPTION OF GRANT PROGRAMME / FUNDER

The Hugh Fraser Foundation makes donations to registered charities which are active in such sectors as the arts and culture, medical and health, the environment and education, care and support of the young and elderly, people with disabilities and the underprivileged. As long as the objectives are charitable, the Foundation will consider any application made by a registered charity.

AIMS / CRITERIA / ELIGIBILITY

The Foundations policy is to focus on applications relating to activities and projects in Scotland, particularly those parts of Scotland where the local economy and or circumstances make fundraising for charitable purposes difficult.

Grants will only be made to organisations which are registered charities or community interest companies.

The Foundation can consider multiyear funding for up to three years.

HOW TO APPLY / DEADLINE

To apply visit the [Turcan Connell](#) website.

Agnes Hunter Trust

DESCRIPTION OF GRANT PROGRAMME / FUNDER

The Agnes Hunter Trust was established in 1954 by a testamentary deed and is managed by a Board of Trustees.

AIMS / CRITERIA / ELIGIBILITY

Following a policy review in 2023, the Trustees have decided to focus on one key area of funding:

- offering grants to charities that support disabled people in Scotland.

Service provision will focus on providing opportunities and enabling people to lead fulfilling lives. This may include activities that offer advice, information and support, or life-skills, **volunteering** and employability training.

Applicant charities may assist with a wide range or specific groups of people, for example those living with mental ill health, cancer, physical and sensory impairments and long-term health conditions, as well as people with learning disabilities, autistic people, and other neurodivergent people.

HOW TO APPLY / DEADLINE

The autumn/winter round of funding will open at the end of June, to apply visit the [Agnes Hunter Trust](#) website.

Trusthouse Charitable Foundation

DESCRIPTION OF GRANT PROGRAMME / FUNDER

The Trusthouse Charitable Foundation is a grant making foundation giving grants to small and medium sized local organisations in the UK with a demonstrable track record of success working to address local issues in communities of extreme [urban](#) deprivation and deprived [rural](#) districts.

AIMS / CRITERIA / ELIGIBILITY

The Foundation's preference is for front line organisations working directly with people in need. They do not support campaigning, organisational development or capacity building. Will consider

new work if it is a logical extension of existing work, but do not support work which represents a significant shift away from an organisations existing core aims and experience.

Organisations can apply if:

- the organisation's postcode falls within the following on the [Indices of Multiple Deprivation](#):
 - if it's are located in an urban area, must be in the bottom 15% most deprived areas
 - if they are located in a rural area, must be in the bottom 50% most deprived areas
- the project has a focus on community support
- annual income does not exceed £250,000
- can secure 50% of the total project costs
- can supply your most recent annual accounts
- can start spending our grant within 1-2 months of receipt
- are embedded in the local community

Organisations can apply for a maximum of 50% of the total cost of the project/salary/core running costs, capital projects are NOT funded.

Funding requests can include **volunteer** expenses.

HOW TO APPLY / DEADLINE

To apply visit the [Trusthouse Charitable Foundation](#) website.

The Allen Lane Foundation

DESCRIPTION OF GRANT PROGRAMME / FUNDER

The Allen Lane Foundation is a grant making trust which was established in 1966. The founder was Sir Allen Lane, who set up the publishing company Penguin Books. The Foundation award funding for charitable purposes across the UK. The focus is on funding specific groups that experience marginalisation and or discrimination, there are currently seven funding programmes.

AIMS / CRITERIA / ELIGIBILITY

The Foundation aims to fund work within each of their funding programmes which:

- will make a lasting difference to people's lives rather than simply alleviating the symptoms or current problems;
- is aimed at reducing isolation, stigma and discrimination, and;
- encourages or enables groups that experience marginalisation and/or discrimination to share in the life of the whole community.

Funding requests can include **volunteer** expenses.

HOW TO APPLY / DEADLINE

To apply visit the [Allen Lane Foundation](#) website.

The Weir Charitable Trust

DESCRIPTION OF GRANT PROGRAMME / FUNDER

The Weir Charitable Trust aims to support Scottish-based community groups and small charities to provide services across Scotland to help the Scottish community. These groups and charities are likely to have found it difficult to access funds elsewhere.

AIMS / CRITERIA / ELIGIBILITY

The Trust does not fund groups or charities with an income of more than £125,000 per year; individuals; commercial activity; research; educational establishments; governing bodies; public sector bodies; one off events; large capital projects; Community Councils, PTAs or Active Schools Activities; or pilot projects, nor can it provide sponsorship.

Funding requests can include **volunteer** expenses.

HOW TO APPLY / DEADLINE

To apply visit the [Weir Charitable Trust](#) website

National Lottery Community Fund

DESCRIPTION OF GRANT PROGRAMME / FUNDER

The National Lottery Community Funds projects where social connections and community activities are at the heart of creating healthier, happier lives and a flourishing society. Maximum funding of up to £20,000.

AIMS / CRITERIA / ELIGIBILITY

Projects should at least be able to do one of following:

- 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
- support people, communities and organisations facing more demands and challenges because of the cost-of-living crisis.

Organisations that can apply include:

- voluntary or community organisation
- registered charity
- constituted group or club
- not-for-profit company or Community Interest Company
- school (as long as your project benefits and involves the communities around the school)
- statutory body (including town, parish and community council).

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Funding requests can include **volunteer** expenses.

HOW TO APPLY / DEADLINE

To apply visit [National lottery Community Fund](#) website.

The Woodward Charitable Trust

DESCRIPTION OF GRANT PROGRAMME / FUNDER

The Woodward Charitable Trust only makes grants for core costs rather than specific projects as they recognise that smaller charities can find these hard to fund. They hope that this will have a more direct impact on the organisations that they choose to fund.

AIMS / CRITERIA / ELIGIBILITY

Trustees only fund organisations that support at least one of the following three target groups and particularly look to fund projects that help families and young people and that are aiming to improve the life chances of their beneficiaries.

1. Children and Young People (up to 25 years)
2. Disadvantaged Families
3. Prisoners and Ex-Offenders

Trustees like projects that promote community cohesion and the development of skills that will change the outlook and outcomes for the users. Organisations that promote **volunteering** and involve both past and present users in their operations or management are encouraged. Trustees only consider applications for core costs and are looking for organisations which aim to achieve a positive impact in at least one of the priority areas.

Funding requests can include **volunteer** expenses.

HOW TO APPLY / DEADLINE

To apply visit [Woodward Charitable Trust](#) website.

OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING

Bank of Scotland Foundation	http://bankofscotlandfoundation.org/
Corra Foundation	http://www.corra.scot
BBC Children in Need	http://www.bbc.co.uk/corporate2/childreninneed
Comic Relief	http://www.comicrelief.com/
Esmee Fairbairn	www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk/
Henry Smith Charity	www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/grant-programmes
Robertson Trust	http://www.therobertsontrust.org.uk/
Scotmid Community Grants	http://www.scotmid.coop/community-and-charity/
National Lottery Community Fund	https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/
Tudor Trust	www.tudortrust.org.uk

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information on the funding support we offer, please visit [CVS Falkirk & District](#) website and join our weekly ebulletin for regular updates.