

Grants for Community, Environmental and Heritage Projects (Scotland)

Grants for Marine Projects (UK)

National Aquarium Limited, a sister charity to the National Marine Aquarium, is offering grants of £1,200-£5,000 to smaller initiatives managed by individuals, community groups, schools, or other conservation charities for interesting projects that will make a difference. Grants will be awarded for projects that foster a wider understanding by a broad public of the oceans and the threats they face. For 2018, priority will be given to projects that link to VR & digital technologies and those that strive to connect people with seagrass habitats around the world.

The funding reflects the acknowledgement that whilst the immediate effects at grass roots level can be enormous, small projects often face challenges in raising the small amounts of finance needed to make them a success. Projects supported may be science-based but could equally be based around arts or drama. Successful projects will be innovative in making a contribution to raising awareness of the marine environment.

Grants awarded so far have been in the region of £1,200 - £5,000 and it is likely that future awards will be of similar amounts.

Previous projects funded include:

- Leaper: A Fish Tale - £4,000 for a new play for children that highlights the importance of river and marine eco-systems around the UK against destructive fishing methods and plastics pollution. The project aims to gently encourage change by the delivery of performances in theatres, schools and aquariums throughout the UK
- Marine Wildlife Champion - Devon Wildlife Trust (£3,830) - This project focused on creating a pilot scheme that helped children learn about the marine environment and wildlife. This trust trialed a 'Marine Wildlife Champions' network within six local schools in order to encourage children to take positive actions for marine habitats and species. In its third year running, this trust is aiming to take this experience into Plymouth and the surrounding area, sparking an interest in the local community for participation and commitment.
- Jellytastic (£4,575) - This project will provide a series of art installations and workshops, focusing directly on the jellyfish species and the impacts of marine pollution in the Hampshire and Sussex area. The 'Jellytastic' theme demonstrates how jelly fish are affected by marine pollution, in particular plastic waste such as drink bottles. It will involve schools, students and any type of sea user to learn about the impacts on our sea.

Apply by 1st June 2018.

<http://www.national-aquarium.co.uk/marine-conservation/grant-opportunities/>

Local School Nature Grants Scheme (England, Scotland and Wales)

Learning through Landscapes has announced that the next deadline for schools to apply to the Local School Nature Grant Scheme is **the 27th April 2018**. The scheme offers schools the opportunity to apply for up to £500 worth of equipment from the product catalogue on the Learning through Landscapes website to help schools undertake environmental improvements.

The programme is only open to schools. Nurseries, Playgroups, Pre-Schools and gardening groups are not eligible. Reception settings attached to a school (i.e. on the same physical site) are eligible to apply in partnership with a school, but the school must lead the application. Secondary schools are very welcome to apply.

Applicants must be employed by the school. We are unable to accept applications on behalf of the school from PTA's, Governors, 'Friends of' groups etc.

<https://www.ltl.org.uk/naturegrants/guidance.php>

The latest round of the FCC Scottish Action Fund is now open for applications from local authorities, charities, parish councils, church or community organisations and voluntary groups.

Grants of between £2,000 and £50,000 are available for community, environmental and heritage projects around landfill sites and transfer stations. Projects may include:

- Land reclamation works
- Community recycling projects
- The provision of public amenities and parks
- Biodiversity projects;
- The maintenance or restoration of historic buildings; etc.

The fund is operated by WREN, a Land fill operator and Environmental Body. For Public Amenity, Biodiversity and Historic Buildings, projects must be within 10 miles of any landfill site or transfer station. Check site eligibility [here](#).

The closing date for applications at until 5.00pm on 13 June 2018.

Useful Links:

[Application Guidance](#)

[Apply Online](#)

<http://www.wren.org.uk/apply/fcc-scottish-action-fund>

Funding for Tourism Marketing Projects (Scotland)

Visit Scotland has announced that it is now accepting expressions of interest from constituted groups of tourism businesses for the VisitScotland Growth Fund.

The fund supports collaborative tourism marketing projects that focus on growth in the tourism sector and ensure that visitors experience the true Spirit of Scotland. It also helps businesses to build their digital capability and to market and measure their outputs and success more effectively. Successful applications must demonstrate:

- A strong digital focus and creation of digital content
- Strong strategic alignment
- An innovative approach
- Effective partnerships and collaboration
- Achievable and measurable growth targets
- A sustainable approach
- Project viability and delivery.

Grant awards from £10,000 to a maximum of £40,000 are available for up to 50% of approved marketing activity. Applications with 50% match funding will be prioritised with some flexibility considered if appropriate. Applications that demonstrate a higher level of private sector match funding may be prioritised.

Applicants must speak with a member of the Growth Fund team prior to making a full application and the deadline for initial expressions of interest is the 17th July 2018.

Useful Links:

[YouTube Visit Scotland Growth Fund Video](#)

http://www.visitscotland.org/business_support/marketing_opportunities/growth_fund.aspx

Equipment Grants for Mentally & Physically Disadvantaged Children (UK)

Schools and not for profit organisations have the opportunity to apply for funding through the Wooden Spoon Society's Capital Grants programme which supports projects help mentally, physically disadvantaged children.

Through the programme funding is available for:

- Buildings and extensions
- Equipment & activity aids
- Sensory rooms and gardens
- Playgrounds and sports areas
- Transport
- Soft playrooms.

Projects funded in the past have included:

- Ashmount School in Leicestershire, which received a grant of £13,500 towards a sensory room.
- Enfield Heights Academy in London which received a grant of £23,000 to improve its play areas.
- The Colehill & Wimborne Youth & Community Centre which received a grant of £8,000 towards a wheelchair lift.

For more information on how to apply, please click on the link below.

<https://www.woodenspoon.org.uk/apply-for-funds>

Funding for Charities to Develop an Effective Web Presence (UK)

The Transform Foundation provides grants for charities and not for profit organisation operating for the public good to develop an effective social media and web presence with the aim of developing future funding streams.

The Foundation has two funding programmes:

- A Facebook Grant programme (which provides £5,000 of funding to spend on Facebook advertising, with potential scale-up funding of up to £10,000)
- A Website Grant Programme (which provides a funding package of up to £18,000 to cover the upfront costs of a new charity-specific website including strategy, design, development and training).

There is a two-stage application process. Stage 1 is a simple online form to check eligibility criteria and that the applicant has a clear, measurable plan for deploying the funding to generate income or impact. Stage 2 consists of a face to face or online meeting with the Foundation or their partners. Decisions are usually made within 21 days of the stage 2 meeting. Applications for Stage 1 applications can be made at any time.

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

Funding Available to Reduce Social Isolation Through the Teaching of Digital Skills (Scotland)

Community groups and not for profit organisations in Scotland can apply for grants of up to £10,000 to help reduce isolation and improve job opportunities through the teaching of digital skills. **The closing date for applications is the 11th June 2018.**

[Co-operative Bank Donation Fund Opens for Applications \(UK\)](#)

Organisations such as Registered Charities, Co-operatives and Credit Unions; etc. that have a Community Directplus account with the Co-operative Bank can apply for grants of up to £1,000 from the Customer Donation Fund. Examples of previous projects supported include **Wiltshire Wood Recycling, a not for profit organisation, which received funding towards new tools, boots, hard hats and high-viz jackets for the workers.** **The closing date for applications is the 30th September 2018.**

[Funding Available to Support Volunteering \(Scotland\)](#)

Community and voluntary organisations in Scotland can apply for grants of up to £10,000 to improve the way they recruit, manage and support volunteers; especially in helping disadvantaged individuals to overcome barriers that stops them from volunteering. The total amount of funding available is £3.3 million between 2018 and 2021. The funding is being made available through the Voluntary Action Fund and the **closing date for applications is 5pm on the 4th May 2018.**

Three €50,000 Prizes for Place- Based Solutions that Create Opportunities for Young People (UK / Europe)

The 2018 European Social Innovation Competition, RE:THINK LOCAL, has opened for applications.

This year's edition of the competition will award €150,000 to social innovators, entrepreneurs, students, designers, tech enthusiasts, educators; etc with ideas that take a place-based approach that tackle youth unemployment and develop solutions that support young people to participate in the economy.

The competition will support selected entrants to develop their concepts and will provide €50,000 funding each to the three most promising projects to make their ideas a reality. **After the application deadline on 27 April 2018**, 30 semi-finalists will be selected to receive business development support and attend a three-day mentoring academy in Cluj-Napoca, Romania.

<https://www.nesta.org.uk/blog/three-eu50000-prizes-place-based-solutions-create-opportunities-young-people>

Micro Grants for Volunteer Led Youth Projects (Scotland)

Youth Scotland is offering micro grants of between £100-£500 to small, volunteer-led youth projects and clubs to enhance existing provision for young people or increase capacity to deliver a specific project or programme.

Member groups and affiliated Area Associations associated with Youth Scotland are eligible to apply to cover work in communities all over Scotland, including rural areas, towns and cities.

This new scheme, established as a result of a significant funding boost from the Robertson Trust, aims to help grow and develop universal community-based youth work across Scotland particularly in extending the support for youth work in rural communities. **The closing date for applications is the 1st May 2018**

<https://www.youthscotland.org.uk/news/announcing-the-youth-scotland-rural-action-fund/>

Henry Smith Charity: Improving Lives Grant Programme (UK)

The Henry Smith Charity provides grants of between £20,000 and £60,000 per year for up to three

years to charitable organisations that help people when other sources of support have failed, are inappropriate, or are simply not available.

Grants can cover running costs, salaries and project costs for organisations that can demonstrate a track record of success and evidence the effectiveness of their work. Eligible organisations include charities and not-for-profit organisations (including social enterprises) in the UK with a turnover of £50,000 - £2million (in exceptional circumstances up to £5million).

Applications can be submitted at any time and decisions are usually made within 6 months.

<https://www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/explore-our-grants-and-apply/improving-lives-grants-programme/improving-lives-grants-programme-overview/>

Grants of £1,000 Available to Fund Innovative Geography Teaching at Secondary Level (UK)

Two grants of £1,000 each are available to fund innovative geography teaching at secondary level. The aim of the grants is to enable imaginative, innovative or creative teaching materials to be developed.

The grants will be awarded to teacher – higher education partnerships. Ideally these will comprise one school teacher and one lecturer/researcher from a UK Higher Education Institution. The funding is being made available through the Royal Geographic Society Innovative Geography Teaching Grants.

Every year, the Society identifies an area of research which is either based upon a timely issue or approach. The aim is to serve both geography pupils and the wider teaching community through the creation of teaching materials on this particular issue. The materials produced will be published on the Society's website.

The application deadline is the 15th February 2019.

<https://www.rgs.org/in-the-field/in-the-field-grants/teacher-grants/innovative-teaching-geography-grants/>

Wolfson Foundation's Secondary Education Programme (UK)

The next deadline for stage 1 application to the Wolfson Foundation's Secondary Education Programme is the 10th June 2018.

Through its Secondary Education Programme high-achieving (in receipt of an outstanding Ofsted assessment or regional equivalent) state-funded schools and sixth form colleges can apply to the Foundation for funding for:

- Capital or equipment projects relating to the teaching of science and technology
- Or projects involving libraries, languages, music or the arts.

Grants do not normally exceed £50,000 for schools or £100,000 for sixth form colleges. Applicants successful at the stage 1 of the application process will be invited to submit a stage 2 application.

Examples of schools that have received funding through the Foundation include:

The creation of new science laboratories at Jordanhill School in Glasgow were supported with a grant of £40,000 in June 2008. These much needed facilities were completed early in 2009. Jordanhill has consistently been ranked the highest performing state school in Scotland.

<http://www.wolfson.org.uk/funding/education/secondary-education/>

Building Better Communities Programme Opens for Nominations (UK)

Jewson's Building Better Communities programme, which supports community buildings across the UK has re-opened for nominations. The Fund awards a Top Regional prize of £50,000 (split equally between labour and building materials costs) and multiple prizes ranging from £500 to £10,000 from a

total pot of £250,000.

Local Trade Heroes (which seeks to celebrate construction workers who play a big role in their community) can also win £50,000 worth of building materials to enable them to complete worthy projects such as new sports club changing rooms, much-needed play area for children or improve community buildings.

Local projects can also apply for building materials worth between £500 and £10,000 to improve their local community building from a regional prize fund.

To participate, entrants must submit all the required details of their nominated community building project via the website below or via Jewson's Facebook page (www.facebook.com/jewsonUK).

Shortlisted projects will be announced on the 6th May 2018. Shortlisted projects will face a public vote. Public voting runs from the 22nd May.

Previous winners include:

Girlguiding Dunbartonshire is a volunteer-led charity supporting almost 3,400 girls and young women aged 5-26 across East and West Dunbartonshire. Access to the Outdoors is a major part of the programme and the grant allowed them to develop to upgrade their facilities.

<https://www.buildingbettercommunities.co.uk/>

The SSE Clyde Community Fund (Dumfries And Galloway)

Not for profit organisations operating in Dumfries and Galloway can apply for a share of £155,000 from the SSE Clyde Community Fund. The fund is being operated by Foundation Scotland and supports activities that will enhance quality of life and promote people's wellbeing, promote community spirit and bring people together and foster vibrant, sustainable communities.

It will do this by making grants to support the costs of relevant projects, services and facilities. These could include –but are not limited to –running costs for local groups, staff or sessional worker costs, consultations and feasibility studies, events and festivals, the cost of purchasing equipment, maintenance or refurbishment of community facilities etc.

The closing date for applications is the 9th July 2018.

<http://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/clydedumfriesandgalloway/>