

New funds since 19/03/2021

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| <p>Scottish Government</p> | <p>Up to £375,000</p> | <p>Open</p> | <p>Administered by VisitScotland, the Rural Tourism Infrastructure Fund (RTIF) is a platform which will provide leverage for additional and focused investment, stimulate collaboration, build capacity within communities and meet the Scottish Government's commitment to addressing climate change and the transition of Scotland to a low carbon society.</p> <p>RTIF will continue to support collaborative projects that focus on improving the visitor experience in rural parts of Scotland that have faced pressure on their infrastructure or negative impacts on communities due to significant increases in visitor numbers but will also look forward to address anticipated future pinch points as a result of growth initiatives such as route development, major events, the rise in cruise arrivals, film and TV production as well as the continued growth in the motorhome sector.</p> <p>Round 4 will provide focused investment, stimulate collaboration and support the work of the Scottish Tourism Recovery Taskforce (STRT) and the Visitor Management Steering Group as part of COVID-19 recovery process.</p> <p>Rural Tourism Infrastructure Fund awards are available from £75,000 up to a maximum of £375,000.</p> <p>The Fund can provide applicants with support up to 70% of approved project activity. There is the potential to award a maximum of 75% for projects with which have a strong strategic rationale.</p> <p>A small amount of RTIF funding will be made available to applicants approved at EOI stage to support design and facilitate the planning process. This will be available up to maximum of £5,000 based on a maximum 50% intervention rate.</p> <p>Applicants must provide a minimum of 25% match funding for the projects looking for the maximum 75% and 30% for other projects, although this can include In Kind Support in the form of labour or land value.</p> <p>Local Authorities and National Park Authorities can apply for funding. However, Community Groups and other agencies can apply to their Local Authority or National Park if they have an eligible project.</p> <p>A collaborative approach must be demonstrated with a strong buy-in and project support from local communities and tourism groups.</p> |

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| | | | <p>The fund will only be applicable to rural areas as defined by the Scottish Government's official Urban/Rural classification – “accessible and remote rural areas” excluding settlements above 3000 people.</p> <p>The fund is for rural areas across Scotland (as defined above) but would exclude towns and larger villages within these locations. Primarily it is to support infrastructure requirements around (non-paid for) visitor or natural attractions, i.e. areas of outstanding scenic beauty, that have attracted increased visitor numbers and to stop deterioration of the natural and built environment, as well as benefitting local communities in the area.</p> <p>RTIF will support projects where there is an existing visitor pressure points or there is an expectation of a future pressure point from additional visitor numbers due to growth initiatives such as route development, events, increases in sector specific activity such as cruising, film and tv production.</p> <p>RTIF Round 4 is for projects which run from 1 November 2021 until 31 March 2023. All projects must be completed by 30 September 2021 and final claims received by 31 March 2023.</p> <p>RTIF has a two stage application process and all applicants must submit an initial Expression of Interest application by the deadline of 13 August 2021 (5pm).</p> <p>Applicants will have 16 weeks from the notification of approved EOIs to develop their stage 2 application.</p> <p>Rural Development Fund - Funding VisitScotland.org</p> |
| Scottish Enterprise | Up to £500,000 | Opens on 18 th May 2021 | <p>Funding is available to help businesses create jobs that contribute to improving the environment and achieving net zero emissions.</p> <p>Scottish Enterprise Green Jobs Funding has been established to help businesses generate and maintain jobs that improve the environment and support projects that align to the Scottish Government's net zero policies (ie achieving net zero carbon and greenhouse gas emissions by 2045).</p> <p>Grants between £50,000 and £500,000 are available (between 10% and 50% of eligible project costs to support the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation of green jobs. • Capital equipment purchases (such as buying new machinery). • Investment in premises (for example, to help expand activities that contribute to the green economy). |

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| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research and development activities (for example, to develop innovative new products and services or improve existing products and services to make them more sustainable). <p>Businesses of any size, registered or trading in the Scottish Enterprise area or looking to set up a trading location in this area before 1 October 2021, may apply.</p> <p>Applications for Round One open on 18 May 2021 and close on 15 June 2021.</p> <p>Applications can be made via the website.</p> <p>More details can be accessed at:</p> <p>Scottish Enterprise Support for Businesses/funding and grants</p> |
| NatureScot | Up to £75,000 | Open | <p>The Scottish Government has made available £2.75 million of funding through the NatureScot Better Places Fund as part of its efforts to help rural communities prepare for greater visitor numbers in 2021.</p> <p>Applications will be accepted from constituted organisations, including registered charities, trusts and community groups, and local authorities based in Scotland. The fund will support the following types of project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visitor Management Operational Services: funding for new and additional seasonal ranger and visitor management posts. Visitor Infrastructure: funding for projects that can be delivered quickly and help address visitor pressures at busy 'hot spot' locations, including temporary or permanent infrastructure. <p>The following levels of funding are available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visitor Infrastructure grants of up to £75,000 are available towards temporary or permanent visitor management related infrastructure projects. Visitor Management Operational Services grants are discretionary. The funding of staff posts is for the 2021 season only, and will extend as a maximum to 31 October 2021. <p>Fast delivery projects must be ready to start by 3 May 2021. All other projects must be ready to start by 7 June 2021.</p> <p>The deadline for fast delivery projects is 11.59pm on 9 April 2021. The deadline for all other projects is 11.59pm on 14 May 2021.</p> |

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| | | | <p>Full guidance notes and the application form are available to download at the website of NatureScot.</p> <p>Better Places Green Recovery Fund 2 - eligibility and outcomes NatureScot</p> <p>Completed applications must be submitted by email to greenrecoveryfund@nature.scot</p> |

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