

New funds since 07/06/2021

Funder / Fund	Amount	Status	Further Information
<p>Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust</p>	<p>Up to £10,000</p>	<p>Open</p>	<p>The Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust is currently accepting applications for round two. Established registered charities or community interest companies, Armed Forces unit/bases, local authorities, and schools can apply for grants of up to £10,000.</p> <p>The grants will support local community projects that can start within a month of being awarded a grant and be completed within a year or less.</p> <p>Projects should address one of two main themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Empowering Armed Forces communities to become more engaged in their local area. • Providing opportunities for isolated members of the Armed Forces community to take part in activities that improve general wellbeing. <p>Funding can be used for a wide range of projects. The following are some examples of the types of projects that might be prioritised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects that encourage veterans and Armed Forces families to be less isolated. • Projects supporting children and young people from Armed Forces families who found lockdown challenging. This might include play projects, sports or arts projects and projects encouraging friendships and interaction with children and young people from local civilian communities. • Projects supporting parents from Armed Forces families with pre-school aged or very young children. • Projects that will have a positive impact on wellbeing for veterans or carers of veterans, or Armed Forces families. • Projects that help local Armed Forces charities or CICs to keep delivering help to local Armed Forces communities, where COVID has made this more challenging. <p>The grant can be used to pay for most things needed for the project or activity. Project ideas do not need to be new. The programme can fund extensions of existing work if this will make a difference to Armed Forces communities. There are three application rounds in 2021. The deadline for the second round is 2 August 2021 with decisions in late October 2021.</p> <p>The 2021 guidance notes, frequently asked questions, online application portal and other resources are available on the Trust's website.</p> <p>https://covenantfund.org.uk/programme/armed-forces-covenant-fund-force-for-change-programme/</p>

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The National Foundation for Youth Music	Up to £2,500	Open	<p>The aim of the Youth Music NextGen Fund is to help emerging musicians and behind-the-scenes creatives take a step forward in participating and changing the music industries.</p> <p>Grants of up to £2,500 are available to launch a creative project, idea or business. Costs linked to career development, audience development, marketing, equipment, software and business development can also be covered.</p> <p>The Fund is open to 18-25 year old creatives (under-30s who identify as disabled) in Great Britain who lack the finance to develop their creative project or idea.</p> <p>Applications must be submitted by the deadline of 9 July 2021 (17:00 BST).</p> <p>Guidance notes and an application form are available on the Youth Music website.</p> <p>Contact Youth Music for further information.</p> <p>https://youthmusic.org.uk/nextgen/nextgen-fund</p>
NatureScot - Volunteering Matters Action Earth 2021	Up to £250	Open	<p>Small grants for local volunteer groups of all ages, backgrounds and abilities to tackle climate change and biodiversity loss in Scotland.</p> <p>Volunteering Matters has more than 50 years of experience in developing volunteering policy and promoting citizen led volunteering opportunities for people of all ages. Each year it runs the Action Earth grants programme with funding provided by NatureScot (formerly Scottish Natural Heritage).</p> <p>Any group of volunteers can apply for a grant of between £50 and £250 to run environmental activities in Scotland's green spaces. This could include creating or improving community gardens, wildflower meadows, ponds, woodlands or other wildlife habitats.</p> <p>In addition, this year there are also a limited number of Action Earth Enhanced Grants up to £500 for projects which can demonstrate a significant health impact through working with people who have defined health or social needs. These grants are available to projects where a minimum of 50% of the volunteers involved will have defined health issues.</p> <p>The funding can be used for plants, tools, materials and volunteer expenses. The funding can only be used for peat free compost and the funder strongly recommends that native species are planted.</p> <p>Projects must be complete by 31 January 2022 and should be in line with Scottish and UK Government guidance and policy around COVID-19.</p>

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			<p>Priority will be given to volunteer groups who do any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work in areas where there is substantial social or economic deprivation. • Improve and develop the health and wellbeing of their local community. • Involve disabled people, vulnerable people or those at risk of exclusion. • Encourage and involve people under 26 in practical outdoor conservation. <p>Applications that make a major environmental impact or involve mass participation are also welcome.</p> <p>Please note: Groups will need to pay their costs upfront and then claim back by sending in receipts, feedback forms and a grant claim form within four weeks of their project end date. Volunteering Matters Action Earth will then repay the money into the group's bank account.</p> <p>Applications will be accepted until all the funding has been awarded.</p> <p>Applicants should register by completing the submission form on the Action Earth website then an email will be sent that links to the application form.</p> <p>https://volunteeringmatters.org.uk/project/action-earth/</p>
<p>Scottish Government - The Culture Organisations and Venues Recovery Fund</p>	<p>Up to £125,000</p>	<p>Open</p>	<p>The Culture Organisations and Venues Recovery Fund is part of the Scottish Government's £59 million funding package to protect jobs and help Scotland's culture and heritage sector weather the effects of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.</p> <p>Applications are invited for the second round of the Culture Organisations and Venues Recovery Fund from organisations in Scotland that provide opportunities for audiences, as well as those that enable and deliver cultural activity. This includes, but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Galleries • Commercial theatres • Performing arts spaces • Comedy clubs and nightclubs • Production facilities • Music and dance companies. <p>Funding is available to for-profit and not-for-profit registered organisations including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Companies Limited by Shares • Companies Limited by Guarantee

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCIOs • CICs • Sole traders • Charities. <p>To be eligible, organisations must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Derive their income from providing cultural activity to the public and organisations that play a critical role in enabling that activity. • Be able to demonstrate that their existence is threatened due to the impacts of COVID-19. • Have been providing cultural activity or services in Scotland since before 1 April 2019. <p>Previous recipients cannot apply for more than they were previously awarded. The following limits apply:</p> <p>If awarded up to £150,000 in the first round of the fund, applicants can apply for up to £75,000 this time.</p> <p>If awarded more than £150,000 in the first round of this fund, applicants can apply for up to £125,000 this time.</p> <p>New eligible applicants who have not previously applied or been awarded funding in the first round, can apply for between £10,000 and £75,000.</p> <p>The deadline for applications is 24 June 2021 (12:00 BST).</p> <p>The guidance notes are available now to download from the Creative Scotland website.</p> <p>https://www.creativescotland.com/funding/funding-programmes/culture-organisations-and-venues-recovery-fund</p>
Scottish Government – Performing Arts Venues Relief Fund	Up to £500,000	Open	<p>Funding is available to help performing arts venues ensure their survival and beyond. The second round of the Performing Arts Venues Relief Fund will provide emergency funding to help performing arts venues in Scotland remain solvent during the pandemic. It will also provide support for the return of staff from furlough and new artistic commissions from freelance artists.</p> <p>Applicants can apply for funding of up to £500,000.</p> <p>Eligible venues must:</p>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be established and have been operating since before 1 April 2019. • Present all year-round. • Operate with a primary purpose of programming professional theatre and/or dance and/or music to a paying audience. <p>Performing arts venues which have previously received funding through the first round of the Performing Arts Venues Relief Fund (Summer 2020), and which can continue to demonstrate they have immediate need for financial support can apply.</p> <p>Applicants facing insolvency by the end of July 2021 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic may request an advance payment of up to 25% of the requested award (up to a maximum of £50,000) on the basis of a reasonable justification.</p> <p>The deadline for applications is 24 June 2021 (12:00 BST).</p> <p>Guidance notes and an online application form can be found on the Creative Scotland website.</p> <p>https://www.creativescotland.com/funding/funding-programmes/performing-arts-venues-relief-fund</p>
Ufi VocTech Trust	Up to £150,000	Opens on 29 th June 2021	<p>UK Fund for Digital Skills Initiatives Set to Launch.</p> <p>Funding is available to UK organisations for initiatives to build the confidence of people most impacted by the digital divide.</p> <p>A new UK fund which will provide grants to organisations leading initiatives for adults impacted by the digital divide is set to open late June.</p> <p>Applications will be accepted from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entrepreneurs, teams or organisations that want to apply their talent and technology to address UK vocational learning issues. • Start-ups, early-stage ventures or teams working within an existing large organisation and looking to develop a radically new approach. <p>Organisations must be registered, including registered charities, community interest companies, social enterprises, not-for-profits, private companies, community associations, FE colleges and public bodies.</p> <p>Eligible projects must have an impact on learners disproportionately affected by the digital divide and further exposed by the COVID-19 pandemic and be able to evidence their choice of</p>

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