

New funds since 19/06/2021

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<p>Ministry of Housing, Communities &amp; Local Government (MHCLG)</p>	<p>Up to £250,000</p>	<p>Open</p>	<p><b>August Deadline for First Round of UK Community Ownership Fund</b></p> <p>The UK Government's £150 million Community Ownership Fund is accepting applications. Funding is available to charities and community groups in the UK to support them in taking ownership of local assets such as pubs, theatres and parks.</p> <p>Applications will be accepted from voluntary and community organisations from all parts of the United Kingdom who have a viable plan for taking ownership of a community asset at risk and running it sustainably for community benefit.</p> <p>To be eligible, the applicant must be an incorporated organisation which is set up to deliver charitable purpose, social purpose or public benefit. Eligible organisation types include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Charitable incorporated organisation (CIO).</li> <li>• Scottish charitable incorporated organisation (SCIO).</li> <li>• Co-operatives including Community Benefit Societies.</li> <li>• Community Interest Company (CiC).</li> <li>• Not-for-profit company limited by guarantee.</li> </ul> <p>To be eligible for investment from the Fund, the terms of community ownership must be either the ownership of the freehold or a long-term leasehold of at least 25 years minimum (with no break clauses).</p> <p>Proposals will need to prove the value of the asset to local people and that the asset can run sustainably for the long-term benefit of the community. Projects could include (but are not limited to):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community centres.</li> <li>• Sporting and leisure facilities.</li> <li>• Cinemas.</li> <li>• Theatres.</li> <li>• Music venues.</li> <li>• Museums.</li> <li>• Galleries.</li> <li>• Parks.</li> <li>• Pubs.</li> <li>• Post office buildings.</li> <li>• Shops.</li> </ul>

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			<p>The Community Ownership Fund will contribute up to 50% of the total capital required. Applicants can apply for a blend of the following funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capital funding to take ownership (including the acquisition of the building; refurbishment costs alongside a sale or a transfer). Up to £250,000 match-funded capital will be available for most asset types. Exceptionally bidders will be able to make the case for up to £1 million match-funding to help establish a community-owned sports club or help buy a sports club or ground at risk of being lost without community intervention.</li> <li>• Funding for project development - this might include professional fees for technical advice from architects or surveyors or legal advice. It might also include costs for project management to oversee capital works where this is part of an application.</li> <li>• Post-acquisition support funding for up to the first year of operation, where there is a convincing case that this will help support a sustainable business model in the long term. Up to £50,000 (and no more than 20% of the total capital costs applied for through the Fund) is available for project development costs and post-acquisition support.</li> </ul> <p><b>The Round One deadline for applications is 13 August 2021.</b></p> <p>Guidance documents and application forms are available from the GOV.UK website.</p> <p><a href="#">Community Ownership Fund - Prospectus</a></p>
<b>Scottish Government</b>	Up to £50,000	Open	<p>Support is being provided to help tree nurseries invest in equipment that will increase their productivity and overall production levels.</p> <p>The Harvesting and Processing Grant has been developed to help tree nurseries that supply trees to Scotland to invest in equipment that will increase their productivity, capacity, and sustain employment.</p> <p>The scheme supports investments in three main areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New specialised equipment which will increase the local small-scale harvesting and processing capacity.</li> <li>• New specialised equipment for forest tree nurseries, including tree seed supply businesses and equipment for afforestation ground preparation projects, including forestry fencing projects.</li> <li>• Support for the mobile equipment to help forestry businesses or enterprises to adapt and recover from COVID-19.</li> </ul> <p>In any single application, the minimum and maximum grant award totals will be:</p>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aim 1 – harvesting and primary processing equipment: minimum £2,500 and maximum £50,000.</li> <li>• Aim 1 – secondary processing equipment: minimum £1,000 and maximum £6,000.</li> <li>• Aim 2 – nursery, seed supply and ground preparation equipment minimum £2,500 and maximum £50,000.</li> <li>• Aim 3 - mobile equipment to help adapt and recover from COVID-19: minimum £2,500 and maximum £50,000.</li> </ul> <p>Eligibility varies according to each ‘Aim’, however, applications may be accepted from private and / or other forest owners, farm businesses, forestry contractors, social enterprises, constituted community groups and non-profit organisations.</p> <p>One application round will normally be run each year with a closing date of 31 January for the submission of applications. However, an additional application round is being run in 2021 for projects in England and Wales (only), with up to £750,000 of funding available for projects that can be completed by 31 March 2022.</p> <p><b>The closing date for submission of applications for this round is 31 August 2021.</b></p> <p>Application forms and guidance can be accessed from the programme website.</p> <p><a href="#">Forestry Grant Scheme</a></p>
<b>Ecosurety Exploration Fund</b>	Up to £2150,000	Open	<p>Funding is available for projects that aim to reduce the environmental impact of packaging, batteries or EEE through innovation or research in the UK.</p> <p>The funding is aimed at projects that offer tangible solutions to the negative effects that packaging, batteries and electronic waste have on the environment.</p> <p>The funding is for projects that tackle packaging, battery or electronic waste across the full lifecycle of the products - from production, use and collection through to their end-of-life treatment or reuse. Applications could, therefore, include innovative technologies, awareness campaigns, processes, materials, collaborations or research into improving existing behaviours or systems.</p> <p>Applications will be accepted from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limited companies.</li> <li>• Charities.</li> <li>• Academic bodies and institutions.</li> <li>• Community Interest Companies.</li> </ul>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social enterprises.</li> </ul> <p>Applicants must prove they are an officially constituted body in the UK by providing their UK company registration number, and/or charity registration number.</p> <p>Applications from a collaboration of organisations or partnerships are welcomed.</p> <p>Individual grants of up to £150,000 are available for a single project.</p> <p><b>The deadline for applications is 24 August 2021 (16:00 BST).</b></p> <p>The criteria and online application form can be found on the Ecosurety website.</p> <p>To apply, organisations must complete an online application form and submit a project plan, a budget and a two minute video.</p> <p><a href="#">Ecosurety Exploration Fund</a></p>
<b>Scottish Power</b>	Up to £200,000	Open	<p>ScottishPower Foundation Invites UK Applications for Funding in 2022.</p> <p>Funding for UK registered charities for projects that support education, training, research, biodiversity, climate change, arts, culture, as well as supporting the most vulnerable people and groups in society.</p> <p>Charities registered with one of the UK charity regulators for at least one full year can apply for grants of between £35,000 and £200,000. Grants are available for one year only. Projects must start during 2022 and be completed within 12 months.</p> <p>Application must address at least one of the ScottishPower Foundation's strategic aims:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education, training and research - to support education, training and research in general, prioritising innovation in order to contribute to energy sustainability.</li> <li>• Biodiversity and climate change - to support the protection of the environment and to enhance biodiversity; to actively contribute in the fight against climate change.</li> <li>• Art and culture - to protect and safeguard artistic and cultural heritage by promoting conservation and restoration of the arts and supporting local development.</li> <li>• Social initiatives - to contribute to sustainable human development by supporting the most vulnerable people and groups.</li> </ul> <p>There is particular interest in applications that will support the most vulnerable people in society.</p>

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			<p>Projects must also address one or more of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. The funding is for the delivery of specific projects and not for general unrestricted running costs. This can include salary costs.</p> <p><b>The deadline for applications is 6 August 2021 (1pm).</b></p> <p>Guidance notes and an online eligibility pre-application form can be found on the ScottishPower Foundation's website. Applicants should complete this pre-application form to confirm eligibility, they will then be sent a link to the full application form.</p> <p><a href="#">ScottishPower Foundation</a></p>
<p><b>Innovate UK (IUK) Competition: Driving the Electric Revolution – Building Talent for the Future</b></p>	<p>Up to £25,000</p>	<p>Opens on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2021</p>	<p>UK registered organisations can apply for funding for innovative skills, talent, and training projects.</p> <p>Electric and hybrid vehicles, domestic appliances and other applications are creating a considerable need for next-generation power electronics, electric machines and drives (PEMD). For the UK to be able to design, develop and manufacture these products, it requires skilled people across all levels.</p> <p>Innovate UK's Driving the Electric Revolution Challenge is now investing in projects building talent for the future. The aim of this competition is to fund several ideas that quickly fill immediate gaps in skills, talent and training for the PEMD industry.</p> <p>Proposals must deliver a clear game-changing intervention, which would realistically and significantly meet a UK PEMD talent requirement.</p> <p>IUK has allocated a total of up to £250,000 to fund innovation projects in this competition. Applicants can claim 100% grant against their total eligible project costs from £10,000, up to a maximum grant of £25,000. If the total eligible project costs are more than £25,000, only the maximum grant limit of £25,000 can be claimed.</p> <p>This competition is open to single applicants and collaborations. UK registered businesses of any size, research organisations, charities or public sector organisations can lead a project. They must carry out the project work in the UK. To collaborate with the lead, the organisation must be a UK registered business of any size, academic institution, charity, not-for-profit organisation, public sector organisation, research organisation or research and technology organisation (RTO).</p> <p><b>The competition opens on 9 August 2021 with a deadline for applications of 15 September 2021 (11:00 BST).</b></p>

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			<p>Applicants are encouraged to read the <a href="#">general guidance for applicants</a> to help their chances of submitting a quality application.</p> <p>Those requiring more information should contact the competition helpline on 0300 321 4357 or email <a href="mailto:support@innovateuk.ukri.org">support@innovateuk.ukri.org</a></p> <p>More details can be found on the website below:</p> <p><a href="#">Driving the Electric Revolution - Building Talent for the Future Comp</a></p>
<p><b>Scottish Government – Grants for Scotland’s Convenience Stores selling locally sourced produce</b></p>	<p>Up to £5,500</p>	<p>Open</p>	<p>Funding is available for independent retailers and convenience stores in Scotland.</p> <p>The SGF Go Local project aims to support independent retailers and convenience stores throughout Scotland to provide dedicated, long term display space for locally sourced Scottish products, with a bias towards fresh and healthy, coupled with enhanced consumer engagement.</p> <p>The programme enables stores to support local, Scottish producers and give these businesses a route to market to help with the recovery and regrowth from COVID-19.</p> <p>Outlets that took part in the initial pilot saw a 40% increase in sales of local products and delivered additional local economic benefits in excess of £157,000 per store.</p> <p>Retailers can now apply for up to £5,500 (any funding offered must be matched by the retailer) to install a new dedicated locally sourced proposition in-store. The funds will support with upgrading local offerings and the associated marketing costs.</p> <p>All Scottish convenience retailers may apply; however, multi-site operators will be limited to one application per company.</p> <p><b>The deadline for applications is 31 August 2021.</b></p> <p>Applications are made online at the programme website.</p> <p><a href="#">SGF Go Local Programme</a></p>
<p><b>UK Government</b></p>	<p>Not stated</p>	<p>Available in 2022</p>	<p><b>£50m for the UK’s Grassroot Football Pitches in 2022</b></p> <p>Funding is to be made available to enable the delivery of more football pitches and facilities in UK communities.</p>

For COVID specific funding please visit [www.scvo.org/support/coronavirus/funding/for-organisations/](http://www.scvo.org/support/coronavirus/funding/for-organisations/)

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			<p>The UK Government has announced an additional £50 million investment in football pitches to help support the wave of interest in the sport inspired by EURO 2020 and Women's EURO 2022.</p> <p>The funding, which will be made available next year and prioritised for left-behind communities, will enable more people to access high-quality football pitches that can be used for football and other sports across the UK.</p> <p>Combined with contributions from the Football Association and Premier League as well as other local partners, the funding will build 185 new 3G artificial pitches, improve 5,000 existing grass pitches and create 9 'hub' sites with multiple pitches.</p> <p><b>Further details of the funding rollout will be made available in 2022.</b></p>
<p><b>Foundation Scotland – Sir George Earle Benevolent Fund Grant Programme</b></p>	<p>Not stated</p>	<p>Open</p>	<p>The Sir George Earle Benevolent Fund grant programme is Scotland wide and is seeking applications from projects supporting older people facing loneliness and isolation.</p> <p>Projects must meet one of the following themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve older people's access to social activity</li> <li>• Reduce feelings of loneliness or isolation in older people</li> <li>• Increase the availability of local projects or activity which supports older people</li> <li>• Respond to local social or economic needs</li> </ul> <p>All applicants must fit Foundation Scotland's funding criteria. Full details are available on the funder website.</p> <p><b>The deadline for applications is 4pm on 2 August 2021.</b></p> <p>Decisions will be communicated via email by the end of September 2021.</p> <p>Apply online via the Foundation Scotland website.</p> <p><a href="https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/">https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/</a></p>
<p><b>Heart Research UK – HRUK and Subway Healthy Hearts Grants</b></p>	<p>Not stated</p>	<p>Opens on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2021</p>	<p>Heart Research UK supports innovative projects designed to promote heart health and to prevent or reduce the risk of heart disease in specific groups or communities. This year, they are also offering funding for one-off purchases of equipment that will help you to promote heart health in your community.</p> <p>Only community or voluntary organisations, registered charities or other not for profit organisations may apply. In exceptional circumstances, where a project has a very strong heart element applications may be considered from researchers.</p>

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			<p><b>Applications for the Scotland region grants will open on 23 August 2021 and close on 20 September 2021.</b></p> <p>Application forms can be downloaded from the funder website. Applicants can contact the lifestyle team on 0113 297 6206 or email <a href="mailto:lifestyle@heartresearch.org.uk">lifestyle@heartresearch.org.uk</a> for more information.</p> <p><a href="http://heartresearch.org.uk/">heartresearch.org.uk/</a></p>
<b>Urquhart Opticians</b>	Up to £1,000	Open	<p>At Urquharts it's very important for us to be part of our community in Ayrshire and find ways to give back. In the backdrop of COVID-19 we haven't been able to attend events &amp; give sponsorship, our Optometrist haven't be able to go to schools, community groups or guilds to do talks – and so we've been looking for new ways to support people in Ayrshire. That's why we've created the Urquharts 'Care &amp; Community' fund, based on one of our key values. Each month we'll have £1,000 available for local groups and charities, which will be awarded based on the application below.</p> <p><a href="http://urquhart-opticians.co.uk">Care &amp; Community Fund - Urquhart Opticians   Opticians &amp; Hearing Specialist (urquhart-opticians.co.uk)</a></p>