

New funds as at 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 2021

Funder / Fund	Amount	Status	Further Information
<p><b>Scottish Govt – Communities Mental Health &amp; Wellbeing Fund</b></p>	<p>Up to £discretionary</p>	<p>Open ~ deadline 17/12/2021 (for Eol)</p>	<p><b>Communities Mental Health &amp; Wellbeing Fund</b></p> <p>The Scottish Government has provided £15 million for communities across Scotland to support recovery projects in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. Of this total, South Ayrshire will receive over £340,000 to promote and support mental wellbeing. The fund is managed and delivered by Voluntary Action South Ayrshire (VASA). This fund aims to support adult community-based initiatives across South Ayrshire that seek to improve the mental health and wellbeing of local people. The fund is particularly interested in providing practical support for those who have faced social isolation, loneliness, and mental health inequalities exacerbated by the pandemic.</p> <p><b>Value Notes</b></p> <p>There is a total fund of over £340,000 for projects in South Ayrshire. There is no limit to the amount that can be applied for, although it needs to be in proportion to the activity. Unconstituted groups can apply for up to £1,000.</p> <p><b>Who Can Apply</b></p> <p>Voluntary, not for profit organisations, associations, groups and clubs or consortiums/partnerships with an annual income of up to £1 million per year are eligible to apply. Organisations with an income of over £1 million can apply but only if there is a gap in local service delivery which can be proven. Applications from new or existing smaller, grassroots organisations are particularly welcome.</p> <p><b>Eligible Expenditure</b></p> <p>The funding can be used for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adult services.</li> <li>• One-off events.</li> <li>• Hall hire for community spaces.</li> <li>• Small capital spends of up to £10,000.</li> <li>• Staff costs.</li> <li>• Training costs.</li> <li>• Transport.</li> <li>• Utilities and running costs.</li> <li>• Volunteer expenses.</li> </ul>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safety equipment and PPE.</li> </ul> <p>Activities/services must be delivered by March 2023.</p> <p><b>How to Apply</b> Expression of Interest applications must be submitted by the deadline of 17 December 2021 (5pm). Guidance and an online Expression of Interest form are available from the VASA website. <a href="https://mailchi.mp/afc88acd72f5/communities-mental-health-and-wellbeing-fund">https://mailchi.mp/afc88acd72f5/communities-mental-health-and-wellbeing-fund</a></p>
<p><b>Social Investment Scotland - Social Enterprise Net Zero Transition Fund</b></p>	<p>Loans Up to £1,500,000</p>	<p>Open ~ no deadline specified</p>	<p><b>Social Enterprise Net Zero Transition Fund</b></p> <p>The purpose of the fund is to support social sector organisations (SSO) in their journey to become carbon neutral, and to develop the circular economy. Through the fund Social Investment Scotland are interested in supporting activities that will reduce carbon footprint.</p> <p><b>Value Notes</b> The fund provides loans from £10,000 to £1.5 million, with a typical fixed interest rate of 3%. Loans must be settled in full by 31 March 2031.</p> <p><b>Who Can Apply</b> Social sector organisations (SSOs) based and operating in Scotland may apply. To be eligible, the organisation must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be generating a trading income that allows for loan repayments.</li> <li>• Be able to evidence their ambition to transition to a net zero model and/or looking to establish or grow circular economy practices.</li> </ul> <p>To be eligible for a small grant, the organisation must be looking to establish or grow circular economy practices in re-use/repair/sharing activities.</p> <p><b>Eligible Expenditure</b> Eligible projects and activities include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reducing energy consumption.</li> <li>• Improving energy efficiency.</li> <li>• Developing or moving to renewable energy sources.</li> <li>• Transitioning to sustainable transport options.</li> <li>• Scaling local food production and supply.</li> <li>• Minimising or re-purposing food waste.</li> </ul>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Developing circular economy products, services, processes and practices.</li> </ul> <p><b>How to Apply</b> Expressions of Interest may be made at any time. Contact Social Investment Scotland for further information - <a href="https://www.socialinvestmentscotland.com/learning-hub/social-enterprise-net-zero-transition-fund/">https://www.socialinvestmentscotland.com/learning-hub/social-enterprise-net-zero-transition-fund/</a></p>
<p><b>Co-op (in partnership with Hubbub) – Community Fridge Fund</b></p>	<p>Up to £4,000</p>	<p>Open ~ deadline 01/02/22</p>	<p><b>Community Fridge Fund</b></p> <p>The funding is intended to support the development of Community Fridges that help to reduce food waste and meet the needs of diverse populations.</p> <p>Priorities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supporting applications in regions with a sparsity of Community Fridges (a map can be found on the Hubbub Foundation website).</li> <li>Supporting groups in areas with high levels of multiple deprivation.</li> <li>Ensuring a fair and inclusive application process with equal opportunities for everyone, regardless of background, culture or race.</li> </ul> <p><b>Value Notes</b> Each successful applicant will receive a grant of £4,000. 100 Community Fridges are expected to be funded.</p> <p><b>Who Can Apply</b> Not-for-profit groups with a bank account may apply. To be eligible for funding, applicants must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be setting up a <b>new</b> Community Fridge which has not yet opened.</li> <li>Establish the Community Fridge within six months and have intentions to sustain the project for at least three years.</li> </ul> <p>The funders are particularly keen to receive applications which meet the following specifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The fridge will be open to the entire community and not used for emergency food provision.</li> <li>There is not an existing Community Fridge or similar food project within a two-mile radius of the proposed location.</li> <li>The project group sees the potential to set up future food and environment-related projects.</li> </ul> <p><b>Eligible Expenditure</b></p>

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			<p>The funding can be used to cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staffing costs for the Community Fridge.</li> <li>• Purchasing fridge/freezer(s).</li> <li>• Community Fridge volunteer expenses.</li> <li>• Utilities relating to the Community Fridge (water, electricity).</li> <li>• Insurance for the Community Fridge.</li> <li>• Print display materials.</li> <li>• Cleaning materials.</li> <li>• Relevant training (food hygiene, safeguarding).</li> </ul> <p><b>Location</b> UK, with a particular focus on areas with high levels of multiple deprivation.</p> <p><b>How to Apply</b> Full guidelines and an online application form can be found on the Co-operative website: <a href="http://coop.co.uk">Apply for funding to set up a fridge - Co-operate (coop.co.uk)</a></p>