

# Funding Opportunities & Support Scotland



## Community Foundations

Community Foundations are a national network of Grant Making Trusts that support small local projects and charities. There are over fifty of them throughout the country. Each one operates independently, making grants at different times and each has different priorities. Most have a grants advisor who is best person to ask for to find out what might be available for you. Do not hesitate to get in touch with them as they are there to fund small grassroots local projects.

### Scottish Community Foundation

0131 524 0300

[www.scottishcf.org](http://www.scottishcf.org)

The Scottish Community Foundation offers a range of grants for community projects based in six different fund pools. The main pool has two grants on offer ranging from, £1000-£5000. There are further general funds that offer grants to any community projects, and more specific ones, including a Women's grant and an environmental fund. 'Your Community, Your Environment' fund requires its own separate application form, and all the others share a form. Both can be downloaded from the website and applications are accepted throughout the year.

## Small Grants

### Investing in Ideas

0870 240 2391

[www.biglotteryfund.org.uk](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk)

Funded by the Lottery, Investing In Ideas is a fund that wants to help ideas become projects. The fund is for investment in Scottish communities from between £500 and £5,000. Aimed at the initial stages of your project- really to help transform your idea into a fully-fledged project. To see whether Investing in Ideas is likely to support your idea call the number above.

### Lintel Trust

0131 4736240

[www.linteltrust.org.uk](http://www.linteltrust.org.uk)

The Lintel Trust provides grants to projects that help people to live independent lives in their own homes and to fully participate in their communities. Their General Grants programme will award grants up to £5000 to support independent living and must closely involve a housing association. Application forms can be downloaded from their website.

## Training

Seeing is Believing Fund  
0141 419 1690

[www.communitiesscotland.gov.uk](http://www.communitiesscotland.gov.uk)

The Seeing is Believing Fund provides small grants of between £100 and £5000 to community and voluntary groups working with disadvantaged groups so that they can visit and learn from successful regeneration projects or access other learning opportunities. For example it funds visits to other community projects or exchanges with groups working in a similar field. If you have an idea for how you can use the Seeing is Believing Fund, get in touch with your local Communities Scotland Area Office who administer the fund on their behalf.

**CVS - Council for Voluntary Service**

Council for Voluntary Services are organisations whose job it is to support voluntary and community action in their borough. Each CVS varies in the services it makes available, but most offer access to training, funding advice, basic facilities such as computers and photocopiers and general support for people trying to set up projects in their community. They all have different names – but Groundswell strongly recommends that you get in touch.

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