

FUNDING NEWSLETTER

Corporate Funding Team

The Corporate External Funding Team was established to drive strategy, shape bids and ensure that the Council and key partners don't miss opportunities to bid for major external funding streams. The aim is to maximise the level of external funding secured by the Council.

We will focus our efforts in 4 general areas:

- Strategy & Governance
- Project Support/Applications
- Capacity Building
- Communication/Engagement

You can contact the team

at externalfunding@dundee.gov.uk if you want to find out how we can help you with your funding queries.

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Tay Cities Deal Tay5G Challenge Fund

The Tay Cities Deal Tay5G Challenge Fund is a UK-wide grant funding opportunity worth £450,000. Tay5G seeks to fund up to six projects that explore 5G deployment from all sectors and industries. Applications which support the region's focus areas listed below will be prioritised.

Focus sectors for the Tay region:

- Agriculture, Food and Drink
- Digital & Creative
- Energy & Renewables
- Life Sciences
- Manufacturing
- Mobility / Transportation
- Smart Cities IoT
- Tourism

The Tay5G Challenge Fund is competitive and will involve a two-stage process. For stage 1 applicants are asked to complete a short Expression of Interest (EoI) outlining the proposed project. Successful applicants will be invited to Stage 2 to complete a full application.

Applicants from across the UK are welcome but projects must take place in the Tay Cities Region. Expressions of Interest close on 31 January 2023. See [here](#) for more information.

UK Shared Prosperity Fund Dundee

The UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) is a three year £2.6 billion UK-wide fund launched in April 2022 as a domestic replacement to the EU Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF). It is a core component of the UK Government's Levelling Up agenda.

Dundee City Council has been allocated £5,608,964 to invest in local projects until March 2025. This is broken down into £4.6m for core UKSPF funding, and £968,616 for Multiply, the national adult numeracy programme.

Applications which support the following themes will be sought via ongoing calls until the end of the programme: Communities and Place, Supporting Local Business, People and Skills, and Multiply.

The first round of calls closed on 5 December. The second round is expected to open in early 2023. For more information and to be informed about future calls, please keep an eye on our [UKSPF webpage](#).

Dundee Partnership Community Regeneration Fund

This funding is available on a Ward by Ward basis for projects that aim to reduce deprivation and provide additional opportunities to close the gap for those living in our Community Regeneration Areas (incorporating places in the 15% most deprived data zones in Scotland).

Applications fall into three types;

- Youth Inclusion. Focussing on work with children & young people, and providing activities and opportunities for them
- Physical & Environmental Improvements. Used to make improvements to buildings, playparks, green spaces, etc. These awards have a minimum spend of £6k
- Small Grants. A catch-all category for smaller applications, up to £5k (though some Wards impose a lower limit – ask your local Community Worker)

Applications are assessed and awarded on a monthly basis, with a turnaround of approximately 8 weeks from application to award. See [here](#) for information on how to apply.

Co-op Warm Spaces Funding Boost

A £1m match fund has been launched by Co-op to support local organisations who are supporting their communities through rising costs this winter, by bringing people together into warm spaces. The project must be a community organisation that welcomes people into a community space to provide support and needs urgent help this winter to:

- Maintain vital existing services in the face of rising energy costs
- Make the community space more welcoming
- Increase opening times or extend services

The fund will be distributed on a first come first serve basis and applications will close on 28th February 2023. See more [here](#).

Co-op Foundation - Future Communities Fund

The aim of the Future Communities Fund is to help create a world of diverse and inclusive communities, where the systemic issues of inequity and injustice, especially for young people, are addressed.

The Fund offers unrestricted grants of up to £30,000 per year, for up to five years, which focus on supporting voluntary organisations that are building communities that are:

- Diverse, equitable and inclusive
- Prioritising youth activism, shared power and transparent governance.

The applicant organisation must already be working with a diverse range of young people and supporting them to move into leadership roles.

Applications close at 12pm (midday) on 23rd December 2022. See [here](#) for more details.

National Lottery Scottish Land Fund

The Scottish Land Fund is open to organisations in both urban and rural Scotland which are community-led, community-controlled and defined by a geographic area.

Successful applicants will clearly demonstrate that their project will help their local community to:

- Achieve more sustainable economic, environmental and/or social development through ownership of land and buildings
- Have a stronger role in and control over their own development
- Own well managed, financially sustainable land and buildings.

Priority will be given to applications that can demonstrate significant positive impact for the community as a whole. Applicants will have the opportunity to test out and develop their ideas with support from a Scottish Land Fund Adviser.

Grants of between £5,000 and £1 million are available to fund the purchase of land or land assets.

Applicants can be from one of a wide range of representative community bodies, including voluntary organisations, social enterprises or community councils.

Grants are awarded on an ongoing basis. See [here](#) for more information on eligibility and how to apply.

National Lottery Cost-of-Living Support Scotland

Grants from £10,001 to £75,000 for projects to help support individuals, families and communities currently experiencing hardship as a result of the cost-of-living increases.

Funding is available for activity that:

- Supports individuals, families and/or communities currently experiencing hardship as a result of cost-of-living increases
- Increases access to services and support for people facing financial hardship
- Activities that take, or include, a preventative approach to these issues, will also be considered.

Most organisations are eligible to apply but applications from smaller voluntary and community organisations who are working with those most vulnerable and disproportionately affected by the increased cost of living are especially encouraged.

Grants are awarded on an ongoing basis. See [here](#) for more information on eligibility and how to apply.

Investing in Enterprise Fund

The Investing in Enterprise Fund offers blended grant and loan investment to social enterprises, community organisations and charities. The fund can invest between £10,000 and £250,000 per organisation; up to 25% (£62,500) of this can be in the form of a non-repayable grant and the remainder a repayable loan.

The investment can be used for:

- Working capital
- Acquisition of assets
- Business growth
- Capital expenditure

Investments made by this fund must demonstrate that they meet the following social investment charitable objectives:

- To prevent and/or relieve poverty among those living in Scotland
- To advance community development and urban and rural regeneration in Scotland
- To advance education in Scotland

The next deadline is 24 February 2023. For more information on how to apply, please see [here](#).

National Memorial Heritage Fund

NHMF can help buy anything which is of outstanding importance to the national heritage and either at risk or of memorial character. For example: works of fine and decorative art; museum collections; archives; manuscripts; items of transport and industrial history, historic buildings and land.

In exceptional circumstances, NHMF can fund emergency repairs when a heritage asset (excluding historic buildings and structures) is at imminent risk of irreparable damage.

There are two funding streams:

- Standard funding stream: provides financial assistance towards the acquisition, preservation and maintenance of some of the UK's most outstanding objects and landscapes.
- COVID-19 Response Fund: supports heritage that is of outstanding importance to the national heritage and at risk due to the impact of coronavirus.

Applications can be made all year round. Apply online [here](#).

The Weir Charitable Trust

The Weir Charitable Trust aims to support Scottish-based community groups and small charities to provide services across Scotland to help the Scottish community. These groups and charities are likely to have found it difficult to access funds elsewhere. Funds are available across a range of areas including, animal welfare, culture, health, sport and recreational facilities.

Applications are accepted at anytime and are assessed twice yearly following closing dates at the end of February and August. Bids from small charities with income of less than £125k a year who are seeking funding of up to £25k are especially welcome.

More information about the Weir Charitable Trust can be found [here](#).

Business Energy Scotland - SME Loan Fund

The SME Loan provides unsecured, interest free loans for the installation of energy efficient measures such as lighting and heating upgrades, double glazing and insulation. The loan can be used to pay for:

- Heating, ventilation and air conditioning upgrades: from single improvements to controls to complete system replacement
- Lighting systems: fitting and controls
- Building fabric: including insulation, draft-proofing, double and secondary glazing
- Water saving: be it installing a grey water system, harvesting rain water or sampling installing water efficient taps
- Waste reduction: installation of equipment to improve handling and reduce waste at source.

Applications are processed on a rolling basis all year round, subject to the overall availability of funds. Loans of between £1,000 and £100,000 are available. See [here](#) for more information on how to apply.

Turing Scheme

The Turing Scheme is the UK's programme offering opportunities for young people from schools, those studying in higher education institutions and those in further education, vocational education and training to study and work abroad.

Schools, colleges and higher education providers can apply for funding to allow pupils, students and learners to spend time overseas. Funding can be used to send pupils to learn abroad offering exciting opportunities to all those involved. It is an opportunity to offer pupils a life-changing experience to learn new skills, raise aspirations and get a better understanding of other cultures.

There are two types of placements abroad for the 2023-24 academic year open to schools:

- Short-term placements, which can last from three days to two months
- Long-term placements, which can last from two to six months

Short-term placements are for pupils of any age enrolled in a participating school and are accompanied by school staff. Long-term placements are open to pupils aged at least 14.

Hosting organisations must be non-UK schools that provide general, vocational or technical education at any level from primary school to upper secondary education.

Round 3 is expected to open in March/April 2023. Teachers that are interested in applying to Round 3 are advised to contact the External Funding team at the earliest opportunity, in order that they can be supported in developing a bid and finding a host organisation.

See [here](#) for more information.

Branching Out Fund

The Branching Out Fund supports schools, community groups and Tree Warden Networks to plant trees, hedges and orchards. Grants can be between £200 and £2000. All projects must have strong community involvement, and ideally involve children and/or young people.

Applicants must have considered the suitability of the planting location to the type of trees/hedges/orchard to be planted.

Who is eligible to apply? Schools, community groups, parish and town councils and Tree Warden Networks. Typical applicants are Community Groups, residents' groups, small registered charities, community interest companies, constituted groups, incorporated organisations, Tree Warden networks or schools. The group must have a bank account registered in the name of the applicant organisation into which a grant can be paid. If a group does not have its own bank account but is affiliated to a local authority (e.g., the town or parish council) the grant can be paid via them.

The original deadline has now been extended to 15 January 2023. See [here](#) for more information.