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Please find below details of small grants from between £300 and £10,000 available to voluntary sector services in Scotland. Some are only available to registered charities whereas others also include community interest and not-for-profit organisations. Although each grant has its own criteria and aims, in general, it may be possible to pay for training, specialists, equipment, events etc.

Please note that most do not cover core expenses such as salaries or premises, however, they will provide funding for additional resources which will ultimately improve the outcomes and life opportunities of the children and young people using your service. Furthermore, there is no guarantee that projects will be funded – success is always based upon relevance of the proposed project to the aims of the fund, as well as the amount of money available and number of overall applications received.

Before applying to any grant funding, please check that you match the eligibility to apply and also your work and project directly relates to at least one of the funding priorities.

1. CHILDREN IN NEED

Children in Need – Small Grants

Up to £10,000 per year can be applied for up to 3 years, meaning a total of £30,000 can be applied for. It is open to all not-for-profit organisations working with disadvantaged children and young people under 18 years of age.

Funding priorities:

Projects working with children and young people of 18 years and under experiencing disadvantage through:

1. Illness, distress, abuse or neglect
2. Any kind of disability
3. Behavioural or psychological difficulties
4. Living in poverty or situations of deprivation

Deadlines for applications:

- 11:59pm 2 September 2019
- 11:59pm 2 December 2019

Further information on the grant and how to apply:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/wWhd5lqf4RZ3xhL63G9Xmc/small-grants-what-you-need-to-know>

2. FOUNDATION SCOTLAND

Foundation Scotland has a variety of grant-funding programmes- some are locally based and some are Scotland- wide. Information about local grant programmes can be found on their website- below is information about the Scotland-wide programmes.

PF Charitable Trust

Grants of between £500 and £2,000 are available on an ongoing basis only to registered charities with an annual income of less than £250,000. One, or more of the following priorities must also be met in any application.

Funding priorities:

- Disability
- Health
- Children and Families
- Youth work
- Elderly

Further information and how to apply:

<https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/pf-charitable-trust/>

Baillie Gifford Community Awards Programme

This fund is open to constituted voluntary groups with an annual income of less than £250,000. At least one of the funding priorities must be met.

Funding priorities:

- Children and families
- Elderly
- Education
- Environment
- Health
- Physically disabled
- Homelessness
- Women
- Grass Roots Sports

Deadlines for applications:

- 4pm, 2 September 2019
- 4pm, 2 December 2019

Further information and how to apply:

<https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/baillie-gifford-community-awards/>

Baillie Gifford Grassroots Sport

This fund is open to constituted voluntary groups with an annual income of less than £250,000. Grants of up to £2,000 can be applied and must relate specifically to sports development:

- Purchasing sports equipment
- Coaching and coaching development costs
- Facilities hire
- Encourage the inclusion of minority groups and those facing barriers to entry

At least one of the funding priorities must be met.

Funding priorities:

- Improve the quality and participation in sport - all ages and abilities, all sports (excluding elite participation)
- Widen access – remove barriers to participation
- Improve sustainability (of clubs and groups)

Deadlines for applications:

- 4pm, 2 September 2019
- 4pm, 2 December 2019

Further information and how to apply:

<https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/baillie-gifford-grassroots-sports/>

3. THE NATIONAL LOTTERY COMMUNITY FUND SCOTLAND**National Lottery Awards for All Scotland**

This programme provides funding from £300 - £10,000 and is ongoing. It is open to constituted organisations, voluntary and community organisations, not-for-profit companies and Community Interest Companies, as well as schools and statutory bodies.

Funding Priorities

A good application should do at least one of these three things:

- bring people together and build strong relationships in and across communities
- improve the places and spaces that matter to communities
- enable more people to fulfil their potential by working to address issues at the earliest possible stage.

Further information on the grant and how to apply:

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/national-lottery-awards-for-all-scotland#section-1>

4. THE ROBERTSON TRUST

Wee Grants for Wee Groups

The Robertson Trust is piloting a new grant programme called "Wee Funding for Wee Groups". Wee Grants can be from £500-£2,000 and can fully fund or part fund your work. This can include your day to day running costs such as rent or utilities, project costs, sessional staff and items such as equipment or training materials.

There are 3 funding strands:

- 1. CARE AND WELLBEING - Improving the quality of life for those affected by physical and/or mental health issues and their carers
- 2. STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES - Increasing the ability and capacity of people and communities to create solutions which address local need
- 3. REALISING POTENTIAL– Developing confidence and resilience in young people, particularly those who face barriers to success

The grant is open to constituted community groups or small registered charities with an annual income of £100,000 or less.

For further information on the grant and how to apply:

<https://www.therobertsontrust.org.uk/what-we-fund/wee-grants-for-wee-groups>