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Introduction

Inspired by COP26 (The 26th Conference of Parties to the Paris Agreement) event in Glasgow in October/November 2021, this directory lists potential grant funding opportunities available to voluntary organisations in Glasgow for environmental projects and causes. While we have tried to capture all the funding opportunities we're aware of, this is not intended to be a comprehensive directory, so if you know of any other potential sources of funding, please let us know so we can include them here!

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GCVS Funding Support Service

GCVS provides a range of fundraising resources, training sessions and a one-to-one advice service completely free of charge for voluntary groups, charities or community organisations in Glasgow. This includes a short video, "Applying for Grants" with key information to help with your applications to grant-makers. You can find more information from our website, <https://www.gcvs.org.uk/support-for-organisations/funding-and-fundraising/>

There is huge competition for grant funding. Only one in five applications is successful on average. Therefore, in order to secure sufficient funding, you might need to apply to several different funders at the same time. Preparation is key. Research the funding priorities of potential funders, check their eligibility criteria and read their guidelines carefully.

However, grant funding is only one way of finding income for your work. Your fundraising plan should include a range of methods so you're not too dependent on one type. If you'd like more information, please get in touch – we're happy to help.

Sources of general fundraising guidance and advice

- **Code of Fundraising Practice:** Practical advice on all fundraising methods <https://www.fundraisingregulator.org.uk/>
- **Chartered Institute of Fundraising:**
 - Fundraising Essentials: <https://ciof.org.uk/events-and-training/resources/fundraising-essentials>
 - Trustees and Fundraising – a Practical Handbook. [Link](#)
- **Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR):** Fundraising guidance for Charity Trustees <https://www.oscr.org.uk/guidance-and-forms/fundraising-guidance-for-charity-trustees/>
- **GCVS Funding Support Service.** <https://www.gcvs.org.uk/support-for-organisations/funding-and-fundraising/> Subscribe to weekly funding updates in our free newsletter <https://www.gcvs.org.uk/newsletters/>

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Sources of generic grant funding in Glasgow

There are many thousands of charitable trusts, foundations, agencies and grant-makers in Scotland. Many grant-makers support environmental projects and causes as part of their standard, core funding priorities. To search for funding opportunities, sign up for a free account with SCVO's Funding Scotland service.

<https://funding.scot/>

Some of the main generic grant-makers are listed here:

- **Bank of Scotland Foundation.** <https://bankofscotlandfoundation.org/>
- **Corra Foundation.** <https://www.corra.scot/grants/>
- **Esmée Fairbairn Foundation: Improving our Natural World.**
<https://esmeefairbairn.org.uk/applications/>
- **Foundation Scotland.** <https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/>
- **Glasgow City Council: Area Partnership Grants.** <https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/Community Planning Partnerships/Partnership Budgets>
- **Hugh Fraser Foundation.** <https://www.turcanconnell.com/the-hugh-fraser-foundation/>
- **The Merchants House of Glasgow.** <https://www.merchantshouse.org.uk/application-guidance>
- **National Lottery Communities Fund Scotland.**
<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes?location=scotland>
- **National Lottery Heritage Fund.** <https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/in-your-area/scotland>
- **The Robertson Trust.** <https://www.therobertsontrust.org.uk/funding/our-funds/>
- **Souter Charitable Trust.** <https://www.soutercharitabletrust.org.uk/>

Focussed grant funding for environmental projects and causes

Cycling Scotland: Cycling Friendly Employer Fund, Scotland

Grants up to £25,000 are available to help community groups and other organisations to provide facilities that will encourage their staff teams to commute or travel by bike. Eligible projects include bike racks or showers. Before applying, contact Cycling Scotland to discuss your project. **Apply by 28 October.**

<https://www.cycling.scot/what-we-do/cycling-friendly/employer>

Cycling UK: Shift grant funding

Grants up to £800 with development support are available to voluntary groups, charities and businesses to help more people in your community to cycle for short everyday journeys and/or to trial e-cargo bikes.

Apply any time **before February 2022.** <https://www.cyclinguk.org/shift>

DPD Eco Fund

Grants up to £2,000 are available to community groups, educational facilities and start-up companies for local projects that benefit the environment. **Apply any time.** <https://green.dpd.co.uk/>

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Greenshoots Foundation Trust

Small grants are available to non-profit organisations for projects that will deliver carbon reductions and economic benefits to minimise environmental impact. Examples include local community energy schemes or more energy efficient buildings. **Apply online any time.** <https://www.greenshootsfund.com/>

National Lottery Communities Fund: Together for our Planet

Grants up to £10,000 are available to help local community groups take action on climate change. Priority for first-time applicants, new activities or to support people who will be directly affected. Sign up for a free webinar on 21 September. **Apply before 18 November.**

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/together-for-our-planet>

Paths for All - Community Paths Active Travel Grants

Grants up to £3,000 are available to community groups and voluntary organisations to promote, improve or maintain accessible active travel routes for short everyday journeys. Projects must demonstrate how they will increase people's knowledge about sustainable transport choices. **Apply before 7 November.**

<https://www.pathsforall.org.uk/resources/resource/Community-Paths-Active-Travel-Grants-Scheme-Guidance-Notes>

Paths for All – Smarter Choices Smarter Places Open Fund

Grants up to £50,000 are available as match funding to public, third and community sector organisations. Eligible projects will support the fund's priorities to cut Scotland's carbon emissions, improve air quality, help reverse the trend towards sedentary lifestyles and tackle health inequalities. **Apply any time.**

<https://www.pathsforall.org.uk/active-travel/smarter-choices-smarter-places-1/open-fund>

Scottish Landfill Communities Fund (The Land Trust)

Grant funding is available to constituted voluntary organisations and charities for environmental projects that take place within ten miles of a landfill site or transfer station. Funding is distributed by Authorised Bodies through a two-stage process. **Apply any time.** For Glasgow information, visit

<http://www.landtrust.org.uk/questions.htm>

Sustrans – Love Your Network grants

Prescribed bundles of equipment and training packages are available for community groups to improve the environment around a traffic free section of their local National Cycle Network. **Apply by 6 February 2022.**

<https://www.sustrans.org.uk/our-blog/projects/2019/scotland/the-love-your-network-grant-for-community-groups-in-scotland>

TCV (The Conservation Volunteers): The Chestnut Fund

Small grants up to £350 are available to local voluntary groups for volunteer conservation and practical work to encourage bio-diversity and public access to the natural environment. Discuss your application with your local TCV office first. **Apply any time.** <https://www.tcv.org.uk/communities/join-community-network/the-chestnut-fund/>

Transport Scotland: eBike Grant Fund

Grants up to £25,000 are available to community groups for projects that will promote and trial ebikes as a sustainable alternative to car journeys. The fund can be used to cover the cost of ebikes, e-trikes, e-cargo bikes, cargo bikes and trailers, tandems, adapted cycles, and trikes. **Apply by 3 December.**

<https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/grants-and-loans/ebike-grant-fund/>

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Tree Council: Branching Out Fund

Grants up to £1,500 are available to schools, community groups and Tree Warden Networks to plant trees, hedges and orchards. Projects must involve young people up to the age of 21. **Apply by 17 December 2021, but might close early.** <https://treecouncil.org.uk/take-action/grants-for-trees/>

Volunteering Matters Action Earth Fund

Grants up to £250 (or limited Enhanced grants of £500) are available to help local volunteer groups to respond to climate change. Projects could include creating or improving community gardens, wildflower meadows, ponds, woodlands or other wildlife habitats. Projects must be complete by 31 January 2022. **Apply any time.** <https://volunteeringmatters.org.uk/project/action-earth/>