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Introduction

This directory lists potential grant funding opportunities available to voluntary organisations in Glasgow for climate-related or environmental activities. While we have included all the funding opportunities we're aware of, this is not intended to be a comprehensive directory. If you know of any other potential sources of funding for similar projects in Glasgow, please let us know so we can include them here!

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GCVS Climate Friendly Practice Support Service

Our climate change coordinators can help your organisation to take climate friendly action. We support anyone working in the sector to plan their decarbonization efforts, other environmentally helpful activity, and adaptation strategies. We can help guide you towards a strategy for your group, especially if you are just starting towards carbon neutrality or beginning to set up a climate policy.

Through our mailing list, we also highlight relevant workshops, events, and other opportunities in and around Glasgow. We support the great climate work already going on and work to encourage and empower new initiatives.

Sign up [here](#) and select 'Climate Friendly Practice' to learn more.

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. 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. On average, only one in five applications is successful. 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

- **Chartered Institute of Fundraising:**
 - CIOF has produced a toolkit to encourage fundraisers to minimise the sector’s collective environmental impact. <https://ciof.org.uk/events-and-training/resources/environmental-change>
 - Fundraising Essentials: <https://ciof.org.uk/events-and-training/resources/fundraising-essentials>
 - Trustees and Fundraising – a Practical Handbook. [Link](#)
- **Code of Fundraising Practice:** Practical advice on all fundraising methods <https://www.fundraisingregulator.org.uk/>
- **Environmental Funders Network.** A UK-based network of grant makers for environmental and conservation issues with a library of helpful resources. <https://www.greenfunders.org/scotland/>
- **Funder Commitment on Climate Change.** A list of UK charitable foundations which have committed to address the causes of climate change and support measures to reduce its effects. <https://fundercommitmentclimatechange.org/>
- **GCVS free weekly newsletters.** Subscribe for funding updates in our free newsletter <https://www.gcv.org.uk/newsletters/>
- **Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR):** Fundraising guidance for Charity Trustees <https://www.oscr.org.uk/guidance-and-forms/fundraising-guidance-for-charity-trustees/>
- **Scottish Community Climate Network.** Provides guidance on sources of funding for climate projects. <https://www.scottishcommunitiescan.org.uk/resources-funding>
- **Scottish Government’s Community and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES).** CARES offers a range of grant funding to get local energy projects up and running. They also provide free ongoing support, mentoring, advice and more. Visit their website for full information, <https://localenergy.scot/funding/>

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 grant-makers that might support environmental projects in Glasgow are listed below:

- **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/>



- **Foundation Scotland: People and Planet.** Guidelines containing practical case studies and signposts to further information. <https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/apply-for-funding/help-for-applicants/projects-for-people-and-planet>
- **Garfield Weston Foundation.** <https://garfieldweston.org>
- **Glasgow City Council: Area Partnership Grants.** [https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/Community Planning Partnerships/Partnership Budgets](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 Communities Fund Climate Action Hub.** [Climate action hub | The National Lottery Community Fund \(tnlcommunityfund.org.uk\)](#)
- **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

Deadlines coming up soon

Tesco Community Grants

Community groups in Shettleston and Baillieston (postcodes G32, G33, G34 and G69) are invited to apply for grants up to £1,500 for local good causes, including environmental projects. Apply before **8 August**. <https://tescocommunitygrants.org.uk/>

UK Government: Community Ownership Fund (Round Two)

Match funding up to £250,000 (or £1M for sports facilities) is available for voluntary and community groups wanting to buy or manage local assets or community-owned businesses at risk of being lost. Applicants must prove the value of the asset for all local people and have a viable long-term sustainability plan. Next deadline for full applications is **19 August**. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/community-ownership-fund-prospectus/community-ownership-fund-prospectus--2>

Glasgow Airport Flightpath Fund

Grants up to £5,000 or more are available for community groups and voluntary organisations around Glasgow. Project priorities are employment, environment and education. Apply before **26 August**. <https://www.glasgowairport.com/about-us/flightpath-fund/>



Glasgow City Council -River Activation Programme: Clyde River Corridor

Grants up to £20,000 are available to constituted groups and voluntary organisations for temporary projects on select Vacant and Derelict Land (VDL) sites along the river corridor. Includes greening & biodiversity projects, community cultural activities and food growing initiatives. Apply before **26 August**.

<https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/rap>

Energy Saving Trust: Plugged-in Communities Grant Fund

Funding of 100% of costs is available for established community transport organisations to purchase or lease up to three zero emission community transport vehicles. Complete a pre-application check. Apply before **4 September**. <https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/grants-and-loans/plugged-communities-grant-fund/>

Environmental Funders' Network (EFN) Green Fundraisers Forum Meeting: 22 September at 3pm online

Sign up for a chance to meet other people fundraising in the environment sector and discuss related topics and questions. EFN will present information about their new Slack platform and their sector programme strategy. Register [EFN Meeting Registration](#)

Other funds

Aviva Community Fund

Up to £50,000 match funding is available for registered charities or social enterprises for community climate action projects. This programme has various deadlines **throughout the year**.

<https://www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk>

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/>

Energy Saving Trust: Energy Industry Voluntary Redress Scheme

Grants up to £50,000 over two years are available to charities registered with the Ofgem's Energy Redress Scheme. Funding is available through their Main Fund and Small Projects Fund to support energy consumers in vulnerable situations. Deadlines **every quarter**. <https://www.energyredress.org.uk/>

Environmental Funders Network: Rapid response Fund

Grants up to £25,000 are available to help environmental organisations to respond quickly to crises or opportunities. **Apply any time**. <https://www.greenfunders.org/efn-rapid-response-fund/>

Faith in Community Scotland: Greener Spaces, Fairer Places

Grants up to £500 are available for all local faith groups or related organisations working primarily in a small, specific geographic community to tackle poverty and climate change. Top up grants are available for mentoring support. **Apply any time**. <https://www.faithincommunity.scot/gsfp>

FCC Communities Foundation: Scottish Action Fund

Grants up to £40,000 are available to not-for-profit organisations for projects eligible under the Scottish Landfill Communities Fund, including environmental, recycling and biodiversity activities. Funds are oversubscribed. Check guidelines carefully. Apply before **7 December**. fcccommunitiesfoundation.org.uk



Glasgow City Council: Private Lane Improvement Fund

Grants up to £20,000 are available for constituted groups of local residents to address a range of environmental issues on their shared property. The fund will support communal food growing spaces and measures that promote biodiversity. Funding can be used to buy equipment, cover the cost of repairs and other maintenance or develop space for communal use. **Check website for next funding window.** <https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=26610>

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/>

Joseph Rowntree Sustainable Futures Fund.

The overall focus is on developing and promoting sustainable, low-carbon alternatives to the current consumerist and growth-based paradigm. Register before **28 October 2022.** <https://www.jrct.org.uk/sustainable-future>

MyParkScotland

Scotland's only crowdfunding site specifically for parks and greenspaces. Funding park improvements and long-term investments. Listing on the site is free of charge and open to groups involved in parks and greenspace across Scotland. <https://www.mypark.scot/> They also have a useful set of training resources about crowdfunding. [Crowdfund Resource Kit | MyParkScotland](#)

National Lottery Communities Fund: Climate Action Fund

Grants up to £500,000 over five years and/or development grants up to £150,000 over two years are available for major partnership projects aiming to make a lasting change to benefit the natural environment. Sign up for online information sessions. Apply **any time.** [Climate Action Fund | The National Lottery Community Fund \(tnlcommunityfund.org.uk\)](#)

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>

People's Postcode Trust: Magic Little Grants

Grants up to £500 are available to small charities, community groups and school groups for a wide variety of projects. The application process is straightforward and you'll know the decision in six weeks. Apply before **end October.** <https://www.postcodetrust.org.uk/partnership-grants/localgiving/>



Scottish Government: Community and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES)

Delivered by Local Energy Scotland. Regional development officers provide advice and support. Various financial support options are available, including:

- **enablement grants** up to £25,000 to get your project started, for example to help with feasibility studies, community consultations, legal fees and other preparatory costs
- **development funding** (grants and/or loans) to help get your projects designed and consented, as well as helping to procure (appoint) contractors so it's ready to build
- **capital funding** (grants and/or loans) supports with the costs of materials, construction and professional fees to build your local energy projects

For more information about funding, visit the Local Energy Scotland website. **Apply any time.**

<https://localenergy.scot/funding/cares-funding-available-now/>

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>

Social Investment Scotland: Social Enterprise Net Zero Transition Fund

Small grants up to £20,000 and loans up to £1.5M are available to help social enterprises and third sector organisations to make the transition to carbon net zero. The grants are only available to support circular economy projects. Submit an expression of interest **at any time.**

<https://www.socialinvestmentscotland.com/learning-hub/social-enterprise-net-zero-transition-fund/>

Sustrans Scotland: ArtRoots Fund

Grants up to £5,000 are available for community groups to make artistic and aesthetic improvements along traffic-free National Cycle Network routes. **Apply any time.** [https://www.sustrans.org.uk/our-](https://www.sustrans.org.uk/our-blog/projects/2019/scotland/artroots-funding-for-the-national-cycle-network-in-scotland/)

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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-](https://www.tcv.org.uk/communities/join-community-network/the-chestnut-fund/)

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Volunteering Matters: Action Earth Fund

Small nature grants up to £250 are available for voluntary groups to run environmental activities in Scotland's green spaces. Activities should emphasize local nature enrichment and biodiversity improvements, but NOT food growing. Projects that will make major environmental impacts and/or involve mass participation are welcomed. Minimum 15 volunteers must be involved. **Register your group now.**

<https://volunteeringmatters.org.uk/project/action-earth/>



The Wolfson Foundation: Sustainability Fund

Grants up to £50,000 are available for previous Wolfson grant holders to undertake basic refurbishment and maintenance works that have a clear emphasis on enhancing the sustainability of buildings, improving energy efficiency and reducing ongoing costs. Next application deadlines **25 October**.

<https://www.wolfson.org.uk/funding/funding-for-places/sustainability-fund>

Zero Waste Scotland: Circular Economy Investment Fund

Grant funding is available for businesses and organisations in Scotland, including charities and social enterprises, to promote circular economy growth. They are looking for innovative projects that have the ability to deliver carbon savings, leverage investment and create jobs. **Apply any time**.

<https://www.zerowastescotland.org.uk/circular-economy/investment-fund>