



Grant Funding Opportunities for Environmental Causes

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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, please let us know so we can include them here next month!

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Our Climate and Funding Support Services

Our climate change coordinators can support your organisation to take climate friendly action and 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. [Sign up here](#) to our mailing list and select 'Climate Friendly Practice' to hear about relevant workshops, events, and other opportunities in and around Glasgow.

We also provide a range of fundraising support services, training and one-to-one advice completely free for community groups, voluntary organisations and social enterprises in Glasgow. [GCVS funding support](#) This includes free access to our [Open 4 Community](#) grant search system for voluntary organisations with a Glasgow postcode and annual income less than £1M.

Glasgow Climate Action Hub

Thanks to funding from The Scottish Government, 20 climate hubs are being established throughout Scotland. The Glasgow Climate Action Hub is part of this national network and provides a full programme designed to support communities to take forward climate action in their areas.

As well as helping to coordinate and build on existing activity, hubs will work together to learn from each other and share good practices. There is potential for this to continue into 2024-25 and beyond. The partners share an ambition of building community action in response to climate change – encouraging greater involvement of citizens, building connections within and between communities, sharing knowledge, developing capacity and accessing and focusing resources. The primary strands are Engagement, Building Capacity, and Creating Connections.

GCVS is the lead Hub partner working closely with Glasgow Eco Trust, Loco Homes Retrofit, Rags to Riches (Govanhill Baths Trust), Merry Go Round and Parents for Future Scotland. For information, visit gcah.scot and [read our blog](#).

Glasgow Community Climate Action Network (GCCAN)

This is a collaborative network of local community groups working with and for their communities, creating a sustainable, equal and resilient future for Glasgow. The network creates space where groups can share ideas and concerns and build positive connections with each other. sccan.scot/glasgowccan



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Fundraising guidance and advice

Chartered Institute of Fundraising:

- CIOF has produced a toolkit to encourage fundraisers to minimise the sector's collective environmental impact. ciof.org.uk/environmental-change
- CIOF essential elements of fundraising ciof.org.uk/fundraising-essentials
- CIOF guidance for Trustees [Trustees-and-Fundraising-in-Scotland.pdf](https://ciof.org.uk/Trustees-and-Fundraising-in-Scotland.pdf)

Code of Fundraising Practice:

Practical advice on all fundraising methods 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. www.greenfunders.org/scotland/

Funder Commitment on Climate Change

UK charitable foundations committing to address the causes of climate change and support measures to reduce its effects. fundercommitmentclimatechange.org/

GCVS free weekly newsletters

Funding news every Wednesday in our free newsletter www.gcv.org.uk/newsletters/

Green Finance Institute: Investment Readiness Toolkit

www.greenfinanceinstitute.co.uk/gfihive/toolkit

Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR):

Fundraising guidance for Charity Trustees www.oscr.org.uk

Scottish Community Climate Network

Guidance on funding sources for climate projects.

https://www.scottishcommunitiescan.org.uk/resources-funding_

Scottish Fundraising Adjudication Panel

Promoting public trust in Scottish fundraising goodfundraising.scot

Scottish Government's Community and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES)

A range of grant funding to get local energy projects up and running. Plus free ongoing support, mentoring, advice and more. <https://localenergy.scot/funding/>



Popular grant makers for groups in Glasgow

Potential grant makers that might support environmental projects in Glasgow

- **Bank of Scotland Foundation** bankofscotlandfoundation.org
- **Corra Foundation** www.corra.scot
- **Esmée Fairbairn Foundation** esmeefairbairn.org.uk
- **Foundation Scotland** foundationscotland.org.uk
- **Garfield Weston Foundation** garfieldweston.org
- **Glasgow City Council Area Partnership Grants** Glasgow.gov.uk
- **Hugh Fraser Foundation** turcanconnell.com/the-hugh-fraser-foundation
- **The Merchants House of Glasgow** merchantshouse.org.uk
- **National Lottery Communities Fund Scotland** tnlcommunityfund.org.uk also NLCF Climate Action Hub. NLCF climate-action-hub
- **National Lottery Heritage Fund** heritagefund.org.uk
- **The Robertson Trust** therobertsontrust.org.uk
- **Sustrans in Scotland** sustrans.org.uk
- **Transport Scotland** Directory of Active Travel grants transport.gov.scot



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Deadlines coming up soon

Zero Waste Scotland: Community Fridge Fund

Grants up to £10,000 are available for community groups, voluntary organisations and local businesses to tackle food waste and increase food security by hosting a community fridge. Don't delay. First come, first served! Apply before **5 February**. [Community Fridge Fund](#)

Paths for All: The Smarter Choices, Smarter Places Open Fund

Match-funded grants up to £50,000 are available to public, third and community sector organisations for projects that encourage people to change their everyday travel behaviours to cut Scotland's carbon emissions, improve air quality and tackle health inequalities. Expression of interest before **10 February**. pathsforall.org.uk

King Charles III Charitable Fund: Small Grants

Grants up to £15,000 over three years are available for community groups and voluntary organisations for a range of purposes, including local environmental projects. Next application deadline is **19 February**. kccf.org.uk/small-grants

Business Energy Scotland: Reduce your energy bill

Cashback grants up to £30,000 and interest-free loans up to £100,000 are available to SME organisations to improve energy efficiency. If your organisation is renting premises and you're looking for practical advice to reduce your energy bill, book your place at this free online event on **29 February**. [Business Energy Scotland](#)

Glasgow Community Food Hub: Food & Climate Action Composting

Grants up to £3,000 are available for grassroots community groups and voluntary organisations within Glasgow city for new or existing small-scale, community-led composting projects. Apply before **11 March**. glasgowfood.net



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Ongoing funding

Aviva Community Fund

Up to £50,000 match funding is available for registered charities or social enterprises for community climate action projects. Various deadlines throughout the year **Apply any time.** avivacommunityfund.co.uk

Business Energy Scotland: SME Loan Scheme

Cashback grants of £20,000 and interest free loans up to £100,000 are available to charities, community organisations and social enterprises to install energy efficient systems, equipment or to upgrade building fabric such as energy efficient lighting. Free assessments are available. **Apply any time.** businessenergyscotland.org

Crowdbound

Match funding is available from this crowd publishing platform to support books that cover important social or environmental schemes. For authors who come from disadvantaged or under-represented backgrounds. **Apply any time.** crowdbound.org

Cycling Scotland: Cycling friendly grants

Grants up to £20,000 are available for community groups and voluntary organisations for local projects that will improve cycling facilities and increase the number of people cycling. Other funding programmes are available. **Apply any time.** [Cycling Friendly](https://CyclingFriendly.org)

D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust

Grants up to £6,000 are available to registered charities for projects that will benefit the environment, the arts, and/or health and medical welfare. **Apply any time.** doilycartecharitabletrust.org

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.** greenfunders.org

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.** faithincommunity.scot



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Glasgow City Council: Area Partnership Grants

Grants up to £10,000 are available for community and voluntary organisations in Glasgow for projects meeting locally identified needs. Funding priorities, amounts and application deadlines vary. Research your own area. Applications deadlines **each quarter year**. [Area Partnership Budgets - Glasgow City Council](#)

Glasgow City Council: Green Deal Business Support programme

Grants up to £10,000 are available for third sector organisations and SMEs paying non-domestic rates in Glasgow to help reduce energy bills and work towards net zero. **Apply any time**. [Green Business Support Programme - Glasgow City Council](#)

Glasgow City Council: Private Lane Improvement Fund

Grants up to £20,000 are available for constituted groups and residents' organisations to improve the environmental quality of residential lanes throughout Glasgow. Funding can be used to buy equipment, cover the cost of repairs and other maintenance or develop space for communal use. **Apply any time**. glasgow.gov.uk

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 any time**. glasgowairport.com/flightpath-fund

HDH Wills Charitable Trust

Grant funding up to £50,000 is available for registered charities through three funding programmes for the conservation of wildlife and environmental causes. **Apply any time**. hdhwills.org

Local Energy Scotland: Let's Do Net Zero Community Buildings Fund

Grants up to £80,000 (or 80% of costs) are available to registered charities, community organisations or faith groups to decarbonise energy use in community buildings. **Apply any time**. localenergy.scot

The Mushroom Trust

Grants up to £10,000 are available for community groups and voluntary organisations to support the creation, maintenance and improvement of urban green spaces. Groups should demonstrate public involvement and community-based fundraising. Apply before **31 March 2024**. mushroomtrust.com



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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](#)

Nature Scot: Nature Restoration Fund

Grants up to £250,000 and more are available for a wide range of organisations working in partnership to restore wildlife and habitats on land and sea, and address the twin crises of biodiversity loss and climate change. Next application deadlines are in 2024: **25 April and 12 August**. nature.scot

The Naturesave Trust

Grants up to £5,000 are available for environmental projects provided by community groups and voluntary organisations along the themes of renewable energy, nature conservation, the circular economy, sustainable food and social welfare. Three funding rounds each year. **Apply any time**. naturesave.co.uk

Paths for All: The Ian Findlay Path Fund

Match funding up to £100,000 are available to community and third sector organisations to improve local paths within and between communities, making it easier for people to choose active travel for short, daily journeys. **Apply any time**. pathsforall.org.uk/ian-findlay-path-fund

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**. localenergy.scot



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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 landtrust.org.uk

The Steel Charitable Trust

Grants up to £25,000 are available to small registered charities for a variety of purposes including projects that will make a positive impact on the environment (improve habitats, conserve species or reduce waste) and also to reduce organisational carbon footprint. Applications considered **each quarter year**.

steelcharitabletrust.org.uk

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.** sustrans.org.uk

TCV (The Conservation Volunteers): The Chestnut Fund

Micro grants up to £200 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.** tcv.org.uk

Wolfson Foundation: Funding for Places

Capital infrastructure grants are available for registered charities for new builds, refurbishment and/or equipment associated with a wide range of community projects. Careful consideration beforehand is essential before beginning and this guide gives useful tips to help prepare a Stage 1 application. Two application deadlines each year, **5 January and 1 July.** wolfson.org.uk

Zero Waste Scotland

Major grant funding is available for businesses and organisations in Scotland, including charities and social enterprises, to promote circular economy growth.

Apply any time. zerowastescotland.org.uk



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