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COMMUNITY SPACES



## Community Spaces Scotland

The Big Lottery Fund believes that the places around us matter.

Parks, allotments and gardens can breathe life into our communities, creating spaces for play, recreation and contemplation. Community centres and village halls are the hearts of our communities, places for sharing services and bringing people together.

If you could use around £100,000 or less to improve a space or place in your community, Community Spaces Scotland could be for you.

Community Spaces Scotland can help your community improve your local spaces and places, providing somewhere better for people to come together to be healthier and happier.

## How will Community Spaces Scotland make a difference?

The Big Lottery Fund will invest at least £9 million in Community Spaces Scotland over the next three years. We want to fund projects that help:

- ▶ Communities come together to make better use of local spaces and places.
- ▶ Communities come together to improve their environment.
- ▶ Communities come together to get healthier and be more active.

## What kinds of projects could get funding?

We can fund community-led projects that will improve outdoor or indoor spaces. We are looking for projects that involve a wide range of people in their community in the project. Some of the kinds of projects we can fund are:

- ▶ turning an empty space into a community garden
- ▶ replacing the kitchen in a community centre so it can be used for tea dances and lunch clubs
- ▶ improving a local park to help disabled and non-disabled children play safely
- ▶ upgrading the heating in a community centre to make it more energy efficient and reduce running costs
- ▶ developing new allotments and community growing spaces to

produce local food

- ▶ refurbishing a village hall with a new floor to extend the range of activities it can support.

Most of the projects we fund will want to develop a physical space, and we can help pay for these improvements to a piece of land or a building. We can also consider funding for staff or activities as part of or for your entire project. An example would be a green gym, offering local people the chance to be more active by doing practical conservation activities.

## Can I apply for Community Spaces Scotland in my community?

Community Spaces Scotland is targeted at the areas of greatest need across Scotland to ensure that funding makes the greatest



difference. You can find out straight away whether you are eligible to apply. Please visit our website at [www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/communityspaces](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/communityspaces) to check whether your project is in an area that is eligible.

Community Spaces Scotland can fund a wide range of organisations like voluntary and community organisations, schools, community councils and social enterprises.

### How much can I apply for?

We expect most grants we make in Community Spaces Scotland to be for £100,000 or less, but will accept applications for between £10,000 and £250,000. The Big Lottery Fund is looking to be the majority funder of your project.

We can fund projects for up to two years and can meet up to 95 per cent of your project costs.

You can use non-cash contributions – like volunteer time or gifts of equipment – to make up the remaining five per cent.

If your project needs less than £10,000 call us to ask about one of our smaller grants programmes: Awards for All, Investing in Ideas or 2014 Communities.

### When can I apply?

Community Spaces Scotland has deadlines for applications on **2 December 2011** and on **7 December 2012**. We will advertise any further deadlines on our website.

Projects that are already being developed and do not need planning permission can apply by 14 October 2011 for a faster decision.

Call or email our enquiries team if you would like to find out more about our deadlines.



## How do I find out more?

If your community has an idea that might fit Community Spaces Scotland, contact us before you apply on: 0300 123 7110 or by email at: [enquiries.scotland@biglotteryfund.org.uk](mailto:enquiries.scotland@biglotteryfund.org.uk) to discuss your idea.

Our website also has more information on Community Spaces Scotland at [www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/communityspaces](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/communityspaces)



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