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Climate Beacons for COP26

Climate Beacons for COP26 will be a Scotland-wide collaborative project between climate change or environmental organisations and arts, heritage or cultural organisations to stimulate long-term public engagement in the lead-up to and following COP26. Creative Carbon Scotland is currently looking to hear from organisations working in the arts, climate, culture, environmental or heritage sectors that are interested in participating in the project. We are currently organising funding to cover participating organisations' activity and will invite formal applications from prospective partnerships if and when this has been secured.

Opening partnerships are now open and will close on Monday 10th May at 9am 2021

<https://www.creativecarbonscotland.com/climate-beacons-for-cop26/>

The Community Ownership Fund

From summer 2021 community groups will be able to bid for up to £250,000 matched-funding to help them buy or take over local community assets at risk of being lost, to run as community-owned businesses through the UK Community Ownership Fund. Bids will be accepted from all communities across the UK. In most circumstances, bids should be made from community and voluntary organisations with formal governance in place, such as a Community Trust. Projects should be focused on place-based assets or amenities, which are important to the local community, build connections between people and foster a sense of pride in the local area – but are at risk of being lost without community intervention. There will be an emphasis on ensuring the asset or amenity can be sustainable in community ownership.

Opening first bidding round for the Community Ownership Fund will open by June 2021

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/community-ownership-fund/community-ownership-fund>

Third Sector Growth Fund

A new £30 million fund is being established to support small businesses within the third sector, helping them to grow as Scotland recovers from the impacts of coronavirus. The fund will be designed to respond to a need for third sector organisations to access loans to help grow and explore new forms of social investment and finance. It will also help support the sector to meet the challenge of the pandemic and to become more sustainable in the long-term.

Opening Soon <https://www.gov.scot/news/third-sector-growth-fund/>

1. Museums Galleries Scotland COVID-19 Adaptation Fund

Grants up to £10,000 for museum operators based in Scotland can apply for funding to purchase equipment and to facilitate training that will enable them to reopen safely and in accordance with restrictions due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

Deadline: 11 June 2021. <https://www.museumsgalleryscotland.org.uk/funding/covid-19-adaptation-fund/>

2. Adapt & Thrive Programme

Grants and Loans up to £250,000 to support organisations across the third sector to adapt to the challenges presented by COVID-19 and build back better to thrive in the future. It supports organisations to reflect on their current operations and determine which areas need to change, flex, innovate, or grow in order to be resilient and financially sustainable during and post COVID-19. The programme is delivered in partnership by Firstport, Corra Foundation, SCVO, Just Enterprise, Community Enterprise and Social Investment Scotland. On 24 February the Scottish Government confirmed additional investment for the Community and Third Sector Recovery Programme, which will allow Adapt and Thrive to continue until the end of June 2021. Adapt and Thrive offers tailored, specialist advice, as well as grants and loans. The advice is designed to help organisations to build recovery plans that are flexible, allowing them to stay open, respond to the planned easing of restrictions or adapt quickly to any changes in guidelines or tier levels whilst working towards financial sustainability. The funding is unrestricted so it can also adapt around the needs of the organisation.

Deadline: 30th June 2021

<https://scvo.scot/support/coronavirus/funding/scottish-government/community-recovery/atf>

3. Volant Charitable Trust - COVID-19 Response Fund

Grants are available to charities that demonstrate a strong focus on alleviating social deprivation and helping vulnerable groups who have been affected by the coronavirus pandemic

Deadline: 31 July 2021

<https://www.volanttrust.org/how-to-apply-covid-19/>

4. Argyll and Bute Flexible Food Fund

Argyll and Bute Council has launched a new fund aimed at tackling financial insecurity for adults and families across Argyll and Bute. The Fund offers financial support and wider confidential professional help to anyone suffering hardship. Working in partnership with the Community Food Forum, Bute Advice Centre and ALLenergy, households with low incomes and no access to cash savings can apply for immediate financial support. The Fund will help support daily living expenses. This fund is for individuals.

Open for applications. <https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/forms/flexible-food-fund>

5. Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust - Force for Change Programme

Grants up to £10,000 for ideas that need small amounts of funding to deliver nimble and focused local projects to Armed Forces communities or small grants to support services, projects and activities that are used by Armed Forces communities, but which are struggling as a result of the impact of the Covid pandemic.

Deadline 02 August 2021.

<https://covenantfund.org.uk/programme/armed-forces-covenant-fund-force-for-change-programme/>

ARTS AND CULTURE

6. Music for All - Community Project Funding

Grants up to £2,000 are available to give a helping hand to projects and initiatives across the UK that are seeking to bring music to their community. The funding is for groups that need assistance to fulfil their potential in developing truly sustainable music programmes.

Deadline 14 May 2021 <http://www.musicforall.org.uk/apply-for-funding/>

7. Natural Eye Bursary Award

Financial awards of up to £750 are available to UK artists submitting exceptional proposals to carry out independent projects, research or training in art practices that focus on wildlife as a main subject.

Deadline 01 June 2021 <https://swla.co.uk/bursaries/natural-eye-bursary>

8. Theatres Trust Small Grants Scheme

Grants up to £5,000 are available for essential works to not-for-profit theatres in the UK that will enable them to be viable and thrive in the future.

Deadline 07 June 2021 <http://www.theatrust.org.uk/smallgrants>

9. Paul Hamlyn Foundation - Arts Access and Participation Fund

Grants up to £400,000 in support of the arts as a force for change and one that enriches people's lives and communities. The aim of the Access and Participation Fund is to support change in the way the arts are created, presented, accessed and experienced so that a wider and more diverse group of people have access to quality artistic practice, both as audiences and participants.

Deadline Ongoing <https://www.phf.org.uk/our-work-in-the-uk/arts-access-participation/>

10. John Ellerman Foundation

Grants from £10,000 to advance the wellbeing of people, society and the natural world. Support is available for charitable work in the arts, environment and social action. The Foundation is keenly aware of the connections between these areas and their effects on each other and on people's health and happiness.

Deadline Ongoing <https://www.ellerman.org.uk/>

11. Marsh Christian Trust

Grants from £300 to £2,000 are available to support small registered charities through long-term core funding, in an attempt to assist these organisations to maintain their current and ongoing activities.

Deadline Ongoing <https://www.marshchristiantrust.org/>

12. Victoria Wood Foundation

Grants are available to groups who are interested in supporting areas that would have interested her, namely the arts, in all forms.

Deadline Ongoing <https://victoriawoodfoundation.org.uk/>

13. Open Fund: Sustaining Creative Development

Grants between £1,000 and £100,000 are available to enable individuals and organisations to explore ways of working that will help them to adapt and respond to the current changing circumstances.

Deadline Ongoing <https://www.creativescotland.com/funding/funding-programmes/open-fund-sustaining-creative-development>

14. Further links to Hardship Funds

Bella Caledonia are posting a list of hardship funds and awards currently available to artists and freelancers in Scotland. By Iona Lee - Published on 7th November 2020

Deadline: Ongoing <https://bellacaledonia.org.uk/2020/11/07/list-of-hardship-funds-for-artists/>

BUSINESS AND ENTERPRISE

15. UnLtd - Awards for Social Entrepreneurs

Funding up to £15,000 is available along with specialist support for UK social entrepreneurs to help them develop as social leaders, and to start up or grow their idea for a social venture.

Deadline: 30 June 2021 <https://www.unltd.org.uk/awards>

16. Capify £50m SME Business Fund

The Fund offering loans up to £1 million has been created to support established companies that require additional finance to help them recover from the latest coronavirus lockdown.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://www.capify.co.uk/lp2/50m-fund/>

17. Coronavirus - information for businesses

The UK and Scottish Governments have announced a package of support to assist businesses. You can use this business support finder to see what support is available for you and your business. Please check back regularly for updates.

Deadlines Changing <https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/coronavirus-information-businesses>

18. Paul Hamlyn Foundation - Ideas and Pioneers Fund

Up to £15,000 are available along with a package of support to help awardees develop their ideas to individuals, small groups and organisations who are focused on exploring an innovative new idea or approach for change.

Deadline Ongoing <https://www.phf.org.uk/funds/ideaspioneers/#about-the-ideas-and-pioneers-fund>

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

19. Toy Trust

Grants up to £5,000 are available for registered charities undertaking projects to support disadvantaged and disabled children who are under 13 years of age.

Deadline 30 June 2021 <https://toytrust.co.uk/>

20. Barbara Ward Children's Foundation

Grants to help small, non-religious charities to serve severely disadvantaged children anywhere in the world. In recent years, the Foundation has provided grants to organisations working on youth projects in the following categories: Education, Health and wellbeing, Holidays, Sport, play and leisure Support, care and respite.

Deadline Ongoing <http://www.bwcf.org.uk/>

21. Casey Trust

Grants to assist the setting up of new and innovative projects to support children and their welfare. The focus is exclusively on children (with a cut-off age of 18) and wherever possible where the direct benefit to children can be easily observed.

Deadline Ongoing <http://www.caseytrust.org/#>

22. Happy Days Children's Charity

Grants to support families with children aged 3-17 who have learning difficulties, physical or mental disabilities, acute, chronic or life limiting illnesses, been abused or neglected, witnessed domestic violence, been bereaved or act as carers for a parent or a sibling.

Deadline Ongoing <https://www.happydayscharity.org/applications>

23. Robert McAlpine Foundation

Grants between £2,500 and £10,000 to support projects in the following areas: Children, the youth, the elderly, social media research.

Deadline Ongoing <https://www.robertmcalpinefoundation.org/>

24. Wooden Spoon Charity

Grants from £5,000 are available to make a positive impact on the lives of disadvantaged children and young people through its commitment to quality charitable work throughout the UK..

Deadline Ongoing <https://woodenspoon.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/>

COMMUNITY FUNDING

25. Community Renewal Fund

The fund will support priority areas over the next financial year to prepare for the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) which will be introduced in 2022. The aim of the Community Renewal Fund (CRF) will be to support communities to trial new approaches and innovative ideas at a local level as well as providing £14m capacity funding to help places to prepare for the UKSPF. It is being particularly targeted at areas around the country which the government have identified as having a specific need for support including ex-industrial, coastal and rural communities as deprived towns. Projects must be delivered and financially complete by 31 March 2022 and have a minimum project spend of £100,000

Applications to the Fund must support at least one of the following areas:

- Investment in Skills:
- Investment for local business:
- Investment for communities and place:
- Supporting people into employment

Lead in time for applications is short, so don't delay.

Bids must be submitted by 21 May 2021

<https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/ukcrf>

26. Empowering Women Fund

Seed Funding grants of £500 to £1,000 are available to small women's groups to establish and run micro women's empowerment projects in their local area that support women to build skills and confidence, and decrease social isolation. Women's Sector grants from £1,000 to £5,000 and large grants from £5,000 to £25,000 are available for women's groups and organisations to develop capacity to respond to changing needs in their communities and run projects over a fixed duration of at least six months.

Deadline 28 May 2021 <https://www.solacewomensaid.org/empowering-women-fund>

27. Corra Foundation - Enabling Neighbourhoods and Communities Fund

Grants up to £5,000 are available for community and voluntary groups in Scotland who are delivering activities that connect and support people within their local community.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://www.corra.scot/grants/enabling-neighbourhoods/>

28. Baillie Gifford Community Awards

Grants of between £500 and £5,000 are available towards a maximum total project cost of £20,000 are available to support grassroots community organisations across Scotland that are running programmes focussed on children and families, elderly people, education, the environment, health, people who are physically disabled, homelessness and women. Additionally, there is a ring fenced budget for projects involving grassroots sports.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/baillie-gifford/>

29. Robertson Trust

Grants up to £750,000 are available to support charitable projects that address the Trust's three funding strands:

- Financial wellbeing - tackling the financial and material effects of poverty on people and communities.
- Emotional wellbeing and relationships - ensuring people have emotional wellbeing, and confidence and strength in their relationships with others.
- Education and work pathways - equipping people for the future by supporting learning and skills.

The Trust has four main grants - Small Grants - funding of between £2,000 and £15,000 Large Grants - funding of between £15,000 and £50,000 - Community Vehicle Grants - funding of £1,000 to £10,000 towards the costs or upgrade of a vehicle and Community Building Grants - funding of £2,000 to £75,000 towards 'community hubs' where the charity's work is based

Deadline: Ongoing <https://www.therobertsontrust.org.uk/funding/our-funds/>

30. Robertson Trust - Wee Grants

Grants of £300 to £2,000 are available for up to one year. Grants can be used for capital or revenue costs. If funding is for a specific project, the total project costs must be less than £25,000. Applications are accepted from registered charities and constituted community groups supporting people in Scotland who are experiencing (or are at risk of experiencing) poverty and/or trauma.

Deadline Ongoing <https://www.therobertsontrust.org.uk/funding/wee-grants/>

31. Esmee Fairbairn Foundation - Grants

Grants from £30,000 for projects with the following aims:

- Improving the natural world.
- Securing a fairer future.
- Strengthening the bonds in communities in the UK

Deadline: Ongoing <https://esmeefairbairn.org.uk/applications/>

32. National Lottery Community Fund - Bringing People Together

Grants of up to £300,000 are to fund ideas that enable communities to thrive by creating the conditions, infrastructure and social fabric that enable better and longer lasting ways of bringing people and communities together. This will be achieved by supporting:

- Bold and experimental responses to bringing people together using new, or new combinations of approaches.
- New projects or projects that build on existing work.
- A range of projects reflecting a mix of communities and places from across the UK.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/bringing-people-together>

33. National Lottery Community Fund - Community-led Activity

Grants of up to £150,000 to support work that achieves the following outcomes:

- Everyone in the community has the opportunity to influence and get involved in community-led activity.
- People in the community are better connected and work together to improve their wellbeing.

Deadline: Ongoing

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/grants-for-community-led-activity>

ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION

34. Charles Hayward Foundation

Small grants of up to £7,000, Main grants from £10,000 up to £25,000 to supports charitable activities; Social and Criminal Justice, .Heritage and Conservation, Overseas or Older People.

Deadline: Ongoing <http://www.charleshaywardfoundation.org.uk/>

35. Better Places Green Recovery Fund - Round 2

Grants up to £75,000 are available from Better Places Green Recovery Fund Round 2 will fund additional visitor management activity in "hot spot" locations in Scotland during the 2021 season over and above any service improvements and infrastructure already budgeted for or in place. The fund will support:

- Visitor management operational services: Funding for new and additional seasonal ranger and visitor management posts. The funding of staff posts is for the 2021 season only and will extend as a maximum to the end of October 2021.
- Visitor infrastructure: Funding for projects that can be delivered quickly and help address visitor pressures at busy hot spot locations, including temporary or permanent infrastructure.

Opening Soon <https://www.nature.scot/funding-and-projects/better-places-green-recovery-fund>

36. FCC Scottish Action Fund

Grants £40,000 are available to not-for-profit organisations for environmental and community-based projects that are within 10 miles of any landfill site or transfer station in Scotland and are for the benefit of the general public.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://fcccommunitiesfoundation.org.uk/funds/fcc-scottish-action-fund>

37. Woodroffe Benton Foundation

Grants from £500 up to £2,500 are available to support projects in the UK that provide care for the sick and elderly, conserve and improve the environment, promote education, and help those in need as a result of disaster or as a consequence of social and economic circumstances.

Deadline: September 2021 <https://woodroffebenton.org.uk/>

38. W F Southall Trust

Grants up to £5,000 are available for charities in the UK working in the fields of environmental action and sustainability; social action; peace and reconciliation; and the work of the Religious Society of Friends.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://southalltrust.org/how-to-apply/>

GENERAL FUNDING

39. NFU Mutual Charitable Trust

Grants from £1,000 to £10,000 are available to large charitable groups and organisations in the UK for projects that further the objectives of the NFU Mutual Charitable Trust, particularly those that educate young people in rural areas and relieve of poverty in rural areas.

Deadline 28 May 2021 <https://www.nfumutual.co.uk/about-us/charitable-trust/>

40. Stafford Trust

Grants between £500 and £5,000 are available to support registered charities in the UK, with a preference towards charitable organisations operating in Scotland.

Deadline: 30 June 2021 <http://www.staffordtrust.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/>

41. Foundation Scotland - Community Benefit Funds

Grants from £100 to more than £10,000 for voluntary and community organisations which are working for the benefit of residents and communities in specific community council areas in Scotland.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/apply-for-funding/funding-available>

42. Morrisons Foundation

Grants up to £25,000 to registered charities for new projects which directly improve the lives of local people or communities, especially those that are vulnerable or disadvantaged, in England, Scotland or Wales.

Deadline Ongoing <https://www.morrisonsfoundation.com/>

43. National Lottery Community Fund - Grants for Improving Lives

Grants of between £10,001 and £200,000 are available to a range of organisations in Scotland for activities which help people in Scotland to overcome difficulties and become more resilient.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/grants-for-improving-lives>

44. Swire Charitable Trust

Grants are available for UK registered charities working to deliver positive and lasting change to UK society under three programme areas: opportunity, environment and heritage.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://www.swirecharitabletrust.org.uk/>

45. Tesco Community Grants

Grants between £500 and £1,500 are available to non-profit making, constituted groups and organisations for local good causes that focus on supporting children and families in the UK

Deadline Ongoing <https://tescocommunitygrants.org.uk/>

46. Yorkshire Building Society Charitable Foundation

Grants between £250 up to £2,000 are available to support registered charities and good causes in local communities across the UK to alleviate poverty, improve health and save lives.

Deadline Ongoing <https://www.ybs.co.uk/your-society/charitable-foundation/index.html>

HEALTH

47. Hospital Saturday Fund

Grants up to £10,000 One-off grants are available to registered medically related charities in the UK and Republic of Ireland for medical capital projects, medical care or research, medical training and running costs.

Deadline: 15 June 2021 <http://www.hospitalsaturdayfund.org/>

48. Foundation Scotland - Scotch Whisky Action Fund

Awards of up to £35,000 are available to third sector organisations to develop and deliver short breaks projects and services for carers of adults (aged 21 years and over), young carers (caring for children or adults), and the people that they care for.

Deadline 28 June 2021

<https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/apply-for-funding/funding-available/scotch-whisky-action-fund>

49. Challenger Children's Fund

Grants up to £500 are available to help meet the needs of physically disabled children (under the age of 18) in Scotland.

Deadline Ongoing <http://www.ccfscotland.org>

50. RS MacDonald Charitable Trust

Small grants up to £15,000 and main grants of more than £15,000 for registered charities in Scotland in the following areas: tackling child abuse and neglect, visual impairment, neurological conditions, medical research and animal welfare

Deadline 08 September 2021 <https://www.rsmacdonald.com/our-grants/>

LAND AND PROPERTY

51. COVID-19 Outdoor Education Centre Recovery Fund

Grants are available to third sector and private sector organisations in Scotland to support outdoor education specialists to deliver outdoor learning in partnership with schools or other formal education settings.

Deadline: 14 May 2021

<https://www.youthlinkscotland.org/funding/covid-19-outdoor-education-recovery-fund/>

52. Theatre Improvement Scheme

Grants up to £20,000 are available for not-for-profit theatres in the UK for capital improvement projects that will improve environmental sustainability.

Deadline: 06 September 2021

<http://www.theatretrust.org.uk/how-we-help/grants-funding/theatre-improvement-scheme>

53. The Scottish Land Fund

The Land Fund is open to full applications, with the first grants due to be made in early summer 2021. Grants from £10,001 to £100,000 are available to support rural and urban communities to become more resilient and sustainable through the ownership and management of land and land assets

Deadline: Ongoing <https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/scottish-land-fund>

54. Pilgrim Trust

Small grants up to £5,000 and Main grants from £5,000 are available for projects in the UK concerned with heritage preservation and social welfare, especially improving the life chances of vulnerable members of society (particularly women and girls).

Deadline: Ongoing <https://www.thepilgrimtrust.org.uk/>

SPORT FUNDING

55. Rowing Foundation

Grants of between £500 and £3,000 are available to support rowing in Britain with preference shown to encouraging participation in rowing by the young or disabled through the provision of equipment.

Deadline 24 May 2021 <http://www.therowingfoundation.org.uk/home/>

56. Clubs in Crisis Fund

Grants up to £2,021 are available to support sports clubs and organisations that deliver sport for development to recover from the pandemic's impact and continue their work to achieve social outcomes through sport. Specifically, the fund is looking to supporting sports clubs and organisations that intentionally deliver wider social outcomes through sport.

Deadline 07 June 2021

<https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/apply-for-funding/funding-available/clubs-in-crisis>

57. Canoe Foundation

Grants of between £500 and £10,000 are available for clubs, community groups and Local Authorities across the UK for projects that improve the accessibility of available waterways and canoeing facilities and protect the natural environment.

Deadline 31 August 2021 <http://www.canoefoundation.org.uk/>

58. Sports Facilities Fund

Grants of up to £100,000 are available for the provision or upgrading of sports facilities in local communities throughout Scotland. Fund aims to support capital projects that provide opportunities for people to get involved in and participate in sport and physical activity in Scotland.

Deadline 01 September 2021 <https://sportscotland.org.uk/funding/sport-facilities-fund/>

59. Women Coaching Grants Open to Oban Hub Members

Grants up to £150 are available to increase the number of women and girls taking on coaching, officiating and decision making roles in sport in Oban. LiveArgyll have match funded this grant to further offer opportunities and support for women and girls as role models in sport beyond Oban. As part of this, we are opening up a grant to fund coaching and officiating courses for women and girls to attend, for clubs and organisations within the Oban Community Sports Hub.

Deadline Ongoing <https://liveargyll.co.uk/oban-women-coaching-and-officiating-grant/>

60. Alpkit Foundation – Grassroots Support Now

The Alpkit Foundation supports projects that champion education, participation, environment, diversity and health. The Foundation are currently prioritising their funds to support projects that demonstrate an immediate impact on those affected by the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic. Grants of up to £500 are available.

Deadline: Ongoing <https://alpkit.com/pages/foundation#apply>

YOUNG PEOPLE

61. Allander Youth Activities Charitable Trust

Grants are available for voluntary organisations to support activities that promote the welfare and advance the education and training of young people in Scotland

Deadline Ongoing <http://www.allandertrust.org.uk>

62. Andy Fanshawe Memorial Trust

Small grants are available to fund projects that allow disadvantaged young people in the UK to take up opportunities to develop an existing interest in the great outdoors and outdoor activities

Deadline Ongoing <https://www.andyfanshawe.org>

63. Variety Club - Youth Clubs Grant

Small grants for equipment is available to youth clubs in the UK that provide opportunities for improving social skills, team spirit and self esteem for young people aged from 8 to 18 years

Deadline Ongoing <https://www.variety.org.uk/what-we-do/youth-clubs-grants>

64. Variety Club - Equipment Grants

Grants up to £5,000 are available for specialist equipment for the direct use of children up to the age of 18 years who are sick, disabled or disadvantaged and are resident in the UK

Deadline 22 September 2021 <https://www.variety.org.uk/what-we-do/equipment-grants>

65. The Scout Association - Scout Grants Committee UK HQ Grants

Grants are available for various groups covering a range of purposes, while others support individual members who are experiencing financial hardship to continue to be involved in Scouting activities.

Deadline Ongoing <https://www.scouts.org.uk/volunteers/running-things-locally/grants-and-funds-for-your-local-group/grants-from-ukhq/>

66. Leslie Sell Charitable Trust

Grants for trips or projects associated with the Scouts or Guides movement within the UK.

Deadline Ongoing <http://www.lesliesellct.org.uk/>

67. Grocers' Charity - Memorial Grants

One-off grants up to £5,000 are available to small UK registered charities for work in the specific areas of: relief of youth poverty, the disabled, the elderly, health, military, and the arts and heritage.

Deadline 10 September 2021 <https://grocershall.co.uk/the-charity/memorial-grants/>