

New funds since 8/01/2021

Funder / Fund	Amount	Status	Further Information
CROWN UK Fund	Up to £20,000	Open – deadline 21/1/2021	<p>Grants are available for Black-led grassroots organisations and projects in the UK who are working to eliminate barriers to progress for women and girls in the Black community and driving for long-term systemic change.</p> <p>Dove UK has established the CROWN UK Fund. CROWN stands for Creating a Respectful and Open World with NO RACISM. The application process is being managed by We are Futures.</p> <p>In December 2020, the Advocacy Academy launched the Halo Collective with a mission to end hair inequality for good. The Halo Collective is working to create a future without hair discrimination and has introduced the Halo Code as the UK’s first Black hair code for schools and workplaces. Dove is the first brand to support the Halo Collective. Dove’s parent company, Unilever, is also the first employer to adopt the Halo Code.</p> <p>The Crown UK Fund is focused on creating a respectful and open world for natural hair.</p> <p>The fight against systemic racism needs action, not just words. A recent poll revealed that 63% of Black adults have experienced hair discrimination in the UK and more than 50% of UK children have been sent home from school due to wearing their hair naturally or in a protective style.</p> <p>Dove believes no young person should be held back from reaching their full potential. Therefore Dove is accelerating its work to help eradicate race-based hair discrimination and support and empower all generations through the CROWN UK Fund to drive real and actionable change.</p> <p>The funding is for not-for-profit organisations and change-makers in the UK who are passionate about and capable of eliminating barriers to progress for women and girls in the Black community and empowering the next generation.</p> <p>Organisations already established as social enterprises, charities or community projects and that are engaged in impactful work in their community can apply.</p> <p>To be eligible, applicants must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Be UK-based grassroots organisations and/or programmes that are led by people who identify as Black/Black-mixed race. •Be able to demonstrate the impact of the funding and their methods and ability to monitor and evaluate the project.

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			<p>Priority will be given to organisations that have a strong focus on the empowerment of Black women and girls. However, consideration will be given to organisations that are not women-centric but that are actively engaging projects/initiatives that will directly impact the advancement of Black women and/or girls.</p> <p>There is particular interest in applications from any organisations that have an innovative and creative approach to the way they engage Black women and girls in their community. The projects funded should meaningfully involve the women and/or girls they support to reach their full potential and break down barriers to success. Dove is not looking for the best written application but the most compelling.</p> <p>The funding is for projects that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Help create lasting change in the lives of Black women and/or girls. •Aim to celebrate and empower Black women and/or girls and eliminate barriers to success. •Address one or more of the following issues//needs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦Appearance based prejudice and discrimination ◦Education and vocational training ◦Emotional or Psychological health ◦Empowerment ◦Individual growth and success ◦Leadership and career planning ◦Mentorship ◦Advocacy <p>The deadline for applications is 21 January 2021 (5pm).</p> <p>Guidance notes and the online application form are available at the website of Crown UK Fund. The CROWN UK Fund</p>
<p>Bank of Scotland Foundation - Invest Programme</p>	<p>£20,000 - £40,000</p>	<p>Open – 22 Mar 2021</p>	<p>Grants are available for charities registered in Scotland who are working to address social exclusion or disadvantage.</p> <p>The Bank of Scotland Foundation launched four new funding programmes in 2019, as part of their five year 'Supporting Positive Change Across Scotland' strategic plan, through which they aim to focus on charities who are addressing social exclusion or disadvantage in Scotland.</p> <p>The four schemes are administered by the Bank of Scotland Foundation with funding provided by Lloyds Banking Group.</p> <p>Objectives of Fund</p> <p>Grants are intended to support registered charities in Scotland who are working to make positive changes for Scotland's people and communities.</p> <p>The four funding programmes are as follows:</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Reach - intended to make positive and lasting change in communities across Scotland. •Change - intended to have a large-scale, long-term, positive impact on Scotland's charities and communities. •Advise - intended to improve financial advice and financial literacy for people across Scotland. •Invest - intended to support financial vulnerability charities or projects addressing financial vulnerability (subject of this report). <p>To be eligible to apply, charities must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Be registered in Scotland, operational for at least three years. •Have an income of between £100,000 and £1 million and be either a financial vulnerability charity or one that has projects addressing financial vulnerability. •Have at least three years annual accounts lodged with and checked by OSCR. •Ensure their annual accounts are signed by both an independent examiner and a member of the Board. <p>The following are not eligible for funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Charities with less than three years annual accounts lodged at OSCR. •Charities with an annual income of less than £100,000 or more than £1 million. •Charities who do not have all their regulatory returns up to date at OSCR and Companies House. •Individuals. •Advertising. •Sponsorship. •Foreign trips. •Overseas projects. •Charities whose purpose is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦Political organisation. ◦Animal welfare. ◦The promotion of religion. ◦Medical research.
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			<p>◦To make grants, donations, loans, gifts or pensions to individuals.</p> <p>Eligible Expenditure</p> <p>Funding is intended to address financial vulnerability charities or projects addressing financial vulnerability. This could include for example charities or projects addressing poverty, unemployment, debt or loss of income or those providing financial advice and assisting with financial literacy.</p> <p>Applications open on 22 March 2021 and close on 1 April 2021 (12:00).</p> <p>Guidance information and an application form can be found on the Bank of Scotland Foundation's website.</p> <p>http://bankofscotlandfoundation.org/</p>
Community and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES) - Urban Community Buildings Fund	Up to £50,000	Open	<p>Capital funding for new applications from community groups in Scotland on a first come basis.</p> <p>Local Energy Scotland administers the Scottish Government's Community and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES). Local Energy Scotland provides free impartial advice and support for community groups, rural businesses, social enterprises and other stakeholders to advance local energy projects.</p> <p>The Urban Community Buildings Fund is available for new applications only to the CARES fund for grant funding, advice and support, to urban community organisations looking to decarbonise their community buildings.</p> <p>A total fund of £150,000 is available and grants up to £50,000 are awarded.</p> <p>CARES can fund up to 60% of the main project costs, plus can provide funds for batteries at up to 50% of the costs.</p> <p>Match funding of up to 40% is expected (or 50% or less for energy storage).</p> <p>Applicants must be constituted non-profit distributing community groups, including groups with charitable status, with an open membership that are established and operating across a geographically defined community, or faith groups.</p> <p>Applicants must not have received CARES funding previously.</p> <p>The following property rights apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The applicant owns the building and has the rights to develop on it, or; •The applicant is in the final stages of Community Asset Transfer process which will complete before CARES funds are spent, or;

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			<p>•If the applicant is a tenant, a valid and viable lease is in place for a further 20 years or has the option to extend if necessary.</p> <p>Although many community organisations have been supported to successfully install renewable technologies, CARES is keen to attract applications from urban-based organisations where take-up has been low.</p> <p>Applicants must demonstrate a rationale for their choice of technology and scale, plus the building must be used by community or charitable organisations (owned or leased).</p> <p>Restrictions</p> <p>Grants are not available for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Previous recipients of a CARES award. •Applicants or projects based outside Scotland. •Costs already incurred prior to the award of funding. <p>Eligible Expenditure</p> <p>Capital grants can be used for renewable energy measures, such as the installation of solar PV panels and energy storage batteries.</p> <p>How To Apply</p> <p>Applications must be received by 1 March 2021.</p> <p>Applicants should email the expression of interest form, available on the CARES website, to the Local Development Officer and to info@localenergy.scot. The Officer will then discuss the proposal and advise the next steps in the application process.</p> <p>Application and guidance forms are available on the Local Energy Scotland website. Submissions must include at least three quotes from MCS registered installers.</p> <p>Contact CARES for further information. https://www.localenergy.scot/funding/urban-community-buildings-support/</p>
Tech for Good Build 2021	Up to £70,000	Open – deadline 12/2/2021	<p>Grants for not-for-profit organisations to define, test and develop digital solutions, or re-purpose existing technology in order to meet a social need or challenge in one of Comic Relief's core issue areas.</p> <p>The £1 million Tech for Good Build 2021 programme is provided by Comic Relief and Paul Hamlyn Foundation. This is the final funding round in their three-year Tech for Good partnership which was developed in response to the need for charities to use technology to explore different approaches to delivering better services.</p>

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			<p>The COVID-19 crisis has since increased the need for organisations to explore how digital and design approaches can be used to create more impact for the people they work with.</p> <p>The funding is for not-for-profit organisations (either individually or in partnership) to define, test and develop digital solutions, or re-purpose existing technology in order to meet a social need or challenge linked to Comic Relief's Social Change Strategy.</p> <p>This programme aims to provide the opportunity for not-for-profit organisations to take their digital projects forward. It is most suitable for organisations or partnerships that have undertaken a small amount of early stage discovery work.</p> <p>Grants of up to £70,000 per project. It is anticipated that 18 digital projects will be funded.</p> <p>In addition to funding, grant recipients will have access to technical support from experts and advisers.</p> <p>To be eligible, applicants must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Be based in the UK for the work taking place in the UK. •Have an income of between £75,000 and £10 million. <p>Partnerships or consortia between multiple not-for-profits that aim to work together to address or improve a service delivery problem in their area of work are welcome to apply.</p> <p>Applicants should be seeking to work in one or more of Comic Relief's four core issue areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Children Survive and Thrive •Global Mental Health Matters •Fighting for Gender Justice •A Safe Place to Be. <p>Applications are also welcome that address challenges related to disability and inclusion outside of these themes.</p> <p>Funding is not available for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Proposals from NHS trusts, hospitals, schools, colleges, statutory bodies, local authorities and non-registered organisations without a constitution. •Upgrading internal IT systems. •Large scale capital costs. •Hardware development. •Updating websites and routine social media campaigns. •Exploration events or hack days. •Staff or volunteer training.
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Development or purchase of monitoring, valuation or project management platforms for the benefit of the organisation’s wider work •Buying equipment to get people online. •Digital inclusion, digital literacy or computer skills training. <p>Eligible Expenditure Consideration will be given to a wide range of digital interventions.</p> <p>The aim is to fund projects and organisations that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Are focused on specific and clear user needs in their design, delivery and development. •Demonstrate a clear purpose for the use of tech and why it would be meaningful in the organisation. •Must be able to demonstrate resource and buy-in at senior and organisational level to manage and deliver the project being proposed. •Must have adequate time budgeted for the project lead to participate in the programme. •Demonstrate the enthusiasm to engage with a collaborative cohort of funded partners. •Make best use of existing technology. •Are sharable with other parts of the not-for-profit sector. <p>The work to be delivered must take place in the UK. It can have a local, regional, national or UK-wide reach.</p> <p>The funding can be used for a combination of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Paying for existing core costs that are supporting the delivery of this project, plus any eligible new costs associated with it (eg, backfilling salaries for project leads). •Sourcing external support from a digital partner. <p>Funding can only cover expenditure incurred and activity delivered during the funding period (i.e. June 2021– February 2022), i.e. not any discovery work prior to applying or follow-on work beyond the 9-month funding period</p> <p>The project duration is nine months.</p> <p>How To Apply</p> <p>Two Tech for Good 2021 Programme Q&A webinars are scheduled for Thursday:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •21 January (14:00 - 15:00) •28 January (10:00 – 11:00) <p>Registration is required.</p> <p>All applicants must submit proposals consisting of:</p>
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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •A short form including a 250-word project summary, explaining what the project is setting out to achieve and how •A video application (maximum of 3 minutes long). explaining the idea, and how it relates to one or more of the design challenges. <p>Full details of the programme and application process are available on the website of Comic Relief.</p> <p>The deadline for applications is 12 February 2021 (12 noon). https://www.comicrelief.com/funding/funding-opportunities/tech-for-good-build-2021/</p>
#YouTube Black Voices Fund	Discretionary	Open	<p>A global grant programme for Black content creators on the YouTube platform.</p> <p>This programme is provided by YouTube.</p> <p>Through the Black Voices Fund, YouTube plans to directly invest in 500 creators by the end of 2023, with the goal to equip Black creators with the resources to succeed on the platform.</p> <p>The fund will invest with an intention: to present fresh narratives that emphasise the intellectual power, authenticity, dignity and joy of Black voices, as well as to educate audiences about racial justice.</p> <p>The fund will be used to acquire and produce YouTube Originals programming, focused on Black experiences around the world, and to directly support Black creators and artists so that they can thrive on YouTube.</p> <p>With a total budget of US \$100 million, the scheme aims to directly empower 500+ creators and artists from across the world to support, grow, and fund their channels and content development.</p> <p>Each creator will receive an undisclosed amount of seed funding to use as they see fit to develop their channels - whether that means hiring a video editor or purchasing new lighting equipment, for example - as well as additional support from YouTube in the form of trainings, workshops and networking opportunities.</p> <p>Who Can Apply</p> <p>Black artists and content creators on YouTube from across the world may be eligible.</p> <p>Location: Worldwide</p> <p>Creators will apply for the grant programme through an application process, details of which YouTube has yet to disclose.</p>

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Resilience and Recovery Loan Fund – Deadline Correction	Loans £100,000 to £1.5m	Open – deadline 31/3/2021	<p>More details can be accessed here</p> <p>The deadline for applications is 31 March 2021, not the end of January as reported on 4 January 2021.</p> <p>UK-based social enterprises and charities that are experiencing disruption to their normal business model as a result of the COVID-19 crisis have until the end of March 2021 to apply for loans of between £100,000 and £1.5 million to cover a term of one to five years.</p> <p>The fund aims to support social-sector organisations working to improve people's lives in the UK that are facing a problem because expected income and activity has been delayed or disrupted as a result of the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic. The fund offers emergency loans that can be used as working capital until an organisation's normal business can commence again. The loans will have no fees or interest for the first 12 months.</p> <p>Eligible organisations include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registered charities. • Social enterprises. • Community interest companies (CICs). • Community benefit societies. <p>Organisations must also meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be UK-based (i.e. trade in the UK and the loan will be used to support trading in the UK). • Have been trading for a minimum of two years. • Have a turnover of between £400,000 and £45 million. • Have more than 50% of income from trading activity. • Be able to confirm that they have been adversely affected by coronavirus/COVID-19. • Demonstrate they have a viable business, if it weren't for the pandemic. • Be able to confirm that the organisation was not an 'undertaking in difficulty'. • Be able to demonstrate that outcomes of the product or services provided are specifically relevant to improving people's lives, even if improving people's lives is a secondary outcome area of the organisation. • Be able to confirm that the loan will not be used in an excluded sector. <p>Applicants will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis and the closing date of the fund is subject to constant review.</p> <p>The deadline for applications is 11:59pm on 31 March 2021.</p> <p>https://www.sibgroup.org.uk/resilience-and-recovery-loan-fund</p>
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			<p>Throughout the coronavirus crisis, the internet has been keeping us connected to friends and family, informed and entertained, and able to learn, work, shop and access health information and other public services. However, some people can't access these benefits because they don't have the confidence, kit and connectivity at home.</p> <p>Connecting Scotland is working to change this and help get every citizen in Scotland online. The Connecting Scotland Programme aims to get 50,000 digitally excluded households online by the end of 2021. Organisations and local councils get support from SCVO. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • kit – internet enabled devices • connectivity – through mobile data • training and support – for staff and volunteers to become 'digital champions' to support people to use the internet confidently and safely. <p>Who can apply?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teams within South Ayrshire Council and the Health & Social Care Partnership working with community and third sector organisations can apply for devices on their behalf. • Public or third sector organisations in South Ayrshire can apply themselves. <p>Please note: Individuals and private sector organisations are not eligible</p> <p>Applications for the following Connecting Scotland programmes close on Monday 18 January 2021.</p> <p>Further information including how the programme works and how to apply can be found by clicking on the links below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase 2 Round 2 (Families with children and young care leavers) • Winter Support Package (Older and disabled people) <p>https://connecting.scot/</p>
Scotland's Finest Woods Awards Open for 2021	Cash Prizes £250 to £1,000	Open	<p>The Scotland's Finest Woods Awards (SFWA) is an annual competition aiming to recognise and reward the woods and forests that are managed to the highest standards and act as a beacon for modern woodland heritage.</p> <p>The Scotland's Finest Woods Awards (SFWA) is an annual competition aiming to recognise and reward the woods and forests that are managed to the highest standards and act as a beacon for modern woodland heritage.</p> <p>Cash prizes ranging from £250 to £1,000 and trophies are available across a range of categories open to entries from landowners, forestry businesses, community groups and schools.</p>

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			<p>For the 2021 Awards, there are six award categories</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate Change Champion Award <p>A new category for 2021. This Award is for Scotland's forests and woodlands that can demonstrate they have an important role in helping to mitigate climate change and/or adapt to the changing climate and/or share knowledge/information or raise awareness about climate change. The CarbonStore Trophy and a cash prize of £1,000 will be available. Entries are sought from across Scotland with entry to the Climate Change Champion Award being an optional, extra opportunity for any Scotland's Finest Woods Award entrant in 2021, or a 2020 entrant who is 'refreshing'/updating their 2020 entry, to one of the established Award categories.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Woodlands Award <p>Entry is open to woodland-related community-based projects from any part of Scotland. Entrants should be able to demonstrate significant and sustained community input. A prize of £1,000 is available to small community groups and £1,000 to large community groups. In addition, the Tim Stead Trophy will also be awarded to the overall Community Woodland Award category winner judged to be the best community project overall regardless of the size of woodland group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farm Woodland Award <p>Entry is open to active farmers/crofters and/or for one competition their forester with the active farmer/crofter's support, anywhere in Scotland. There is one award of £1,000 for an active farmer/crofter anywhere in Scotland, and one award of £1,000 for a young, active farmer/crofter and/or their forester/woodland manager with the new in 2019 Scottish Woodlands Ltd. Trophy to be awarded.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Native Woods Award <p>Entry is open to new native woodland projects anywhere in Scotland that must have had at least five years' minimum of growth and no more than 20 years' growth. £1,000 is available to be awarded to the winning woodland.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality Timber Award <p>Entry is open to woodland anywhere in Scotland where the production of high quality timber is a major objective of management. There are three categories:</p>
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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • one for new commercial woods: where the James Jones Trophy and £1,000 is available to be awarded to the winner. • one for a single stand of trees or a compartment or a small wood: the Hunter Blair Trophy and £1,000 is available to be awarded to the winner. • one for whole estates or forests: the John Kennedy Trophy and £1,000 is available to be awarded to the winner. • Schools Award <p>Seeks out Scotland's most fun-packed school woodland projects: £500 is available to be awarded to the winner with £250 for the runner-up.</p> <p>Entry is open to nursery, primary, secondary and special schools anywhere in Scotland.</p> <p>All entries must be submitted by the deadline of 31 March 2021.</p> <p>http://www.sfw.co.uk/</p>
Scottish Children's Lottery reopens	<p>Small Grant up to £5,000</p> <p>Large Grant up to £25,000</p>	Open	<p>The Scottish Children's Lottery has reopened for applications across its four grant giving SCIOs. There are no deadlines and applications are reviewed quarterly. You can apply for a small grant of up to £5,000, or for a large grant of up to £25,000.</p> <p>Chance to Connect Chance to Connect seeks to alleviate the disadvantages that many children in Scotland face. Targeting local regeneration, it aims to improve the provision of facilities, promote citizenship, and give young people across Scotland the chance to live in a safe, supportive and stimulating community.</p> <p>Visit the Chance to Connect website to find out more.</p> <p>Chance to Succeed Chance to Succeed aims to reduce the damaging effects of financial hardship, poverty, disability and illness on the next generation. Working with charities and community groups, it supports projects with a focus on employability to help nurture a productive, positive future for young people in Scotland.</p> <p>Visit the Chance to Succeed website to find out more.</p> <p>Chance to Flourish Chance to Flourish will invest in projects that aim to alleviate the impact of poverty, providing help to those children who need it most.</p> <p>Visit the Chance to Flourish website to find out more.</p> <p>Chance to Study</p>

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			<p>Chance to Study has a focus on improving children' education and works with community groups, families and carers to ensure all young people in Scotland have the opportunity to learn, develop and fulfil their potential.</p> <p>Visit the Chance to Study website to find out more.</p>
Touring Fund for Theatre and Dance	No upper or lower limit	Open – deadline 5/2/2021	<p>Funding to support outdoor and non-conventionally staged work that complies with Covid-19 restrictions.</p> <p>What is the fund for? This round of the Touring Fund - for outdoor and non-conventionally staged work - is specifically designed to respond to the limitations in place within the dance, theatre and touring landscape, as a result of the coronavirus pandemic and associated restrictions. This round of the fund therefore seeks to support venues, theatres, artists, companies and producers to present shows that will allow them to re-engage with their audiences in innovative ways while still complying with ongoing restrictions during 2021.</p> <p>When should the funded touring activity to take place? Due to current COVID-19 restrictions and the high level of uncertainty that currently exists, Creative Scotland (CS) appreciate that forward plans for touring need to be flexible. Current restrictions forbid all public gatherings, but it is likely that there will be potential for some kind of live performance presentation at some point in 2021. Longer term restrictions on numbers, social distancing and settings will inevitably continue to apply for some time. Please consider these risks in your application and risk assessment as much as you can at this stage.</p> <p>With the above in mind, CS are also extending the delivery period for projects supported by this fund to end March 2022 and will no longer be prioritising work to be delivered before 31 October 2021.</p> <p>Please read the guidelines below for full information about this fund before applying.</p> <p>What's the budget for this fund? The overall budget for this round of the Touring Fund for Theatre and Dance is £600k. There are no upper or lower limits on the amount an applicant can apply for.</p> <p>When is the deadline for applications? 5 February 2021 https://www.creativescotland.com/funding/funding-programmes/targeted-funding/touring-fund</p>

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