

Sources of Funding

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General Funding

Funder	Allen Lane Foundation
Contact	https://allenlane.org.uk
Information	Awards grants to work which benefits people from specific groups e.g. asylum seekers and refugees; gypsies and travellers; migrant communities; offenders and ex-offenders; older people, those experiencing mental health problems, and those experiencing violence and abuse. They have now added a Youth Programme for 12-21 year olds overcoming barriers. Organisations must have an income of less than £100,000.
Amount	Average grants are £5,000-£6,000
Timeline	This is a rolling programme but trustees meet 3 times a year to review applications.

Funder	Anchor Foundation
Contact	https://www.theanchorfoundation.org.uk/
Information	Funds Christian charities concerned with social inclusion, particularly through the ministries of healing and the arts. They fund revenue and capital costs, but will only fund building work in exceptional circumstances
Amount	Grants up to £12k available
Timeline	Submit by end of January for April meeting, or by end of July for October meeting. Outcomes will be intimated by end of month following trustees meetings.

Funder	Barcapel Foundation
Contact	http://www.barcapelfoundation.org/youth/
Information	This funder has three focus areas – health, heritage and youth – and has particular interest in areas of social and financial disadvantage. They will not fund the promotion of religion, but churches are able to apply for community projects. Grants are mostly revenue but they also welcome capital applications.
Amount	Grants up to £20k available. Larger grants are possible but these are assessed by an independent team from the Foundation and therefore take longer to process.
Timeline	This is a rolling funding programme with decisions taken 5 times a year. Cut off dates are updated on the website as appropriate.

Funder	Benefact Trust – Community Impact Grants
Contact	https://benefacttrust.co.uk/which-grant-is-for-me/community-impact-grants/
Information	This fund supports projects that will make a positive and transformative impact on lives and communities. This programme empowers Christian organisations across the UK and Ireland, who are doing incredible work tackling major issues in society. At the same time, it will help churches to grow their congregations and promote the Christian faith.
Amount	Amount decided by the board.
Timeline	This is a rolling programme

Funder	Cardrona Charitable Trust
Contact	No website. Apply in writing to Mr & Mrs D MacDonald, Cardrona, Glen Road, Dunblane FK15 0DT (owner of MacDonald Hotels)
Information	Objectives of the Trust include the advancement of the Christian Religion with particular emphasis on evangelism and the encouragement among believers of good works in all parts of the world.
Amount	No details but most recently published accounts show donations up to £40k plus one much larger grant.
Timeline	No details of timings

Funder	Coalfields Regeneration Trust
Contact	https://www.coalfields-regen.org.uk/funding-and-programmes/scotland/
Information	The Trust is dedicated to improving the quality of life in Britain's former mining communities, including Community Action, Health and Wellbeing, Skills and Training, and Job Creation. They operate a variety of different funding and additional support programmes.
Amount	Various financial or in kind support.
Timeline	Check website for each programme for timeline

Funder	David William Traill Cargill Fund
Contact	No website. Apply in writing with up to date accounts, to Miller Beckett & Jackson, 190 St Vincent Street, Glasgow, G2 5SP email nfyfe@millerbj.co.uk
Information	The trust supports religious causes, medical charities, help for older people and general charitable purposes. A large proportion of the income is given in annual grants and can be for revenue or capital.
Amount	Grants range from £1,000 to £40,000
Timeline	Applications are considered quarterly

Funder	Exodun Charitable Trust
Contact	No website. Apply to Ivoalian 60 North Deeside Road Bieldside, Aberdeen, AB15 9DT
Information	Promotion of Christian Faith is one of their objectives
Amount	Possibility of £10-£15k available
Timeline	This appears to be a rolling programme with no deadlines.

Funder	Foundation Scotland
Contact	https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/apply-for-funding/funding-available
Information	Offers a diverse range of programmes for organisations benefitting communities, distributing funds on behalf of companies, individuals and charitable trusts. This includes localised wind farm funds.
Amount	From £250 to £90,000 depending on the grant itself.
Timeline	All grants have various timescales although most operate a rolling programme for applications. Check the website (which has a geographic search) for full details.

Funder	Friends Provident Foundation
Contact	https://www.friendsprovidentfoundation.org/grants/
Information	They focus on the creation of a “4D Economy” with the D’s being Diversified, Decarbonised, Democratised, and Decentralised. Projects should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • develop ideas and action that will help the transition to a 4D economy. • think about how to make this change in a fair way – that considers the needs of those most likely to be affected by changes to the economy • get to the root causes of problems in the economy • understand the system that you’re trying to change and your place in it New organisations welcome as well as established ones. Core cost can be funded in the right plan
Amount	The upper limit is £200,000 but most grants range between £50,000 and £75,000 and can be for multiple years
Timeline	Two stage process. Allow up to 6 months for a final decision. Deadlines are in early April, July, October, and January.

Funder	Gannochy Trust – Across Scotland
Contact	https://www.gannochytrust.org.uk/our-grants/
Information	Grants available to develop and inspire young people (From age 11 to 21 inclusive) with a focus on quality work with young people to deliver at least one of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased peer leadership or peer mentoring. • Better employment options that can be measured. • Accredited non-formal learning through voluntary activity in the community. • Programmes that lead to improved mental health or wellbeing are particularly encouraged.
Amount	Small Grants: Up to £10k per year for up to 3 years Medium Grants: Up to £30k per year for up to 3 years New applicants should only apply for single year funding.
Timeline	Submit applications by early January for a March decision, May for July, October for December. Outcomes will be notified within 3 weeks of the board meetings.

Funder	Garfield Weston
Contact	https://garfieldweston.org/what-we-fund/
Information	Grants available for a wide range of charities that make a positive difference, in different sectors across the UK. These include welfare, youth, community, environment, education, health, arts, heritage and faith. Grants will support Core, Project and Capital Costs
Amount	Grants range from £1,000 upwards depending on organisation size. The Trust is unlikely to fund more than 10% of the applicants total annual budget.
Timeline	Allow around 4 months for a final decision

Funder	Henry Smith Charity
Contact	https://www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/explore-our-grants-and-apply/
Information	This Fund awards grants for revenue and capital work across the UK, with priority given to organisations tackling social and/or economic disadvantage. Under their Christian Projects scheme, projects must be fully ecumenical or at the very least, to have the backing of and links with a local Scottish Episcopal Church.
Amount	Funding available for up to 3 years with a minimum of £10k per year. There is no official upper limit, but grants of more than £70k are unlikely. Applications must be for less than 50% of annual costs
Timeline	Trustees meet 3 times a year so allow up to 6 months

Funder	Hugh Fraser Foundation
Contact	https://www.turcanconnell.com/the-hugh-fraser-foundation/
Information	Broad spectrum of support including for organisations working with the young and aged, and arts/culture organisations. Capital and Revenue support is available generally, but with a particular interest in areas of economic disadvantage. Submissions via email should describe the project, and include a budget, if appropriate, and a copy of the organisation's latest accounts or up-to-date financial information. Full information on application content is on the website.
Amount	There is no typical grant, but their annual budget is c£2m.
Timeline	Trustees meet Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec. Submit by 1st of preceding month

Funder	Jerusalem Trust
Contact	https://www.sfct.org.uk/the-jerusalem-trust/
Information	The Trust Objectives of the Trust are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to advance the Christian religion and promote Christian organisations and the charitable purposes and institutions they support; • and to advance Christian education and learning. Priority areas are Evangelism and Christian Mission in the UK, Christian Education, Christian Media and Christian Art.
Amount	Previous grants range from £5k one off to £120k over 3 years
Timeline	This is a rolling programme

Funder	Joseph Rank Trust
Contact	http://www.ranktrust.org/rank-trust-grants.htm
Information	This Trust supports projects that demonstrate a Christian approach to the practical, educational and spiritual needs of people of all ages. It also funds adaptation or improvement of Church buildings including new build. They fund all faiths.
Amount	There is no typical grant. Each grant application is considered on its own merits. Previous grants seem to average around £30-£40k.
Timeline	Trustees meet 4 times a year to consider applications.

Funder	Laing Family Trusts
Contact	https://www.laingfamilytrusts.org.uk/
Information	<p>Four Trusts but one application and they disseminate as appropriate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beatrice Laing: Church building projects; practical services to vulnerable and disadvantaged. • Kirby Laing: promotion of the evangelical Christian Faith; STEM projects; arts projects especially improving access for younger people • Martin Laing: Environmental and Conservation Work • Maurice & Hilda Laing: Advancing the Christian faith through new expressions of ministry and through nurturing young people; Practical support for disadvantaged, vulnerable or socially isolated. <p>All information is on the website but applications are only accepted by post.</p>
Amount	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beatrice: Up to £10k available • Kirby: Up to £20k available • Martin: Up to £10k available • Maurice & Hilda: Up to £25k available
Timeline	The board meets 4 times a year

Funder	MacRobert Trust
Contact	https://www.themacrobertrust.org.uk/grants/
Information	Their grants are for one (or more) of their charitable themes: Armed Forces & Good Citizenship; Education & Professional Excellence; Local Community & Other Interests
Amount	<p>Small Grants (Cromer) up to £1,000 Medium Grants (Alastrean) between £1,000 and £10,000 Large Grants (Douneside) between £10,000 and £50,000</p>
Timeline	<p>Small Grants (Cromer) are awarded every month Medium Grants (Alastrean) are awarded 4-6 times a year Large Grants (Douneside) are awarded twice yearly in May and November.</p>

Funder	Mary Brown Memorial Trust
Contact	http://marybrowntrust.com/guidelines/
Information	Based out of Auldhouse Community Church, Glasgow, funding Christian projects, capital projects, salary costs etc, which enable front-line delivery. Not general running costs. One-off or over 2 or 3 years if self-financing after. Prefer to fund projects where at least 50% of the funds come from other sources
Amount	Grants of up to £50k
Timeline	Board meets 3 times a year.

Funder	Milne Family Foundation
Contact	K Binnie esq, Chief Executive, c/o The Balmoral Group Holdings Ltd, Balmoral Park, Loirston, Aberdeen AB12 3GY
Information	All directors are Christian and lean to supporting projects in this way
Amount	No information
Timeline	No defined programme. Send letter.

Funder	National Lottery Awards for All Scotland
Contact	https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/national-lottery-awards-for-all-scotland
Information	Must meet at least one of: bring people together and build strong relationships in and across communities; improve the places and spaces that matter to communities; help more people to reach their potential, by supporting them at the earliest possible stage. Projects must genuinely involve the local community.
Amount	Up to £20k per year for up to 2 years
Timeline	Rolling Programme. Take up to 10 weeks for a final response.

Funder	National Lottery Community Led Activity
Contact	https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/grants-for-community-led-activity
Information	This fund aims to support communities to improve the places in which they live and the wellbeing of those most in need. They will fund organisations to deliver work that achieves the following outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
Amount	Up to £150,000 over up to 3 years
Timeline	Rolling Programme. Take 12 weeks for a final response.

Funder	National Lottery Improving Lives
Contact	https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/grants-for-improving-lives
Information	This funds activity that means people: are better able to identify ways to take control over their lives and build resilience; are able to shape the activities and services they use to better meet their needs; and have more access to support and opportunities to improve their lives.
Amount	Up to £200k for up to 3 years
Timeline	Rolling Programme. Take 12 weeks for a final response.

Funder	Paul Hamlyn Foundation
Contact	https://www.phf.org.uk/our-funding/
Information	Operates a variety of different funding programmes, awarding Grants to help people overcome disadvantage so that they can realise their potential. The Foundation is particularly interested in supporting young people. Grant Programmes include the Arts, education and migration.
Amount	Each fund has a different funding level, including: Arts: £30k-£400k over up to 4 years Young People: Up to £150k over 3 years
Timeline	Rolling programme with decisions taking up to 4 months to process

Funder	Rayne Foundation
Contact	https://www.raynefoundation.org.uk/grants
Information	Grants include for Young People's Mental Health. Funding is relative to turnover. Match Funding preferred
Amount	£10k-£20k and up to 3 years available
Timeline	Rolling Programme in 2 Stages. Can take around 4 months for decision

Funder	RJ MacGregor
Contact	The Cherry Trees, Delny Muir, Invergordon, Ross-shire, IV18 ONP
Information	Chair of Global Energy and Ross County FC. Attends Rosskeen Church
Amount	No information
Timeline	No defined programme. Send letter.

Funder	Robertson Trust (Wee Grants)
Contact	https://www.therobertsontrust.org.uk/funding/wee-grants/
Information	For new or established organisations with income less than £25k. They have 4 focus areas including Emotional Wellbeing which can include community social activities, befriending, mental health support, support groups, family support, community gardens, Men's Sheds and women's shelters. They will not fund religious activity but will fund all-inclusive activity.
Amount	Up to £2k for 1 year only
Timeline	Rolling Programme. Decisions within 8 weeks.

Funder	Royal Countryside Fund – Supporting Rural Communities
Contact	https://www.royalcountrysidefund.org.uk/how-we-help/rural-communities/
Information	The Royal Countryside Fund remains one of very few funders focused on rural communities across the UK. They aim to help address the challenges faced by those who live and work in rural areas. This grant programme supports community-led solutions that enhance the viability and sustainability of rural communities. They support projects taking places in villages and towns in rurally isolated areas, where access to services is limited.
Amount	Grants are for a maximum of £25,000 over two years, and applicants must be from properly constituted, not for profit organisations with an income of less than £500,000.
Timeline	This fund is open twice yearly, in the Spring and Autumn.

Funder	Sainsbury Family Charitable Trusts
Contact	https://www.sfct.org.uk/how-to-apply/
Information	This is the operating office of 17 grant-making trusts established by three generations of the Sainsbury family. Each trust works autonomously as an independent legal entity with a separate board of trustees. Check each link on the website for full information
Amount	No guidance
Timeline	This is a rolling programme

Funder	Sir Halley Stewart Trust
Contact	https://www.sirhalleystewart.org.uk/
Information	The Trust funds a wide range of organisations including religious projects and for enabling human flourishing. Under pinned by Christian Values.
Amount	Small Grants: Up to £5,000 Main Grants: Up to £60,000 over 2 years (max £30k per year)
Timeline	The board meets in February, June and October, with applications closing at least 3 months prior to each board due to the volume of applications.

Funder	Swire Charitable Trust
Contact	https://www.swirecharitabletrust.org.uk/our-funding/
Information	One strand of funding is the support of charities that are directly addressing the challenges faced by the most marginalised and disadvantaged, supporting them to make the most of their talents and boost long-term outcomes.
Amount	There is no maximum or minimum grant size although they do not tend to offer a grant of more than 10% of the charity's income, as stated in the most recent published accounts
Timeline	Rolling programme taking about 3 months

Funder	TCV – Chestnut Fund
Contact	https://www.tcv.org.uk/communities/chestnut-fund/
Information	Funding for Community Groups to carry our conservation activities including growing projects by, with and for local community members. Start Up Grant – For marketing etc Support Grant – For Tools and Equipment
Amount	Start Up – Up to £160 Support – Up to £350
Timeline	Committee meets every 6 weeks

Funder	Tudor Trust
Contact	https://tudortrust.org.uk/
Information	This fund is currently closed for review. Worth bookmarking to come back to, as this funder has previously supported capital building works for community benefit.
Amount	Under review
Timeline	Currently closed

Funder	Vardy Foundation
Contact	https://www.thevardyfoundation.org.uk/
Information	Faith Based Projects are one of the themes. Send detailed information on the project or need you are looking to fund, as well as the amount requested to info@vardygroup.com This will be presented for consideration and if it is something they can help with at this time, they will then send an application form.
Amount	Up to £10k can be available
Timeline	Rolling Programme

Funder	Weir Charitable Trust
Contact	https://weircharitabletrust.com/
Information	Awards annual Grants to Charities with income less than £125,000 a year. Focus areas are: sport, recreation facilities, health or culture. Grants are awarded to Projects across Scotland, particularly those who have found it difficult to source funding from elsewhere.
Amount	Up to a maximum of £25,000
Timeline	Trustees meet in May and November, with cut off for applications at the end of February and August respectively.

Revenue Only

Funder	Arnold Clark Community Fund
Contact	https://www.arnoldclark.com/community-fund/
Information	Community Support
Amount	Grants up to £1k available
Timeline	Usually opens twice yearly (Spring / Autumn) for about a month at a time.

Funder	Baird Trust – General Grant Fund
Contact	https://bairdtrust.org.uk/application-form/
Information	Supporting missional and religious education projects.
Amount	Grants up to £10k available
Timeline	This is a rolling funding programme

Funder	BBC Children in Need
Contact	https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/grants
Information	Funds Charities and Community Groups who are addressing disadvantage among young people aged 18 and under, such as neglect, behavioural or psychological difficulties, or situations of deprivation. There are Projects and Core Grant Schemes providing revenue funding only. They will not fund projects or organisations that promote religion, but will focus on all-inclusive community projects that benefit children and young people.
Amount	For both Project and Core Grant Schemes, up to £15k per year for up to 3 years is available for a quicker decision, although larger grants are possible for groups registered with OSCR. Maximum available is £40k per year for up to 3 years.
Timeline	This is a rolling programme with decisions taken as quickly as possible. Complete EOI first before being moved to a full application. Noted they are busier between October and January so decisions will take longer at these times.

Funder	Beaverbrook Foundation
Contact	https://beaverbrookfoundation.org/grants/
Information	Supporter of faith projects including for revenue costs
Amount	Amount decided by the board. Previous grants up to £40k
Timeline	This is a rolling programme. Recent responses indicate their current budget is fully allocated but it is always worth asking as there is little indication when this resets.

Funder	Bishop Radford Trust
Contact	https://bishopraddfordtrust.org.uk/
Information	Christian Ministry Core Funds
Amount	Up to £2k available
Timeline	Board meets January, April, July and October

Funder	Cattanach Charitable Trust
Contact	https://www.cattanach.org.uk/funding/cattanach-grant/
Information	Grants for projects making a significant difference to the lives of children from pre-birth to three, and their families. Families experiencing deprivation will be given priority. The Trust will not fund organisations or activities where religious content is compulsory for service users but will fund all-inclusive projects regardless of who is delivering it. They prefer to fund revenue costs and a grant towards a capital project will usually only be associated with staff costs or some other aspect of revenue funding. The Trust prefers to make a grant which is a sizeable contribution to a project and so is unlikely to make a small grant towards a very large project.
Amount	Grants range from £3,000 to £25,000 although the majority are around £10,000.
Timeline	Trustees meet 4 times a year, usually February, May, August and November. Submissions should be made at least 8 weeks before a trustee meeting. The Trust offers information sessions before an Expression of Interest is submitted. This leads to a first draft proposal, project visit, feedback and then a final proposal. Specific timelines appear on their website.

Funder	Christina May Hendrie Trust
Contact	https://www.christinamaryhendrietrust.co.uk/
Information	One of their strands is to support charities working with Young People especially those who help young people make the most of life's opportunities.
Amount	The average grant is £7,500
Timeline	The board meets in March and October, with submissions due by the middle of the preceding month

Funder	Cinnamon Network
Contact	https://cinnamonnetwork.co.uk/social-action/micro-grants/
Information	Awards Small Grants to help a local church start a new community project linked to a predefined list covering a wide range of areas. Funding comes together with a package of additional support, training and resources. This is a matched funding grant, so some funding must be in place even if it is from own funds.
Amount	£2,000 per project (Organisations can have multiple grants for different projects)
Timeline	This is a rolling programme with applications welcoming up to three months before a project starts, or within 3 months of it starting. The process takes about 6 weeks.

Funder	Claremont Trust
Contact	http://claremonttrust.org.uk/
Information	The Claremont Trust seeks to support groups which give practical expression to their faith in the life of society in Scotland and overseas, for example small innovative faith-based enterprises seeking to tackle social need and promote inclusion at local level. The Trust is ecumenical and was founded on strong convictions of Christian social responsibility. It welcomes applications from any faith group.
Amount	A typical grant will be £500 - £600 and not more than £1,000.
Timeline	Grants are approved only once per year at the Trusts annual meeting held in May

Funder	CoOp Local Community Fund
Contact	https://causes.coop.co.uk/
Information	Focus on Community Benefit
Amount	Up to £3k available over the process which can take up to 12 months, plus additional local benefit from links with community shops.
Timeline	Opens twice yearly

Funder	Corra Foundation
Contact	https://www.corra.scot/apply-for-funding/
Information	Various funds at various times. Current ongoing funding is for organisations supporting people and families with experience of drug use or recovery
Amount	Income up to £500k – grants available for up to £50k per year for up to 3 years Income up to £50k – grants available for £1k-£20k for up to 3 years
Timeline	This is a rolling programme until the funds are fully expended.

Funder	Corra Foundation : Henry Duncan Grants
Contact	https://www.corra.scot/grants/henry-duncan-grants/
Information	For charitable organisations with an income less than £250,000. This fund is not open at present, but their theme for 2024 funding will be “Supporting people experiencing inequality or discrimination”.
Amount	You can apply for up to £8,000 per year for up to five years – a total maximum grant of £40,000.
Timeline	There is no timeline on the 2024 fund at this stage

Funder	Cruden Foundation
Contact	https://crudenfoundation.org/
Information	Revenue grants for smaller charities in Scotland with a wide range of activities
Amount	There are no details on levels of funding, but previous awards have been up to £20k
Timeline	Board meets February, June and November.

Funder	DWF Foundation
Contact	https://dwfgroup.com/en/about-us/dwf-foundation
Information	Employability and Education are 2 of five focus areas. A relevant sub theme is “tackling a specific community issue”.
Amount	Up to £5k available.
Timeline	Submit by end of October for December board, end of January for March, or end of April for June.

Funder	Esmee Fairbairn Foundation
Contact	https://esmeefairbairn.org.uk/our-support/grants/
Information	The Foundation offers core and project cost funding to projects that meet its impact goals in either of Our Natural World; A Fairer Future; or Creative, Confident Communities. Organisations must have a turnover in excess of £100,000.
Amount	Grants £30k-£60k are assessed regularly by the Executive Team. Grants £60k-£200k are assessed by a Trustee Committee, assessed every 6 weeks. Larger grants over £200k and Social Investment are assessed by a board that meets 5 times a year.
Timeline	An initial 300 words Expression of Interest will be responded to within 4 weeks. If moved to a full application, this will be assessed within 3 months.

Funder	Fyrish Foundation
Contact	No website but contact via thefyrishfoundation@gmail.com
Information	Submit a 2 page application including: description of the applying organisation; details of the project or funding requirement; what outcomes/outputs are anticipated; detailed budget breakdown (very important); funding plan for project or period of operation (very important); clear ask from The Fyrish Foundation.
Amount	Grants of up to £150k over 3 years are available for Christian Projects although most are smaller especially for first time applicants.
Timeline	This is a rolling programme with no deadlines.

Funder	Gordon Fraser Charitable Trust
Contact	https://gfct.org.uk/
Information	Interest in projects supporting children and young people
Amount	Up to £3k available
Timeline	Board meets January, April, July and October

Funder	Novum Trust
Contact	http://www.novumtrust.org.uk/
Information	Provides small short-term grants to initiate Scottish projects in Christian research and action, which cannot readily be financed from other sources. Funding is primarily focused on the welfare of young people, the training of lay people, or new ways of communicating the Christian faith.
Amount	Grants are typically between £500 and £2,500
Timeline	Trustees meet in May and November with applications due by the 15 th of the preceding month

Funder	Paristamen Charity
Contact	https://www.paristamen.org.uk/grant-making/funds/
Information	Unrestricted grants for charities with annual income between £25k and £500k. Churches are very welcome to apply. Need to justify how a small grant will help you do more than at present. Apply by letter as detailed on the website.
Amount	Grants are typically between £500 and £1,000
Timeline	Submit by end of January, May or September for decision the following month.

Funder	Pump House Trust
Contact	No website. Submit written application to Turcan Connell, Princes Exchange, 1 Earl Grey Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9EE
Information	The Trustees can fund a wide range of charitable activity but are particularly interested in supporting those charities or projects connected with community development, environmental, women's and youth issues with a view to including social inclusion at all levels. They have previously funded citizenship and community development, arts, conservation, animal welfare, health, human rights, relief of poverty, religion and sport.
Amount	Average grant is £2,000
Timeline	Requests for funding are reviewed as they arise and applications can be submitted at any time.

Funder	Robertson Trust (Small Grants)
Contact	https://www.therobertsontrust.org.uk/funding/small-grants/
Information	For organisations with income between £25k and £100k a year. They have 4 focus areas including Emotional Wellbeing which can include community social activities, befriending, mental health support, support groups, family support, community gardens, Men's Sheds and women's shelters. They will not fund religious activity but will fund all-inclusive activity. This is revenue funding only but can include the costs of equipment to support the work.
Amount	Grants are between £2,000 and £15,000 for up to 5 years
Timeline	Rolling Programme. Decisions within 8-10 weeks.

Funder	Robertson Trust (Large Grants)
Contact	https://www.therobertsontrust.org.uk/funding/large-grants/
Information	For organisations with income over £100k. They have 4 focus areas including Emotional Wellbeing which can include community social activities, befriending, mental health support, support groups, family support, community gardens, Men's Sheds and women's shelters. They will not fund religious activity but will fund all-inclusive activity. This is revenue funding only but can include the costs of equipment to support the work.
Amount	Grants are between £15k to £50k up to 5 years
Timeline	Rolling Programme. Decisions within 10-12 weeks.

Funder	Souter Charitable Trust
Contact	https://www.soutercharitabletrust.org.uk/guidelines
Information	Broad Spectrum of support with a lean towards relief of human suffering across the UK. Brian Souter is a strong evangelical Christian and the Trust support reflects this.
Amount	Up to £3k available
Timeline	Trustees meet every month

Funder	Tabhair Trust
Contact	http://www.tabhair.org.uk/
Information	This fund is passionate about nurturing small to medium sized charities in their aspirations to change communities and restore broken lives through providing opportunities for education, training and personal advancement. They particularly welcome applications from charities that combine support services with enterprising mission to improve social wellbeing and employment opportunities in the lives of the disengaged and disadvantaged. Submit an initial enquiry via the website.
Amount	Up to £5k available
Timeline	The trustees meet twice a year to distribute the income of the charity. To process a successful application and make a grant usually takes between two and six months.

Funder	Woodward Charitable Trust
Contact	https://woodwardcharitabletrust.org.uk/
Information	Includes support for disadvantaged families and children/young people
Amount	Up to £3k but usually around £1,000
Timeline	Trustees meet in March and October with applications closing end of December and July respectively.

Capital

Funder	Baird Trust – Repairs / Upgrading / New Build Grant
Contact	https://bairdtrust.org.uk/application-form/
Information	Grants for repairs etc to Church buildings with a particular focus on Church of Scotland premises
Amount	Grants up to £10k available
Timeline	This is a rolling funding programme

Funder	Benefact Trust – Building Improvement Grants
Contact	https://benefacttrust.co.uk/which-grant-is-for-me/building-improvement-grants/
Information	Grants to protect and enhance churches and Christian charity buildings, ensuring their continued use, viability, and the safeguarding of their heritage.
Amount	Amount decided by the board.
Timeline	This is a rolling programme

Funder	Clothworkers Foundation
Contact	https://www.clothworkersfoundation.org.uk/what-we-fund/#open
Information	Applications welcome for capital costs. The size of grant awarded will depend on a number of factors including the size of the organisation and the cost and scale of the capital project. Must be able to demonstrate that the work carried out from the building fits within one or more of their programme areas (see categories on the above link), and that at least 50% of service users benefiting from the capital project are from one or more of those groups.
Amount	At board discretion but in excess of £10k
Timeline	Around 6 months for a decision

Funder	Dalrymple Donaldson Fund
Contact	https://www.socantscot.org/grants-awards/the-dalrymple-donaldson-fund/
Information	Grants for restoration or repair of historical buildings in Scotland including churches
Amount	Up to £5,000
Timeline	Board meets in December each year. Submit by end of October.

Funder	Heritage Fund
Contact	https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/funding
Information	Emphasis on connecting heritage to people and communities. Churches are welcome to apply. Professional Fees can be applied for
Amount	There are 3 funding levels. Linked here to the £10k-£250k section
Timeline	Note that all grants will reopen in January 2024. Initial EOI response in 10 days. Following discussion and full application submission, response in 8 weeks.

Funder	Historic Environment Scotland
Contact	https://www.historicenvironment.scot/grants-and-funding/our-grants
Information	This fund can support a wide range of projects which clearly relate to and will benefit Scotland's historic environment
Amount	Three levels: Express (up to £25k), Small (up to £100k), Large (up to £500k)
Timeline	Submit EOI initially (10 days response) then Express (6-8 weeks), Small (10-12 weeks), Large (12-16 weeks)

Funder	Listed Places of Worship Grant
Contact	https://listed-places-of-worship-grant.dcms.gov.uk/about-us/
Information	This grant covers the VAT incurred in making repairs to listed buildings in use as places of worship. The scheme covers repairs to the fabric of the building, along with associated professional fees, plus repairs to turret clocks, pews, bells and pipe organs. All faiths and areas of the UK are equally able to make use of scheme.
Amount	No upper limit – full eligible VAT can be reclaimed within 30 days
Timeline	Rolling Programme

Funder	Local Energy Scotland – CARES funding
Contact	https://localenergy.scot/funding/
Information	CARES can support a wide range of projects including installing renewable technologies in community buildings
Amount	Up to 80% of relevant costs
Timeline	Rolling Programme. Contact a LSE Development Officer in the first instance.

Funder	Miss E C Hendry Charitable Trust
Contact	No website but apply in writing to ajc@mitchells-roberton.co.uk or Mitchells Robertson, George House, 36 North Hanover Street, Glasgow, G1 2AD
Information	Funding is available for the maintenance and expansion of Christian Churches.
Amount	Up to £15k
Timeline	Trustees meet twice a year

Funder	National Churches Trust
Contact	https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/get-support/grants/large-grants
Information	This programme offers grants of up to £50,000 towards the cost of major urgent structural repair projects costed at more than £80,000 including VAT. Includes projects that introduce kitchens and accessible toilets to enable increased community use, costed at more than £30,000 including VAT. Grants will never exceed 50% of the project cost.
Amount	Up to £50k although average is £15k. Max 50% of project cost
Timeline	There are 2 application rounds each year.

Funder	Scotland's Churches Trust
Contact	https://www.scotlandschurchestrust.org.uk/fabric-grants/
Information	This fund is currently closed for review but worth bookmarking to come back to as this will fund fees and works if opting to redevelop the existing church building.
Amount	Under review
Timeline	Currently closed

Funder	Wolfson Foundation – Fabric Repair Grants
Contact	https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/get-support/grants/wolfson-grants
Information	Grants will be awarded towards essential fabric repairs at churches in England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. Historic places of worship can apply for a Wolfson grant via the National Churches Trust's Medium and Large grant programmes.
Amount	Up to £10,000 for projects costing up to £80,000
Timeline	Deadlines are April and August

Regional Focus

Funder	ABZ Propellor Fund – Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire
Contact	https://www.aberdeenairport.com/about-us/community-matters/abz-propeller-fund/
Information	Supporting projects in the Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire area. One focus area is for social and educational projects which are designed to bring positive benefits and to change the lives of people in the communities we serve. Not for general running costs or salaries, but towards a specific project eg for equipment or set up costs.
Amount	Grants up to £5k available
Timeline	Committee meets 4 times a year

Funder	Agnes Watt Trust Fund – Falkirk
Contact	No website but apply in writing to the Trustees at 1 Majors Loan, Falkirk, FK1 5QF
Information	Applications are invited from relevant charities for financial support for their activities. It is essential that the concerned organisations operate and provide benefit within the Falkirk Council area.
Amount	Grants are usually no more than £1,000, with a total of £17,000 distributed in 2022
Timeline	The Trustees meet in January/early February each year, with a deadline for applications of 31 December.

Funder	AMW Charitable Trust – West of Scotland
Contact	No website but apply in writing to Secretary c/o KPMG, 319 St Vincent Street, Glasgow G2 5AS
Information	West of Scotland Focus with broad range of aims
Amount	No guidance on amounts available
Timeline	Board meets in Spring and Autumn

Funder	Carnegie Dunfermline Trust
Contact	https://www.carnegiedunfermlinetrust.org.uk/our-grant-giving
Information	The Trust gives grants for projects and activities with social, community, educational, cultural, sport and recreational purposes which benefit people in our local area. grants are awarded over 4 broad categories – creative arts, community, schools and sport. They specifically cover for Dunfermline and its environs. Our main geographical area covers Dunfermline (including Wellwood, Townhill and Halbeath and Rosyth). Projects based outwith this area will be considered provided they contribute recognised benefit to people in the Dunfermline area.
Amount	Grants between £300 and £10,000
Timeline	Applications can be submitted at any time but Trustees meet every two months.

Funder	City Charitable Trust – Glasgow
Contact	No website. Write to the Trust c/o City Facilities Management Holdings UK Ltd, Caledonia House, Lawmoor Street, Glasgow G5 0US
Information	The City Charitable Trust supports charitable activities that focus on cultural, educational, religious or welfare / relief of poverty issues.
Amount	No details, but donations totalling £1.2m were distributed in the last financial year
Timeline	No details available

Funder	Gannochy Trust – Perth and Kinross
Contact	https://www.gannochytrust.org.uk/our-grants/
Information	<p>Grants available to improve quality of life through</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positive change in people’s lives and communities. • Increased inclusion, enablement, independence, mental health and wellbeing. • Increased access to employment, volunteering, learning, culture, sport, and leisure opportunities. • Increased equality of opportunity and active citizenship. <p>To improve the availability or quality of the built and natural environment for wide community use through</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greater access to services and facilities. • Improved infrastructure. • More sustainable services and facilities that reflect local priorities. <p>To develop and inspire children and young people (From age 0 to 21 inclusive) through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased participation, opportunities, and experiences through culture, leisure, play, environment, and heritage. • Increased access to sporting opportunities at all levels of participation and ability. • Increased leadership or mentoring. • Accredited non-formal learning through voluntary activity in the community. <p>Project, Core and Capital Funding available through 3 levels of grants, with the Capital Funding operating through a 2 stage process.</p>
Amount	<p>Small Grants: Up to £10k per year for up to 3 years Medium Grants: Up to £30k per year for up to 3 years Major Grants: Over £30k per year for up to 3 years New applicants should only apply for single year funding.</p>
Timeline	Submit applications by early January for a March decision, May for July, October for December. Outcomes will be notified within 3 weeks of the board meetings.

Funder	Hollywood Trust – Dumfries and Galloway
Contact	https://hollywood-trust.org.uk/funds/organisation/
Information	<p>The Hollywood Trust provides grants to organisations working with, and providing opportunities for young people in Dumfries and Galloway. It also provides grant support to groups of young people within an organisation in Dumfries and Galloway. The Trust is particularly interested in helping to fill gaps in provision and to support innovative ideas. They primarily support 15-25 year olds.</p>
Amount	There is no minimum or maximum amount of financial support that you can apply for. Of the 115 grants awarded in 2023, 41 were for under £10,000.
Timeline	There are no deadlines for grants under £10k.

Funder	John Watson’s Trust – Edinburgh and Lothians
Contact	https://www.wssociety.co.uk/charities/jwt/
Information	<p>Awards Grants for educational purposes to organisations working with young people under 21 who are disabled or socially disadvantaged. The Trust primarily funds within Edinburgh and the Lothians, but will consider applications from all Scotland.</p>
Amount	Grants are usually up to a maximum of £4,000
Timeline	The board meets 5 times a year, with deadlines at the end of January, March, May, July and October.

Funder	Plum Trust – East of Scotland
Contact	No website. Applications in writing c/o Miller Beckett & Jackson, 190 St Vincent Street, Glasgow, G2 5SP
Information	The Trust aims to relieve poverty and suffering, work to advance education and carry out any tasks beneficial to the community which, in law, are charitable. The Trust tends to favour organisations in the East of Scotland.
Amount	No guidance but pays out around £200k in total each year.
Timeline	Rolling Programme.

Stained Glass Window Funding

For reference in case any works are required to the Stained Glass Windows in the main Church, the following funds could be of assistance.

Funder	Morris Church Conservation Grants
Contact	https://www.sal.org.uk/grant/morris-fund-conservation-grants/
Information	Conservation of decorative or non-structural features inside buildings including Stained Glass although should be before 1896 so this may be an issue.
Amount	Up to £5k
Timeline	Two deadlines a year. 31 August for 30 November. 31 March for 31 May.

Funder	Worshipful Company of Glaziers
Contact	http://glazierscompany.org.uk/conservation-grants/
Information	Grants are available to churches for the conservation of historic and/or artistically significant stained and architectural glass.
Amount	Up to £6k can be available
Timeline	Board meets twice a year. 2 October for 13 November. 27 March for 8 May.

Other Finance Options

Mortgage or loan

There are various options available here with commercial/high street lenders plus some church specific ones that I'll detail below. It is right and proper to avoid having any long term debt hanging over any organisation going forwards, but it may be useful to explore options for financing any shortfall in funding. Obviously, a longer period of repayment would reduce regular outgoings but also extend the period of payment. All this would need to be taken into account before going into such an arrangement. Options:

<https://www.stewardship.org.uk/loans>

<https://www.cafonline.org/caf-bank/secured-loans/faith-charities>

<https://www.mcafundingforchurches.co.uk/home.aspx>

<https://www.kingdom.bank/borrow/churches-charities/premises-mortgage/>

Social Investment

There is the option to look at support from Social Investment Scotland if needed for any larger development on the site. They provide a more patient capital approach where the interest rate is higher, but there can be a significant delay on repayment based on projected income for the project. Packages are tailored to the project so a relationship is built with them to get the right level of support. Full information is available at: <https://www.socialinvestmentscotland.com/investment/a-guide-to-social-investment/>

Corporate Support

This is worth exploring with any significant local businesses, and especially if any church members have corporate connections through their employment or other means. This kind of support would be best linked to outreach programmes as businesses like to invest in something tangible that they can use as part of their Corporate Social Responsibility. At the very least, it may be that companies may consider this for Corporate Volunteering Days which whilst not bringing money, could help with some practical development of the site.

Crowd Funding

This form of income generation is growing in popularity. It may be worth considering for fixtures and fittings linked to some of the community activity. That way you can have an achievable target and create some genuine interest for potential donors.

There are various platforms for this but I would recommend

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/programmes/crowdfund-scotland>