

Highland Children and Young People Wellbeing Funding Opportunities

The following information has been collated as a helpful guide to current funding opportunities that could be considered for activities for CYP wellbeing in Highland

Where can I find information on funding?

Information is regularly highlighted in the Highland Council's Community Briefing which you can easily sign up to by scanning the below QR Code or following this link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/rSS3hXbGTa>



You can also email the Policy team who will assist you to join the mailing list:

policy6@highland.gov.uk

and...

HTSI produce a monthly Funding Bulletin for their [members](#), which details current funding opportunities in Highland. They can provide workshops for staff or volunteers in Highland's third sector, to address some of the challenges they're aware of when it comes to applying for funds. They also distribute funds to third sector organisations on behalf of agencies in the public sector, find out more information here: [HTSI Funding](#). Standard membership to HTSI is free to Third Sector Organisations.

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BeConnected Highland – Put your community project on the map: The Highland Council is piloting BeConnected, a new digital platform to support community organisations and groups in accessing funding, in-kind support, and opportunities to collaborate across the region.

Traditionally, community funding has been accessed through open calls for projects. While this approach has enabled many successful projects and initiatives, short competitive funding windows can also lead to oversubscription and disappointment for groups unable to secure support. In response, the Council is evolving its approach to ensure that funding decisions are better aligned with local priorities, particularly those identified within Area Place Plans, and to make support more accessible to groups at all stages of project development.



BeConnected is an interactive online map that allows community groups to highlight priority projects they are working on in their area. By doing so, it provides funders, including the Community Regeneration Fund, with a clearer picture of grassroots activity across Highland and enables them to track the progress of emerging proposals. Community groups are encouraged to explore the map, familiarise themselves with their Area Place Plan and add their projects to ensure they are visible to funders and potential partners. For more information please visit - [BeConnected Highland](#)

Children in Scotland's newsletter frequently highlights information in relation to funding opportunities - [Newsletter and Events Subscription Form | Children in Scotland](#)

Youth Highland's monthly newsletter has information about funding opportunities. Contact: coral.allan@youthhighland.org.uk

Please see below some useful links to funding opportunities:

Tesco Stronger Starts funds thousands of local community projects across Scotland and the UK. Eligible Tesco stores in Thurso, Wick, Ullapool and Tain. Applications welcome from groups and projects that support children and young people with a stronger start in life. A wide range of projects fit the bill - improving school playgrounds, biodiversity, growing and food projects, outdoor play and adventure, community arts projects and purchasing kit for healthy activities. Projects that include a food element (e.g. providing healthy snack or lunch) are currently being prioritised.

The scheme provides grants of up to £1500. To find out more or to apply, please visit the Tesco Stronger Starts page [here](#).

The National Lottery is investing an extra £2.2 million to help communities across Scotland deliver Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games-inspired activities. Through Awards for All Scotland, groups can apply for up to £10,000 to boost participation in arts and sport, strengthen communities, support wellbeing, celebrate diversity, and create a lasting local legacy. To find out more, click [here](#).

National Lottery Awards for All Scotland: The National Lottery funds projects that bring people together and help communities across Scotland thrive. Social connections and community activities are at the heart of healthier, happier lives, that's why they support community-led projects. For more information, including application guidance, please click [here](#).

The Highland Youth Local Action Group has launched the **Youth Impact Fund**, supported by Community-Led Local Development funding through Highland Council and facilitated by the Highlands and Islands Climate Hub. The fund empowers young people aged **16–30** to design and deliver projects that strengthen **connection, fulfilment, development, and change** across Highland.

From **1 April to 15 May 2026**, young individuals can apply for up to **£500**, and community organisations can apply for up to **£2,000** (except those in Inverness City and Badenoch & Strathspey). The YLAG is also inviting new young members to join its decision-making panel, offering opportunities for skill-building, leadership, and national networking.

Hydro Community Fund: At SSE Renewables, we are proud of our hydro heritage which has been vital to bringing clean energy to the north of Scotland for over 80 years. Our new £10 million community fund is open to projects that support residents in the community council areas which proudly host our hydro assets.

The Hydro Community Fund priorities are:

To protect the natural environment of the local area, including landscapes, natural habitats and biodiversity.

To enhance access to safe, affordable and sustainable community transport opportunities and low-carbon solutions within the local area.

To improve access to affordable, quality and safe housing, including developing community housing initiatives, enhancing local housing stock and improving home energy efficiency schemes.

To encourage the establishment and sustainable economic growth of small businesses, including social enterprises.

To develop and improve community assets and infrastructure such as halls, hubs and paths.

To promote the physical and mental well-being of communities through community arts, culture, sports and recreation.

For this fund, the panel are also interested in projects that support education, skills development, and employment opportunities. However, no specific priority will be given, as all project areas will be considered equally.

The Robertson Trust provide funding to third-sector organisations that help people and communities in Scotland living with poverty and trauma. Information on who and what they fund, useful links and resources and FAQs can be found [here](#).

The [National Lottery Community Fund](#) has a number of Funding Programmes available including Awards for All, Community Action Scottish Land Fund, Climate Action Fund and more, many with a focus on Scotland, here are some links:

Fairer Life Chances - [Fairer Life Chances | The National Lottery Community Fund](#)



Awards For All - [National Lottery Awards for All Scotland | The National Lottery Community Fund](#)

Find out more information [here](#)

Cash For Kids (North Scotland) - [Grants | Cash for Kids](#)

Cash For Kids have a number of grant opportunities which include their Mental Health Grants and their Holiday Hunger Grants), it is beneficial to contact them to see when these grants will reopen for your area: northscotland@cashforkids.org.uk General (impact) Grants open 1st May and close 29th May. [Apply for a Cash for Kids Grant | Info - MFR](#)

Foundation Scotland

Foundation Scotland has a diverse range of funding programmes benefitting communities across Scotland. Some of the funds are available on a Scotland-wide basis, meaning that you can apply regardless of where your project is taking place – select ‘all of Scotland’ from the linked page to see these. Others are aimed at specific geographical areas, which you can search by local authority – select ‘Highland’ from the drop-down box to see what’s available in this area. You’ll find Fund purpose, objectives, grant size and criteria information on each fund page.

[Available Funds | Foundation Scotland](#)