



Fact Sheet: Funding & Sponsorship

Grants & Funding Schemes

Various businesses and charitable organisations offer a helping hand to voluntary groups in the form of financial assistance, which may help towards the cost of equipment, publicity, refreshments for participants or insurance cover. For example:

- 👉 **B&Q** supports communities through its **One Planet Living Award**, which can help towards the costs of equipment for an event. Alternatively, your local store manager may be able to help through the **Waste Donation Scheme**.
- 👉 **BTCV** offers competitively-priced insurance, discounts on training and merchandise, and access to grants, to members of its **Community Network**.
- 👉 The **Biffaward** has a **Small Grants Scheme** for improvements to a local facility.
- 👉 The **Voluntary Action Fund** is an independent grant-making trust which invests in voluntary and community based organisations across Scotland.
- 👉 The **Scottish Community Foundation** makes grants to a broad cross-section of constituted groups involved in social welfare and community development activities.
- 👉 **Action Earth** provides grants of up to £50 (funded by Morrisons) to assist groups in carrying out environmental projects.
- 👉 **Awards for All Scotland** puts lottery money back into local communities through grants of between £500 and £10,000.
- 👉 Historic Scotland provides **Voluntary Sector Funding** as part of its wider efforts to safeguard Scotland's historic environment.
- 👉 **Scottish Natural Heritage** provides various grants for projects that raise awareness of the Scottish Outdoor Access Code or make the places that we live more attractive.
- 👉 The **Prince's Trust Community Cash Awards** are for 14-25 year olds to help them make a positive impact on their community.
- 👉 **Scottish Community Foundation Express Grants** are for community groups looking for funding of £2,000 in a short turnaround time.
- 👉 **CashBack for Communities** is a programme of diversionary activities for young people to help develop their interests.

👉 **Coalfields Regeneration Trust** supports projects on the ground in coalfield communities.

👉 **Forestry Commission Scotland** has **Forestry Challenge Funds** to help improve recreational facilities and support local involvement in woodland projects.

See also **Greenspace Scotland's** website or **GRANTnet** for information about additional funding sources, or ask your local council whether it has a small grants scheme for environmental projects.

Sponsorship

If you decide to approach local businesses for assistance, they may be willing to make a financial contribution towards the cost of your event or they may prefer to offer sponsorship in kind. Spring Clean groups have previously benefited from sponsorship by companies like Shell (employee time, gloves and plastic bags), supermarkets (bottled water and snacks), and local pubs and tearooms (refreshments and shelter), so it's always worth asking for help.

And if you find any glass Irn-Bru bottles while picking up litter, remember you could earn 30p per bottle if you wash and return them to your local outlet!