



## Funding & Finance Special





With a variety of funding opportunities opening up recently, this Funding and Finance Special Bulletin aims to point you in the right direction. To help you find what you are looking for, the coloured icons below will let you know the general themes that the grant covers. If you have information regarding any grants programmes or other finance products that would be relevant for social economy organisations, contact us at [see@forthsector.org.uk](mailto:see@forthsector.org.uk). A more comprehensive list of funding and finance products will be featured on our new website shortly.


Key:  Environmental  Regeneration  Disadvantaged Groups  Community  Enterprise Development

### Grants:

Are a	Grant	How Much?	What is Funded?	Any Restrictions?	Contact/Further Information
 	<b>Scotland Unltd Investment Awards</b>	£20,00 Year 1 £16,000 Year 2 £12,000 Year 3	Assisting in the development of high social impact enterprise activities. Awards are coupled with a package of support, including leadership training, peer coaching and consultancy.	- Organisations should be community owned, have a strong social impact and have the capacity to trade.	0131 226 7333 <a href="http://www.scotlandunltd.com">www.scotlandunltd.com</a>
 	<b>Scotland Unltd Seed Corn Awards</b>	£2,000 for individual applicants £3-4,000 for informal group applicants	Supporting ideas that will have a strong social impact, and an aspiration to trade. Also keen to support the potential new leaders of disadvantaged communities, looking for the traits of social entrepreneurship and leadership.	- Scotland based and over the age of 16.	0131 226 7333 <a href="http://www.scotlandunltd.com">www.scotlandunltd.com</a>

	<p><b>New Ideas Fund</b> Scottish Centre for Regeneration</p>	<p>£100 - £5,000</p>	<p>Funding given to community and voluntary groups working within disadvantaged areas or with disadvantaged groups, to assess the feasibility of new ideas and to develop and build support for new and innovative approaches to regeneration.</p> <p>To qualify for a grant, applications must aim to develop ideas that are innovative; contribute to regeneration at a local level; respond to local needs and priorities; have the support of the local people; and give value for money.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Must be a community or voluntary group, charity or local project.</li> <li>- Must be able to demonstrate an active commitment to involve their communities and show how proposals will benefit local people.</li> </ul>	<p><a href="http://www.communitiesscotland.gov.uk/Web/Site/SCR/scr_publications.asp">http://www.communitiesscotland.gov.uk/Web/Site/SCR/scr_publications.asp</a></p>
	<p><b>Seeing is Believing Fund</b> Scottish Centre for Regeneration</p>	<p>£100 - £5,000</p>	<p>Funds community and voluntary groups working within disadvantaged areas or with disadvantaged groups, to visit and learn from successful regeneration projects, or access other learning opportunities.</p> <p>To qualify for a grant, applications must be for learning opportunities that, contribute to regeneration at a local level; respond to local needs and priorities; have the support of local people; and give value for money.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Must be a community or voluntary group, charity or local project.</li> <li>- Must be able to demonstrate an active commitment to involve their communities and show how proposals will benefit local people.</li> </ul>	<p><a href="http://www.communitiesscotland.gov.uk/Web/Site/SCR/scr_publications.asp">http://www.communitiesscotland.gov.uk/Web/Site/SCR/scr_publications.asp</a></p>

 	<b>Increase 2 Programme</b> Scottish Executive & CRNS	£5,000 - £30,000 Seedcorn fund £30,000-£200,000 Strategic fund	Direct development of local initiatives to increase recycling, re-use and composting together with enterprise activity consistent with the National Waste Plan	Grants of up to £200,000 may be available to larger more strategic projects...	0870 190 5278 <a href="http://www.increase-programme.org.uk">www.increase-programme.org.uk</a>
 	<b>BIG Lottery Investing in Ideas Fund</b>	Up to £10,000	Development of an idea into a fully-fledged project. Can fund feasibility, business planning, training, community consultation, professional advice, technical support, surveys	Must be for the benefit of communities and help to build capacity before applying to the bigger funds	BIG Lottery 0845 606 1199

 	<b>BIG Lottery Investing in Communities:</b> Growing community Assets Fund	Between £10,000 and £1m for asset development	Three different purposes:- Funding for technical assistance Funding for asset acquisition Funding for asset development	To enable local communities to acquire assets and control how they are developed and used	BIG Lottery 0845 606 1199
	<b>Life Transitions Fund</b>	Between £10,000 and £1m	Transitions that young people experience Transitions that people over 50 face Employment and learning transitions Transitions that people face at challenging times	Must be community based to give local communities confidence, skills and better co-ordinated services to cope with transitions	BIG Lottery 0845 606 1199
	<b>Supporting 21<sup>st</sup> Century Life Fund</b>	Between £10,000 and £1m	Befriending, mentoring, volunteering or support or activities that strengthen relationships especially cross-generational.	Must be community based to enable people and communities to have more and better chances to make and maintain connections and are better able to deal with the challenges of 21 <sup>st</sup> century life.	BIG Lottery 0845 606 1199
	<b>Dynamic, Inclusive Communities Fund</b>	Between £10,000 and £1m	Improved knowledge, governance and management of the voluntary and community sector to enable them to deliver more and better services and to help them generate income.	Must be community based to promote access to information, modernising the community sector, improving governance and long-term planning of existing voluntary organisations and developing new ones.	BIG Lottery 0845 606 1199

