



Scottish Natural Heritage grant programme

Other sources of funding

We, Scottish Natural Heritage, support a wide range of projects. The amount of grant we are able to offer reflects how much a project helps us to meet our aims. Your project may be eligible for funding from other sources, either as the main source of funding or to match one of our grants. The most commonly used sources are listed below, along with links to their relevant websites where you will find more information. If you are not sure how any funding secured from other sources will affect the amount of grant we may be able to offer, please contact your local SNH office or the National Grants Officer (grants@snh.gov.uk).

European Union funding

European Structural Funds are one of the European Union's main funds for promoting long-term economic development. The Structural Funds support a wide variety of activities from large-scale projects to training programmes. The funds can offer opportunities for supporting the natural heritage where these are linked to socio-economic benefits. Please contact the relevant Programme Management Executive for more information.

East of Scotland European Partnership (ESEP)
Phone: 01383 622537
www.esep.co.uk

Highlands and Islands Partnership Programme
Phone: 01463 279500
www.hipp.org.uk

Objective 3 Partnership
Phone: 0141 582 0401
www.objective3.org/

South of Scotland European Partnership
Phone: 01387 251360
www.sosep.org

Strathclyde European Partnership
Phone: 0141 572 4400
www.wsep.co.uk

The Highlands and Islands Special Transitional Programme, through the **Community Economic Development Fund (CED)** supports projects which help local people get involved in developing their communities. Contact

the Highlands and Islands Partnership Programme (see the previous page) for more information.

The **Leader+** programme is a European Community Initiative for helping rural communities improve the economy and quality of life in their local area. Local development plans are built around themes, defined by the European Union. These include:

- improving the quality of life in rural areas;
- making the best use of natural and cultural resources; and
- improving the organisational abilities of communities.

Leader+ programme (Scotland Country Desk)

Phone: 01356 626490

www.ukleader.org.uk

The **Rural Development Programme** for Scotland aims to promote the economic, environmental and social development of rural areas through wide-ranging land management by improving biodiversity (the total variety of all living things), encouraging land managers to go into forestry, and supporting farming incomes in Less Favoured Areas (LFAs). Funding is directed through the Rural Stewardship Scheme, Land Management Contracts and the Scottish Forestry Grants Scheme. You should confirm your eligibility for these schemes before considering applying to us.

The **Rural Stewardship Scheme** (RSS) provides support to encourage farmers, crofters and common grazings committees to adopt environmentally friendly practices and to maintain and improve particular habitats and landscape features.

The new **Land Management Contracts** (LMCs) encourage farmers who are working actively to improve our biodiversity and water environment, to improve skills and understanding of the countryside and land-management issues.

Both these schemes are managed through the local offices of Scottish Executive Environment and Rural Affairs Department (SEERAD). For contact details of your local SEERAD office, phone 0131 244 6426.

Rural Stewardship Scheme

www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Agriculture/Environment/Agrienvironment/RuralSteward/RSSintro

Land Management Contracts

www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Agriculture/CAPRef/LMC/LMCMS

The **Scottish Forestry Grants Scheme** (SFGS) provides grants to encourage land managers to create and manage woods and forests to provide economic, environmental and social benefits. This scheme is managed through the local conservancy offices of Forestry Commission Scotland. For contact details of your local conservancy office, phone 0845 3673787.

Scottish Forestry Grants Scheme

www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/inf-d-5zgl3p

Lottery funding

The **Heritage Lottery Fund** (HLF) provides support for projects which:

- encourage more people to be involved and make decisions about their heritage;
- protect and improve the UK's varied heritage; and
- make sure that everyone can learn about, have access to and enjoy their heritage.

HLF has a range of grant-giving schemes (depending on the level of funding needed), including Awards for All, Your Heritage Grants and Heritage Grants.

Heritage Lottery Fund
Phone: 0131 225 9450
www.hlf.org.uk

Awards for All
Phone: 0141 242 1400
www.awardsforall.org.uk

The **Big Lottery Fund** was created from the merger of the New Opportunities Fund and the Community Fund and will bring together the funding programmes from each. The Big Lottery Fund will provide funding through a range of grant schemes from small community grants to large transformational projects, and will aim to redevelop communities and tackle disadvantage. The environment funding part of the New Opportunities Fund previously provided grants to help urban and rural communities to improve and care for their natural environment.

Consultation on the themes, outcomes and priorities for Scotland is currently under way. For more information, please contact the Big Lottery Fund.

Big Lottery Fund
Phone: 0845 4102030
www.biglotteryfund.org.uk

Other UK funding

The **Landfill Tax Credit Scheme** was designed to help reduce the effects of landfill upon local communities. It encourages and helps landfill operators to support a wide range of environmental projects, including biodiversity, access and interpretation. Landfill operators can choose to donate up to 6.8% of their landfill tax liability to environmental projects. They can claim tax credit on 90% of the contribution to the scheme. The remaining 10% may be paid by the landfill operator or by a contributing third party (CTP), for example, we can provide the remaining 10%.

Landfill Tax Credit Scheme (ENTRUST Helpline)
Phone: 0161 972 0074
www.ltcs.org.uk

Other UK funding

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Community Environmental Renewal Grants (Aggregates Levy) support a wide range of community-based projects that improve the local environment for communities affected by quarrying. Projects must also involve the local community and show their social or economic benefit to the local community.

Community Environmental Renewal Grants

Phone: 0141 222 5650

www.forward-scotland.org.uk/funding

The **Crown Estate's Marine Stewardship Fund** has provided grants for a wide range of practical projects around the coast of the UK. Projects previously supported include the Moray Firth Partnership Community Grants Scheme which supports projects that in some way improve the management, interpretation, enjoyment or improvement of the Moray Firth coastline, waters and its natural environment.

Marine Stewardship Fund

Phone: 0131 260 6070

www.thecrownestate.co.uk

Other sources

Funding may also be available through the Enterprise Network, your local authority or the National Park Authorities. For more information, please contact the following.

Scottish Enterprise network

Phone: 0845 607 8787

www.scottish-enterprise.com

Highlands and Islands Enterprise network

Phone: 01463 234171

www.hie.co.uk

Local authorities (Convention of Scottish Local Authorities can provide contact details.)

Phone: 0131 474 9200

www.cosla.gov.uk

National Park Authorities

Loch Lomond and the Trossachs

Phone: 01389 722600

www.lochlomond-trossachs.org

Cairngorms National Park

Phone: 01479 873535

www.cairngorms.co.uk

