

Funding News

The start of a new year and some new funding opportunities for you in this newsletter. If you need advice or assistance on any of them please [get in touch](#)

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Scottish Veterans Fund

Fund now open for applications.

A fund that helps a wide range of projects to support veterans is now open for applications. The Scottish Veterans Fund will support Veterans and ex-service charities with £600,000 of funding over the next three years, including a three-year £240,000 contribution from Standard Life to support veterans employment.

The fund will continue to help one-year projects, but for the first time applicants will now also be able to bid for 2 or 3 year funding to enable more strategic projects to come forward.

Background

Established in 2008, the Fund has invested more than £830,000 and supported 125 projects that provide advice, help and support to the thousands of veterans leaving the armed forces, ranging from employability and housing support to befriending and wellbeing projects, making a vital difference to people's lives

Applications forms are available on the Veterans Scotland [website](#) and applications to the Scottish Veterans Fund should be sent to office@veteransscotland.org.uk by **2pm on Friday 27th January 2017**. Queries on applications should be addressed to the General Secretary of Veterans Scotland on office@veteransscotland.org.uk.

How Could £5,000 Develop Your Youth Project?

FiSCAF's first funding deadline of 2017 is going to focus on young people. We're calling for applications from organisation motivated by faith who could use £5,000 to make a real difference to the lives of people 18 and under, experiencing poverty in their local community.

You might be an established youth project looking to pilot a new work-stream, or test a new approach to ongoing work. Perhaps you've been working with a broader audience, but have identified the need to develop in ways that you specifically provide support young people. Whatever your project, as long as you can spend the money within 12 months of receipt we'd like to hear from you.

Deadline for applications is the **10th of February** and open to all charities who meet our usual criteria and have never received funding from the STV Children's Appeal. For more information and an application form visit www.faithincommunityscotland.org/faith-in-community-scotland-action-fund/

Money for Moray

The Money for Moray group is pleased to announce that application forms for the 2017 scheme are now available. Community voluntary groups can apply for up to £4,000 for projects which offer new or additional measures to tackle social isolation in any area of Moray.

Social isolation occurs when an individual experiences a lack or absence of contact such as with family or friends, community involvement or access to services.

A total of £40,000, funded from the Scottish Government's Community Choices fund, is available. Groups who meet the criteria will be required to make a short presentation on their proposed project, at a public event in late March at which the public will be invited to attend and vote for their favourite projects.

The closing date for application is **5pm on Friday 10th February 2017**. Forms are available from the [website](#) and [email](#)

Funding for a 'Fairer Scotland' Launched

The First Minister has today announced £29 million worth of funding for community and third sector projects to help support the Fairer Scotland Action Plan, published in October 2016. £12 million of the funding comes from the [European Social Fund](#).

The Scottish Government will direct £18.9 million into a new '[Aspiring Communities Fund](#)' which offers funding opportunities for third sector organisations and community projects working to find long lasting local solutions to poverty. The fund will open at the end of January 2017.

A further £9.7 million will be dedicated to the '[Growing the Social Economy Programme](#)', which will enable third sector organisations to try new ideas and approaches by collaborating with research organisations or supporting people to improve their skills.

As you may be aware the £9.7m Growing the Social Economy Programme has been launched this month. The Social Economy Growth Fund and the Social Innovation Challenge Fund are both being managed by the Scottish Government's Third Sector Unit.

For both funds the closing date for applications is 5pm on **Friday 17 February**.

Please advise your clients that guidance notes, eligibility criteria and application forms are available on the Scottish Government's website, direct links to which can be found in today's SG press release.

The Social Economy Growth Fund is aimed at established organisations whose primary social purpose is to tackle disadvantage, poverty and social exclusion. It will help organisations to increase their capacity to support disadvantaged people – for example by expanding existing services and employing additional staff.

The Social Innovation Fund enables social economy organisations to work in collaboration with research institutions, the public and private sector to develop, test and scale up new ideas and solutions to tackle poverty and disadvantage. The fund is open to partnerships between at least one social economy organisation and one academic/research institution.

Full information about the funds can be found [here](#).

Edintore Community Benefit Fund

A new, local community benefit fund has launched in the east of Moray. Edintore wind farm is located approximately 5 miles south of Keith and has a community benefit fund, funded by Edintore Wind Farm Ltd. £70,500 will be made available to the community each year and it is expected the independent, local decision making panel will meet twice yearly to assess applications.

The next closing date for applications is 31st March 2017

Fund areas

The fund primary area of benefit is a 5 mile radius from the wind farm. Priority will always

be given to groups based or mainly operating in this area and projects benefitting people living in this area. The secondary area of benefit is an area outside of this 5 mile radius.

Eligibility

Applications must meet at least one of the fund aims:

- Improving the social and community life within the area of benefit
- Improving the environment of the area of benefit
- Providing benefit to the community beyond the 25-year lifespan of the wind farm

The fund is open for grant applications from community groups, organisations, charities and social enterprises that operate on a not-for-(private)-profit basis. A group must be formally constituted i.e. have a constitution or governing document that sets out how they operate.

It must also have a bank account in its name with at least 2 unrelated signatories.

Applying

The fund is administered by REAP. The area of benefit map, guidance and application forms are available on the REAP website www.reapscotland.org.uk or can be posted or emailed to you on request. Eligible applications will be assessed by a decision making panel of local representatives.

If you are not sure if your organisation or project would be eligible, please do get in touch with REAP, we'll be happy to have an informal chat with you. Phone 01542 888 070 or email info@reapscotland.org.uk

Beatrice Offshore Windfarm Funds

The Beatrice fund will be worth an estimated £2 million in Moray. This will be split equally between a Partnership fund and a local fund. The Partnership fund for Moray will cover coastal communities and the local Community Council areas (Buckie & District, Keith, Strathisla and Lennox).

Criteria include: a) Creating Opportunities; b) Empowering Communities or c) Sustainable places i.e. more legacy, transformative, heritage.

Groups can apply for between £10k - £50k

A business plan would be needed

Application deadline **10th February 2017** for first round of funding

Must be constituted group with charitable status

Guidelines & application can be found [here](#)

Tartan Army Children's Charity Moray Branch

We are a fundraising group, with the origins among the fans of Scottish National football - link to our website below.

<https://www.tartanarmychildrenscharity.org.uk/main/>

We distribute our raised funds principally to children and groups who are disadvantaged, whether physically or mentally impaired, have special educational needs or may be socially disadvantaged through financial hardship, neglect or abuse.

For more information and possible funding opportunities contact [Jim Hart](#)

Advanced Online Funding Search

The Scottish Rural Network (SRN) has teamed up with SCVO's Funding Scotland to provide an advanced online funding search to help you find funding for your charity, community group or social enterprise.

<http://srn.fundingscotland.com/>

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