

Funding Bulletin

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Investment managers



Grassroots Sports Fund

Aim

The criteria for the fund are as follows:

- Improve the quality and participation in sport - all ages and abilities, all sports (excluding elite participation)
- Widen access – remove barriers to participation
- Improve sustainability (of clubs and groups)

Small grants of up to £2,000 are available for groups with an income below £250,000.

Making A Difference

The fund will consider applications for grants up to £2,000 for the following:

- Purchasing sports equipment
- Coaching and coaching development costs
- Facilities hire
- Encourage the inclusion of minority groups and those facing barriers to entry

Closing date: 3rd August 2020

<https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/baillie-gifford-grassroots-sports/>

Magic Little Grants

www.localgiving.org/magic-little-grants/



The Magic Little Grants 2020 programme launched on **Tuesday 10th March 2020**. Together with **Postcode Community Trust**, a grant giving charity funded by players of **People's Postcode Lottery**, Localgiving is delighted to offer charitable organisations the opportunity to apply for grants of £500.

The fund will be awarding over **900 grants** to community projects across Great Britain. Successful projects will support and inspire people to participate in sports or exercise with the primary aim of improving the physical health of participants. Applications will receive a decision on their application and, if successful, the funding **within two months** of submitting a complete application.

The deadline for applications will be **31st October 2020**.

Important Coronavirus Update

1. Organisations now have longer than 12 months to spend the grant and we do not require specific dates for projects that you would like us to support. We want our funding to be able to be used flexibly and trust that you will deliver projects only when it is safe to do so.
2. We are happy to support projects that support people to stay active during social distancing, such as online fitness classes delivered via video conferencing software or Youtube.

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Business Support Fund – Covid-19 Support

www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-support-for-businesses/pages/business-support-fund/

Please note the deadline for this fund has been brought forward to Friday 10th July 2020.

This grant support is worth over £1 billion to business, and is part of the wider business support package worth £2.3 billion. So that funding can be distributed as quickly as possible, eligibility for the grant scheme is linked to the non-domestic rates system. The closing date for applications is 10 July 2020.

A £10,000 grant is available to non-domestic ratepayers with properties in receipt of:

- Small Business Bonus Scheme relief (SBBS) or Rural Relief
- Nursery Relief, Disabled Relief, Business Growth Accelerator, discretionary Sports Relief, Enterprise Areas Relief, Fresh Start Relief, or Charitable Rate Relief but eligible for SBBS

You can also apply for the Small Business Support Grant if you're not the ratepayer but occupy certain types of space. For example shared office, business incubator or industrial space. You must lease the space from a landlord who is the registered ratepayer for the property. To be eligible you must also:

- be a registered business or partnership
- have a lease signed before 17 March 2020
- employ at least one person
- have a business bank account

The Small Business Grant is also available to ratepayers that hold one or more properties within retail, hospitality or leisure, with individual rateable values not exceeding £18,000, and the cumulative rateable value for all properties held is between £35,001 and £500,000, who will be eligible to apply for the Small Business Grant Fund for each of their retail, hospitality, or leisure properties. A £25,000 grant is available to the ratepayers of properties in the retail, hospitality and leisure sectors with property with a rateable value between £18,001 - £51,000.

WEIR CHARITABLE TRUST: <https://weircharitabletrust.com/>

The Weir Charitable Trust aims to support Scottish-based community groups and small charities to provide services across Scotland to help the Scottish community. These groups and charities are likely to have found it difficult to access funds elsewhere.

It does not fund groups or charities who have an income of over £100,000 per year; individuals; commercial activity; research; educational establishments; social enterprises; community interest companies; governing bodies; public sector bodies; one off events; large capital projects; Community Councils, PTAs or Active Schools Activities; or pilot projects, nor can it provide sponsorship. Applications from outside Scotland or for activities carried out outwith Scotland will not be accepted.

The Trust will consider funding specific activities and services in sport, recreational facilities, animal welfare, health and cultural projects (see "[What we fund](#)") to improve the quality of life for people, either through a particular field of expertise or via a local community. The average award granted to date is £3,500 but, *in exceptional circumstances*, the Trust will consider applications for funds up to £25,000.

The Trust is currently accepting applications for funding with a closing date of 5.00pm on Friday 28th August 2020. Outcomes will be advised end November 2020.