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# Rural Funding

*Opportunities Guide*



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*This Government has a clear purpose – to create a more successful country with opportunities for all of Scotland to flourish. A key part of making this happen is to help communities work together to change things in their areas. That is why we are committed to community empowerment.*

Many rural communities already lead the way. Their drive, determination, talent and imagination have made a great difference in their areas. All of us can enjoy the benefits that rural Scotland brings, whether we live and work there or just visit. Other rural communities are starting the journey towards taking control over what matters to them and making real and lasting change.

When we developed our Community Empowerment Action Plan ([www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Built-Environment/regeneration/engage/empowerment](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Built-Environment/regeneration/engage/empowerment)),



people told us they wanted information on existing examples of empowerment and practical help for those who want to take action.

Providing grants to communities is one of the key practical actions that the Scottish Government takes to support community empowerment. In this leaflet, you will find information about grant assistance from the Scottish Government, its agencies and bodies. You will also find contact points to help you get started.

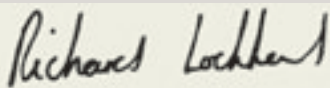
Taken together these funding streams total approximately £180m<sup>1</sup> of Scottish Government and European funding over the three-year period 2008/11. Each of the grant schemes is open to rural community groups.

On the Scottish National Rural Network website ([www.ruralgateway.org.uk](http://www.ruralgateway.org.uk)), you will be able to learn about some of the rural communities making a real difference in their areas. These are inspirational.

I hope this will help you take forward plans for rural development in your area.

Working together we can grow vibrant, thriving rural communities, helping Scotland to prosper.

I wish you every success with your plans!



**Richard Lochhead**

**Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and the Environment**

<sup>1</sup> This total includes money from the European Union in the Scotland Rural Development Programme which is matched by the Scottish Government

# Introduction

The Scottish Government, its agencies and public bodies, make available grant assistance promoting wider rural development, local innovative projects and social, economic and environmental benefits.

These are open to rural as well as other communities.

The short descriptions and contact points in this leaflet aim to help you and your community find information.

Lottery funding may also help. Awards for All Scotland puts lottery money back into local communities by giving grants of between £500 and £10,000. It funds projects that improve opportunities for people to take part in arts, sport and community activities and can fund a wide range of organisations. Full details can be found on the website at [www.awardsforall.org.uk/index-scotland.html](http://www.awardsforall.org.uk/index-scotland.html). You can also contact the Information Team for advice on 0870 240 2391 or email them at [Scotland@awardsforall.org.uk](mailto:Scotland@awardsforall.org.uk).

You can get advice on other forms of lottery funding by calling the National Lottery funding helpline on 0845 275 0000, textphone 0845 275 0022 or visit the website at [www.lotteryfunding.org.uk/scotland.htm](http://www.lotteryfunding.org.uk/scotland.htm).

To learn about other rural communities, what's happening over rural Scotland and have your say about the issues of the day, visit [www.ruralgateway.org.uk](http://www.ruralgateway.org.uk)



# Rural Development

As part of the Scotland Rural Development Programme (SRDP), Rural Development Contracts (RDC) – Rural Priorities is a competitive scheme which supports the delivery of environmental, social and economic benefits.

Visit [www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Rural/SRDP/RuralPriorities](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Rural/SRDP/RuralPriorities) for more information or contact:

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# Local Development Projects

LEADER local partnerships support local innovative projects which deliver strategic aims reflecting the needs and requirements of the local area. LEADER is a bottom up form of support aimed at building community capacity and confidence and empowering local communities. Some £58m funding is available under LEADER through the SRDP.

Visit [www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Rural/SRDP/LEADER](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Rural/SRDP/LEADER) or contact:

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# Social Regeneration

There is a range of funding opportunities.

## **SCOTTISH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

provides a wide range of trust and grant funding to community organisations and charities. Some of these funds are restricted to particular client groups and/or geographical areas depending on the source of funding. For more information, see [www.scottishhcf.org](http://www.scottishhcf.org), or contact them on tel: 0131 524 0300.

**SPORTSMATCH** supports grass roots sport projects that encourage participation at community level, especially youth groups. It aims to match commercial business sponsorship on a pound-for-pound basis.

**Contact:** sportscotland, Doges, Templeton on the Green, 62 Templeton Street, Glasgow, G40 1DA, 0141 534 6500, [sportscotland.enquiries@sportscotland.org.uk](mailto:sportscotland.enquiries@sportscotland.org.uk)

**BUILDING FOR SPORT PROGRAMME** includes the possibility of provision or upgrading of any facilities used for sport in the general community. This should marry up with the strategic plan of a local authority or of a governing body.

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## **STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME: HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS ENTERPRISE (HIE)**

Assistance is available to social enterprises and community organisations in the Highlands and Islands to develop income-generating assets and build their capacity to manage those assets, to provide facilities, services and amenities which strengthen local communities.

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**WIDER ROLE FUND FOR REGISTERED SOCIAL LANDLORDS** provides support to Registered Social Landlords to undertake projects tackling poverty and disadvantage in their local communities.

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**SCIENCE ENGAGEMENT GRANTS** provide funding for activities that explain science in a fun or engaging way for a public, family or school audience.

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**COMMUNITY CHEST** provides grants of up to £1000 and free training to organisations with less than £25,000 annual income. Grants can fund running costs or special projects, and are designed to strengthen grass roots activity in local communities. There are priority areas for grant, but applications are welcome from any Scottish community group.

**Contact:** Voluntary Action Fund, 01383 620780,  
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# Environment

There is a variety of funding opportunities.

**SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT COMMUNITY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY SCHEME (CARES)** provides advice to help communities develop their own renewable energy projects.

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**FORESTRY FOR PEOPLE CHALLENGE FUND** helps groups realise the potential contribution of local woodlands to the health, learning and strengthening of communities.

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**SCOTTISH NATURAL HERITAGE** provides grants to support community groups to get actively involved in and caring for our natural heritage.

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