

Helping rural communities  
to access funding

# RuralDirect »»





## Helping you to help your community

New funding opportunities are opening up for Scotland's rural communities, and the Scottish Government is supporting the Rural Direct service to help you make the most of them. SCVO has been contracted to deliver a useful and effective service for community groups across the whole of rural Scotland.

Whether you're looking to refurbish your village hall, develop new local amenities and services, or work out a long term plan for your community's future development, funding is available to help you. We can help you identify it and get hold of it.

The new Scotland Rural Development Programme (SRDP) offers great opportunities for communities through its Rural Priorities and LEADER funding programmes. And there are plenty of other funders out there too, including charitable trusts, the Big Lottery and local authorities.

Rural Direct won't apply for funding on your behalf, but we will do everything we can to make sure you make the best possible funding applications to the appropriate funders – and get the best possible results for your community.

# How can we help?

Whether you're still figuring out what your community needs or searching for the final piece of the funding jigsaw for a local project, we can offer information and assistance to make life easier for you.

If you're applying for SRDP funding, we can:

- Help you decide whether to opt for LEADER or Rural Priorities
- Help you to get a Business Reference Number for Rural Priorities
- Help you to develop a Statement of Intent for Rural Priorities
- Help you submit your online Rural Priorities application, even if you don't have a computer or a broadband connection
- Work closely with the local SRDP Case Officers who'll be assessing your application
- Work with the LEADER Local Action Group co-ordinators to maximise the number of successful applications

Because the SRDP isn't the only funding game in town, we can also:

- Help you understand the range of other funding opportunities available
- Assist you in developing and writing the best possible funding applications

**This free service is available to constituted community groups in rural areas throughout Scotland. If you think we might be able to help your community group – get in touch and we'll see what we can do!**



# Get in touch

If you want help with locating and applying for funding for your local community, you can get in touch in a number of ways.

For general inquiries call  
**0845 838 8598**

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