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FUNDING FOR NATURAL HERITAGE PROJECTS SCOTLAND 2017

The following tables are meant as a guide to organisations seeking to undertake Natural Heritage Projects. This list is not exhaustive and other potential funds are available. The tables will be updated regularly with new and improved information whenever it becomes available.

NB. Care is required when looking for potential match funders as certain rules apply. For Example:- EU money cannot be used to match with other EU sources. Lottery money cannot be used to match with other lottery money. There are also some match funding restrictions regarding certain Government funding streams. Consult individual funds for funding rules.

KEY	EUROPEAN FUNDING	LOTTERY	UK GOVERNMENT	TRUSTS/ CHARITIES	ORGANISATIONS/ COMPANIES
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Funders roughly appear in descending order of maximum grant size available.

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Funding Organisation/ Grant Name	Who Can Apply	Nature Of Projects	Award Criteria	Other Information	Grant Value	Website links
EU LIFE	Government Bodies, NGOs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nature and Biodiversity Environment and Resource Efficiency Environmental Governance and Information. Climate Change mitigation Climate Change adaption Climate Change Governance and Information 	Projects must help implement European Policies and Directives.	Next closing date September 2017	Circa £500k-£5m	http://www.snh.gov.uk/funding/life-nature-and-biodiversity/
EU Funding Structural Funds ERDF and ESF	Public Sector Voluntary/ Charitable organisations Public/private partnerships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business competitiveness Increasing sustainable use (Including natural and cultural assets) Peripheral communities Increasing the workforce Investing in the workforce Improve access to lifelong learning Research and innovation Enterprise Growth Urban Regeneration Rural Development 			Variable	https://beta.gov.scot/policies/european-structural-funds/
SRDP Scotland Rural Development Programme	Public Sector, Landowners, Voluntary/ Charitable organisations Public/private partnerships	Improve Business viability Enhance Biodiversity and Landscape Improve Water Quality Tackle Climate change Support Rural Communities	Projects must fulfil criteria laid out in the SRDP	NB. SRDP is partly funded by the EU. It cannot therefore be matched to other EU funds.	Variable	http://www.gov.scot/Topics/farming/rural/SRDP/SRDP20142020Schemes
Interreg	Public Bodies Non Commercial Organisations	The programme provides funding for all regions of Europe plus Switzerland and Norway (regional and local public authorities) to exchange and transfer knowledge and good practice. Two main priorities are targeted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Innovation and Knowledge economy' 'Environment and Risk prevention'. 	Partners must be from at least three different countries, two of which must be from EU member states.		Up to 85% intervention rate	http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/en/policy/cooperation/european-territorial/

<p>Heritage Lottery Fund Heritage Grants</p>	<p>Community or voluntary groups; Community Interest Companies; Charities or trusts; Social enterprises; Parish councils; Local authorities; Other public sector organisations</p>	<p>Usually larger scale applications that address nature conservation, historic building restoration, museum collections, and objects or sites relating to the UK's industrial, transport or maritime history.</p>	<p>Projects must fulfil outcomes from the three priority areas; Outcomes for heritage: Heritage will be: better managed, in better condition, better interpreted and explained, identified/recorded. Outcomes for people: People will have: developed skills, learnt about heritage. Outcomes for communities:: Environmental impacts will be reduced, more people and a wider range of people will have engaged with heritage, your local area/community will be a better place to live, work or visit, your local economy will be boosted, your organisation will be more resilient.</p>	<p>Two stage process. Project development grants, and mentor support available between stages one and two. To find out if you project is suitable you can complete a pre application form and send it to your local office who will then contact you.</p>	<p>£100,000 or more for main grant</p>	<p>www.hlf.org.uk</p>
<p>Heritage Lottery Fund Landscape Partnership</p>	<p>Partnerships representing a range of heritage and community interests.</p>	<p>Aims to promote heritage conservation as an integral part of rural regeneration. Requires a balance of Natural, cultural and built heritage.</p>	<p>Landscape Partnership schemes need to contribute towards all of the nine outcomes listed below. Outcomes for heritage heritage will be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ better managed ▪ in better condition ▪ identified/recorded Outcomes for people people will have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ developed skills ▪ learnt about heritage ▪ volunteered time Outcomes for communities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ environmental impacts will be reduced ▪ more people and a wider range of people will have engaged with heritage ▪ your local area/community will be a better place to live, work or visit </p>	<p>To find out if you project is suitable you can complete a pre application form and send it to your local office who will then contact you.</p>	<p>£100k to £3m</p>	<p>www.hlf.org.uk</p>

Heritage Lottery Fund Parks for People	Mainly Local Authorities, although not for profit organisations that own a public park can apply.	Restoration and regeneration of historic parks and gardens, wherever they are, including urban squares and cemeteries.	Projects should also enhance public access and may involve improving facilities. Projects need to fulfil key HLF outcomes as outlined above.	To find out if you project is suitable you can complete a pre application form and send it to your local office who will then contact you.	£100,000 to £5 Million	www.hlf.org.uk
Esmée Fairbairn Foundation	Registered charity or properly constituted organisation	Supports work that focuses on the UK's cultural life, education, the natural environment and enabling people who are disadvantaged to participate more fully in society. Funding split between Main Grants and Strands Includes potential funding for research.	Criteria is very flexible, as long as project fits into current priorities	Grants towards project and core costs. These include running costs such as staff salaries and overheads. Unlikely to fund conservation of well supported or non-native species, green gyms or local green space projects e.g. renovation or creation of community parks/gardens.	No maximum grant size.	www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk
Scottish Natural Heritage	Community groups, voluntary groups NGOs, other organisations and private individuals.	Supports projects which get more people and communities actively involved in caring for Scotland's nature and landscapes.	Current Priorities are; To help a wider range of people to participate in volunteering, outdoor learning and physical activity. To help and empower communities to become more resilient and better connected with their natural assets. To help people to engage in the development of the National Walking and Cycle Network through identifying new routes or promoting and encouraging use of the NWCN. To support nature-based tourism, wild foods and innovative enterprises based on sustainable use of natural assets.	Currently Closed If you want to be kept informed you can you can send an email to grants@snh.gov.uk .		http://www.snh.gov.uk/funding/our-grants/

Peatland Action	Public Bodies Non Commercial Organisations	The scheme aims to restore Scottish peatlands whilst also creating demonstration sites to raise standards and encourage innovation for effective peatland restoration.	Projects should meet one of the following criteria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • restore and manage peatlands to maintain carbon stores and encourage carbon sequestration • restore peatland ecosystem functions; • enhance ecosystem resilience to climate change; and • build peatland restoration capacity and understanding amongst land managers, contractors, advisors and the public 	Applications to be received by 31 October 2017	No Maximum grant size	http://www.snh.gov.uk/climate-change/what-snh-is-doing/peatland-action/
Central Scotland Green Network (CSGN) Funding	Any organisations or individuals that can demonstrate they are delivering CSGN priorities within the proposed CSGN activity area.	CSGN Development Fund To support the development and implementation of projects delivering the Central Scotland Green Network on the ground. The Fund can support a wide range of project activity that will help to deliver the key priorities of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active Travel - Improving or creating functional access routes passing through or leading to the development of green networks, greenspace or countryside. • Vacant & Derelict Land – Greening (including temporary greening) of vacant or derelict land listed on the Scottish Vacant and Derelict Land Register. • Disadvantaged Communities – Community growing, environmental or access improvements. These projects are likely to be located in or around communities in the 15% most deprived datazones (nationally) according to the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation. 		For latest submission deadlines please see the website.		http://www.centralscotlandgreennetwork.org/resources/funding/csgn-development-fund

<p>EMFF European Maritime and Fisheries Fund</p>	<p>Fisheries Sector, Communities NGOs Public Bodies</p>	<p>Funding is available to support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The strengthening and competitiveness of fisheries areas • Restructuring and redirecting economic activities • Diversifying and value adding activities • Supporting small fisheries and tourism-related infrastructure and services for the benefit of small fisheries communities • Protecting the environment in fisheries areas • Re-establishing the production potential following natural and industrial disasters • Inter-regional and trans-national co-operation. 			<p>Up to £1m</p>	<p>http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0041/00413732.pdf</p>
<p>LEADER</p>	<p>Public Sector, Community Groups, Voluntary/ Charitable organisations Public/private partnerships</p>	<p>The aim of LEADER is to increase support to local rural community and business networks to build knowledge and skills, and encourage innovation and cooperation in order to tackle local development objectives.</p> <p>Local Development Strategies include actions that will allow individuals, communities and businesses to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • drive community action on climate change • enhance rural services and facilities, including transport initiatives • enhance natural/cultural heritage, tourism and leisure • support food and drink initiatives (for example short supply chains, community food) • build co-operation with other LAGs in Scotland, UK and Europe • exchange learning and knowledge with each other, realise their potential, build opportunities for all 	<p>LEADER is managed through LAGs (Local Action Groups)</p>		<p>Upto £100k</p>	<p>https://www.ruralnetwork.scot/funding/leader</p>

<p>Coastal Communities Fund</p>	<p>charities voluntary and community sector social enterprises, cooperatives and community ownership initiatives local authorities private sector companies.</p>	<p>Coastal communities are better able to use their assets (physical, natural, social, economic and cultural) to promote sustainable economic growth and jobs; And meet at least one of the following outcomes: 1. Coastal Communities have a greater capacity to create a sustainable economic future and are better equipped to adapt to change; 2. Partnerships are developed to support economic innovation, enterprise and investment either within a community and/ or across a number of coastal communities; 3. People have more opportunities for training and skills development, including volunteering.</p>		<p>Currently closed for applications</p>	<p>>£50k</p>	<p>http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/global-content/programmes/uk-wide/coastal-communities</p>
<p>Big Lottery Fund</p>	<p>Community groups and organisations</p>	<p>The BLF funds a variety of projects across the UK using National Lottery money; Investing in Communities Awards for All, Communities 2014 Growing Community Assets For full range of funding available see website.</p>	<p>Please contact BIG or visit the website to see what priorities they are currently funding.</p>		<p>Up to 100% funding available.</p>	<p>www.biglotteryfund.org.uk</p>
<p>Heritage Lottery Fund Young Roots</p>	<p>Groups or projects involving young people 13 – 25 years old.</p>	<p>Innovative and creative projects that target directly the needs and interests of young people</p>	<p>Specifically designed to promote the involvement of young people in preservation of their heritage through; 1. Increasing opportunities for learning about heritage, and 2. Promoting a greater awareness and appreciation of the value of heritage for our future sense of identity</p>	<p>No application deadlines.</p>	<p>£10,000-£50,000</p>	<p>www.hlf.org.uk</p>
<p>Heritage Lottery Fund Our Heritage</p>	<p>Any constituted group or organisation.</p>	<p>Projects must either;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance and conserve heritage • Encourage communities to identify • Look after and celebrate their local heritage. 	<p>Must increase opportunities for learning and open up heritage resources and sites to the widest possible audiences.</p>	<p>No application deadlines.</p>	<p>£10,000 - £100,000</p>	<p>www.hlf.org.uk</p>

Heritage Lottery Fund Sharing Heritage	Any constituted group or organisation	The Sharing Heritage programme is for any type of project related to heritage	Projects must make a difference to people, heritage and communities in the UK;	No application deadlines.	£3,000 -£10,000	www.hlf.org.uk
Climate Challenge Fund	voluntary sector, charities, schools, colleges, universities, local authorities and housing partnerships	The Scheme will fund:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects to reduce carbon emissions. • Support community organisations to develop carbon emissions reduction action plans • Pay for costs associated with feasibility studies. • Pay for community capacity building • The costs of a community establishing a partnership. 		Currently Closed to Applications	No minimum but Upto £1m	http://ccf.keepsotlandbeautiful.org/
Landfill Tax Credit Scheme	A wide range of organisations.	Projects that involve reclaiming land, reduces or prevents pollution on land, that provide or maintain public amenities or parks, that restore or repair buildings for religious worship, or of architectural or historical interest or Biodiversity.				https://www.sepa.org.uk/environment/waste/scottish-landfill-communities-fund/
SEPA Water Environment Fund		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restore the morphology (i.e. the condition of the banks, bed and shore) of the water environment; • Remove barriers to fish migration; • Control invasive non-native species • Provide treatment for discharges from abandoned non-coal mines. 	Projects must deliver improvements to wetlands, rivers, lochs/ponds, estuaries or coasts; contribute towards achieving Water Framework Directive (WFD) objectives; and where possible, deliver a wider range of environmental, social and economic benefits.			http://www.sepa.org.uk/environment/water/water-environment-fund/
Coalfields Regeneration Trust Grant	Voluntary and community organisations, PTA's Parish, Town and Community Councils Must be constituted or work to a list of rules	Social enterprises. Projects that:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage community led capacity, innovation and services • Create an environment in which people can participate 	Not restricted other than to within coalfield regeneration areas. Trust is 'open to good ideas' and judges projects on individual merit.	Clydesdale, Fife, Ayrshire and Lothian.	Community Investments Programme £500 - £10 K Main Grants – £30k -£300k	www.coalfields-regen.org.uk

		<p>and encourage local growth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the community outcomes identified within the Coalfield Community Futures and Challenge Programmes • Increase partnership between players which can act as a catalyst for levering in other funds 				
Crown Estates Stewardship Fund	Community, voluntary groups	<p>Support to initiatives and programmes that contribute to the development of best practice, and make a significant contribution to the good management and stewardship of the crown estate. There are five key priority areas for our funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accessibility • Awareness • Biodiversity • Environment • Management. 	Projects supported by the Fund must be related to Crown Estate land, either by demonstrating good management of a particular Crown Estate property.		<p>Small Grants Upto £10k</p> <p>Large Grants Over £10k</p>	https://www.thecrownestate.co.uk/our-business/stewardship-programme/
The Garfield Weston Foundation	Registered Charities	UK wide Education initiatives involving the arts, health, environment, community, youth, religion or welfare.	Must be registered charity able to supply annual report and audited accounts.	See website for further details. Takes 3 to 4 months to process applications.	Regular grants £1,000 - £100,000 Major grants £100,000 +	www.garfieldweston.org
Naturesave Trust	A wide range of organisations	The scope of projects funded is broad. They seek to financially assist those projects that deal with the root of a specific environmental and/or conservationist problem and those that encourage the greater commercial adoption of sustainable development.			Variable	http://www.naturesave.co.uk/trust_naturesave.html
Big Lottery Fund Awards For All	Most groups, e.g. local communities, not-for-profit groups, Parish or Town Councils, School or Health bodies.	Very varied Grants are available for; Publicity, professional fees, research costs, equipment and materials, transport costs.	Applications for sport, art, community, environment, heritage, education or health related activities. Broad spectrum of projects that support community activity.	Easy application process. No deadlines	£500 to £10,000	www.awardsforall.org.uk

Paths for All	Community groups, voluntary organisations, local health walk groups, local authorities, health services, development trusts, charities, employers	There are two types of grant available: 1) Community Paths Grants 2) Healthy Walks Grants	See Website for details			http://www.pathsforall.org.uk
The Bromley Trust	UK Charities	Conservation and sustainability of flora and fauna & environment for wildlife and mankind.	Your charity must promote sustainability and help develop responsible knowledge of and use of the worlds resources.	No deadlines	Variable	www.thebromleytrust.org.uk
The Ibrahim Foundation	Organisations, community groups or charities	Grants seek to foster greater awareness of, access to, and stewardship of the natural treasures of Scotland.	Foundation looks for situations where small amounts of funds will make significant impact.		£500 - £10,000.	http://www.ibrahimfoundation.com/grant.html
The MacRobert Trust	Voluntary orgs and charities UK wide but preference given to those in Scotland	Community welfare, agriculture and horticulture- NOT conservation.			£5000 - £25,000	www.themacroberttrust.org.uk
Scottish Community Foundation	Organisations, community groups or charities	A wide range of social welfare and community development activities through a number of different grant programmes	Varies with Grant Programme, See website for details.	Only give grants in Scotland.	Variable	http://www.scottishcf.org/
Peoples Postcode Trust	Small organisations and community groups.	Poverty Prevention Advancement of Health (not research) Community Development Public Sports Human Rights and Environmental Protection		Two-stage application process: Stage 1 – Expression of interest Stage 2 – Invitation to submit application	£500 - £20,000	http://www.postcodetrust.org.uk/applying-for-a-grant
Gannochy Trust	Charitable Organisations	Projects promoting access to the countryside and natural environment, including paths, cycleways and waterways. Educational projects connected with countryside and heritage-related activities.		Scotland Only, with Preference to Perth and environs.		http://www.gannochytrust.org.uk/

		Projects promoting training and volunteering in conservation, restoration and preservation work. Green spaces in urban areas and community woodlands.				
Dulverton Trust	Charitable Organisations	The Trust is keen to support the general conservation and protection of wildlife habitats within the United Kingdom. They also encourage projects concerning the sympathetic management of trees and native woodlands. Projects concerned with single species are rarely considered.			Small Grants upto £3,500 Major Grants average £25k	http://www.dulverton.org/
Waterloo Foundation	Charitable organisations	support for projects which counter damage to the environment, especially human-caused effects, through increasing marine fish stocks and protecting tropical rain forests.			No upper or lower limit but unlikely to fund >£100k	http://www.waterloofoundation.org.uk/
Andy Fanshaw Trust	Charitable organisations, schools and youth groups	Projects that allow young people to experience outdoor recreation. The grant aims to support specific projects that encourage young people to further their existing skills and gain new experiences.	Eligible expenditure includes equipment, course fees and trips.			http://www.andyfanshawe.org/
The People's Trust for Endangered Species	Voluntary conservation organisations, scientific researchers, individuals and consortia	Conservation of mammals in the British Isles and Eire. Acceptable fields of work for funding include scientific research, practical habitat management work, reintroduction and monitoring programmes and educational projects.		Deadline for applications is normally November and decisions are confirmed by the trustees in January.	£250- £30,000	http://www.ptes.org/index.php?cat=89
Foyle Foundation	Registered charities and Schools	The Foundation funds a wide variety of activities.			£1,000 - £10,000	http://www.foylefoundation.org.uk/
Sainsbury Family Charitable Trusts	Registered charities or activities with clearly defined charitable purposes.	Funding priorities amongst the trusts varies greatly but includes;- Environment, climate change, sustainable development, improving the		18 independent trusts come under this umbrella. See website for details		http://www.sfct.org.uk/

		quality of life, Plant Science etc.		and links to individual trusts.		
Steel Charitable Trust	Registered charities	Health & Medical Research; Social Services; and Environment and Culture.			£1,000 to £25,000	http://www.steelcharitabletrust.org.uk/grant_policy.htm
Healthy Heart Grants (Heart research UK)	Community groups, voluntary organisations and researchers	Innovative projects designed to promote heart health and to prevent or reduce the risks of heart disease.			up to £10,000	http://www.heartresearch.org.uk/grants/healthyheartgrant
Tree Council Grants	Schools Community Groups	Tree Planting schemes Two Funds One for Schools the other for Community Groups.	Funds available to assist community and school groups proposing to undertake well-planned tree planting projects. This could be a formal group, such as cubs, guides or youth clubs; alternatively it could be a community team assembled for the purpose of the project.		Upto £700	http://www.treecouncil.org.uk
Tescos – Bags of Help	Community Groups Schools Local Authorities Not for Profit Organisations	Wide range of indoor and outdoor projects that benefit local communities		Bi-Monthly Public in-store Vote	£1,000 to £4,000	http://greenspacescotland.org.uk/bags-of-help.aspx