



More than just money

Community Grant Programme 2014-15

Grants of **up to £1,000** now available to Scotland's volunteer-led community groups



What is the Community Grant?

The grant is aimed at small, grassroots, volunteer-led community groups with an income of less than £25,000 per year. The grant's focus is on supporting and building the capacity of Scotland's smallest community and voluntary groups. Groups can apply for grants of up to £1,000 for a wide range of costs or activities that will help sustain or develop their activities. We expect to make around 40 grant awards.



To be eligible your group must have:

- * A constitution and bank account in the name of the group with at least two signatories;
- * An annual income of less than £25,000;
- * An independent referee.

Priorities for Funding

Priority will be given to groups that work:

- * With health or disability issues;
- * For the benefit of people protected under the 2010 Equality Act (Age; Disability; Race; Faith; Sex or Sexual orientation etc.)
- * With families and young people; and
- * With older people.



What can groups apply for?

Groups can apply for funding for a wide variety of activities or operational costs, depending on their greatest need.

However, Voluntary Action Fund is particularly keen to fund activities that will help build and develop strong organisations. For example, your grant would pay for training for committee members and volunteers, visits to other organisations and conferences or professional support and consultancy.

You could also apply for the cost of equipment, costumes or uniforms, classes or training, counselling, furniture, toys, safety equipment, field trips, or venue hire.

The grant must be spent within 12 months.

How to apply

The application form and guidance notes for the Community Grant can be downloaded from the Voluntary Action Fund website: www.vaf.org.uk

Please contact us if you have any queries about the grant or about making an application. Our telephone number is 01383 620780. Our email address is communitygrants@vaf.org.uk

Applications should be received by us by **Friday, 14 November 2014**.

Feedback from applicants

"The application was simple and straight forward."

"The grant has helped us to offer a service which is not necessarily restricted to our specific 'target' group."

"It is a good amount which allows the organisation to develop but not too problematic to manage."

About Voluntary Action Fund

Voluntary Action Fund is an independent charitable grant making body which invests in voluntary and community based organisations across Scotland. It is governed by an independent Board of Charity Trustees with a wide range of experience in the voluntary sector.

We provide grant funding and development support to organisations across Scotland to promote volunteering, social justice, equality and human rights.

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