

Rural & Island Communities Ideas into Action

Over 180 diverse projects across rural Scotland, will receive grants ranging from £100,000 to less than £500, from the Rural & Island Communities Ideas into Action (RICIA) fund during 2022-23, part of the Scottish Government's Rural Development Programme.

The fund encourages and supports not-for-profit community groups with innovative approaches to community-led local development which include solutions to net zero and just transition goals, tackling rural poverty and supporting rural communities through the cost crisis.

Projects include building of mountain bike trails to bring in new visitors and provide sports opportunities to the local community, opening up a community hall as a 'warm space' over the winter months and providing suppers to alleviate rising costs, purchasing of educational equipment by a community centre to benefit the psychological and mental health of local children, and installation of solar thermal panels at a community hub to help manage electricity costs.

The funding is being delivered in partnership between the Scottish Government and [Inspiring Scotland](#).

Below can be found a complete list of the two tranches of RICIA funding for the 2022-23 financial year period.

List of Rural & island Communities Ideas into Action funded projects
Large projects (£5,001 - £100,000)

| Organisation | Project name | Amount | LAG area | Summary |
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| All Roads Lead to Whithorn | Grapes Affordable Housing Part 2 | £80,586.00 | Dumfries & Galloway | To create a home for a disabled person and carer by clearing a derelict stable block of ivy, then repointing and rebuilding masonry, with the expertise of trainees from Building Futures Galloway and skill development opportunities for high school pupils. |
| Arkaig Community Forest | Resilient Community Forest | £37,818.07 | Highland | To purchase butchery equipment and install required drainage in the deer larder to complete the 'hill to table' process that the organisation has been developing within the community. |
| Arran Development Trust | Arran Development Trust Affordable Housing Project | £40,600.00 | Ayrshire | This community organisation has a membership of over 400 people, and has a well-documented need for affordable housing on their island to address rural depopulation and fuel poverty. They are in the process of a large-scale affordable project, and they are seeking this grant funding to support their project management costs, marketing and community engagement events. |
| Arran Eco Savvy Community | Green Islands Net Zero domestic energy project | £70,000.00 | Ayrshire | To appoint a project manager, assistant project manager and a practical skills support worker to deliver a project that undertakes household surveys to establish the level of need in home energy improvements relating to carbon emissions and produce recommendations and practical support to homeowners and / or tenants. |
| Arts Inc. CIC | Nathan's Art Group | £8,112.00 | Dumfries & Galloway | To build on the success of a previous pilot (and evidenced demand), to develop and deliver a series of creative workshops for adults with learning disabilities. |
| Blackhaugh Farm Action Group | Infrastructure for engagement and growth | £64,535.00 | Rural Perth & Kinross | To build a multipurpose community space and ecological toilet to be able to expand their community farm events programme. |
| Caberfeidh Horizons | Keep Caberfeidh Cosy | £34,900.00 | Cairngorms | To undertake energy efficiency improvements to their community building, and develop and deliver 100 'Cosy Boxes' to support local people living in poverty. |

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| Callander Youth Project Trust | Increased and improved facilities | £67,035.00 | Forth Valley & Lomond | To reconfigure and refurbish their youth space to enable more activity year round, and to make their toilet facilities fully accessible for participants and visitors. |
| Clan MacQuarrie Community Centre | The Hebridean Community Garden | £9,547.18 | Outer Hebrides | To improve the accessibility and security of their community garden by installing a wheelchair ramp and wheelchair-accessible raised beds, deer gates and additional dry stone shelter walls, and to develop a health and wellbeing herb garden. |
| Coigach Heritage | The Coigach Heritage Development Project: Stage 2 | £25,280.00 | Highland | To help establish their hyper-local heritage centre, which will include a café and office space for local enterprises. |
| Crossroads Community Hub | Opportunities for All | £34,649.00 | Ayrshire | To lease a 7 seater electric people carrier to bring people who have no other means of transport to Ayrshire Food Hub to meet, socialise and take part in the activities on offer with the aim of relieving loneliness and isolation/improving health and wellbeing/ gaining new knowledge and skills. |
| Culbokie Community Trust Limited | Culbokie Green - Toilets and Potting Shed | £15,600.00 | Highland | To undertake the initial preparatory stage (architectural, engineering and utility fees) of a new community facility, which will include accessible public toilets and a volunteer meeting and storage space. |
| Dundee and Angus ADHD Support Group | IMPACT initiative | £38,724.45 | Angus | To adapt their family support activities and IMPACT course to be suitable for those waiting over 3 years for ADHD assessment and requiring support. |
| Eday Community Enterprises Ltd | Eday Shop Van Delivery Project | £52,435.00 | Orkney | To purchase a new Ford E-Transit Van to provide a low carbon delivery service for goods to and from Eday Community Shop. |
| ENABLE Scotland | ENABLE Connects 2.0 | £41,193.00 | Dumfries & Galloway | To build on a previous community-hub pilot through additional 1:1 and peer group support (including training volunteer facilitators) and training a number of local community organisations and businesses in inclusivity to support community participation. |
| Evanton Community Trust | Community Warm Spaces | £22,102.00 | Highland | To open their Diamond Jubilee Hall in as a 'warm space' for four days a week over the winter months of December, January, February and March, and to make accessibility improvements. |

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| Forgan Arts Centre SCIO | Forgan Gardener's Cottage - Learning and Development Project | £37,684.50 | Fife | To undertake a restoration project which will include vocational & traditional skills-based opportunities for young people, whilst creating a community space and respite centre. |
| Forgan Arts Centre SCIO | Forgan Arts - Community Connections | £33,320.00 | Fife | To undertake an extensive community-led consultation, focused on reaching under-represented communities, and to produce a comprehensive Community Engagement Plan to set the foundation for its role as a community anchor organisation. |
| Friends of Craigtoun | Craigtoun Country Park Employability Centre | £14,203.00 | Fife | To undertake a partnership project between this park and two youth support organisations, conducting a feasibility study and pilot project into how the resources of the park (garden, kitchen, event space) can be used to support youth training and employability. |
| Gaada Projects C.I.C. | Gaada Visual Art Workshop | £18,000.00 | Shetland | To undertake the RIBA Stages 2-3 (concept design and developed design) of their capital build project to improve their current building to create a sustainable, accessible and fit-for-purpose visual arts workshop and project space, which supports disabled and non-disabled members of the local community to participate in the visual arts with specialist support. |
| Gairloch and Loch Ewe Action Forum | Community Asset Ownership | £16,450.00 | Highland | To carry out the first phase of the research and investigation in acquiring a local restaurant on the market as a community asset to expand and deliver on their current social enterprise activity. |
| Gairloch and Loch Ewe Action Forum | Gairloch and Loch Ewe Housing Needs Analysis | £14,700.00 | Highland | To commission the Communities Housing Trust to carry out a housing needs analysis for the Gairloch and Loch Ewe area, which includes the five main villages of Gairloch, Poolewe, Aultbea, Kinlochewe and Laide. |
| Glengarry Community Woodlands | Glengarry Community Sawmill | £36,290.00 | Highland | To set up a sawmill to support their community woodland enterprise - making their existing activities most cost effective and creating a new revenue and employment stream for the area. |
| Guth Airson Iarrtasan Nis | Bridge Refurbishment | £8,717.29 | Outer Hebrides | To remove an old bridge and create new access at the main entrance way into Eoropie Dunes Park. |
| Healthy Valleys | Healthy Valleys Community Active Travel Hubs | £79,085.00 | Lanarkshire | To employ a business development manager to support the expansion of their community action travel programme (installing eBike active travel hubs in 7 villages) and for 30 eBike solar-powered charging lockers. |

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| Huntly Development Trust | Number 30 The Square | £60,370.00 | South Aberdeenshire | To refurbish a vacant dilapidated space in the heart of Huntly town centre into a high-quality centre focused on enterprise, skills development, training and learning opportunities and leisure and recreational activities, specifically the fit-out of the community café. |
| Inspire Invearay | Inveraray Pier - Neglected pearl of a great town | £31,500.00 | Argyll & the Islands | To purchase the old Inveraray Pier and bring it into community ownership, and to repair it for the use of the local community and visitors to Inveraray. |
| Islay & Jura Community Enterprises Limited | Inspiring & Supporting Island Recovery | £6,030.00 | Argyll & the Islands | To employ a Project Co-ordinator at Mactaggart Youth & Family Outreach Services to provide locally based person-centred help for parents to address barriers to work, community learning and parent support sessions, financial capability training and Digital Connectivity sessions. |
| Islay Energy Trust | Developing low carbon households | £31,451.00 | Argyll & the Islands | To engage domestic households in energy efficiency improvements and decarbonisation through offering free/discounted Energy Performance Certificate assessments, and train more local people in renewables installation (to build a pool of skilled on-island contractors). |
| Kilmuir Community Trust | Kilmuir Hall Upgrade and Improvement Works | £20,544.00 | Highland | To undertake upgrades and safety improvements to enable more community and business use of the hall. |
| Leverhulme Community Hub Ltd | Leverhulme Community Hub: Towards Net Zero | £84,041.60 | Outer Hebrides | To manage and install replacement windows, a door and solar thermal panels to Leverhulme Community Hub. |
| Loch Ken Trust | Delivering the Loch Ken Plan - Baseline Ecosystem Assessment | £23,244.00 | Dumfries & Galloway | To conduct a baseline ecosystem assessment through commissioning research and undertaking 'citizen science' activities. |
| Lochcarron Community Development Company | The Digital Woodland | £15,717.00 | Highland | To undertake the first stage of a digital/augmented reality project to explore what their community woodland will look like in the future (and the past) in undertake different projects under different climate scenarios. This is a partnership project between the charity, the Wester Ross Biosphere and the Centre for Mountain Studies (UHI). |

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| Lochwinnoch Community Development Trust | Lochwinnoch Warm Spaces Network | £22,581.00 | Greater Renfrewshire & Inverclyde | To create a "Warm Spaces Network": a series of 3 hour sessions at 6 venues across Lochwinnoch, offering 360 hours of warm spaces. Each venue will have a Warm Spaces Facilitator, someone who will offer a warm welcome and provide activities and conversation. |
| Mull And Iona Community Trust | Our Islands' Community Wellbeing Research & Development Project | £21,712.16 | Argyll & the Islands | To deliver a learning and development project that gathers, reviews and analyses the impacts of MICT's current community wellbeing project. |
| Muthill Village Trust | Muthill Hall Feasibility Study | £30,000.00 | Rural Perth & Kinross | To undertake a feasibility study for a village hub which will form stage one of a wider project to deliver a new village hall, following community consultation. |
| Nether Lochaber Community Association SCIO | INCHREE BARN COMMUNITY HUB | £9,480.00 | Highland | To undertake building surveys and design work before potentially taking community ownership of a local barn, which they intend to convert into a new community hub. |
| Netherthird Initiative for Community Empowerment | <i>This is currently being decided by our young people</i> | £8,627.00 | Ayrshire | To build on a previous pilot project to add a dedicated focus on supporting young people at risk of suicide, emotional distress or maladaptive behaviour through therapeutic 1:1s with individuals and family members. |
| New Cumnock Development Trust | Trotters Design | £90,951.60 | Ayrshire | To undertake the architectural designs associated with the redevelopment of a derelict building, purchased for the community earlier this year, and intended to become a re-use hub. This is part of a wider project to revive the town centre, creating sustainable employment, skills and enterprise opportunities whilst improving the civic space. |
| Newmarket Gateway | Newmarket Gateway Access Project | £40,223.60 | Outer Hebrides | To increase the number of car parking and disabled parking spaces at the Newmarket Play Park site, and to install a sunken trampoline. |
| Newmilns Snow and Sports Complex | Ski Academy | £25,950.00 | Ayrshire | To expand a successful pilot programme to create developmental opportunities for young people, in advance of their transition from primary school to high school, using a 'sport for change' model. |
| Oldmeldrum Green Growing Space SCIO | Oldmeldrum Green Growing Space | £85,699.15 | North Aberdeenshire | To develop a community allotment through delivery of groundworks, materials and structures they need in order to open it to their community waiting list for use at the end of March 2023. |

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| Pirnmill Village Association | Pirnmill Hydropower Feasibility Study | £5,640.42 | Ayrshire | To undertake a hydropower feasibility study to establish how they can grow the energy security and extreme-weather resilience of their community. |
| Propagate (Scotland) CIC | Local Food Solutions | £10,475.00 | Dumfries & Galloway | To undertake interviews with farmers working in a regenerative way, to explore sustainable farming with local schools and community groups, and to undertake further learning into the possibility of a 'food hub' model in different areas of Dumfries and Galloway. |
| Rural Housing Scotland | Land Matchmaking Service | £25,200.00 | Outer Hebrides | To create a Land Matchmaking Service in Harris and Uist to support affordable rural house plots. |
| Sanday Community Craft Hub Ltd | Moving Forward with the Craft Hub | £10,663.00 | Orkney | To continue and expand their programme of creative workshops using waste materials, and to make minor improvements to their workshop hub, enabling local makers to sell their crafts. |
| SCOTO - Community Tourism Network Limited | "SCOTO - Welcoming Temporary Locals" | £71,505.00 | Not Applicable | To host a series of events across January - March 2023 to introduce / build engagement with community tourism, map the local community tourism offer in each LAG area, and create new listings and collaborative itineraries to support community tourism through a 'Be a Temporary Local' website. |
| Scottish Rural and Islands Transport Community CIC | Young people; Transport and Logistics through the Lens of STEM | £15,850.00 | Not Applicable | To develop a STEM (science, technology, engineering, maths) challenge for young people across rural Scotland, focused on designing solutions to the transport problems in their rural community. |
| SEAchange - Slains Environmental Action for Change SCIO | Collieston and Slains - Land, People, Place | £96,727.20 | North Aberdeenshire | To support the architect and engineer fees for the design stage of their kirk redevelopment project, as well as the initial fencing and tree planting for their community woodland, and a dedicated development officer to manage the work and seek further investment. |
| South Islay Development | Port Ellen Playing Fields EV Charging Points | £37,859.13 | Argyll & the Islands | To install two EV charging points, to help satisfy the growing demand for EV charging points on Islay and support the island's move towards net zero. |
| South West Mull and Iona Development | Tiroran Community Forest Sawmill - Biochar Project | £32,810.00 | Argyll & the Islands | To purchase equipment for the production of biochar from the waste material from the sawmill, and towards staff costs to set up and develop these aspects of the sawmill project. |

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| Strichen Community Park Company | Lodge Sewer connection | £30,000.00 | North Aberdeenshire | To install a sewer link for the public toilets in this community park, to meet the demand from an increased number of park users. |
| Taigh Dhonnchaidh | Taigh Dhonnchaidh Extension | £36,664.64 | Outer Hebrides | To undertake RIBA stages 3 and 4 and enable the appointment of a contractor for their expansion, which will create new performance, tuition and kitchen facilities. |
| Tarland Development Group SCIO | Tarland Trails 2 | £100,000.00 | South Aberdeenshire | To complete two mountain bike trails as part of its mountain bike trail centre, which will bring new visitors and support new enterprises in the area, as well as providing sports opportunities to support health and wellbeing in the community. |
| The CATERAN Ecomuseum Ltd | Travel for All Our Tomorrows | £30,021.00 | Rural Perth & Kinross | To undertake development and further communications for their locally-led walking and cycling experiences, exploring a regenerative tourism approach. |
| The Ecology Centre | "Project - Restore our woodland" | £17,542.00 | Fife | To fell hazardous trees, rebuild an access boardwalk and support volunteer and project management time to create nature-based opportunities for local people and vulnerable groups. |
| The Playpen Cafe CIC | Village Kitchen | £53,971.00 | Forth Valley & Lomond | To support increased staff capacity, the refit of their kitchen, and increased marketing, website and social media support for the delivery of their lunch clubs, meals-on-wheels and befriending for elderly people in rural Clackmannanshire. |
| The Seed Box | Expanding the Seed Box at the Lochton of Leys | £15,000.00 | South Aberdeenshire | To undertake site preparation works to enable its new community growing site, and an increase in its provision of supported day session for adults with additional support needs. |
| The Stove Network Ltd | What We Do Now (WWDN) | £61,540.00 | Dumfries & Galloway | To provide various forms of strategic development and creative placemaking capacity building support to community-based organisations and individuals in 5 hubs across Dumfries and Galloway, and to develop 3 digital youth hubs. |
| Third Sector Hebrides | Inclusion Minibus Project | £57,784.75 | Outer Hebrides | To purchase a new minibus, recruit staff and advertise it in order to facilitate free transport to community events hosted by the organisation and other local charities. |
| Tiree Community Development Trust | Cruas - Tiree Community Support | £4,618.00 | Argyll & the Islands | To create a team of project outreach staff to make contact with all Tiree households - particularly those worst affected financially - to offer support. The |

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| | | | | project also includes commissioning a study to explore a community-led solution to the lack of childcare provision for younger ages on Tiree. |
| Town Break | Clackmannanshire Rural Dementia Support Project | £38,845.07 | Forth Valley & Lomond | To expand its work to rural Clackmannanshire for the first time, based on higher-than-average instances of dementia among older people and demand from the local community. |
| Upper Eskdale Development Group | Creating a resilient Eskdalemuir | £7,598.39 | Dumfries & Galloway | This charity wants to create a community resilience group to support vulnerable community members, based on their past experiences with storms and flooding. |
| Volunteer Centre East Lothian | Reconnect Communities, East Lothian | £16,380.00 | Tyne Esk | To train staff/volunteers of local community-based organisations to become digital support buddies to their service users and build awareness of digital equality in East Lothian's third sector, in partnership with the Edinburgh Remakery and social innovation charity, People Know How. |
| Volunteering Hebrides | Winter Community Crisis Project | £40,040.00 | Outer Hebrides | To pilot three projects which address the high levels of fuel and food poverty across the community in the Western Isles: provide a warm, safe, public living room over the winter months; to create a free soup cafe pilot project; and pilot a "wood for good" project, where they recycle unwanted wood and redistribute it to those in fuel poverty for burning. |
| Western Isles Association for Mental Health | Hungry for Change | £33,263.41 | Outer Hebrides | To purchase an accessible polytunnel, garden tools and materials and to undertake garden adaptations to improve accessibility, to install solar panels and to install a serving hatch to support community dining. |
| Wild Things Environmental Education in Action | Wild Things Minibus | £40,329.00 | Moray | To purchase a new accessible minibus to replace its existing and unreliable vehicle, enabling it to continue to deliver its nature/outdoors-focused wellbeing sessions to intergenerational groups. |

Small projects (up to £5,000)

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| Aberluthnott Parish Church | The Caim | £4,349.00 | South Aberdeenshire | To establish a functioning market garden to grow fresh local, seasonal produce throughout the year to help improve access to fresh produce and create intergenerational opportunities. |
| Ability Shetland | Wastside Saturday Club | £3,750.00 | Shetland | To build on a previously successful pilot to provide a fortnightly Saturday Club for children with additional support needs, also including a warm space for parents and carers to meet and receive mutual support. |
| Achnamara Community Trust SCIO | Shed-na-Mara: Electrical Installation | £1,133.00 | Argyll & the Islands | To install an electricity supply, sockets and lighting in Shed-na-Mara, a community shed in Achnamara. |
| Annbank Primary School Parent Council | Developing Community Cheerleaders | £4,996.96 | Ayrshire | The funding will be used to offer the young people of Annbank and Mossblown, inspiring opportunities within their local community to improve the appearance of communal areas, support community growing and build awareness & appreciation of the local environment. |
| Ardgour Parish Church | Winter Suppers | £4,480.00 | Highland | To provide several suppers during the months of January and February, to alleviate rising costs by providing food/warmth and finally to provide an opportunity for community groups to cohesively work together on a project. |
| Balmaclellan Village Hall Trust | Balmaclellan Community Cafe and Social Club | £4,501.00 | Dumfries & Galloway | To host a cafe and social club to support vulnerable people through the winter, providing warm meals and warm spaces for free. |
| Balmedie Congregational Church | Resilient Community / Warm Place Project | £3,325.00 | North Aberdeenshire | To purchase a generator and materials for their Pilot Warm Place Project, which is in response to growing concern for the safety of the community from their local community trust in relation to a lack of services for blackouts, which had occurred last winter, and the rising cost of living. |
| Barrmill Jolly Beggars Burns Club | Garnock Valley Focus Magazine | £5,000.00 | Ayrshire | The aim of the project is to produce a local magazine with a focus on historical information, news items, and photographs past and present to encourage rural residents to get more involved in community activities. |
| Barvas and Brue Community Centre | Fun and Educational Equipment to Improve Children's Psychosocial and Mental Health | £1,978.00 | Outer Hebrides | To purchase fun & educational equipment to benefit the psychological and mental health of local children, building resilience amongst their young people and creating more opportunities for engagement with the community centre. |

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| Benmore and Kilmun Community Development Trust | East Cowal Herald - ECHO | £3,560.00 | Argyll & the Islands | To develop and produce a community newsletter to be delivered to every household in the area and to encourage those who have become isolated or who recently moved into the area to engage with the local community to ensure the future viability of their communities. |
| Berwickshire Marine Reserve | Coastal Communities Spring Clean | £4,476.00 | Scottish Borders | To employ a Community Outreach Officer during January - March 2023, giving the capacity to engage with a number of coastal communities which have not previously participated on the BMR's practical conservation tasks, including beach cleans and nurdle hunts. |
| Berwickshire Marine Reserve | Marine Environmental Awareness | £4,980.00 | Scottish Borders | To upgrade the organisation's website with an additional section on visiting the Berwickshire Coast, create new interpretative materials and a display relating to the climate change challenge and develop and produce a 'Discovery' guide to the Berwickshire Coast to support local tourism. |
| Berwickshire Swap | Berwickshire Swap Expansion | £4,000.00 | Scottish Borders | To support the communication and promotion of their regular clothing "swaps" at accessible locations across Berwickshire where families can obtain good quality "new to them" clothing (and toys) of all varieties. |
| Blebo Craigs Village Hall 2000 Trust | Blebo Craigs Hall Improving Access | £4,950.00 | Fife | To undertake improvements to make the village hall more accessible to older people and those with limited mobility. |
| Braemar Care | Braemar Care | £3,330.00 | Cairngorms | To support transport, staff training and costs to set up a dementia meeting centre and a service to increase access to mental health support, in collaboration with local GP and dementia charity, Kirrie Connections. |
| Broadford and Strath Community Company | Corry Capers, Rural Skills | £4,800.00 | Highland | To expand their rural skills learning opportunities for children in South Skye with emphasis placed on addressing financial barriers for families. |
| Buckie Area Forum | The Hub | £4,250.34 | Moray | To host a pilot project in collaboration with Findochty & Buckie Development Trust and Buckie Salvation Army to develop a community hub focused on signposting, information and support spanning income maximisation, citizens advice, housing, employability, food insecurity, crafts, learning, health and wellbeing and volunteering. |
| Buidheann Tigheadas Loch Aillse agus an Eilein Sgitheanaich Ltd | Spring into Sport | £1,645.00 | Highland | To launch a new multi-purpose sports field that the local community have requested as a play space and host a large-scale taster event. |
| Bute Island Alliance | The BIA Acorns Initiative | £4,750.00 | Argyll & the Islands | To enable them to offer their community space to un- or underfunded groups for free, supporting additional services and materials costs and the development of new community organisations. |
| Cameron Community Council | Phone Box re-purpose | £320.00 | Fife | To purchase a solar lighting system for their newly-acquired telephone kiosk, which they plan to turn into a community goods exchange and local meeting point. |

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| Carsphairn Community Council | Carsphairn Community-led Housing Project | £5,000.00 | Dumfries & Galloway | To commission a Housing Needs and Demands Assessment and site audit to provide a profile of the local housing situation in Carsphairn and some indicative solutions. |
| Castlebay & Watersay Community Council | Winter resilience activities | £5,000.00 | Outer Hebrides | To deliver a programme of community events, delivered with local community groups, to alleviate social isolation and provide warm spaces over the winter period. |
| Coffee Politik CIC | Growing for Social Purpose - SustainaBox/ ResilienceBox | £5,000.00 | Forth Valley & Lomond | To support the management and installation of a greenhouse to help them to increase their food production and develop a 'pay it forward' sustainable food box programme to address food poverty in their community. |
| Colvend & Southwick Community Council | Coastal Path Viewpoint renovations | £1,000.00 | Dumfries & Galloway | To replace two signs along the East Stewartry Coastal Path to contribute toward greater use of the footpath and support exploration of the potential for a Galloway National Park. |
| Comann Eachdraidh Eirisgeidh | Warm Places Connecting Communities | £4,953.00 | Outer Hebrides | To reduce social isolation and loneliness by bring the community together in a series of events focused on collecting memories to create a living historical record of life on these islands. |
| Community Hampers | Community Christmas Hampers | £3,750.00 | Highland | To identify and engage vulnerable community members and direct them to other supportive local organisations and communities, and provide community hampers to those in need. |
| Cormonachan Community Woodlands Ltd. | Grass mower for paths maintenance | £4,677.00 | Argyll & the Islands | To conserve, protect, develop and manage a forested area in Argyll and Bute, for the benefit of the Loch Goil communities and visitors to Loch Goil area, through the purchase of a sit-on lawnmower. |
| Cove and Kilcreggan Youth Cafe | Keep Cove and Kilcreggan Youth Cafe open and funded | £5,000.00 | Argyll & the Islands | To support the development and delivery costs of thrice-weekly youth work sessions for children in and around Cove and Kilcreggan. |
| Craigrothie Village Hall | Craigrothie Hall Refresh | £4,532.93 | Fife | To support part of the village hall upgrade, including insulative flooring and smart heating controls to maximise energy efficiency over the time. |
| Cromar Future Group | Inclusive Rural Science Education | £4,272.00 | South Aberdeenshire | To deliver a weekly science club for children who are home-educated to support socialisation and enhanced learning, and to develop "Hands-on-kits" to be rotated around local primary skills. |
| Dalmally Community Company | Feasibility Study for Community-Led Housing in Glenorchy & | £4,375.00 | Argyll & the Islands | To undertake a housing feasibility study with Communities Housing Trust Scotland to explore people's views about the kind and amount of housing they think would benefit the Glenorchy & Innishail area and potential housing scenarios. |

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| | Innishail and related activities | | | |
| Deep Green Space | A Green Forum for Dumfries | £4,820.00 | Dumfries & Galloway | To develop a Green Forum to facilitate a new network of green volunteering groups, coordinate a training programme, improve volunteer management and contribute towards third sector capacity building. |
| Development Coll Ltd | Warm Bank and Lunch Club | £4,704.00 | Argyll & the Islands | To create a warm hub in Cridhe Community Hall for people to come together and have social contact and support. |
| DG Voice | Developing inclusion skills share | £5,000.00 | Dumfries & Galloway | To develop inclusion skill-share activities to improve the capacity of practitioners to create accessible resources and information, in order for disabled people to be better included in activities in the community. |
| Drymen Village Hall Committee | Open Doors Project | £4,000.00 | Forth Valley & Lomond | To create an Open Doors Project (warm bank) to provide a friendly, warm, safe space for people to use on an ad-hoc basis to be able to meet people, have a chat, make friends, learn new skills, share skills, do activities and have access to financial and mental health support from professional organisations. |
| Drymen Youth Cafe | Activities for Drymen Youth Cafe | £1,445.00 | Forth Valley & Lomond | To provide activities for Drymen Youth Café, inclusion workshops from local organisations, outings and new equipment for the café. |
| Dunblane Christian Fellowship | Munchkins | £5,000.00 | Forth Valley & Lomond | To expand a toddler group and cafe service by removing an internal wall to create more space, furniture and expanding the volunteer & staff team. |
| Dunbog Community Hall | Upgrade the internal decor of Hall | £5,000.00 | Fife | To assess for asbestos and make material improvements to the hall to encourage revenue from hall hire, and expand the use of this community hub. |
| Dundonald Parish Church | Floyds Community Cafe and Hub | £5,000.00 | Ayrshire | To coordinate a community cafe and food bank to support people facing isolation and poverty post-Covid-19 and to enable signposting to other support services. |
| Duns Football Club | New pitched changing room roof | £4,000.00 | Scottish Borders | To create a pitched wooden frame to protect new training facilities from poor weather events. |
| DunsPlayFest | DunsPlayFest 2023 | £4,504.00 | Scottish Borders | To support the development, administration and venue hire for the festival. |
| East Fife Sports Council | Fife School Aquatics Group | £5,000.00 | Fife | To expand an existing programme of swimming and lifeguarding training, whereby young people trained through the offered Sports Leader course would support S1 pupils to learn to swim over the January - March period. |
| Eat, Sleep, Ride, CIC | Your Vision 'Neigh Bother' | £5,000.00 | Scottish Borders | To undertake a vocational learning project with 6 disengaged vulnerable people who are currently involved with the organisation through a community payback order. |

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| Eigg Trading Limited | Eigg Trading - supporting recovery from Covid-19 | £4,813.00 | Highland | To purchase equipment and resources for An Laimhrig, Eigg's Community Hub building, to establish a hot-desking space for local residents and visitors to the island and other tourism improvements. |
| Evanton Community Trust | Evanton Youth Club | £4,989.45 | Highland | To develop a new partnership project with High Life Highland's Youth Development team, hosting weekly youth club with a mix of activities for young people and engagement with other youth networks, primarily to support the transition of out lockdown. |
| Footprint East Neuk | Bringing Back Woodland to the East Neuk | £4,494.00 | Fife | To undertake three tree-planting activities in different areas of the East Neuk of Fife, each with a different partner organisation. |
| Forgandenny Village Hall | Energy use reduction in Forgandenny Village Hall | £2,000.00 | Rural Perth & Kinross | To upgrade hall lighting (reducing energy consumption by 90%) enable its fridge to be controlled remotely for use to align with community hire of the space, as part of net zero action plans. |
| Friends of the Hoy Kirk | This way | £2,574.00 | Orkney | To invest in new signage and create QR code signs to attract more visitors to the centre and to enable them to support 3 local folk museums. |
| Gallan Head Community Trust | Gallan Head Regeneration | £5,000.00 | Outer Hebrides | To undertake a feasibility study exploring the low carbon improvements possible in multiple buildings, as well as updated design and costings for their renovation, plus a business plan to build the case for future fundraising and income generation. |
| Gordon Community Sports Field Group | Gordon sports field acquisition and operation | £5,000.00 | Scottish Borders | To support the community purchase of their local sports site and immediate physical improvements. |
| Gordon Village Hall | Upgrading and re-siting of disabled toilet | £5,000.00 | Scottish Borders | To re-locate the disabled toilet within their community building and upgrade it to enable better hygiene and cleaning. |
| Growing Matters | Gilmerton Medieval Roundhouse | £5,000.00 | Tyne Esk | To construct a hand-built medieval wooden roundhouse using locally coppiced wood as a demonstration of local traditional skills and create opportunities for volunteer participation and exchange. |
| Harburn Village Hall SCIO | Harburn Village Hall Centennial Project 2023 | £2,903.00 | West Lothian | To upgrade radiators and windows to increase its energy efficiency and ensure the hall can continue to be used as a community resource. |
| Here We Are | Development of an affordable housing initiative | £5,000.00 | Argyll & the Islands | To employ a temporary development officer to undertake early-stage development work on a community-led affordable housing initiative for an identified site at the head of Loch Fyne. |

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| Home-Start Clackmannanshire | Parent Only Mental Health & Wellbeing Group | £3,900.00 | Forth Valley & Lomond | To pilot a 'Parent only mental health and wellbeing group' in rural Clackmannanshire, with an aim for the group to become member-led and the activities provided to enable other support mechanisms to develop. |
| Home-Start Dunfermline | Support for Families in SW Fife | £1,500.00 | Fife | To expand their programme specifically focus on supporting families in rural SW Fife who (for lack of transport or other infrastructure) cannot participate in activities hosted at their Dunfermline hub. |
| Innerleithen, Traquair & Walkerburn Parish Church of Scotland (ITW) | Beat the Winter Blues | £3,000.00 | Scottish Borders | To host 32 themed creative workshops (8 in each village, 2 per month) for elderly and isolated people to support people's mental health and wellbeing throughout the winter period. |
| Isle of Eigg Heritage Trust | Smiddy Bothy Feasibility Study - securing a new home for affordable rent | £3,600.00 | Highland | To undertake a feasibility study on a community asset that is currently unfit for habitation/renting in order to establish if they can renovate it to create affordable accommodation on the island. |
| John O Groats Junior FC | John O Groats Junior FC - Junior Festivals & Training Events | £5,000.00 | Highland | To purchase a storage container so they can safely store club equipment and continue to host events and training sessions for their community. |
| Kalewater Community Council | Morebattle Social Club | £3,455.00 | Scottish Borders | To establish a winter social club (run thrice-weekly) to support intergenerational exchange, reduce isolation and provide a warm space for the community over the winter period. |
| Killearnan Public Hall | Upgrading Tore Hall | £5,000.00 | Highland | To upgrade Killearnan Public Hall so it can be re-opened after a period of disuse in the aftermath of the pandemic, including the installation of environmentally-friendly heating, lighting and IT equipment including an internet connection. |
| Kilmaronock Old Kirk Trust | Kilmaronock Old Kirk Heritage Planning | £5,000.00 | Forth Valley & Lomond | To develop a heritage plan and landscaping plan as part of their fundraising and renovation of their B-listed church into a heritage and community space. |
| Kilmuir Community Trust | Ceanglaichean Coimhearsnachd Community Connections | £5,000.00 | Highland | This community group recently took over their community hall, and have begun hosting events and and activities. They are looking for funding to support their winter programme, including a project officer to relieve volunteers and support wider promotion. |
| Kirkcolm Community Trust | Kirkcolm Community Led Housing Project | £3,000.00 | Dumfries & Galloway | Proposal to commission a Housing Needs and Demands Assessment (HNDA) which will provide a profile of the local housing situation in Kirkcolm. The results will inform the project planning and future delivery of community-led housing provision to meet local needs. It will provide an insight |

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| | | | | into the impact of rising house prices, ascertain the need for home-work space, and look at what measures could be incorporated to address fuel poverty and contribute towards towards net-zero. |
| Kirkmaiden Community Harbour Trust | Drummore Harbour refurbishment project | £5,000.00 | Dumfries & Galloway | This community-led harbour group is seeking funding to install solar powered lighting to enable local fishermen to use the tidal harbour before daylight and after dark. |
| Kirkmichael Session House | Kirkmichael Session House Community Recovery Project | £4,500.00 | Rural Perth & Kinross | This community group is seeking funding to deliver a varied programme of support activities as part of a co-ordinated Covid-19 / cost crisis effort. Their activities include: a food bank/food swap facility, mental health buddy programme, relocating activities to be more accessible, publicising local support and discount schemes, and a potential 'warm place' approach. |
| Lamlash Improvements Association SCIO | Lamlash Improvements Equipment Loan Scheme | £1,712.00 | Ayrshire | To purchase a new marquee for community use and shared equipment loan across wider Arran. |
| Lewis Camanachd Club | Camanachd Leodhais Youth Exchange Programme | £3,510.50 | Outer Hebrides | To support travel to the mainland for a shinty competition to increase enthusiasm for the sport, grow the skills and build interest among new members. |
| Magic Us! | Sound sandpit | £5,000.00 | Lanarkshire | To try a new approach with their community of autistic teenagers (and those in foster care): co-designing music workshops which respond to participants' mood, interests and needs through improvisation. |
| Nairn Book and Arts Festival | Making Nairn Book and Arts Festival Sustainable for the Long Term | £4,500.00 | Highland | To develop the festival to enable it to widen its activity beyond the festival period, to explore how to make its activities more environmentally sustainable, and to secure new funding and sponsorship to help it recover from the impact of Covid-19. |
| North Queensferry Community Complex | The Chill and Chat Cafe | £5,000.00 | Fife | To open a community cafe in its community centre, which will offer hot drinks, food and a warm place on a pay-what-you-can basis, alongside signposting and support on energy conservation, insulation and food parcels. |
| North West Mull Community Woodland Co. Ltd | Dervaig Community Owned Public Toilet | £5,000.00 | Argyll & the Islands | To build a public disabled access toilet on community owned land in the village of Dervaig, the main population centre of north west Mull. |

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| One Step Borders CIC | Tiny Steps | £3,600.00 | Scottish Borders | To deliver two programmes of work which support young people with social/emotional challenges and who would benefit from additional support in building relationships with peers. |
| Orchard Development Group | Crailing Community Orchard | £5,000.00 | Scottish Borders | To recruit a short-term project officer to undertake development work and prepare the orchard for the growing season and an expansion in activities, and to install a composting toilet. |
| Parton Community Council | The James Clerk-Maxwell Science Centre | £5,000.00 | Dumfries & Galloway | To undertake feasibility research into the possibility of creating a visitor centre and cafe in the local kirk to celebrate James Clerk-Maxwell (the 'father of modern physics'). |
| POP shop enterprises CIC | Dunoon Area Green Map of natural assets | £4,920.00 | Argyll & the Islands | To develop the Dunoon Area 'Green Map', which will see eight members of the community trained to use the software and map local assets in order to inform place planning and environmental action. |
| Portgordon Community Trust | Website development and Branding | £4,670.00 | Moray | To develop a website and logo to promote Portgordon Community Trust, the Community Hub, Village Hall, activities, groups and events, with the ability to increase capacity in line with future developments – including an online shop and bookings. |
| Portree Youth Club | Portree Youth Club | £5,000.00 | Highland | To develop and deliver a weekly youth club, covering staff costs, venue hire and some new equipment. |
| Potterton Congregational Church | Potterton Pavilion Adaption Feasibility Study | £4,500.00 | North Aberdeenshire | To undertake a feasibility study to explore the idea of the local village pavilion being transformed in to a community facility, and transferred from Aberdeenshire Council in to community ownership. |
| Pride in Meigle 2015 | Village Entrance Enhancement: Meigle Gateway Project | £3,366.00 | Rural Perth & Kinross | To contract a local architect to create designs to improve the village entrance, with the aim to improve biodiversity, pay tribute to the village's historical background and to improve capacity in the community by installing information boards. |
| Sandwick Carnegie Hall | Fridays at the Carnegie | £5,000.00 | Shetland | To open the village hall every Friday between December - March to offer a warm, dry place for people looking to meet others, who need support with hot food/drinks and who are struggling with their energy bills. |
| Scottish Women's Institutes | Scottish Women's Institutes' new groups for women | £4,948.67 | Rural Perth & Kinross | To initiate new women's groups in Scone, Kinross and Pitlochry, in response to the success of their pilot projects in Bathgate and Glasgow. |
| Scottish Women's Institutes | North Neighbours project - A lifeline for the lonely in Scotland | £5,000.00 | Not Applicable | To tackle isolation and loneliness by providing the SWI North Neighbours project, wherein regular calls will be made to isolated and/or vulnerable members by other members in their local area. |

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| Shetland Church of Scotland | Tea, Coffee and Company | £5,000.00 | Shetland | To create new opportunities for social activities and support signposting through the extension and expansion of their 'Tea, coffee and company' programme. |
| Shetland Rape Crisis | Children and young people pathway | £5,000.00 | Shetland | To develop the outbuilding of their garden premises to create a specialist space co-designed and used by young survivors of sexual harm. |
| Shoshin Taiko Dojo CIC | Scottish Taiko Festival | £5,000.00 | Forth Valley & Lomond | To develop and deliver the first Scottish Taiko Festival, taking place in underused village halls in 4 neighbouring villages, with transport and active travel support to enable people to attend events across the area. |
| Somewhere EDi Community Interest Company | Rainbow Enterprise Network Development | £4,975.00 | Cairngorms | To support the development of this LGBTQA+ network within the Cairngorms - engaging with new groups, forming new third sector and business partnerships, developing programme/events ideas and exploring the feasibility of a schools membership programme. |
| Soulisquoy Printmakers | Winter Printmaking Programme | £3,264.00 | Orkney | To deliver two printmaking programmes over the winter period - one for adults with will increase cultural activities for people on Orkney; one for young people at Kirkwall Youth Cafe. |
| South Machars Community Centre | Seasgair Sundays | £5,000.00 | Dumfries & Galloway | To host four 'Seasgair Sundays' in February for isolated, lonely people in rural areas, providing a hot meal, and bespoke, mindful, holistic workshops that will entertain, uplift and inform. |
| Southdean Village Hall | Resilient Community | £540.00 | Scottish Borders | To purchase a gas water boiler and a double gas burner to allow their village hall to become a more resilient local hub for villagers to be able to come to the hall in times of need and access hot water and cooking facilities. |
| Springholm School Parent Council | Exploring the Outdoor World | £1,409.60 | Dumfries & Galloway | To purchase outdoor clothing for children who do not have their own, and a storage shed for these materials. |
| St Ernan's by the Loch | St Ernan's by the Loch | £4,900.00 | Argyll & the Islands | To support community engagement and fundraising as they prepare to purchase their local church to preserve local cultural heritage and to create a new facility for the community. |
| St Fillans in Bloom | Reinstating 'Still' in Loch Earn | £5,000.00 | Rural Perth & Kinross | To support the purchase and reinstallation of 'Still': a sculpture in Loch Earn, which is part of a local community art trail. |
| St. Margaret's Church Congregation | St. Margaret's Heating Hub | £2,099.00 | Orkney | To provide a warm sociable space for anyone in their communities (South Ronaldsay and Burray) over the winter period. |
| Stòras Uibhist | 'Isle Keep You Warm' (electric blankets for the isles) | £4,966.00 | Outer Hebrides | To purchase electric blankets that will be given to those in need via partner organisations on the Outer Hebridean islands of Eriskay, South Uist and Benbecula, addressing warmth poverty. |

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| Strathmiglo Conservation Community | Revive to Thrive | £3,894.00 | Fife | To support the establishment and first full season of activity of this community conservation group: purchasing shared community tools, to hosting a launch event with partners, and to renovating an existing woodland path to increase accessibility. |
| Strone Primary School Parent Council | Inside and Out - Shore Villages post-Covid community building winter programme | £3,680.54 | Argyll & the Islands | To work with 5 local community partner organisation to host a series of 6 events focused on the local natural/cultural offering, to pilot a woodland playgroup and to install 2 noticeboards to facilitate community information sharing. |
| Sunart Community Company | Sunart Community Conversations | £3,895.00 | Highland | To recruit a Community Conversation Officer to help promote, facilitate and analyse a series of 8 community workshops taking place from January - March 2023. |
| Sustainable Communities Initiatives | Sustainable Livelihoods | £3,770.00 | Fife | To host a series of 10 skill-sharing workshops on traditional crafts and skills, aimed at engaging children and teenagers in sustainable livelihoods that use natural materials and support climate action. |
| Tain & District Development Trust | Tain & District Pop-Up Shop | £4,804.00 | Highland | To pilot a community pop-up shop to provide local residents and visitors with local goods, reducing the need for travel and building capacity and enterprise in the community. |
| Tarland Community Housing | Project development | £5,000.00 | South Aberdeenshire | To undertake project development work and an early-stage feasibility study necessary to support the development of new affordable housing in Tarland. |
| Taybank Growers Coop | Taygrow Real Food | £3,954.00 | Rural Perth & Kinross | To purchase and refit a horse-box to create a mobile pay-what-you-can veg shop. The shop will visit communities in rural Perthshire, and act as an honesty shop when stationary. |
| Templar Arts and Leisure Centre Trust | Creative Network Argyll | £4,440.00 | Argyll & the Islands | To appoint a short-term project worker to establish or strengthen creative and cultural collaborations with partner organisations in rural Argyll and create an art pack which will be specifically designed to be used for these interactions. |
| The Findhorn Village Conservation Company | Findhorn community sauna winter wellbeing project | £5,000.00 | Moray | To work with a new local sauna business to offer a winter wellbeing programme for local residents. |
| The Flourishing Well | MIDDAS wellbeing project | £5,000.00 | South Aberdeenshire | To host a varied wellbeing workshop programme over the winter (including drumming workshops, singing workshops, laughter therapy, chair yoga, children's yoga and art & craft events), to encourage community members to explore new approaches to supporting positive mental health. |
| The Orkney Student Pantry | The Orkney Student Pantry | £1,000.00 | Orkney | To further establish their student pantry: supporting the donation and redistribution of the food supplies to student and faculty within the Orkney campus of UHI. |

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| The Royal Burgh of Pittenweem and District Community Council | Preparation for Pittenweem Community Action Plan and Local Place Plan | £4,900.00 | Fife | To undertake an inclusive community consultation with support from Planning Aid Scotland to clearly articulate the community's needs and aspirations, in advance of preparing a Community Action Plan. |
| The Selkie Collective Ltd | Women's Sharing Cafe | £5,000.00 | Highland | To host a regular weekly women's cafe throughout the winter months in Skye, with a focus on peer learning, local connections and sustainable lifestyles to address issues of isolation, food poverty and poor wellbeing. |
| Tiree Tots | Tiree Tots Winter Wellness Programme | £4,000.00 | Argyll & the Islands | To host four wellness sessions for early years children and (their parents) on Tiree, in response to a lack of facilities for children and increasing social isolation following Covid-19. |
| Tolsta Chaolais Harbour Development | Tolsta Chaolais Harbour Development | £5,000.00 | Outer Hebrides | To improve the marine infrastructure at Tolsta Chaolais Harbour in order to progress to the planning, fundraising and development stages, including securing a marine licence and undertaking a marine survey of breeding otters. |
| Transition North Ronaldsay CIC | Beach Plastic Recycling Center | £4,989.00 | Orkney | To expand their existing plastic waste recycling project by creating a domestic, visitor and collected waste recycling point, upgrading their workshop space and purchasing the machines required to manufacture new resources from recycled plastic. |
| Udny and Pitmedden Church of Scotland (Formartine Youth Project) | Pitmedden Youth Cafe | £2,480.00 | North Aberdeenshire | To initiate a free weekly after school Youth Café for the local P6-S6 age group, responding to demand for more accessible, free activities for young people in the Formartine area. |
| Ullapool Sea Savers | Accessible Boat Trips in Wester Ross MPA - Phase 1 - Winter Work | £5,000.00 | Highland | To deliver development, communications and evaluation activities taking place over this winter, in order to build on the success of the spring/summer accessible boat trip programme. |
| UUET - Upper Urr Environmental Trust | Upper Urr Climate and Biodiversity project | £4,750.00 | Dumfries & Galloway | To create a simple website, to undertake some tree planting and to create a wildflower area as part of their ambitions to improve the local environment and biodiversity of the area |
| Valleyfield Community Club | A warm welcome awaits | £4,980.00 | Fife | To recruit a cook to provide families with hot food & signposted support from Christmas until the end of March, using produce from the organisation's allotments, mini orchard and hens. |