



## Community Led Local Development (CLLD) Fund 2025-26

ALL APPLICANTS MUST OFFER SOME CASH MATCH FUNDING

### Capital Development Fund

- **Grant Amounts: £1500 to £25,000.** Previously funded groups may reapply for funding for new projects, but priority given to new organisations.
- **Project Type: Capital** (£190k currently available)
- **Type of Organisation (All Small/Micro):** Constituted Community / Voluntary Group, Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisations (SCIO), Community Interest Companies (CIC) and Social Enterprises, Small/Micro Private Businesses including Sole Traders.
- **Project Completion Deadline:** All projects must be completed **by 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026.**
- **Themes:** Organisation's project must meet at least one of the following themes:
  - **Net Zero**
  - **Poverty Alleviation** (especially of children and families)
  - **Improved services for the public/tackling exclusion**
  - **Growing the Economy**

### Supporting Innovation Fund

- **Grant Amounts: £1500 to £25,000.** Previously funded groups may reapply for funding for new projects, but priority given to new organisations.
- **Project Type: Revenue** (Only £29k available!). The LAG is looking for feasibility projects that will transform an organisation's activities or services or structure.
- **Type of Organisation (All Small/Micro):** Constituted Community / Voluntary Group, Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisations (SCIO), Community Interest Companies (CIC) and Social Enterprises, Private Businesses including Sole Traders.
- **Project Completion Deadline:** All projects must be completed **by 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026.**
- **Themes:** Organisation's project must meet at least one of the following themes:
  - **Net Zero**

- **Poverty** Alleviation (especially of children and families)
- **Improved services** for the public/**tackling exclusion**
- **Growing the Economy**

### Capital vs Revenue Funding

- **Capital** Funding: Used to purchase assets, either new or significant refurbishment of existing assets, with an expected lifespan of at least 5 years.
- **Revenue** Funding: Covers operating expenses, such as wages or rent, and funding for events, performances, and activities.

Expenditure	Capital	Revenue
New seating and tables and/or equipment for buildings	X	
New gardens, allotments, orchards, community farms, etc.	X	
Significant repairs/alterations to the structure / fabric of any permanent building, including items such as drains, roofing, windows, floors, rewiring, insulation, solar panels etc.	X	
Professional fees for creation of documents, e.g., feasibility studies, business plans, architect's drawing/plans, etc. providing the work on the building will be completed within 2 years.	X	
Creating social opportunities that help to prevent isolation and loneliness e.g., a lunch club or day centre.		X
Activities that support and encourage volunteering		X
Transport to a specific venue to carry out an activity, e.g., sailing, climbing wall, artificial ski slope		X
Running costs for a group that puts on positive activities, e.g., venue hire, office/printing costs, transport, staff costs		X

## Application Process

### Step 1: Expression of Interest (Eoi)

Complete and submit an [Expression of Interest](#)

Once submitted, if eligible, your form will be sent to the Local Action Group (decision making body) for panel members to review.

You will be given feedback and a traffic light rating on how likely they are to fund the idea.

- **Green:** High chance of being funded (90+%).
- **Amber:** Requires more detail or clarification (80+%).
- **Red:** Unlikely to be funded (0% chance).

#### Please note:

- **Estimated time to complete the form:** 1-2hrs if you have project info on hand.
- **Response time:** 1-3 weeks for review (the LAG panel members are volunteers and the more Eois received the longer it takes).

### Step 2: Full Application Stage

The application to the CLLD fund is in a very similar format to the EOI. At full application stage, you will have the opportunity to review and revise EOI answers following panel feedback.

There are also a few additional questions focussing on the priority themes of the grant.

- Estimated time to complete: 1-2hrs
- Final Decisions: Only two rounds are likely this year, Wed 25th June and Wed 30th July 2025.

### Step 3: Next Steps

- If successful, you will hear from an SBC Officer within 24hrs of the decision. It is an unofficial result/offer until you sign and return the Offer of Grant.
- You will receive an Offer of Grant within a week. This is electronic, no hard copies required. You'll be asked to provide an insurance policy and other documents. This document is legally binding.
- Once signed and returned you will be given Permission to Spend - usually return of emailed Offer of Grant - do not start without receiving this.

**In summary:**

It will take at least 1 month to get a grant decision from the panel and usually 1 to 2 weeks from being awarded funds before you are able to start your project.

Receiving funds, for those new to SBC payment system, can take another two or three weeks.

Please assume from:

- EOI to Final Decision = 1 to 3 Months
- Final Decision to money in account = 3 to 6 weeks