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in Somerset

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Funding  
for your  
Community



[www.somersetcf.org.uk](http://www.somersetcf.org.uk)

## Grants

We raise funds for and make grants to Somerset's voluntary, community and social enterprise sector. Our grants strengthen communities by tackling disadvantage across our county, connecting our donors with the causes they care most about.

### Foundation grants

**Grants range from £250 to £5,000 and our average grant is around £2,500. We distribute over £500,000 a year supporting:**

- Vulnerable, isolated and lonely older people
- Disadvantaged rural communities with poor access to services
- Disadvantaged children and young people
- People living with, or recovering from, mental ill-health

**We are particularly keen to support:**

- Grassroots voluntary groups (usually with a turnover of under £50,000) with funds for their core costs, capital purchases, and specific projects
- Small/medium-sized groups (usually with a turnover of under £1 million) with funds to help them become more efficient or effective
- The growth of community-led groups in the most disadvantaged areas of our county

We also fund individuals and other areas of work.

Please call us on the number below if you would like to discuss anything further.



We could not have achieved all that we have done without the help, generosity and advice of the trustees and staff at Somerset Community Foundation. I'd like to thank them very much.

**BACK ON TRACK**

### Hinkley Point C Community Funds

Funding is available from two Hinkley Point C grant programmes for projects that will benefit one or more communities within Somerset, to help mitigate the impacts and increase the opportunities of the Hinkley Point C project.

#### Small Grants Programme

Our Small Grants Programme (usually up to £5,000) is for organisations or community groups with an annual income of less than £100,000. Grant applications must show ways in which the project will improve economic, social and environmental well-being and enhance quality of life.

#### Strategic Grants Programme

Our Strategic Grants Programme targets specific impacts felt within Somerset communities, as a result of Hinkley Point C. We invite expressions of interest to be submitted before shortlisting applicants who will be invited to submit a full application.

If your community is experiencing residual and intangible impacts as a result of the construction of Hinkley Point C, and you would like to discuss your project or initiative, contact us or visit the Hinkley Point C Funds website: [www.hpcfunds.co.uk](http://www.hpcfunds.co.uk)



If you would like to discuss grant funding in Somerset, or for more details on any of the

## Social Investment

We provide an alternative source of finance to voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations with a blended mix of unsecured loans and grants between £25,000 and £100,000. Successful applicants receive advice, guidance and tailored one-to-one support, helping them grow, develop and succeed in their venture.

### Investing in your future

**If you're a charity, voluntary organisation or social enterprise, we'll provide you with help, advice and support along the way. Get in touch or visit our website to find out how we can support your organisation, particularly if you're:**

- Seeking advice to help you develop your plans
- Looking to strengthen your business proposition
- Planning to start a new initiative and need help to access funding
- Looking for social investment

### Get ready for investment

**We consider applications for purposes including but not limited to:**

- Start-up and development costs
- Project funding to enable and support organisational and service growth/development
- Investment in marketing and business development systems and resources
- The purchase, maintenance and improvement of property that is occupied or directly used in delivery of the organisation's social objectives
- The purchase of equipment and/or vehicles used in delivery of the organisation's social objectives
- Working capital

#### **We're Eco**

used their blended finance to purchase a van, rather than continuing to hire one, which allowed them to further invest in creating employment opportunities for local residents.



above information, please call us on: 01749 344949 or email: [info@somersetcf.org.uk](mailto:info@somersetcf.org.uk)

## Working in Partnership

**Somerset Community Foundation** has been inspiring community philanthropy since 2002. We currently manage over 80 funds for individuals, companies, trusts and public bodies. Over the last 15 years, we have supported hundreds of local charities, voluntary groups and social enterprises in our county with over £7.5 million of investment.

We are funded by local philanthropy and also supported by the following organisations:



**Contact us today to discuss how we can work together to strengthen your community and transform lives throughout Somerset.**

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