



Funding for your Community



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.

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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.

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Foundation grants

Grants range from £250 to £5,000 and our average grant is around £2,500. We distribute over £700,000 a year to a wide range of groups working to change lives in many different ways, including:

- improving physical and mental health and wellbeing
- supporting disadvantaged children and young people to thrive
- helping disadvantaged families and communities with poor access to services
- reducing loneliness and isolation for people in rural communities

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 have a number of funds that offer support for individuals, usually in the form of bursaries, alongside many other specialist funds.

Our team are always happy to provide advice and support to those looking to apply for funding, so please do give us a call to discuss your funding needs and we will be happy to help.

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.

Open Grants Programme

Voluntary, community or social enterprise organisations can apply for funding from our Open Grants Programme in response to the impacts or opportunities being felt in their communities as a result of the Hinkley Point C development.

For more information, a Small Grants application form or to submit your Open Grants project idea to our team, please contact us or visit: **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 £10,000 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

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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

Working in Partnership

Somerset Community Foundation works with local businesses and families to help them change the world on their doorstep through charitable giving. Thanks to the generosity of our donors and partners, we manage over 80 funds that help to change lives across Somerset and award funding of more than £2 million every year.

Since 2002, we have awarded almost £10 million in funding to hundreds of local good causes from Wincanton to Watchet.

We are funded by local philanthropy and also supported by a wide range of private, corporate and public sector partners.

Please visit **www.somersetcf.org.uk** for further information.

“Supporting local causes is really important to us. It’s more than just giving money to local charities, it’s also about being able to give back and help make an impact to the communities we live and work in. When we hear all the incredible stories from individuals, families and community groups that have benefited from these grants it reminds us of the importance of being able to contribute both as individuals and as a business.”

SCF Supporter

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

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