

SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT SCOTLAND



The Bank of Scotland Foundation Small Grants Programme provides funding of between £1,000 and £10,000 to local, regional and national charities throughout Scotland. The aim of our funding is to make a tangible difference to individuals by developing and improving communities and increasing financial literacy and financial inclusion.

"With funding from the Foundation of £8,293 we supported 36 people into volunteering who in turn have helped 320 local people develop more financial skills, confidence and where possible increase their income."

Maryhill and Possilpark Citizens Advice Bureau

Addressing a variety of needs

Bank of Scotland Foundation awarded Small Grants to a large number of charities supporting a variety of needs across Scotland.

In 2013 over 64% of our funding was distributed to charities supporting Advocacy & Outreach, Children and Young People and Health including Mental Health.

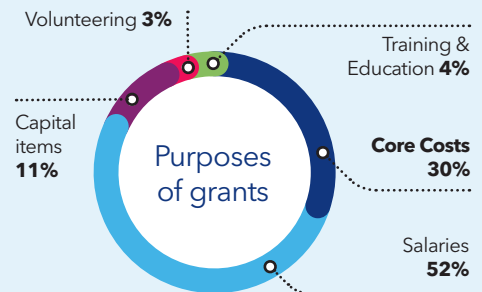
"The activities we have run this year with the support of the Bank of Scotland Foundation have made a huge difference to the confidence, health and skills-building of our young people."

Elgin Youth Development Group

Supporting core costs

1. Purposes of Small Grants

In 2013 over 50% of the Small Grants funding provided by the Foundation was awarded to charities for salaries. Our investment of £288,861 supported 46 jobs in Scotland allowing those roles to make a substantial impact on their communities by supporting over 14,000 people in the year.

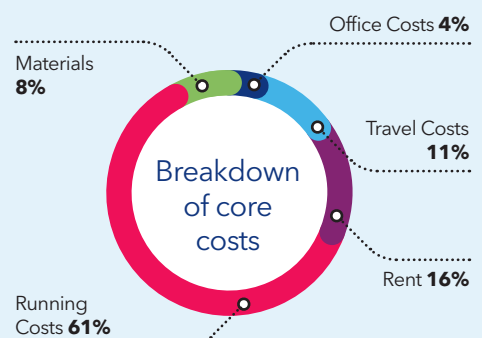


2. Breakdown of core costs

The Foundation runs a straightforward grant process and continues to be one of few grant makers to provide funding for much needed core costs. In 2013 over 30% of the Small Grants funding provided by the Foundation was awarded to charities for core costs.

In an increasingly challenging funding environment, the provision of core funding provides the stability for many charities to continue providing their services and identify opportunities for future funding.

Through the funding of core costs the Foundation was able to help 34 charities to continue to provide their much needed services to communities across Scotland.



Our Investment

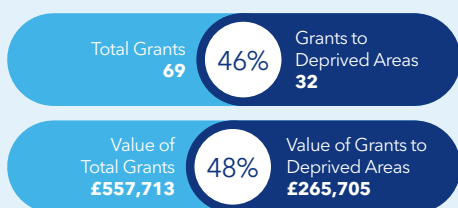
In 2013, **£557,714** was invested in charities through the Small Grants Programme, helping communities across Scotland to flourish.

The Foundation provided funding to **69 charities** in 2013. The average grant size was £8,083. The awards ranged from £1,496 to £16,170 with applications being received from all regions in Scotland.

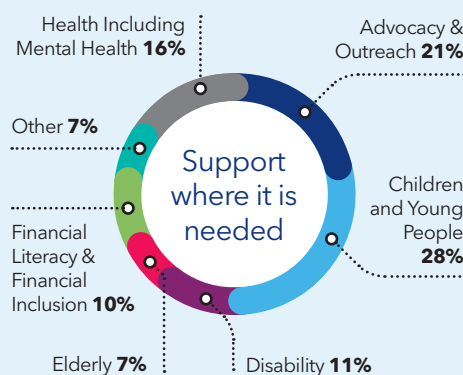
Funding for areas of deprivation

Our Small Grants Programme funding helps to improve the lives of many people across Scotland addressing areas such as debt management, increasing community engagement and supporting job creation in some of Scotland's most deprived areas.

In 2013, communities in the top 30% of deprived areas in Scotland received over 48% of our Small Grants Programme funding, reaching people with the greatest need.



Source: Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation Report 2012



Breakdown of applications and grants by registered region of charity

Highlands and Islands
54 applications
6 grants / £43,139

Glasgow
89 applications
19 grants / £163,239

West Scotland
38 applications
4 grants / £38,518

Central Scotland
27 applications
3 grants / £24,151

North East Scotland
38 applications
7 grants / £57,370

Mid Scotland and Fife
60 applications
3 grants / £15,591

Lothians
91 applications
21 grants / £166,850

South Scotland
34 applications
6 grants / £48,856

Total applications: **431**
 Total grants: **69**
 Total amount of grants: **£557,714**

Making our funding go further

29 charities have reported increased access to funding as a result of receiving support from us in 2013 and have subsequently received grants from other Trusts and Foundations.

The charities who secured additional funding reported that for every £1 of their Small Grant award they were able to secure a further £3.10 from other funders. The total monetary value of our Small Grants for these charities was raised from our contribution of £265,405 to over £820,000.

Our reach

We aim to maximise the amount of people who benefit from the Small Grants awarded and the reach of our funding is a key indicator that our Small Grant awards are being used effectively. Through our funding, charities were able to positively affect almost 30,000 people in 2013, making a tangible difference to communities across Scotland.

Most of the charities supported were able to exceed the aims of their project and demonstrate the real difference our funding is making.

The future

The Bank of Scotland Foundation Small Grants Programme made a significant impact on people across Scotland in 2013. Our funding was provided to charities that make real, positive change in communities allowing people to flourish.

The success of the Foundation and our programmes is only possible through the ongoing support of our sole funder Lloyds Banking Group plc and with funding from the Group, we look forward to supporting many more charities in the future.

"With the Bank of Scotland Foundation's support, we have delivered 3 'Train the Trainer' courses. Our trainees have since reached 2,189 people teaching them to be breast aware."

Breast Cancer Care Scotland



Case Study

Reidvale Adventure Play Association Ltd (R.A.P.A)

Reidvale Adventure Play Association Ltd aims to improve the lives of children and young people and their families, including those with additional support needs in a fully integrated, safe, supervised playground environment in their local community.

The Foundation grant of £5,590 provided disadvantaged young people aged between 8-16 years with dance tuition and sport workshops, giving them new life skills and a stepping stone to potential employment.

These sessions increased confidence and self esteem and empowered more young people to become involved in their local community by providing safe, fun alternatives to being on the streets or engaging in crime, violence and anti-social behaviour.

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