



WEE GRANTS FOR

WEE GROUPS

The Robertson Trust – Kerry McFarlane

The Robertson Trust

- Established in 1961 by the three Robertson Sisters
- Awarding £200M over the course of our 10-year strategy
- We are here to prevent and reduce poverty and trauma in Scotland, funding, supporting, and influencing solutions to drive social change.



Wee Grants Overview

- Constituted groups and registered Charities working in Scotland, who have an annual income of under £30,000.
- Grassroots, community led organisations and groups who may face barriers to applying for grant funding.
- Delivering services/activities which support people/communities who are experiencing (or are at risk of experiencing) poverty and trauma.



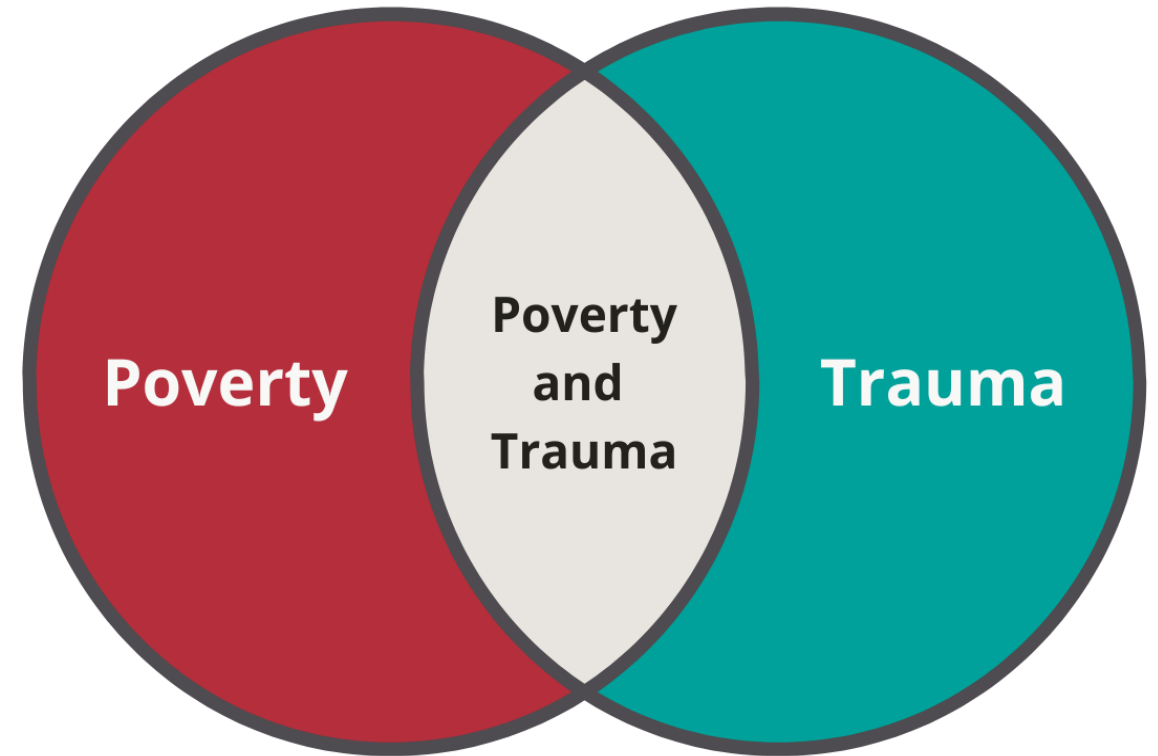
A decorative pennant with a red heart and the text "Together WE Can Do Anything". The pennant is white with a red heart in the center, a green ribbon-like shape, and a blue star. The text "Together WE" is at the top, "Can Do" is below the heart, and "Anything" is written vertically at the bottom. The pennant is hanging from a string against a green background.

Highlights

- Funding of £300 up to £5,000 for one year only
- Part or fully fund the costs of a specific project
- Fund your day to day running costs
- Unrestricted; can cover revenue or capital costs
- Apply anytime – no closing dates/deadlines
- Decision within 8 weeks
- No formal reporting required if successful
- If unsuccessful, no need to wait 12 months before reapplying.

Poverty and Trauma

- We want to fund organisations whose work aims to prevent or reduce poverty and trauma for people and communities in Scotland and;
- Organisations who are focused on building strong communities in places which have higher rates of poverty and trauma, or who are working with certain groups of people who are who are at a higher risk of experiencing poverty and trauma.



Our Themes

1. Financial Security: addressing the financial and material effects of poverty on people and communities.
2. Education Pathways: equipping people for the future through learning and skills pathways.
3. Work Pathways: ensuring paid work is a more reliable route out of poverty and removing barriers so that more people can access fair work.
4. Nurturing Relationships: supporting nurturing relationships within families and communities, to help break the cycle between persistent poverty and intergenerational trauma, and support recovery.



Community Focused Requests

- We recognise the importance of **strong, supportive and connected communities** for people who are experiencing or at risk of experiencing poverty and trauma and understand the key role played by grassroots groups in helping to build these.
- Through Wee Grants, we can also support organisations that are focused on building strong communities in places which have **higher rates** of poverty and trauma, or who are working with certain groups of people who are at a **higher risk** of experiencing poverty and trauma.



People (with higher rates or higher risk of experiencing poverty and trauma)

- Lone parent families
- Child poverty priority family groups (including larger families, families with young children, and young parent families)
- Disabled people
- Communities experiencing racial inequity
- Asylum seekers, refugees and those with no recourse to public funds
- Households claiming Universal Credit or related low-income social security benefits
- People with experience of the care system
- Unpaid carers
- Women with low incomes
- Young people (up to age 25, or 30 for those with additional support needs)
- Older people with low incomes
- People living in deprived places, including rural or remote communities
- People experiencing severe or multiple disadvantage (e.g. due to homelessness, substance misuse and offending)

Places (with higher rates of poverty and trauma)

- Certain geographic communities
- We don't just focus on data - we are open to hear from you.



Sports focused organisations: what we might fund

- Charity which provides training, mentoring and employment opportunities through the delivery of sport and physical activity, with a focus on children and young people from disadvantaged areas, disabled people and girls.
- Boxing club based in an area with high levels of deprivation which provides a weekly programme of affordable classes for local people, with a strong focus on children and young people. Provides them with diversionary activities and positive role models to address lack of aspiration and anti-social/risky behaviours. Provides equipment to ensure cost is not a barrier to participation.
- Athletic group based in an area with high levels of deprivation which supports individuals in recovery from drug and alcohol addiction through an abstinence-based programme including physical activities and peer support.



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- Football club based in an area of high deprivation established to get kids off the streets and away from gangs as well as encouraging fitness and mental wellbeing. Runs free weekly sessions with juice & fresh fruit provided and kit/training shoes provided free for those unable to afford it.
- Tennis club which provides low cost/free tennis coaching sessions for adults with additional support needs and asylum seekers/refugees. Most participants are unable to work, rely on benefits and have experienced issues including abuse, stigma or have been hospitalised or are in long term care.
- Community football club set up to foster inclusivity for asylum seekers/refugees and members of ethnic minority communities. By participating in sports, individuals from diverse backgrounds can form meaningful, lasting relationships and develop a strong sense of community. They focus on diversity, inclusion, and equality using football as a tool to combat social isolation, improve mental well-being, and support those facing challenges with integration.

What's not likely to be considered for Sports focused requests?

- Focus on increasing participation in sport without addressing wider social aims (e.g. not sport for change).
- No demonstration of how work will address or reduce the impact of poverty and trauma for participants.
- Work which is largely performance focused (elite/professional) as this may act as a barrier to participation.
- Work which does not address barriers to participation, e.g. lack of affordability/accessibility (particularly for underrepresented groups)



Ineligible Costs

- Work which takes place outside Scotland, including the costs of travel outwith Scotland.
- Funding for individuals (by this we mean we won't provide funding which will primarily benefit only one or a very small group of individuals)
- Capital refurbishment costs on buildings or land not owned by your organisation or on which you do not have an appropriate lease.
- Any retrospective costs already incurred by the applicant organisation.





What do I need to apply?

- Management committee or board with at least three members/Trustees
- Bank account in the name of the organisation
- A safeguarding policy if working with children, young people or vulnerable adults
- A formally adopted constitution (groups)
- Details of an independent referee – constituted groups OR newly registered charities

What documents do I need to provide?

- Recent copy bank statement, dated within 3 months
- Recent independently examined Accounts or statement of income & expenditure



How do I apply?

- Complete our online application form OR word version available to download from our website
- Can upload supporting documents with online application form
- Completed word version applications should be emailed to us along with supporting documents to:
weegrants@therobertsontrust.org.uk



What happens next?



We'll email you to confirm we've got your application



We'll assign one of our team to assess your application



We'll normally contact you via email



We'll aim to tell you the outcome within 8-10 weeks

What happens next?

- If we award you funding, we'll email you to let you know.
- Before we can pay your funds, we'll need you to provide bank details for your organisation
- We're normally able to pay the funds to you within 2 weeks
- You can apply again for a new Wee Grant 10 months from the date of your award
- If we don't award you funding, we'll do our best to explain why and how soon you can reapply.

Wee Grants Online Application Form

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