

Appendix 1 – Potential Funding Sources

Vacant and Derelict Land Investment Programme

The Scottish Government has established a £50M low carbon vacant and derelict land investment programme for 2021/22 for 5 years. The programme aims to tackle persistent vacant and derelict land and support place based approaches to delivering regeneration and sustainable inclusive growth.

VDLIP is a competitive fund with a two stage application process. Budget for 2023/2024 is £10 and anticipated to be £15m for 2024/202 and 2025/2026. Applications for the fourth round of funding will open in 2023. Previous awards have ranged from £100k to £1.1m.

The fund has four pillars of action

- Sustained place based approaches
- Urban green spaces
- Community led regeneration
- Low carbon developments and renewables

All Scotland's Local Authorities and Clyde Gateway URC are eligible to apply for funding. However, applicants are expected to bring forward project proposals that have been developed with the involvement and support of relevant communities, as well as third sector, private and public sector partners as appropriate.

Eligible projects are those looking for capital costs associated with unblocking long-term vacant and derelict sites.

Regeneration Capital Grant Fund

This Fund is delivered in partnership between Scottish Government and COSLA and supports locally developed place based regeneration projects that involve local communities, helping to tackle inequalities and deliver inclusive growth in deprived, disadvantaged and fragile remote communities.

The Fund is available on a competitive basis, to eligible organisations across Scotland. Applications are made on an annual basis and can potentially cover more than one financial year.

The Fund is primarily aimed at providing new and/ or improved infrastructure to improve economic, social and physical environment of communities.

Supported projects;

- Primarily focus on places/ communities suffering from high levels of deprivation and disadvantage
- Demonstrate clear community involvement
- Deliver large scale transformational change with string regeneration outcomes
- Leverage additional private sector investment and address market failure.

Projects should demonstrate how they complement, support or contribute to the Place Principle, Scotland's Economic Strategy, Town Centre Action Plan and Town Centre First Principle and Local Authority Development, Regeneration, Local Development and Strategic Development Plans.

Examples of projects supported include a number of business hubs, community sports hubs, community hubs and harbour projects, funding awarded up to about £4M but most awards around £500k to £1M.

Just Transition Fund

This fund supports projects in the North East and Moray that contribute towards the region's transition to net zero. The 10-year, £500 million Just Transition Fund is part of the Bute House Agreement and a Programme for Government commitment for 2021-22.

The fund objectives are to:

- ensure that the investment is targeted in such a way that can create good, green jobs now and throughout the transition to net zero
- ensure communities directly benefit from the Fund, including through the ability to decide on and drive spend
- work in partnership with the private sector, especially shaping opportunities to crowd in private sector finance
- collaborate at a local and national level on the decisions that impact the North East and Moray

There are three funding streams available for competitive bids:

1. Capital grant funding, for a project, feasibility study or pilot scheme
2. Capital financing, for final recipient outside the public sector
3. A blend of grant and other capital financing

Current guidance and criteria are for the first year of the fund only.