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Transforming vacant and derelict land in Scotland

Funding sources for bringing vacant and derelict land back in to use

Vacant and derelict land, whatever the size, affects our communities and their potential. Over time derelict sites can damage an area, resulting in social, economic and environmental harm. However, these sites also present opportunities for regeneration and renewal – unlocking growth, reviving communities and reducing inequalities. There is a wide variety of funding options available to communities and local authorities to help bring the land back into use and benefit those living around vacant and derelict sites.

This table provides a brief description of different funding sources available, highlighting the main limitations of each and indicating what type of activity the funding is most suitable for. Individual funding options are not mutually exclusive, and a mix of sources is often used by groups for financing projects. The circumstances of the community involved and the development opportunity it is seeking to finance will influence which source – or combination of sources – are used.

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Applicant	Location	Project Type	Provider	Fund Name	Type	£ Available	Status
Local Authorities	5 eligible LAs: Glasgow, N Lanarkshire, Fife, N Ayrshire & S Lanarkshire	Physical development and regeneration of VDL	Scottish Government	<u>Vacant and Derelict Land Fund</u>	Grant	2019/20 = £11.4m	Open
Local Authorities	Scotland	Areas of deprivation, community involvement, regeneration outcomes, address market failure	Scottish Government	<u>Regeneration Capital Grant Fund</u>	Grant	2019/20 = £20.4m	Open
Public, Private of JV entities	Scotland	Infrastructure (including brownfield land and decontamination) & energy efficiency	Scottish Government, European Regional Development Fund	<u>SPRUCE Fund</u>	Loans	Generally £1m – £15m	Open but closes 2021
Community organisations (generally)	Scotland	Community led regeneration particularly in disadvantaged communities	Scottish Government	<u>Empowering Communities</u>	Grant	£20m pa	Open
Local Businesses	Part of a town, tourism and visitor area, commercial district, or specific theme	Improve the area of interest with local improvements	Scottish Government	<u>Business Improvement District Grants</u>	Grant (business levy thereafter)	As agreed by the local businesses	Open
Regional Partners (typically including LAs, LEPs etc.)	Scotland	Strategic approaches to improving regional economies	UK Government, Scottish Government & Local Authorities	<u>City Region and Growth Deals</u>	Grant	No set limit. The Glasgow Deal is £1.13bn down to the Ayrshire Deal which is £103m.	Closed
Local Action Groups	Rural areas in Scotland	Economic and community development within rural areas of Scotland	Scottish Government & European Agricultural Fund	<u>LEADER</u>	Grant	2014 – 2020 = £77.4m	Open but closes 2020

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Private organisations as well as housing associations and universities	Scotland	Important infrastructure projects to help transform and grow Scotland's economy	Scottish Government	<u>Building Scotland Fund</u>	Grant	£150m	Open but will close in 2020 with the creation of the Scottish National Investment Bank
Local Authorities (part of capital settlement)	Town Centres across Scotland	Enable town centres to become more vibrant, enterprising and accessible, e.g. re-purposing of vacant buildings	Scottish Government	<u>Town Centre Fund</u>	Grant	2019/20 = £50m	Funding allocated for 2019/20. No additional funding thereafter currently.
Local Authorities	Scotland	Delivery of social rented housing, homes for mid-market rent and housing for low cost home ownership (potential use for VDL)	Scottish Government	<u>Affordable Housing Supply Programme</u>	Grant	£3bn to 2021	Open
Local Authorities	Scotland	Housing infrastructure	Scottish Government	<u>Housing Infrastructure Fund</u>	Grant	2016 – 2021 = £50m	Open
Community led organisations	Scotland	Tackle climate change by reducing local carbon emissions	Scottish Government	<u>Climate Challenge Fund</u>	Grant	Grants up to £150,000 Development grants up to £1,000	Open
No restrictions	CSGN areas only	Woodlands, community growing, strategic routes, active travel, greening of VDL	Central Scotland Green Network Trust	<u>Development Fund</u>	Grant	c. £400,000 pa	Closed
Private individuals	Scotland	Woodland creation and improvement	Scottish Forestry	<u>Forestry Grant Scheme</u>	Grant	2014 – 2020 = £252m	Open

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Community groups	Glasgow	Bring VDL back into temporary use	Glasgow City Council	<u>Stalled Spaces Glasgow</u>	Grant	£1,000 – £4,500	Open
Property owners, community groups	East Ayrshire	Eligible vacant and derelict buildings in town centres	East Ayrshire Council	<u>Vacant and Derelict Buildings Scheme</u>	Grant	Maximum of £100,000	Open
Not for profit organisations, private owners of heritage	Scotland	Investing in heritage to achieve economic growth	Heritage Fund	<u>Grants for Heritage</u>	Grant	£3,000 – £5m	Open
Not for profit organisations, private owners of heritage	Scotland	Bring neglected historic buildings back into financially viable use	Heritage Fund	<u>Heritage Enterprise</u>	Grant	£250,000 – £5m	Open
Voluntary or community organisations, charities, social enterprises etc	Scotland	Bringing people together, improving places and spaces, enabling people to fulfil their potential	Community Fund	<u>Awards for All</u>	Grant	£300 – £10,000	Open
Voluntary or community organisations, charities, social enterprises etc	Scotland	Strong and resilient communities through assets	Community Fund	<u>Community Assets</u>	Grant	£10,000 – £1m	Open
Voluntary or community organisations, charities, social enterprises etc	Scotland	Ownership and management of assets by communities to become more resilient and sustainable	Community Fund	<u>Scottish Land Fund</u>	Grant	£10,000 – £1m	Open
Voluntary or community organisations, charities, social enterprises etc	Scotland	Economic development of coastal communities to create growth and jobs	Community Fund	<u>Coastal Communities Fund</u>	Grant	£50,000 – £300,000	Open

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Not-for-profit organisations	Scotland but priority is most deprived 20% SIMD areas	Capital projects that create or improve places where people take part in sport or physical activity	Sport Scotland	<u>Sports Facilities Fund</u>	Grant	Up to £100,000	Open
Local Authorities, National Park Authorities, Not-for-profit organisations	Conservation Areas in Scotland	Heritage focused community and economic growth projects	Historic Environment Scotland	<u>Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme</u>	Grant	Up to £2m	Open
Not-for-profit organisations	Scotland	Conservation standard building repair projects. Aimed at buildings of special architectural or historic significance.	Historic Environment	<u>Historic Environment Repair Grant</u>	Grant	£10,000 – £500,000	Open
Voluntary and community groups	UK	Support positive change in people's lives and communities. Charitable work.	Tudor Trust	<u>Tudor Trust Grant</u>	Grant	No max or minimum but generally not less than £10,000	Open
Charity, community business or social enterprise or joint applications from voluntary sector groups with commercial partners	UK	Studies to look at potential uses for a historic building, its current condition and viability	Architectural Heritage Fund	<u>Project Viability Grant</u>	Grant	Max £7,500	Open
Charity, community business or social enterprise or joint applications from voluntary sector groups with commercial partners	UK	Developing and coordinating a project for the sustainable re-use of a historic building	Architectural Heritage Fund	<u>Project Development Grant</u>	Grant	Max £30,000	Open

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Charity, community business or social enterprise or joint applications from voluntary sector groups with commercial partners	Scotland	Historic building projects which are community led	Architectural Heritage Fund	<u>Scottish Community Development Grant</u>	Grant	Max £50,000	Open
Charity, community business or social enterprise or joint applications from voluntary sector groups with commercial partners	UK		Architectural Heritage Fund	<u>Heritage Impact Fund</u>	Loan	£25,000 – £500,000	Open
No restrictions stated	Britain	Assist preservation and restoration	Association of Industrial Archaeology	<u>Restoration Grants</u>	Grant	Up to £20,000	Open
Private owners (loans), public, community or charitable organisations (grants)	Edinburgh	Conservation of historic buildings, delivering improvements to public spaces.	Edinburgh World Heritage	<u>Conservation Funding Programme</u>	Grant and Loan	Not stated	Open
No restrictions stated	Conservation Areas in Dundee	Repair of historic buildings in conservation areas	Dundee Historic Environment Trust	<u>Grant Programme</u>	Grant	Average award £18,724	Open
Community group, charity or trust	Falkirk	Environmental projects	Falkirk Environment Trust	<u>Grant Programme</u>	Grant	£2,000 - £50,000	Open
No restrictions stated	UK	Projects which benefit people and the environment	Triodos Bank	<u>Loan Programme</u>	Loan	£100,000 – £500,000	Open

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No restrictions stated	UK	Increase the availability of affordable homes	Nationwide Foundation	<u>Decent Affordable Homes (Phase 2)</u>	Grant	£2.5m in 2018/19	Closed, will open again for 2019/20 funding round
Businesses and community groups	Railway premises in Scotland	Breathe new life into old and disused railway station premises	Scotrail and Transport Scotland	<u>Stations Community Regeneration Fund</u>	Grant	£5,000 – £75,000	Open
Charities	UK	Charity activity in the arts, education, youth, health, museums and heritage, community, environment, faith and welfare	Garfield Weston Foundation	<u>Grant Programme</u>	Grant	Over £70m pa	Open
Charities	Scotland but Perth as the priority	Improve the quality of life, develop and inspire young people and improve the availability of the built and natural environment for wider community use, develop and inspire young people	Gannochy Trust	<u>Grant Programme</u>	Grant	£5m pa £1,000 – £30,000	Open
Charity or community interest company	Scotland	Improve the quality of life and realise people's potential	Robertson Trust	<u>Open Grants Programme</u>	Grant	Generally not more than £20,000	Open
No restrictions	Worldwide	Controlled by fund raiser	Crowdfunding	E.g. <u>Spacehive</u>	Donation	Limitless	Open



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Further Information

The Scottish Land Commission has established a major focus on vacant and derelict land. Bringing together a host of public and private agencies as the Vacant and Derelict Land Taskforce, together we are transforming the existing approach to bringing those abandoned and unloved urban spaces back into productive use.

Further information about the taskforce and our work on vacant and derelict land can be found on our website

www.landcommission.gov.scot

Information about bringing vacant and derelict land back in to use can also be found via

Stalled Spaces Scotland
www.ads.org.uk/stalled-spaces-scotland

The Scottish Vacant and Derelict Land Register can be found here

www.gov.scot/Topics/Statistics/Browse/Planning/SVDLSSiteRegister

www.landcommission.gov.scot/notsoprettyvacant

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