



## Potential Funding Support

This is a summary of organisations which may have the potential to fund community composting projects in their own right or as part of a wider local food growing initiative.

[Highland Council](#) provides information on a number of funds, including “Community benefit funding” with eligible projects in 10 beneficiary Community Council areas in the vicinity of Beinn Tharsuinn windfarm. Community Councils decide whether to support funding applications made for projects within their Community Council areas, these being Kiltearn, Ardross, Alness, Invergordon, Kilmuir and Logie Easter, Tain, Edderton, Ardgay, Creich, Dornoch. Grants from the Ward Discretionary Fund can be awarded to projects above and less than £10,000. There is a range of assessment criteria, including how the proposal will assist the council to deliver its work programme and services. The “Supporting community resilience” fund is also available, however, this is COVID-19 related, to help communities move forward from the impacts of the pandemic – this may have limited longevity.

[Social Investment Scotland](#) in partnership with Zero Waste Scotland has the Social Enterprise Net Zero Transition Fund (NZTF), designed to support social enterprises and the wider third sector to make the transition to carbon net zero. This includes local food production and supply, the minimisation or repurposing of food waste. It comments that it is interested in seeing a wide range of projects coming through - the interest is in supporting activities that will reduce carbon footprints.

[Foundation Scotland](#) describes itself as having a purpose to support communities to shape their future, to work alongside them to develop the capacity and resources to deliver their future vision:

*“Our ability to combine knowledge, finance, and expertise to work with communities has supported young people into employment; tackled homelessness; reduced elderly isolation; grown community food projects; improved physical and mental health; and created community facilities, including village shops, energy schemes, community halls, green spaces ...”*

[The National Lottery Community Fund \(TNFL\)](#) states that funding is for organisations in Scotland that are based in the local area they serve and are run by local people. Our organisation should have a governing body, such as a committee or board which includes at least three unrelated people and a written governing document, such as a constitution. This governing document should make it clear that your organisation has a social purpose, a clearly stated purpose which benefits the local area in some way and which has:

- Open membership – everyone living in the area should be able to get involved in your organisation and the work that it does.
- Community control – the majority of people serving on your governing body are from the local area and make the decisions.

[Firstport](#) provides support to a wide range of community and social enterprises. An example of this is the “Pounds for Purpose” fund, which is for people who have an idea to generate positive change, are aged 16-26 and need some funding to put an idea into action.

[Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations \(SCVO\) Funding Scotland](#) is a service to provide access to up to date, high-quality information on funding opportunities vital to third sector organisations in Scotland.

[Find Business Support](#) is available to help organisations find business support from across Scotland’s public sector. Options for funding, advice and help are in a single location.