

## **Potential Revenue Funding**

**Big Lottery** – grants for community-led activity can provide revenue funding for between three and five years to improve or continue existing services, or to develop new activity. They can fund up to 100% of the costs of this activity including staff, equipment, premises and overheads.

**Heritage Lottery Fund** – funds are currently being reviewed but until recently revenue funding was available for up to five years, and included staff costs, from HLF's Heritage Enterprise and Heritage Grants Programme. New funds to be announced shortly.

**Robertson Trust** - can provide revenue grants of up to £20,000 to cover staff costs, core running costs, project costs, etc. One of their funding strands is “Strengthening Communities ... increasing the ability and capacity of people and communities to create solutions which address local need.”

**Scottish Land Fund** - Can provide up to £100,000 of “revenue funding to help with the cost of developing your proposal or initial running costs of your project after acquisition”.

**Architectural Heritage Fund** - provides revenue funding usually during the development phase. Their Scottish Community Development Grant provides up to £50,000, funding work essential for taking your project forward towards the goal of revitalizing an historic building. They can cover staff costs, fees for consultants, admin costs etc.

It's important to bear in mind that we are carrying out our project in distinct phases so revenue funding may be applied for at various stages throughout the project not just at the start. Similarly, within the wider project there will be several smaller projects focusing on for example outdoor learning facilities, the potential of wigwam type accommodation, environmental improvement/protection etc. It is possible that these projects will be able to attract specific funding.

In addition to the funds above there are hundreds of foundations and trusts that have funds to give away if you meet their criteria. Many of these will cover core costs. Often they are looking to fund projects that tackle social issues and community development. We may be able to apply to some of these funds when developing activities that address issues such as: social isolation, community food growing, outdoor learning, art/cultural events and learning etc.

For example:

**Garfield Weston Foundation** - Support charities that are making a positive difference and can cover a percentage of core costs such as salaries, utilities etc. They also fund project costs for specific activities and can pay a percentage of overheads.

**Esmee Fairbairn** – Fund projects that are imaginative in the way they tackle the causes of social issues. Funding is available for core costs.

**Corra Foundation** – Encourages positive change and improvements in quality of life for communities in Scotland. Their “Henry Duncan Grants” fund projects that support people experiencing challenging circumstances such as social isolation and mental health issues. They can provide grants of up to £7000 to cover core costs.