

Scottish Land Fund

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Launched in March 2016

Headline changes

- Increase in scale - £10m per year
- Increase in scope - extension to whole of Scotland



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Programme Outcomes

Our communities will:

- Achieve more sustainable economic, environmental and/or social development through ownership of land and buildings.
- Have a stronger role in and control over their own development.
- Own well managed, financially sustainable land and buildings.



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2-stage process

Stage 1 – Pre-acquisition

- Information gathering
- Development funding

Stage 2 - Acquisition

- Grants for acquisition
- Revenue funding



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Revenue support

- Pre acquisition support available
- Post acquisition support up to £100,000, for up to 3 years
- Intervention amounts dependent on project type and group



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Capital support

- Increased to maximum of £1m
- Legal and other fees associated with acquisition



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Stage 1: Development Funding (pre-acquisition)

Who can apply?

- Community organisations
- Written governing document
- At least three unrelated people in your management committee
- UK based bank or building society account



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Stage 1: Development Funding

- To help prepare to purchase an asset.
- Development grants up to £30,000.
- Up to 100% of development costs.
- Fund specialist advice and/or professional fees
- Will not fund salary costs for a staff post or capital expenditure.



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Stage 2: Acquisition

Who can apply?

Organisations that are community-led, community-controlled and defined by a geographical area.

Governing document requirements

- Social Purpose
- Open Membership
- Community Control
- Non Profit-Distributing



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Stage 2: Grants for Acquisition

- Land and land assets (including lochs and lighthouses?!)
- Urban and rural property
- Asset Transfers under Community Empowerment Act
- Acquisitions under Land Reform Act part 2
- Acquisitions through National Forest Land Scheme
- Grants based upon independent valuation



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Process

- Enquiries through BIG
- Case passed to SLF Advisor – applicant support
- 2 stage application process
- Assessment by BIG and decision by independent Scottish Land Fund Committee



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