

Bank of Scotland Foundation to Launch New Grants Programme in Summer

The Bank of Scotland Foundation provides core funding and stability for small and medium sized charities in Scotland that are working to address disadvantage or social exclusion. The Foundation's funding is intended to reach the most vulnerable people across Scotland, providing them with opportunity and equality and making positive, sustainable change.

The Foundation's new five-year strategic plan (Supporting Positive Change Across Scotland) outlines four strategic aims as well as a range of new funding programmes that will open in 2019 and 2020.

The new grants programme is as follows:

- **Reach** will make positive and lasting change in communities across Scotland. Charities with an income of £1 million or less can apply for £1,000-£20,000 over one year to support people through varying stages of their lives.
- **Invest** will put charities in a more stable position. Charities with an income of £1 million or less can apply for core costs of £20,000-£40,000 per annum over 2-5 years to relieve the pressures they face of financial uncertainty and increased demand.
- **Advise** will improve Financial Advice and Financial Literacy for people across Scotland. Charities with an income of £1 million or less can apply for £1,000-£20,000 over one year to enable people to develop their financial skills and access the support they need to take greater control of their lives.
- **Change** will have a large-scale, long-term, positive impact on charities and communities. Charities with an income of £500,000 or more can apply for capital costs or project costs of £50,000-£100,000 per annum over 1-2 years to ensure they can provide continued, reliable support for people across Scotland.

The current Small and Medium grant programmes will remain open for applications until their deadline date of 12 noon Thursday 4 April 2019. After this date, the Foundation's current programmes will no longer accept applications to enable the Foundation to focus on getting its new funding programmes ready.

It is expected that the new grants programme will launch in August 2019.

For more information please go to:-

<http://bankofscotlandfoundation.org/funding-programmes>