



- SUPPORT KEY:**
- Development
  - Finance
  - Learning
  - Networking
  - Policy & Info
  - Common Entry Points
- Big Issue Invest**  
Big Issue Invest Scotland provides loans to finance the growth of sustainable social enterprises and charities. [www.bigissueinvest.com/big-issue-invest-scotland-biis](http://www.bigissueinvest.com/big-issue-invest-scotland-biis)
  - Build It (Firstport)**  
Funding of up to £25,000 for individuals to grow an enterprising idea that has been successfully piloted. [www.firstport.org.uk/funding/item/287-build-it](http://www.firstport.org.uk/funding/item/287-build-it)
  - Business Gateway**  
Business Gateway provides free business support and impartial advice to start-up and existing businesses in Scotland. [www.bgateway.com](http://www.bgateway.com)
  - Business Mentoring Scotland**  
A one to one mentoring programme operated by the Chambers of Commerce. [www.scottishchambers.org.uk/services](http://www.scottishchambers.org.uk/services)
  - CEIS**  
CEIS provides practical and effective business support services to help social enterprises manage and grow their business. [www.ceis.org.uk](http://www.ceis.org.uk)
  - CEMVO**  
CEMVO builds the capacity and sustainability of the ethnic minority voluntary sector and its communities. [www.cemvoscotland.org.uk](http://www.cemvoscotland.org.uk)
  - Co-operative Development Scotland**  
Co-operative Development Scotland is the arm of Scottish Enterprise that supports collaborative and employee ownership business models. [www.cdscblog.co.uk](http://www.cdscblog.co.uk)
  - Community Enterprise**  
Community Enterprise provides hands-on support from ideas generation right through to business planning and branding. [www.communityenterprise.co.uk/get-support](http://www.communityenterprise.co.uk/get-support)
  - Community Learning Exchange**  
The Exchange will fund the costs of a study visit to learn from others doing similar things. [www.scottishcommunityalliance.org.uk/community-learning-exchange](http://www.scottishcommunityalliance.org.uk/community-learning-exchange)
  - Community Ownership Support Service**  
Scotland-wide advisory service providing communities with advice and support on the transfer of public assets into community ownership. [www.dtascmmunityownership.org.uk](http://www.dtascmmunityownership.org.uk)
  - Community Shares Scotland (CSS)**  
CSS raises awareness of community shares and supports communities to raise money this way. [www.communitysharresscotland.org.uk](http://www.communitysharresscotland.org.uk)
  - Cranfield Trust**  
Time limited free business support from senior executives in the private sector. [www.cranfieldtrust.org](http://www.cranfieldtrust.org)
  - Crowdfunding**  
Crowdfunding is the practice of funding a project by raising small amounts of money from a large number of people largely online.
  - Development Trust Association Scotland**  
Supports, promotes and encourages development trusts within communities across Scotland. [www.dtascot.org.uk](http://www.dtascot.org.uk)
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  - Enterprise Accelerator**  
Enterprise Accelerator offers business support to community organisations with little or no trading but who wish to explore this. [www.scottishcommunityalliance.org.uk/enterprise-accelerator](http://www.scottishcommunityalliance.org.uk/enterprise-accelerator)
  - Funding Scotland**  
Funding Scotland is operated by the SCVO to provide access to up to date information on funding opportunities. [www.fundingscotland.com/pl](http://www.fundingscotland.com/pl) [www.funding-guide](http://www.funding-guide)
  - Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE)**  
HIE invests in building capacity, empowering communities to acquire assets, enabling growth in the economy. [www.hie.co.uk/community-support](http://www.hie.co.uk/community-support)
  - Impact Hub Inverness**  
Impact Hub Inverness helps develop social enterprises in the Highlands and Islands and beyond, and operates a co-working space. [www.inverness.impacthub.net](http://www.inverness.impacthub.net)
  - DSL Business Finance**  
DSL provide loans to start-up and growing businesses in Scotland and delivers the Scottish Microfinance Fund. [www.dsl-businessfinance.co.uk](http://www.dsl-businessfinance.co.uk)
  - Empowering Communities Fund**  
Scottish Government funding that support various community-led regeneration programmes. [www.gov.scot/policies/community-empowerment/empowering-communities-fund](http://www.gov.scot/policies/community-empowerment/empowering-communities-fund)
  - Firstport**  
Firstport provides a full package of support to help social entrepreneurs make their ideas a reality. [www.firstport.org.uk](http://www.firstport.org.uk)
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  - Individual (Angel) Investors**  
High net worth individuals who invest in social enterprises. [www.angelinvestmentnetwork.co.uk](http://www.angelinvestmentnetwork.co.uk)
  - Inspiralba Argyll & Bute**  
Inspiralba provide support for social enterprise development, growth and sustainability across Argyll and Bute. [www.inspiralba.org.uk](http://www.inspiralba.org.uk)
  - Interface**  
A central hub connecting organisations to all of Scotland's universities, research institutes and colleges. [www.interface-online.org.uk](http://www.interface-online.org.uk)
  - International Social Enterprise Observatory**  
The first point of contact for Scottish social enterprises considering trading internationally and international social enterprise queries.
  - Just Enterprise**  
Just Enterprise provides funded start-up, business support, learning and leadership services to social enterprises throughout Scotland. [www.justenterprise.org](http://www.justenterprise.org)
  - LaunchMe (Firstport)**  
LaunchMe is Scotland's social enterprise accelerator for ambitious social enterprise start-ups. [www.firstport.org.uk/programmes/launchme](http://www.firstport.org.uk/programmes/launchme)
  - Local funds**  
There are a number of local funds investing in social enterprise in specific areas.
  - Partnership for Procurement (P4P)**  
P4P provides consortia and capacity building support to SEOs and third sector organisations to tender for contracts. [www.p4p.org.uk](http://www.p4p.org.uk)
  - Pilotlight**  
Pilotlight brokers relationships between the private and third sectors to offer medium term strategic business support. [www.pilotlight.org.uk](http://www.pilotlight.org.uk)
  - Resilient Scotland**  
Resilient provides flexible social investment to enable organisations to have an impact on local regeneration. [www.resilientscotland.org.uk](http://www.resilientscotland.org.uk)
  - School for Social Entrepreneurs Scotland (SSES)**  
SSES provides ongoing training and support to individuals trying to create and sustain social businesses. [www.the-sse.org/schools/6/scotland](http://www.the-sse.org/schools/6/scotland)
  - Scotland Unltd**  
Scotland Unltd finds, funds and supports social entrepreneurs from an original endowment from the Millennium Commission. [www.unltd.org.uk](http://www.unltd.org.uk)
  - Scottish Community Alliance**  
A coalition of community based national networks, promoting cooperation, collaboration and shared resources between them. [www.scottishcommunityalliance.org.uk](http://www.scottishcommunityalliance.org.uk)
  - Scottish Community Finance (SCF) Ltd**  
SCF Ltd assists communities to raise capital by offering Community Bonds to local individuals and organisations. [www.scotcomfinance.scot](http://www.scotcomfinance.scot)
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  - Scottish Enterprise**  
Scottish Enterprise is Scotland's main economic development agency and aims to deliver a significant, lasting effect on the Scottish economy. [www.scottish-enterprise.com](http://www.scottish-enterprise.com)
  - Scottish Land Fund**  
Supporting urban and rural communities to become more resilient and sustainable through the ownership of land and assets. <https://www.tnicommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/scottish-land-fund>
  - Senscot**  
Senscot works to support a network of grassroots social enterprises across Scotland - connecting, informing, and developing new support services. [www.senscot.net](http://www.senscot.net)
  - Senscot Legal**  
Senscot Legal provides affordable and accessible legal advice services to social enterprises and the wider third sector. [www.se-legal.net](http://www.se-legal.net)
  - Social Enterprise Academy**  
Leadership, entrepreneurship and impact measurement; learning programmes for people and organisations leading social change. [www.socialenterprise.academy/scot](http://www.socialenterprise.academy/scot)
  - Social Enterprise Collection [Scotland]**  
A growing collection of papers, and reports on the growth of Community Business, Community Enterprise and Social Accounting. [www.gcu.ac.uk/yunuscentre/johnpearcememoriallecture/socialenterprise/collection/scotlandaccess](http://www.gcu.ac.uk/yunuscentre/johnpearcememoriallecture/socialenterprise/collection/scotlandaccess)
  - Social Enterprise EDGE [SEE] Award**  
Scottish EDGE is a competition funded by Scottish Enterprise and Postcode lottery to support innovative entrepreneurial talent. [www.scottishedge.com](http://www.scottishedge.com)
  - Social Enterprise Networks (SENs)**  
SENs offer social enterprises access to peer support, joint working opportunities and a collective voice locally and nationally. [www.senscot.net/networks](http://www.senscot.net/networks)
  - Social Enterprise Scotland**  
Social Enterprise Scotland unites social enterprises and their supporters into a strong campaigning force. [www.socialenterprisescotland.org.uk](http://www.socialenterprisescotland.org.uk)
  - Social Firms Scotland**  
Social Firms Scotland is the national support agency supporting Work Integration Social Enterprises. [www.socialfirms.org.uk](http://www.socialfirms.org.uk)
  - Social Investment Scotland**  
Social Investment Scotland offer social loan finance, providing flexible funding and growth support. [www.socialinvestmentscotland.com](http://www.socialinvestmentscotland.com)
  - Start It (Firstport)**  
Funding up to £5000 for individuals with a business idea which addresses a social or environmental issue. [www.firstport.org.uk/funding/item/285-start-it](http://www.firstport.org.uk/funding/item/285-start-it)
  - Supplier Development Programme**  
The Supplier Development Programme offers training, support and information to help SME or 3rd sector organisation win contracts. [www.sdpscotland.co.uk](http://www.sdpscotland.co.uk)
  - Third Sector Interface**  
Each local authority has a TSI providing support to the third sector including social enterprises.
  - Voluntary Code for Social Enterprise (VCSE)**  
The SE Code sets out benchmark criteria by which social enterprises in Scotland can be identified and recognise each. [www.se-code.net](http://www.se-code.net)