

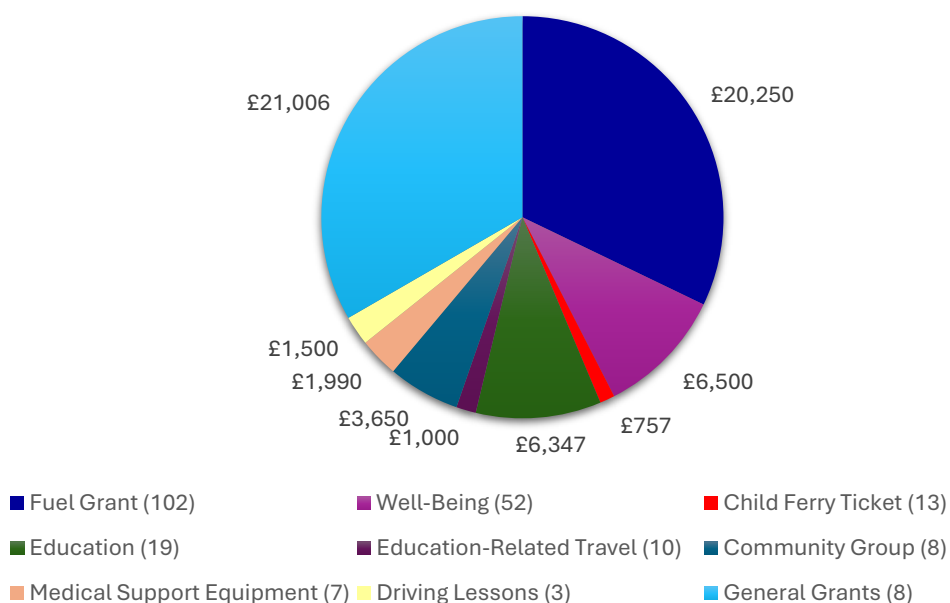
REWDT - Our Grants Programme

Funding generated from our community turbine enables us to award grants to community groups and individuals, in accordance with our Charitable Aims.

We approved 222 applications from 84 households across Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre this year, resulting in a total of £63,000 being awarded to community groups and individuals between 1st April 2023 and 31st March 2024. These funds have facilitated the formation of new community groups and allowed existing groups to expand their activities. Individual community members have also benefitted from support with fuel costs, access to well-being activities and new development opportunities.

The successful operation of our community turbine this year enabled us to run two rounds of the Fuel Grant and we received 102 applications over the two rounds, from a total of 66 households. A total of £20,250 in Fuel Grant funding was distributed to assist residents with rising energy costs.

Grant Funding 2023-24 (Total £63,000)



The report does not include details of unused or returned grant funds.



Rousay Ladies Sports Group

Supporting community initiatives remained a top priority this year. Through the allocation of 8 Community Group Grants and 8 General Grants, we proudly supported groups and individuals to organise and host various community events and activities throughout the year.



Rousay School, Rousay Ladies Sports & Rousay Play & Stay 'Aal Fired Up' Pottery Day

222

Total grants awarded

£63,000

Total awarded to community groups and individuals

Grants to Individuals:

102 Fuel Crisis Grants (£20,250)

Funding household electricity costs

52 Well-being Grants (£6,500)

Funding well-being activities for 52 individuals

19 Education & Skills Bursaries (£6,347)

Enabling 19 residents to enrol on courses that will result in a qualification

13 Books of Child Ferry Tickets (£757)

Helping 13 children access facilities and activities on Mainland

10 Education-related Travel Grants (£1,000)

Funding travel to educational venues

7 Medical Support Equipment Grants (£1,990)

Funding equipment to support medical conditions

3 Driving Lessons Grant (£1,500)

Supporting 3 resident to learn to drive

'Many thanks again as always for REWDT's continued support.'

'Really appreciate that this fund is there.'

'We are struggling with keeping our house warm. Thank you for the support.'

'...this will really help us get through Christmas and the cold months.'

'It will make a real difference.'

'Thank you. I am really enjoying the course and looking forward to starting some new units in a couple of weeks'

8 General Grants to Community Organisations and Individual Residents

Triangle Club (£2,590)

Funding rent and meal subsidies

UHI Archaeology (£1,400)

Funding towards community activities

Rousay Parent Council/Rousay School (£294)

Funding Outdoor Education in 2023

The Craffhub CIC (£15,000)

Funding contribution to acquisition costs of new premises

Rousay Traditional Dance (£715)

Funding Traditional Dance lessons and a Ceilidh

1st Rousay Rainbows & Brownies (£533)

Funding annual subscription costs

1st Rousay Guides (£145)

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Rousay Parent Council/Rousay School (£328)

Funding Outdoor Education in Hoy in 2024



Rousay Traditional Dance lessons in full swing

8 Community Group Grants

Grant funding of up to £500 to support community groups

Rousay Community Association (£500)

Funding towards a community Coronation event

Rousay Play & Stay Group (£500)

Funding new equipment to expand the group & supporting community events

1st Rousay Rainbows & Brownies (£500)

Funding resources for new activities

Rousay Parent Council (£500)

Funding resources to run new events and activities

Triangle Club (£500)

Funding a trip to Scapa Flow Museum on Hoy & other events

Island Well-being Projects (£500)

Funding activities and events, including Women's Health Talks

Rousay Ladies Sports (£500)

Funding new equipment

Rousay Sailing Club (£150)

Funding boat building activities



Triangle Club trip to Scapa Flow Museum & Rousay Primary School Outdoor Education

Looking forward to the year ahead, we have listened to your feedback regarding our grant scheme and implemented some changes, which we hope will enable more residents and groups to access grant funding in the future.

We look forward to hearing about your new projects and ideas throughout this year.



Grants 2024-25



Well-being 200

Up to £200 per resident, funding activities that improve well-being, can include a book of passenger ferry tickets to travel to well-being activities on Mainland Orkney.



Education & Skills Bursary

Funding up to 90% of course fees, up to £750 per resident.



Community Activity

Funding of up to £1,000 to support community groups and individuals to organise and run community group activities and events.



Driving Lessons

Funding driving lessons for residents, up to a maximum of £750.



Emergency Stay

Funding of up to £100 for accommodation costs due to flight or boat being delayed or cancelled.



There is also a General Grant Fund available for all other grant funding requests.

If you would like further information or to apply, please get in touch

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Please remember to submit grant applications for approval before expenditure is made.