

REWDT Grants Scheme

Funding generated from our community turbine enables us to award grants to community groups and individuals in accordance with our Charitable Aims. This funding supports groups and individuals on REW to create and sustain a vibrant, healthy community.

We approved 274 applications from 23 community groups and from over 100 households across Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre this year, more applications in a single year than ever before. This has resulted in a total of £105,483 being awarded to community groups and individuals between 1st April 2025 and 31st March 2026.

The Winter Fuel Grant continues to be an important and well-regarded provision, and the grant funding helped 76 households this year, with a total of £21,900 distributed to our community members to help them directly with high energy bills.

The further expansion of the Well-being Grant enabled 112 residents to access well-being events and activities on REW and Orkney Mainland, with a total of £28,000 being awarded to our community members. We are proud to have been able to support our residents to access these activities, helping them enhance their health and well-being, particularly during what has felt, for some, like a very long winter weather-wise.

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

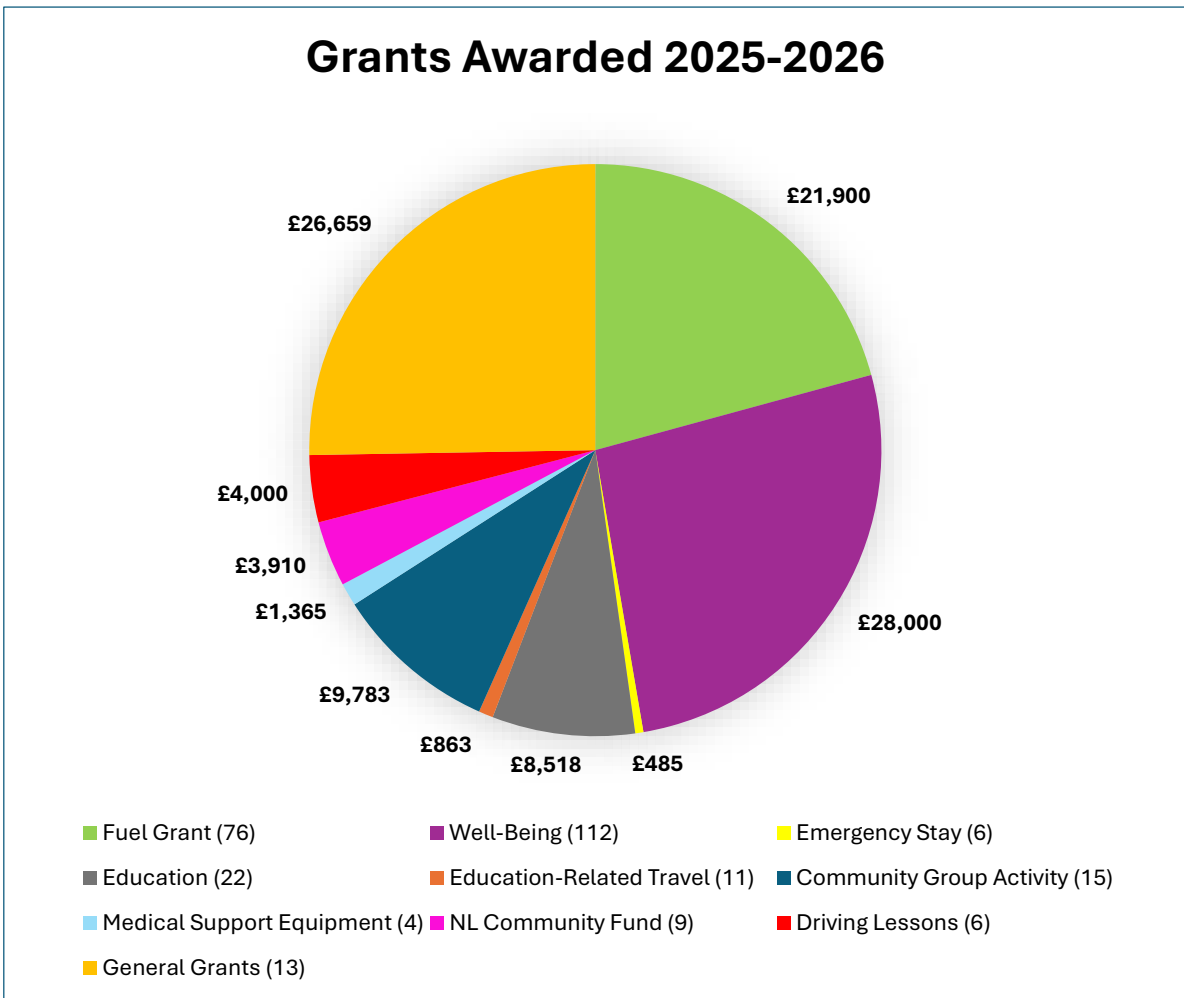
Additionally, in April 2025, we were delighted to be awarded £10,000, from The National Lottery Community Fund. This funding was awarded to us, to be distributed to various community groups in small grants of up to £500 per group, to support one-off events, activities, or equipment purchases. These small grants have had a big impact on our groups, as they have been used to fund activities and events that have helped strengthen our community this year. Thank you to National Lottery players and the National Lottery Community Fund for this funding.

Total number of grants awarded

274

Total amount of grants awarded

£105,483



This report does not include details of unused or returned funds

15 Community Group Activity Grants Awarded to 12 Groups

Grant funding of up to £1,000 per group, per year (maximum of 2 applications per group, per year), to support community groups in their activities and events

Rousay Parent Council (2 grants) (£1,000)

Funding towards equipment/materials for activities & events

Rousay Singing Group (1 grant) (£1,000)

Funding towards venue costs, to run weekly activities

Wellbeing Group Activities (1 grant) (£550)

Funding for well-being group activities

Egilsay Community Association (1 grant) (£557)

Funding equipment to run sports activities

Rousay Triangle Club (1 grant) (£466)

Funding towards Christmas Lunch costs

1st Rousay Rainbows & Brownies (2 grants) (£1,000)

Funding equipment & resources to run activities

Rousay Community Association (2 grants) (£1,000)

Funding towards new stage curtains & towards Harvest Home event

Rousay Music Group (1 grant) (£635)

Funding towards Saltfishforty concert costs

Rousay Sailing Club (1 grant) (£1,000)

Funding towards running costs and community event costs

Egilsay Summer Events Group (1 grant) (£1,000)

Funding towards a Summer Dance to be held on Egilsay in 2026

Rousay Darts Team (1 grant) (£1,000)

Funding darts equipment

Rousay School Community Garden Group (1 grant) (£575)

Funding materials for garden project



Triangle Club Christmas Lunch



Saltfishforty

13 General Grants to Community Organisations

The Crafhub (£2,500)

Funding towards purchase of Grand Piano to run activities and events

Rousay Sailing Club (£1,500)

Funding towards ex-Island Games equipment to run community sailing activities

Egilsay Community Association (£5,000 over 3 years)

Funding set-up & initial running costs of Egilsay Schoolhouse

Rousay Parent Council (£750)

Funding playpark equipment costs increase

UHI Archaeology (£2,000)

Funding open day & outreach summer activities on Rousay

REWG Community Council (£1,000)

Funding towards War Memorial painting

REWG Community Council (£5,000)

Funding towards a Memorial Bench in Brinian Cemetery

1st Rousay Rainbows & Brownies (£440)

Funding towards annual subscription fees

1st Rousay Guides (£275)

Funding towards annual subscription fees

Orkney Folk Festival (£762)

Part-funding a boat charter after the Rousay concert

Rousay Parent Council (£1,432)

Funding towards Outdoor Education 2026 in Hoy

Egilsay Summer Events Group (£1,000)

Funding costs to hold a summer dance on Egilsay

The Crafhub SCIO (£5,000)

Funding towards car park & grounds improvement project



The Crafhub SCIO Grand Piano



Rousay School Playpark

9 Community Fund Grants

Funded by The National Lottery Community Fund



Rousay Allotment Group (£500)

Funding allotment materials and equipment

Rousay Rainbows & Brownies (£500)

Funding a group laptop and printer to support group activities

Rousay Sailing Club (£500)

Funding a skiff launching trolley

Rousay Yoga Group (£500)

Funding yoga equipment

Rousay Traditional Dance Group (£350)

Funding a set of traditional dance lessons and activities

Rousay Poker Group (£500)

Funding new equipment and a boat charter home from the Orkney Poker League final

Rousay Sketch Class (£60)

Funding venue & catering hire for a group sketch class

Rousay Open Gardens Group (£500)

Funding transport around the island for residents & visitors on Rousay Open Garden Day

REW Darts Team (£500)

Funding a new internet-linked darts scorer for group games



Rousay Yoga Group



Rousay Sketch Class



Rousay Traditional Dance Group



Rousay Allotment Group

Grants to Individuals

76 Fuel Crisis Grants (£21,900)

Helping 76 households with electricity costs

112 Well-being Grants (£28,000)

Supporting 112 residents to participate in well-being activities, events, and treatments

22 Education & Skills Bursaries (£8,518)

Enabling residents to enrol on courses to learn new skills

11 Education-related Travel/Accommodation Grants (£863)

Funding transport/accommodation related to courses

4 Medical Support Equipment Grants (£1,365)

Funding equipment to support medical conditions

6 Driving Lessons Grant (£4,000)

Supporting 6 residents to learn to drive

6 Emergency Stay Grants (£485)

Supporting residents when transport is cancelled/delayed, and they are unable to travel home to REW

It has been the most successful year so far for our grants scheme, and it has been fantastic to see and hear positive community feedback about the grants and the events and activities our grants have supported.

Looking forward to the year ahead, we are excited to hear about your new projects and ideas and how we can help support them throughout this coming year.



Grants 2026-27

Funds open 1st April 2026



Well-being 250

Up to £250 per resident, funding activities in Orkney that improve well-being, can include a set of ferry tickets to travel to well-being activities on Mainland Orkney.



Education & Skills

Funding up to 90% of course fees, up to £750 per resident, £100 travel costs and £100 accommodation costs.



Driving Lessons

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



Medical Support Equipment

Funding up to £500 for equipment to support a medical condition.



Emergency Stay

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



Community Activity

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



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