

Connecting donors to good causes

Giving money away sounds easy, but with over 23,000 registered charities and thousands more community groups in Scotland alone, it can be hard to know where to start. It's even harder to know if your money is making a difference.

Foundation Scotland specialises in bringing our clients' philanthropic and charitable interests to life. We help clients develop a model for their giving to make a difference to the good causes they wish to support based on our knowledge of community needs. We can identify and recommend suitable organisations and projects, drawing on our extensive database or by inviting and assessing applications from projects meeting the relevant criteria. We take on all administration of grant making, leaving our clients free to enjoy the effects of their charitable giving.

Grant making expertise

We have a team of specialised assessors who analyse the effectiveness of every charity we recommend on behalf of our clients. Our expertise in sourcing outstanding projects is recognised by the Big Lottery Fund and Comic Relief; both organisations have commissioned the Foundation to work on their behalf.

Each year, we distribute over £5M to exceptional charities and community groups. We make awards ranging from a few hundred to over a million pounds on behalf of our clients to their chosen charities. As Scotland's busiest grantmaker, our knowledge of the voluntary sector is second to none.

Evaluation and reporting

We work with the groups our clients support and collect information on the impact of their grant. We can also prepare more detailed reports including case studies of particular projects or evaluations of a grant-making programme.

Organised visits

We organise discreet visits to charities or community groups to help clients find out more about their work. These visits can help donors understand the often complex issues they are tackling, to talk to people affected by them and provide an opportunity to meet the inspirational people behind an organisation.

For further information, please contact our Philanthropy Development Team on 0131 524 0300 or email development@foundationscotland.org.uk.