

## 2011 Small Grants Impact Report



The Bank of Scotland Foundation Small Grants Programme provides funding to local, regional and national charities across Scotland. We aim to help with developing and improving communities and financial literacy and financial inclusion.

**In 2011, £912,840 was invested in charities through the Small Grants Programme, making a tangible difference to communities across Scotland.**

The Foundation assessed 400 applications in 2011 and provided funding to 102 charities. The average grant size was £8,949. The smallest grant provided was £1,500 and five charities received the maximum award of £20,000 with applications being received from all regions in Scotland.

### Breakdown of applications and grants by registered region of charity

Total applications: **400** / Total grants: **102** / Total amount of grants: **£912,840**

Highlands and Islands  
**54 applications / 15 grants / £141,553**

North East Scotland  
**45 applications / 12 grants / £97,612**

Mid Scotland and Fife  
**21 applications / 4 grants / £23,536**

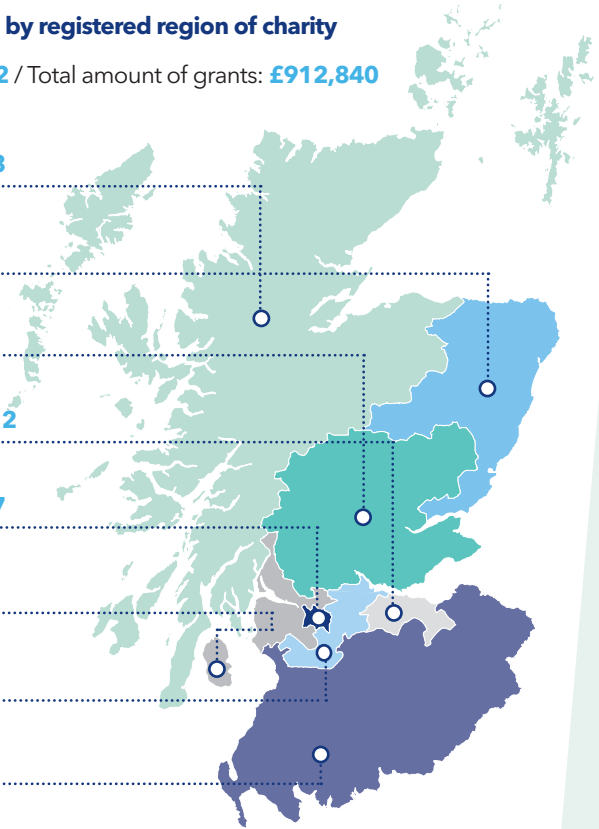
Lothians  
**103 applications / 25 grants / £215,712**

Glasgow  
**93 applications / 23 grants / £215,667**

West Scotland  
**17 applications / 7 grants / £83,027**

Central Scotland  
**17 applications / 6 grants / £53,528**

South Scotland  
**35 applications / 10 grants / £82,205**



## Addressing Disadvantage

Many charities working in Scotland's most deprived areas received support from the Foundation, making a significant difference to the communities that need it most. The top 30% of deprived areas in Scotland received over 40% of our grant awards.

### Grants provided to areas of high deprivation

<b>Total number of grants: 102</b>	<b>Number in highly deprived areas: 42</b>
<b>Total value of grants: £912,840</b>	<b>Value of grants to highly deprived areas: £371,684</b>

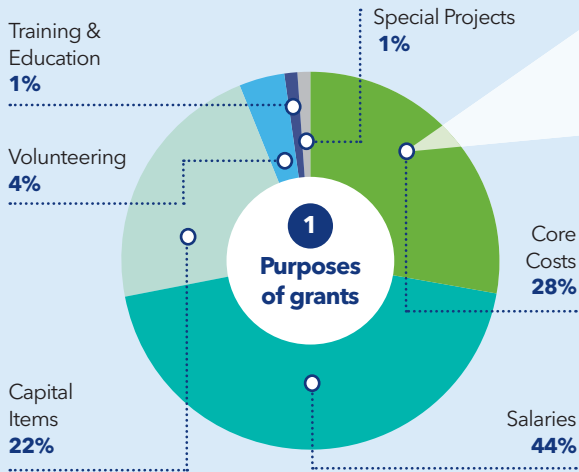
"Our Bank of Scotland Foundation funding will support 2,149 people who are income deprived and facing challenging circumstances."

**Drumchapel Caravan Project**

# Support Where it Matters

## 1 Purposes of grants

In 2011 over 44% of the funding provided by the Foundation was awarded to charities for salaries. Our investment of £357,067 supported 35 jobs in Scotland in 2011. These jobs made a substantial impact on their communities supporting over 9,500 people in the year.



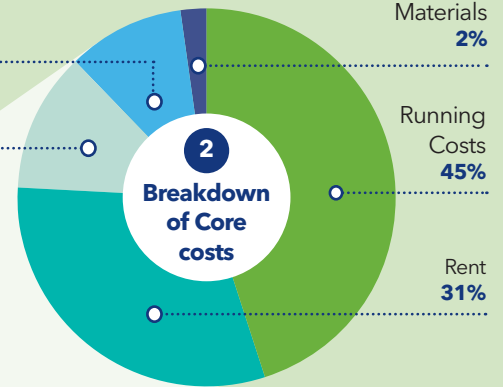
Office Costs  
10%

Travel Costs  
12%

Materials  
2%

Running Costs  
45%

Rent  
31%



## 2 Breakdown of Core costs

We run a straightforward grant process and are one of few grant makers to provide support towards much needed core costs. In 2011 over 28% of the funding provided by the Foundation was awarded to charities for core costs.

Our evaluation shows that the primary reason a charity will apply for core costs is to make up a shortfall in their budget due to a decrease in funding. At a time when charities are facing uncertainty and change, by providing core funding the Foundation enables charities to continue to provide much needed services whilst long term funding sources can be identified.

Through the funding of core costs the Foundation was able to help 42 charities to make a real, tangible difference to over 40,000 people.

"We aimed to contact 1-50 young people and actually spoke to over 300 young people."

**Dennistoun Community Youth Project**

## Our Reach

We aim to maximise the amount of people who benefit from the grants awarded and the reach of our funding is a key indicator that our grant awards are being used effectively.

In 2011, the Foundation was able to positively affect the lives of over 40,000 people with the funding provided.

Most of the charities succeeded in what they wanted to achieve with our funding, with some charities surpassing their aims and demonstrating the real difference our funding is making in communities.

## Making our Funding go Further

33 charities have seen increased access to funding as a result of receiving support from us in 2011 and have subsequently received grants from other Trusts and Foundations.

The charities who secured additional funding reported that for every £1 of their grant award they were able to secure a further £1.82 from other funders. The total monetary value of our grants for these charities was raised from our contribution of £286,888 to over £800,000.

"Your funding was helpful in attracting other funding as it gave credibility to our project."

**SEAL Community Health Project**

## The Future

The Foundation has had a great first year and has made a significant impact on communities across Scotland. However, the Foundation's success is only possible through the great work of the charities that we support. We look forward to supporting these and many other charities in the future.

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