



[Scotland's Charter for a Tobacco-free Generation](#) is an initiative to help reduce the harm caused by smoking and deliver a tobacco-free generation by 2034

Since it launched in 2015 over 400 organisations have pledged support to the Charter.

Endorsing the Charter is a great way to help improve people's wellbeing and shows your organisation's commitment to creating healthier, happier, and wealthier communities.

Small grants and support for community organisations

ASH Scotland are offering community organisations access to support to help improve wellbeing in their communities by addressing smoking. This includes a **package of tailored support and a small grant of £500**. [Applications](#) are open to new and existing supporters of Scotland's Charter for a Tobacco-free Generation.

We are particularly interested in engaging with organisations in Scotland:

- In the third sector, either as a registered charity or constituted community group.
- Working in communities with areas of multiple deprivation (SIMD1 and 2).
- **Or** working with specific community of interest where smoking prevalence is typically higher (e.g. care experience, homelessness, offending behaviour, mental health, young carers).
- With an interest and commitment to improving people's health and wellbeing.
- Who are not currently funded to deliver activity on smoking and tobacco issues.

Engaging with community organisations in local areas

ASH Scotland are offering a package of tailored support and a small grant of £500 to community organisations to engage with Scotland's Charter for a Tobacco-free Generation and improve wellbeing in their community by addressing smoking.

Community organisations are well placed to support people to improve their mental, physical and financial wellbeing through addressing smoking.

We know local organisations are knowledgeable about and trusted by the communities they work with and are capable of giving respectful, sensitively delivered advice in familiar settings. We can support communities to be aware of the impact of smoking has and ways they can respond.

If successful your organisation can expect to receive:

- Access to **dedicated expert advice and free resources** to help improve the wellbeing of the people you work with through addressing smoking.

- **Training and learning opportunities** to increase your staff and volunteers’ knowledge and confidence around smoking and tobacco issues.
- Ongoing **support to create an action plan** to help you to deliver your charter pledges.
- A **financial contribution of £500** to recognise the time and commitment from your organisation.

If successful your organisation’s participation will involve:

- Meeting with an ASH Scotland Engagement Officer a minimum of 3 times over a 6 month period to **create and deliver a tailored support plan**, looking at how your organisation approaches smoking, with a view to helping reduce the harm it causes to the community you work with.
- Staff and volunteers from your organisation will participate in an **online session and/or eLearning module** delivered by ASH Scotland (appropriate options will be discussed).
- A willingness and enthusiasm to take action to support people in your community to **improve their wellbeing by addressing smoking**.
- Providing a short, informal summary report of what the £500 grant was used for and what was achieved as a result of the funding.

Example project timeline

Step 1	Step 2	Month 1	Month 2	Month 3	Month 5	Month 6
Organisations apply online.	Decision within 4 weeks of applying.	Initial meeting with ASH Scotland Development Officer.	Staff / volunteers participate in an online session and/or eLearning.	Meeting to discuss and create support plan.	Check-in progress meeting.	End of project information submitted
---Ongoing support from ASH Scotland’s Engagement Team to carry out support plan actions.---						

How to apply

To apply please complete the [online application form](#).

We accept applications to our small grants fund all year round. Applications are assessed by our grants panel on a quarterly basis. Please see [our website](#) for details of cut-off dates. You can expect to hear the outcome of your application within four weeks of the application deadline.

If you have any questions, would like more information please email Connie (cbennett@ashscotland.org.uk).

What happens next?

You can expect to hear the outcome of your application within four weeks of the application deadline. If we need any additional information from you, one of our Engagement Team may get in touch before then.

Additional notes & guidance

The purpose of our small grants support package is to engage with and support organisations working in communities where smoking prevalence is typically higher (for example, SIMD 1 & 2 or other vulnerable groups). Activities must be clearly focused on the theme of improving wellbeing by addressing smoking.

To apply organisations need:

- To be a registered charity or constituted community group.
- A management committee or board with at least three unrelated members.
- A bank account in the name of the group or charity.
- To be signed up to Scotland's Charter for a Tobacco-free Generation - or be prepared to sign-up if your application is successful.

Who can't apply?

- We cannot accept applications from individuals, health boards, local authorities, schools, further and higher education institutions, statutory bodies, commercial businesses and limited companies without registered charity status.
- Please don't apply if you already receive any other funding to deliver smoking and/or tobacco related activity.
- Organisations who have links to and/or receive financial contributions from the tobacco industry and its vested interests.

Spending the grant:

Grants need to be spent within 6 months of being awarded. We're flexible in how the funds are used as long as it contributes to addressing smoking in your community. For example funds may be used for:

- Salary costs to cover staff time spent on the project.
- Travel expenses, planned activities and sustenance to support people to engaging with the project.
- Purchase of equipment, materials and resources to support the project.

You can't use the grant to:

- Purchase tobacco products, vapes or e-cigarettes.
- Purchase or refurbish buildings, land or vehicles.
- Fund any work outside of Scotland.
- Cover retrospective costs for projects that have already happened.

Reporting:

After 6 months you'll be asked to provide a short summary of what the £500 grant was used for and what was achieved as a result of the funding and support from ASH Scotland.