



Community Focused Grants

Information for Community and Voluntary Sector Organisations

Legislative and Policy Framework(s) and Additional External Guidance

Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005

Link: <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2005/10>

Summary: Establishes the legal framework for charities in Scotland, including the charity test, trustee duties, and OSCR regulatory powers.

Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006

Link: <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ssi/2006/218>

Summary: Defines accounting, reporting and financial compliance requirements for Scottish charities.

Fair Work First Guidance (Scottish Government)

Link: <https://www.gov.scot/publications/fair-work-first-guidance-2/>

Summary: Sets expectations for fair work practices, including payment of the real Living Wage and workforce engagement.

Companies Act 2006

Link: <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2006/46>

Summary: UK-wide legislation governing company formation, governance, and reporting obligations.

Equality Act 2010 (Public Sector Equality Duty)

Link: <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2010/15/section/149>

Summary: Requires public authorities to consider equality impacts and eliminate discrimination.

National Child Protection Guidance (Scotland)

Link: <https://www.gov.scot/publications/national-guidance-child-protection-scotland-2021-updated-2023/>

Summary: Sets expectations for protecting children and young people.

Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Act 2007

Link: <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2007/10>

Summary: Provides a framework for protecting adults at risk of harm.

Data Protection (UK GDPR & Data Protection Act 2018)

Link: <https://www.gov.uk/data-protection>

Summary: Governs processing, storage and protection of personal data.

Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015

Link: <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2015/6/part/5>

Summary: Provides the statutory framework for Community Asset Transfer and participation requests.

Subsidy Control Act 2022

Link: <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2022/23>

Summary: Regulates public financial assistance and subsidy compliance in the UK.

Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974

Link: <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1974/37>

Summary: Sets out employer responsibilities for workplace health and safety.

OSCR Trustee Guidance

Link: <https://www.oscr.org.uk/guidance-and-forms/guidance-and-good-practice-for-charity-trustees/>

Summary: Provides practical guidance on charity trustee duties and governance.