



## Age Scotland Community Grants Programme Support for Men's Sheds in Scotland, Autumn 2017 Information on how to apply for Grant



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Age Scotland's small development grants programme for Men's Sheds is open for applications in autumn 2017.

The programme is supported by the Robertson Trust and the Scottish Government.

We have up to 15 grants of £1000 each to award to Men's Sheds in Scotland.

The closing date for applications is Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017.

### **1. Who can apply for an Age Scotland Men's Sheds Grant?**

The Men's Sheds Grants Programme is only open to Category 1 Age Scotland member groups and organisations. Groups must:

- Be a constituted voluntary organisation or community group
- Have a bank account with at least 2 signatories
- Have a committee/management structure and appropriate insurance cover for your ongoing activities.

Members may hold only one Age Scotland grant at any given time.

### **2. What we will fund and will not fund**

Members can apply for grant support of up to £1000. The maximum award made will be £1000. We are anticipating awarding 15 grants of £1000.

We will fund a variety of activities that enable sheds to get started and to operate. In the past we have provided funding support to sheds for the following items:

- Start-up costs for new sheds
- Training for volunteers and volunteer expenses
- Transport for fact finding visits to meet with more established sheds
- Tools, materials, machinery and equipment
- Publicity materials and signage
- Portacabins and storage units.

We may also be able to assist with the purchase of tools and building materials to enable shedders to carry out minor refurbishments of premises owned by the shed.

We are unable to help with on-going running costs such as rent, utility bills, and insurances, or legal fees and staff costs for building refurbishments.

### 3. How to apply for a grant?

If your shed would like to apply for an Autumn 2017 Age Scotland Men's Sheds Grant, please contact:

Tim Green, Age Scotland's Men's Sheds Community Development Officer

Email: [Tim.Green@agescotland.org.uk](mailto:Tim.Green@agescotland.org.uk)

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Tim will be able to provide you with an application form, and offer advice and assistance on completing the form. He can also offer advice on alternative funding sources. We strongly advise sheds to speak with Tim, or another member of the Age Scotland Community Development Team, to discuss your needs prior to making an application

### 4. Deadline for applications and

The deadline for applications is **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017.**

Your application will then be assessed against Age Scotland criteria and put forward to the decision making panel which will meet on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

Age Scotland will write to all sheds who apply for grant with the outcome of their funding application during the week of 27<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

### 5. Conditions of an Age Scotland grant

- Development grants must be spent within 12 months of receiving an award
- Grant holders must work with Age Scotland to provide information on the items the grant has been spent on and to record and report how the grant has benefited later life in Scotland.
- Grant holders must keep receipts of all items of expenditure and provide copies of these with the end of grant report.
- Grant holders must acknowledge Age Scotland support in all publicity or media coverage relating to the funded activity.

**Since August 2015, Age Scotland has awarded 30 grants to 28 Men's Sheds in 15 local authority areas.**

**The total amount of grants awarded to sheds during the period August 2015-May 2017 was £40,531.94.**



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