

The Royal Society for the Support of Women of Scotland

Scotland · Charity number SC016095

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	Statutory corporation (Royal Charter etc)
Registered	1952-07-29
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

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Edinburgh
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Website www.rssws.org

Activities

Activities: 'It makes grants, donations, loans, gifts or pensions to individuals'

Purposes: 'the prevention or relief of poverty', 'the relief of those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage'

What the charity does: The Society is set up to support single women who are living in Scotland (for at least 2 years) and who are in need. We further restricted support to only women aged 50 or over. Most support is direct financial assistance in the form of ongoing monthly grants paid to top up beneficiaries' income (but we also pay additional one off grants depending on the beneficiary's circumstances). Grants can be paid long-term provided the beneficiary continues to meet our eligibility criteria, but some are paid for a limited period to help a beneficiary during a difficult period or a time of change. We are also piloting working with partner organisations to allow them to nominate eligible women for a grant. The Society also employs a team of caseworkers whose primary role is to assess new applications for support and the continuing eligibility of existing beneficiaries. However, caseworkers also provide 'light-touch' advice including signposting & help with social security benefits etc.

Beneficiaries: 'Older People'

Objectives: To provide support and aid to women who are resident in Scotland and are of good character and are single and require assistance by reason of financial hardship, age or ill health in the interest of the general public benefit, AND WE do hereby declare that (in accordance with the rule or practice adopted by the Society) the class of single women forming proper objects of the bounty of the Society shall consist of women who are unmarried, widowed, divorced or separated (by formal separation agreement or in terms of a Court decree) from their spouses or civil partners and who are not 'co-habitant' as defined in section 25 of the

Family Law (Scotland) Act 2006 including any statutory modifications or reenactment thereof for the time being in force. For the avoidance of doubt, women who have entered into a formal contract of civil partnership and are not separated from their civil partner shall not be held to be single. AND WE do further declare that support and aid may be provided to women resident outwith Scotland who were beneficiaries of the Society at the time of the granting of these presents.

Geography

- **Main operating location:** City of Edinburgh
- **Geographical spread:** Scotland and other parts of the UK

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£6,540,472	£1,864,323	-	7
2024-03-31	£1,147,918	£1,737,996	-	7
2023-03-31	£1,203,351	£1,990,729	-	8
2022-03-31	£1,403,208	£1,464,718	-	7
2021-03-31	£1,422,444	£1,492,539	-	7