



## **Ventient Galawhistle Community Fund Fund Factsheet COVID 19 Emergency Funding**

### **What is the Ventient Galawhistle Community Fund?**

The Galawhistle Community Fund is provided by Galawhistle Wind Farm Limited, a subsidiary of Ventient Energy. The Fund supports projects located within or directly benefiting residents of the Douglas and Glespin and Coalburn Community Council areas.

### **What is the Galawhistle COVID 19 Emergency Funding?**

The Galawhistle Community Fund is able to support activities by local community organisations providing help to vulnerable people in difficulty because of the COVID 19 virus pandemic. It can also support community organisations suffering major adverse impacts and (uninsured) losses as a result of the pandemic which put their services at risk. The amount of funding available will be reviewed on an ongoing basis by the Community Panel in the light of emerging needs. The funding is administered by Foundation Scotland, a national grant-making charity.

### **Who can apply for an award?**

Applicants must normally fulfil the following conditions to apply to the Fund:

- The proposal is for activities directly providing community support to vulnerable people during the COVID 19 crisis, and/or funding to community groups where continued delivery of services has been put at risk because of measures related to control of COVID 19.
- The applicant must be based in the Fund area, which covers the Douglas (including Glespin) and Coalburn Community Council areas, and/or primarily benefit the residents of this area.
- Applicants must have a constitution (governing document or set of rules) and be set up on a not-for-private-profit basis. However, applicants do not need to be registered charities to apply. Collaborative activities led by a constituted body but involving non-constituted groups in delivery are welcome to apply.
- Lead applicants must provide their latest set of accounts signed by an independent third party, or if the group has been operating for less than one year, they should provide a budget.

## **What will the Fund support?**

Awards can support a wide range of costs and activities including equipment costs, running costs for local groups, transport costs, costs of food and essential supplies.

## **Do any other criteria apply?**

The Fund will not support measures and activities that are eligible for national funding and encourages a coordinated approach with other key local partners and statutory services. Activities must comply with government guidance on COVID 19 and organisations must have appropriate safeguarding measures in place if working directly with vulnerable people.

## **What cannot be supported through the Fund?**

- The advancement of religion or politics (including requests to support the core activities of religious or political groups).
- Activities which are deemed to be the responsibility of statutory authorities.
- Projects benefiting primarily those residents out with the area of benefit.
- Grants to individuals.
- Activities contrary to the interests of Ventient or its subsidiaries.
- Activities likely to bring the Foundation, Ventient or its subsidiaries into disrepute.
- Anti-renewable energy or wind farm activities.
- The repayment of loans or payment of debts.
- Costs already incurred or activities that will take place before we have made a decision on an application (retrospective funding).

## **How much can I apply for?**

The minimum grants will be for £500. The Community Panel have not set a maximum level of award, each application will be considered on a case by case basis.

Smaller grants are available through the Douglas or Coalburn Community Council Micro-grant schemes. For more details and an application form contact your Community Council.

## **How can I apply?**

An online application form is available at [www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/galawhistle/](http://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/galawhistle/). Applications and supporting documentation must be submitted online. If you don't have a scanner an option is to download a scanner app onto your smart phone – this uses the camera function to scan the document and convert it into a PDF for e-mail. You can apply at any time.

### **How long will it take for a decision?**

Following submission of an application, Foundation Scotland may contact you by telephone to review the application. Applications to the Emergency Fund will be decided by the Community Panel. We will endeavour to give you a decision as soon as possible.

### **What if I have more questions?**

Please call Foundation Scotland on 0131 524 0300 or email [communitybenefit@foundationscotland.org.uk](mailto:communitybenefit@foundationscotland.org.uk) .

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