



AN SUIDHE WIND FARM COMMUNITY FUND FACTSHEET

*** PLEASE REFER TO THIS WHEN COMPLETING THE APPLICATION FORM ***

What is An Suidhe Wind Farm Community Fund and who is it for?

This charitable fund is provided by RWE and Green Gecco, the owners of An Suidhe Wind Farm located near Loch Awe in Argyll. The Fund supports community projects benefitting those living in the areas covered by the Community Councils of: Glenorchy and Innishail (Eredine only); Inverary; Furnace, and; by Dalavich Improvement Group. It was opened in 2011.

How is the Fund managed, and who makes decisions about it?

The Fund is held and administered by a charity, Foundation Scotland. Although the Foundation receives and processes applications, a local Panel representing those who live in the four communities makes recommendations on awards from the Fund. The An Suidhe Wind Farm Community Fund Panel comprises eight members; two members from each of the four communities, with one of those appointed by each Community Council and by Dalavich Community Group.

For more information on the Panel and the individuals who currently sit on it, visit <https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/communities/funds/an-suidhe-panel-page/>

Who can apply for a grant?

Applicants must fulfil the following conditions to apply for a grant:

- The proposal is for projects or activities consistent with at least one of the Fund aims (see 'What will the Fund support' below).
- Applicants have a constitution (governing document or set of rules) and are set up on a not-for-private-profit basis. Applicants do not need to be registered charities to apply.
- Applicants provide their latest set of accounts signed by an independent / third party.
- Applications from organisations located outwith the four communities described above will be considered on a case-by-case basis and must demonstrate clear benefit for residents within those communities.

How much is available?

Starting in 2011, an annual amount of £28,500 (rising in line with inflation) will be paid into the Fund for the operating life of the wind farm, which is expected to be 25 years.

What sizes of grants are available?

The minimum level of award available is £250 and the maximum is normally £9,000.

However, applications for more than £9,000 will be considered where exceptional need and impact can be demonstrated. This might be, for example, an application towards the refurbishment of a community

facility that is used by a range of groups, or towards a project that provides long term benefit to disadvantaged people and/or to residents of more than one community. Those wishing to apply for more than £9,000 are advised to call the Fund administrator (contact details below) to discuss their application before submitting.

If your grant request is for less than £250 you can apply for a Micro Grant administered by the relevant Community Council or Dalavich Improvement Group. Please contact the secretary of the Community Council or Dalavich Improvement Group for more information.

How many applications can I submit?

Eligible groups may apply for more than one grant per year from the Fund.

What will the Fund support?

The Fund provides grants to support charitable activities that:

- Enhance quality of life for local residents.
- Contribute to vibrant, healthy, successful and sustainable communities.
- Promote community spirit and encourage community activity.

Grant requests to support a wide range of costs and activities will be considered, e.g. equipment costs, running costs for local groups, staff or sessional worker costs, consultations, maintenance or refurbishment of community facilities, and so on.

What cannot be funded?

The Fund cannot support the following types of activity:

- Projects that do not primarily benefit people living within the Dalavich, Furnace, Inveraray or Eredine areas.
- the advancement of religion or politics (including requests to support the core activities or religious or political groups)
- The purchase of second-hand vehicles.
- Trips abroad.
- General fundraising appeals or activities.
- The repayment of loans or payment of debts.
- Costs already incurred or activities which will take place before we have made a decision on an application (retrospective funding).
- Activities understood to be the responsibility of statutory authorities, including schools. (Parent Teacher Associations / Parent Councils can apply if appropriately constituted).
- Anti-Wind Farm/renewable energy activities, including activities contrary to the interests of Green Gecco, RWE and their subsidiaries.

What are the deadlines and timescales?

Grant awards are made once each year. For application deadlines and decision dates, please visit <https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/an-suidhe/>

Applications received after a deadline will automatically be submitted to the following round.

Grant awards must be spent within one year of being awarded unless otherwise agreed by the Fund Panel.

How can I apply?

You can apply online at <https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/an-suidhe/>

What if I have more questions?

For further advice or information on the Fund or to discuss your application, please contact the Programme Administrator on 0131 524 0300 or via communitybenefit@foundationscotland.org.uk



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