



**Crown Estate  
Scotland**

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# **Sustainable Communities Fund**

## **Community Capacity Grants Programme**

**2020**

## Sustainable Communities Fund

Crown Estate Scotland invests in property, natural resources and people to generate lasting value for Scotland. Our Sustainable Communities Fund has been created to support local regeneration and sustainable development, particularly in coastal areas of Scotland. The Fund comprises two grant programmes, an Environment Grants Programme for tenants on the Scottish Crown Estate and the Community Capacity Grants Programme which is the focus of this Profile. The purpose of the Community Capacity Grants Programme is to provide early stage financial support for community enterprise projects that contribute to local regeneration and sustainable development and, ultimately, help create great places to live, work and visit.

## Geography

The fund is open to all communities

- situated up to 5 miles from coastal and estuarine foreshore in Scotland; or
- situated up to 5 miles from the Scottish Crown Estate's four rural estates (Glenlivet, Fochabers, Whitehills and Applegirth)<sup>1</sup>.

## Community Capacity Grants Programme

Crown Estate Scotland's Community Capacity Grants Programme is looking to support the **first stage** development and planning of local projects with demonstrable community support that will then help achieve the following objectives:

1. Contribute to the regeneration of places through improvements to buildings or community spaces, making these places more attractive, accessible, and beneficial to the community

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<sup>1</sup> Applications will be checked using GIS to determine the location of benefit and those out with the 5-mile radius will be automatically rejected

2. Create self-sustaining community enterprises that will promote sustainable development through the provision of local economic, social, and/or environmental benefits

Crown Estate Scotland is investing £450,000 into this Programme over three years, starting in 2020/21. In the first year, £150,000 will be available for grants of between £10,000 to £50,000.

## **Who can apply?**

- Registered charities
- Constituted voluntary and community sector organisations
- Community companies e.g.: companies limited by guarantee, community benefit societies or Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisations'
- Community Interest Companies are eligible to apply if they meet the Fund's minimum governance standards

## **What can you apply for?**

The Crown Estate Community Capacity Programme is looking to support activities that help an idea move towards becoming a project.

### **Examples include:**

- Feasibility Studies
- Business plan development
- Legal/Consultancy costs
- Training/coaching costs
- Community consultation
- Community plans
- Community engagement activities
- Salary costs of new posts

## What cannot be supported?

- **Capital costs or equipment**
- Applications where the area of benefit is more than 5 miles from the coastline or Crown Estate Scotland's rural estates.<sup>2</sup>
- Applications from individuals or private businesses
- Applications to advance a campaign or a religious or political cause<sup>3</sup>.
- The promotion of religious beliefs
- Activities that are understood to be a statutory responsibility and/or seek to replace statutory sources of funding
- Pre-existing costs<sup>4</sup> that your organisation already incurred as a result of its day to day activities

## When should you apply?

Application to this programme follows a two-stage process.

Stage one – Expression of Interest. Applicants are invited to submit a short online proposal outlining the project they are seeking funds for. The deadline for submission of these is 12 noon on 8th October 2020

Those with a strong fit with the objectives of the programme will be invited to submit a full detailed application. You will be given 10 weeks to prepare and submit your application.

Final decision for year 1 of the programme will be communicated by the 7th April 2021.

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<sup>3</sup> Projects or groups which are advancing religion or politics as part of their ethos. However, faith-based groups who organise or run community activity that is secular and non-political may be eligible to apply for support. In these instances, the group will need to demonstrate how the project or activity is separate from its faith-based work.

<sup>4</sup> The Fund cannot support any costs that your organisation incurs in the general day to day running of your organisation

Please note that Crown Estate Scotland may want to use details on grants awarded for publicity purposes and so applicants will need to be happy to participate in requests to support this.

## **How can you apply?**

You can apply online at [www.foundationscotland.org.uk](http://www.foundationscotland.org.uk). Please ensure that your completed application form and supporting documentation is submitted to Foundation Scotland no later than **12 noon on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

If you have any queries and wish to speak to a member of our team prior to the submission of your application then please contact us on 0141 341 4960 or email on [grants@foundationscotland.org.uk](mailto:grants@foundationscotland.org.uk)

## **Who will make the decisions on how funding is allocated?**

An Awards Panel made up of a Foundation Scotland Trustee, representatives from the community and voluntary sector and from agencies with skills and expertise in sustainable development and regeneration will meet once a year to consider grant awards.

The Community Capacity Grants Programme is a restricted fund held by Foundation Scotland, a charity registered in Scotland (SC022910). Foundation Scotland will administer the Programme on behalf of Crown Estate Scotland.

Foundation Scotland distributes charitable funds on behalf of over 400 individuals, families, charitable trusts, companies and public bodies. As a registered charity, it provides cost effective and tax efficient giving and funding distribution services, distributing over £10 million in 2019-20.

Its developmental approach, partnerships with communities of interest and place, and in-depth knowledge of the charitable and community sectors ensures that funds entrusted to Foundation Scotland for distribution make a real difference to people's lives. The Foundation also holds around £60 million in charitable endowments.