

What has the Fund supported?

The Fund has helped with a wide range of community activity in recent years including:

Professional tuition for members of the **Blackford Fiddle Club** as well as room hire and gig outfits.

Recognising the role of music in providing community cohesion across the generations, the **Pipe Band** has received support for equipment and hall rental.

Social outings for Blackford's older residents organised by **Blackford Highland Games Committee** as well as support for the **Senior Citizens Lunch Club**.

Blackford is Brighter care for the village's five square planters which were jointly funded by Blackford Community Fund and local businesses. These improve the environment for both residents and visitors.

Equipment for the **Blackford Bells** and **Blackford's Badminton** and improvements to local facilities at the **Bowling Club** and also in the local

Panel Members

In 2015 Alan Campbell and Great Halliburton both left the Panel after four and three years service respectively and for which the Blackford Panel and wider community thanks them.

Current Panel members are: Graham McNaughton, David MacDonald (Chair), Allan King (Ochil Developments), Andrew Sinclair, Bill Gemmell, Irene McLaughlan, for Blackford Community Council

About Foundation Scotland

Formerly the Scottish Community Foundation, Foundation Scotland is a charity (no. SC022910) dedicated to strengthening communities by awarding grants that make a genuine difference to the lives of local people. It runs a range of grants programmes – including others linked to community funds like this one – which support community groups and projects across Scotland.

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Blackford Community Fund



2016 deadlines

1 April (for decision by end May)

9 Sept (for decision by end October)



What is the Blackford Community Fund?

This charitable Fund was originally created in 2009 with a donation to Blackford Community Council by Ochil Developments, the developer of the G West development near Blackford. The fund is intended to be a lasting resource for the community of Blackford. The Fund also receives an annual payment of at least £5600 from the EDF Energy Renewables Burnfoot Hill, Burnfoot North and Rhodders Wind Farms. This arrangement started in 2011 and will continue for the life time of the wind farm which is expected to be 25 years.

What is the purpose of the Fund?

The Fund supports community groups and charities working in the Blackford Community Council area that are providing activities or services which **promote community spirit and bring people together, enhance quality of life and promote people's well-being and foster a vibrant, sustainable community.**

Projects that benefit older residents of the community are particularly welcome.

How is the Fund managed and who makes the decisions on grants?

Blackford Community Council appointed a charity, Foundation Scotland to hold and

manage the Fund. Although the Foundation administers applications, it works in partnership with a local Panel. The Panel oversees the Fund and decides on awards. The Panel is made up of local residents from Blackford, together with a representative from both the Community Council and Ochil Developments. Panel membership changes but vacancies are made public and any resident is welcome to put themselves forward. There will always be future opportunities to join the Panel during the lifetime of the Fund as Panel members are replaced on a rolling basis. **If your group has received a grant from the Fund – especially on multiple occasions – it is expected that the group puts forward a group member for the Panel in the event of a vacancy– not to represent that group but to represent the needs and interests of the wider community.**

Who can apply for a grant?

Groups or organisations that have a constitution (governing document or set of rules) and are set-up on a not-for-profit basis which want to run a project or carry out activity that will benefit residents in the Blackford community council area. (In exceptional circumstances non constituted

groups may apply for smaller grants up to £500).

Organisations do **not** need to be registered charities in order to apply to the Fund. There are a few types of activity the Fund will not support. Please see the Guidelines for further information.

What size of grant is available?

Grants of between £100 and £1,500 will be made to groups working to benefit Blackford residents. Grants are usually awarded twice a year and should be spent within 12 months of being awarded. Groups can apply each round even if they have already been successful that year.

How can I apply?

Application forms are available at the Post office or can be downloaded from www.foundationscotland.org.uk or by contacting the Foundation on 0131 524 0300.

Please note we have issued a new form in 2016 to better capture information about your group.

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