



Hadyard Hill Community Fund

Fund Factsheet

What is Hadyard Hill Community Benefit Fund and who is it for?

Hadyard Hill Community Fund (Hadyard Hill) is funded by SSE community benefit funding from the Hadyard Hill wind farm in South Ayrshire. The fund primarily supports projects located within or directly benefiting one or more of the three community council areas of Barr, Pinmore & Pinwherry and Dailly.

How is Hadyard Hill managed and who makes decisions about it?

The Hadyard Hill Advisory Panel decides on grant awards from the fund. The Panel is made up of members from each of the three community council areas. Hadyard Hill administration is provided by Foundation Scotland, a national grant-making charity. The Foundation receives and processes applications and works with the Panel to award grants.

How much is available?

The fund income comprises fixed annual payments. Amounts available in 2017 and 2018 will vary from round to round as awards are made but it is anticipated that around £75,000 will be available for distribution to local groups each year. Current information can be obtained by contacting our office (details below).

Who can apply for an award?

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

- The proposal is for projects or activities consistent with the overall purpose of Hadyard Hill;
- Applicants have a constitution (governing document or set of rules) and are set up on a not-for-private-profit basis. However applicants do not need to be registered charities to apply.
- 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 cash-flow projection.

What sizes of awards are available?

During 2017 awards are capped at £5,000. Multi-year awards of up to £5,000 per year over three years can also be applied for.

Standard grants for £500 - £5,000.

Applications can be made online at www.hadyardhill.org.uk, by email or by post. Pre-application enquiries are welcome. See below for contact details.

A **small grant** scheme, for awards up to £500, is also available and administered directly by each of the three Community Councils. Applications are by a simple application form and decisions are made on a rolling basis. Please contact the relevant Community Council directly for further details.

What are the deadlines and timescales?

Deadlines in 2017 and 2018 are:

Application Deadline	Panel Decision
Wed 3 rd May	July
Wed 2 nd August	September
Wed 25 th October	December
Wed 17 th Jan 2018	March 2018

What will Hadyard Hill support?

Hadyard Hill will support charitable activities that support the rural regeneration and sustainability of Barr, Pinmore & Pinwherry and Dailly.

Awards can support a wide range of costs and activities including equipment costs, running costs for local groups, staff or sessional worker costs, consultations, maintenance or refurbishment of community facilities etc.

What other criteria apply to the fund?

As well as demonstrating a fit with the requirements outlined above, priority for awards can be given to projects that address the following additional criteria.

- Making a difference: That consideration is given to how the project may address either or both themes of **building/supporting community leadership** and **enabling communities to take ownership of and/or develop assets**.
- Match funding: That other possible funding sources for the project have been explored. This might include applicants raising some funds through their own fundraising efforts. The fund should not displace funding that could be obtained from other sources, but should help lever-in additional funds if possible. Additionally it should not reduce community-based groups' commitment to organising local activities that contribute to a vibrant community calendar and promote community spirit. Ideally, applicants can demonstrate that a percentage of the total project cost will be sourced from other funding sources, including the applicant organisation itself, which might be in a position to contribute to the project cost.
- Local procurement: That local suppliers will be used for the provision of goods and services, where appropriate (e.g. in terms of quality of products / services available) and feasible (in terms of availability and cost). ('Local' will vary depending on the nature and availability of the item/service in question. In some cases it could be taken to mean within Carrick and the surrounding area, but in others South Ayrshire or indeed the South of Scotland might be most appropriate).
- Care for our environment: That consideration has been given to minimising the environmental impact of projects and reducing the applicant organisation's 'carbon footprint'.
- Local consultation: That the organisation has consulted an appropriate number of the intended beneficiaries of the project and can demonstrate local support for the proposal.

- Partnership working: That the organisation has considered whether delivering their project in partnership with other organisations / groups will add value (financial, capability, or other). This could involve working with voluntary, private or public sector bodies that operate at local, regional or national level.

What cannot be supported?

Awards cannot support the following types of activity:

- The advancement of religion or party politics (including requests to support the core activities of religious or political groups)
- Activities understood to be the primary responsibility of statutory authorities
- Projects benefiting primarily residents outwith the Area of Benefit (determined by the Community Council boundaries)
- Activities contrary to the interests of the three communities or any of the companies or donors contributing to the fund
- Activities likely to bring SSE, the fund, Foundation Scotland, the three communities or any companies or donors contributing to the fund into disrepute
- Anti-renewable energy or anti-windfarm activities
- Retrospective funding (i.e. paying for costs incurred before a decision on an application to the fund can be made)
- The repayment of loans or payment of debts.
- Costs towards any element of overseas trips that are not part of a recognised Twin Town arrangement.

How can I apply?

Application forms and guidance are available online or to download from www.hadyardhill.org.uk or by post from the Programme Administrator at Foundation Scotland on 01557 814927 or office@foundationscotland.org.uk.

Completed and signed applications should be submitted to Hadyard Hill Community Fund at **Foundation Scotland, The Kiosk, Gatehouse of Fleet, Dumfries and Galloway, DG7 2HP**

What if I have more questions?

We welcome pre-application enquiries. For further advice or information on Hadyard Hill Community Fund or to discuss your project proposal informally, please contact the Foundation Scotland team on the number above.

