



OLD LUCE COMMUNITY FUND FUND FACTSHEET

What is the Old Luce Community Fund and who is it for?

This charitable fund is provided by GDF Suez, Carscreugh Renewable Energy, Glenchamber Wind Farm, SSE, Greencoat and ScottishPower Renewables, owners of nearby wind farms, who channel their community benefit funds through this single Fund.

The Fund has been established by Old Luce Community Council, with the aspiration that all of the current or potential funds benefitting the Old Luce area can be administered through this single structure.

The Fund primarily supports projects located within or directly benefiting the Old Luce Community Council area, including the communities of Glenluce, Dunragit and Auchenmalg.

The Fund will consider proposals from outside the area if they include clear, demonstrable benefit to Old Luce. In this instance, please contact us first to discuss your proposal before applying (details below).

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

The Fund is held and administered by a charity, Foundation Scotland. The Foundation receives and processes applications, and it works with a local panel who decide on grant awards from the Fund. The Panel is made up of Old Luce Community Councillors and other volunteers with local knowledge and an interest in supporting the community.

How much is available?

The Fund is made up of the various community funds benefitting Old Luce from local wind farms. In 2016, around £100,000 is available. The Fund will hold and distribute awards for the operating life of the wind farms, expected to be 25 years.

What sizes of awards are available?

Two levels of awards are available for a range of activities that benefit the local community. The amount and type of information required from applicants differs depending on the size of application being made.

- **Small grants: £500 - £10,000**

- **Large grants: over £10,000.** Awards of over £50,000 will only be made in exceptional circumstances. There is a two-stage application process for large grants, with an initial outline proposal required. The Panel will review the proposal at its next meeting and then agree whether or not to invite a full application. So please be aware large applications will usually take longer to process as they will be considered across two Panel meetings.

Awards can be multi-year in nature, normally up to a maximum of 3 years. If the total amount requested exceeds £10,000, the two stage large grant application process should be followed.

A **Micro grant** scheme, for awards up to £500, is available through Old Luce Community Council. Applications are by letter and decisions are made on a rolling monthly basis. Please contact the Community Council directly for further details.

What are the deadlines and timescales?

The Fund operates up to four funding rounds per year. Deadlines in 2017 are:

Closing date for applications	Decision
Monday 22 nd February	April
Monday 22 nd May	July
Monday 21 st August	October
Monday 20 th November	January 2018

What will the Fund support?

The Fund will 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

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.

For any projects benefitting local school pupils, the Fund will normally only support up to 50% of the costs, with an expectation that New Luce Community Council will match fund up to 50%. Applicants should contact New Luce Community Council directly to confirm application arrangements to that community's fund.

What other criteria apply to the Fund?

As well as demonstrating a fit with at least one of the outcomes above, priority for awards can be given to projects that demonstrate the following additional criteria.

- 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. In exceptional circumstances 100% funding may be considered.

- 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 Old Luce and the surrounding area, but in others Dumfries and Galloway or indeed the South of Scotland might be most appropriate).
- Sustainable development: That consideration has been given to helping achieve sustainable development, including 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 they are supportive of 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 exclusive 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 Old Luce community or any of the companies or donors contributing to the Fund;
- Activities likely to bring the Foundation, the Old Luce community or any companies or donors contributing to the Fund into disrepute
- Anti-renewable energy or anti-wind farm activities
- Retrospective funding (i.e. paying for costs incurred before a decision on an application to the Fund for support can be made);
- Activities which benefit solely fauna and flora
- The repayment of loans or payment of debts.
- Payment of a Secretary or similar costs for a role that is normally carried out by volunteers. Other types of staff costs are still eligible.

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 the Fund;
- 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. Private businesses or individuals may not currently apply to the main fund, but may apply for a micro-grant from the Community Council (see above for details).
- 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.

How can I apply?

You can apply online via the fund web page (link below). Application forms and guidance are also available to download, or can be requested by email or post from the Programme Administrator at Foundation Scotland, on office@foundationscotland.org.uk or 01557 814927.

Completed and signed applications should be submitted to Foundation Scotland, the Kiosk, Gatehouse of Fleet, Dumfries & Galloway, DG7 2HP

What if I have more questions?

We welcome pre-application queries. For further advice or information on the Fund or to discuss your project proposal informally, please contact us using the details above.

www.foundationscotland.org.uk/oldluce

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