



## **INNOGY RENEWABLES UK LOCHELBANK WIND FARM COMMUNITY FUND FACTSHEET**

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

### **What is Innogy Renewables UK Lochelbank Wind Farm Community Fund and who is it for?**

This charitable fund is provided by Innogy Renewables UK Limited, the owner of Lochelbank Wind Farm in Perthshire. The Fund supports community projects benefitting those living in the areas served by the two community councils of Glenfarg and Earn. 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 two community council areas makes recommendations on awards from the Fund. The Lochelbank Wind Farm Community Fund Panel comprises three members from each of the two community council areas, with one each appointed by Glenfarg Community Council and by Earn Community Council.

For more information on the Panel and the individuals who currently sit on it, visit

<https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/communities/funds/lochelbank-panel/>

### **Who can apply for a grant?**

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

- The proposal is for projects or activities that are charitable in nature and are 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 provide their latest set of accounts signed by an independent / third party.

Your group does not need to be a registered charity to apply.

### **How much is available?**

Starting in 2011, an annual amount of £20,000 (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 £2,500. However, applications for more than £2,500 will be considered where significant and wider community benefit can be demonstrated. This might be, for example, an application towards the refurbishment of a community facility that is used by a range of local groups, or towards a project that provides long term benefit to

disadvantaged people and/or to residents of both areas. Those wishing to apply for more than £2,500 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 either Glenfarg or Earn Community Council. Please contact the relevant Community Council secretary for more information.

### **How many applications can I submit?**

Eligible groups may apply for more than one grant per year from the Fund, but not more than one grant in the same round of award making.

### **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 which do not primarily benefit people living within the Glenfarg or Earn Community Council areas
- Projects that are not charitable in nature, as defined within the *Charities and Trustees Investment Act (Scotland) 2005*. For more information visit <https://www.oscr.org.uk/guidance-and-forms/meeting-the-charity-test-guidance>
- 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 Innogy Renewables UK Ltd and its subsidiaries.

### **What other points should applicants consider?**

Applicants should also consider how the following apply to their project. Demonstrating how you have taken these considerations into account may help support your grant request:

- **Matched funding:** Grants can cover up to 100% of project costs. However, the Fund Panel is keen that other funding sources for the project have been explored. Ideally, larger applications will be able to demonstrate that a percentage of the total project cost will be sourced from elsewhere. This might

be through local fundraising events, charging for services or products, and/or securing grants from other sources.

- **Financial sustainability:** Where the project or activity for which funding is sought will continue beyond the life of the grant, the applicant should be able to show they have explored realistic options for it to become sustainable in the future without the need to rely on grant funding.
- **Environmental sustainability:** Applicants are encouraged to consider the environmental impact of the project for which they are seeking funding, and of their organisation's activities generally. Where the application is towards the costs of a new building or refurbishment of an existing building, this should be based on sustainable design principles, considering the carbon footprint across the full lifecycle of the building, the use of environmentally benign materials, and promote energy efficiency, waste reduction, and active travel.
- **Local procurement:** Local suppliers are favoured for the provision of goods and services, where appropriate (in terms of quality of products / services available) and feasible (in terms of availability and cost). The term 'local' will vary depending on the nature and availability of the goods or service in question. In some cases it could be taken to mean within the Glenfarg and Earn areas, but in others Perth & Kinross or indeed the east of central Scotland might be most appropriate.
- **Capacity building:** Applicants are encouraged to consider how the project will provide opportunities to build the skills and knowledge of group members or other local people connected with the project, whether this is a key outcome (see above) for the project or not.
- **Partnership working:** Applicants are encouraged to consider whether delivering their project in partnership with other organisations or groups will add value (financial, capability, or other) and/or reduce duplication of effort. This could involve working with voluntary, private or public sector bodies that operate at local, regional or national level.

### **What are the deadlines and timescales?**

There are three funding rounds in each year. For application deadlines and decision dates, please visit <https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/lochelbank/>

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 or download an application form at

<https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/lochelbank/>

Completed and signed applications can be emailed with supporting documentation to [communitybenefit@foundationscotland.org.uk](mailto:communitybenefit@foundationscotland.org.uk) or posted to:

**Programme Administrator  
Foundation Scotland  
15 Calton Road  
Edinburgh EH8 8DL**

**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](mailto:communitybenefit@foundationscotland.org.uk)



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