

## GREENCOAT DRONE HILL COMMUNITY FUND FACTSHEET

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

### **What is Greencoat Drone Hill Community Fund and who is it for?**

This charitable fund is provided by Greencoat UK Wind, the owners of Drone Hill Wind Farm located in East Berwickshire, Scottish Borders. The Fund supports community projects benefitting those living in the areas covered by the Community Councils of: Cockburnspath & Cove; Coldingham; Grantshouse, and; Reston & Auchencrow. It was opened in 2012.

### **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, work or volunteer in the four communities makes recommendations on awards from the Fund. The Drone Hill Community Fund Panel comprises a mix of community council representatives and those from the wider community.

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

<https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/communities/funds/drone-hill-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 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 do not need to be registered charities to apply.
- Applicants provide their latest set of accounts signed by an independent / third party.
- Applications from organisations located outwith the four communities described above will be considered on a case-by-case basis and must demonstrate clear benefit for residents within those communities.

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

Starting in 2012, an annual amount of £40,000 (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 £10,000.

If your grant request is for less than £250 you can apply for a Micro Grant administered by the relevant Community Council. Please contact the secretary of the Community Council for more information.

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

Eligible groups may apply for more than one award per grant making round, where each application is towards a different project.

### **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 that do not primarily benefit people living within the community council areas of Cockburnspath, Coldingham, Grantshouse and Reston & Auchencrow.
- Private businesses or individuals, except in cases where the applicant can clearly demonstrate that Page 2 of 7 the public benefit arising from an award will clearly outweigh any private gain and the grant is necessary to enable the proposed activity to take place (i.e. the business cannot fund the activity itself).
- The advancement of religion or politics (including requests to support the core activities or religious or political groups)
- 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).
- Payments towards areas generally understood to be the responsibility of statutory authorities, including schools, i.e. projects that are only for the benefit of school pupils will not be considered. PTAs/Parent Councils can apply if appropriately constituted but must evidence the project has genuine wider community benefit.
- Anti-Wind Farm/renewable energy activities, including activities contrary to the interests of Greencoat, Drone Hill Wind Farm Ltd, or their subsidiaries, or activities likely to bring them into disrepute.

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

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

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/drone-hill/>

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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