

EDF Renewables Corriemoillie Education & Training Fund

Information about grants for linking individuals with employers

This guidance is for grants for constituted groups that wish to provide activities that link individuals with employers

Are you....

- A constituted group i.e. you have a constitution, or are part of a larger organisation which has one;
- Looking to carry out a project to benefit residents in any of these community council areas: Contin; Garve and District; Lochbroom; Marybank, Scatwell and Strathconon; or Strathpeffer (the Area of Benefit)?
- Keen for some financial assistance to support your activities linking individuals with employers?

Then please take a few minutes to read this information about a charitable fund that may be able to help you...

What is the Fund?

The **EDF Renewables Corriemoillie Education & Training Fund** represents 20% of the overall EDF Renewables Corriemoillie Community Fund, provided by EDF Renewables and linked to its wind farm at Corriemoillie, near Garve. Its focus is to support local people with vocational education and training opportunities using local training facilities and contribute to creating job opportunities in the local area. The Education & Training Fund will make awards throughout the operating life time of the Corriemoillie wind farm which is likely to be 25 years.

What outcomes does the Fund hope to achieve?

The Fund has been established to support a range of education and training activity that will lead to the following outcomes:

- a) More individuals resident within the Area of Benefit are equipped with the range of skills and confidence required to enter into and retain employment in the key sectors the Fund supports;
- b) Micro / small businesses are able to create new job opportunities or retain existing jobs that may benefit individuals resident in the Area of Benefit; and,
- c) Micro / small businesses that employ individuals from the Area of Benefit have the necessary skills and confidence to grow and sustain their operations in order to secure their long-term future.

How much is available?

The Education & Training Fund will initially receive £48,450 per year. This amount will be reviewed after the Fund has been operating for three years, and will rise each year in accordance with the Consumer Price Index.

Who can apply?

You must be a constituted group or business. Your business or organisation does not have to be based in the Area of Benefit (as defined above), but your planned activity must directly benefit those who reside in the Area of Benefit in some way. Schools and PTAs are eligible to apply.

What can be funded?

Activities that provide real experiences, insight and inspiration for individuals into what working in a specific sector entails will be supported. This might include visits from employers to schools and other groups (e.g. at community venues) or from individuals / groups to an employer's place of work. Examples include STEM Ambassadors talks, 'day in the working life of' experiences, and school-based skills projects which do not attract statutory funding and which involve employers in providing learning experiences. Applications should seek to demonstrate how 'hard to engage' individuals will be encouraged to participate. Applicants must describe the measurable activities that will take place and how these will contribute to the Fund outcome(s) listed above.

How much can we apply for?

Grants of up to £2,500 in any one year are available for innovative proposals that will have demonstrable impact on inspiring individuals and raising their ambitions in relation to employment in the Fund priority sectors (see below). Only one application per organisation will be allowed each year. Grants will normally be for expenditure within 12 months. Further awards may depend on monitoring returns being provided timeously in relation to any previous awards.

What costs are eligible?

Grants may cover costs of participants' travel & subsistence, materials and equipment.

What cannot be applied for?

- Costs of employers' time involved in organising and delivering activities under this strand are not eligible for funding.
- Traditional 'carers fair' type events where the exchange is not tailored to the specific interests of the individuals and provides no significant experience of what working in a specific sector entails will not be supported, nor will the costs of delivering Careers Services activity or other types of similar statutory provision.
- Costs arising prior to a decision on the application being made (retrospective funding).

What are the Fund priority sectors/industries?

Priority will be given to these activities as follows:

Priority 1: Renewables and energy industry related;

Priority 2: Engineering, construction and related trades (e.g. electrical, plumbing, joinery), health & safety, and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths and Digital);

Priority 3: Other industries which will benefit job retention in the area, including tourism, forestry and timber technologies, rural development, agriculture (including crofting), environmental conservation, estates management, aquaculture / fisheries management, equestrian, other land based industries, food & drink, health and social care, creative industries, life sciences, finance and business services, haulage, education and other sectors generating benefits for the local community;

Priority 4: Other activity that enhance employability and the success of micro (1-10 employees) and small (11-50 employees) sized businesses, including ability to set up and grow your own business. Examples are: marketing & sales, IT & web development, managing staff, accounts / financial management, entrepreneurship and business sustainability.

Does it matter where the activity is taking place?

No, so long as it directly benefits residents from the Area of Benefit. The actual activity can take place anywhere. However, where competition exists for funds available, the location of activity may be taken into account by the Panel, with preference for locations within the Area of Benefit or commuting distance from it.

How will I get the money?

Your award can be paid directly by sending you a cheque. If you wish funds to be paid direct into an account we also request that you send us an original recent bank statement or pay-in slip to verify your bank details. We will return any original bank statements. If you prefer to receive a cheque we do not need to see an original bank statement or pay-in slip. **Payments will normally be made in advance of the activity being delivered.**

What's the catch?

By providing these grants EDF Renewables aims to encourage and support local people to improve their skills and life chances. We believe that providing funding in this way can help motivate and inspire people to aim higher and achieve more.

If your application is successful, we will ask you to let us know how the grant has helped your organisation and the individuals who have participated in your project. We may invite you



contribute to other initiatives linked to the wider EDF Renewables Corriemoillie Fund. We will also ask you to promote this Education & Training Fund in your community so others get to hear about it.

When do I need to apply?

There will be two rounds of awards each year, and application deadlines are on the Fund web-page: <https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/corriemoille-education-and-training/> Decisions will be made by a Panel of local people, education bodies and business representatives.

How do I apply?

You can download an application form at the web-page for this Fund, or apply online, or phone Foundation Scotland at the number below to receive a paper copy. Just complete the application form and make sure you send it to Foundation Scotland along with any supporting documentation required.

The Fund webpage is: <https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/corriemoille-education-and-training>

What happens next?

Foundation Scotland will be in touch by telephone to review your application before the Panel makes a decision. If you are successful, Foundation Scotland will require you to complete and return a signed Grant Acceptance form.

What if I've got some more questions or need some help completing the application form?

If you need help completing the form please contact Foundation Scotland

Where can I find out more?

For more information please call Foundation Scotland on 0131 524 0300 or e-mail to communitybenefit@foundationscotland.org.uk