

Cairnryan Community Fund

Fund Factsheet

What is Cairnryan Community Fund and who is it for?

Cairnryan Community Fund is funded by ScottishPower Renewables community benefit fund from its Glen App Windfarm in South Ayrshire; and Greencoat UK Wind Ltd, owners of the North Rhins wind farm.

The fund supports projects located within or directly benefiting Cairnryan, Dumfries & Galloway. Applications must benefit the community, which is geographically defined by the community council boundaries.

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

Cairnryan Community Fund Advisory Panel, which is made up of Community Councillors and other local volunteer members, decides on grant awards from the fund. Administration support is provided by Foundation Scotland, a national grant-making charity.

How much is available?

Around £19,137 has been provided by ScottishPower Renewables in 2017/18. Around £27,500 will be provided in subsequent years and will be index-linked. Around £3,200 is provided each year by Greencoat UK Wind Ltd.

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 Cairnryan Community 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.

- Applicants have a representative membership structure i.e. they do not unduly restrict their membership and/or the committee or board is elected by and accountable to, a wider group of people.
- Applicants must provide their latest set of accounts, signed by an independent third party, and a recent bank statement.

What sizes of awards are available?

Small grants up to £500 are available directly from Cairnryan Community Council. Larger grants between £500 and £10,000 are available by application to the Community Fund. Multi-year awards are not currently available.

What are the deadlines and timescales?

The next application deadline is Monday 24th September 2018, for a decision in December 2018.

What will Cairnryan Community Fund support?

Cairnryan Community Fund will support community-led charitable activities that support the rural regeneration and sustainability of the community.

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.

- **Community engagement and consultation:** That the applicant can demonstrate effective involvement of local people and/or people who will benefit from the project in the design and delivery of the project.
- **Leverage or match funding:** That the applicant is seeking to secure match funding for the project (from local fundraising activity or other sources) and/or can demonstrate what other funding may be secured as a result of implementing this particular project.
- **Local procurement:** That local suppliers of goods and services will be used, where appropriate (e.g., in terms of quality of products / services available) and feasible (in terms of availability and cost). The definition of 'local' will vary depending on the goods/services in question. In some cases it could be taken to mean within the Area of Benefit but in others the South of Scotland might be most appropriate.
- **Sustainability:** That organisations can demonstrate their plans for the project to become sustainable in the future without the need to rely on grant funding.

- **Building community capacity:** That the applicant has considered whether the project provides opportunities to build the skills and knowledge of group members or other people connected with the project.
- **Partnership working:** Where appropriate, that the applicant 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 (including teaching equipment in schools).
- Projects benefiting primarily residents outwith the Area of Benefit (determined by the Community Council boundary)
- Activities contrary to the interests of ScottishPower Renewables, Greencoat UK Wind Ltd, Cairnryan Community Council or Foundation Scotland, or likely to bring any of them 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 for support can be made)
- The repayment of loans or payment of debts.
- Individuals and groups that are not constituted

How can I apply?

The simplest way is to apply online, via the fund web page

www.foundationscotland.org.uk/Cairnryan

Alternatively, application forms are available to download from the same page, or can be requested by email or post from the Programme Administrator at Foundation Scotland, on office@foundationscotland.org.uk or 01557 814927.

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 the Foundation Scotland team by email office@foundationscotland.org.uk; phone 01557 814927 or post at: The Kiosk, High Street, Gatehouse of Fleet, Dumfries & Galloway, DG7 2HP