



GLENKERIE COMMUNITY FUND FACTSHEET

What is the Glenkerie Community Fund and who is it for?

This charitable fund is provided by Ventient Energy, the owner of the Glenkerie Wind Farm. The Fund benefits communities located within a 15km radius of the wind farm.

Priority will be given to applications from communities within 10km of the wind farm, which includes Tweedsmuir, Broughton, Drumelzier and Coulter. Communities that are outside this 10km radius but within the 15km radius and also eligible to apply include Stobo, Biggar, Symington, Roberton, Lamington, Wiston and Skirling. The fund includes parts of both Scottish Borders and South Lanarkshire local authority areas.

If you are unsure whether your project is within the area of benefit, please consult the map available for download on the fund web page, or contact the Programme Administrator to check: 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 works with a local panel who decide on grant awards from the Fund. The Panel is made up of Community Councillors and others with local knowledge and interests.

How much is available?

The annual fund, available from 2013 and index linked, is a minimum of £57,200 per year. The actual amount will depend on the performance of the wind farm. The Fund will be in place for the operating life of the wind farm, which is expected to be 25 years.

What sizes of grants are available?

The following sizes of grant 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: £250 - £2000.**
- **Medium grants: £2001 - £10,000.**
- **Large grants: over £10,000.**

Grants can be multi-year in nature, usually for no more than three years. A multi-year request totalling more than £10,000 should follow the application process for large grants, outlined below. Grants of over £50,000 will only be awarded in exceptional circumstances.

There is a two-stage application process for large grants. In the first instance, please submit a short enquiry form. The Panel will review this, then agree whether or not to invite a full application. So please be aware large applications will usually take longer to process, as they may be considered across two Panel meetings.

What are the deadlines and timescales?

The fund operates up to four funding rounds per year. Current dates are on the fund web page.

What will the Fund be used for and what 'outcomes' are the Panel looking for?

The Fund purpose is to support activity which will sustain and develop the life of the community and ensure that the area is an attractive and vibrant place to live, work and visit. The Fund will do this by making grants to support the costs of relevant projects, services and facilities.

Applications that address one or more of the following outcomes (or changes for the community) are particularly welcome:

- Adequate access to services for all community members
- Improved local transport
- Opportunities to grow the local economy
- Developed or maintained community assets.

Please note that applications which do not clearly meet one of the above outcomes are still welcome. The outcomes are simply a guide as to how applications may be prioritised by the Panel.

What other criteria apply to the Fund?

As well as demonstrating a fit with at least one of the outcomes above, priority for grants 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 Upper Tweed and the surrounding area, but in others the Scottish Borders 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 as appropriate, 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 is excluded from funding?

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 out-with the Area of Benefit
- Activities contrary to the interests of Glenkerie Wind Farm Limited or any companies in its group
- Activities likely to bring Foundation Scotland, Glenkerie Wind Farm Limited or any companies in its group into disrepute
- Anti-renewable energy or anti-wind farm activities including, without prejudice to the foregoing generality, promoting or sponsoring any objection or representation to the operation of the Wind Farm,

national or local policy in connection with renewable energy or any other renewable energy proposal, and/or

- Costs already incurred or activities which will take place before the Panel and Foundation Scotland have made a decision on an application (i.e. retrospective funding).

Who can apply for a grant?

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

- The proposal is for projects or activities consistent with at least one of the Fund outcomes (above).
- 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 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.
- Applications may be accepted from private businesses or individuals where they can clearly demonstrate that the public benefit arising from an award will 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) .
- Applicants must provide a copy of a recent bank statement.

How can I apply?

A different application form must be completed for each size of grant. These are available online or for download from <https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/glenkerie/> or from the Programme Administrator at Foundation Scotland, on office@foundationscotland.org.uk or 01557 814927.

Completed and signed applications should be submitted to the Programme Administrator online, by email or by post to Foundation Scotland, The Kiosk, Gatehouse of Fleet, Dumfries & Galloway, DG7 2HP.

How many applications can I submit?

Groups can apply for more than one grant in any single round and hold more than one award at a time. It is recognised that in some areas with smaller populations there may be one main organisation or group which operates sub-committees for different activities. In such cases we will accept separate applications to any one round, as long as they are for clearly differentiated activities. In other cases, a single application with separately itemised project costs may be a more straightforward approach.

What if I have more questions?

We welcome pre-application enquiries. For further advice or information on the Fund or to discuss your application, please contact the Programme Administrator.