

Denny & District Community Fund Fund Factsheet

1 *What is the Denny & District Community Fund?*

The Denny & District Community Fund is a charitable fund to benefit residents of the areas served by the Denny & District Community Council in the Falkirk Council area. The Fund has been established with community benefit provided by **Earlsburn Wind Energy Limited**, the owner of the Earlsburn Wind Farm, **Kingsburn Wind Energy Limited**, the owner of the Kingsburn Wind Farm and **Falkirk Tod Hill Wind Ltd**, the owner of the Tod Hill Wind Farm.

2 *How much is available?*

At least £66,000 is available annually, rising in line with inflation. Funds roll over if they are not spent within the year:

3 *What are the closing dates and timescales for 2019?*

There are four closing dates in 2019:

Closing date for applications	Funding decision
Monday 4 th Feb	late March
Monday 20 th May	early July
Monday 5 th August	late Sept
Monday 28 th October	early Dec

4 *How is the Fund managed, and who makes decisions about it?*

The Fund is managed by Foundation Scotland, a national grant-making charity who will be working with a Panel of community representatives who decide on grant awards. The Panel will be made up of local residents identified through an open nomination process. Further information on the process will be available soon.

5 *Who can apply for an award?*

Groups and organisations working to benefit people within the Denny & District can apply to for grants from the fund. They need to have a signed constitution (governing document or set of rules) set up on a not-for-profit basis can apply for an award. Groups do not need to be registered charities to apply.

6 *How much can our group apply for?*

The minimum grant award is £500 and the maximum is £10,000. We welcome applications which demonstrate plans to secure match funding for the project (from local fundraising activity or other sources) and/or can evidence that other funding has already been secured.

7 **What will the Fund support?**

The Fund supports a range of community-led activity that will

- Enhance quality of life for local residents;
- Contribute to vibrant, healthy, successful and sustainable communities;
- Promote community spirit and encourage community activity.

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.

Applicants are also encouraged to reflect one or more of the following **cross-cutting issues** in an appropriate and proportionate way relative to their project. Where any of the issued can be integrated into project planning/ activity it is likely that the the impact of the award will be enhanced.

- **Partnership working:** We encourage groups to consider how the project can be delivered in conjunction with other organisations / groups and that may add value to it (financial, capability, or other)? This could involve working with voluntary, private or public sector bodies that operate at local, regional or national levels.
- **Building capacity locally:** We are keen to support projects that will build the skills and knowledge of group members or other local people connected with the project. This could be formal or informal and through some form of mentoring activity, peer support or buddying scheme and/or any other learning opportunity that could be created through the project.
- **Local procurement:** We welcome applications which seek to maximise the benefit of the Fund to the local community so if projects need to purchase resources, equipment or expertise, do provide evidence that you are looking locally and enlist or contract work to local suppliers if it is available and affordable.
- **Reducing our carbon footprint:** We want groups to consider how they will reduce any carbon footprint associated with the project.
- **Timescales:** Projects must usually be completed within a 12 month period. Multi-year grants (grants stretching over a period of years) can be considered but will not exceed the £10,000 maximum grant award over that period. **Since we cannot fund retrospectively, please ensure that your application is for a project that only commences after decisions on awards are made.**

8 **What cannot be supported?**

Awards cannot support the following types of activity:

- The advancement of religion or politics (including requests to support the core activities of religious or political groups).
- Activities which are deemed to be the responsibility of statutory authorities.
- Projects benefiting primarily those residents out with the area of benefit.
- Activities contrary to the interests of the owner of the wind farm or its subsidiaries.

- Activities likely to bring the Panel, the Community Council, Foundation Scotland, the wind farm owner or its subsidiaries in to disrepute.
- Activity that is generally anti-energy and/or specifically anti-renewables.
- The repayment of loans or payment of debts.
- Costs already incurred or activities that will take place before we have made a decision on an application (retrospective Funding).

9 How can I apply?

Application forms and guidance are available to download from:

<https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/denny-and-district/>

or contact the Programme Administrator Rosalind Becroft on rosalind@foundationscotland.org.uk or 0131 524 0300. Completed and signed applications should be submitted to Foundation Scotland, 15 Calton Road, Edinburgh EH8 8DL

10 What if I have more questions?

For further advice or information about the Fund please contact the Foundation Scotland team on the number above.

If you have concerns or questions about planning your project or submitting an application we suggest you contact CVS Falkirk, The Third Sector Interface for Falkirk and District at Unit 6 The Court Yard, Callendar Business Pk, Callendar Rd, Falkirk FK1 1XR. Tel: 01324 692000 or email: info@cvsfalkirk.org.uk

