

Tannach & District Wind Farm Charitable Trust

FUND FACT SHEET



What is the Tannach and District Community Trust Fund and who is it for?

This charitable Fund was set up by the Tannach & District Community Council. It disperses community funds that have been pledged by developers for the benefit of communities in the Tannach & District Community Council area in Caithness.

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 for funds, decisions on awards are made by the Tannach & District Community Trust Panel, a Panel of 7-12 local residents.

How much is available?

The donations are for the life of its wind farm which is expected to be 25 years, rising in line with the Retail Price Index. Current donors are:

- Gresham House Asset Management, owner of Wathegar Wind Farm - providing a minimum sum of £28,000 (as at Year 1 – 1st November 2013).
- Gresham House Asset Management, owner of Wathegar 2 Wind Farm, donate approximately £41,000 annually (as at Year 1 – 1st November 2018).

What sizes of grants are available?

Grants are available from £250 to £25,000, however requests for more than £25,000 may be considered on a case-by-case basis where significant benefit can be evidenced and groups should get in touch to discuss this before making an application. Other variables will also influence the amount of money available such as the number of applicants to the Fund in any round of award making.

Who can apply for a grant?

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

- Applicants must be a community group/organisation (not-for-private-profit) with a governing document. Applicants do not need to be registered charities to apply.
- The planned activity benefits residents within the area of benefit.
- Identify which of the outcomes the proposal will deliver.
- Applicants must provide the latest set of accounts signed and verified/audited by an independent/third party.

What are the deadlines and timescales?

Deadlines have been designed to complement those for the E.On Camster Community Fund, which also benefits the Fund area. The deadlines are:

Closing date for applications	Panel decision date
30th June	Early September
31st December	Late February

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

The Fund supports community groups and charities working in the Tannach & District Community Fund area that are providing activities or services which bring benefit to individuals or groups in Community Council area.

Within this broad purpose, the Panel is currently using the following outcomes which mirror those of the E.ON Camster Community Fund. Setting outcomes ensures the Fund has clear targets to work towards, based on the communities' needs and aspirations identified via local consultations. Outcomes are the changes or differences that come about (for people, organisations and the environment) as a result of funded projects, rather than the funded activities themselves. They guide applicants and provide focus for the Panel in its decision making and in judging the overall impact achieved by the Fund on an annual basis.

The outcomes are designed to reflect the needs and issues identified in the E.ON Camster Community Fund community consultation and profiling work carried out in 2013 which can be found on the Foundation Scotland website.

The outcomes for the Tannach & District Wind Farm Charitable Trust Fund are as follows:

1. There are more and better opportunities to take part in sports and recreational pursuits
2. Access to and through settlements is safer
3. People of all ages enjoy more, better and varied activities and services
4. Community life is enhanced and maintained through a wide range of activities, events and improved amenity of settlements
5. Economic activity is encouraged within the Fund area
6. People have more vocational skills and experience
7. The natural and cultural heritage is more valued, experienced and understood by both visitors and residents
8. Energy use in homes and community buildings is more sustainable
9. Tourism opportunities are promoted and created in the Fund area

Every application must aim to deliver a project that can demonstrate how it will contribute towards one or more of the Fund outcomes. All applications should list the measurable activities/outputs a group/organisation will deliver in order to achieve the relevant outcome(s).

What other criteria apply to the Fund?

Supporting an organisations core costs: Applicants are welcome to apply for funding for 'business as usual' costs. However, the Panel believes this is likely to be detrimental to the community if it started to replace typical fundraising efforts, which are often community building in their own right. This outcome would not be welcomed by the Panel therefore if applying for funding towards operational costs please ensure the rationale is fully explained.

Local consultation: That the applicant has consulted an appropriate and proportionate number of the intended beneficiaries of the project, and can demonstrate they are supportive of the proposal.

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 Caithness, or indeed the North of Scotland might be most appropriate.

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.

Supporting activities which are the responsibility of statutory authorities:

Most independent funders do not wish to support activity that is generally thought to be a statutory responsibility. Public agencies like schools, health or police services are therefore ineligible. However, determining whether applications are additional to statutory provision can be a very grey area even where an application is being made by a community group. The applicant must demonstrate that the proposed project is additional to statutory provision and budgets and the work would not be undertaken without funding from another source.

For example a Parent Teacher body attached to a school that is independently constituted and working to bring additional funds to schools to extend children's educational opportunities. As part of the assessment process, FS will consider on a case-by-case basis whether a particular project is additional to statutory provision. A useful consideration is whether the project takes place outwith school time, and whether people from the wider community are involved. However, even then an application for activities or equipment that will only be used by pupils and during school times may be considered outwith or additional to statutory responsibilities.

Supporting churches or groups connected with churches:

The Fund will not support activity that promotes the advancement of religion. However churches are eligible to apply for funding for non-religious activity that is likely to benefit a wider catchment than their own specific congregations. In the same vein, churches could apply for funding to upgrade the facilities or fabric of a Church Hall where this is used by other groups that bring wider benefit to the community.

Supporting the work of groups engaged in campaigning activities: The Fund will not support any form of campaigning activities including those that advance party politics.

Supporting activity that reaches beyond the Tannach & District Community Council area: It is likely that some proposals may emerge that will potentially benefit more than the

Tannach & District Community Council area. The Panel will consider how such activity is best supported on a case by case basis.

Supporting activity that takes place outwith the area of benefit but which benefits or involves those living within the area of benefit:

It is acknowledged that those living in the area of benefit do make use of facilities outwith the Fund area. Groups providing activities outwith the Fund area are eligible to apply to the Fund where they can demonstrate that the activity does involve people living in the area of benefit. However such activity may not necessarily be considered as high a priority as applications from groups operating within the area of benefit.

What is excluded from funding?

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 understood to be the exclusive responsibility of statutory authorities;
- Projects benefiting residents primarily located outwith the Area of Benefit;
- Activities contrary to the interests of the Donors or any companies in their group;
- Activities likely to bring the Community Council, Foundation Scotland, or a Developer contributing to the Trust (or any companies in its group) into disrepute;
- Anti-renewable energy / wind farm activities;
- Costs already incurred or activities which will take place before the Panel has made a decision on an application (i.e. retrospective funding);
- The repayment of loans or debts.

How can I apply?

Applications are available online: <https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/tannach-and-district/> or by contacting the Programme Administrator at Foundation Scotland, e-mail: communitybenefit@foundationscotland.org.uk or telephoning: 0131 524 0300.

How many applications can I submit?

Groups can apply for funding for more than one project in each round. Groups can apply for and hold more than one grant in any single year although any further awards may depend on timeous monitoring returns being provided in relation to previous awards.

What if I have more questions?

If you need further information on the Trust or if you wish to discuss your application, please contact Eilidh Coll, based in Caithness on 07801 530 218 or e-mail: eilidh@foundationscotland.org.uk or the Programme Administrator using the contact details above.

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