



## OLD LUCE COMMUNITY FUND FUND FACTSHEET

### ***What is the Old Luce Community Fund and who is it for?***

This charitable fund is provided by Barlockhart Moor Wind Energy Ltd; Carscreugh Renewable Energy Park Ltd; Glenchamber Wind Energy Ltd, SSE, 2020 Renewables, Greencoat and ScottishPower Renewables, owners of nearby wind farms, who channel their community benefit funds through this single Fund.

The Fund only supports projects located within or directly benefiting the Old Luce Community Council area, including the communities of Glenluce, Dunragit and Auchenmalg.

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

The Fund has been established by Old Luce Community Council, with the aspiration that all of the funds benefitting the Old Luce area can be administered through this single structure.

The Fund is held and administered by a charity, Foundation Scotland, under contract to the Community Council.

The Foundation receives and processes applications, and works with a sub-group of the Community Council (the Advisory Panel), which decides on grant awards from the Fund. The Advisory Panel is made up of Old Luce Community Councillors and other volunteers with local knowledge and an interest in supporting the community. Further information about the Panel is available at:

[www.foundationscotland.org.uk/oldluce](http://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/oldluce)

### ***What sizes of awards are available?***

Two levels of awards 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: £500 - £10,000**
- **Large grants: over £10,000.** Awards of over £50,000 will only be made in exceptional circumstances. There is a two-stage application process for large grants, with an initial outline one-page proposal required. Proposals may be submitted at any time. The Panel will review the proposal and then agree whether or not to invite a full application.

Awards can be multi-year in nature, normally up to a maximum of 3 years. If the total amount requested exceeds £10,000, the two-stage large grant application process should be followed.

A **Micro grant** scheme, for awards up to £500, is available through Old Luce Community Council. Applications are by letter and decisions are made on a rolling monthly basis. Please contact the

Community Council directly for further details.

### **What are the deadlines and timescales?**

The Fund operates four funding rounds per year. Details are on the fund webpage here:

[www.foundationscotland.org.uk/oldluce](http://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/oldluce)

### ***What will the Fund support?***

Priority will be given to charitable projects that address community needs as identified in the 2016 Old Luce Research & Consultation Report, available for download at:

[www.foundationscotland.org.uk/oldluce](http://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/oldluce). 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 above community needs, priority for awards 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 will 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 Old Luce and the surrounding area, but in others Dumfries and Galloway 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 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 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 exclusive responsibility of statutory authorities
- Projects benefiting primarily residents outwith the Area of Benefit (determined by the Community Council boundaries)
- Activities contrary to the interests of the Old Luce Community Council or any of the companies or donors contributing to the Fund
- Activities likely to bring the Old Luce Community Council, the Foundation or any companies or donors contributing to the Fund into disrepute
- Anti-renewable energy or anti-wind farm activities
- Retrospective funding (i.e. paying for costs incurred before a decision on an application to the Fund for support can be made)
- Activities which benefit solely fauna and flora
- The repayment of loans or payment of debts
- Payment of honoraria, or payment of voluntary group members for the delivery of routine tasks that would normally be expected to be carried out by volunteers (such as minuting meetings). Other types of staff costs are still eligible. If in doubt please contact us using the contact details below.

### ***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 the 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. Private businesses or individuals may not currently apply to the main fund, but may apply for a micro-grant from the Community Council (see above for details).
- Applicants must provide their latest set of accounts signed by an independent third party and a copy of a recent bank statement.

### ***How can I apply?***

The simplest way is to apply online, via the fund web page [www.foundationscotland.org.uk/oldluce](http://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/oldluce). Alternatively, application forms and guidance 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](mailto: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](mailto:office@foundationscotland.org.uk); phone 01557 814927 or post at The Kiosk, Gatehouse of Fleet, Dumfries & Galloway, DG7 2HP.

