

## Mossmorran Community Fund Factsheet

### What is the Mossmorran Community Fund?

The Mossmorran Community Fund is a charitable fund supporting community groups that benefit residents living in the in the area served by the **Hill of Beath, Cowdenbeath, Crossgates & Mossgreen Community Councils**. The Fund is provided by the Mossmorran Wind Farm Ltd, the owner of the 2 wind turbines at Mossmorran and is managed by **Foundation Scotland**, a charity dedicated to strengthening communities and awarding grants that make a genuine difference to the lives of local people.

### Who can apply for a grant?

Groups and organisations working to benefit people in the **Hill of Beath, Cowdenbeath, Crossgates & Mossgreen Community Councils** can apply for grants. The group must have a constitution and be set up on a not-for-profit basis but doesn't need to be a registered charity. The Panel particularly welcomes applications from groups that haven't previously applied to the Fund. Groups that have previously received an award and wish to apply again need to have submitted a full report on their project before receiving any further grants. Previous successful applicants are strongly discouraged to apply for a grant towards the same project or activity.

### How much 'community benefit' is available?

An annual amount is paid into the Fund for the operating lifetime of the wind farm. This amount started at £14,100 in 2016 and rises in line with inflation each year. Funds roll over if they are not spent within the year. The Fund will be available as long as the wind farm is operating.

### What sizes of grants are available?

The Fund tries meet the different needs of the diverse range of groups and organisations working to benefit the communities of Hill of Beath, Cowdenbeath, Crossgates & Mossgreen. The minimum level of award you can apply for is £250 and the maximum is £1,000.

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## What does the Fund support?

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

- Enhances quality of life for local residents;
- Contributes to vibrant, healthy, successful and sustainable communities;
- Promotes community spirit and encourage community activity.

This includes a wide range of costs and activities including equipment costs, running costs for local groups, staff/ sessional worker costs, consultations, maintenance or refurbishment of community facilities etc.

The Fund will not support:

- Projects which do not benefit people living within its area of benefit.
- The advancement of religion or politics (including requests to support the core activities of religious or political groups).
- Overseas trips (excluding UK based costs).
- The repayment of loans or payment of debts.
- Costs that have already been incurred or activities which will take place before a decision can be made on an application (retrospective funding).
- Payments towards areas clearly understood to be the primary responsibility of statutory authorities.
- Anti wind farm/renewable energy activities, including activities contrary to the interests of the wind farm owner and its subsidiaries.

## How often are grants awarded and when can I apply?

Grants are made annually. The closing date for 2019 is **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September** for a decision in early November. Go to [www.foundationscotland.org.uk/mossmorran](http://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/mossmorran) to apply online or download an application form. Please ensure the project you are applying for does not start before 1<sup>st</sup> November as this will make your application ineligible.

## How many applications can I submit?

Groups and organisations can only submit one application in 2019. However that application may include costs towards a number of different projects. If you are still in receipt of a grant

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from last year, you can still apply in 2019 but you must provide an update on progress with that grant when you submit your application.

### **Who makes decisions on awards?**

Foundation Scotland receive and assess applications and a Community Panel makes recommendations about awards. The Panel comprises up to nine local residents including representatives from the Community Councils within the Fund Area.

Any grant received should be spent within one year of being awarded unless specified and the Panel is keen to receive feedback about your project and the difference the money has made as soon as possible after your project has completed. For a list of previous grants awarded go to [www.foundationscotland.org.uk/mossmorran](http://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/mossmorran)

### **Where can I find out more?**

Please call Foundation Scotland on the numbers below or go to

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

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