

LANGHOPE RIG (SUB-FUND A) COMMUNITY FUND FUND FACTSHEET

*** PLEASE REFER TO THIS WHEN COMPLETING THE APPLICATION FORM ***

What is the Greencoat Langhope Rig (Sub-Fund A) Community Fund and who is it for?

This charitable fund is provided by Greencoat UK Wind, the owners of Langhope Rig Wind Farm located near Hawick in the Scottish Borders. The Fund supports community projects benefitting those living in the areas covered by the Community Councils of: Ettrick & Yarrow, Lilliesleaf, Ashkirk & Midlem and Upper Teviotdale & Borthwick Water. It was opened in 2014.

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, a local Panel representing those who live, work or volunteer in the three communities makes recommendations on awards from the Fund. The Langhope Rig Sub-Fund A Community Fund Panel comprises a mix of community council representatives and those from the wider community. For further information about the Panel please go to

<https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/communities/funds/langhope-rig-panel/>

Who can apply for a grant?

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

- The proposal is for projects or activities consistent with at least one of the Fund aims (see 'What will the Fund support' below).
- Applicants have a constitution (governing document or set of rules) and are set up on a not-for-private-profit basis. Applicants do not need to be registered charities to apply.
- Applicants have a representative membership structure i.e. they do not unduly restrict their membership and/or the committee or board is elected by and accountable to, a wider group of people
- Applicants provide their latest set of accounts signed by an independent / third party.

How much is available?

An annual amount of £40,000 (rising in line with inflation) will be paid into the Fund for the operating life of the wind farm, which is expected to be 25 years.

What sizes of grants are available?

The minimum level of award available is £1,000 and the maximum is normally £10,000.

Applications for grants of over £10,000 can be considered where an application is for a strategic project. This means a project that would be delivered over more than one year, or a collaborative project that brings benefits to people across all three community council areas. Those wishing to apply for more than £10,000 are advised to call the Fund administrator (contact details below) to discuss their application in the first instance.

If your grant request is for less than £1,000 you can approach the Ettrick & Yarrow, Lilliesleaf, Ashkirk &

Midlem or Upper Teviotdale & Borthwick Water Community Councils who each administer their own local Langhope Rig (Sub-Fund B) Community Fund. If you are resident within one of these areas, please contact your Community Council for more information.

How many applications can I submit?

Eligible groups may apply for more than one grant per year from the Fund, but not more than one per grant-making round.

What will the Fund support?

The Fund will provide grants to support charitable activities (meaning those activities that are for the public good, rather than for private gain) that:

- Encourage community activity and promote community spirit;
- Ensure adequate access to services for all community members;
- Improve local transport infrastructure;
- Build the local economy;
- Build community capacity and cohesion between groups; and/or
- Develop or maintain community assets.

Grant requests 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. For revenue projects, there is no guarantee of ongoing support. We encourage groups to be working towards being self-sustaining where possible.

What cannot be funded?

The Fund cannot support the following types of activity:

- Projects that do not *primarily* benefit people living within the community council areas of Etrick & Yarrow, Lilliesleaf, Ashkirk & Midlem and Upper Teviotdale & Borthwick Water.
- The advancement of religion or politics (including requests to support the core activities or religious or political groups)
- The repayment of loans or payment of debts.
- Costs already incurred or activities which will take place before we have made a decision on an application (retrospective funding).
- Payments towards areas generally understood to be the responsibility of statutory authorities.
- Anti-Wind Farm/renewable energy activities, including activities contrary to the interests of Greencoat, Langhope Rig Wind Farm Ltd, or their subsidiaries, or activities likely to bring them into disrepute.

Do we have to raise match funding?

You don't have to but the Panel will appreciate when an applicant is not seeking funds for the total project cost as it means that a group is not relying on a single source of funding. It also means that funds at the Panel's disposal can likely go further.

What are the deadlines and timescales?

Grant awards must be spent within one year of being awarded unless otherwise agreed by the Fund Panel. However we appreciate receiving feedback about your grant as soon as the project has completed. There are usually two fund deadlines per year. Upcoming fund deadlines are available on the fund webpage:

<https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/langhope-rig/>

How can I apply?

You can apply online or download an application form at

<https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/langhope-rig/>

Completed and signed applications can be emailed with scanned supporting documentation to office@foundationscotland.org.uk or posted to:

**Programme Administrator
Foundation Scotland
The Kiosk
Gatehouse of Fleet
Dumfries & Galloway DG7 2HP**

What if I have more questions?

For further advice or information on the Fund or to discuss your application, please contact the Programme Administrator on 01557 814927 or via office@foundationscotland.org.uk



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