



## **EDF-ER BURNFOOT HILL COMMUNITY FUND FACTSHEET (2020)**

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

### **What is the EDF-ER Burnfoot Hill Community Fund and who is it for?**

This charitable fund is provided by EDF-ER Energy, the owner of three windfarms – Burnfoot Hill, Burnfoot North and Rhodders. The Fund supports community projects benefitting those living in one or more of the following community council areas – Menstrie, Alva, Tillicoultry Coalsnaughton & Devonside - and is designed to meet the different needs of the diverse range of groups and organisations working to benefit these communities.

### **Who can apply for a grant?**

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

- The proposal is for projects or activities consistent with at least one of the Fund outcomes (see below).
- Applicants have a constitution (governing document or set of rules) and are set up on a not-for-private-profit basis. Please note applicants do not need to be registered charities to apply.
- Applicants provide their latest set of accounts signed by an independent / third party.

### **How are funds distributed?**

Funding is usually distributed through open, competitive funding rounds that are advertised locally. **The minimum level of award you can apply for is £500 and the maximum is £5,000.** Grants requests may be multi-year but usually for no more than three years (total request £6,000).

If you do have a viable project and good reason to apply for more than £5,000 please contact Foundation Scotland in the first instance. You may then be invited to provide a brief proposal which will be reviewed by the Panel and who may then invite a formal application for a larger amount.

If your grant request is for less than £500 you can apply for a Micro Grant administered by each of the Community Councils for projects in their respective areas. Please contact your local Community Council for further information.

Occasionally the Panel may commission an activity where – informed by consultation with other stakeholders - they consider there is a particular gap, need or opportunity.

### **How many applications can I submit?**

A group can only submit one application per round and applications must be focused on a specific (not multiple) projects.

The panel would not normally expect to fund the same project for more than 3 subsequent years.

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

The EDF-ER Burnfoot Hill Community Fund provides **at least £60,000** per year to community organisations providing activities that

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

For projects benefiting Menstrie, Tillicoultry, Alva and/or Dollar the applicant is encouraged to demonstrate how their project is contributing to that village's Community Action Plan. See Table 1 that highlights areas for improvement for each village. For further details please consult the community action plans at <https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/edf-burnfoot-hill/>

**Table 1: Areas for improvement from community action plans**

<b>Menstrie</b>	<b>Alva</b>	<b>Tillicoultry, Coalsnaughton &amp; Devonside</b>	<b>Dollar</b>
community facilities & activities	local facilities & events	community facilities & activities	local economy
paths, roads & parking		roads, traffic and transport	access to services
local economy & sustainability	tourism & the local economy	tourism & local economy	community & recreation
village environment	town environment	town and village environment	housing & sustainability
access to services		a sustainable community	environment & heritage
		recreation & youth	

### **What other criteria apply to the Fund?**

The Fund is also looking for applicants to demonstrate the following additional criteria.

- **Match funding:** That other funding sources for the project have been explored and maybe even secured. 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 can 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 the Hillfoots and the surrounding area, but in others Clackmannanshire or indeed the central belt of Scotland might be most appropriate).
- **Capacity building:** We encourage applicants to consider how the project will provide opportunities to build the skills and knowledge of group members or other local people connected with the project, whether this is a key outcome (see above) for the project or not.
- **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 is excluded from funding?

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.
- Activities contrary to the interests of EDF-ER or any companies in its group.
- Activities likely to bring Foundation Scotland, EDF-ER or any companies in its group into disrepute.
- Anti-renewable energy or anti-wind farm activities including promoting or sponsoring any objection or representation to the operation of the wind farm, national or local policy in connection with renewable energy or any other renewable energy proposal, and/or
- Costs already incurred or activities which will take place before the Panel considers the application (i.e. retrospective funding).

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

The Fund is held and administered by the charity Foundation Scotland. Although the Foundation receives and processes applications, it works with a local Panel representing the three communities who decide on grant awards from the Fund. The Panel is made up of community councillors and other individuals with local knowledge and interests.

The current Panel comprises the following representatives:

- Menstrie (Caroline Crawford, David Sharp, Beth Cook)
- Alva (Ann Spruce, Sheona Craig, Ewan Craig)
- Tillicoultry, Coalsnaughton & Devonside (Ewart Mcauslane, Robert McClelland)
- Dollar (Stephen Leitch, Ian Crawford).

## When can I apply in 2020?

Closing date for applications	Panel decision date
March 3rd	Mid May
August 25 <sup>th</sup>	Start Nov

## How can I apply?

You can apply online or download an application form from [www.foundationscotland.org.uk/burnfoot\\_hill](http://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/burnfoot_hill)  
Completed and signed applications should can be emailed with supporting documentation to [communitybenefit@foundationscotland.org.uk](mailto:communitybenefit@foundationscotland.org.uk)

## 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 0131 524 0300 or via [communitybenefit@foundationscotland.org.uk](mailto:communitybenefit@foundationscotland.org.uk)

