

Lairg Wind Farm Community Fund

Year 10, 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020



History of Awards

- 2020 is the Fund's 10th year of grantmaking.
- The Fund has made 85 awards since it began in 2011, allocating over £142,000.
- During 2020, five awards were made totalling £16,638.

About the Fund

The Fund is provided by Lairg Wind Farm Ltd, the operator of the Lairg Wind Farm - the three-turbine wind farm at Cnoc Na Inghinnin. The Fund receives at least £22,000 annually (index linked) for the life of the Wind Farm, expected to be 25 years.

This Fund supports charitable activities which benefit people living within the Lairg Community Council area.

Grant applications are considered at monthly meetings of Lairg Community Council. There are no deadlines – you can apply any time.

Following the Fund Review in March 2020 it was agreed to pilot welcoming applications for up to £5,000 (an uplift from £2,500) for a one year period. This will be reassessed at the 2021 annual review.

During this pilot, consideration will be given for applications requesting more than £5,000 for project's which would be transformational and bring significant community benefit to most / all Lairg residents.

How To Apply: Main Fund

Constituted groups can apply online for up to £5,000. Detail on how to apply is on Foundation Scotland's website.
<https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/apply-for-funding/funding-available/lairg>

How To Apply: Microgrants

Individuals or smaller groups can apply for up to £250 towards a community project.

Apply by letter to Lairg Community Council.

Year 10 Awards

- 1) **Lairg Community Council £2,500** to provide a microgrant fund for distribution to groups and individuals for general charitable purposes.
- 2) **Lairg Crofters Show £5,000** To purchase equipment to support the show including a marquee, foldable tables and sheep hurdles.
- 3) **Lairg and District Community Initiatives £2,888** to provide a community magazine which will tackle social isolation during the covid 19 lockdown period.
- 4) **Lairg and District Learning Centre £2,500** to contribute toward the salary of an administrator for one year commencing June 2020.
- 5) **Lairg and District Community Initiatives £5,000** to fund project management to get funding applications started and get planning to the next stage for the Community Housing project.

Year 10 Finances

| Financial transactions (01/01/2020 - 31/12/2020) | |
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| OPENING BALANCE | £27,843.99 |
| FUND INCOME: | |
| Year 10 Lairg Wind Farm Ltd donation | £27,434.21 |
| TOTAL INCOME | £27,434.21 |
| FUND EXPENDITURE: | |
| Grants awarded | £16,638.00 |
| Foundation Scotland fee | £2,743.42 |
| Community Council Secretariat fee | £617.27 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURE | £19,998.69 |
| CLOSING BALANCE | £35,279.51 |

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