



Unlock our Future Fund

Fund Strategy

January 2026

1 Introduction

The purpose of the fund strategy is to set out how the fund will operate and the criteria the fund panel will use when making decisions on awards. The fund strategy also provides guidance to organisations applying to the Unlock our Future Fund.

The panel recognises the need for flexibility in considering how best to structure a fund that will be fit for purpose in 20 years' time. The fund strategy will therefore be reviewed by the panel annually so as to ensure it continues to meet the evolving needs and aspirations of the communities in the fund area of benefit.

2 Background

The European Offshore Wind Deployment Centre is owned and operated by Aberdeen Offshore Wind Farm Limited, a subsidiary of Vattenfall, which has committed to a fund benefiting the communities of Aberdeenshire and the City of Aberdeen.

The Unlock our Future Fund provides £150,000 per annum (as at Year 1 – 2019), increasing with inflation (as measured by the Retail Price Index), for the life of the wind farm, which is expected to be at least 20 years.

The fund is administered by Foundation Scotland, an independent grant-making charity.

Applicants are encouraged to contact the Unlock Our Future Fund Adviser at Foundation Scotland for an informal discussion about their project before submitting an application, and for any help or advice during the application process. Email marion@foundationscotland.org.uk or call 07912 759524

3 Fund priorities

The fund will support charitable¹ activity that addresses the following priorities:

¹ The applying organisation doesn't have to be a registered charity, but the aim of funded activities must be charitable, as defined by OSCR [here](#).

- **Contribute to a climate smarter² world with sustainability at its core.**
- **Invest in community facilities and activities that are fit for the future and are environmentally sustainable, especially community spaces and transport.**
- **Support creative solutions³.**
- **Ensure a legacy (lasting impact) which brings clear benefit to the local community.**

All applications **must meet three of the four priorities** in order to be eligible for consideration. The strongest applications will meet all four priorities.

4 Additional criteria

The fund has been heavily oversubscribed since its launch. The panel will give priority to applications that show some or all of the following:

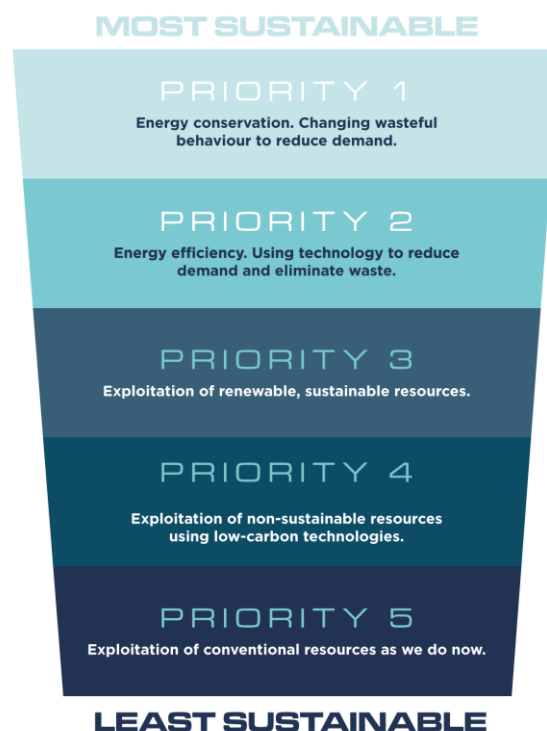
- **Community impacts:** applicants should explain the range of expected direct and indirect impacts achieved by a project, beyond direct carbon savings. This could include, but is not limited to, addressing disadvantage, increasing health / wellbeing, increased capacity and resilience (particularly in isolated communities), addressing poverty and cost of living challenges and local procurement.
- **Organisational impacts:** applications should show how the project applied for will help the organisation sustain their activities and / or grow, for example, by reducing energy bills, developing partnerships, or demonstrating the feasibility of a planned future project.
- **Sharing knowledge and experience:** the panel are keen to support applications which demonstrate a commitment to sharing knowledge and experience gained through the project with other community organisations, inter-generationally, and with the wider public, in order

² For an application to be 'climate smart' the panel would expect to see activities which reduce greenhouse gas emissions, particularly CO₂ either through saving energy and/ or renewable generation. Examples of projects previously funded can be found on the fund webpage and include energy efficiency of community buildings and facilities; low carbon transport and active travel; greenspace, biodiversity and nature based solutions; community owned energy generation, local heat networks and local energy systems.

³ The fund panel is keen to support activities which are new to the organisation or new to a community, in order to demonstrate and encourage the take up of 'climate smart' solutions. The solutions in question don't have to be technological solutions, it could be developing a different way of delivering a service or a new way of engaging with a community, and this should be explained in the application.

to encourage wider adoption of climate smart approaches.

- Taking a holistic approach which takes into consideration the '**energy hierarchy**'. This emphasises the importance of reducing energy demand as well as investment in renewables in moving towards a low carbon future. The most sustainable projects (priority 1 in the diagram below) are those which conserve energy and reduce energy demand. The energy hierarchy is explored further in this [video](#). In practice, this means that the panel are unlikely to support a project which is installing renewable energy generation in a building which has inadequate insulation where no actions are being taken to improve insulation.



Relevant projects should take account of the [sustainable travel hierarchy](#) and the [waste hierarchy](#).

- **Making good use of other funding sources:** While funding from other sources is encouraged, it is not essential. The panel are happy to consider applications for the balance of funding required when other funders do not meet 100% of the costs (such as [Local Energy Scotland's 'Let's do Net Zero'](#)) or specific expenditure items which are not eligible for consideration in other funders' programmes.

5 Blackdog

The substation host community in Blackdog has access to an annual ring-fenced amount. £15,000 (index-linked) annually, 10% of the overall scheme, is available to Blackdog for projects or activities that reflect community priorities and also remain reasonably consistent with the objectives of the fund. Such applications must be for activity benefiting Blackdog, although organisations based outside Blackdog are eligible to apply. Relevant projects can also apply to the main fund.

6 What level of grant can be awarded?

There are two levels of awards:

- Small grants of up to £2,500.
- Large grants of between £2,501 and £20,000 for a project to be delivered in one year.

Organisations that have previously received awards from the fund may make repeat applications. However, the level of award to any one organisation will be capped at £40,000 over a three-year period.

If an applicant has received a small grant to fund feasibility work on a project, an application for the full maximum award of £20,000 may subsequently be made.

If a repeat applicant applies for an entirely new project, they may apply for the maximum grant. However, the panel is likely to prioritise applications from organisations that have not previously received funding.

In general, there will be a preference to support smaller grassroots projects over larger organisations looking for a small contribution to a much larger project, particularly where project completion within twelve months is not guaranteed.

The fund is usually over-subscribed and is very competitive. The average award size in 2025 was around £9,000.

Application forms for small grants require less information and decisions will be made more quickly (see section 9).

7 Eligibility

Please see [Foundation Scotland's standard eligibility criteria](#).

8 What kinds of things can and cannot be funded?

Applicants are encouraged to contact the Fund Adviser at Foundation Scotland for an informal discussion about their project before submitting an application.

A full list of all awards during the first four years of the fund is given in Appendix 1. In addition, case studies of successful projects are available on the [Foundation Scotland website](#).

Under the terms of the funding agreement with Vattenfall, the panel is not permitted support the following types of activity:

- Projects that do not take account of their environmental impact or do not have a positive environmental impact;
- The advancement of religion or politics (see below for further details);
- Activities which are deemed to be the responsibility of statutory authorities (see below for further details);
- Grants to individuals;
- Projects benefiting primarily those residents outwith the area of benefit.
- Activities contrary to the interests of Aberdeen Offshore Wind Farm Limited, Vattenfall or its subsidiaries;
- Activities likely to bring Foundation Scotland, Vattenfall, Aberdeen Offshore Wind Farm Limited or its subsidiaries into disrepute;
- Anti-renewable energy / wind farm activities;
- The repayment of loans or payment of debts;
- Costs already incurred or activities that will take place before the panel has made a decision on an application (retrospective funding).

Supporting activity that might be deemed a statutory responsibility:

Public agencies such as schools, health or police services are generally ineligible.

Activities which take place on the school estate, during school hours and with only school pupils are not eligible for an award. Activities run on, and equipment for use in, the school estate outside of school hours may be eligible. Projects

designed specifically to improve the condition of the school estate are unlikely to be funded e.g. solar panels on a school roof.

The key is that the applicant can demonstrate that the proposed project is additional to mainstream statutory provision and budgets and the work would not be undertaken without funding from another source. However, determining whether applications are additional to statutory provision can be complex. As part of the assessment process, Foundation Scotland will consider on a case-by-case basis whether a particular project is additional to statutory provision and will report on their findings in the assessment report that is provided to the panel.

Supporting religious bodies or groups connected with such bodies:

Although it is a charitable purpose, this fund does not fund projects that promote religious belief ('the advancement of religion'). This means projects relating to the core activities of religious organisations will not be funded, even if they are charities.

However, the fund can make grants to such organisations for projects that benefit the wider community without excluding anyone on religious grounds. For example, the fund can assist with sustainable improvements to a hall owned by a religious body and accessed by various groups where religious affiliation or practice does not present a barrier to groups wishing to use the facilities. Ideally, the service or facility in question will be widely promoted to other groups (non-religious or of other religious affiliation) and / or already accessed by these.

In addition to the above strict exclusions, the panel are unlikely to fund:

- Projects which are unlikely to be able to start within 12 months of an award.
- Contributions towards general build or refurbishment costs. The panel wish to see applications which relate specifically to the 'climate smart' elements of the build / refurbishment, not the overall costs. This also applies to feasibility studies and applications relating to professional fees.
- Environmental improvement projects which have little, no or negative impacts on carbon emissions. For example, building new recreational paths or outdoor leisure facilities which would need to be accessed by car; litter picks and beach cleans; improvements to parks and open

spaces unrelated to carbon saving or sequestration opportunities, such as playgrounds, skateparks and multi use games areas.

- Salaries of core staff. However, staff costs or costs of freelance staff specifically related to project delivery can be considered.
- Improvements to the energy efficiency of buildings or installation of renewables where the applicant has not made use of professional advice on the most appropriate options, such as [Business Energy Scotland's free building energy assessments](#). However, the panel is aware that delays are currently being experienced by groups wishing to obtain energy assessments, and will accept the submission of applications where an energy assessment has been requested but is yet to take place. If plans are amended in the light of receiving the energy assessment, these can be reflected in the application assessment carried out by Foundation Scotland (see below).

9 Method and frequency of grant-making

The panel has chosen to adopt an open grant-making process i.e. applications for grants are open to all eligible groups in the fund area of benefit to deliver projects meeting the priorities of the fund.

One grant-making round will be operated in each year. Applications are made online via Foundation Scotland.

Applicants are normally expected to provide evidence of value for money, such as quotations, for costs over £300. See the [Foundation Scotland website](#) for further details. The panel recognise that it can be challenging to obtain quotations from suppliers and are prepared to consider applications unsupported by quotations as long as the applicant is in the process of securing quotations or has a clear procurement plan in place. If quotations are not available, it is likely that any award will be conditional on supplying further evidence to verify value for money.

Applications for small grants (£2,500 and under) will be decided on within around six weeks of the application deadline. Applicants may be contacted by Foundation Scotland to clarify aspects of the application.

Applications for large grants (over £2,500) will go through a two-stage process. The application will initially be assessed by the panel against strategic priorities.

If shortlisted, the application will then undergo a full assessment for consideration by the panel approximately 14 weeks after the application deadline.

Shortlisted applicants should expect to be contacted by Foundation Scotland for an assessment interview. This will be carried out over the telephone or by video conference. The assessment is an opportunity to provide further information, so that the panel have a thorough understanding of the project. If there have been changes to costs, or the applicant has received additional quotations or professional advice since submitting the application, the application can be updated at the assessment stage.

10 Measuring the difference the fund is making

As a minimum, completion reports are required from awardees at the end of the grant period, though multi-year awards will require a report at the end of each funding year, prior to the next year's grant being released. Where practicable, projects will be asked to provide monitoring information on the environmental benefits of their award, such as energy savings, waste reduction or changes to modes of travel. As many impacts are likely to be long-term, information may be requested from funded projects beyond the submission of the completion report. Any information on carbon savings as a direct result of the project will be welcome. Online tools are available to help calculate carbon emissions.

11 Sources of advice and support

Contact the Fund Adviser for any advice and support needed with your project application.

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Foundation Scotland will provide seminars and one-to-one advice for potential applicants. Details of events will be available on the [fund page of the website](#).

[Foundation Scotland's webpage on designing projects for people and planet](#) includes links to resources and case studies from across Scotland.

Other support organisations:

[NESCAN – The North East's Community Climate Action Support Hub](#)

[Aberdeenshire Voluntary Action](#)

[ACVO – Aberdeen's Third Sector Interface](#)

[Funding Scotland](#)

[Local Energy Scotland](#)

[Business Energy Scotland](#)

[SCVO Growing Climate Confidence](#)

[Keep Scotland Beautiful Carbon Literacy Guide.](#)

Appendix 1

Funding Awards in Year 1

In 2019, the Fund received 33 applications totalling £415k. 11 awards were made:

Applicant Name	Amount Awarded	Grant Summary
Westhill and District Men's Shed	£1,000	To purchase an electric arc welder, hydraulic mobile lift table and steel storage cupboard, to help in their work in recycling lawnmowers.
Strachan Village Hall	£10,000	To contribute to the cost of installing three wall-mounted air source heaters.
Meldrum Amenities Improvement Group	£15,000	To replace the group's old diesel tractor with a suitable electric utility vehicle.
Aboyne and District Men's Shed	£8,967	To contribute to the building of the Aboyne and Mid Deeside Community Shed through the provision of solar panels.
Aberdeenshire Sailing Trust	£15,000	To contribute to the purchase of an electric vehicle to tow the group's boats and move equipment and staff between venues.
Community Energy Scotland Limited	£15,000	To fund community engagement sessional staff who will work to build the capacity of six local community organisations across Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire to develop innovative community energy projects and build the sustainability of local community facilities.
Fittie Community Development Trust	£8,536	To contribute to the purchase and installation of an environmentally sustainable heating system in the community hall.
Tarland Development Group	£15,000	To contribute to the development of an education facility in a walled garden just outside Tarland which will benefit several local groups which lack sufficient facilities at present.
PrototAU	£5,000	To contribute to costs associated with the group's participation in the Shell Eco Marathon 2020 and improving the hydrogen-fueled vehicle's performance.
Tigh a'Chomainn Camphill Limited	£10,000	To contribute to the purchase of an electric vehicle.
Huntly and District Development Trust	£10,000	To fund a feasibility study into the development of a network of community owned electric car charging points.
	£113,503	Total Awarded

Funding Awards in Year 2

In 2020, the Fund received 24 applications totalling £314k. 12 awards were made:

Applicant Name	Amount Awarded	Grant Summary
Aberdeen Association of Social Service (VSA)	£10,000	To part-fund solar panels for a new residential mental health care facility in Aberdeen.
Alford and District Men's Shed	£15,000	To optimise the renewable energy system for Alford Men's Shed by installation of a solar thermal and battery storage, enhancing a community facility used by older men and the wider community.
Buchan Community Farm LTD	£5,500	To fund a switch to renewable energy through installation of Solar PV, supporting the Community Farm's work with vulnerable young people.
Buchan Dial-A-Community Bus	£15,000	To fund the purchase of a new seven seater electric vehicle which will be used to provide free-of-charge, accessible and suitably timed transport to those who cannot afford public transport or who find it difficult to access public transport for a variety of reasons.
Camphill Rudolf Steiner Schools Ltd	£5,500	To fund the purchase of one cargo e-bike to create a new and environmentally sustainable transportation method for the students to deliver food and household products to the School's residential houses.
Community Food Initiatives North East	£5,500	To fund the purchase of a new electric cargo bicycle as part of CFINE's 'Vegaroonitooon' service providing access to fresh food for people in Aberdeen who experience food poverty, are isolated, and/or experience health, mobility or other barriers.
Newburgh Public Hall	£13,860	To upgrade the hall heating system through installing an air source heat pump, supporting a community facility.
Peterhead Sailing Club	£13,822	To fund installation of solar panels, a battery and an electric car charging point, to support the work of the sailing club with a range of groups including young people and those with disabilities.
ProtoTAU	£1,690	To contribute to the development and build of the prototype hydrogen car taking part in the 2021 Shell Eco-Marathon and the travel costs of the ProtoTAU team of students from Aberdeen University.
Tarland Development Group	£8,404	To contribute to the costs of constructing an education facility, in particular funding the added cost of a living roof.
Tarves Parish Church	£15,000	To fund an air source heating system as part of the redevelopment of Tarves Youth Hall.
The Barn (Woodend Arts Ltd)	£15,000	To replace and upgrade Stage Lighting and House Lights from halogen to LED in a community arts space.
	£124,276	Total Awarded

Funding Awards in Year 3

In 2021, the Fund received 42 applications totalling £555k. 17 awards were made:

Applicant Name	Amount Awarded	Grant Summary
Aberdeenshire Sailing Trust	£9,316	To fund an electric outboard motor, battery and charger for the Trust's small rescue boat based at Peterhead, replacing an 8hp conventionally fuelled outboard.
Blackdog Residents Association	£4,440	To fund the first phase in site investigations, including a topographical survey and utility scan, required for the design and construction of a pedestrian bridge to access Blackdog beach.
Bonnymuir Green Community Trust	£10,000	To fund the repair of the clubhouse roof, including the installation of a sedum matting living roof to the main flat roof section to reduce energy losses and increase biodiversity.
Camphill Wellbeing Trust	£4,200	To fund energy efficient lighting in the sports hall of the Compass development.
Camphill Rudolf Steiner Schools	£5,074	To introduce a hot composting system which would eliminate the need to purchase compost from external sources, significantly increasing the sustainability of the Murtle Estate organic food and herb production.
Culter & District Men's Shed	£1,341	To fund purchase of materials to insulate the gable ends of the men's shed and so improve energy efficiency of the building.
Earth & Worms	£5,000	To provide greener facilities and improve access for volunteers by installing a compost toilet in the community garden for the benefit of the local community.
Fittie Community Development Trust	£15,000	To fully insulate the community hall and replace the windows in order to reduce energy consumption, maximise the effectiveness of the air source heat pump and raise climate awareness in the community.
Girlguiding Kincardine & Deeside	£2,000	To part fund a feasibility study relating to the new Sheiling#2 Girlguiding residential centre in Braemar. The objective is to further the development of an exemplar zero carbon building providing facilities for Girlguiding groups and the wider community.
Meldrum Amenities Improvement Group	£5,349	To fund a solar PV system to provide the power for the electric utility vehicle and its water pump for maintaining floral displays.
Newburgh Public Hall	£15,000	To fund purchase and installation of an 8kW photo-voltaic array, linked to a Tesla Powerwall 2 battery unit to improve energy efficiency and demonstrate the technologies to the wider community.

Panthers Basketball Club	£2,000	To fund solar lighting on the outdoor basketball and netball courts at Mineralwell Park in Stonehaven to allow for greater access and usage, by Club members and the wider community.
Port Erroll Public Hall	£7,262	To part fund the installation of solar PV and battery storage and at Port Erroll Public Hall, and hence reduce the running costs of the hall.
Stella's Voice	£15,000	To fund the purchase of an electric Nissan E-NV200 delivery van for use in Aberdeenshire and surrounding area for the collection and delivery of larger items of furniture and household goods and the collection and distribution of food provision to those in need.
University of Aberdeen	£1,872	Feasibility study exploring the potential of scaling up microgeneration from Vertical Axis Wind Turbines (VAWT) retrofitted into existing public and private infrastructure.
Woodside Sports Complex	£5,853	To fund upgrades to the internal clubhouse lighting and floodlighting, replacing all current lighting with LED and replacing mobile floodlights with fixed LED floodlights, in order to improve energy efficiency and effectiveness of the lighting.
Zero Carbon Daviot	£2,000	To fund a feasibility study into retrofitting three property archetypes found in the Daviot area, as a precursor to development of a community-led retrofit programme.
	£110,707	Total Awarded

Funding Awards in Year 4

In 2022, the Fund received 27 applications totalling £406k. 12 awards were made:

Applicant Name	Amount Awarded	Grant Summary
Aberchirder Village Hall	£15,000	To part fund insulation, air source heat pumps, PV and battery to improve the energy efficiency of the village hall.
Aberdeenshire Sailing Trust (SCIO)	£3,028	To fund an electric outboard motor and spare battery for the Trust's rescue boat at Loch of Skene, replacing a 6hp petrol outboard, to support the delivery of sailing activities and reduce carbon emissions.
Aberdeenshire Voluntary Action	£2,324	To fund the upgrade of lighting in the Magpie shop to improve energy efficiency and the customer experience.
Alford Valley Community Railway	£15,000	To part fund energy efficiency improvements, in particular double glazing, of the Alford Valley Community Railway station building, as part of the

		initiative to bring the railway back into use and establish the station building as a community facility.
Camphill Rudolf Steiner Schools Ltd	£12,500	To contribute to the cost of the installation of PV Panels including a battery storage system on a new residential home for young people with complex additional support needs.
Charlie House	£30,000 (over 2 years)	To part fund insulation and solar PV on a new specialist support centre for children with life-limiting and life-threatening conditions.
Inverurie Loco Works Football Club	£15,000	To part fund the replacement of floodlights with LED to improve energy efficiency and illumination levels on the football pitch, in order to reduce costs and help to increase usage during the winter periods.
Logie Coldstone Trust	£15,000	To part fund solar PV and batteries to reduce energy costs and increase resilience of the village hall.
Newton Dee Store	£15,000	To part fund the purchase of a Citroen e-Dispatch with a drawer storage system to undertake deliveries from the Newton Dee Store.
Seed Box Ltd	£13,606	To fund solar PV panels and battery storage at the relocated and expanded horticulture and outdoor therapy centre.
Bon Accord Heritage	£1,995	To fund a retrofit energy appraisal of Bon Accord Baths, to inform the development of an energy efficient refurbishment, and ultimately, to bring the baths back into public use.
Newtonhill Community Hall Association	£1,922	To fund thermostat controls, lighting sensors and upgrades to LED lighting in the Bettridge Centre, to reduce energy usage.
	£140,375	Total awarded

Funding Awards in Year 5

In 2023, the Fund received 28 applications totalling £406k. 16 awards were made:

Applicant Name	Amount Awarded	Grant Summary
Meldrum Amenities Improvement Group	£1,576.50	To fund seed propagators to grow flowers for community displays.
SEAchange-Slains Environmental Action for change SCIO	£2,000.00	To install a water supply and create raised beds and an access gate for a community garden area.

Beannachar Ltd (operates as Beannachar Camphill Community)	£14,709.00	To fund repairs to greenhouse and polytunnel to increase food growing, and to purchase electric mower and cargo bike to reduce carbon and facilitate work experience for trainees.
Grey Street Aberdeen Allotment Association	£4,593.00	To fund a compost toilet, shed and solar panels with battery for the benefit of allotment users to improve facilities, save water and reduce need to travel.
Aberdeen University Student's Association	£13,000.00	To support sustainable food and active travel initiatives for three years for students and the wider community.
Inverurie Environmental Improvement Group	£15,000.00	To part fund an electric van to be used for local horticultural projects.
Aberdeen Mosque and Islamic Centre SCIO	£1,700.00	To fund two water fountains at Aberdeen Mosque
The Boddam Hub	£9,460.00	To insulate the Hub and install solar panels to improve comfort and energy efficiency of the community building.
Granite City Taekwondo	£15,000.00	To upgrade Tillydrone Community Centre with improvements to insulation, heating and lighting to reduce carbon, save money and create a better facility for users.
Culter and District Mens Shed	£15,000.00	To install solar panels and air source heating for the Men's Shed to reduce carbon and bills and make the group more sustainable.
Glass Community Association	£15,000.00	To install insulation, ventilation and contribute to cost of solar panels to reduce costs and improve comfort for users of the community hall.
Crathes Public Hall Trust (SCIO)	£7,500.00	To upgrade all single glazing in the community building as part of wider refurbishment works to improve energy efficiency.
Fraserburgh Football Club	£10,000.00	To contribute to costs of installing LED floodlights at the football stadium.
King George V Memorial Hall	£12,200.00	To contribute to costs of insulation and solar panels to save energy and fuel bills to make the facility more sustainable.
Camphill Rudolf Steiner Schools Ltd (operating as Camphill School Aberdeen)	£6,926.00	To contribute to costs of retrofitting a disused building into a zero waste shop, including costs of insulation, LED lighting, triple-glazed windows and air-source heat pump.

Blackdog Residents Association	£30,000.00	To construct a bridge to improve access to the beach from Blackdog village.
	£173,664.50	Total Awarded

Funding Awards in Year 6

In 2024, the Fund received 36 applications totalling £556k. 20 awards were made:

Applicant Name	Amount Awarded	Grant Summary
Aberdeen Association of Social Service (VSA)	£10,000	To contribute to the cost of double glazing for a care home, to save energy, improve comfort and reduce bills.
Aberdeen Performing Arts	£20,000	To contribute towards the upgrade of the theatre's Building Management System, allowing staff to more efficiently and sustainably manage the theatre's energy output.
Apex Church Peterhead	£2,500	To create a community and food growing garden to regenerate an outdoor space and improve health and wellbeing.
Community Food Initiatives North East	£15,000	To contribute towards the purchase of a second hand electric van to support the delivery of fresh fruit and vegetables to customers across Aberdeen, with profits from this trading activity being reinvested into support services.
Ellon Community Allotments	£20,000	To contribute to the cost of constructing a new allotment and community growing site from disused land at Balmacassie to grow food and support health and wellbeing.
Fraserburgh & District Men's Shed	£4,700	To cover the costs of installing and insulating a new ceiling and lighting to reduce energy requirements and make the building more comfortable for members.
Gairn Community Garden	£2,500	To regenerate a derelict allotment and create a community space to grow fruit and vegetables and increase biodiversity.
Garioch RFC	£892	To purchase new heaters, to save energy and improve facilities.
Magpie/Aberdeenshire Voluntary Action	£15,474	To fund new doors, insulated door frames and roof insulation at the reuse premises to improve energy efficiency.
Mormond West Parish Church	£3,000	To insulate the church hall roof space, in order to make the hall more energy efficient and to reduce costs.

Applicant Name	Amount Awarded	Grant Summary
Strichen Community Park Company	£20,000	To contribute to cost of solar panels, battery storage, heat pump and energy efficiency improvements to community park facilities.
Strichen Town House Trust SCIO	£20,000	To contribute to cost of insulating walls and ceilings and repairing windows to improve energy efficiency and restore a community venue.
The Belmont Community Cinema Ltd.	£10,000	To part fund one new cinema projector, helping the cinema to re-open and provide a high-quality experience for the community.
The Seed Box Ltd.	£11,600	To contribute towards the purchase of a small electric multi-purpose vehicle to collect garden waste for community composting, and improve financial and environmental sustainability.
Tullynessle & Forbes Community & Hall Association	£5,775	To contribute towards the cost of insulation, solar panels, and battery storage to improve the energy efficiency and financial sustainability of the community facility.
Turriff United FC	£6,000	To contribute to cost of upgrading to LED floodlights to reduce energy use, save money and improve experience of players and supporters.
Victoria & Albert Halls (Ballater) Trust	£20,000	To contribute to cost of insulation, to improve the energy efficiency of the community halls.
Blackdog Residents Association	£2,500	To create a rest stop area with seating and plants to encourage residents to enjoy the outdoors and improve health and wellbeing.
Hall Russell United Junior FC	£3,000	To contribute to cost of installing LED floodlights to increase use of the facility year round
Buchanhaven Hearts Junior Football Club	£9,086	To purchase an energy efficient robotic mower, helping the club to cut the cost of fuel and repairs, improve their emissions, and re-allocate volunteer hours.
	£202,027	Total Awarded

Funding Awards in Year 7

In 2025, the Fund received 52 applications totalling £822k. 24 awards were made:

Applicant Name	Amount Awarded	Grant Summary
1st Banchory Scouts	£14,900	To contribute to the cost of installing insulation, air-source heat pump, solar panels and battery system to reduce energy costs and consumption.
Aberdeen Arts Centre	£4,370	To contribute to the cost of LED lighting for Aberdeen Arts Centre, enhancing energy efficiency, reducing costs, and improving visitor experience.
Aberdeen Hindu Temple Trust	£11,680	To install secondary glazing at the Hindu Temple's community space to reduce carbon and save on running costs.
Aberdeen Science Centre	£12,130	To contribute towards costs of installing a voltage optimiser at the Aberdeen Science Centre, improving energy efficiency and reducing associated carbon emissions.
Aberdour Parish Hall	£15,000	To contribute towards installation of an air source heat pump at Aberdour Parish Hall, improving energy efficiency and reducing associated carbon emissions.
Culter Theatre Club	£7,478	To contribute to the cost of upgrading the stage lighting system, enhancing safety, efficiency, and production quality.
Ferryhill Railway Heritage Trust	£8,000	To contribute to the cost of installing a ground source heat pump, enhancing the museum's artefact preservation, volunteer and visitor experience.
Fraserburgh All Weather Sports Facility	£2,500	To contribute towards costs of LED flood lighting, reducing energy consumption and maintaining affordable access to the facility for local residents.
Friends of Stonehaven Open Air Pool	£13,766	To contribute to the cost of insulating pipes and improving facilities at the pool, enhancing winter usability and improving energy efficiency all year.
Glass Community Association	£5,800	To contribute to the cost of insulating the hall, reducing heating costs and dampness, enhancing user comfort, and promoting energy efficiency education.
Gordon Rural Action	£10,540	To contribute to the cost of building upgrades, including new glazing, enhancing energy efficiency and supporting community services.
Inverurie West Church (Acorn Centre)	£7,840	To fund the cost of installing loft floor insulation at Inverurie West Church, reducing emissions and running costs.
King George V Memorial Hall	£6,000	To contribute to the cost of installing a new heating system, electric water heating, panel heaters, and replacing doors to enhance energy efficiency and reduce costs for community use.
Newmachar Scout and Guide Association	£600	To fund the purchase and installation of LED lighting within the main hall, toilets and campfire area to support the activities of the Newmachar

Applicant Name	Amount Awarded	Grant Summary
		Scout and Guide Association, and wider local community users of the facility.
Newtonhill Community Hall Assoc	£5,000	To contribute towards installing an air source heat pump as part of the Garage Project, increasing the capacity and energy efficiency of the Bettridge Centre.
Peterhead Area Community Trust (PACT)	£9,359	To purchase an electric robot mower to replace petrol-powered machinery and free up volunteers for other community park maintenance tasks.
Peterhead Boys Club	£2,500	To purchase an electric mower to improve the energy efficiency of the Ugie Park maintenance programme, supporting young people's participation in the sport of football.
Scottish Sculpture Workshop	£16,575	To contribute to the cost of an electric forklift and charging infrastructure, reducing carbon emissions and enhancing access to local community art facilities.
SEAchange-Slains Environmental Action for change SCIO	£18,190	To contribute to cost of ground source heat pump and solar pv system for a historic community building.
Stuartfield Public Hall	£6,406	To contribute to the cost of a solar and battery storage system to reduce electricity costs and CO2e emissions, benefiting all hall users.
The Ice Rink Club (Curl Aberdeen)	£4,968	To contribute to the cost of a new HVAC control system at Curl Aberdeen, enhancing energy efficiency and ice quality, reducing operating costs.
Tillydrone Community Campus SCIO	£2,460	To fund tutor costs for sewing classes to encourage upcycling, reduce waste and increase local skills.
Woodrecyclability	£15,210	To install a 35.6kw array of solar panels to help sustain wood and plastic waste recycling project which supports adults with additional needs.
Blackdog Residents Association	£12,530	To fund battery-powered garden tools, mower and solar charging equipment for Blackdog Community Park, to help volunteers and improve environmental sustainability.
	£213,803	Total Awarded