



*Coimhearsnachd Bharraidh agus Bhatarsaidh
(Barra and Vatersay Community) Ltd.*

Spagan Community Fund

April 2025



Background

Coimhearsnachd Bharraidh agus Bhatarsaidh (Barra and Vatersay Community) Limited (CBaB) is the parent company of several wholly owned subsidiaries, including Barra and Vatersay Wind Energy Ltd. This company operates a 910kW wind turbine, generating income for the Spagan Community Fund, which has supported community initiatives across Barra and Vatersay since its establishment in 2018. In 2024, Foundation Scotland started working in collaboration with CBaB to develop the Spagan Community Fund.

The CBaB Board of Directors allocated £50,000 of funding to the Spagan Community Fund in 2024, and a further £60,000 in 2025. In 2025, minor funding criteria changes were introduced, including Round 1 being open exclusively to applicants who did not receive Spagan funding in 2024. If there were remaining funds after Round 1, Round 2 would have been launched and open to all applicants. However, Round 1 was oversubscribed, and the full £60,000 allocation was successfully awarded. As a result, Round 2 was not launched, and the fund will now reopen in February 2026.

2025 Summary

The table below presents a summary of the funding requests received for Round 1 of the Spagan Community Fund.

Applicant	Project	Grant Requested	Grant Awarded	Purpose of Grant
Volunteer Centre Western Isles	2 x beach cleans	£3,540.49	£0.00	To fund the cost of two beach cleans in Barra.
Cobhair Bharraigh	Core running costs	£15,000.00	£15,000.00	To contribute towards the day care both at home and in the local day care centre for vulnerable and isolated adults on Barra and Vatersay and provide ongoing support and advice to their Carers.
Barra Children's Centre	Play sessions	£8,360.00	£8,360.00	To fund play sessions that enhance child development and create support networks for parents.
Castlebay Community Hall	External fire escape replacement	£22,960.00	£4,637.80	To fund the replacement external fire escape staircase, ensuring the Youth Cafe Space meets Health and Safety legislation.
Voluntary Action Barra & Vatersay	Core running costs	£15,000.00	£15,000.00	To contribute to the cost of running Bus Bharraigh, aiding staff salaries and supporting transport for the less mobile and elderly, enhancing their independence
Barra & Vatersay Heritage Society	Heating and lighting	£3,430.00	£3,430.00	To fund the upgrade of the heating and lighting systems in the Barra and Vatersay Heritage Centre
Vatersay Community Association	Repairs to Vatersay Community Hall car park and access areas	£15,000.00	£15,000.00	To fund the essential repair works for a public car park.

TOTAL	£83,290.49	£61,427.80	
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Spagan Community Fund Balance Summary

2024 Opening Balance	£0.00
2024 Funding	£50,000.00
Grant Awards:	(£48,572.20)
1. Bùth Bharraigh - £12,000.00	
2. Feis Bharraigh - £10,000.00	
3. Science Festival - £11,589.00	
4. Vatersay Pier Users - £14,983.20	
2024 Closing Balance	£1,427.80

2025 Opening Balance	£1,427.80
2025 Funding	£60,000.00
Grant Awards:	(£61,427.80)
5. Vatersay Community Association - £15,000.00	
6. Barra & Vatersay Heritage Society - £3,430.00	
7. VABV - £15,000.00	
8. Castlebay Community Hall - £4,637.80	
9. Cobhair Bharraigh - £15,000.00	
10. Barra Children's Centre - £8,360.00	
2025 Closing Balance	£0.00