



The Spagan Community Fund

**Year Two Report: 1st April
2025 - 30th April 2026**

About the Spagan Fund

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 on the Spagan Community Fund.

The overall purpose of the Fund is to support the Barra and Vatersay community. The intentionally wide scope of activities that are eligible for support enables the Fund to be more impactful and achieve greater community benefit.

The Fund helps to deliver the parent company's aims "to promote, also for the public benefit, rural generation, including demographic balance and stability, following principles of sustainable development, where sustainable development means development which meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs, in areas of social and economic deprivation with the community."

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. In late 2025, the Board of Directors decided that in 2026, £60,000 would be distributed through the standard grant programme and to celebrate the 21st birthday of CBaB 2026, an additional £50,000 would be awarded to one project that could create a legacy and transformational change for Barra and Vatersay.

2026 Fund Financial Report

2026 Opening Balance	£0.00
2026 Funding	£110,000.00
Grant Awards:	
Large Award to Barra and Vatersay Heritage Society	(£50,000.00)
Grant awards to seven organisations (see below)	(£60,000.00)
Closing Balance	£0.00

2026 Fund Activity

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

The Spagan Fund Application and Award Summary (Both Rounds 2026)							
Standard Round (up to £15,000)							
Status	Funding Request Name	Offer Statement	Total Project Cost	Requested Amount	Recommended Amount	Minimum Impact	Awarded Amount
Awarded	Barra & Vatersay Piping Group	To cover the costs of specialist tuition and uniforms, helping to deliver regular piping and drumming workshops and support young people to develop skills and perform internationally.	£15,000.00	£15,000.00	£8,500.00	£10,700.00	£8,500.00
	Barra & Vatersay War Memorial Association	To contribute to the cost of creating safe access to the memorial site and refurbishing its lettering, ensuring improved accessibility and preserving the memorial's condition.	£7,280.00	£7,500.00	£6,250.00	£3,830.00	£6,250.00
	Barra Running Club	To cover the costs of training and safety equipment, helping to improve the safety, sustainability and accessibility of community running activities.	£13,000.00	£13,000.00	£3,250.00	£6,880.00	£3,250.00

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	Barra Youth Cafe	To contribute to the cost of a summer programme providing structured activities, trips, and youth café sessions to improve confidence, wellbeing, and social skills while addressing rural isolation and missed opportunities due to COVID-19.	£15,000.00	£15,000.00	£6,500.00	£6,500.00	£6,500.00
	Castlebay Parent Council	To contribute to the cost of purchasing and installing new accessible outdoor play equipment that will accommodate children using wheelchairs.	£24,366.00	£15,000.00	£14,000.00	£9,580.00	£14,000.00
	Garadh a Bhagh a Tuath	To contribute to the cost of employing a wellness support co-ordinator and horticultural tutor to expand activities, support vulnerable groups, enhance skills development, promote social interaction, and improve community well-being and resilience.	£30,000.00	£15,000.00	£14,000.00	£13,000.00	£14,000.00
	Vatersay Pier Users Association	To employ a part-time administrative assistant to support plans and work for the redevelopment of Vatersay Pier and harbour	£12,000.00	£12,000.00	£7,500.00	£7,500.00	£7,500.00
Total			£116,646	£92,500	£60,000	£57,990	£60,000

Anniversary Grant Round (£50,000)							
Status	Funding Request Name	Offer Statement	Total Project Cost	Requested Amount	Recommended Amount	Minimum Impact	Awarded Amount
Awarded	Barra & Vatersay Heritage Society - FR-0102675	To contribute to the cost of digitising collections, improving infrastructure, enhancing accessibility, and creating interactive experiences to preserve and promote heritage, culture, and community engagement.	£60,187.99	£50,000.00	£50,000.00	£50,000.00	£50,000.00

The large grant award of £50,000 was awarded to the Barra & Vatersay Heritage Society, who have the aim of digitising collections, improving infrastructure, enhancing accessibility, and creating interactive experiences to preserve and promote heritage, culture, and community engagement.

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