



SCOTTISH HYDRO CLYDE (DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY) COMMUNITY FUND FACTSHEET

**Open for applications from 16th May
Closing date 30th June**

What is it and who is it for?

This is a new charitable fund provided by SSE, the owner of the Clyde Wind Farm to benefit local communities. The Fund will benefit the 12 community council areas of Carronbridge, Durisdeer, Johnstone, Kirkconnel and Kelloholm, Kirkmichael, Kirkpatrick Juxta, Moffat & District, Closeburn, Royal Burgh of Sanquhar & District, **Thornhill**, Wamphray and Wanlockhead.

How much is available?

The fund value is £139,840. It will be in place for the operating life of the wind farm which is expected to be 25 years. The fund is index linked and started in April 2009. In this first year therefore there is over £400,000 for distribution across these 12 areas.

What will the Fund be used for?

The purpose of the Fund is to support activities that will:

- enhance quality of life and promote people's well-being
- promote community spirit and bring people together
- foster vibrant, sustainable communities.

It will do this by making grants to support the costs of relevant projects, services and facilities. These could include – but are not limited to – running costs for local groups, staff or sessional worker costs, consultations and feasibility studies, events and festivals, the cost of purchasing equipment, maintenance or refurbishment of community facilities etc.

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

The Fund is held and managed by a charity, the Scottish Community Foundation. Although the Foundation will receive and process applications, it will work with a local advisory panel – made up of a community councillor or equivalent from each Community Council area – that will meet to decide on grant awards from the Fund. In addition, a small proportion of the Fund will be distributed in the form of 'micro' grants of up to £250 each through a scheme administered by each Community Councils. To apply, please write directly to your Community Council or equivalent who will consider and award these smaller grants directly.

What size of grants are available?

As well as the micro grants which are up to £250, organisations will be able to apply for three categories of grant:

- Small grants – up to £3,000
- Medium grants – between £3,000 and £12,000
- Large grants – over £12,000

How will funds be distributed across the 12 community council areas?

The advisory panel will work with the Scottish Community Foundation to ensure that - until 2015 - each area receives broadly equal levels of benefits. This amounts to approximately £69,000 for each area during this first year. Any funds not distributed will be rolled over and preserved. An additional amount of up to the three years equivalent can be drawn down if required e.g.: for major capital projects. Please talk to Thornhill Community Council (there's a special new e-mail Address for this: thornhillwfgrants@yahoo.co.uk , or contact us in the usual ways) in the first instance to discuss it.

Who can apply for a grant?

Constituted community groups, not-for-profit organisations and registered charities working to benefit people in one or more of the 12 community council areas will be able to apply for a grant. (Note that organisations do not need to be registered charities to apply.)

However, micro grants from the Community Councils are also available to individuals or groups – including groups which are not constituted – for activity which will benefit the local community. Groups or individuals seeking a micro grant should contact their Community Council who will advise on the application process which is likely to be by letter. Applications for micro grants can be submitted anytime from 1 June and will normally be considered at each Community Council, Trust or Village Council meeting.

How can I apply?

A different application form must be used for each size of grant. These are available from www.scottishcf.org/clydedumfriesandgalloway or your local community council. Applications should be submitted to the Foundation by 30 June 2012 for a decision by end of August. Each application is to be noted by Thornhill Community Council, so be sure we have had an opportunity to countersign the form to demonstrate this, before you send it off. This will help ensure the community council or equivalent has an overview of applications being submitted from each area and will assist local planning and development.

Applications for grants of over £12,000 may be more complex so any decision to award grants of this size will follow detailed discussions between the applicant, the Scottish Community Foundation and the advisory panel. In the first instance, applications are invited on a short proposal form.

How many applications can I submit?

One application should be made at a time although it is recognised that in some of the areas with smaller populations there is maybe one main organisation or group which operates sub-committees for different activities. In such cases we expect one application to be made which may refer to a number of different projects which will each be costed and explained.

Is there anything that cannot be funded?

- Projects which do not benefit people living within the areas represented by the 12 community councils or equivalents (eg: village committees or councils where they exist instead)
- The advancement of religion or party politics
- Activities that are the statutory responsibility of statutory authorities
- Activities contrary to the interests of SSE or its subsidiaries
- Activities likely to bring the Scottish Community Foundation, SSE or its subsidiaries into disrepute
- Anti-renewable energy/wind farm activities
- Retrospective funding (i.e. paying for costs incurred before a decision on an application for support from the Fund can be made)

Where can I get an application form?

All application forms are available from your local Community Council or equivalent and the Scottish Community Foundation website at www.scottishcf.org/clydedumfriesandgalloway

What if I have more questions or want to discuss a potential application?

You can contact your local Advisory Panel member through your local Community Council. You can also contact the Scottish Community Foundation on 0141 341 4960 or email grants@scottishcf.org for further advice or information.

www.scottishcf.org/clydedumfriesandgalloway

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