



Kilgallioch Community Fund

Fund Factsheet

What is Kilgallioch Community Fund and who is it for?

Kilgallioch Community Fund is funded by ScottishPower Renewables community benefit funds, from its Kilgallioch Windfarm in Dumfries & Galloway and South Ayrshire.

The fund supports projects located within or directly benefiting Wigtownshire, Dumfries & Galloway and South Carrick, South Ayrshire. Projects must benefit one or more of the communities, which are geographically defined by community council boundaries. For eligible Community Council areas, please see the table below. For boundary maps and other information on Community Council areas please see the relevant local authority website or contact us for assistance (details below).

Cairnryan	Castle Kennedy
Cree Valley	Garlieston
Isle of Whithorn	Kirkcolm
Kirkcowan	Kirkmabreck
Kirkmaiden	Leswalt
Lochans	New Luce
Ochtrellure and Belmont	Old Luce
Port William	Portpatrick
Royal Burgh of Wigtown and District	Sorbie
Stoneykirk	Stranraer
The Royal Burgh of Whithorn and District	Ballantrae
Barr	Barrhill
Colmonell and Lendalfoot	Dailly
Girvan and District	Pinwherry and Pinmore

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

Kilgallioch Community Benefit Company Ltd Board, which is made up of twelve local volunteer Directors, decides on grant awards from the fund. Administration is provided by Foundation Scotland, a national grant-making charity.

How much is available?

Approximately £1.2 million is available each year. Of this, 15% per community is distributed directly to Old Luce, New Luce, Kirkcowan and Barrhill for projects in those communities. 40% or around £475,000 is made available across the whole area of benefit, via this Kilgallioch Community Fund.

Who can apply for a grant?

Applicants must normally fulfil the following conditions to apply to the fund:

- The proposal is for projects or activities consistent with the overall priorities and criteria of Kilgallioch Community Fund;
- Applicants have a constitution (governing document or set of rules) and are set up on a not-for-private-profit basis. However groups do not need to be registered charities to apply.
- Applicants must provide their latest set of accounts, signed by an independent third party.

We welcome pre-application enquiries - please contact Foundation Scotland if anything is unclear.

What size of grants are available?

- **Standard grants: £500 - £10,000.** For projects lasting up to one year.
- **Large grants: over £10,000.** Multiyear grants are available, up to a maximum of three years. There is a two-stage application process for large grants. The Board will review a Stage 1 Large Grant Enquiry and agree whether to invite a full Stage 2 application. Proposals for 100% of project costs will not be considered.
- **Development grants of up to £5,000** can be requested as part of the Stage 1 Large Grant Enquiry. These will only be awarded to applicants who are approved to work towards a Stage 2 application. It is not available to standard grants applicants or as a standalone process. The purpose of this funding is to support applicants to develop their project in order to submit a strong and well-developed application at Stage 2 and to other Funders.

What will Kilgallioch Community Fund support?

Kilgallioch Community Fund will support community-led charitable activities that support the rural regeneration and sustainability of communities in Wigtownshire and South Carrick.

Awards can support a wide range of costs and activities. Groups seeking to undertake **capital projects** in respect of land or assets (e.g. village halls, community spaces) must either own the property, or have a minimum ten-year lease.

Due to high demand on the fund, ongoing **running costs**, although eligible, are less likely to be supported, as the Board will prioritise support for one-off or new projects. Priority will also be given to groups that have not previously been funded.

Standard Grant holders must be able to spend their grant within 12 months of an award.

Development Grants can only be used for costs associated with developing your project further, ahead of making a Stage 2 Large Grant application. Development costs could include items for capital projects such as architect's drawings, production of business plans, surveyor's fees, feasibility studies or options appraisals; or costs associated with developing a service or activity such as bringing in consultants to provide specialised advice, running a pilot, or carrying out consultation to inform your Stage 2 bid. This list is not exhaustive – if you are not sure about whether your development cost is eligible for support, please contact Foundation Scotland for advice. The Fund's standard exclusion criteria apply (see below).

Priority will also be given to applications that address one or more of the following aims:

- Engage and empower young people, increase employment opportunities for young people and/or attract young families to the area
- Reduce poverty and disadvantage
- Improve connectivity, including transport, access to services and opportunities
- Improve quality of life, health and well-being
- Build capacity for local groups and promote community spirit

- Build sustainable community assets, including capital assets.
- Promote, protect and celebrate natural and cultural heritage

What other criteria apply to the fund?

As well as demonstrating a fit with the aims outlined above, priority for awards may be given to projects that address the following additional criteria:

- **Community engagement and consultation:** That the applicant can demonstrate effective involvement of local people and/or people who will benefit from the project in the design and delivery of the project.
- **Leverage or match funding:** That the applicant is seeking to secure match funding for the project (from local fundraising activity or other sources) and/or can demonstrate what other funding may be secured as a result of implementing this particular project.
- **Local procurement:** That local suppliers of goods and services will be used, where appropriate (e.g., in terms of quality of products / services available) and feasible (in terms of availability and cost). The definition of 'local' will vary depending on the goods/services in question. In some cases it could be taken to mean within the Area of Benefit but in others the South of Scotland might be most appropriate.
- **Sustainability:** That organisations can demonstrate their plans for the project to become sustainable in the future without the need to rely on grant funding.
- **Building community capacity:** That the applicant has considered whether the project provides opportunities to build the skills and knowledge of group members or other people connected with the project.
- **Partnership working:** Where appropriate, that the applicant has considered whether delivering their project in partnership with other organisations / groups will add value (financial, capability, or other). This could involve working with voluntary, private or public sector bodies that operate at local, regional or national level.

What cannot be supported?

Awards cannot support the following types of activity:

- The advancement of religion or party politics (including requests to support the core activities of religious or political groups)
- Activities understood to be the primary responsibility of statutory authorities (including teaching equipment in schools).
- Projects benefiting primarily residents outwith the Area of Benefit (determined by the Community Council boundaries)
- Activities contrary to the interests of ScottishPower Renewables, Kilgallioch Community Benefit Company Ltd or Foundation Scotland, or likely to bring any of them into disrepute.
- Anti-renewable energy or anti-windfarm activities
- Retrospective funding (i.e. paying for costs incurred before a decision on an application to the fund for support can be made). If your project is time-sensitive, please contact us before applying.
- The repayment of loans or payment of debts.
- Individuals and groups that are not constituted
- Groups without a representative membership structure i.e. groups that unduly restrict their membership and/or where the committee or board is not elected by, or otherwise accountable to, a wider group of people.

How can I apply?

For Standard Grant applications and Stage 1 Large Grant Enquiries, the simplest way is to apply online, via the fund web page www.kilgallioch.co.uk. Alternatively, application forms and guidance are available

to download from the same page, or can be requested by email from the Programme Administrator at Foundation Scotland, on office@foundationscotland.org.uk.

A Stage 2 large grant application form will be provided to groups that are invited to apply.

What are the deadlines and timescales?

- The next Standard Grant applications deadline is 5th July 2021 with decisions announced by mid September 2021. 2022 application dates will be announced in October 2020.
- The Large Grants Stage 1 deadline was 15th October 2020, with projects approved for a full Stage 2 bid and decisions on development funding announced in the first week of December. Successful development funding applicants will have 12 months to spend their Development Grant and to make their Stage 2 application.
- For large grant applicants already invited to Stage 2, next deadline to submit is 4th May 2021 and 30th August 2021.

What if I have more questions?

We welcome pre-application queries. For further advice or information on the Fund, or to discuss your project proposal informally, please contact the Foundation Scotland team by email on office@foundationscotland.org.uk.

Please note, we no longer accept grant applications by post. Please phone or email if you have any questions regarding this.