



## Braes of Doune Community Fund FAQs



### **Please also read our Guidelines for Application**

#### **What sort of projects do you fund?**

We will fund any work or project that can demonstrate a benefit to people in the Callander Community Council area (see map). and can be used to benefit the social, educational, sporting or economic life of the community.

The grant can also be used to benefit tourism, or the scenic or historic value of the area covered by CCC.

It is anticipated that the grant will benefit the community as a whole or a disadvantaged minority within the community.

Because it is a Windfarm grant, preference will be given to grants used for projects that result in improved energy efficiency, energy management or that are innovative, sustainable or renewable.

#### **What do you not fund?**

Grants sought by individuals that are deemed to be for personal benefit

Grants sought for the promotion of any specific religious or political purpose

Grants sought for the purpose of directly paying individuals' salary or wages

Grants sought which are intended to fully fund the project, except where amounts are small (discretion to be used) or where a large amount is requested and only a few people are likely to benefit (except for disadvantaged minority groups)

We will not normally fund projects when the funds have already been committed or spent, or could reasonably be expected to be funded or undertaken by statutory bodies such as Stirling Council, Scottish Government, Police Scotland, schools, or health services

We would not normally fund projects which are being sought retrospectively

#### **Can we apply for core funding?**

Yes, we will consider applications for core funding of groups or organisations.

#### **Will you fully fund my request?**

We may do so if you can provide evidence that no other sources of funding can be secured but would prefer to see match funding from other sources wherever possible.

#### **How much can we ask for? Do you have a maximum level of grant?**

There is no maximum, but in practice there are limited funds available. At present we receive about £17,000 per annum.

#### **Do you award grants for projects that run over a number of years?**

We normally expect the project for which the grant has been awarded is intended to be completed within 12 months of the date from which the grant is approved by CCC although the timeline can be extended, and exceptions can be made.



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### **How often will the Funding Committee meet, and do you have deadlines for applications for each meeting?**

The CCC sub-committee meets four times a year. The deadlines for registering your application are 31 January, 30 April, 31 July, and 31 October. The committee will usually meet within a couple of weeks after the deadline, with recommendations being made to Braes of Doune within about a month. The timeline to hear whether the recommendations have met with approval still have to be ratified, but the intention is within 2 weeks. The public announcements for successful candidates will be made at the following business meeting of CCC.

### **If my project meets the criteria, will it automatically be funded?**

Not necessarily. The committee may decide that the project will not fulfil its aims as described in the application, that the project could be funded elsewhere, including from the applicant's own resources, or that the benefits to Callander will be limited.

The fund has limited money to support all the applications it receives, so may offer a contribution, subject to available funding.

All decisions are at the discretion of the Callander Community Councillors and the Braes of Doune Windfarm Directors.

### **Can I speak to someone about the application I wish to make?**

Yes, you can contact the Braes of Doune Community fund's coordinator, Marilyn Moore, at [CCCBODFund@gmail.com](mailto:CCCBODFund@gmail.com)

Please read the guidelines and FAQs carefully before making contact.

### **How will I know if my application has been successful?**

All applicants will receive notification of the outcome within 5-10 working days following receipt of approval from Braes of Doune Community Fund Directors. Unsuccessful applications will be contacted at the same time and will receive feedback on the reasons for being declined. All successful applications will be announced at the following business meeting of Callander Community Council.