



Every drop counts

CALLANDER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

Callander Community Hydro 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](#)). It can be a capital project, such as building, refurbishment works or buying equipment or revenue costs, such as administration, staff costs or marketing, or a combination of both.

Projects might cover any area of activity such as sport facilities, art and heritage, community services, social enterprises, so long as you can demonstrate the benefit to our community.

Projects that contribute to actions in the Callander Community Action Plan will be especially welcomed.

What is the Community Action Plan?

The *Callander Community Action Plan 2017-22* was developed by local people through a consultation process and public meetings in 2016. It identifies the priorities for action by all the organisations active in the town and will provide a good basis for applications. You should identify to which priorities and actions your project will contribute.

What do you not fund?

We will not fund any project that promotes political or religious aims, or provides a personal gain. We will not normally fund projects when the funds have already been committed or spent.

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 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 about £50,000 is available each year paid in quarterly instalments. Larger awards may be offered in more than one instalment, subject to funds being available.

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

Yes, we will consider projects up to an initial 3 years. Your application should show projected costs and income over that period. Awards will be made subject to funds being available.

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

The committee meets four times a year. The deadlines for registering your application are 31 March, 30 June, 30 September and 31 December and the committee will usually meet around a month after the deadline.

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. Increasingly, the fund has insufficient money to support all the applications it receives and may offer a contribution or instalments, subject to available funding.

All decisions are at the discretion of the CCDT Directors on the Hydro Fund Committee.

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

Yes, you can contact the fund's coordinator, Sheila Winstone, on 07539 793806 or hydrofund@callandercdt.org.uk. 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 the date of the Hydro Fund Committee meeting at which the application has been considered. Unsuccessful applications will receive feedback on the reasons for being declined.

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