

Non-Constituted Group/Individual for Community Benefit Information and Guidelines

IMPORTANT – Start planning well before you will need any money. SFCT cannot pay a grant retrospectively. Please contact SFCT and apply well ahead of committing to spending any money. It is essential that applicants await the decision of SFCT before commencing the project.

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| <p>Aims and Objectives of the Non-Constituted Group for Community Benefit Grant</p> | <p>Grants up to a maximum £1000.00 per year.</p> <p>The Non-Constituted Community Groups/Individuals Grant Scheme is designed for circumstances where a few residents have an idea for a project and have not yet organised themselves into a formal or constituted group.</p> <p>The application for the grant is made by one individual on behalf of the group and larger grants for constituted community groups should use the Constituted Group Grant Application Form.</p> <p>Successful grant applications must accord with the broad aims of Stratherrick and Foyers Community Trust (SFCT) and our funders. Trust grants have been made to a wide spectrum of projects and groups including sport, social activities, welfare, heritage, education, environmental and community development activities.</p> <p>SFCT funds projects that benefit local people. This grant scheme can help Non-Constituted/Voluntary groups to finance a project for local community benefit up to £1,000. This grant scheme cannot be used for the benefit of a single person, family, or private business.</p> |
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| <p>Eligibility</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants must be aged 18 or over and resident in Stratherrick and Foyers Community Council (SFCC) area. • Applications may be made from a group or individual out with the SFCC area if the activity to be funded is for the sole benefit of the community within the SFCC area. |
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| <p>What SFCT will not fund</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Groups whose grant request is for the advancement of religion or politics (including requests to support the core activities of religious or political groups). • Groups whose grant request is to fulfil a statutory responsibility. • Groups with a purpose that is averse to SFCT and/or our funders interests or is likely to bring SFCT and/or funders into disrepute. • Groups that are anti-renewable energy/wind farms. • Projects that involve retrospective funding (costs incurred before a funding decision is made). • VAT costs that can be recovered. • Groups who have not provided a completion report for any previous grants awarded by SFCT. • Groups whose annual income in the current or previous financial year is over £1000. • Groups who will then distribute the funds as grants, bursaries or loans. • Projects that do not benefit people in the SFCC area. • Groups other than not-for-profit groups. |
| <p>When can an application be made?</p> | <p>Applications can be submitted on any date throughout the year. Once received they are held until the next grant application deadline.</p> <p>There are four advertised grant deadlines each year and these are published on the SFCT website.</p> <p>Incomplete forms or applications requiring further information will be returned to you requesting more detail.</p> <p><i>Please see important notice at the beginning of this document.</i></p> |
| <p>Do I have to wait for SFCT to make a decision before the project can start?</p> | <p>Yes, you must not proceed with your project until SFCT has made a decision on your application.</p> <p>Please apply for your grant as early as possible to avoid any delays in processing your application.</p> |
| <p>What can my group apply for?</p> | <p>You may apply for the financial costs that will be incurred by your project. These may include equipment, training, sessional workers, food, fuel, transport and admission tickets. You may apply for up to 100% of the costs of the project.</p> |
| <p>What must be included with the application?</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please include as much information about your project or activity as you can. Remember to tell SFCT how the community will benefit, and ideally how many people will participate. • Please supply quotes or pricelists, or screenshots, for any items you propose to purchase. SFCT normally expects applicants to seek three quotes for items over £500.00, and these are to be included with an application. List all the costs you want funded in detail and add the amount up. • If you are applying for 100% of the costs, please indicate this. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If other contributions are expected or guaranteed, please mention these. |
| <p>Are there any other rules?</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You can apply for one Non-Constituted Community Groups/Individuals grant per year to the maximum value of £1000.00. • As with all SFCT grants, previous recipients of a grant must return a Grant Completion Form for their last grant to be eligible to apply again. • You will have one year to spend the grant after which any unspent funds must be returned. • If your project repeats annually, you must submit a fresh application each year. • Applicants may apply for one-off projects that run over two years for example an employee. Payment will be made at stages over the duration of the project provided an interim report is provided when requested. |
| <p>Stratherrick & Foyers Community Trust Funding</p> | <p>Stratherrick and Foyers Community Trust uses funds it receives from renewable energy companies to support a range of community and individual grant schemes. This grant scheme is supported by funds from the community benefit money received from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSE and Greencoat UK Stronelaig windfarm • SSE Dunmaglass windfarm • SSE Glendoe Hydroelectric scheme • Greencoat UK Wind Corriegarth windfarm • Green Highland Allt Luaidhe (228) Limited Knockie Hydroelectric scheme • Easter Aberchalder Partnerships wind turbine. |
| <p>Publicity and general Data Protection regulation</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please remember that if you are awarded a grant from SFCT, your name and the amount you received will be made available on the SFCT website. • This information is made public to demonstrate how funds are being used and to encourage other applicants to use the grant scheme. • Please check the SFCT Privacy Policy on the SFCT website at www.stratherrickcommunity.org.uk |
| <p>Further help</p> | <p>If you need help to fill out the application form, please contact:</p> <p>SFCT Funding and Development Officer: funding@sfctrust.org.uk</p> |