



# Non-constituted/Voluntary Group for Community Benefit Grant Information and Guidelines

**Grants up to a maximum £1000.00.**

The Non-constituted/Voluntary Group for Community Benefit Grant Scheme is designed for circumstances where a few residents have an idea for a project but have not yet organised themselves into a formal or constituted group. The application for the grant is made by one individual on behalf of the group. Larger grants for constituted community groups should use the Constituted Group Grant Application Form (and not this one).

**Successful grant applications must accord with the broad aims of Stratherrick and Foyers Community Trust 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.

The Trust funds projects which benefit local people. This grant scheme is able to 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 or family or private business.

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

## **Who can apply?**

Anyone aged 18 or over and resident in Stratherrick and Foyers Community Council Area may apply for a Non-constituted/Voluntary Group for Community Benefit Grant (up to a maximum of £1,000). An application may also be made from an individual resident out with Stratherrick and Foyers but only if the activity to be funded is for the sole benefit of the community in Stratherrick and Foyers.

## **What can I apply for?**



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.

### **When can I apply?**

You may apply at any time. Remember you must receive a decision from the Trust before you can proceed with your project. There are six advertised grant deadlines each year. Your completed application will be placed in the next grant round after receipt, unless it is incomplete. Incomplete applications will be returned.

### **Are there any other rules?**

Please read the list of items the Trust will not fund below. Remember that there is a limit of one 'Non-constituted Group for Community Benefit' grant per applicant per year. As with all Trust 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.

### **Where do I apply?**

Apply using the latest form on the Trust website. [www.stratherrickcommunity.org.uk](http://www.stratherrickcommunity.org.uk) and submit this form to the Trust address on the form.

### **What else must be included in an application?**

Please include as much information about your project or activity as you can.

Remember to tell the Trust how the community would benefit, and ideally how many people will participate.

Please supply quotes or pricelists, or screenshots for any items you proposed to purchase. The Trust normally expects applicants to seek three quotes for items, and to include these quotes 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. If other contributions are expected or guaranteed, please mention these.

Remember to include details of a referee who should be someone who knows about your planned project and is independent of you. Please ask the Referee to make sure he or she is



happy to act in this role and have Stratherrick and Foyers Community Trust make contact with them.

### **What the Trust will not fund:**

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- Groups whose grant request is 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 adverse 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 farm.
- 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 with fewer than 3 members on their management committee or board.
- Groups who do not have two unrelated signatories.
- Groups who do not have a constitution or governing document that includes a dissolution clause.
- Groups who will then distribute the funds as grants or bursaries.
- Projects that do not benefit people in the Stratherrick and Foyers area.
- Groups other than not-for-profit groups.

