



Clyde Wind Farm Community Fund Kick-Start Fund Application Guidelines

Before you begin

Please note: this form is only for small grant applications to the Clyde Wind Farm Community Fund.

Application forms can be requested from Crawford and Elvanfoot Community Council. These documents may be updated from time to time. Please make sure you have the latest version.

Key information

What are Kick-Start grants?	Kick-Start grants are intended to make the Clyde Wind Farm Community Fund available to individuals and small local groups who need small amounts to pursue their goals. The process of applying for and receiving a small grant is intended to be relatively quick and light touch and will be managed by Crawford and Elvanfoot Community Council.
How much can I apply for using this application form?	From £500 to £1,000.
Where does this money come from?	Clyde Wind Farm (Scotland) Ltd operates a 206-turbine wind farm in the Clyde Valley. This fund was established from the 54 turbine Clyde Extension, the first year of which payment is ring-fenced for its 'host' communities of Crawford and Elvanfoot, and Duneaton.
Which areas can benefit from the fund?	The geographical area covered by Crawford and Elvanfoot Community Council.
How do I apply for a grant?	<p>Individuals and groups seeking a grant should complete the short application form available from the Community Council.</p> <p>Completed application forms should be sent directly to Crawford and Elvanfoot Community Council.</p> <p>There should be no more than one application per group or individual.</p>
When are decisions made?	<p>The Community Council will inform you of the outcome of your application as soon as possible, but the timescale will depend on when community council meetings are held.</p> <p>Please note that applications submitted immediately before a meeting may not be considered until the following meeting.</p>



Who can apply?	<p>Applications can be accepted from groups and individuals.</p> <p>Individuals must be living in the Crawford and Elvanfoot Community Council areas.</p>
What can grants be used for?	<p>Community-focussed or charitable activities which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • enhance quality of life for local residents; • contribute to vibrant, healthy, successful and sustainable communities; and/or • promote community spirit and encourage community activity.
Are there any activities you're unable to support?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects which do not benefit people living within the community council area of Crawford and Elvanfoot. • The advancement of religion or politics (including requests to support the core activities of religious or political groups). • Travel abroad. • The purchase of second hand vehicles. • Costs of energy consumption. • The repayment of loans or payment of debts. • Costs already incurred or activities which will take place before a decision to fund an application (retrospective funding). • Payments towards areas generally understood to be the exclusive responsibility of statutory authorities. • Applications that are for the sole benefit to flora and fauna. Applicants are invited to demonstrate the direct benefit to the local community and/or service users in cases where the grant application is concerned with flora and fauna. • Anti-wind farm/renewable energy activities, including activities contrary to the interests of SSE, its partners and its subsidiaries.
Additional information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any grant received must be spent within one year of being awarded. • Applying for, or holding, a grant from the Kick Start scheme does not prevent constituted, not for profit groups and organisations from applying for a grant from any other grant-making programme operated through the Clyde Wind Farm Community Fund, provided that the application is not to support the same project or activity. • Receipts should be retained for reporting to the Community Council on completion of the project.

Completed forms should be sent to your local Community Council

Please send your completed application form to the community council using the contact below.

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