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Annandale and Nithsdale Community Benefit Company

Fund Factsheet

What is Annandale & Nithsdale Community Benefit Company (ANCBC) and who is it for?

ANCBC is funded by Scottish Power Renewables community benefit fund for Harestanes wind farm in Dumfries and Galloway. The fund supports projects located within or directly benefiting one or more of 42 community council areas in Annandale and Nithsdale.

Applications must benefit one or more of the communities, which are geographically defined by community council boundaries. Please note that not all Annandale and Nithsdale areas are eligible to apply. For a complete list of those within the ANCBC curtilage please see the table below. If you're not sure of the community council area/s for your project please call our office (details at end) to discuss your geographic eligibility.

| Location | Community Council | Community Council | Community Council |
|--------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| East | Lockerbie | Kirkmichael | Eskdalemuir |
| | Moffat | Kirkpatrick-Juxta | Johnstone |
| | Templand | Lochmaben and District | Wamphray |
| | North Milk | | |
| South | Dalton & Carrutherstown | Heathhall | Royal Four Towns |
| | Holywood/Newbridge | Irongray | Georgetown |
| | Tinwald | Lochside and Woodlands | Loreburn |
| | Terregles | Torthorwald | Troqueer |
| | Mouswald | Corrberry and Laurieknowe | Kingholm Quay |
| | Lincluden | Locharbriggs | Ryedale |
| | St. Michaels | Summerville and Stakeford | |
| | | | |
| West | Auldgirth | Carronbridge | Closeburn |
| | Dunscore | Glencairn | Keir |
| | Kirkmahoe | Penpont | Thornhill |
| | Tynron | Durisdeer | Ae |

How is ANCBC managed, and who makes decisions about it?

ANCBC is a company limited by guarantee, with a voluntary Board of up to twelve Directors elected from the Membership. Members are nominated by each of the established community councils.

ANCBC administration is provided on behalf of the ANCBC Board by Foundation Scotland, a national grant-making charity. The Foundation receives and processes applications on behalf of the company and supports the ANCBC Board, which decides on grant awards from the fund.

How much is available?

Overall, the fund value is approximately £300,000 annually. Amounts available will vary from round to round as awards are made.

Who can apply for an award?

Applicants must normally fulfil the following conditions to apply to the fund:

- The proposal is for projects or activities consistent with the overall purpose of ANCBC;
- Applicants have a signed constitution (governing document or set of rules) and are set up on a not-for-private-profit basis. However applicants do not need to be registered charities to apply.
- Applicants must have a bank account with non-related signatories and supply a copy of a recent bank statement
- Applicants must provide their latest set of accounts signed by an independent third party, or if the group has been operating for less than one year, they should provide a cash-flow projection.
- Only one application per group or organisation will be considered each calendar year unless exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated
- Match funding is required for all applications, see below

What sizes of awards are available?

Two levels of award are available for activities that benefit the local community. The amount and type of information required from applicants differs depending on the size of application being made.

- **Small grants: £500 - £5,000:** A minimum of 25% match funding is required
- **Large grants £5,001 - £20,000:** A minimum of 50% match funding is required.

Awards can be multi-year in nature, up to a maximum of 3 years. The total amount requested over the years should not exceed £20,000.

A **Community Council local grant scheme** is also available and administered directly by Community Councils. Please contact your Community Council directly for further details on local grants. If your area does not have a community council, please apply to the main fund.

What are the deadlines and timescales?

The main fund operates approximately 3 rounds per year. Current dates are available on the website:

<https://ancbc.co.uk/main-fund/>

What will ANCBC support?

ANCBC will support charitable activities that support the rural regeneration and sustainability of communities within the area of benefit.

Awards can support a wide range of costs and activities including equipment, running costs for local groups, staff or sessional worker costs, consultations, maintenance or refurbishment of community facilities and capital costs to purchase or develop community assets.

It should be possible for local people to become members of your organisation or access your services without undue restriction including cost.

Applications that address any of the following issues are particularly welcomed:

- Community facilities, services, rural transport, affordable housing, community development
- Community or local events
- Environmental projects
- Heritage

- Skills, employment, tourism, reducing poverty and disadvantage, improving rural business opportunities, building the capacity of community and voluntary organisations, supporting innovation and social enterprise
- Sport, recreation and improving the health of residents
- Youth and education, tackling out-migration of young people, achieving parity with national educational attainment levels.
- Promoting care and support of vulnerable people; improving community safety

What other criteria apply to the fund?

As well as demonstrating a fit with the requirements outlined above, priority for awards can be given to projects that address the following additional criteria.

- **Additional/ Match funding:** That other possible funding sources for the project have been explored. This might include applicants raising some funds through their own fundraising efforts. The fund should not displace funding that could be obtained from other sources, but should help lever-in additional funds if possible. Additionally it should not reduce community-based groups' commitment to organising local activities that contribute to a vibrant community calendar and promote community spirit. Applicants should demonstrate that a percentage of the total project cost will be sourced from other funding sources, including the applicant organisation itself, which might be in a position to contribute to the project cost.
- **Local procurement:** That local suppliers will be used for the provision of goods and services, where appropriate (e.g. in terms of quality of products / services available) and feasible (in terms of availability and cost). 'Local' will vary depending on the nature and availability of the item/service in question. In some cases it could be taken to mean within Annandale or Nithsdale and the surrounding area, but in others Dumfries and Galloway or indeed the South of Scotland might be most appropriate.
- **Care for our environment:** That consideration has been given to minimising the environmental impact of projects and reducing the applicant organisation's 'carbon footprint'.
- **Local consultation:** That the organisation has consulted an appropriate number of the intended beneficiaries of the project and can demonstrate local support for the proposal.
- **Partnership working:** That the organisation has considered whether delivering their project in partnership with other organisations / groups will add value (financial, capability, or other). This could involve working with voluntary, private or public sector bodies that operate at local, regional or national level.

What cannot be supported?

Awards cannot support the following types of activity:

- The advancement of religion or party politics (including requests to support the core activities of religious or political groups)
- Activities understood to be the primary responsibility of statutory authorities
- Projects benefiting primarily residents outwith the Area of Benefit (determined by the Community Council boundaries)
- Activities likely to bring ANCBC, SPR, Foundation Scotland, the communities or any other companies or donors contributing to the fund into disrepute
- Anti-renewable energy or anti-windfarm activities
- Investment in a commercial wind farm.

- Retrospective funding (i.e. paying for costs incurred before a decision on an application to the fund for support has been made)
- The repayment of loans or payment of debts.
- Individuals or private businesses, unless wider public benefit can be clearly demonstrated

How can I apply?

You can apply online or download application forms and guidance from www.ancbc.co.uk/main-fund or contact the Programme Administrator at Foundation Scotland on 01557 814927 or email grants@ancbc.co.uk

Completed and signed applications should be submitted to ANCBC, c/o Foundation Scotland, The Kiosk, Gatehouse of Fleet, Dumfries and Galloway, DG7 2HP

What if I have more questions?

We welcome pre-application enquiries. For further advice or information on ANCBC or to discuss your project proposal informally before you apply, please contact the Foundation Scotland team:

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