

### Before you begin

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

Application forms can be requested from your local community council. These documents will be updated from time to time. Please make sure you have the latest version.

### Key information

What are microgrants?	Microgrants are intended to make the Clyde Extension Community Fund available to individuals and small local groups who need small amounts to pursue their objectives. The process of applying for and receiving a microgrant is intended to be relatively quick and light touch, and will be managed by your local Community Council.
How much can I apply for using this application form?	Up to £250. For groups with a constitution, larger grants are available by applying to SSE. For more information please contact Gareth Shields at <a href="mailto:gareth.shields@sse.com">gareth.shields@sse.com</a> or on 01738 340 142.
Where does this money come from?	Clyde Wind Farm (Scotland) Ltd operate a 206-turbine wind farm in the Clyde Valley. The Clyde Extension Community Fund has been established as a means of enabling a contribution to the communities located around the wind farm.
Which areas can benefit from the fund?	The community council areas of Duneaton, Quothquan & Thankerton, Crawford & Elvanfoot, Biggar, Symington and Leadhills.
How do I apply for a micro grant?	Individuals and groups seeking a microgrant should complete the short application form available from your Community Council.  Completed application forms should be sent directly to your Community Council.
When can I apply?	There is no closing date for applications for microgrants and applications can be accepted at any time.
When are decisions made?	The Community Council will inform you in writing of the outcome of your application as soon as possible, but the timescale will depend on when community council meetings are held.  Please note that applications submitted immediately before a meeting may not be considered until the following meeting.
Who can apply?	Applications for microgrants can be accepted from groups – including those who don't have a written constitution or set of rules – and individuals.  Individuals must be living in one of the six eligible community council areas: Duneaton, Quothquan & Thankerton, Crawford & Elvanfoot, Biggar, Symington and Leadhills.
What can micro grants be used for?	Community-focussed or charitable activities which: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• enhance quality of life for local residents;</li> <li>• contribute to vibrant, healthy, successful and sustainable communities; and/or</li> <li>• promote community spirit and encourage community activity</li> </ul>
Are there any activities you're unable to support?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Projects which do not benefit people living within the community council areas of Skirling, Upper Tweed or Tweedsmuir.</li> <li>• The advancement of religion or politics (including requests to support the core activities of religious or political groups).</li> </ul>

- The purchase of second-hand vehicles.
- Costs of energy consumption.
- The repayment of loans or payment of debts.
- Travel abroad.
- Costs already incurred or activities which will take place before we have made a decision on 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

- You may only apply for one microgrant at a time.
- If your application is successful, you will not be able to reapply for another micro grant for 12 months has elapsed, although in exceptional circumstances the Community Council may decide to waive this.
- If your application is unsuccessful, you may reapply immediately.
- Any grant received must be spent within one year of being awarded.
- Applying for, or holding, a grant from the micro grants 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 Extension Community Fund provided that the application is not to support the same project or activity.
- Please bear in mind that requests for micro grants are likely to exceed the limited amount of funding available and not all applications will be successful.

**Completed forms should be sent to your local Community Council**

**Please send your completed micro grant application form to your local community council Treasurer. Details can be found at <https://duneatoncc.weebly.com/contact.html>**