

**INFINIS GLENKERIE COMMUNITY FUND FACTSHEET**

**What is the Infinis Glenkerie Community Fund and who is it for?**

This charitable fund is provided by Infinis, the owner of the Glenkerie Wind Farm. The Fund benefits communities located within a 15 km radius of the wind farm, including, but not exclusively, the Upper Tweed Community Council area.

Priority will be given to applications from communities within 10 km of the wind farm, which includes Tweedsmuir, Broughton, Drumelzier and Coulter.

Communities that are outside this 10k radius but within the 15k radius and also eligible to apply include Stobo, Biggar, Symington, Roberton, Lamington, Wiston and Skirling.

**How does such a scheme benefit communities?**

The provision is made available where panel and/or Community Council representatives advise that there are likely to be instances where funds could assist an initiative or project which does not fall within the remit of a constituted group and does not require a full application to the fund. For example:

 Communities often contain small un-constituted groups who nonetheless provide valuable services or activities (for example, lunch clubs or friendship groups) but who are ineligible to apply to the fund.

 Individuals undertaking specialist training e.g. music or athletics fostering local ability or talent.

 Individuals or small groups with an idea they wish to ‘test’ or try out.

 Travel costs for individuals to participate in events out with the area.

 Supporting participation of community members in activities not available in the local community.

Operating a micro-grants scheme provides an opportunity for the community fund to reach deeper into the community and have impact on a wider number of people. Awards need not be restricted to un-constituted groups or individuals, however where it is open to all groups’ consideration needs to be given to ensure that formal groups do not monopolize the funds at the expense of others. Our experience shows this tends not to be the case in practice.

Some examples of awards include:

 An award of £250 to an individual to support the start-up of a keep fit class.

 An award of £150 toward the costs of an annual bus trip for a horticultural society.

 An informal art group receiving £230 start-up costs.

**What is excluded from funding?**

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 exclusive responsibility of statutory authorities

 Projects benefiting primarily residents out-with the Area of Benefit

 Activities contrary to the interests of Glenkerie Wind Farm Limited or any companies in its group

 Activities likely to bring Foundation Scotland, Glenkerie Wind Farm Limited or any companies in its group into disrepute

 Anti-renewable energy or anti-wind farm activities including, without prejudice to the foregoing generality, promoting or sponsoring any objection or representation to the operation of the Wind Farm, national or local policy in connection with renewable energy or any other renewable energy proposal, and/or

 Costs already incurred or activities which will take place before the Panel and Foundation Scotland have made a decision on an application (i.e. retrospective funding).

**Award Levels**

Awards made by Community Councils under the scheme must be no more than £250.