



Dingwall Wind Co-op
Sharing wind power in Ross-shire

Community Fund Guidance

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What is the Dingwall Wind Co-op Community Fund?

The Dingwall Wind Co-op Community Fund is a charitable fund to benefit communities in Ross-shire. The Fund is provided by Dingwall Wind Co-op which runs a 250kW wind turbine just above Dingwall in Ross-shire. The turbine is the first 100% co-operatively owned wind development in Scotland.

In the first five years the thematic focus of the fund is **improving public access to the countryside**. This theme was identified as a priority community issue amongst Co-op members. **£2000** is now available to distribute to constituted community groups or organisations that need funding to support projects or activities consistent with this theme.

What do I need to know?

You can apply for any sum from £250 - £2000 if you are a constituted group working to benefit communities in Rosshire. Grant requests to support a wide range of costs and activities relevant to this theme will be considered, including equipment or capital costs, staff or sessional worker costs or consultation or communications activity. Please note, this is not an exhaustive list. Only **one** application may be submitted by any group. Any grant received will must be used within one year of being awarded.

Please be aware that decisions on grants will be made by the Co-ops Board of Directors based on the impact the grant will have. Directors prefer not to fund 100% of project costs but may on occasion choose to.

Exclusions:

- ☐ Projects which do not primarily benefit people living within Ross-shire
- ☐ Groups without a constitution or set of governing rules.
- ☐ Activity that advances religion or politics.
- ☐ General fundraising appeals or activities.
- ☐ The repayment of loans or payment of debts.
- ☐ Costs already incurred or activities which will take place before a funding decision is made.
- ☐ Costs that are generally understood to be the responsibility of statutory authorities, other specialist agencies or private landowners.
- ☐ Anti-Wind Farm/renewable energy activities, including activities contrary to the interests of Dingwall Wind Co-op.