



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

Community Fund Guidance

Closing Date – March 1st, 2018

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 Ross-shire. 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 must be used within one year of being awarded.

Please be aware that decisions on grants will be made by the Co-op's **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 do so.

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 that 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.

Completing the form

Please take time to answer each question as fully as possible. Don't assume Directors know anything about your group or the project you intend to undertake.

Checklist

- Don't forget to sign and date the application form.
- A copy of your constitution / governing rules must be included with your application.
- Please provide a copy of the group's most recent bank statement.
- Please provide a quote for any capital items or contracts over £500.

What happens next?

Please submit your application by March 1st. It will then be considered by the Board of Directors at their March board meeting. All applications will be acknowledged on receipt. If you are successful you will receive a grant offer from Dingwall Wind Co-op.

Completed applications should be emailed to: info@dingwallwind.org.uk or posted to: Dingwall Wind Co-operative, Knockbain Farm, Dingwall, Ross-shire IV15 9TJ, by Thursday, March 1st 2018.

For any questions prior to submitting, please contact Kerry Sinclair, Director, on 07902 474648 or by email: rogie293@hotmail.co.uk.