



## **Crossdykes Community Benefit Fund**

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### **Guidance for Applicants**

#### **What is the Community Council Small Grants Scheme?**

Each of the community councils located in the Crossdykes Community Benefit Fund (CCBF) defined area of benefit: Langholm, Ewes and Westerkirk; Lockerbie and District; Middlebie & Waterbeck; Eskdalemuir, and North Milk is eligible for a small grants award of up to £5,000 per year.

The Crossdykes Small Grants Scheme enables participating community councils to respond to quickly to a locally identified need from a local community group for an appropriate project that will clearly demonstrate a community benefit.

#### **Who can apply for a small grant?**

Small grants of up to £500 to non-constituted groups for 'charitable purposes to the general benefit of local residents', in line with the aims or purposes of the main Crossdykes Community Benefit Fund.

Small grant awards need not be restricted to un-constituted groups. Grants of up to £2,000 can be awarded to constituted groups.

#### **How to apply?**

Funding through the scheme is distributed by each participating community council. The community council decides how applicants apply and how much they can apply for up to a maximum award of £2,000. Decisions on applications are made at community council meetings.

**Please contact your community council directly for guidance on how to apply.**

#### **What are the terms and conditions of a small grant?**

Crossdykes Community Benefit Fund is provided by Crossdykes Community Benefits Limited, a charitable company that receives funds donated by the owners of Crossdykes Wind Farm. The fund supports groups with a wide range of costs and activities including equipment, running costs, staff or sessional worker costs, consultations, maintenance or refurbishment of community facilities and capital costs to purchase or develop community assets.

Funded activities must align with the charitable purposes laid down in Crossdykes Community Benefits Limited's own Articles and Memorandum of Association. These purposes are focused principally on the fund area and include community development, rural regeneration, the prevention and/or relief of poverty, the advancement of education, health, arts, heritage, culture and science, public participation in sport, the provision of recreational facilities, projects which improve the quality of life or wellbeing of residents, environmental projects, specifically those relating to climate change, the relief of those in need due to age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage and animal welfare.

This fund operates exclusion criteria set by Crossdykes Community Benefits Limited. Please make sure you have read these before applying. These are available at [www.ccbf.org.uk](http://www.ccbf.org.uk)

#### **What if I have more questions?**

Please contact your community council if you have any questions.