

# Halkirk District Benefit Fund Application Guidelines

## INTRODUCTION

Halkirk District Benefit Fund receives an annual payment from the Causeymire Wind Farm, which is owned and managed by Ventient Energy. The wind farm is situated near several sites of special scientific interest and is part of the wider Flow Country area. There are 21 turbines within the wind farm. The annual payment is index linked and is calculated at £0.00 per MW of energy.

## AREA OF BENEFIT

Halkirk and District Community Council area and including Altnabraec, Banniskirk, Calder, Georgemas, Harpsdale, Spittal, Mybster and Westerdale

## ABOUT THIS FUND

The aim of this fund is to advance education and relieve poverty for the benefit of the public and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure.

1. Provision of facilities for meetings, lectures classes and entertainment and for other forms of education, recreation, and leisure time occupation
2. Provision of facilities for the young and elderly including mother and toddler groups, playgroups, out of school care groups, youth groups, young adults, senior citizens, and elderly
3. Provision of facilities for those of any age who have special needs including the mentally and physically handicapped, athletes and sports persons.
4. Provision of training, education, meetings, lectures, seminars and talks and the promotion and publication of leaflets, pamphlets books and articles, whether concerned with the area of benefit or elsewhere.
5. Bringing together in the furtherance of the objects of the company of any organisations whether incorporated or unincorporated, statutory, or non-statutory bodies or individuals
6. Promotion for the benefit of the public of the environment and its enhancement and
7. The research, collation, recording, publication by any means, dissemination, and promotion of the history of the Area of Benefit. “

## WHO CAN APPLY TO THE FUND

- Members of the fund can apply.  
(You can apply for membership if you lie in the Halkirk Community Council area).
- Organisations and clubs can apply.  
(Organisations and clubs can apply for membership if they are based in the Halkirk Community Council area)
- Organisations and clubs benefitting residents of the Community Council area may request an application form for consideration by the Board of Directors.  
(These applications are considered on a case-by-case basis and must demonstrate a clear benefit for residents of the fund area)

## WHAT CANNOT BE FUNDED

- Non constituted groups.
- Fundraising appeals or activities.
- Activities that do not benefit residents of the fund area.
- Costs already incurred or activities which will take place before your application has been decided.  
(Retrospective funding).
- The repayment of loans or payment of debts.

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- The advancement of religion or politics. (Religious groups may apply for funding for non-religious activity that will benefit the wider community).
- Funding to support activities considered to be the responsibility of statutory authorities.
- Any activities that are considered likely to bring the fund, or the donor into disrepute.
- Any activities that conflict with the interests of the funder
- Alcohol

### **ADDITIONAL POINTS FOR CONSIDERATION**

#### **Consultation**

Applicants requesting funding for community activities or projects should demonstrate they have undertaken consultations with the project's intended beneficiaries and can clearly evidence community support.

#### **Partnership working**

Applicants should consider whether delivering their project in partnership with other organisations/groups will add value to their project. This could involve working with voluntary, private, or public sector bodies.

#### **Local procurement**

Where possible, applicants should consider local providers of the goods and services they are seeking a grant towards. However, this should be shown to offer the best value, balancing considerations of cost, availability, and quality.

#### **Costs/Quotes**

Costs £100- £1000 minimum one quote should be submitted.

Costs £1,000.00 to £5,000.00 minimum two quotes should be submitted.

Costs £5,000.00 and above minimum three quotes should be submitted.

Where it has not been possible to obtain more than the required amount of quotes an explanation should be submitted along with the quote obtained.