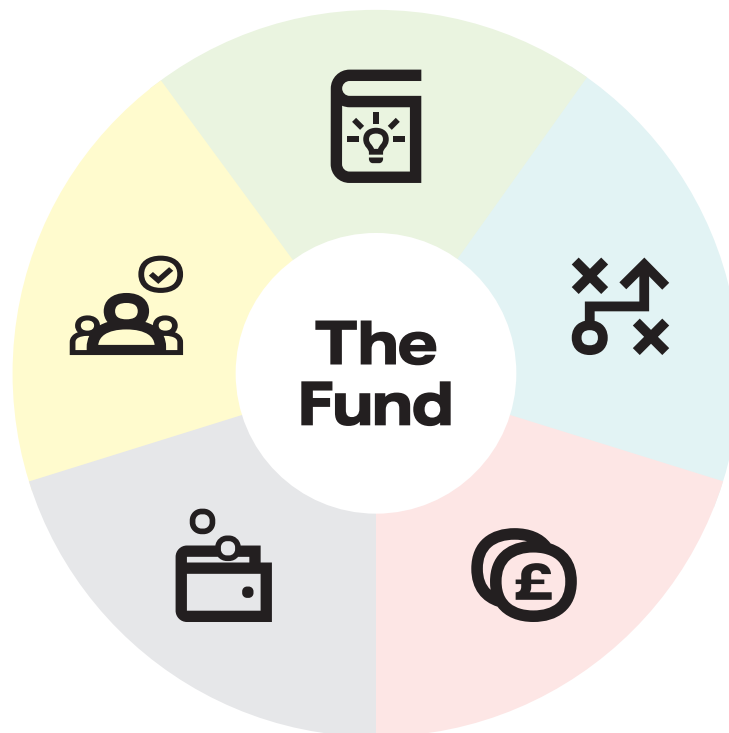


South Kyle Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund



Education & Training Schemes

Each community will also have a dedicated annual fund of £15,000 to improve skills, knowledge and employment prospects. Anyone over the age of 16 will be eligible to apply for support towards further education or training opportunities where they cannot access support from other places (including the local council). These funds will also be administered by the local organisations running the Community Funds. Each organisation will be publicising further information about these funds in the late summer other than CREFL which will use the funding from South Kyle to boost its existing Education & Training Fund.

Flagship Change Projects

A significant proportion of the Fund will be directed towards **key strategic projects in each community.** These projects cost more and will deliver on multiple outcomes for the local community and/or the wider area. This strand of funding will rotate around the different communities, enabling projects and community organisations at different stages of development to be supported at the right time and hopefully accelerating impact.

Local funds for community

Each community will have a community fund which local groups can **apply to for help with the costs of activity or services they provide for the benefit of the local community.** These £50,000 per year funds will be administered by the Dalmellington Parish Development Trust for Dalmellington, CREFL for Carsphairn, Foundation Scotland for Patna and New Cumnock Development Trust for New Cumnock. Each organisation will be publicising further information about these funds.

Paid support for each community

For communities to progress plans and projects, **paid staff can make a real difference.** The dedicated efforts of volunteers are critical to driving forward community activity but volunteers do not always have the time, skills or experience necessary to take forward ideas and plans. So this element will enable each community to have £60,000 each year towards paid or contracted support. It will be up to each community to decide how this budget is best utilised.

Understanding and building our community wealth

This component is like a small research budget. It will enable research or studies to be commissioned to enable a better understanding of some of the barriers and opportunities to **create more wealth building opportunities in the communities.**