



Making an Impact

SSE Community Investment Review 2015/16

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Foreword



SSE is one of the largest energy companies in the UK with a substantial portfolio of renewable energy generation projects. This means we contribute large sums of money to local communities, particularly in the areas of our onshore wind farms.

We made a commitment in 2012 to contribute £5,000 per megawatt of new wind farms to local communities for the lifetime of the wind farm. In most cases this means local communities receive funding for good causes, year in – year out, for up to 25 years. Our ambition is to make sure that every single penny of that money is spent wisely; it makes a difference and reflects the priorities of local people. We think the best way to achieve this is for the grant decisions to be made by local people.

While community funds from windfarms are common place, at SSE we are unusual because we prefer to directly administer these funds. We provide support and services to local decision making panels and we like to remain firmly connected to the communities in which our windfarms operate. Delivering the funds in-house enables us to foster and nurture that connection.

SSE's community investment funds have been around since 2002, this is only our third annual report. That in part reflects the scale of the funding we now provide to communities (up from £292,180 in 2007 to £3.1 million in 2015/16). It also reflects the increasing importance to our stakeholders that the funds are clear, transparent and impactful.

This year's annual report outlines the grants awarded by our 24 different decision making panels. These panels consist of volunteers and I'd like to say a very big thank you on behalf of SSE for the care and diligence under which they make those decisions.

Finally, we are always looking for feedback – on both the content of the report and the priorities for our funds – so any comments or queries you may have will be welcomed. You can contact us by email sustainability@sse.com.

Rachel McEwen
Director of Sustainability

Funder's Report 2015/16

SSE's Community Investment programme has continued to grow in 2015/16, with new funds serving new communities, an increased number of awards and an emerging focus on innovation and renewal.

£3.1m

invested in 2015/16

Over £3.1 million in funding was distributed during the year. This took place with 328 awards, giving an average award value of just over £9,500. Fund leverage, the amount of match funding from other sources enabled by our grants, rose to £2.78 for every £1 spent. Fund demand was also encouraging with an average of 116% across the programme.

The two regions with the largest award spend were Highland and South Lanarkshire, which benefitted from grants of £1 million and £850,000 respectively. Growing community facilities and services continued to be a focus for communities, with panels awarding £1.3 million in funding to projects such as a new community broadband service in the Borders (page 5). Improving sports and recreation facilities was also a growing theme, receiving almost £700,000 in support. This included a £250,000 grant to Biggar Rugby club for the installation of new state-of-the-art pitches for community use (page 8).

A significant new local fund was launched in November, with the 99MW (Megawatt) Dunmaglass wind farm, 25km south of

Inverness, entering construction. The fund will benefit the Strathnairn, Strathdearn and Stratherrick and Foyers communities and will be worth £14 million over its lifetime.

There have been interesting developments in the existing fund programme, too. The community involved in the Gordonbush fund in east Sutherland, now in its fifth year, decided to focus on the future by creating a bespoke apprenticeship scheme, supported annually by the wind farm fund (page 15). Running in parallel with traditionally grant-making, it is hoped that the scheme will attract funding from other sources, increasing the impact of the initial funding.

Taking stock

Other communities with 'mature' funds are also taking stock of their situation. Earlier this year, we worked with the South Ayrshire communities of Barr, Dailly and Pinwherry and Pinmore to review the effectiveness of the Hadyard Hill community fund, active since 2002. They found that the limited company model was restrictive and unnecessarily bureaucratic, it will be replaced with a panel-based mechanism that they hope

will increase the flexibility and impact of the fund as it enters its last decade.

Continuing this long-term view, the community panel managing the Griffin and Calliachar fund in Highland Perthshire, which benefits from over £440,000 in funding each year, has decided to create an endowment fund. Starting with a one-off investment of £250,000 and topped up by a percentage of the annual payment each year, the intention is to sustain the funding programme beyond the 25-years of SSE's support. The fund will be held by the leading charity Foundation Scotland, and will accrue until such time as it is needed by the community to sustain the grant-making programme.

A fair wage for funded posts

Building on its credentials as a Living Wage employer, in December SSE became the first utility to become an accredited Living Wage Friendly Funder. This means that any posts or jobs that receive funding from the SSE community investment



Our funding process



1. Planning

At an early stage and separate to the planning process, we share our community investment policy with the local wind farm liaison group.



2. Liaison

Once a project receives planning consent, we consult with local stakeholders to agree the area of benefit and fund delivery arrangements.



3. Consultation

We work with the local community to either set up a decision-making panel or enter into agreement with a nominated community organisation, such as a development trust.

How we calculate a fund

A 50MW onshore wind farm provides:



programme are paid at least the Living Wage, currently £8.25 outside London. This news was welcomed by our community panels and trusts who understand and support the campaign to end low pay in the voluntary and charity sector.

A sustainable outlook

SSE's regional fund programme, the Sustainable Development Fund, granted £150,000 of awards in Dumfries and Galloway during 2015/16, supporting environment, skills and local regeneration initiatives, including the reconstruction of an Iron Age roundhouse (page 11). It was the first time the fund has been released in that area.

The independent panel, chaired by former First Minister of Scotland Lord McConnell, also consulted on revised priority areas for the fund, which will apply for the 2016/17 funding year. They are:

Creating opportunities – Enhancing opportunities for education and employment.

Empowering communities – Enabling communities to become more resilient and protect vulnerable residents.

Sustainable places – Stimulating meaningful regeneration to improve or enhance local infrastructure, landscape, biodiversity or heritage.

In addition, the North Lincolnshire Sustainable Development Fund, which operates under a similar independent panel, granted £240,000 of awards in its inaugural round, including a £100,000 grant to create a renewable heat solution for a community-owned swimming pool in Epworth.

Looking ahead

The 2016/17 funding year looks like it will be another period of growth. Two new onshore wind farm funds will be launched, Bhlariaidh in the Great Glen and Clyde Extension wind farm in South Lanarkshire (of which SSE holds a 50% share). Between them, these wind farms are expected to provide over £33 million community funding during their 25-year lifespan.

A new regional Sustainable Development Fund for South Lanarkshire will come on-line in late 2016 and the second round of both the Highland and Dumfries and Galloway Sustainable Development Funds will be completed, granting over £1.4 million in awards. SSE, through its 40% stake in Beatrice offshore wind farm in the Moray Firth, will also launch its first offshore wind farm community fund. Worth £6 million over its lifetime, it will benefit the coastal communities in both Highland and Moray regions.

Given this growing portfolio, SSE intends to create opportunities for communities to come together in workshops and events to share knowledge and discuss learnings from their grant-making programmes. It is hoped this will support communities who may be managing funds for the first time, or existing panels who are looking for ways to increase the impact of their fund.



4. Construction

On the start of major construction, we organise a fund launch event and invite initial applications.



5. Administration

Applications undergo an assessment. Funding decisions are made by the panel or trust at meetings throughout the year.



6. Awarding

A final evaluation report is submitted by the applicant on the project and its outcomes.

Strong foundations

Community facilities and services

Investing in community assets, facilities and services supports community cohesion and well-being. A key theme for funding in 2015/16 has been supporting the most vulnerable in the community particularly through the enhancement of community care services for the elderly and the purchase of emergency medical equipment. There is a continued commitment to the maintenance and development of community assets with village halls benefiting from a range of renovations including new heating systems, energy efficient lighting and vital fire safety measures. Emerging themes include forward-thinking proposals to prepare community facilities for future needs, including improving digital connectivity.

12



communities benefited from health and social care services and equipment

51



projects have supported enhanced community assets

£1,336,828

invested in 161 projects

"The Gordonbush Community Fund is in its fifth year and has helped to support and strengthen a wide range of projects within the four communities. Some of the early awards included, supporting the upgrading of community infrastructure such as Village Halls. However, now the panel are seeing more ambitious projects, which have a greater focus on legacy. The panel only recently helped to set up and create an apprenticeship project, which has helped local employers."

Russell Rekyh
Gordonbush Fund Panel Member



“Heriot Community Broadband now provides high speed broadband to a large rural area – it has transformed coverage for residents, and even more importantly, for a number of rural businesses.”

John Williams

Heriot Community Broadband

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Toddleburn Fund

£20,000 awarded in July 2015

A Scottish Borders community has improved their broadband access thanks to a committed group of volunteers.

Digital connectivity is a growing concern for many rural communities who require improved access for both business and leisure. Although Heriot is only 18 miles from Edinburgh, the poor broadband has had a significant impact on the local community and was identified as a key issue for both existing and potential residents. Heriot Community Broadband was established in 2013 to provide a solution. Volunteers were funded to build microwave links on a local hill to allow the connection to a fibre optic network in Edinburgh. This successful project has gained national recognition for identifying solutions for community broadband.

“We see the equipment as providing much-enhanced facilities for all types of public presentations, from drama to music to education to information. And importantly we see it as providing the means for enabling the young generation to acquire valuable transferable skills.”

Evan Williams
Sunday Players

Sunday Players

Spurness Fund

£9,884 awarded in October 2015

Sunday, one of the Orkney Islands, has enhanced community facilities thanks to an improved sound and lighting system.

Sunday Community Hall is at the centre of island life – serving the school during the day and the wider community in the evenings and weekends. Sunday Players recognised a significant upgrade was required to enhance the hall’s facilities and its ability to provide a community space for events. The completed work has had an instant impact on the community’s programme of musical concerts, dances, exhibitions and the annual pantomime. New equipment has further enhanced the school curriculum with the kit used to develop students’ musical and acting talents and to develop their technical skills.



East Sutherland Community Care Forum

Gordonbush Fund

£5,000 in awarded in September 2015

Funding for a development worker has supported older community members thanks to a new befriending project.

The preferred choice of many older people requiring assistance in the Sutherland community is to live in their own home. The new Friends at Home project has been developed to provide the extra support required to ensure this can happen. The project provides friendly support to vulnerable community members through a range of befriending activities including assistance with household tasks, companionship to appointments and inclusion in social gatherings. The service is delivered by a development worker and ten trained volunteers who meet the needs of 34 residents from across the area. The service provides a vital support for community members – reducing isolation, improving well-being and enhancing community connection.



95%



of over 65's in rural Scotland stay in their own homes

Source: Scottish Government (2003) Scoping Study of Older People in Rural Scotland

Active lives

Sport and recreation

Investing in sports and recreation is a popular theme with the community panels. There was a wide variety of large and small grants in 2015/16 from significant facility renovations to smaller requests for new apparatus. Successful projects had a focus on maximising the impact of investments. Projects provide a lasting legacy of continued activity through improved facilities, better training, coaching and specialist equipment. There was a focus on projects which increase sports inclusion by encouraging new participation and increasing access for disabled people.

19



different sports received support

86%



of projects have supported healthy and physically active lifestyles

£659,323

invested in 35 projects

“The Clyde community wind farm fund has made a positive impact to the area. Having the support of a single large fund makes a huge difference to attracting funds from other organisations. If they see the wind farm fund having confidence in a project then they are much more likely to support the project themselves.”

Eric Carlyle
Clyde South Lanarkshire Fund
Advisory Group Member





“Without funding a project of this magnitude would not be possible. Having good facilities is a prerequisite to getting and retaining children’s interest in rugby.”

Nigel Pacey
Biggar Rugby Club

Biggar Rugby Club

Clyde Fund
£250,000 awarded in May 2015

Grassroots sports can thrive for years to come thanks to new facilities in Biggar.

Biggar Rugby Club sits at the centre of the local community – providing positive activity for young people, players and spectators. The community ambition of the Club had been limited by 35 year old facilities. Through matching wind farm investment with £250,000 of other funding, the Club’s restoration and development programme provides the ability to grow the sport and other local community interests. The new facilities increase playing space by 75%, allowing for growth in grassroots sport, through enabling improved coaching and tuition for the next generation of rugby stars. To maximise the community benefit the facilities have purposely been designed to facilitate access by other community based sports clubs including football and athletics. The legacy of improved physical health, well-being and social activity will benefit all areas of the community.

Farr Parent Council (Muga Bettyhill)

Strathy North Fund

£23,000 awarded in December 2014

A remote northern Highland community has improved sports access thanks to a new multi-use play area.

Providing opportunities to participate in a wide variety of sporting activity is vital to harnessing a love of sport in young people. The Farr Parent Council recognised the limitations of their existing facilities, particularly in poor weather, and the lack of alternative premises due to their remote location. They developed proposals for a multi-purpose games area on dilapidated land within the school boundary. The new play area is used for a range of positive activities from football, short tennis and basketball. It is hoped the facility will be used widely by all ages in the community to support increased physical and social activity.

5,000

participants utilising the facilities per year



Nine

skiers regularly used the equipment in 2015/16

Disability Snowsports Scotland

Drumderg Fund

£3,545 awarded in September 2015

Disabled people will be able to access snow sport activities thanks to new specialist equipment.

Glenshee Ski Centre is an important sports facility in rural Perthshire. Disability Snowsports Scotland aims to increase the Ski Centre's accessibility to allow all in the local community to participate in winter sports. The charity delivers a range of activities to ensure that disabled people gain the same opportunities as are available to more able bodied people. In this local scheme, six trained volunteers help organise and run a varied programme to provide the tuition, skills and support required to actively participate in sports. The new specialist equipment has the benefit of increasing opportunities to provide adaptive skiing in a safe and supportive environment.

Vibrant communities

Culture, heritage and tourism

A vibrant programme of culture and heritage investment has built community connection and spirit. A wide range of initiatives secured funding in the last year, supporting divergent areas of community life. This included support for cultural activities recognising the importance of agriculture, to events welcoming new community members and supporting community cinema. There was a focus on increasing local tourism through improved visitor attractions and hosting festivals across the arts and music. There was also a focus on preserving the past through innovative new approaches to heritage such as digital representations and educational programmes.

£331,068

invested in 55 projects

Six



heritage projects were supported

75,000



people have benefited from tourism projects

"Our culture and history are important for their own sake. But especially where communities are depopulated or otherwise disadvantaged, all sorts of wider benefits can be got from encouraging interest in these matters. When people take a pride in their locality's heritage, they're more likely to feel good about the place and to back efforts to improve its present and future prospects."

Professor Jim Hunter

Emeritus Professor of Scottish History, UHI and Sustainable Development Fund Panel Member





The Whithorn Trust

Dumfries and Galloway
Sustainable Development Fund
£23,255 awarded in November 2015

New insight into the Iron Age is achieved through an innovative project to reconstruct a full-scale roundhouse.

In 2015 the Whithorn Trust's archaeological excavation discovered the best preserved known Iron Age roundhouse in Scotland. The discovery enabled an innovative project to be developed to reconstruct the dwelling to increase knowledge of this important historical period. The investment from the Sustainable Development Fund was match funded by £110,000 from other funders to provide a transformational project for local heritage and tourism. The reconstruction process is being filmed to allow the creation of a digital interpretation of the Iron Age through apps and interactive displays. The roundhouse will be used as an outdoor classroom, craft exhibition and participation space. The project is committed to using local craftsmen and resources to maximise the impact of the project on the local economy.

"Funding has supported our aim to make Whithorn a destination to draw visitors in, help the craft economy and showcase our unique heritage."

Julie Muir Watt
Whithorn Trust

8,000

visitors to the attraction each year

Largs Viking Festival

Hunterston Fund

£1,000 awarded in April 2015

The community of Largs hosted a successful Viking Festival thanks to wind farm grant support.

The Battle of Largs in 1263 is marked through an annual Viking Festival which has been supported by awards over three years to support the continued development of the Festival. The nine day 2015 event attracted 65,000 visitors to a vibrant cultural, entertainment and educational programme. At the festival visitors are able to understand and experience the living history and heritage of the Viking culture. The diverse entertainment programme provides a range of local artists, musicians and performers to appeal to all ages. The Festival helps support local tourism through boosting visitor numbers and promoting Largs as a holiday, entertainment and cultural destination.

2015 Largs Viking Festival Visitor Survey (sample size 170 visitors)

- Good
- Very good

24%
76%



Leadhills and Wanlockhead Railway

Clyde Fund

£25,000 awarded in April 2015

The future of a tourist railway in South Lanarkshire has been secured thanks to new equipment.

The Leadhills and Wanlockhead railway is an important tourism attraction in a remote ex-mining community, providing a vibrant experience of local history. A team of enthusiastic volunteers operate a busy timetable from April until September. Poor track conditions were jeopardising the attraction and new tamping equipment was vital to ensure the safety and maintenance of the line. The significant upgrade will safeguard the railway line for the next 25 years and enable increased tourism to the area. The impact of the new track was demonstrated in summer 2016 when it became the only transport link for the community when the local road was closed for maintenance.

500

visitors visited the 2015 Christmas train event

Enterprising opportunities

Skills and employment

Employment and enterprise continue to be core themes of the 2015/16 grant-funding programme. There was a dynamic mix of awards across job creation, skills enhancement and enterprise development, including an increasing emphasis on preparing for the skills needs of the future through digital or STEM skills. Investment was provided in the learning environments for skills development including enhancing workshops and digital equipment. Awareness has also risen of how development funding can act as a catalyst for local economic growth, providing the seeds for future job creation.

69%



of projects have demonstrated the impact of improved skills for participants

22



apprentices skilled

£317,649

invested in 16 projects

“The Kyle of Sutherland Development Trust, which was established by a grant from Achany wind farm fund, exists as a catalyst for development proposals effectively operating within the district. The continuity of wind farm investment has been vital to enable the Trust to expand experience and capabilities in community based investment. The Trust has far exceeded its initial ambition of being an effective facilitator of community development in the area.”

Helen Houston
Kyle of Sutherland
Development Trust





Kyle of Sutherland Development Trust

Achany Fund

£55,208 awarded in June 2014

A Sutherland community has benefited from a substantial economic boost thanks to the funding of a development manager.

The Kyle of Sutherland Development Trust provides a progressive example of how funding can support economic development. The Trust was established in 2011 to strengthen and unite the local community. The multi-year funding of a development manager in 2014 has enabled the Trust to implement an ambitious development plan focused on growing investment into the area, boosting job creation and sustaining local industries. The work of the Trust has been transformational to the area supporting 14 local projects, including affordable housing and community ownership projects, and providing funding support to 30 local organisations. Through a strategic focus on long-term impact and the efforts of the individual, this initial investment has had a multiplier effect, driving significantly wider community regeneration.

10

job opportunities were created in the area in 2014-16

£4m

investment secured into area in 2014-17

Sandhead Learning and Internet Centre

Dumfries and Galloway Sustainable Development Fund

£57,590 awarded in November 2015

Members of a Galloway community are learning a range of new digital skills thanks to a multi-year investment in a dedicated support worker.

Digital skills have become a vital capability to help people in their working and recreational lives, yet research highlights that 23%* of people have no basic digital skills. The new support worker at Sandhead Learning and Internet Centre is able to provide a range of classes, one-to-one lessons and community outreach sessions to support community members to improve their digital ability. The Centre helps strengthen the local economy by running Employability Workshops to support people into sustainable employment. The funding has helped to increase the number of sessions being delivered across rural areas, which in turn allows the project to reach more people.

* Ipsos Mori for GoON.UK and Lloyds Banking Group (2015)
Basic Digital Skills UK Report

300



people a year supported through the project



The Gordonbush Project

Gordonbush Fund

£36,000 awarded in July 2015

Young people in the Highlands have improved employment opportunities thanks to an innovative apprenticeship scheme.

Many rural communities worry over the lack of employment opportunities available to young people, with depopulation a growing concern. To provide a strong future for young people the Gordonbush Project provides a high quality apprenticeship scheme. The scheme encourages the expansion of local business through providing the financial and practical support required to recruit and train an apprentice. The six young apprentices gain the skills, qualifications and experience they need to enter their chosen profession including hairdressing and engineering. The local area benefits from retaining young talent within the community and from a growth in the local economy.



"I am delighted to be an apprentice, as it has enabled me to do a job that I am passionate about. I am earning money and have more confidence, as I have gained many new skills."

Murray Mackay

Apprentice mechanic, Station Garage Golspie

Thriving youth

Education and youth development

Supporting the next generation is important to all our community decision-making panels. In the last year, young people have been supported at all stages of development from nurturing language skills in early years to facilitating the transition to independence for school leavers. Enabling an enhanced school curriculum was recognised with funding for schools based arts, local history and gardening projects. Our panels have been impressed with the increasing trend to involve and capture the views of young people in the development of a project, helping to develop the next generation of active citizens.

75%



of projects have assisted young people to improve their life chances

31



schools benefited from youth projects

£292,116

invested in 46 projects

"Investing in children and young people is essential. Getting it right at such an early stage of a child's development is vital in helping them to realise their potential.

Investing in activities in areas that young people live is particularly important as it adds value to youth projects, but also allows young people to be part of a community. I commend the excellent work done by the community panel in the investment that has been made throughout Perthshire North."

John Swinney

MSP for Perthshire North, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education



"Children have grown in confidence and their self-esteem has been raised. We have noted children who initially presented as introverted are blossoming and becoming animated and enthusiastic learners."

Carol Wright

Head of Establishment,
Rigside and Rural Communities Nursery

Rigside and Rural Communities Nursery

Clyde Fund

£28,325 awarded in March 2015

An exciting Song and Story project supported the social development of toddlers in a South Lanarkshire community.

Rigside and Rural Communities Nursery offers a nurturing environment to 48 children in a rural ex-mining community. Nursery staff identified that many children in their care struggled with the imitation skills required for social development. Recognition of the importance of early literacy and social skills for future attainment led to an exciting Song and Story project being developed. An approach which involved storytelling workshops was used to teach imitation skills using drama, music and movement. By participating in over 140 sessions the children developed vital skills to enable them to think creatively, relate to others and to be self-aware. The project further supported the professional development of nursery staff by providing tuition into techniques which will enable imitation to be embedded into the future nursery curriculum.

87%

of local youth population benefited from the scheme

Tweedsmuir Community Council

Clyde Fund

£2,862 awarded in March 2016

Young people in the Scottish Borders progressed their arts and sports skills thanks to a new Bursary project.

Many young people find that reaching their full sporting and arts potential can be challenged by living in a remote area. Tweedsmuir is a rural community with limited local access to public transport. To help encourage the next generation to nurture their talent the local Community Council developed the Tweedsmuir Youth Bursary. The project provides a support to 13 young people, so that they can be assisted with both transportation costs and tuition fees in their chosen area of interest. The project is fully supported by the local community who appreciate the desire to maximise the talents of the school aged children.



"It is really fulfilling to see young people come along to groups, drop in to the Hub, and eventually grow in confidence so that they take part in events and become a part of the community."

George Allen

Alyth Youth Partnership Manager

"The Youth Bursary has provided opportunities for children in a remote rural area to participate in sports and arts courses that would otherwise be unavailable them. The bursary has proved to be highly popular, and of real benefit to the youngsters of the community."

Andrew Mason

Local resident



Alyth Youth Partnership

Drumderg Fund

£35,890 awarded in June 2015

Young people in Alyth have a safe and fun place to socialise and develop new skills thanks to a multi-year award.

Alyth Youth Partnership provides a range of positive activities to help young people become confident individuals. The sustainable development of the Partnership is supported through investment from the Drumderg Fund and match funding of £160,000. The menu of engaging opportunities includes a music club, summer holiday classes, youth club for pre-teens and an evening drop-in Hub for young adults. Young people are supported to become active citizens through ensuring their views contribute to important decision making. The partnership helps young people through periods of transition in life, including preparing for secondary school and supporting teenagers into further education or employment.

Sustainable surroundings

Environment and conservation

The local environment continues to be a focus for community grant funding. Grant applicants are taking proactive steps to enhance and protect their local environment from improving walkways and dwellings to protecting natural surroundings. Increasing accessibility is a repeated theme with vital alterations needed to ensure everyone in the community can benefit. A focus for funding has been how areas can capitalise on their natural beauty to enhance the local economy through tourism, local crafts and specialist job creation.

1,500 sq km 

area covered by environmental projects in 2015/16

857 

households supported through energy efficiency projects

£179,874

invested in 15 projects

“An initial feasibility grant assisted the North West Highlands Geopark to set up the Rock Stop visitor attraction centre. We have been able to build on this to secure further funding which has enabled the Geopark to expand the range of activities it has to offer. Community funding gives us the opportunity to make a positive difference for the benefit of the sparsely populated communities within the North West Highlands.”

Shona McMillan
NW Highland Geopark Business
Chief Executive Officer



Golspie Community Council

Gordonbush Fund

£12,000 awarded in September 2015

Restoration has enhanced the beautiful Big Burn tourist destination.

The Big Burn in Golspie is one of the most popular tourist destinations in the area. The scenic walk allows participants to view secretive gorges and a waterfall. Golspie Community Council recognised the importance of the Big Burn to the area and developed an ambitious project to preserve and enhance the facilities. The restoration work has improved drainage, restored steps damaged by a landslide and improved accessibility. A focus of the project was to ensure the sustainability of the area through investing in activity which not only enhanced the walk, but also reduced future maintenance needs. The improved facilities will help boost tourism and improve access opportunities for the local community.



5,475

visitors to benefit a year

North West Highlands Geopark

Highlands Sustainable Development Fund
£5,000 awarded in 2014

A Geopark will benefit from new development thanks to wind farm funding.

The UNESCO recognised Geopark (area containing sites of particular geological importance) in the north west Highlands contains some of the most beautiful scenery in Scotland. The area contains rocks which are 3,000 million years old and the complex geology has created stunning landscapes and habitats. The remote location of the area does provide challenges for the local community for both employment and enterprise. The grant award from the SSE Sustainable Development Fund has assisted the area to capitalise on its natural beauty through funding a feasibility study, from which the need for a development worker was identified and funded. The worker will create additional income from the Geopark – sustaining local jobs, boosting local crafts and increasing tourism.



“We have always looked forward to visiting Farr beach. But with two young children, a buggy and all the other stuff associated it’s not always been the easiest of paths to venture down. So it was a real welcomed surprise to find the new improvements that have been made along the approach path.”

Sarah Maclean
Local resident

4,649

visitors to Geopark Centre in 2015



Bettyhill, Strathnaver and Altnaharra Community Council

Strathy North Fund
£2,000 awarded in March 2016

More people will be able to access Farr Beach in the Highlands thanks to local renovation.

Scotland’s natural beauty can be an important place for exploration and reflection but is often out of reach for those with reduced mobility. To increase accessibility to the beautiful Farr Beach the local Community Council developed a project to enhance a pathway created 45 years ago. The revamped route provides significantly enhanced surfaces and replacement gates to help protect the sustainability of the beach. The beach now has improved accessibility for people using prams, push-chairs and wheelchairs. It is hoped that the recently completed work will not only increase accessibility by the local community, but will also boost tourism to the area.

Our funds in focus

- Areas with no fund activity
- SSE Renewables Operations Area
- SSE Renewables Operations Area and Sustainable Development Fund

328

Total number of projects

£2.78

Per £1 average leverage across our funds

60

The number of projects supported in Perthshire

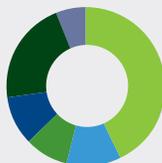
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The number of communities supported in Dumfries and Galloway

£3,116,858

Total spend across our funds

- | | |
|---|-----|
| Community facilities and services | 43% |
| Culture, heritage and tourism | 11% |
| Education and youth development | 9% |
| Skills and employment | 10% |
| Sport and recreation | 21% |
| Environment and conservation | 6% |



£980,222

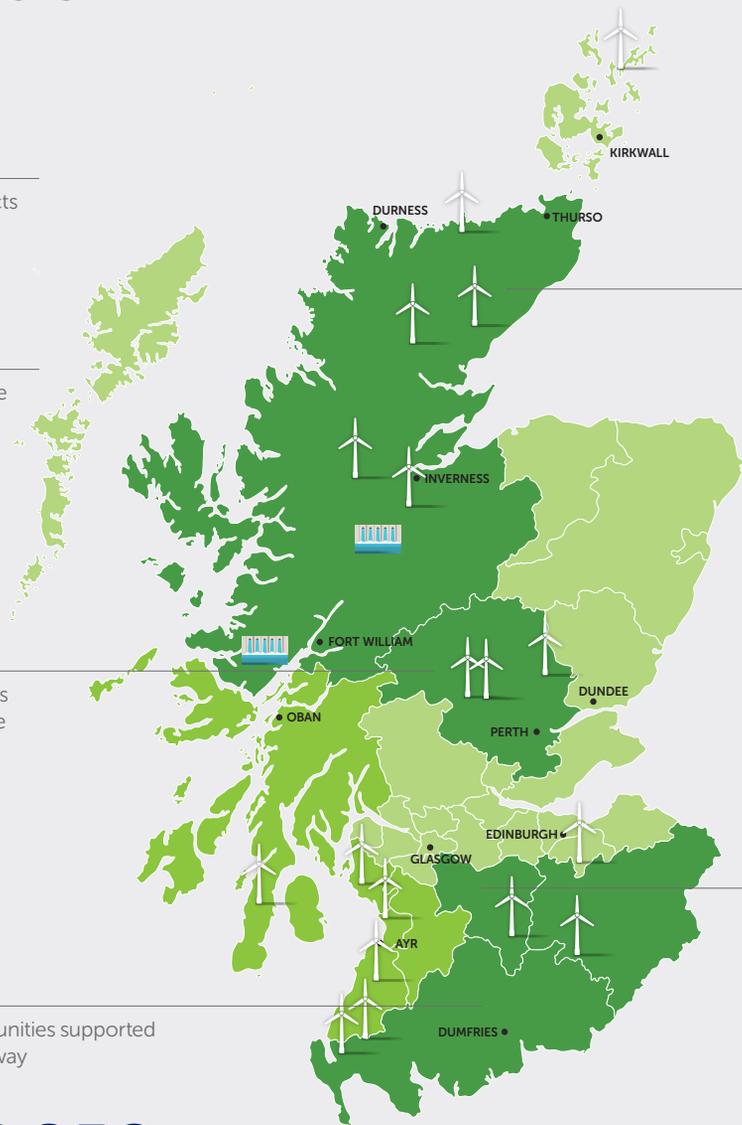
Total spend across our funds in the Highlands

Three

New funds opened in the last year, generating an estimated £11.4 million over their lifetime

£250,000

The largest award in South Lanarkshire



Tilbury, Essex



Keadby, North Lincolnshire



Highlands and Islands



Home to the widest spread of SSE community funds, the Highlands and Islands region hosts eight developments that provide community benefit, including two hydro schemes, comprising a total capacity of 330MW. Approximately £24 million will be invested through these funds in their lifetime.

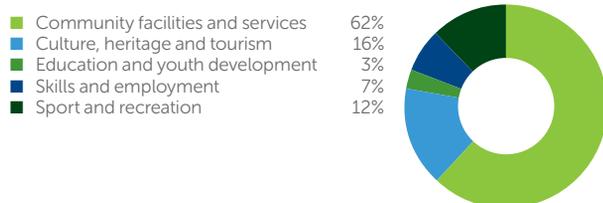
Strathly North

The Strathly North community fund will provide over £4.5 million to invest in local projects over its lifetime.

Established in May 2014, the fund serves a population of around 940 over the three community council areas of Bettyhill, Strathly and Altnaharra; Melvich; and Strathly and Armadale. A smaller ring-fenced fund is available in Strathly and Armadale only.

Annual fund payment	£227,000
Value of applications	£249,500
Awards approved	£147,705
Total value of projects	£272,098
110% Fund demand	£1.84 per £1 Fund leverage
53% Capital	47% Revenue

Fund allocation by category



Category	Organisation	Award
■	Transport for Tongue Ltd To provide a transport service for local students attending Thurso North College	£19,336.75
■	Bettyhill Village Hall Association To refurbish the kitchen and disabled toilet	£19,322
■	Strathly Associated Presbyterian Church To replace the windows in the historic building	£17,328
■	Tongue and Farr Sports Association Towards running costs and to upgrade lighting at the North Coast Leisure Centre	£15,000

* Includes awards from ring-fenced fund

Category	Organisation	Award
■	Halladale Hall and Amenities Association Towards the construction of an outside store for equipment	£13,615.20
■	Strathly Museum To support the salary costs of a part-time Education Officer for Strathly Museum	£11,570
■	Farr High School Parent Council Towards equipment for the delivery of vocational education courses	£5,640
■	Venture North Towards a video marketing campaign to promote the local area	£5,000
■	Strathly Hall Committee Towards the salary of a caretaker and cleaner post over a two year period	£5,000
■	Armadale Common Grazings Committee To replace existing stock proof fence around village	£5,000
■	Bettyhill, Strathly and Altnaharra Community Council To offer adult evening classes at Farr High School	£4,000
■	Farr High School Parent Council Towards the costs of students attending the Rock Challenge event in Inverness	£4,000
■	Strathly and Armadale Community Council To build a drystone wall around the community memorial garden	£3,750
■	Strathly Village Hall Research for a local history project on the Highland clearances	£3,640
■	Melvich Community Council To award microgrants with a maximum value of £250	£3,000
■	Bettyhill, Strathly and Altnaharra Community Council To award microgrants with a maximum value of £250	£3,000
■	Strathly and Armadale Community Council To award microgrants with a maximum value of £250	£3,000
■	Highlife Highland To purchase a table tennis table for six primary schools	£3,000
■	Féis air an Oir To hold a 2 day Féis in Tongue youth hostel for young people aged 12-18	£2,015
■	Strathly Museum Towards interpretation panel and a dedication event	£1,488

Gordonbush

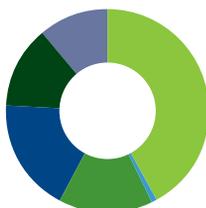
The Gordonbush community fund will provide around £5.2 million to invest in local projects between 2011 and 2036.

The fund benefits a population of around 4,680 over the four community council areas of Brora, Golspie, Helmsdale and Rogart.

Annual fund payment	£203,547
Value of applications	£560,903
Awards approved	£292,247
Total value of projects	£748,933
276% Fund demand	£2.56 per £1 Fund leverage
66% Capital	34% Revenue

Fund allocation by category

Community facilities and services	42%
Culture, heritage and tourism	1%
Education and youth development	15%
Skills and employment	18%
Sport and recreation	13%
Environment and conservation	11%



Category	Organisation	Award
■	Faskally Park Development Group To replace the existing playpark equipment	£40,000
■	The Gordonbush Project Transfer of annual sum of £36,000 to Apprenticeship Scheme	£36,000
■	The Doll Community Association Towards a major hall refurbishment	£30,000
■	Helmsdale and District Community Association Towards the delivery costs of the Community Health and Wellbeing Hub	£20,000
■	Rogart Community Council To install storage at Corry Meadows	£20,000
■	Golspie Golf Club Costs towards construction of a new Greenkeepers Hut	£20,000
■	Helmsdale and District Development Trust To purchase land and equipment to establish a community allotment	£19,855
■	Helmsdale and District Highland Games To purchase a Marquee	£17,280
■	Golspie Community Council To improve the Big Burn path network and make it more accessible	£12,000
■	Ross Sutherland Rugby For equipment and coaching costs for primary and secondary aged pupils	£10,148
■	The Gordonbush Project 2 year funding for apprentice hairdresser	£10,000
■	Golspie Links Trust Preliminary works for flood prevention scheme	£5,000
■	East Sutherland Community care Forum Towards Development Officer salary cost for a befriending project	£5,000
■	VGES Part funding of a Development Officer	£5,000
■	Helmsdale Primary School Parent Council To purchase audio equipment and lights and curtains for the hall	£4,832
■	Helmsdale and District Development Trust To complete a feasibility study	£4,175
■	Golspie Youth Action Project Towards the salary costs of the youth worker	£4,050
■	Helmsdale Community Council – microgrant allowance To award microgrants with a maximum value of £250	£3,000
■	Golspie Community Council – microgrant allowance To award microgrants with a maximum value of £250	£3,000
■	Brora Community Council – microgrant allowance To award microgrants with a maximum value of £250	£3,000
■	Rogart Community Council – microgrant allowance To award microgrants with a maximum value of £250	£3,000

Category	Organisation	Award
■	Helmsdale Medical Equipment Fund To purchase specialist beds for patients	£2,500
■	Sutherland Sheepdog Trials Cost of container to store equipment	£2,500
■	Bunillidh Rowing Club Costs to assist with attending skiff world championship	£2,320
■	Helmsdale District Angling Club To purchase motors for boats and safety equipment	£1,727
■	Rogart for the Future To replace the bench at a local war memorial	£1,680
■	Helmsdale Woodlanders To erect deer fencing to allow for planting of native trees	£1,500
■	Golspie Lunch Club To provide the costs for three outings	£1,500
■	Golspie Angling Club To purchase brown trout stock to improve the angling experience for members and visitors	£1,200
■	Brighter Brora To purchase new frames for the local Christmas light display	£1,100.52
■	Friends of Catherine Stewart Cheer To purchase outfits and equipment for the youth dance group	£879

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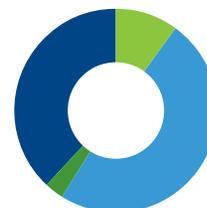
The Achany community fund will be worth £2.5 million between 2010 and 2035 to share between local projects.

The fund serves a population of around 2,500, covering the three community council areas of Ardgay and District, Creich and Lairg.

Annual fund payment	£107,607		
Value of applications	£155,792		
Awards approved	£100,530		
Total value of projects	£1,528,522		
145% Fund demand	£15.20 per £1 Fund leverage	60% Capital	40% Revenue

Fund allocation by category

Community facilities and services	10%
Culture, heritage and tourism	49%
Education and youth development	3%
Skills and employment	38%



Category	Organisation	Award
■	Kyle of Sutherland Apprenticeship Scheme To run the Apprenticeship scheme	£38,000
■	Kyle of Sutherland Development Trust Towards the construction and revenue costs of a new Falls of Shin visitor centre	£30,000
■	Ardgay Public Hall Towards the installation of new double glazed windows	£10,000
■	Lairg in Bloom To purchase a polytunnel, hanging baskets and containers	£7,500

Category	Organisation	Award
■	Bonar Bridge Primary School Parent Council To purchase new stage lights	£3,300
■	Sutherland Agricultural Society To purchase equipment for the Sutherland Agricultural Show	£2,230
■	Laig Crofters Show Towards holding the annual crofters' show	£2,000

Fairburn

The Fairburn community fund is expected to invest around £2.7 million in local projects over its lifetime.

The fund benefits a population of more than 4,300 over the three community council areas of Contin; Marybank, Scatwell and Strathconon; and Muir of Ord.

Annual fund payment	£111,820
Value of applications	£128,464
Awards approved	£105,397
Total value of projects	£262,695

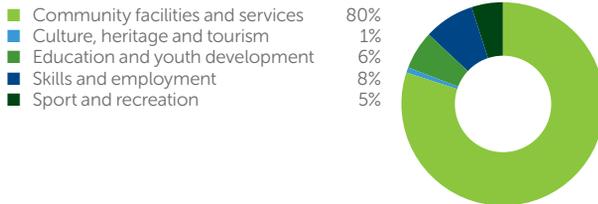
115%
Fund demand

£2.49 per £1
Fund leverage

73%
Capital

27%
Revenue

Fund allocation by category



Category	Organisation	Award
■	Fairburn Memorial Hall Erection of new store, incl architects fees and hall floor maintenance	£48,800
■	Muir of Ord Hall and Facilities Company Towards essential upgrades to the hall	£10,000
■	Dundonnell Mountain Rescue Team Towards the construction of a mountain rescue base in Dingwall	£10,000
■	Strathconon Social and Recreational Society To cover survey and architects fees for a new extension to the hall	£10,000
■	Contin Community Trust Towards Development Officer salary (2 year grant)	£8,500
■	Friends of Strathconon Primary School To purchase IT equipment and an outing to the Christmas pantomime	£4,234
■	Kyle of Sutherland Fisheries Trust To run junior angling courses for local children	£3,770
■	Contin Community Trust Funding towards the winter programme of community events	£3,021
■	Marybank Indoor Bowling Club To purchase junior bowling equipment	£1,535
■	Royal Highland Education Trust (HI) Food and Farming event at Black isle showground for dingwall catchment schools	£1,407

Category	Organisation	Award
■	Contin Community Trust To resurface Carpark	£1,380
■	Contin Community Council – microgrant allowance To award microgrants with a maximum value of £200	£1,000
■	Marybank Primary Parent Council To cover transport costs for swimming lessons	£750
■	Marybank Primary Parent Council Towards a trip to the Christmas panto trip and sports t-shirts	£700
■	Five Acre Wood To provide a gate at entrance to five acre wood	£300

Glendoe

The Glendoe community fund will invest an estimated £2.2 million in local projects between 2006 and 2031.

Opened in 2009, Glendoe was the largest conventional hydro-electric scheme to be built in over 50 years. The fund benefits a population of around 2,000 over the two community council areas of Fort Augustus and Glenmoriston, and Stratherrick and Foyers. The fund is managed locally by the Fort Augustus and Glenmoriston Community Company and the Stratherrick and Foyers Community Trust on behalf of SSE.

Annual fund payment	£130,477
Value of applications	£83,595
Awards approved	£78,490
Total value of projects	£91,475

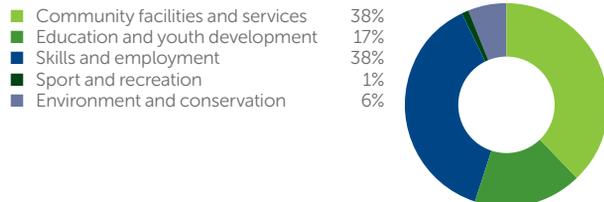
64%
Fund demand

£1.17 per £1
Fund leverage

95%
Capital

5%
Revenue

Fund allocation by category



Category	Organisation	Award
■	FAGCC Apprenticeship Scheme	£16,917
■	FAGCC Community Caretaker scheme	£12,998
■	Boleskine Community Care Formation of volunteer car scheme to assist with accessing essential services	£10,000
■	Boleskine Community Care Lease of office unit and contribution towards staff costs	£10,000
■	Foyers Primary School Parent Council To deliver activities for pupils out with the curriculum	£5,418
■	Individual Energy Efficiency grant Eight Individual energy efficiency grants	£3,766.98
■	Guides, Brownies and Rainbows Trip to Craggan Outdoor Activity Centre for Mini Highland Games	£3,734.70
■	Fort Augustus Lunch Club To subsidise costs to operate weekly lunch club	£2,730

Category	Organisation	Award
■	Fort Augustus Village Hall Support running costs for the hall	£2,500
■	Educational bursary Fourteen education related travel and resources cost bursaries	£2,200
■	Foyers Fire Brigade To hold Community Fireworks event	£2,000
■	Glenmoriston Senior Citizens Fund festive meal and two outings including transport	£1,650
■	Educational bursary Seven education related travel and resource cost bursaries	£1,400
■	Individual Energy Efficiency grant Two individual energy efficiency grants	£800
■	Fort Augustus Parent and Toddler Group Hall hire and equipment	£725
■	Individual sporting bursary Participation in national or international sporting events	£600
■	Fort Augustus Christmas Party Committee To hold two Christmas Parties for children in Fort Augustus	£600
■	Children's Christmas Party To deliver Children's Christmas Party in Stratherrick	£450

Category	Organisation	Award
■	Sanday Community Council To award microgrants with a maximum value of £250	£3,000
■	Sanday Community School Parent Council To provide music tuition and equipment for the school music group	£1,947
■	Sanday Community Trust To purchase IT equipment for the Skills for Sanday project	£1,874
■	Sanday Golf Club Funding to reclad the existing timber clubhouse	£1,300
■	Sanday Community First Responders Towards a defibrillator and CPR training equipment	£1,020

Dunmaglass

The Dunmaglass Community Fund will provide over £6.2 million to invest in local projects over its lifetime.

Established in 2015, the fund serves a population of around 2,700 over the three community council areas of Stratherrick and Foyers, Strathnairn and Strathdearn.

Annual fund payment	£244,000
Value of applications	£240,980
Awards approved	£240,980
Total value of projects	£240,980



Fund allocation by category

■ Community facilities and services	40%
■ Education and youth development	34%
■ Environment and conservation	26%

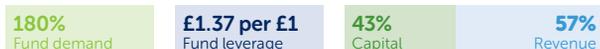


Spurness

The Spurness community fund will provide over £600,000 to invest in local projects between 2004 and 2029.

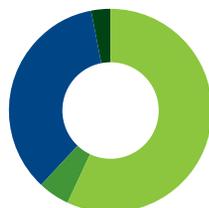
The fund benefits just over 500 people in the community council area of Sanday.

Annual fund payment	£27,373
Value of applications	£49,325
Awards approved	£42,625
Total value of projects	£58,284



Fund allocation by category

■ Community facilities and services	57%
■ Education and youth development	5%
■ Skills and employment	35%
■ Sport and recreation	3%



Category	Organisation	Award
■	Sanday Development Trust 3 year part time Custodian Post for Heritage project	£13,000
■	Sanday Players To purchase sound and lighting equipment for the community hall	£9,884
■	Sanday Community School Parent Council Towards an inclusive school trip for senior pupils	£7,000
■	Sanday Community Association Towards operate costs of the village hall holiday scheme for both adults and children	£3,600

Category	Organisation	Award
■	Farr Toddler Group To replace obsolete playpark equipment and expand the equipment available	£81,500
■	Farr Hall Committee To enable free utilisation by community members	£7,000
■	Boleskine Community Care To support the delivery of local care services	£40,000
■	Stratherrick and Foyers Community Trust To provide a local Community Grant Scheme	£26,230
■	Strathdearn Community Development Limited To support improvements to the path network	£62,000
■	Strathdearn Carers To provide a care at home scheme	£4,250
■	Strathdearn Community Development To support the development of a new hall hub	£20,000

Kingairloch

The Kingairloch community fund will provide around £325,000 to invest in local projects over its lifetime.

Kingairloch is one of SSE's smaller hydro-electric schemes. The annual value of the fund is around £6,835, benefitting an estimated population of 3,200 across the community council areas of Ardgour, Sunart and Morvern. The fund is administered by the Highland Council on behalf of SSE.

Category	Organisation	Award
■	Highland Council – community fund allowance To distribute funds on behalf of SSE	£6,835

Perthshire



SSE has three developments in the Perthshire region covered by two community funds. With an installed capacity of 220MW between the two developments, over £13 million will be invested in local projects.

Griffin and Calliachar

The Griffin and Calliachar community fund has an estimated value of £11 million over its lifetime.

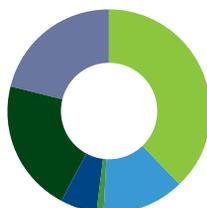
Launched in 2011, it serves a population of around 7,000 over the five community council areas of Aberfeldy; Dull and Weem; Dunkeld and Birnam; Kenmore and District; and Mid Atholl, Strathtay and Grandtully. It is SSE's second largest local fund.

Annual fund payment	£441,144
Value of applications	£836,805
Awards approved	£605,106
Total value of projects	£1,597,711

190% Fund demand	£2.64 per £1 Fund leverage	80% Capital	20% Revenue
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Fund allocation by category

■ Community facilities and services	38%
■ Culture, heritage and tourism	13%
■ Education and youth development	1%
■ Skills and employment	6%
■ Sport and recreation	21%
■ Environment and conservation	21%



Category	Organisation	Award
■	Kenmore in Bloom For the regeneration of the beach and parkland in Kenmore	£124,000
■	Breadalbane FC To construct a new training pitch	£103,982
■	Aberfeldy Small Business Association To redevelop Aberfeldy town square	£100,000
■	Birnam Arts To replace the main entrance door to the Birnam Arts Centre and install energy efficient lighting	£25,000
■	Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance Funding towards the increased provision of services in the area	£25,000
■	Highland Perthshire Crossing Borders Towards running costs of a language centre for migrant workers settled in or near Aberfeldy (3 year grant)	£24,000
■	Project Northern Lights Towards operating costs of the workshop facility and expansion of the office space	£23,100
■	Lunan Valley Community Broadband Towards implementing a high speed community broadband network in the Lunan Valley	£15,000
■	Comrades Hut To carry out a major renovation of the Comrades Hut in Acharn	£12,450
■	Explore Aberfeldy Tourism Association Towards the production of the 2016 visitor guides and website maintenance	£10,000
■	Highland Perthshire Media Ltd To deliver Modern Apprenticeships	£10,000
■	Vale of Atholl Pipers Association To extend school based tuition to Breadalbane, The Royal School of Dunkeld and Pitlochry	£9,675
■	Dunkeld and Birnam Community Council To purchase and install four community defibrillators	£9,320
■	Aberfeldy Football Rugby Club To purchase equipment for the newly formed rugby football club	£7,500
■	CAP Highland Perthshire To contribute towards running costs for the group's debt management, counselling and advice services (3 year grant)	£7,500
■	Aberfeldy Bowling Club To refurbish the bowling green and upgrade the clubhouse	£7,200
■	Dunkeld and Birnam Women's Football Club To purchase portable floodlights and install a secure storage shed	£7,010
■	Dalguise and District Public Hall Association To carry out urgent external and internal hall repairs	£7,000
■	Kenmore Community Council To award microgrants with a maximum value of £250	£5,000
■	Aberfeldy Festive Committee To support the running costs of the 2015 Aberfeldy Festival	£5,000
■	Dull and Weem Community Council To award microgrants with a maximum value of £250	£5,000
■	Friends of Breadalbane To hold social events for children with additional needs and their families, and for a school race car design project	£5,000
■	Aberfeldy Drama Club To provide funds for reparatory work to be made at the Old Kirk	£5,000
■	Mid Atholl, Strathtay and Grantully CC To award microgrants with a maximum value of £250	£5,000

Category	Organisation	Award
■	Tummel and Tay Festival To expand the 2016 festival	£5,000
■	Dunkeld and Birnam Community Council To award microgrants with a maximum value of £250	£5,000
■	Atholl and Breadalbane Agricultural Society Towards equipment for running the annual agricultural show	£4,500
■	Aberfeldy Community Choir To contribute towards the Choir's running costs (3 year grant)	£4,500
■	Perth & Kinross Business Community Support Group To provide SQA Employability awards	£4,368
■	Aberfeldy Community Council To award microgrants with a maximum value of £250	£4,000
■	Weem Parish Church To provide dry rot treatment	£4,000
■	Aberfeldy and District Gaelic Choir Towards the choir's running costs	£3,500
■	South Loch Tay First Responders To purchase a defibrillator and other equipment for the group	£3,000
■	Niel Gow Festival To support musician fees	£3,000
■	Aberfeldy Putting Green To purchase mowing equipment	£2,037
■	Horsecross Arts To run drama and music workshops in Aberfeldy and Dunkeld	£2,000
■	Salle Ossian Fencing Club To run an after school fencing club	£1,714
■	Aberfeldy Festive Committee To contribute to the costs of the 2015 Christmas Festival	£750

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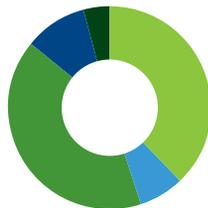
An estimated £2.6 million will be invested through the Drumderg community fund in local projects over its lifetime.

The fund serves a population of around 3,700 over the two community council areas of Alyth and Mount Blair.

Annual fund payment	£99,885
Value of applications	£137,433
Awards approved	£117,283
Total value of projects	£366,765
138% Fund demand	£3.13 per £1 Fund leverage
44% Capital	56% Revenue

Fund allocation by category

■	Community facilities and services	38%
■	Culture, heritage and tourism	7%
■	Education and youth development	41%
■	Skills and employment	10%
■	Sport and recreation	4%



Category	Organisation	Award
■	Alyth Youth Partnership Towards running costs of the youth service (2 year project)	£35,890
■	Kirkmichael Social and Recreational Hall Trust Towards the salary costs of a Development Worker (2 year grant)	£12,000
■	Bridge of Cally and District Public Hall Towards hall upgrades, including kitchen refurbishment and resolving damp issues	£10,000
■	Mount Blair Community Development Trust Towards salary costs of a part-time development and support officer (2 year grant)	£9,530
■	Airlie Street Hall Committee To install a new efficient air source heating system	£8,000
■	Wild Sparks Outdoor Play To support operational costs and equipment	£5,970
■	Kirkmichael Social and Recreational Hall Trust For electrical upgrades and to purchase essential fire safety equipment	£5,350
■	Mount Blair Community Council – microgrant allowance To award microgrants with a maximum value of £300	£4,400
■	Glenshee Tourist Association To produce the Glenshee and Strathardle walking and activity guidebook	£4,081
■	Disability Snowsport Scotland To purchase specialist equipment for the group's new base at Glenshee	£3,545
■	Horsecross Arts To deliver youth drama workshops in Alyth and Kirkmichael	£3,024
■	Alyth Community Council- microgrant allowance To award microgrants with a maximum value of £300	£3,000
■	Mount Blair Community Development Trust To purchase two community defibrillators	£2,810
■	Alyth 45th Perthshire Scout Group To purchase equipment and contribute towards training for Scout Leaders	£2,598
■	Strathmore Arts Festival Towards holding the annual arts festival	£2,455
■	Kirkmichael Primary School Parent Council To hold community film showings over two years	£1,600
■	Strathardle 30th Beavers To purchase equipment to establish the new group	£997
■	Glenshee Tourist Association To install a webcam at Spittal of Glenshee snow gates	£860
■	Keep The Glens Fit To run community based keep fit classes	£673
■	EPACTS To run the annual ceilidhs for foreign student seasonal farm workers and local people	£500

Argyll and Bute



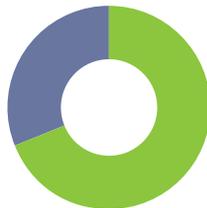
SSE currently operates one development in the Argyll and Bute region. The Tangy wind farm has an installed capacity of 18.7MW and is expected to generate £160,000 in community benefit funding over its lifetime.

Tangy

Annual fund payment	£30,328
Value of applications	n/a
Awards approved	£30,328
Total value of projects	n/a

Fund allocation by category

- Community facilities and services 69%
- Environment and conservation 31%



Category	Organisation	Award
■	AlIenergy To distribute energy efficiency grants	£9,287
■	Campbeltown Community Council – community fund allowance To distribute funds on behalf of SSE	£3,908
■	East Kintyre Community Council – community fund allowance To distribute funds on behalf of SSE	£3,908
■	Southend Community Council – community fund allowance To distribute funds on behalf of SSE	£3,908
■	The Laggan Community Council – community fund allowance To distribute funds on behalf of SSE	£3,908
■	West Kintyre Community Council – community fund allowance To distribute funds on behalf of SSE	£3,908
■	The Kintyre Wind Farm Trust – community fund allowance To distribute funds on behalf of SSE	£1,500

Ayrshire



This region hosts two SSE developments, including Hadyard Hill wind farm, the UK's biggest on its completion in 2006. Community funds in this region cover developments with a combined installed capacity of around 140MW, with £3.25 million to be invested over their lifetime.

Hadyard Hill

The Hadyard Hill community fund will provide around £3 million to invest in local community and charitable projects over its lifetime.

Around 1,900 local people benefit from the fund that covers the three community council areas of Barr; Daily; and Pinmore and Pinwherry. The fund is distributed by the Hadyard Hill Community Benefit Company on behalf of SSE.

Annual fund payment	£111,539
Value of applications	£55,537
Awards approved	£13,984
Total value of projects	£17,142

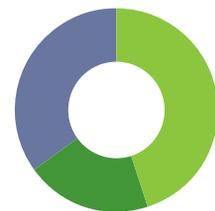
50%
Fund demand

£1.23 per £1
Fund leverage

100%
Capital

Fund allocation by category

- Community facilities and services 45%
- Education and youth development 20%
- Environment and conservation 35%



Category	Organisation	Award
■	Pinwherry and Pinmore Community Council To pay for the maintenance of planter boxes and grass cutting on community information sites by South Ayrshire Council for 3 years	£4,916
■	The Stinchar Valley Magazine To publish 8 editions (4 per annum) of The Stinchar Valley Magazine over two years and cover the costs of distribution and a self-employed part-time administrator	£4,075
■	Barr Parent Council To Purchase 2 Promethean ActivPanels (a large TV style touch screen that links to the teacher's computer) for Barr Primary School	£2,793
■	Girvan and District Entertainment & Attractions Association (Girvan Attractions) To offer Carrick Community Fireworks as a large free local fireworks event	£2,200

Hunterston

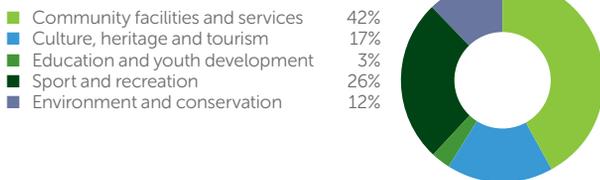
The Hunterston community fund will provide £250,000 over five years to invest in community and charitable projects.

Hunterston is Scotland's first offshore wind turbine test facility. The fund benefits a population of around 19,000 over the four community council areas of Cumbræ, Fairlie, Largs and West Kilbride.

Annual fund payment	£50,000
Value of applications	£49,048
Awards approved	£32,444
Total value of projects	£117,293



Fund allocation by category



Category	Organisation	Award
■	West Kilbride Community Sports Club To improve tennis court gate access and equipment	£6,974
■	West Kilbride Village Hall To complete hall redecoration and new flooring	£4,632
■	Millport Festival group Towards hiring equipment and activities for various events on the Isle of Cumbræ	£3,000
■	Haylie House Residential Care Home To refurbish the lounge and dining area to better meet the needs of residents with dementia	£2,000
■	Largs Academy Towards staging costs of a community musical production	£2,000
■	Isle of Cumbræ Initiative Community Company To support a Commonwealth Arts Project	£2,000
■	Organic Growers of Fairlie To support improvements to Community Garden	£1,753
■	Largs Community Sport and Leisure Club To support a sailing expedition for ten youths on board a 70 foot sailing boat	£1,500
■	West Kilbride Environment Group Tree replacement and seeds to maintain fields in the Glen	£1,130
■	Largs Events Towards the hire of marquees for the 2015 family fun weekend	£1,000
■	Largs Viking Festival Towards the entertainment costs for the Largs Viking Festival 2015	£1,000
■	Hopscotch Theatre Company To hold free educational theatre productions in four primary schools across Largs and Millport	£1,000
■	Cumbræ Community Council To award microgrants with a maximum value of £300	£1,000
■	Largs Community Council To award microgrants with a maximum value of £300	£1,000

Category	Organisation	Award
■	Fairlie Community Trust To enable improvements to the Ladies Path	£960
■	Largs St Columba Experience Towards IT equipment for the heritage centre	£575
■	Largs Community Council To purchase essential equipment for the Largs Community Resilience Team	£420
■	Fairlie Parish Trust Support for developing a newsletter	£250
■	Fairlie Fairtrade Initiative Support for printing	£250

Scottish Borders



This region currently hosts two of SSE's developments. With a combined installed capacity of 27.6MW, around £6 million will be invested in local projects over the lifetime of the funds.

Toddleburn

The Toddleburn community fund will provide over £2 million for investment in local projects over its lifetime.

The fund serves a population of around 1,800 over the three community council areas of Heriot, Oxtou and Channelkirk, and Parish of Stow.

Annual fund payment	£77,726
Value of applications	£131,039
Awards approved	£106,262
Total value of projects	£345,863



Fund allocation by category



Category	Organisation	Award
■	Stow Community Park To create a new play park with additional equipment and space for multigenerational use	£25,000
■	Heriot Community Broadband CIC To expand the community broadband service	£20,000

Category	Organisation	Award
■	Oxton War Memorial Hall Committee Towards the costs of a Building Warrant to progress the construction a new hall	£18,000
■	Tweed Valley Mountain Rescue To purchase an incident control vehicle	£5,000
■	Channelkirk Senior Citizens To fund outings for the community's senior citizens throughout the year	£5,000
■	Channelkirk After School Care Towards the running costs of the after school club	£5,000
■	Fountainhall Parent Council To purchase a stage for the school	£4,415
■	Channelkirk Senior Citizens To fund outings for the community's senior citizens throughout the year	£4,000
■	Fountainhall Village Hall To replace ageing tables and chairs in the village hall	£4,000
■	Heriot County Kids Towards running costs of the club	£3,698
■	Stow Parish Archive To continue the role of the Community Archivist until September 2015	£3,132
■	Stow Community Council To install planters in the village	£2,690
■	Oxton Community Council Towards the costs of the annual firework display	£2,200
■	Heriot Primary Parent Council To construct an outdoor classroom within the school grounds	£1,500
■	Oxton Community Council To award microgrants with a maximum value of £250	£1,000
■	Stow Community Council To award microgrants with a maximum value of £250	£957
■	Stow Community Council To purchase a heated cabinet for the village defibrillator	£400
■	Stow Pipe Band Towards running costs of the piping tuition held at Heriot Primary School	£270

Clyde Borders

The Clyde Borders community fund will invest around £4 million in community projects over its lifetime.

This fund is one of three that benefit as a result of SSE's Clyde wind farm and serves around 1,000 people in three community council areas of Skirling, Upper Tweed and Tweedsmuir.

Annual fund payment	£124,744
Value of applications	£26,203
Awards approved	£26,203
Total value of projects	£29,403
21% Fund demand	£1.12 per £1 Fund leverage
49% Capital	51% Revenue

Fund allocation by category

■ Community facilities and services	23%
■ Culture, heritage and tourism	11%
■ Education and youth development	45%
■ Sport and recreation	21%



Category	Organisation	Award
■	Broughton Primary Parent Council After school cooking club	£9,018
■	Broughton Bowling Club Towards upgrading the kitchen facilities	£5,490
■	Skirling Community Council To purchase new planting pots and establish a new planting bed	£2,969
■	Tweedsmuir Community Council Youth Bursary Scheme	£2,863
■	Upper Tweed Community Council Community Bus Pilot	£1,600
■	Upper Tweed Community Council To award microgrants with a maximum value of £200	£1,000
■	Tweedsmuir Community Council To award microgrants with a maximum value of £200	£1,000
■	Upper Tweed Community Council To award microgrants with a maximum value of £200	£1,000
■	Skirling Community Council To award microgrants with a maximum value of £200	£1,000
■	Drumelzier Hall To fit fire exit push bars to doors	£263

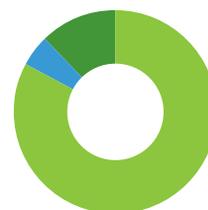
Langhope Rig

SSE sold the 16MW Langhope Rig wind farm to GE Capital in spring 2015. Under the agreement, the £5,000-per-MW community investment fund associated with the project was transferred over to GE to manage. The 15/16 payments refer to awards agreed prior to GE taking ownership of the fund.

Annual fund payment	£30,517
Value of applications	£63,842
Awards approved	£30,517
Total value of projects	£61,985
209% Fund demand	£2.03 per £1 Fund leverage
97% Capital	3% Revenue

Fund allocation by category

■ Community facilities and services	83%
■ Culture, heritage and tourism	5%
■ Education and youth development	12%



Category	Organisation	Award
■	Forman Memorial Hall Robertson To purchase equipment for the development of a community cinema	£7,652
■	Boston Memorial Hall Association To install double glazed window in the hall	£7,000
■	St Marys Hall To replace the roof of the village hall	£5,000
■	Friends of Kirkhope School To install an outdoor classroom as part of the school's woodland project	£3,495
■	Scottish Borders Community Development Company To replace the disabled access vehicle that provides affordable community transport	£2,000
■	Roberton Show Society To purchase equipment for the annual Roberton Show	£1,620
■	Ettrick and Yarrow Community Council To award microgrants with a maximum value of £250	£1,000
■	Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance Funding towards the increased provision of services in the area	£1,000
■	Lilliesleaf Ashkirk Midlem Community Council To award microgrants with a maximum value of £250	£1,000
■	Upper Teviotdale & Borthwick Water Community Council To award microgrants with a maximum value of £250	£750

South Lanarkshire



The South Lanarkshire Region is home to the Clyde South Lanarkshire community fund, the single largest community benefit fund in the UK. The fund is expected to invest around £38 million over its lifetime.

Clyde South Lanarkshire

The Clyde South Lanarkshire community fund provides over £840,000 per year to invest in community projects in the local area.

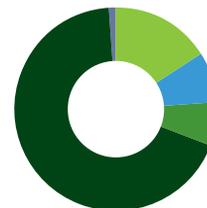
This fund is the largest of three which benefit from SSE's Clyde wind farm and serves an estimated 4,900 people in the community council areas of Biggar; Crawford; Duneaton; Leadhills; Libberton, Quothquan and Thankerton; and Symington. In March 2016 SSE agreed to sell 49.9% stake in the wind farm to Greencoat UK Wind (UKW) and GLIL. SSE continue to manage the community fund for this wind farm. The fund is administered by South Lanarkshire Council on behalf of SSE.

Annual fund payment	£852,286
Value of applications	£424,563
Awards approved	£417,825
Total value of projects	£706,814

50% Fund demand	£1.69 per £1 Fund leverage	79% Capital	21% Revenue
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Fund allocation by category

■ Community facilities and services	16%
■ Culture, heritage and tourism	8%
■ Education and youth development	7%
■ Sport and recreation	68%
■ Environment and conservation	1%



Category	Organisation	Award
■	Biggar Rugby Football Club For the development of new pitches and facilities	£250,000
■	Quothquan and Libberton Hall To support hall improvements	£12,500
■	Leadhills and Wanlockhead Railway To provide a track maintenance machine	£12,000
■	Gillespie Centre To undertake a sustainable heating project	£10,000
■	Biggar Theatre Workshop To take over responsibility for public toilets	£8,400
■	Biggar Institute To create a new kitchen	£5,244
■	Biggar Music Development Group To record a CD to promote local musicians	£5,000
■	Biggar Farmers Club To supply and upgrade a mobile toilet block	£5,000
■	Crawford Bowling Club To purchase specialist lawn maintenance machinery	£4,995
■	Leadhills Golf Club For course improvements and junior golf lessons	£4,989
■	Abington Bowling Club To purchase youth bowling equipment and carry out clubhouse improvements	£4,980
■	Friends of Crawfordjohn Heritage Venture To run a music awareness project	£4,930
■	Crawford and Elvanfoot Community Council To provide local environmental improvements to the area	£4,905
■	Thankerton Improvement Group To host youth art classes	£4,843
■	Biggar Little Festival To benefit from consultancy services	£4,704
■	The Corn Exchange To provide stage improvements	£4,600
■	Biggar High School To run a framing project to promote pupils artwork	£4,500
■	Leadhills Primary Parent Council To manage the 'Leadhills Through The Years' project	£4,450
■	GANDL To run a community cinema trial	£4,401
■	Biggar Kirk To purchase and install media equipment	£4,110
■	Biggar Primary Parent Council To run an IT skills project	£4,000
■	Law and district AAC To provide equipment and training	£3,645
■	Robertson WRI To purchase Robertson Hall kitchen equipment	£3,270
■	Crawford and Elvanfoot Community Council To manage a Micro Grant Scheme	£3,000

Category	Organisation	Award
■	Leadhills Community Council To manage a Micro Grant Scheme	£3,000
■	Biggar Community Council To manage a Micro Grant Scheme	£3,000
■	Thankerton Community Council To manage a Micro Grant Scheme	£3,000
■	Symington Community Council To manage a Micro Grant Scheme	£3,000
■	Biggar Pipe Band To oversee a branding and publicity project	£2,990
■	Coulter Primary To run a Lego project	£2,949
■	Leadhills Community Council To host a village notice board	£2,896
■	Leadhills and Wanlockhead Railway To support a marketing project	£2,617
■	Lamington Primary To provide transport support for activities	£2,270
■	Crawfordjohn Heritage Venture Trust For editing and publication of book about local school	£2,060
■	Coulter Primary Afterschool Club To provide transport support for activities	£2,030
■	Roberton WRI To run community classes	£1,900
■	Roberton Gardening Club To host education outing to historic garden	£1,630
■	Lamington Primary To run an after school theatrical skills development project	£1,500
■	Crawford Primary School Parent Council To host a theatre trip	£1,075
■	Upper Clyde Parish Church To host a choir concert	£1,070
■	Jack's Garage Community Interest Company For promotional activity to increase awareness of the organisation	£1,000
■	Biggar Embroiderers To run a school children development projects	£840
■	Leadhills Library To run the 'Big Draw' arts project	£532

Dumfries and Galloway



The Dumfries and Galloway region hosts several community benefit funds, including one which benefits from the Clyde wind farm development. With a combined installed capacity of 47.5MW, over £5.5 million will be invested between the three funds over their lifetime.

Clyde Dumfries and Galloway

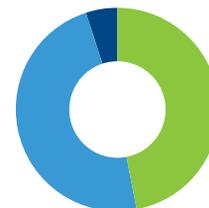
The Clyde Dumfries and Galloway community fund will invest around £4.3 million in community projects over its lifetime.

One of three funds that benefit as a result of SSE's Clyde wind farm, the Clyde Dumfries and Galloway community benefit fund serves around 12,600 people in the following community council areas: Carronbridge, Closeburn, Durisdeer, Johnstone, Kirkconnel and Kelloholm, Kirkmichael, Kirkpatrick and Juxta, Moffat and District, Royal Burgh of Sanquhar and District, Thornhill, Wamphray, and Wanlockhead. The fund is administered by Foundation Scotland on behalf of SSE.

Annual fund payment	£161,125
Value of applications	£99,969
Awards approved	£99,969
Total value of projects	£176,246
62% Fund demand	£1.76 per £1 Fund leverage
80% Capital	20% Revenue

Fund allocation by category

- Community facilities and services 47%
- Culture, heritage and tourism 48%
- Skills and employment 5%



Category	Organisation	Award
■	Royal Burgh Sanquhar and District Community Council To design and commission a bronze sculpture to enhance the existing war memorial in Sanquhar	£40,000
■	Wanlockhead Village Council To place festive lighting on the Lamp Standards throughout Wanlockhead village	£15,200
■	Durisdeer Village Committee To carry out draining, groundwork and tarring of Durisdeer Hall car park and entrance	£13,470
■	Thornhill Music Festival To provide a sustainable Music Festival	£7,150
■	Thornhill Community Council To provide additional equipment to facilitate the community's Christmas event	£5,229
■	Moffat and District Community Nature Reserve To employ a Project Development Officer	£5,000
■	Moffat Mountain Rescue Team To provide funding for key items of team equipment	£4,320
■	Thornhill Bowling Club To carry out essential repairs to the Clubhouse	£3,200
■	Wanlockhead Village Council To install a decorated Christmas tree in the village	£3,000
■	Nethermill School Parent Council To purchase six recycled plastic benches for use in the school grounds	£2,400
■	Thornhill Gala Committee To contribute to the running costs of the annual Gala day in Thornhill	£1,000

Artfield Fell

The Artfield Fell community fund is expected to provide around £700,000 over its lifetime for local community projects.

The fund serves an estimated 1,550 people in the two community council areas of Old Luce and New Luce. Funds are administered by Dumfries and Galloway Council on behalf of SSE.

Annual fund payment	£24,588
Value of applications	£7,500
Awards approved	£7,500
Total value of projects	£10,000

31% Fund demand	£1.33 per £1 Fund leverage	100% Capital
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Fund allocation by category

■ Community facilities and services 100%



Category	Organisation	Award
■	New Luce Community Council To provide repairs to New Luce Community Shop	£7,500

Balmurrie Fell

The Balmurrie Fell community fund will provide £560,000 over its lifetime for local community projects.

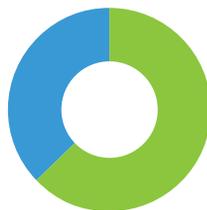
The fund serves an estimated 2,125 people in the three community council areas of Kirkcowan, New Luce and Old Luce. Funds are administered by Dumfries and Galloway Council on behalf of SSE.

Annual fund payment	£22,750
Value of applications	£6,885
Awards approved	£6,885
Total value of projects	£19,605

30% Fund demand	£2.85 per £1 Fund leverage	100% Capital
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Fund allocation by category

■ Community facilities and services 63%
■ Culture, heritage and tourism 37%



Category	Organisation	Award
■	Kirkcowan Community Council To support the annual Turbine Trophy Tournament	£2,550
■	Kirkcowan Community Council To purchase resilience equipment	£4,335

Sustainable Development Fund – Dumfries and Galloway

The Dumfries and Galloway Sustainable Development Fund has a current estimated value of £990,000 over its lifetime.

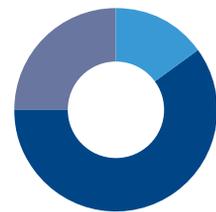
The fund serves the whole population of the Dumfries and Galloway region, estimated at 148,000. The next round of the fund will open in 2016/17.

Annual fund payment	£300,000
Value of applications	£609,637
Awards approved	£150,225
Total value of projects	£319,197

203% Fund demand	£2.12 per £1 Fund leverage	37% Capital	63% Revenue
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Fund allocation by category

■ Culture, heritage and tourism 15%
■ Skills and employment 60%
■ Environment and conservation 25%



Category	Organisation	Award
■	Sandhead Learning Centre To support the costs of a Support Worker	£57,592
■	Kirkconnel and Kelloholm Development Trust To purchase a community owned tractor for grass cutting	£31,800
■	The Whithorn Trust To construct an Iron Age roundhouse and kitchen garden	£23,255
■	Creetown Initiative Ltd Salary costs for two project coordinators at the Creetown Enterprise Centre	£22,378
■	Kirkcudbright Community Trust Towards a business plan for bringing the old Johnston School into community ownership	£10,000
■	Moffat and District Community Nature Reserve To employ a Project Officer	£5,200

North Lincolnshire



The North Lincolnshire region is host to Keadby wind farm, west of Scunthorpe. Keadby is the largest onshore wind farm in England, with an installed capacity of 68MW. It is expected the fund will invest £4.25 million in local projects over its lifetime.

Keadby

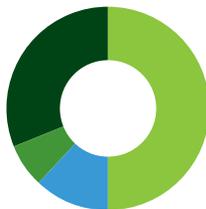
The Keadby community fund will provide £170,000 per year to invest in local projects.

A population of around 10,500 is served by the fund over seven parish council areas: Amcotts, Althorpe, Crowle, Eastoft, Garthorpe and Fockerby, Keadby and Luddington and Holdenby. The fund is administered by North Lincolnshire Council on SSE's behalf.

Annual fund payment	£170,000
Value of applications	£208,532
Awards approved	£208,532
Total value of projects	£476,450
123% Fund demand	£2.28 per £1 Fund leverage
93% Capital	7% Revenue

Fund allocation by category

Community facilities and services	50%
Culture, heritage and tourism	12%
Education and youth development	7%
Sport and recreation	31%



Category	Organisation	Award
■	Outcasts Cricket Pavilion To build a new multi-purpose pavilion at Hirst Priory	£59,169
■	Bramblebank Wood To further develop the outdoor community area	£31,521
■	Bringing Back the Moors Railway To purchase a Romney Hut for the wider railway project	£22,320
■	Disabled Access Keadby WMC To provide disable access to the WMC and also install disabled facilities	£19,936

Category	Organisation	Award
■	Althorpe Play Park The purchase and install of the MA 2014 Metro 1 active unit	£17,995
■	Crowle Allotment Society To purchase a mini tractor	£9,850
■	Crowle Boxing Club To buy new sports equipment	£6,000
■	Raising Aspirations To fund the pilot scheme of introducing the Children's University	£5,600
■	Luddington Primary School To purchase playground equipment for the School	£5,000
■	Althorpe Cemetery To replace badly eroded, wall in Althorpe Cemetery	£4,750
■	Eastoft Primary School To purchase items of road safety roleplay equipment	£4,001
■	Ealand Victory Hall External painting and decorating at the Victory Hall and installing a barrier for the car park	£3,290
■	Garthorpe Village Hall To improve the signage, porch and guttering for Garthorpe village hall	£3,070
■	Ealand Victory Hall Refurbishment of Ealand Victory Hall	£3,000
■	St Oswalds Althorpe To pay for presentation equipment for the church hall	£3,000
■	Amcotts Community Newsletter To fund the monthly Arrow newsletter for the village of Amcotts	£2,880
■	Festival of the Plough To purchase promotional goods and materials to promote the Festival of the Plough event 2015	£2,000
■	Crowle and Ealand Playing Fields association To supply and install a defibrillator unit	£1,850
■	Crowle Methodist Church To resurface the entrance to Crowle Methodist Church	£1,800
■	Isle of Axholme Lions tour 2015 To purchase speakers for the Lions Christmas Tour	£1,000
■	Apple Activities To purchase a gazebo and pasteurising machine	£500

Sustainable Development Fund – North Lincolnshire

The North Lincolnshire Sustainable Development Fund has a current estimated value of £4,250,000 over its lifetime.

The fund serves the whole population of North Lincolnshire estimated at 167,400. The fund is administered by North Lincolnshire Council on SSE's behalf.

Annual fund payment £250,000

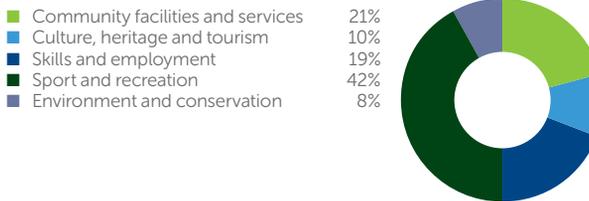
Value of applications £241,150

Awards approved £241,150

Total value of projects £2,052,979

96% Fund demand **£8.51 per £1** Fund leverage **87%** Capital **13%** Revenue

Fund allocation by category



Category	Organisation	Award
■	Epworth Swimming Pool Install a ground source heat pump to heat the pool, along with a new air handling system to heat the pool hall and changing rooms	£100,000
■	ONGO Associated costs towards the 'Empower project' in North Lincolnshire including salaries, equipment, training and resources.	£46,150
■	Appleby Village Hall To pay for internal works to suspended ceiling in cafe, windows doors and curtains.	£25,000
■	Belton Church Hall To pay for internal plumbing and electrical works to the interior of the building including central heating, new wiring and new toilets.	£25,000
■	Friends of Bottesford Beck River bank restoration for the new bridle pathway	£20,000
■	Waterside Co-Operative Costs towards new seating, staging, lighting and sound equipment to serve the conference centre and performance venue	£20,000
■	ST-ART Artist fees, moderation of the Arts Award and provision towards the Co-ordinator/Arts Award Advisor	£5,000

Essex



Essex is home to SSE's three wind turbine development at the Port of Tilbury. With an installed capacity of 9.2 MW, £100,000 will be invested over the 10-year life of the fund.

Tilbury

The Tilbury community fund has an annual value of £10,000 to invest in local projects at the Port of Tilbury in Essex.

Annual fund payment £10,000

Value of applications n/a

Awards approved £8,000

Total value of projects n/a

Category	Organisation	Award
■	RNLI Gravesend Station To cover annual training costs for three crew members	£4,000
■	Tilbury Riverside Project To promote economic, social and environmental regeneration in the area	£4,000

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