



CALLANDER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

Every drop counts

Callander Community Hydro Fund FAQs

Please also read our Guidelines for Application

What sort of work do you fund?

We will fund any work or project that can demonstrate a benefit to people in the Callander Community Council area (see map). It can be a capital project, such as building, refurbishment works or buying equipment or revenue costs, such as administration, staff costs or marketing, or a combination of both.

Projects might cover any area of activity such as sport facilities, art and heritage, community services, social enterprises, so long as you can demonstrate the benefit to our community.

Projects that contribute to actions in the Callander Community Action Plan will be especially welcomed.

What is the Community Action Plan?

The *Callander Community Action Plan 2012-2017* was developed by local people through a consultation process and public meetings in 2011. It identifies the priorities for action by all the organisations active in the town and will provide a good basis for applications if projects help to deliver its actions.

Surveys and public meetings throughout 2016 have been providing the background for the next five year plan. It will be published early in 2017. You can find the plans at www.callandercdt.org.uk.

What do you not fund?

We will not fund any project that promotes political or religious aims, or provides a personal gain.

Can we apply for core funding?

Yes, we will consider applications for core funding of groups or organisations.

Will you fully fund my request?

We may do if you can provide evidence that no other sources of funding can be secured.

How much can we ask for? Do you have a maximum level of grant?

There is no maximum, although the total amount of money available in each year will vary depending on the successful generation of income by the Community Hydro Scheme near Loch Lubnaig selling electricity into the National Grid. In the early years of the fund the total will be limited by the need to repay bank loans taken out to pay for the hydro-electricity scheme's construction.

The total available in the fund in any one year is likely to be around £60,000.

The minimum grant will be £500.

Do you award grants over a number of years?

Yes, we will consider projects up to an initial 3 years. Your application should show projected costs and income over that period.

How often will the Funding Committee meet and do you have deadlines for applications for each meeting?

The committee will meet four times a year. The deadlines for applications to be received are 31st March, 30th June, 30th September and 31st December and the committee will usually meet around a month after the deadline.

As funds may be fully allocated early in the year, please check (details below) that the fund is still open before completing an application.

Can I speak to someone about the application I wish to make?

Yes you can contact Callander Town Coordinator on 07852 106605 or coordinator@callandercdt.org.uk. Please read the guidelines and FAQs thoroughly before making contact.

How will I know if my application has been successful?

All applicants will receive notification of the outcome by email within 5-10 working days following the date of the Funding Committee meeting at which the application has been considered. Please ensure you provide the correct email address at the point of application and notify us of any subsequent changes.