

GREENCOAT CARCANT (MOORFOOT) COMMUNITY FUND FACTSHEET

*** PLEASE READ THIS FACTSHEET BEFORE COMPLETING THE APPLICATION FORM ***

What is Greencoat Carcant (Moorfoot) Community Fund and who is it for?

Greencoat Carcant (Moorfoot) Community Fund supports community projects that benefit those living in the Moorfoot Community Council area in Midlothian. The Fund is provided by Greencoat UK Wind, the owner of Carcant Wind Farm.

How much is available?

Starting in 2008, an annual amount of £4,200 (rising in line with inflation) will be available over the operating life of the wind farm, expected to be 25 years. In 2018, the Fund was worth c. £5,000.

Who makes decisions about grant awards from the Fund?

Decisions on grant awards are made by Carcant (Moorfoot) Community Fund Panel. The Panel comprises up to seven people who live in the Moorfoot area. For more information on the Panel, see <https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/communities/funds/moorfoot-panel>

Applications are processed and grant payments made by Foundation Scotland, and independent charity with expertise in grant making.

What will the Fund support?

The Fund provides grants to support charitable activities that:

- Enhance quality of life for local residents
- Contribute to vibrant, healthy, successful and sustainable communities
- Promote community spirit and encourage community activity.

Applications that contribute towards the themes and key areas identified in the [Moorfoot Neighbourhood Plan](#) will be particularly welcomed.

Grants may support a wide range of costs, for example the costs of equipment, staff or sessional workers, consultations, running costs for local groups, maintenance or refurbishment of community facilities, and so on.

Who can apply for a grant?

Applicants must meet the following conditions to apply for a grant:

- The application is for funding to support a project or activity that benefits those living within Moorfoot Community Council area and is consistent with at least one of the Fund purposes listed above.
- The group / organisation has a constitution (governing document or set of rules) and is set up on a not-for-private-profit basis. Applicants do not need to be registered charities to apply.
- The group / organisation can provide their latest set of accounts, inspected and signed by an independent person. (Groups / organisations that are less than 15 months old are not expected to meet this requirement).

If you are unsure whether your group or organisation is eligible to apply, please contact Foundation Scotland for advice (see below for details).

What sizes of grants are available?

The minimum level of grant available is £250 and the maximum is £1,500.

If your grant request is for less than £250 you can apply for a Micro Grant. These are administered by Moorfoot Community Council; visit <https://moorfootcc.wordpress.com/about-mcc/micro-grants/> for more information.

What cannot be funded?

The Fund cannot support the following types of activity or costs:

- The advancement of religion or party politics;
- Activities understood to be the exclusive responsibility of statutory authorities;
- Activities likely to bring Moorfoot Community Council, Foundation Scotland, the Community Fund Panel or Greencoat UK or any companies in its group into disrepute;
- Anti-renewable energy/anti-windfarm activities;
- Retrospective funding (i.e. paying for costs incurred before a decision on an application to the Fund for support was made).
- The repayment of debts.

What are the application and decision timescales?

There is one funding round per year. For the current application deadline and decision date, please visit <https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/moorfoot>

Foundation Scotland will contact applicants within two weeks of the Panel meeting date to let them know whether or not their application has been successful.

When must grants be spent by?

Grants must normally be spent within one year of being awarded.

How can I apply?

You can apply to the Fund either online or by downloading and completing the application form at www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/moorfoot

Alternatively you can request an application form by e-mailing communitybenefit@foundationscotland.org.uk

What if I have more questions?

For further information on the Fund or to discuss your application, please contact:

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