

Lochaber Wards additional guidance

Ward Discretionary Budget

Ward 11 (Caol & Mallaig) and 21 (Fort William & Ardnamurchan)

2020-2021

Each of the Lochaber Wards has £16,000 available to assist local projects and activity and support Community Councils unable to meet normal running costs. In addition, a further £16,000 per ward has been made available (from April 2020) to help communities develop and deliver resilience services in direct response to the COVID-19 crisis.

This guidance is supplementary to the 'applying for grant guidance' found on the Highland Council website alongside the application form.

https://www.highland.gov.uk/directory_record/196482/ward_discretionary_fund/category/155/grants_for_community_groups

The link also provides access to the application form for the community resilience element of ward funds. The additional guidance below is in relation to the general ward fund only.

What type of activity will you fund?

Elected Members encourage applications for activities or projects that demonstrate a lasting legacy. For example - equipment, machinery or other assets purchased for the long term benefit of the community; or where there is significant positive long term economic, health or environmental impact(s) which are clearly measurable.

Applications relating to activities such as parties, festive trees or lights and fire work displays will not be considered.

Schools can apply for up to £250 per financial year relating to school trips.

How much can I apply for?

The fund normally provides grants of between £250 - £1000.

You can apply for up to 75% of project costs if you can demonstrate a lasting legacy or 50% for one-off activity or events, however applications which can evidence a higher level of match funding will be favoured. (reducing the % applied for from the fund).

Applications will not normally be considered for activity that has been previously awarded monies from the Ward Discretionary Fund. The fund will not support on-going revenue costs.

Members may however exercise some discretion if the granting of a further award will enable the project/activity to be self-sustaining moving forward.

When can I apply?

Members will consider applications approximately every 8 weeks. It normally takes 3 weeks from receipt of your completed application form to prepare applications for consideration.

Applications can be submitted at any point.

Timetable (may be subject to change*)

Completed applications to be in by

6 April 2020

25 May 2020

27 July 2020

5 October 2020

16 November 2020

To be considered on

27 April 2020

15 June 2020

17 August 2020

26 October 2020

7 December 2020

2021 dates to be confirmed

*please contact the Ward office before submission to check that ward funds are still available and check that your project will meet the fund criteria – 01397 707232 emma.tayler@highland.gov.uk.