



Highland Coastal Communities Fund 2021/22 Review



FOREWORD



The Highland Coastal Communities Fund (HCCF) is funding that is derived from the net revenues of the Crown Estate marine assets in Scotland. During 2019/20 and 2020/21 the Scottish Government for the first time made this money available as allocations to Local Authorities to fund projects delivering economic regeneration and sustainable development in coastal areas. In recognition of the diversity of communities across Highland and the desire for local decision making, it was agreed to devolve this initial tranche of funding of over £3 million pounds to local Area Committees with a defined coastline.

The team who have taken on the administration of the fund come from a strong background of community-led local development. They have worked hard to ensure that the fund bureaucracy is kept to a minimum, and applicant needs are considered at each step of the application and claims process.

With the 2022/23 Crown Estates allocation confirmed the team are now preparing for the re-opening of the fund. Whilst this work is happening, it is a good time for us to reflect on the positive outcomes that have been achieved by the fund to date.

Over this first year, HCCF has invested in 94 projects ranging from local sports facilities and community halls; services that support those most financially vulnerable; projects to preserve culture and heritage; support for community-led visitor management solutions; economic recovery and projects addressing the climate emergency.

Highland is notable in Scotland as an area with strong community and voluntary sector networks. By opening up this funding more widely than just public sector projects it's clear that the money is being directed to where people feel it is most needed. The fund offers an opportunity for Elected Members to work in partnership with their local communities to ensure that projects which are important to their area are given the best chance of success.

HCCF funding has been invaluable in ensuring that as communities across Highland continue to tackle the harms caused by the pandemic and other global challenges such as climate change, that locally appropriate solutions are found and supported - by money being made available and decided on at a local level.

I very much look forward to seeing what projects will come forward in future and have no doubt that the programme will go from strength to strength. I hope you enjoy reading about what has been achieved so far.



Malcolm MacLeod
ECO Infrastructure, Environment & Economy

INTRODUCTION

The Highland Coastal Communities Fund (HCCF) is a new fund designed to support economic regeneration and sustainable development around coastal areas in Highland. The fund is derived from net revenue generated by the Crown Estate's marine assets in Scotland. Each year, local authorities are allocated a proportion of these profits from Scottish Government. The Highland Council has received over £3 million to date which was made available for external organisations to bid into. The fund launched in November 2020 and saw huge demand throughout Highland. With this initial allocation now fully committed we look to hear from some of the projects funded and the positive impacts they are having within their local areas.

AREA COMMITTEES

In line with Highland Council's commitment to localism, the decision on which eligible projects are to receive funding is taken by Elected Members at Area Committees to allow local decisions to be made about local applications. Area Committee budget allocations were determined by using the agreed Scottish Government formula which is based on the percentage share of the sea area out to 12 nautical miles. Fifteen percent of the overall allocation was retained for Highland wide 'Strategic' projects.

ELIGIBILITY

- Projects must be located within 5km of the coast or be able to demonstrate a clear benefit for coastal communities
- Funding of up to 100% of project costs is possible where justification and need is evidenced
- Generally, it is not expected that applications for grant awards of less than £5,000 or more than £100,000 will be considered

Projects should be able to demonstrate that they are:





-  **SUSTAINABLE/VIABLE**
-  **VALUE FOR MONEY**
-  **PROVIDE ADDITIONALITY**
-  **EVIDENCE LOCAL SUPPORT**
-  **EVIDENCE POSITIVE IMPACTS**

WHO CAN APPLY

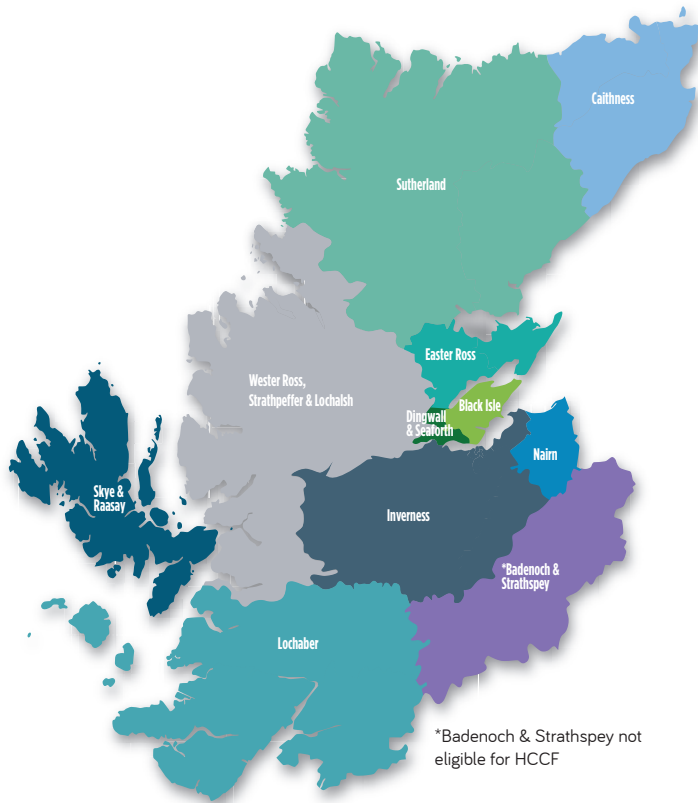
Applications are welcomed from:

- Constituted community groups
- Local Authorities or other public sector bodies
- Charities
- Voluntary groups and social enterprises
- Co-operatives and community ownership initiatives
- Development Trusts

TWO STAGE APPLICATION PROCESS

STAGE ONE		Complete an Expression of Interest form
		Elected Members provide feedback on project proposal with a Red/Amber/Green Status to determine whether a full application should be submitted
STAGE TWO		Complete full application form
		Application submitted to Area Committee where Elected Members consider for approval

FUND STATISTICS



FUNDING AWARDED

Black Isle	£11,007	2
Caithness	£410,711	14
Dingwall & Seaforth	£11,007	2
Easter Ross	£92,111	5
Inverness	£12,156	1
Lochaber	£562,032	10
Nairn	£8,590	1
Skye & Raasay	£623,184	19
Sutherland	£700,407	17
Wester Ross, Strathpeffer and Lochalsh	£467,988	16
Strategic	£360,893	7

£3,260,091

TOTAL NUMBER OF PROJECTS SUPPORTED

94

TOTAL FUNDING AWARDED	£3,260,091
OVERALL LEVERAGED FUNDING	£15,715,166
AVERAGE AWARD LEVEL	£34,758

PROJECT TYPE APPROVED

Community Facilities / Infrastructure	42
Visitor Facilities	19
Environmental / Landscape	8
Business Support	6
Community Support / Resilience	7
Health & Services	6
Consultation / Feasibility Studies	3
Climate Change / Net Zero	3
Total	94

PROJECTS FUNDED

BLACK ISLE

Culbokie Community Trust – Culbokie Village Green Programme



The proposed new Village Green aims to be a central gathering point and to provide outdoor space for activities within the local community. New facilities will include a natural play area for children, outdoor table tennis, wildflower meadows, paths and seating and a timber shelter for a range of community activities. The Trust hope by involving volunteers in its creation, it will create an outlet for people to make a positive contribution to their community and engender a feeling of ownership, responsibility, and local capacity for the long-term care of the Village Green.

“When it’s complete we hope Culbokie Green will be (literally) buzzing as people come to enjoy the area and as bees and other wildlife start to move in as the meadows and trees mature.” **Paul Wadge, Director, Culbokie Community Trust**

PROJECT COSTS: £7,149

HCCF AWARD: £4,450

CAITHNESS

Dunnet Forestry Trust – Dunnet Forest Community Projects



Dunnet Forestry Trust (DFT) engaged with the local community to generate a wide range of ideas for the future of the forest which is now in community ownership. DFT applied to HCCF for assistance towards a suite of projects that received the strongest support from the public, including a car park extension and improved forest entrance, a composting toilet, the development of a new volunteer programme, a tree nursery area and a new children’s play area.

“We were absolutely delighted to be able to secure funding from HCCF to double the size of our car park which along with the other improvements will drastically improve the visitor experience at Dunnet Forest.”

Shona McGlashan, Treasurer, Dunnet Forestry Trust

PROJECT COSTS: £29,914

HCCF AWARD: £22,436

Thurso Community Development Trust – Thurso Grows Hub & Greenhouses



Thurso Community Development Trust (TCDT) are set to expand their current ‘Thurso Grows’ project by taking over the existing Highland Council greenhouses, allowing the Trust to take a community approach to food growing while developing skills and stimulating local economy. The second element of the project is to set up a zero-waste shop in the town centre with office space for the TCDT to operate from and the employment of an Enterprise Officer for 18 months to run the shop as a social enterprise.

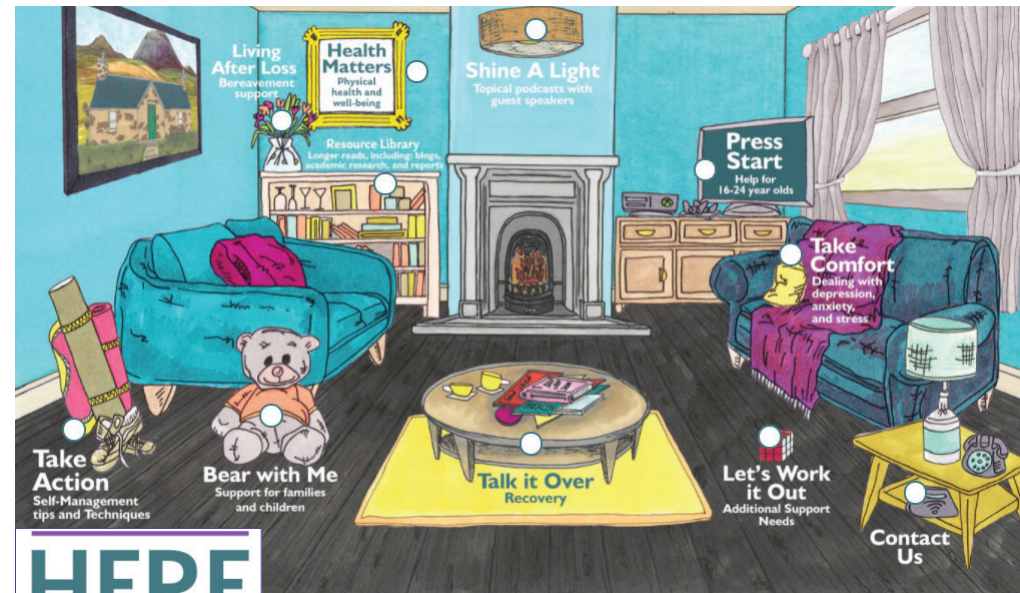
“With the funding investment we can both take our organisation to a sustainable position where we are less reliant on grant funding and provide solutions to our community needs. Socially Growing with our Refill Shop and Greenhouses creates greater resilience in our local food system, reduces plastic in our local environment and provides training opportunities for young people.”

Joan Lawrie, Manager, Thurso Community Development Trust

PROJECT COSTS: **£90,389**

HCCF AWARD: **£67,791**

Caithness Voluntary Group – Here for Caithness



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We hope you enjoy your visit. Feel free to return as often as you like.

OUT OF HOURS SUPPORT

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Caithness Voluntary Group (CVG) applied for assistance in developing a project to provide support for the ongoing needs of vulnerable people in Caithness, to ensure their health and wellbeing is maintained, and that there is a clear path to both preventative and interventional support as and when it is needed.

“Thanks to HCCF we have been able to produce a one-stop-shop digital platform for mental health support, including a range of videos pointing to some of the support groups and activities locally that improve wellbeing. Visitors to the website, called HERE for Caithness, can navigate information about community health walks, pottery classes, support for young carers and families all the way through to crisis support.”

Julie Marker, Caithness Voluntary Group, Projects Co-ordinator

PROJECT COSTS: **£14,076**

HCCF AWARD: **£9,082**

DINGWALL & SEAFORTH

Maryburgh Men's Shed – Establishment Costs



With funding support from HCCF the group aim to set up and operate a meeting place or collective “shed” where members will be able to share skills, actively pursue hobbies, work on community projects and have a place to go and relax knowing they are among friends.

“Our charity was in its early days when applying for funding and with very little available money it was difficult to progress with our plans to bring benefits to our local community. However, HCCF funding is now going a long way in ensuring our plans develop. This has been particularly important as we all safely emerge from the pandemic, we hope to bring people back together for company and for improving mental health and wellbeing.”

Andy Barnett, Treasurer, Maryburgh Men's Shed

PROJECT COSTS: **£5,000**

HCCF AWARD: **£5,000**

EASTER ROSS

Seaboard Memorial Hall - Conveniences for All



While the area welcomes many visitors to explore its exceptional coastline the poor condition of the public toilets at Balintore Harbour has been an issue for years. An award of £23,980 from HCCF saw an upgrade to the public toilets which are now fit for purpose to serve the community, harbour users and visitors alike.

“The Seaboard has one of the most beautiful beaches on the Peninsula, and now we have the facilities to allow people to enjoy the area including baby changing facilities and all abilities access. We applied to several funds over the years without success and were delighted when HCCF awarded funding towards this project.”

Maureen Ross, Director, Seaboard Memorial Hall

PROJECT COSTS: **£25,480**

HCCF AWARD: **£23,980**

Ross Sutherland Rugby Club – Clubhouse Development Phase 2

Ross Sutherland Rugby Club (RSRC) Clubhouse Development Project: Phase 2 will improve the outside upstairs viewing areas by constructing a balcony along one side of the new clubhouse. The balcony will be used during matches and training sessions and will open up the clubhouse to increased use by the community and sporting groups.

“The RSRC viewing balcony generously supported by HCCF and currently under construction, will enable games to be watched from an elevated position within the newly developed clubhouse. Providing accessible outdoor space expands the potential for community and club use helping income generation and sustainability.”

Catherine Moodie, Member & Fundraiser, Ross Sutherland Rugby Club

PROJECT COSTS: **£53,628**

HCCF AWARD: **£33,058**



LOCHABER

Caol Regeneration Company Ltd -
Thomas Telford Corpach Marina

Thomas Telford Corpach Marina has been in development for several years involving an extensive range of work from initial technical and feasibility studies to dredging, civil engineering and the construction of a dedicated facilities building. The final phase of the project includes the installation of pontoons and various finishing works to allow the marina to be fully operational by summer 2022.

“Over the years we have enjoyed the support of many individuals and organisations, for which I’m very grateful. Now that we have the green light for this final phase, we are confident it will be a fantastic asset benefitting the people of the area in so many ways.”

**Donald Corbett, Chairperson,
Caol Regeneration Company Ltd**

PROJECT COSTS: **£100,000**

HCCF AWARD: **£100,000**



Ardnamurchan Lighthouse Trust – Improving Access at Ardnamurchan Lighthouse



The lighthouse is a major visitor attraction on the remote Ardnamurchan peninsula however, in recent years it has been experiencing issues due to lack of capacity to accommodate increasing visitor numbers. A major capital works programme was designed to alleviate these problems with work focusing on traffic management, sustainable travel and accessibility on site.

“The full programme included improvements to the condition of the site’s much-loved heritage foghorn and viewing platform, re-surfaced carpark, better provisions for electric vehicle drivers and cyclists, more accessible footpaths and a new scenic seating area. It’s been fantastic to see the improvements take place thanks to the help from HCCF and we look forward to a successful season ahead.”

**Richie Dinnes, Chairperson,
Ardnamurchan Lighthouse Trust**

PROJECT COSTS: **£286,090**

HCCF AWARD: **£73,650**



Eigg Trading - An Laimhrig Eigg Community Hub Redevelopment (phase 2)

As part of a wider development project Eigg Trading have secured funding to expand and refurbish the existing An Laimhrig community building on Eigg. HCCF will be used to create lettable business units and a new coastguard meeting/ training room.

“An Laimhrig is Eigg’s community hub, providing key services to Eigg residents and a welcome to its many visitors. 2022 marks the 25th anniversary of Eigg’s community ownership and the project is due to be completed this year. The original building was the community’s first project, this redevelopment is testament to all that has been achieved by our growing, ambitious and innovative community”

Maggie Fyffe, Financial Management Team, Eigg Trading

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PROJECT COSTS: **£102,896**

HCCF AWARD: **£100,000**

NAIRN

Nairn BID - Making Nairn More Welcoming for the Community and Visitors



This project formed part of a major regeneration and branding initiative taking place across Nairn Town Centre and the 'Links' beach area.

"I'm sure businesses, locals and visitors to Nairn are all delighted with the result of the expenditure of the HCCF grant. Although part of a wider project, the new signposts and picnic benches HCCF specifically funded, add value to the area by encouraging people to spend time here which in turn supports local businesses. It's all part of creating a welcoming environment for locals and visitors, something which Nairn BID has been working on for some time."

Lucy Harding, Manager, Nairn BID

PROJECT COSTS: **£15,016**

HCCF AWARD: **£8,590**

SKYE

Broadford and Strath Community Company - Elgol Toilets and Community Coordinator



As part of a wider project to improve visitor management infrastructure, HCCF is funding the last phase of the Elgol Toilet project including landscaping works, electric vehicle charging points and interpretation boards. To support the development of projects such as the Elgol Toilet project, HCCF funding will also be used to employ a Community Coordinator for 2-years.

"The toilet block is currently being constructed and we are hopeful the facility will be open by summer - ready for the 2022 visitor season. We have since recruited our Community Coordinator and they have been busy working with volunteers and project officers and have successfully secured funding for several other projects. Without support from HCCF, we simply would not have had the resources to develop these community projects."

Shirley Grant, Director, Broadford & Strath Community Company

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PROJECT COSTS:

£34,500 (Elgol Toilets) **£49,800** (Community Coordinator)

HCCF AWARD:

£34,500 (Elgol Toilets) **£32,200** (Community Coordinator)

Kyleakin & Kylerhea Community Council – Castle Access Paths

Kyleakin & Kylerhea Community Council were awarded funding to improve the access paths and interpretation facilities at Castle Moil in Kyleakin.

“As Castle Moil is the historic seat of the Clan Mackinnon and a popular gateway to the Isle of Skye, the village receives many visitors every year. The HCCF grant has enabled us to improve the paths and provide safe access along the shoreline to this nationally important historic site. We have also installed interpretation boards near the castle to enhance the visitor experience especially for those in search of a cultural link to their family past”

Iain MacKenzie, Treasurer, Kyleakin & Kylerhea



PROJECT COSTS: £9,478

HCCF AWARD: £6,278

Skye Sailing Club – Safety Boats Renewal

HCCF supported the purchase of two new safety boats enabling Skye Sailing Club to provide essential safety cover for the range of sea-based activities the club hosts.

“Most of our activity is centred around the Marine Cadets however, we offer open day events where members of the public can participate in water sports such as sailing, windsurfing and powerboating. Safety on the water is paramount in what we do as the sea environment can be unforgiving. Funding from HCCF has meant we have been able to replace the safety boats which were over 20 years old.”

Angus Ross, Chairperson, Skye Sailing Club



PROJECT COSTS: £45,000

HCCF AWARD: £22,556

SUTHERLAND

Brora Parent Council – Brora Play Park



Along with HCCF, other match funding and a tremendous community effort to fundraise towards the project, new play equipment has been installed at the play park near Brora Primary School.

“It’s been a huge community effort to raise funding and we have been so grateful to absolutely everyone who has supported us and made this possible, not just for bairns from Brora but anyone coming into the village. The children are over the moon now that the playpark is open and the smiles on their faces and the fact that many stay after the school bell at home time are testament to the enjoyment it is giving.”

Jane Mackintosh, Fundraiser, Brora Parent Council

PROJECT COSTS: £60,000

HCCF AWARD: £25,000



Scourie Community Development Company - Scourie Rocks

HCCF supported the development phase of a new visitor centre, café and climate change education centre that will house the Donald Shelley Collection – “Scourie Rocks”.

“We are grateful for the support of the funders and the work of the design and project management team throughout this difficult time. The North-West Highlands is the cradle of geology, and the rocks which can be seen along the coastline, are among the oldest in Britain, thus Scourie is the right place for the new visitor centre. With the initial development phase complete, Scourie Rocks is now shovel ready and work is on-going to put in place a funding package to allow building work to hopefully commence later this year.”

**Neil Macdonald, Chairperson,
Scourie Community Development Company**

PROJECT COSTS: **£118,383**

HCCF AWARD: **£80,000**

East & Central Sutherland CAB – Rural Recovery Adviser

HCCF is funding a 12-month post to employ a Rural Recovery Adviser for the Citizens Advice Bureaux. The main aim of this project is to provide advice for vulnerable people and liaising with various organisations, to ensure support is available for those in need to recover from the harms of the pandemic.



“In the first three months of the new adviser being in post, 80 additional households in east and central Sutherland have been supported on over 124 different advice topics directly relating to the impacts of the pandemic. As our rural communities begin to recover from the pandemic, this project is vital in ensuring those most at risk are not left behind.” **Rachel MacDonnell, Bureau Manager**

PROJECT COSTS: **£19,743**

HCCF AWARD: **£11,068**

WESTER ROSS, STRATHPEFFER & LOCHALSH

Gairloch Community Car Scheme

The funding requested will allow Gairloch Community Car Scheme to lease a suitable vehicle for the purpose of continuing to take passengers from local and neighbouring communities to hospital appointments.



“Gairloch Community Car Scheme is indebted to HCCF for providing us with the opportunity to lease a vehicle to enable, vulnerable, elderly and socially isolated members of the community to attend much needed, sometimes vital hospital appointments and outpatient clinics. With the valuable assistance of our volunteer drivers we can offer door to door transport where local transport is unavailable or unsuitable.”

Annette Mackenzie, Chairperson, Gairloch Community Car Scheme

PROJECT COSTS: **£40,215**

HCCF AWARD: **£12,705**

Wester Loch Ewe Trust – Old School, New Use



Wester Loch Ewe Trust has worked hard over the last 6 years to bring the old Inverasdale Primary School into community ownership. With the asset transfer complete the Trust have set about transforming the building into a new community centre.

“Our ambition for Inverasdale Old School is to create a 40 seat multi-purpose space with retail area, commercial kitchen and toilets. We were delighted to find new funders like HCCF who supported the Wester Loch Ewe Trust in their vision. The Trust hopes the venue will reduce isolation and improve access to services with the centre being used to create new activities and opportunities to support social, cultural, and economic development in the area”.

Fiona Begg, Project Manager, Wester Loch Ewe Trust

PROJECT COSTS: **£49,500**

HCCF AWARD: **£38,500**

Community Out West Trust – Kinlochewe Community & Tourist Facilities Hub



Community Out West Trust have secured funding to provide improved toilet and waste management facilities in Kinlochewe to meet the needs of the local community and visitors to the area.

“When we took over the public toilets three years ago, we adopted the slogan of making them “the best in the west”. We are excited that with support from HCCF we can now start to move forward with this aim. We have listened to what our visitors are asking for and with the provision of smart new “superloos” open 24/7 all year round along with water supply, waste disposal, showers and recycling, our facilities will soon be fit for purpose”.

Mary Peart Director & Company Secretary at Community Out West Trust

PROJECT COSTS: **£94,000**

HCCF AWARD: **£90,350**

STRATEGIC

Moray Firth Coastal Partnership – ‘Our Firth, Our Seashore’



Following on from their successful SCRAPbook project which produced an aerial map of coastal litter hot spots around Scotland MFCP, are ready to launch their ‘Our Firth, Our Seashore’ project to bring about change on the ground.

“I’m excited to be launching the ‘Our Firth, Our Seashore’ project to raise awareness of the importance of our marine environment. Through marine education workshops, the creation of educational video clips and a series of beach cleaning events, the project will work with schools, businesses, and other stakeholders to protect our marine environment together and raise awareness of the impacts we are having on our seas”.

**Drew Ferguson, Marine Conservation & Education Officer,
Moray Firth Coastal Partnership**

PROJECT COSTS: **£86,784**

HCCF AWARD: **£86,784**



Association of Northern Trails – Laying the Foundations for a World - Class John O'Groats Trail

Walkers from home and abroad have been enjoying the stunning coastline of the John O'Groats Trail thanks to the tireless volunteer efforts which has established the 147-mile-long distance coastal route from Inverness to John O'Groats.

“Friends of The John O'Groats Trail are now ready to take on the next development phase of the trail by establishing a business case which will allow us to access major capital funding to improve the trail and to reach our goal of Scotland's Great Trails status. We now hope that HCCF funding will allow us to take the trail to the next level of accessibility, appealing to a wider user base both locally and worldwide.”

Jay Wilson, Chairperson, Association of Northern Trails



PROJECT COSTS: £90,720

HCCF AWARD: £67,720

APPROVED PROJECTS

Area	Organisation Name	Total Project Cost	Grant Approved	Description
Black Isle	Culbokie Community Trust	£7,149	£4,450	Establish a new village green in the village of Culbokie
Black Isle	Ferintosh Community Hall	£21,380	£6,558	Improve the energy efficiency of Ferintosh Community Hall
Caithness	Brough Bay Association	£152,462	£27,000	Upgrade the existing slipway, install beach access steps and extend the nearby car parking area at Brough
Caithness	St John's Episcopal Church	£77,895	£15,000	Extension to the church building in Wick to accommodate a fully accessible toilet
Caithness	Dunnet Forestry Trust	£29,914	£22,436	Improved visitor facilities including car park extension, composting toilet and installation of children's play area
Caithness	John O'Groats Development Trust & John O'Groats Mill Trust	£40,280	£30,080	Create a basic all abilities trail from the car park at John O'Groats along the coast to the coast to the John O'Groats Mill
Caithness	Bridgenorth Ironmongers Ltd	£19,500	£9,755	Provide and facilitate all the functions of a modern-day post office for the use of the whole community of Wick
Caithness	Thurso Youth Club SCIO	£54,564	£40,923	Refurbish the kitchen at Thurso Youth Club.
Caithness	Thurso Community Development Trust	£127,376	£67,792	Repair and maintenance of greenhouse building and to employ a part time greenhouse manager and social enterprise officer
Caithness	Befrienders Highland	£7,360	£7,360	Employ a Volunteer co-ordinator an extra day per week to expand current Befriender Service
Caithness	Caithness Voluntary Group	£49,700	£39,700	Employment of part-time project co-ordinator and part-time administrator to support access to mental health services
Caithness	Caithness Voluntary Group	£14,077	£9,083	Creation of website, creation of video content and staffing costs to support access to mental health services
Caithness	Keiss Primary School Parent Council	£31,692	£23,000	Install trim trail play equipment at Keiss Primary School
Caithness	Scrabster Harbour Trust	£37,400	£18,700	Purchase and install an access gangway from pier to ship at Scrabster Harbour
Caithness	Highlife Highland	£49,883	£49,883	Programme of experiences and opportunities for those experiencing or at risk of poor outcomes and quality of life
Caithness	The Highland Council	£254,000	£50,000	Refurbish Wick toilet facilities to provide a more fit for purpose building with provision of services
Dingwall & Seaforth	Maryburgh Men's Shed	£5,000	£5,000	Carry out building works and roof repairs to make Maryburgh's Men's Shed premises fit for purpose
Dingwall & Seaforth	Dingwall & District Men's Shed	£13,500	£6,008	Lay foundations to house a social unit and workshop as part of a craft village area
Easter Ross	Inver and District Community Council	£5,000	£4,000	Purchase weather resistant seating to be fixed to hard standing areas along the coastal path and bay area around Inver
Easter Ross	HITRANS	£18,000	£5,000	Consultation to investigate the technical feasibility of a new train station at Evanton
Easter Ross	Seaboard Memorial Hall	£24,980	£23,980	Renovation and re-design of Balintore harbour toilet facilities
Easter Ross	Ross Sutherland Rugby Club	£61,137	£33,058	Construct a viewing balcony along one side of the new Ross Sutherland Rugby Club Clubhouse
Easter Ross	Tain Heritage Trust	£28,788	£26,073	Supply and installation of an access lift at Tain Picture House
Inverness	The Highland Council	£483,000	£12,157	Upgrade path network to form a fully accessible walking route at Merkinch Nature Reserve
Lochaber	Ardnamurchan Lighthouse Trust	£286,090	£73,650	Improve visitor facilities including upgrade of car parking area, paths, walkways and creation of new viewpoints
Lochaber	Eigg Trading	£2,400,000	£100,000	Create 3 new letting business units and a new coastguard meeting/training room
Lochaber	Ardgour Community Council	£43,325	£10,935	Improve and extend paths in the Ardgour and Camusnagaul areas
Lochaber	Glen Etive & Glen Coe Community Council	£12,000	£12,000	Feasibility study to look at the possible options for new parking spaces and options for traffic management
Lochaber	National Trust for Scotland	£575,000	£50,000	Increase car parking capacity and surfacing improvements, footpath upgrades, visitor information and new visitor waste hubs

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Lochaber	Road to the Isles Facilities Group	£102,976	£100,000	Expansion of existing car park at Tougal
Lochaber	Fort William Marina & Shoreline Community Interest Company	£105,570	£70,447	Dredge an area of Loch Linnhe to enable improved access both to the existing pontoon and additional pontoons to be installed
Lochaber	Isle of Canna Community Development Trust	£35,000	£15,000	Feasibility study towards the proposed re-development of Coroghan Barn
Lochaber	Business Gateway	£30,000	£30,000	Small grants programme to assist businesses invest in digital technology and help sustain and rebuild the Lochaber economy
Lochaber	Caol Regeneration Company Ltd	£3,474,624	£100,000	Final start-up costs associated with the final phase of the marina development
Nairn	Nairn BID Ltd	£30,000	£8,590	Replacing and maintaining town infrastructure to make it more attractive to visitors and the community
Skye	Edinbane Community Company	£111,089	£25,000	Repair and renovate/resurface path to link Braebost and Brookside
Skye	Kyleakin & Kylehea Community Council	£9,478	£6,278	Provide improved access to Castle Moil by the tidal restriction
Skye	Skye Sailing Club	£45,000	£22,556	Replacement of 2 safety boats
Skye	CLIMAVORE CIC	£23,732	£7,000	Run 5 workshops with local experts on traditional and innovative construction materials
Skye	The Highland Council	£67,100	£57,100	Expansion of the current carpark at Kilt Rock
Skye	Sleat Community Trust/Sleat Renewables Ltd	£18,000	£13,560	Purchase a forestry timber trailer with crane
Skye	Raasay Development Trust	£537,505	£74,003	Installation of pontoons as phase one of a wider project to develop pontoons and onshore facilities
Skye	Broadford & Strath Community Company	£227,912	£34,500	Build an accessible toilet block which will include accessible toilets with improved visitor facilities
Skye	Broadford & Strath Community Company	£49,800	£34,200	Establish a community development officer to help build better systems for meeting the community needs
Skye	Broadford & Strath Community Company	£42,000	£11,613	Establish a new permanent outdoor learning centre
Skye	Kilmuir Community Trust	£81,150	£50,000	Expand and improve the hall's carpark for the local community and the large number of visitors to the area
Skye	Kyleakin Connections Ltd	£315,000	£64,578	Construction of a new building behind the Old School, comprising two rooms, storage area and toilet facilities
Skye	Radio Skye	£26,700	£18,400	Working together with the two sites at Sleat and Staffin to install two twin dipole antenna systems
Skye	Hebridean Diving Services	£53,246	£25,000	To undertake the 2nd phase of Stein Regeneration Project.
Skye	Portree & Braes Community Trust	£35,000	£31,500	A feasibility study and master plan study for the wider Camanachd Square area.
Skye	Camuscross & Duisdale Initiative	£148,353	£34,333	Provide 5 motorhome bays including electric hook up points and grey and black waste disposal facilities
Skye	Glendale Community Hall	£27,015	£22,815	Refurbishment and modernisation of toilets at Glendale Community Hall
Skye	The Highland Council	£13,750	£13,750	Provide new grass cutting equipment
Skye	The Highland Council	£134,000	£77,000	Provide two years of revenue support for resource on site at Storr and provision of a unit for use by the personnel
Strategic	North West Highlands Geopark	£60,500	£54,250	Establishment of a marine heritage trail along the West Coast from Ullapool to Skerryay
Strategic	Association of Northern Trails Scotland	£90,720	£67,720	Establish a business case towards the next development phase of the of the John O'Groats long distance trail
Strategic	Highland Food & Drink Club	£35,000	£30,000	Promotion of local food and drinks produce by hosting "Supper Clubs" to take place in a range of venues throughout the Highlands
Strategic	Ionad Thròndairnis	£424,202	£47,139	A series of architectural and engineering services to inform the planning requirements of the creation of a cultural community centre
Strategic	Moray Firth Coastal Partnership	£86,784	£86,784	Employ 1 full-time Marine Conservation and Engagement Co-ordinator
Strategic	Sutherland Outdoor Activities Project	£90,000	£45,000	Improve cycling and walking trail between Brora and Golspie
Strategic	North Highland Initiative	£90,000	£30,000	Administer and deliver an accessible low level grant programme in Caithness, Sutherland and Ross & Cromarty.
Sutherland	Assynt Leisure	£170,575	£68,230	Improve and sustain the recent installation of campervan and motorhome waste disposal facilities in Lochinver
Sutherland	Scourie Community Development Company	£118,383	£80,000	Undertake the design phase of the Scourie Rocks visitor attraction

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Sutherland	Kyle of Sutherland Development Trust	£343,919	£71,678	Improved visitor facilities for motorhomes and electric vehicles
Sutherland	East & Central Sutherland Citizens Advice Bureau	£19,743	£11,069	Employ a Rural Recovery Adviser to support the communities of East and Central Sutherland in response to the Covid-19 pandemic
Sutherland	Tongue Community Council	£17,094	£10,000	Repairs to Skerry Harbour
Sutherland	Kinlochbervie Playing Field Association	£57,370	£37,725	Refurbish local playing fields including improved drainage
Sutherland	Skerry Village Hall	£24,000	£15,000	Improve energy efficiency of Skerry Village Hall
Sutherland	Assynt Foundation	£77,334	£26,989	Upgrade a 1.8 km stretch of single-track road from Lochinver to Glencanisip
Sutherland	Dornoch Area Community Interest Co	£720,048	£80,000	Carpark update with coach and motorhome facilities
Sutherland	Go Golspie	£260,000	£61,000	Restoration of old YMCA building in Golspie to offer a range of community-based activities
Sutherland	Brora & District Action Group	£100,000	£52,000	Create a motorhome overnight parking site, children's play area upgrade and community orchard/woodland/picnic area
Sutherland	Go Golspie	£280,800	£80,000	Breakwater installation to reduce the impact of storms and associated flooding issues
Sutherland	Clyne Heritage Society	£100,000	£52,000	Create a new and accessible Museum and Community Heritage Centre
Sutherland	Helmsdale & District Development Trust	£415,076	£19,298	Improved sports facilities including floodlighting, covered area, and disability access
Sutherland	Helmsdale & District Development Trust	£16,020	£4,200	Purchase e-bikes and a cargo bike for the kitchen garden project.
Sutherland	Kinlochbervie Community Company	£12,890	£6,220	Develop a new community website to promote local, natural and cultural heritage
Sutherland	Brora Primary Parent Council	£48,596	£25,000	Install a new and accessible community play park
WRS�	Gairloch Area Development Ltd	£194,050	£52,605	New accessible toilet/shower/waste disposal facility located alongside the boardwalk on Gairloch Beach
WRS�	Ullapool Unpacked CIC	£22,806	£22,806	Establish a zero waste shop
WRS�	Gairloch Sustainability Team	£7,500	£5,500	Carry out a feasibility study to demonstrate demand for a eco-centre in Gairloch
WRS�	Gairloch Community Car Scheme	£40,215	£12,705	Lease of vehicle to provide transport to hospital appointments
WRS�	Wester Loch Ewe Trust	£49,500	£38,500	Establishment of a multi-purpose community hub in Wester Loch Ewe
WRS�	Badrallach Community Company	£30,000	£15,000	Restoration of the Old School at Badrallach for tourist accommodation along with secure fencing of the area
WRS�	Applecross Trust	£13,000	£6,500	Dog waste and beach clean campaigns along with signage and information boards
WRS�	Applecross Community Company	£20,946	£10,473	Implement Woodland Management plan to enhance the biodiversity of the area and engage the local community
WRS�	Community Out West Trust	£94,000	£90,350	Provision of public toilets at Kinlochewe
WRS�	Lochcarron Community Development Company	£37,112	£18,500	Supply and construction of deer fencing to support the development of Kirkton Woodlands.
WRS�	An Talla Solais - Ullapool Visual Arts	£30,000	£27,000	Improve energy efficiency of arts hub building
WRS�	Welcome Ullapool	£8,290	£3,500	Installation of two sculptures to be installed at the north and south entrances of Ullapool
WRS�	High Life Highland	£14,550	£14,550	Towards the creation of a Youth Space in Ullapool
WRS�	Ullapool Harbour Trust	£243,980	£80,000	Creation of a new fully accessible Shore Quay area and the installation of pontoons at Ullapool Harbour
WRS�	Outdoor Access Trust for Scotland	£535,714	£30,000	Relieve tourism pressures at Stac Pollaidh including car park expansion and toilet facilities
WRS�	Business Gateway	£40,000	£40,000	Help stimulate the economy in the area by providing funding for young entrepreneurs setting up a business

TOTAL AMOUNT OF GRANTS APPROVED **£3,260,091**

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