

The Highland Council

Agenda Item	6
Report No	DSA/11/26

Committee: Dingwall and Seaforth

Date: 25 May 2026

Report Title: Community Regeneration Funding Award

Report By: Assistant Chief Executive - Place

1 Purpose/Executive Summary

1.1 The purpose of this report is to present five funding requests to the Dingwall and Seaforth Community Regeneration Fund (CRF) budget for 2025-26, for discussion and decision by Members. The report also updates Members on their CRF budget position for 2025-26.

The two applications are provided as Appendix 1 to this report, and a technical assessment summary is provided as Appendix 2.

A summary of the Dingwall and Seaforth CRF budget for 2025-26 is provided in section 5 below.

2 Recommendations

2.1 Members are asked to:-

- i. **Note** the Community Regeneration Funds currently available in Dingwall and Seaforth, including the previous ringfenced sum of £34,140.60;
- ii. **Consider** the applications presented and agree whether to approve, defer or reject the application. An approval of funding should detail the amount approved and outline any conditions of funding that Members wish to attach to the approval over and above the required technical conditions. A deferral would allow an applicant to resubmit the current application at a future date with updated information or for the project to be approved subject to further funding becoming available. A rejection would mean that the application will not proceed and any future application to the fund should be brought forward initially as a new expression of interest; and
- iii. **Agree** the approved CRF grant award for each application up to the value of the available area allocation.

3 Implications

- 3.1 **Resource** - A commitment was made at Dingwall and Seaforth Area Committee on 9 February 2026 to ringfence funding for the two projects under consideration. The total funding requested is £40,855.60, which is the full balance of the remaining allocation in Dingwall & Seaforth. There are therefore no resource implications arising from this report.
- 3.2 **Legal** – When managing external funding it is imperative that the risks to the Highland Council are assessed/mitigated and any back-to-back grant award letters with third parties, and financial claims management protect the Highland Council financial and reputational interests.
- 3.3 **Risk** – A balanced approach to risk is necessary when disbursing grant funds as sometimes it is necessary if a community led project is to proceed, to forward grant payment. Factors such as past knowledge of and project experience of the grant receipt, release of funds related to invoices / works completion certificates etc are considered in such assessments.
- 3.4 **Health and Safety (risks arising from changes to plant, equipment, process, or people)** – No risks arising directly from this report. Risks within projects are identified and managed on a project-by-project basis by the applicant organisations.
- 3.5 **Gaelic** – Consideration given within individual project applications in line with the Council's policy.

4 Impacts

- 4.1 In Highland, all policies, strategies or service changes are subject to an integrated screening for impact for Equalities, Poverty and Human Rights, Children's Rights and Wellbeing, Climate Change, Islands and Mainland Rural Communities, and Data Protection. Where identified as required, a full impact assessment will be undertaken.
- 4.2 Considering impacts is a core part of the decision-making process and needs to inform the decision-making process. When taking any decision, Members must give due regard to the findings of any assessment.
- 4.3 This is a monitoring and update report. Therefore, an impact assessment is not required.

5 Background

- 5.1 Community Regeneration Funding is an umbrella term for several funds that are available for communities/organisations to access in Highland. It comprises the Highland Coastal Communities Fund (HCCF) which is generated through the net revenues of the Crown Estate and aims to support economic regeneration and sustainable development in Highland. Area Committees are awarded devolved allocations according to approved formulae and decision making on which projects should receive funding sits with elected Members.

5.2 Broad eligibility criteria for the fund is as follows:-

All projects are expected to be able to meet at least one of the following priorities:-

- increasing community resilience;
- tackling poverty and inequality;
- addressing the causes of rural depopulation;
- helping economic recovery and sustaining growth; or
- tackling the climate emergency and working towards net zero

Projects should be able to demonstrate that they are:-

- sustainable/viable;
- providing value for money;
- providing additionality; and
- able to evidence positive impacts and wide community benefit

5.3 In summary the CRF budget position in Dingwall and Seaforth at Area Committee on 25 May 2026 is shown below:-

Funding Source	Designation	Amount
HCCF – tranche 5	Capital/Revenue	£51,447.96
HCCF – tranche 6	Capital/Revenue	£51,623.18
PBIP – 2025/2026	Capital	£66, 639.49
Total confirmed CRF budget 2025-26		£169,710.63
	Source	
2025-26 Awards to date	£25,783.89 – PBIP £103,071.14 – HCCF	£128,855.03
Available budget on 25 May 2026	PBIP	£40,855.60

5.4 At Area Committee on 9 February 2026, to mitigate the risk of uncommitted funding being returned to Scottish Government, Members agreed to ringfence the remaining PBIP balance of £34,140.60 for The Maryburgh Community Woodlands Group and The Peffery Way Association. Full applications have been submitted and assessed for these projects and are now presented to Members for their consideration and approval. Members will also be aware that due to the de-commitment of funding from Dingwall Mountain Bike Trail Group, a further £6,715 of PBIP has been returned so the total available budget is £40,855.60.

6 Assessment of Applications

6.1 The two projects under consideration by Members today have a total grant request value of £40,855.60. To aid Members in their decision making, the following appendices are provided to this report:-

- **Appendix 1** – Project Application Forms; and
- **Appendix 2** - RAG Summary Spreadsheet;

RAG status on key criteria is based on the application form and supplementary information provided during the application process. All applications presented are technically eligible - if any criteria are marked as red this does not indicate an eligibility concern but reflects the quality of information provided or outstanding requirements that will require technical conditions to be applied to any award of funding.

Designation: Assistant Chief Executive - Place

Date: 27 April 2026

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Background Papers: None

Appendices: Appendix 1 – Project Application Forms
Appendix 2 – RAG Summary Assessment

Community Regeneration Funding (CRF) Application Form

(May 2025 – CRF Area Funds)

Key considerations



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<u>Application Guidance</u>	<u>Assessment Criteria Matrix</u>
 CRF_Application_Guid ance (v1 MC 2025 CRI)	 CRF Assessment Criteria (v1 MC May 2)


SECTION 1: PROJECT SUMMARY

1.1	Project reference number	CRF4226
1.2	Organisation	Peffery Way Association (PWA)
1.3	Project title	Peffery Way – final path section
1.4	Summary of project you wish to be funded (max 250 words)	We are seeking support towards the costs of construction of the FINAL section of the Peffery Way at Millnain Croft. This 600m section will be along the old railway embankment, as delineated by the recent Path Order.
1.5	Project costs	Total project cost £90,000
		Match funding £54,200
		CRF grant requested £35,800

1.6	Start date	01/08/2026
1.7	End date (<i>max 12 months from start date</i>)	01/07/2027
1.8	Please confirm you have read and understood the CRF privacy notice	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
1.9	Artificial Intelligence Assistance Declaration	Have you used any form of AI assistance in the preparation of this application? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
For guidance on the appropriate use of AI in funding applications, please refer to Use of AI in Funding Application Guidance .		

SECTION 2: CONTACT AND ORGANISATION DETAILS

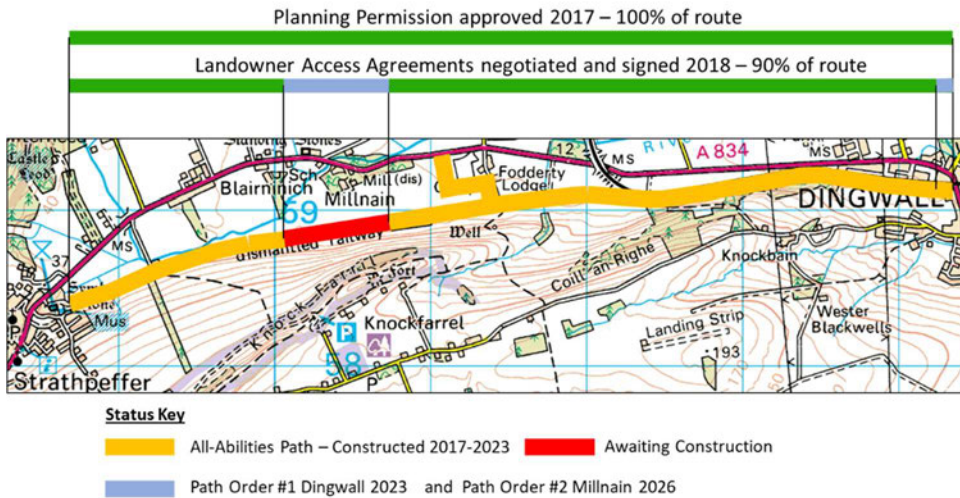
2.1	Organisation	Peffery Way Association (PWA)
2.2	Address and postcode	██
2.3	Main contact name	██████████
2.4	Position in the organisation	██████████
2.5	Contact number	██████████
2.6	Email address	██████████████████████████████████████
2.7	Website address	██████████████████████████████████████
2.8	Organisation type	<input type="checkbox"/> Company limited by guarantee
		<input type="checkbox"/> Constituted group
		<input type="checkbox"/> Public body
		<input type="checkbox"/> Charity
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SCIO
		<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):
2.9	Organisation registered number	SC046138
2.10	Is the organisation VAT registered?	By confirming this, you are declaring the organisation VAT status as per HMRC. If this changes at any time during the project, you <u>must</u> notify the CRF Team as this may affect the offer of grant. Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.11	If the organisation is VAT registered, please provide the number.	
2.12	Is the VAT related to the project being reclaimed from HMRC?	<input type="checkbox"/> Whole
		<input type="checkbox"/> Partial
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None
2.13	Provide details of VAT exemptions.	

SECTION 3: PROJECT DETAILS		
3.1	Please confirm the location of the project including post code.	Millnain Croft, Blairninch, IV14 9AD
3.2	Are you applying on behalf of a partnership project?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3.3	Is there a partnership agreement in place?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3.4	Is your organisation the lead applicant?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
3.5	Do you own the land or asset?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3.6	Are you leasing the land or asset? If so, what is the term left on your current lease agreement	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Years Months
3.7	If ownership or lease agreements are not in place, please provide details if applied for and/or the arrangements to obtain these and by when.	The PWA successfully negotiated lease access agreements with multiple landowners covering 90% of the overall 6km length of the Peffery Way. These leases were agreed back in 2018. 
3.8	Does the project require planning permission or other statutory regulatory consents?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
3.9	If consents are required, please provide details if applied and/or the arrangements to obtain these and by when.	Full Planning Permission in place for the creation of the Peffery Way since 2017. (16/04163/FUL)

SECTION 4: THE PROJECT PROPOSAL		
4.1	List the main activities required to deliver the project including timescales.	
	Activity name	Achieve by (date)
	Install new stock fencing along Path Order corridor (not in this Application)	30/04/2026
	Complete all fundraising required to then build Millnain section	31/08/2026
	Select contractor for the work	30/06/2026
	Carry out path construction – likely commencement Autumn 2025, but will depend on achieving funding and also contractor availability. Actual construction duration is anticipated to be ~4 weeks.	31/07/2027
4.2	(a) What local need or opportunity will the project address?	
	This project will result in final completion of the Peffery Way. After over 10 years of community campaigning and fundraising, we will achieve our goal to deliver an entirely off-road, all-abilities, foot and cycle path connection between Dingwall and Strathpeffer.	



Peffery Way All-Abilities Path Access Status Jan 2026



The PWA was formed in late 2015 following a local public campaign to resurrect interest. This followed from an earlier community-led feasibility study in 2009. (Strathpeffer to Dingwall Community Link Report 2009 attached)

The 2009 study identified a preferred route but ultimately foundered due to objection from one landowner and grant funding applications were not then pursued at that time.

Charitable purpose of the PWA:

The primary purpose of the Association is to establish and maintain a safe and publicly accessible footpath and cycleway between Strathpeffer and Dingwall. The route of this path will generally follow the line of the old disused railway over its western section and will run parallel with the operational railway over its eastern section. The Association plans to raise funds and encourage the involvement of the local communities at either end of the route and along its length, to help clear the route, build the path and thereafter maintain it.

The A834 has no footpath and is busy and dangerous for walking or cycling. There is no other low-level and low-gradient route along the Strath. The letter of support from the Head of Dingwall Academy makes the point that they could not encourage children to travel to school by bike from Strathpeffer, due to the very nature of the A834 and there being no alternative.

In 2018, the PWA conducted a community survey:

PWA Survey Summary Analysis

Have you heard about The Peffery Way or The Peffery Way Association?	Yes	No							
	23	1							
Do you support an all ability path for cycling and walking?	Yes	No							
	24								
Do you currently use any of the route?	Yes	No							
	17	7							
When it is completed – would you use it?	Yes	No							
	24								
If Yes – How: (tick all that apply)	Walking	Cycling	Running	Commuting	Dog Walking	Accessing other paths	Other		
	23	20	7	4	5	14			
How often would you use it?	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	A couple of times a year					
	3	10	8	3					
What do you think are the main benefits of having the path between Dingwall and Strathpeffer:									
Recreation	23								
Improves community involvement	12								
Tourist attraction	14								
Exercise	22								
Safer commuting	20								
Avoids main Road	23								
Access to Wildlife	10								
Outdoor volunteering opportunities	7								
Historical interest	6								
Increases business opportunities	7								
Other:									

In consultation for the THC Core Path Plan Review 2019 for Wester Ross, there were a total of 44 responses for route proposal RC45.12c covering the western part of the Peffery Way. 43 were supportive, with 1 objection. As far as we are aware, 44 is a record level of response for a route proposal within any THC CP Plan Review.

(b) Has this need been recognised in a local place plan?

Yes – Dingwall & Seaforth APP

Getting about our area:

- **Public Transport:**
 - Better route and timetabling provision needed, particularly including evenings and weekends.
- **Community Transport:**
 - Little available at present – schemes could be developed and promoted e.g. Little Bus in Culbokie.
 - Include options for rural areas for access to services, appointments and activities, including evenings.
- **Active Travel:**
 - Completion of the full length of the Peffery Way.
 - Safe crossing at Conon Bridge to the cycle path.
 - Cycle route between Conon Bridge and Muir of Ord as well as one between Dingwall and Evanton.
 - Cycle racks and storage facilities at points throughout the Area.

4.3 How do you know there is local support for the project? How can you evidence this? Provide evidence as supporting documents as requested at 8.2

Please see letters of support under 8.2

4.4 Outputs and outcomes – Please refer to the application guidance for further information and a definition of what constitutes “outputs” and “outcomes”.

(a) Please select below ONE of the CRF main strategic objectives that you believe your project’s outputs and outcomes will best align with.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Increasing community resilience
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tackling poverty and inequality
<input type="checkbox"/>	Addressing causes of rural depopulation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Helping economic recovery and sustaining growth
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tackling the climate emergency and working towards net zero

(b) What are the immediate and short-term outputs that your project will achieve? How will you measure them?

Despite having completed all other sections of the Peffery Way by 2023, the inappropriate barriers and obstacles remaining at Millnain have meant that only fully able persons could traverse the whole route; cyclists limited by having to lift over the barriers, pushchairs or buggies similarly difficult and any form of mobility scooter completely blocked.

Construction of the Millnain section will complete the PW and make it genuinely open to All-Abilities.

We have people-counters at each end of the PW and would expect to see an impact in the data from these.

(c) What do you think the outcomes of your project will be and how will you measure them? Please note an outcome is the longer-term change that your project will achieve. What will be the lasting benefits and legacy?

The path provides opportunity for recreation and exercise over any stretch and has done so as we have built the various sections.

Two of the greatest benefits of final completion will be:

- i) A safe opportunity for Strathpeffer children to walk or cycle to Dingwall Academy
- ii) Similarly, the opportunity for Active Travel work commuting in either direction

4.5 How will the project be supported/maintained/sustained after CRF funding?

The PWA charitable purpose is:

- to establish and maintain a safe and publicly accessible footpath and cycleway between Strathpeffer and Dingwall.

The Association is not going to disappear once the route is complete. We expect to continue with the challenge of maintaining and improving the Path.

4.6 Describe how you intend to mitigate negative environmental impacts that may arise in delivering the project. It may be that the project specifically seeks to address climate change issues or implement net zero ambitions/solutions.


It is difficult to foresee negative environmental impacts from the completion of a project that is specifically designed and constructed to make it safe and easy for people to walk, wheel or cycle between Dingwall and Strathpeffer.

4.7 In developing the project, explain how you have considered equalities issues and taken groups with protected characteristics into account in the development/delivery of the project. How will you ensure that no one is excluded or disadvantaged from benefitting from the project? Will the project target specific groups?

The PW is deliberately designed to be open and accessible to all users, of all-abilities. The vast majority of the route is essentially flat and any gradients required by the terrain have been minimised, as far as possible.

4.8 All applicants are required to provide a statement on how the organisation is committed to advancing the [Fair Work First Policy](#) including the 'Real Living Wage' and 'Effective Workers Voice' criteria. The statement should be agreed jointly by the employer and an appropriate workplace representative or a trade union representative if one is in place.

PLEASE NOTE- This statement is applicable to all groups and organisations even if you do not employ staff and/or only work with volunteers. Projects cannot progress without a signed statement - refer to the [Fair Work First guidance](#) for more information. Complete the following Fair Work First Statement and Declaration form and submit with the application. Double click the icon to download.

 FWF statement and declaration template.doc

Have you provided a Fair Work First statement in a separate document with this application? Please Yes No

ensure it is signed by an appropriate workplace representative.	
Can you confirm if you have the Living Wage Accreditation or are planning to be certified?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applied <input type="checkbox"/>
Is the Fair Work First statement on your organisation's website?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Do not have a website <input type="checkbox"/>
How many people do you employ or how many volunteers do you have?	Zero employees – around 50 volunteers
Do you currently pay the Real Living Wage hourly rate?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
As part of your procurement assessment process, do you ensure that traders/suppliers also pay the Real Living Wage hourly rate?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
How do you provide channels for Effective Voice in the workplace for staff and/or volunteers?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Line Management Relationship <input type="checkbox"/> Staff /Engagement Surveys <input type="checkbox"/> Suggestions Schemes <input type="checkbox"/> Intranet/Online Platforms <input type="checkbox"/> Staff Forums / Networks <input type="checkbox"/> Trade Union Recognition/Collective Bargaining

SECTION 5: PROJECT BUDGET

5.1 Main project expenditure – costs should be as accurate and current as possible from recent quotations or price comparisons.

Please refer to the guidance note on eligible expenditure. Only download and complete the overheads and management fees summary spreadsheet below, if you would like to claim more than 10% of total project costs as overheads.



Budget Heading	Detailed Costs	Revenue/Capital	Amount
	Clear drainage ditching and install culverts along path section	C	£2,000
	Install root protection grid around existing trees and lay aggregate infill	C	£5,700
	Scrape and prepare path surface and lay geotextile foundation mat	C	£12,700
	Lay and vibro-roll 100mm depth Type1 aggregate sub-base	C	£50,600
	Lay and vibro-roll 25mm depth quarry dust surface to complete path	C	£19,000
Total revenue expenditure			£
Total capital expenditure			£90,000
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS			£90,000
Is VAT included in these costs?			Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Can you confirm that the costs above have not already been incurred or committed to?			

		Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
5.2	Reasonableness of cost – Are the project costs listed in 5.1 based on valid quotes as per the procurement guidance provided? Please provide any quotes as supporting documents to this application .	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
5.3	Please explain how your project will achieve value for money.	Estimates are based on our prior PW build cost experience over 10years. Formal quotes being pursued.		
SECTION 6 – MATCH FUNDING (if applicable)				
Please note match funding for this round is not essential, however efforts to secure match funding for the project is reflected within the assessment criteria.				
6.1	Please provide details of any match funding applied for and whether it is awaiting a decision or confirmed.			
Name of funder		Confirmed?	Date Confirmed or Decision Expected	Amount £
National Lottery		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		£20,000
Local Strathpeffer charitable trusts		Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		£20,000
Private donations		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	£11,770 as at 10/04	£14,200
		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
Total match funding				£54,200
CRF requested				£35,800
Total funding				£90,000
6.2	Will the project involve “in kind” support?		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
6.3	If yes, please detail.			
6.4	Please explain why public funding is required to deliver the project.		<p>The PWA have raised just over £500,000 since formation in 2015. We have always tried to access a wide mix of funding sources. To date this breaks down as: 28% Private, 14% Business and 58% Public funding.</p> <p>The Peffery Way is, after all, a public resource and it would not have been possible with public funding</p>	
6.5	Please explain what the remaining bank balances are for in your accounts.		Please see 6.6	
6.6	Please explain why unrestricted funding in your annual accounts cannot be used to deliver the project and/or used as match funding.		The unrestricted funds of £19,529 at end Nov25 are the legacy from our previous funding raising efforts. We expect to need the £15-17k of this money in order to install 2x 600m stock fences along the path corridor at Millnain (i.e additional to the	

		scope of this CRF application and to be done imminently)
6.7	If you are applying for 100% funding for your project, please explain why no match funding is available.	

SECTION 7 – INCOME GENERATION

7.1	Will the project generate income?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7.2	If yes, how will the income benefit the organisation? Will it be re-invested to help with the sustainability of the project – if so, how? A copy of a business plan and/or budget forecast must be provided with the application.	
7.3	How will you ensure that local organisations/businesses are not disadvantaged because of the project? Are they supportive of the project?	
7.4	Have you considered taking out a loan for the project?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7.5	If not, please state why?	Project does not generate any revenue which could repay such a loan
7.6	Have you previously received public funding?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
7.7	If yes, please provide details of awards for the last 3 fiscal years and if any were awarded under Public Subsidy.	


Funding	Date	Amount £	Public Subsidy?
SRDP Improving Public Access (IPA) Scheme for work at the Strathpeffer end of the PW	28/01/2025	£10,984	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
THC CRF Grant for the Dingwall Entrance Section of PW. Final claim	23/04/2024	£3,893	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
THC D&S Ward Fund grant for work at the Strathpeffer end of the PW	07/08/2023	£2,550	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
THC CRF Grant for the Dingwall Entrance Section of PW. Initial claim	07/08/2023	£25,186	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

SECTION 8 – SIGNATURE AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

8.1	Main applicant, chairperson or equivalent – the person signing this application has the authority within the organisation to apply for grant funding.
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I declare that the information contained in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge. I have read the guidance notes and understand and accept the terms and conditions noted within them.

The data provided in the application (and claim) forms are subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, the Data Protection Act 1998 and the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004.

Signature: 	Date: 
Print: 	

Please Ensure You Also Complete the Attachments Checklist Below

8.2	You must enclose the following supporting documents (where applicable) with the application. If they are not available, please state why.	Yes / No / Not applicable
1	Bank statement – please provide a full bank statement with the organisation address. It must be the latest statement at the time of application submission.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
2	Annual financial accounts – latest available.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3	Constitution or articles and memorandum.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
4	Committee Members or Directors List.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
5	Policies – relevant organisational policies applicable to the project such as child protection, health and safety, equal opportunities, Fair Work First policy.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6	Valid organisation insurance policy.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
7	Evidence of need and demand i.e. letters of support, community consultation reports, photos, feasibility study	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
8	Confirmation of match funding letters	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/>
9	Permissions – i.e. planning, building warrants, marine licences	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/>
10	Business plan (income generation projects only)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
11	Job descriptions (for CRF funded posts)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
12	Evidence of control/ownership of asset – i.e. lease, title deeds	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
13	Valid quotations or estimates	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/>
14	Partnership agreement	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p>Reason for missing documentation:</p> <p>Our latest Accounts (to Nov25) are just being finalised and will be forwarded asap.</p> <p>Contractor quotes are being confirmed and will be forwarded asap.</p>		

Completed forms and supporting documentation should be emailed to communityregenerationfund@highland.gov.uk quoting your unique project reference number.

Please ensure you have labelled the supporting documents as per 8.2 of the guidance note:

The application form should follow the naming convention example:

(Name of organisation) final application form

Supporting documentation should be labelled as: **document type followed with the title** – for example:

- Match funding – The Highland Council
- Match funding – National Lottery
- Insurance – Zurich 2022/23 annual policy
- Organisational policy – health and safety
- Organisational policy – Fair Work First statement
- Permissions – Planning granted July 2022
- Permissions – Building warrant granted Aug 2022
- Bank statement – Bank of Scotland Nov 2022
- Letter of support – name of Councillor
- Letter of support – community council/group
- Letter of support – name of local business

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SECTION 1: PROJECT SUMMARY

1.1	Project reference number	CRF- CRF4098
1.2	Organisation	Maryburgh Community Woodland Group/Maryburgh Amenities Company Ltd
1.3	Project title	Maryburgh Community Woodland Accessibility and Sustainable Drainage Improvements - Feasibility and Design Stage
1.4	Summary of project you wish to be funded (max 250 words)	<p>The purpose of this project is to undertake the required survey work, finalise design and obtain the necessary consents for the project.</p> <p>The project could then be delivered either in stages or in one stage subject to available funds.</p> <p>The ultimate aim is to provide safe access for users of all abilities around and through the community woodland, linking into existing well surfaced path networks to improve wellbeing through access to nature. The project would also address ongoing surface water drainage issues which negatively affect path condition, accessibility and road safety on Birch Drive during freezing weather.</p>

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1.6	Start date	01.06.26						
1.7	End date (<i>max 12 months from start date</i>)	01.06.27						
1.8	Please confirm you have read and understood the CRF privacy notice	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>						
1.9	Artificial Intelligence Assistance Declaration	<p>Have you used any form of AI assistance in the preparation of this application?</p> <p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>						
<p>For guidance on the appropriate use of AI in funding applications, please refer to Use of AI in Funding Application Guidance.</p>								

SECTION 2: CONTACT AND ORGANISATION DETAILS

2.1	Organisation	
2.2	Address and postcode	
2.3	Main contact name	
2.4	Position in the organisation	
2.5	Contact number	
2.6	Email address	
2.7	Website address	https://www.maryburghhub.co.uk/community/woodland-group/
2.8	Organisation type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Company limited by guarantee
		<input type="checkbox"/> Constituted group
		<input type="checkbox"/> Public body
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charity
		<input type="checkbox"/> SCIO
		<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):
2.9	Organisation registered number	Registered Charity Number: SCO09562 Company Number: SC452586
2.10	Is the organisation VAT registered?	By confirming this, you are declaring the organisation VAT status as per HMRC. If this changes at any time during the project, you <u>must</u> notify the CRF Team as this may affect the offer of grant. Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.11	If the organisation is VAT registered, please provide the number.	
2.12	Is the VAT related to the project being reclaimed from HMRC?	<input type="checkbox"/> Whole
		<input type="checkbox"/> Partial
		<input type="checkbox"/> None
2.13	Provide details of VAT exemptions.	

SECTION 3: PROJECT DETAILS

3.1	Please confirm the location of the project including post code.	Maryburgh Village, IV7 8EQ 57°34'19.7"N 4°26'46.6"W
3.2	Are you applying on behalf of a partnership project?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3.3	Is there a partnership agreement in place?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3.4	Is your organisation the lead applicant?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
3.5	Do you own the land or asset?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
3.6	Are you leasing the land or asset?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

	If so, what is the term left on your current lease agreement	Years	Months
3.7	If ownership or lease agreements are not in place, please provide details if applied for and/or the arrangements to obtain these and by when.	N/A	
3.8	Does the project require planning permission or other statutory regulatory consents?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
3.9	If consents are required, please provide details if applied and/or the arrangements to obtain these and by when.	N/A	

SECTION 4: THE PROJECT PROPOSAL

4.1	List the main activities required to deliver the project including timescales.														
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4.2	(a) What local need or opportunity will the project address?														
<p>(500 words max limit)</p> <p>The pathways in the Community Woodland are included in Highland Council's Core Paths Plan; providing a basic framework of routes for the purpose of giving the public reasonable access throughout a particular area for walking, cycling, horse riding and other non-motorised activities. Core paths should be accessible to the public at all times.</p> <p>The Community Woodland Group of volunteers have been working on the first Saturday of every month since August 2023 to start clearing away the encroaching undergrowth on the paths to try and allow better access around the woodland. This has resulted in more people being able to access the Woodland including some mobility scooters.</p> <p>However, even with these efforts, due to the underlying issues with drainage, after winter conditions, it has once again become difficult for less able members of the community to access the Woodland and participate in the activities we run there.</p>															
	(b) Has this need been recognised in a local place plan?														
<p>(500 words max limit)</p> <p>The Community Woodland's routes are incorporated into Highland Council's Core Paths Plan, establishing a basic network that offers the public reliable access for walking, cycling, horse-riding and other non-motorised pursuits. Core paths must remain open to everyone at all times.</p>															

Funding this application will enable us to carry out the necessary surveys, design work and obtain the required consents to upgrade the existing Core Path network. Our aim is to create all-ability routes that accommodate users of varying mobility levels.

Local Plan Alignment

People – At present, several user groups find the paths challenging: individuals with disabilities, those using mobility scooters or wheelchairs, and families with prams, pushchairs or buggies. By delivering a safer, more inclusive path system we will broaden the reach of our public events, fostering greater community cohesion across ages and abilities.

Place – Completion of the proposed works will allow us to advance to the next phase of the Open Air Spaces objectives, fully delivering the maintenance and development of walking and cycling routes.

Towns and Villages – The woodland supports multi-generational activities, yet the current path conditions hinder evening use, especially at dusk, due to poor surfacing. Upgrading the trails will make the space more accessible and enjoyable for all residents.

4.3 How do you know there is local support for the project? How can you evidence this? Provide evidence as supporting documents as requested at 8.2

(500 words max limit)

A full community consultation was undertaken in May 2023 to ask members of the community about a future vision for their woodland. The three main aims highlighted were:

- *Make the Woodland safe for members of the Community.*
- *Make it accessible for all members of our Community.*
- *Develop and implement practices to protect and enhance the biodiversity of the Woodland.*

Full results of the community consultation can be found at: [Maryburgh Hub - Woodland Questionnaire Results](#)

4.4 Outputs and outcomes – Please refer to the application guidance for further information and a definition of what constitutes “outputs” and “outcomes”.

(a) Please select below ONE of the CRF main strategic objectives that you believe your project’s outputs and outcomes will best align with.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Increasing community resilience
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tackling poverty and inequality
<input type="checkbox"/>	Addressing causes of rural depopulation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Helping economic recovery and sustaining growth
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tackling the climate emergency and working towards net zero

(b) What are the immediate and short-term outputs that your project will achieve? How will you measure them?

(500 words max limit)

Anticipated Outputs

1. Location of services (underground and overground)

Activity: Comprehensive assessment of underground and overground service locations (water, gas, telecommunications, electricity)

Deliverable: Detailed mapping and data on existing utilities

Purpose: Essential prerequisite information to enable safe infiltration testing and subsequent site works

2. Infiltration testing for proposed SuDS

Activity: In-situ testing to measure water infiltration rates into subsoil
Deliverable: Quantitative data on site infiltration capacity
Purpose: Determines the optimal number and sizing of SuDS devices required for effective drainage management

3. Arboriculture advice
Activity: Evaluation of tree proximity to proposed SuDS installations along the pathway
Deliverable: Technical guidance on mitigation measures to minimize impact on existing trees
Purpose: Ensures environmental protection and compliance with arboricultural best practices during construction

4. Produce design, specification and invitation to tender document
Activity: Compilation of comprehensive project documentation incorporating all preceding outputs
Deliverable: Complete tender package ready for contractor procurement
Purpose: Enables competitive bidding process and establishes clear technical specifications for construction phase

5. Planning Application Development
Activity: Integration of all technical outputs into formal planning submission
Deliverable: Submitted planning application with supporting documentation
Purpose: Secures regulatory approval to proceed with implementation of the SuDS scheme

Summary
 These five interconnected outputs form a logical progression from initial site investigation through to regulatory approval. Each deliverable builds upon the previous stage, ensuring technical robustness and minimizing risk throughout the project lifecycle.

(c) What do you think the outcomes of your project will be and how will you measure them? Please note an outcome is the longer-term change that your project will achieve. What will be the lasting benefits and legacy?

(500 words max limit)

The successful completion of this Feasibility and Design Stage of our overall plan depends on the five interconnected outputs listed above to provide technical robustness and risk minimisation as a foundation for our overall plan. This will give us a solid outcome on which we can develop the rest of the stages of our overall Accessibility and Sustainable Drainage Improvements plan

4.5 How will the project be supported/maintained/sustained after CRF funding?

(500 words max limit)

When the woodland was acquired by the community in 2022 it had no management for several decades. However, the Community Woodland Group have developed a scheduled maintenance program carried out on a monthly basis. We have already cleared away encroaching trees, bushes and undergrowth that were inundating the paths. However, we have reached the stage where we need more specialist help in dealing with the underlying drainage and path reconstruction. The successful completion of this Feasibility and Design Stage will allow us to progress to the next stage of our overall plan. Once that is completed we will be ensuring that the these paths will be integrated into our maintenance program.

4.6	Describe how you intend to mitigate negative environmental impacts that may arise in delivering the project. It may be that the project specifically seeks to address climate change issues or implement net zero ambitions/solutions.
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(500 words max limit)

The proposed project aims to mitigate air, water, and noise pollution arising from construction activities within our woodland site. By implementing proven control measures, we will protect local ecosystems, safeguard public health, and ensure compliance with environmental regulations.

Objectives

1. **Reduce airborne particulate matter (PM 10)** to minimise respiratory risks for workers, nearby residents and visitors to our woodland.
2. **Prevent water contamination** despite the absence of open water bodies, ensuring any runoff does not harm woodland flora and fauna.
3. **Control noise emissions** to protect human well-being and wildlife habitats.

Proposed Measures

Air-Pollution Control

Equip all personnel with certified face-mask PPE.
 Apply fine water sprays continuously to dampen dust from diesel engines, demolition, and vegetation clearance.
 Keep skips and gravel-laden trucks moist throughout loading/unloading.
 Enforce a strict no-burn policy on-site.

Water-Pollution Safeguards

Capture all spray water in sandbag barriers before it can infiltrate the ground.
 Store diesel and oil in double-skinned containers; segregate, cover, and monitor them for leaks.

Noise-Pollution Management

Limit operations to 08:00 – 18:00 to reduce disturbance to residents and wildlife.
 Handle materials carefully to minimise mechanical noise.
 Deploy portable sound barriers and acoustic shields when working adjacent to private properties.

Expected Outcomes

Air Quality: PM 10 concentrations will remain below regulatory thresholds, decreasing the incidence of respiratory illnesses among workers and locals.

Water Safety: No detectable pollutants will enter the surrounding soil or groundwater, preserving the woodland’s biodiversity.

Noise Reduction: Measured sound levels will stay within acceptable limits, protecting both human health and animal behaviour patterns.

4.7	In developing the project, explain how you have considered equalities issues and taken groups with protected characteristics into account in the development/delivery of the project. How will you ensure that no one is excluded or disadvantaged from benefitting from the project? Will the project target specific groups?
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(500 words max limit)

Our woodland paths currently create barriers that exclude community members with protected characteristics from fully participating in our activities. This project aims to transform the path network into an all-ability surface that promotes genuine inclusivity across age, disability, and gender groups.

Addressing Protected Characteristics

Age

We currently deliver multi-generational activities within the woodland, yet the existing path conditions undermine participation. Surfaces are uneven and have been eroded by water runoff, creating significant difficulties for both young children and elderly visitors. By upgrading to an all-ability surface, we will enable safe access across all age groups, ensuring our intergenerational programming can reach its full potential.

Disability

Following vegetation clearance along path edges, mobility scooter users have begun accessing parts of the network. However, this access remains conditional on dry weather—wet conditions cause scooters to become bogged in mud where surfaces have washed away. Additionally, visually impaired community members face safety concerns on uneven terrain. A properly surfaced, all-abilities path will provide year-round accessibility regardless of weather conditions, removing these barriers for disabled users.

Sex

Research indicates that women and girls are often reluctant to visit woodland spaces due to poor visibility and dense overgrowth creating safety concerns. While we have cleared vegetation along path edges to improve sightlines, a well-surfaced path will further enhance perceptions of safety. This addresses documented gender disparities in outdoor space usage and encourages greater female participation in woodland activities.

Expected Outcomes


This investment will deliver:

- An inclusive, all-ability path network accessible year-round
- Increased participation from underrepresented community groups
- Enhanced safety perceptions encouraging broader community engagement
- Compliance with equality and accessibility standards

By addressing these barriers, we will ensure our woodland becomes a truly welcoming space for all community members, regardless of age, ability, or gender.

4.8 All applicants are required to provide a statement on how the organisation is committed to advancing the [Fair Work First Policy](#) including the ‘Real Living Wage’ and ‘Effective Workers Voice’ criteria. The statement should be agreed jointly by the employer and an appropriate workplace representative or a trade union representative if one is in place.

PLEASE NOTE- This statement is applicable to all groups and organisations even if you do not employ staff and/or only work with volunteers. Projects cannot progress without a signed statement - refer to the [Fair Work First guidance](#) for more information. Complete the following Fair Work First Statement and Declaration form and submit with the application. Double click the icon to download.



FWF statement and declaration template.c

Have you provided a Fair Work First statement in a separate document with this application? Please ensure it is signed by an appropriate workplace representative.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Can you confirm if you have the Living Wage Accreditation or are planning to be certified?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applied <input type="checkbox"/>
Is the Fair Work First statement on your organisation’s website?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Do not have a website <input type="checkbox"/>
How many people do you employ or how many volunteers do you have?	One employed, 12 members of the woodland group and other community volunteers
Do you currently pay the Real Living Wage hourly rate?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/>

6.5	Please explain what the remaining bank balances are for in your accounts.	The current balance in our group accounts are required in order to delivery existing commitments under tother grant funded projects and to maintain the woodland in a safe condition, particularly tree safety works.
6.6	Please explain why unrestricted funding in your annual accounts cannot be used to deliver the project and/or used as match funding.	See above.
6.7	If you are applying for 100% funding for your project, please explain why no match funding is available.	See above. Some match funding via Forestry Grant Scheme is likely to be available to support the next phase of the project.

SECTION 7 – INCOME GENERATION

7.1	Will the project generate income?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7.2	If yes, how will the income benefit the organisation? Will it be re-invested to help with the sustainability of the project – if so, how? A copy of a business plan and/or budget forecast must be provided with the application.	
7.3	How will you ensure that local organisations/ businesses are not disadvantaged because of the project? Are they supportive of the project?	We continue to be supporting in our work by other local third sector organisations (such as Maryburgh Men’s Shed) and local businesses.
7.4	Have you considered taking out a loan for the project?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7.5	If not, please state why?	Not viable
7.6	Have you previously received public funding?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
7.7	If yes, please provide details of awards for the last 3 fiscal years and if any were awarded under Public Subsidy.	

Funding	Date	Amount £	Public Subsidy?

SECTION 8 – SIGNATURE AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

8.1	Main applicant, chairperson or equivalent – the person signing this application has the authority within the organisation to apply for grant funding.
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I declare that the information contained in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge. I have read the guidance notes and understand and accept the terms and conditions noted within them.

The data provided in the application (and claim) forms are subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, the Data Protection Act 1998 and the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004.

Signature: Print	Date: 13.03.26
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Please Ensure You Also Complete the Attachments Checklist Below

8.2	You must enclose the following supporting documents (where applicable) with the application. If they are not available, please state why.	Yes / No / Not applicable
1	Bank statement – please provide a full bank statement with the organisation address. It must be the latest statement at the time of application submission.	Yes x No <input type="checkbox"/>
2	Annual financial accounts – latest available.	Yes x No <input type="checkbox"/>
3	Constitution or articles and memorandum.	Yes x No <input type="checkbox"/>
4	Committee Members or Directors List.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
5	Policies – relevant organisational policies applicable to the project such as child protection, health and safety, equal opportunities, Fair Work First policy.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
6	Valid organisation insurance policy.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
7	Evidence of need and demand i.e. letters of support, community consultation reports, photos, feasibility study	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
8	Confirmation of match funding letters	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/>
9	Permissions – i.e. planning, building warrants, marine licences	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/>
10	Business plan (income generation projects only)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/>
11	Job descriptions (for CRF funded posts)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/>
12	Evidence of control/ownership of asset – i.e. lease, title deeds	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/>
13	Valid quotations or estimates	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/>
14	Partnership agreement	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/>
Reason for missing documentation:		

Completed forms and supporting documentation should be emailed to communityregenerationfund@highland.gov.uk quoting your unique project reference number.

Please ensure you have labelled the supporting documents as per 8.2 of the guidance note:

The application form should follow the naming convention example:

(Name of organisation) final application form

Supporting documentation should be labelled as: **document type followed with the title** – for example:

- Match funding – The Highland Council
- Match funding – National Lottery
- Insurance – Zurich 2022/23 annual policy
- Organisational policy – health and safety
- Organisational policy – Fair Work First statement
- Permissions – Planning granted July 2022
- Permissions – Building warrant granted Aug 2022
- Bank statement – Bank of Scotland Nov 2022
- Letter of support – name of Councillor
- Letter of support – community council/group
- Letter of support – name of local business

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1	Appendix 2 - Project technical assessments - RAG Summary Spreadsheet																				
2	Dingwall & Seaforth Committee - 26th May 2025																				
3	Ref No	Organisation	Project title	Project description	Total project cost	Grant Requested	Capital	Revenue	% rate	Project Robustness	Engagement & Support	Meeting a need/demand	Legacy & Exit Strategy	Equalities issues/impacts	Environmental sustainability	Value for Money	Match funding	Meets Local Priorities	Additionality	Score	
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5	4226	Pefferly Way Association	Pefferly Way – Final Path Section	We are seeking support towards the costs of construction of the FINAL section of the Pefferly Way at Millnain Croft. This 600m section will be along the old railway embankment, as delineated by the recent Path Order.	£ 90,000.00	£ 35,812.60	£ 35,812.60	£ -	40%	3	2	3	3	2	2	3	3	2	3	3	26
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7	NOTE - RAG assessment criteria scoring. Red Amber Green ratings are based on information provided during the application process and are provided as a guide only. The ratings are converted into scores as follows: Red - 1, Amber - 2, Green - 3. This allows a total score for each project to be provided. All projects presented above are eligible for funding. Where a project has been awarded Red or Amber against any criteria, this does not reflect an eligibility issue but does flag up that there are outstanding concerns, or that only brief information was provided within the application. If Members wish to approve projects that have Red or Amber ratings then we would seek to address these concerns by applying technical conditions to any funding award made.																				
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