

Agenda Item	9
Report No	WRSL/16/26

The Highland Council

Committee: Wester Ross, Strathpeffer & Lochalsh

Date: 3 August 2026

Report Title: Community Regeneration Fund Assessment of Applications

Report By: Assistant Chief Executive - Place

1 Purpose/ Executive Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to present three funding requests to the Wester Ross, Strathpeffer & Lochalsh Community Regeneration Fund (CRF) budget, for discussion and decision by Members. The report also updates Members on the Wester Ross, Strathpeffer & Lochalsh CRF budget position for 2026-27.

The three applications are provided as Appendix 1 to this report, and a technical assessment summary is provided as Appendix 2. An update on the Wester Ross, Strathpeffer & Lochalsh CRF budget is provided below in 5.4.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 Members are asked to:-

- i. **Note** the Community Regeneration Funding currently available in Wester Ross, Strathpeffer & Lochalsh;
- ii. **Consider** the applications presented and agree whether to approve, defer or reject those applications. 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 the 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 awards, subject to any conditions, up to the value of the available area allocation

3 Implications

- 3.1 **Resource** –Wester Ross, Strathpeffer & Lochalsh has available CRF funding of £488,308.05. The applications under consideration make a total request of £126,861.10. Therefore, there are no resource implications in approving the funding awards as requested.
- 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's 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 recipient; 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 organisation.
- 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 A separate screening for impact for each application is not required, however consideration of impacts for equalities, socio-economic impact and consideration of the impact on the individual community is part of the assessment criteria and included within the assessment report. This supports the decision-making process.

5 Background

5.1 Community Regeneration Funding is an umbrella term for a number of funds that are available for communities / organisations to access in Highland. At Local Area Committee level, where decision making rests with local Members, it is currently comprised of the Highland Coastal Communities Fund (HCCF). This is a Scottish Government funding stream to support economic regeneration and sustainable development in Highland. In previous years, Scottish Government Place Based Investment Programme (PBIP) funds have also been available at Local Area Committee level. No PBIP funding has been made available by the Scottish Government for 2026/27. Area Committees are awarded devolved allocations of HCCF funds according to an approved formula, 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:-

- economic recovery;
- community resilience;
- mitigating the impact of the climate/ecological emergency; or
- addressing the challenges of rural depopulation

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 Applications brought to this committee have been identified by Members as addressing priorities set out in the Wester Ross, Strathpeffer & Lochalsh Area Place Plan. This is in line with the policy direction set by the CRF Strategic Sub-Group in February 2025.

- 5.4 In summary the CRF budget position in Wester Ross, Strathpeffer & Lochalsh at Area Committee on 3rd August 2026 is as follows:

Funding Source	Designation	Amount
Highland Coastal Communities Fund – Tranche 7	Capital or Revenue	£337,019.28
Highland Coastal Communities Fund (HCCF) – Tranche 6	Capital or Revenue	£204,288.77
Total confirmed Wester Ross, Strathpeffer & Lochalsh CRF budget for 2026-27		£541,308.05
Less awards & approved change requests made from Wester Ross, Strathpeffer & Lochalsh budget 2026-27 to date		£53,000.00
Available CRF budget on 3rd August 2026		£488,308.05

Three applications are under consideration by Members today, with a total grant request value of **£126,861.10**.

If Members were to approve all of the applications, there would be **£361,446.95** remaining in the Wester Ross, Strathpeffer & Lochalsh CRF budget for 2026-27.

- 5.5 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. The application presented is 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: 14/07/26

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Background Papers: None

Appendices: Appendix 1 – Project Application Forms
Appendix 2 – Project Technical Assessment – R.A.G
Summary

Community Regeneration Funding (CRF) Application Form (May 2025 – CRF Area Funds)

Key considerations

Please refer to the **Application Guidance** (link below) and **Fair Work First Summary Guidance** when completing the application form as there is important supplementary information you need to be aware of. Answer the questions concisely, describing clearly and directly what the project you are seeking funding for is delivering. Please do not exceed the word limit given.

To ensure you have the best opportunity to score well during the assessment, please refer to the **Assessment Criteria Matrix** (link below) when completing the application form.

In this current round of CRF, we are seeking well-developed and robust projects that are ready to commence, and can complete within 12 months of funding being awarded.

The deadline for application submission is 12 noon on Friday 19th June 2026

Double click the icons below to download the documents. If you have any issues with downloading the documents, please contact us at communityregenerationfund@highland.gov.uk

<u>Application Guidance</u>	<u>Assessment Criteria Matrix</u>
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SECTION 1: PROJECT SUMMARY

1.1	Project reference number	CRF4231
1.2	Organisation	Plockton Village Hall (SC022380)
1.3	Project title	Plockton Village and Community Hall Heating Project – Phase 1
1.4	Summary of project you wish to be funded (max 250 words)	Plockton Village Hall is the central hub for the whole local community. It is used by a large range of activities including children's play groups, drama groups, baking and flower shows, weddings, funerals, education, Pilates, music shows, senior citizen's parties and Government Elections. The Village Hall committee recognised the importance of maintaining its regular use for all users both young and old. The Committee has investigated the highly inefficient energy usage in the hall and wish to bring it up to current standards whilst contributing to the Government's aim of net zero. The Committee has sought, and paid for, professional advice from both architects and structural engineers, and have been advised that the U value of the (verified non-asbestos) roof is very high (at 3.2W/m²K) and the roof needs to be well insulated to improve heat retention prior to the installation of alternative heating systems. The aim of the overall project is in two phases, the first

		to improve the heat retention of the hall (reducing the U value to 0.29W/m ² K) and subsequently install alternative heating methods. This application for funding is to cover the first phase, which will improve the comfort and usage of the hall for all members of the community. The Village Hall Committee consider this as an essential step to measure its effectiveness and to assist in the correct design and future installation of appropriate alternative heating systems. Considerable costs have already been incurred by the Committee to reach this stage. (see section 5.1)	
1.5	Project costs	Total project cost	£30,644
		Match funding	£5,600 + £3,564 (already paid)
		CRF grant requested	£21,480
1.6	Start date	Late Summer/early autumn 2026	
1.7	End date (<i>max 12 months from start date</i>)	Late Autumn 2026	
1.8	Please confirm you have read and understood the CRF privacy notice	Yes ☒ No ☐	
1.9	Artificial Intelligence Assistance Declaration	Have you used any form of AI assistance in the preparation of this application? Yes ☐ No ☒ (Not used)	
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	Plockton Village Hall	
2.2	Address and postcode	Harbour Street, Plockton, IV52 8TJ	
2.3	Main contact name	[REDACTED]	
2.4	Position in the organisation	[REDACTED]	
2.5	Contact number	[REDACTED]	
2.6	Email address	[REDACTED]	
2.7	Website address	n/a	
2.8	Organisation type	☐	Company limited by guarantee
		☐	Constituted group
		☐	Public body
		☒	Charity
		☐	SCIO
		☐	Other (please specify):
2.9	Organisation registered number	SC022380	
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 must notify the CRF Team as this may affect the offer of grant. Yes ☐ No ☒
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?	☐ Whole ☐ Partial ☒ None
2.13	Provide details of VAT exemptions.	Turnover at is well below the VAT threshold of £90,000

SECTION 3: PROJECT DETAILS

3.1	Please confirm the location of the project including post code.	Harbour Street Plockton IV52 8TJ
3.2	Are you applying on behalf of a partnership project?	Yes ☐ No ☒
3.3	Is there a partnership agreement in place?	Yes ☐ No ☒
3.4	Is your organisation the lead applicant?	Yes ☒ No ☐
3.5	Do you own the land or asset?	Yes ☒ No ☐
3.6	Are you leasing the land or asset? If so, what is the term left on your current lease agreement	Yes ☐ No ☒ 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.	
3.8	Does the project require planning permission or other statutory regulatory consents?	Yes ☒ No ☐
3.9	If consents are required, please provide details if applied and/or the arrangements to obtain these and by when.	Building warrant applied for and granted by Highland Council.

SECTION 4: THE PROJECT PROPOSAL

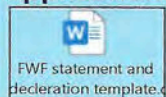
4.1	List the main activities required to deliver the project including timescales.
Activity name	Achieve by (date)
Installation of additional roof strengthening and Insulation	01/11/2026
Taping and filling with subsequent painting.	01/11/2026
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4.2 (a) What local need or opportunity will the project address?	Plockton Village Hall is a central hub for the whole local community. It is used by a large range of activities from, Pilates, children's playgroups, both adult and youth drama groups, local flower and baking shows, weddings, funerals, ceilidhs and music shows, dances, education, and senior citizens parties. The local demographic analysis shows that the age group of the local community is elderly and the Village Hall Committee recognise the importance of maintaining its regular use for all users both young and old. We have looked at the highly inefficient energy usage in the Village Hall and we wish to bring it up to current standards and contribute to the Government's aim of Net Zero.						
(b) Has this need been recognised in a local place plan?	The Lochalsh Local Place Plan submitted by Kyle and Lochalsh Community Trust in 2024 highlighted the need "To improve vital community infrastructure and support the local community. Also to identify land or buildings which are significant for the local community" There is no doubt that the Plockton Village Hall is significant to the local community. It is extensively used and its importance to the local community as well established. This project supports the local community by making the Hall more resilient and welcoming for all.						
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	The Village Hall committee comprises 12 members of the local community representing various bodies who use the Hall on a regular basis. Many of the users of the Hall and/or their community representatives have been approached for their comments and support. Supporting documentation includes: - The publicly available Minutes of Plockton and District Community Council meeting on the 16th March 2026 (attended and supported by [REDACTED]), - Email from the organiser of the local playgroup [REDACTED] - Email from the Horticultural Society [REDACTED] - Email from [REDACTED] Pilates instructor and regular user of the Hall - Email from [REDACTED] Amateur Dramatic Youth Society, Committee member of Plockton Amateur Dramatic Society Overall, this covers a great many users of the Hall and includes many members of the local community, along with the support of the local Councillor [REDACTED]						
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. <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 10%; text-align: center;">☒</td> <td>Increasing community resilience</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">☐</td> <td>Tackling poverty and inequality</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">☐</td> <td>Addressing causes of rural depopulation</td> </tr> </table>	☒	Increasing community resilience	☐	Tackling poverty and inequality	☐	Addressing causes of rural depopulation
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☐	Helping economic recovery and sustaining growth
☐	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?
The immediate on short term improvements will improve the heat retention in the hall with a warmer atmosphere. The success of the project will be measured by both financial reductions in the cost of electricity and by users' feedback.	
	(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?
After phase 1 of the project, which will improve the heat retention of the old Village Hall building (built in 1936), it is envisaged that improved heating systems will be installed to continue to move towards Net Zero, a Scottish Government objective. It is felt that it is essential to measure the improvement and the heat retention so that any subsequent heating system is accurately specified and quoted for. The long-term legacy will be a modern and efficient heating system for a Community Hall widely used by the local population, with a large reduction in complaints of being cold.	
4.5	How will the project be supported/maintained/sustained after CRF funding?
The project will be supported in both the short-term and longer-term by increased use of the Village Hall, (and therefore income) along with the reduction of electricity usage.	
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.
There is very little negative environmental impact on this part of the project (phase 1). All work within the project will take place within closed environment with no impact on the climate. Long term and the second phase of the project will seek to reduce carbon usage and move towards Net Zero, addressing climate change issues.	
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 aim of the project is to make the Hall more usable by all members of the community. There is no equality issue. No one is excluded, in fact the opposite is true. The hall is used by both young playgroup children and at the other end of the age spectrum, many elderly people (for example, the Senior Citizens Christmas Party).	
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.



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 ☒ No ☐
Can you confirm if you have the Living Wage Accreditation or are planning to be certified?	Yes ☐ No ☒ Applied ☐
Is the Fair Work First statement on your organisation's website?	Yes ☐ No ☐ Do not have a website ☒
How many people do you employ or how many volunteers do you have?	Plockton Village Hall does not employ anyone but has 12 active members of the Village Hall committee who are all volunteers.
Do you currently pay the Real Living Wage hourly rate?	Yes ☐ No ☐ NA ☒
As part of your procurement assessment process, do you ensure that traders/suppliers also pay the Real Living Wage hourly rate?	Yes ☒ No ☐
How do you provide channels for Effective Voice in the workplace for staff and/or volunteers?	☐ Line Management Relationship ☐ Staff /Engagement Surveys ☐ Suggestions Schemes ☐ Intranet/Online Platforms ☒ Staff Forums / Networks ☐ 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.



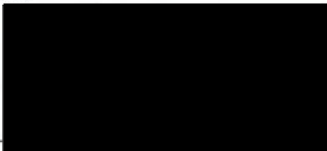
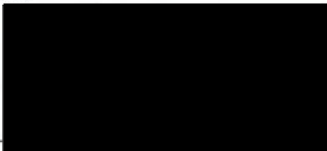
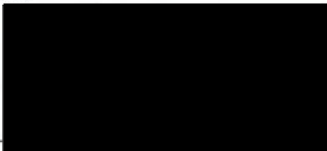
CRF overheads and management fees summary

Budget Heading	Detailed Costs	Revenue/Capital	Amount
Architect-Wittets	Outline design of the roof insulation	Already paid	£1,140
Structural engineers-Fairhurst	Investigation into the strength of the existing roof	Already paid	£1,614
Heat pump investigation-CDMM	Initial heat pump specification	Already Paid	£600
Highland Council	Building warrant	Already Paid	£210

	Under the CRF requirements, these costs are not part of the application, but provided for information.					
Roof Insulation Work			£23,080			
Taping, Filling, Painting Redecoration			£4,000			
Total revenue expenditure			£3,564			
Total capital expenditure			£27,080			
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS			£30,644			
Is VAT included in these costs?			Yes ☒ No ☐			
Can you confirm that the costs above have not already been incurred or committed to?			Yes ☒ No ☐			
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 ☒ No ☐			
5.3	Please explain how your project will achieve value for money.					
Phase 1 of the project will improve the heat retention of the Hall and reduce electricity usage and therefore pay for itself over a number of years.						
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?	Amount £			
			Date Confirmed or Decision Expected			
Plockton Village Hall Committee Fund Raising for the Roof		Yes ☒ No ☐	Already Received			
			£5,600			

SSE	Yes ☒ No ☐	Not in their region	
William Grant Foundation	Yes ☒ No ☐	Does not meet their current criteria	
Village Hall Professional Services (paid)	Yes ☒ No ☐	Already Paid (see section 5.1 not included in Total funding)	(£3,564)
	Yes ☐ No ☐		
	Yes ☐ No ☐		
	Yes ☐ No ☐		
Total match funding			£5,600
CRF requested			£21,480
Total funding			£27,080
6.2	Will the project involve “in kind” support?		Yes ☐ No ☒
6.3	If yes, please detail.		
6.4	Please explain why public funding is required to deliver the project.		
The Village Hall does not have sufficient funds to meet the objectives of this project and does not have sufficient regular income to meet their requirements of a loan from the Royal Bank of Scotland			
6.5	Please explain what the remaining bank balances are for in your accounts.		
There are a number of major works required in Plockton Village Hall. Notwithstanding the need to move towards Net Zero for climate change requirements, the Hall toilets (particularly the ladies toilets) are well below modern requirements. There is a real need to improve these facilities and is becoming a real focus for the committee.			
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 Plockton Village Hall committee has already authorised substantial payments to professional firms to reach this stage and to provide an accurate specification for the required work.			
6.7	If you are applying for 100% funding for your project, please explain why no match funding is available.		
The Hall committee has already spent £3,564 on reaching this stage of the project which has ensured well specified quotations to be obtained. The Hall committee has already undertaken some fundraising to assist with this project and has raised £5,600.			
SECTION 7 – INCOME GENERATION			

7.1	Will the project generate income?	Yes ☐ No ☒																				
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?																					
It is likely that any local organisations or businesses will be encouraged to use the hall. No local organisations or businesses are likely to be disadvantaged in any way. There is overwhelming support for the project as stated in section 4.3 and evidenced 8.2.7																						
7.4	Have you considered taking out a loan for the project?	Yes ☒ No ☐																				
7.5	If not, please state why?																					
7.6	Have you previously received public funding?	Yes ☐ No ☒																				
7.7	If yes, please provide details of awards for the last 3 fiscal years and if any were awarded under Public Subsidy.																					
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SECTION 8 – SIGNATURE AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION CHECKLIST			
8.1	Main applicant, chairperson or equivalent – the person signing this application has the authority within the organisation to apply for grant funding.		
<i>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.</i> <i>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.</i>			
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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 ☒ No ☐
2	Annual financial accounts – latest available.	Yes ☒ No ☐
3	Constitution or articles and memorandum.	Yes ☒ No ☐
4	Committee Members or Directors List.	Yes ☒ No ☐
5	Policies – relevant organisational policies applicable to the project such as child protection, health and safety, equal opportunities, Fair Work First policy.	Yes ☒ No ☐
6	Valid organisation insurance policy.	Yes ☒ No ☐
7	Evidence of need and demand i.e. letters of support, community consultation reports, photos, feasibility study	Yes ☒ No ☐
8	Confirmation of match funding letters	Yes ☒ No ☐ NA ☐
9	Permissions – i.e. planning, building warrants, marine licences	Yes ☒ No ☐ NA ☐
10	Business plan (income generation projects only)	Yes ☐ No ☐ NA ☒
11	Job descriptions (for CRF funded posts)	Yes ☐ No ☐ NA ☒
12	Evidence of control/ownership of asset – i.e. lease, title deeds	Yes ☒ No ☐ NA ☐
13	Valid quotations or estimates	Yes ☒ No ☐ NA ☐
14	Partnership agreement	Yes ☐ No ☐ NA ☒
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

Community Regeneration Funding (CRF) Application Form

(May 2025 – CRF Area Funds)

Key considerations

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To ensure you have the best opportunity to score well during the assessment, please refer to the [Assessment Criteria Matrix](#) (link below) when completing the application form.

In this current round of CRF, we are seeking well-developed and robust projects that are ready to commence, and can complete within 12 months of funding being awarded.

The deadline for application submission is 12 noon on Friday 19th June 2026

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<u>Application Guidance</u>	<u>Assessment Criteria Matrix</u>
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SECTION 1: PROJECT SUMMARY

1.1	Project reference number	CRF
1.2	Organisation	Kyle and Lochalsh Community Trust
1.3	Project title	Loch Duich Micro-ecovillage
1.4	Summary of project you wish to be funded (max 250 words)	Kyle & Lochalsh Community Trust will develop a Micro-ecovillage at Ratagan & Saraig in Loch Duich with 6 affordable homes, 2 business units, 5 woodland crofts each with a site for a croft house, 3 house plots, a community growing area & potentially a community space. The project will create up to 14 new homes to help keep families in the area. We have produced a feasibility study/business plan, concept layout plans, completed Community Asset Transfer with Forestry & Land Scotland for the land & secured purchase funding from Scottish Land Fund. We have completed a woodland management plan to guide incoming woodland crofters. We have been awarded funding from the

		Crown Estates Community Capacity Grant Programme for design & survey costs to take the project to build-ready stage, including engineer and surveyor reports and architect designs for the affordable houses; full planning permission for affordable houses, business units and community space, and outline planning permission for self-build plots and a tourism development in Saraig (campsite/pods/campervan site). This funding will also cover the cost of planning permission fees and croft registration fees. We require funding for a new project officer role for 18 months from August '26 to take the project forward, supported by the trust manager and finance officer. As well as developing the many strands of the project, liaising with Community Housing Trust and architect, an important aspect will be continuing to liaise with and consult the community, holding regular liaison group and public meetings and drop-in events, attending community council meetings, producing newsletters and media coverage. An important part of the role will be to identify and secure the funding required for construction and for the other elements of the project.	
1.5	Project costs	Total project cost	££134061.10
		Match funding	£ 48680
		CRF grant requested	£ 85381.10
1.6	Start date	03/08/2026	
1.7	End date (<i>max 12 months from start date</i>)	03/02/2028	
1.8	Please confirm you have read and understood the CRF privacy notice	Yes ☒ No ☐	
1.9	Artificial Intelligence Assistance Declaration	Have you used any form of AI assistance in the preparation of this application? Yes ☐ No ☒	
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	Kyle and Lochalsh Community Trust
2.2	Address and postcode	Toll Office, Kyle of Lochalsh, IV40 8AZ
2.3	Main contact name	██████████
2.4	Position in the organisation	██████

2.5	Contact number	Office 01599534505 [REDACTED]
2.6	Email address	admin@lochalsk.uk [REDACTED]
2.7	Website address	www.lochalsk.uk
2.8	Organisation type	☒ Company limited by guarantee ☐ Constituted group ☐ Public body ☒ Charity ☐ SCIO ☐ Other (please specify):
2.9	Organisation registered number	
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 ☒ No ☐
2.11	If the organisation is VAT registered, please provide the number.	It will register for VAT soon. Preparing accounts for VAT is ongoing and KLCT is due to be registered for VAT in the next couple of months.
2.12	Is the VAT related to the project being reclaimed from HMRC?	☒ Whole ☐ Partial ☐ None
2.13	Provide details of VAT exemptions.	

SECTION 3: PROJECT DETAILS		
3.1	Please confirm the location of the project including post code.	IV40 8HP
3.2	Are you applying on behalf of a partnership project?	Yes ☐ No ☒
3.3	Is there a partnership agreement in place?	Yes ☐ No ☒
3.4	Is your organisation the lead applicant?	Yes ☒ No ☐
3.5	Do you own the land or asset?	Yes ☒ No ☐
3.6	Are you leasing the land or asset? If so, what is the term left on your current lease agreement	Yes ☐ No ☒ 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.	
3.8	Does the project require planning permission or other statutory regulatory consents?	Yes ☒ No ☐

3.9	If consents are required, please provide details if applied and/or the arrangements to obtain these and by when.	We will need to apply for planning permission once the design phase is complete
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SECTION 4: THE PROJECT PROPOSAL

4.1	List the main activities required to deliver the project including timescales.
Activity name	Achieve by (date)
Appoint Community Development Officer	03/09/2026
Appoint support agency/company	01/09/2026
Apply for planning permission	31/07/2027
Set up growing area	01/02/2027
Hold 3 public meetings and 4 liaison group meetings	28/02/2028
Design & engineering survey work	28/02/2028
4.2	(a) What local need or opportunity will the project address?

(500 words max limit)

The Micro Eco Village project will allow us to develop the next stage to create a micro eco village in Ratagan and Saraig, in the Loch Duich Community Council area in Lochalsh. The project will address the problem of rural depopulation in Loch Duich, an area with stark demographic challenges, with over 40% of the population over 60, only 20% under 30, and only 6% under 10. Young people and families with children are leaving the area due to the cost of housing or no rental accommodation available, no access to business units and a primary school roll that has dropped from 20 to 9 in five years. There are also very few opportunities to access land to develop a business, or business units to rent or buy, meaning that people have to travel long distances to access business premises or for work. There are very few community facilities in the area, and none on the Ratagan and Saraig side of Loch Duich. There are very few opportunities to access land for individual or community growing. There are also few facilities for tourists, with no campsite or campervan site, while campervans regularly park on a layby down the road between Ratagan and Saraig. There are existing footpaths and forestry roads, but they are not well signposted or promoted and there is an opportunity to add a link through land that Kyle & Lochalsh Community Trust now owns to create a circular path network. The area has a wealth of biodiversity which is not fully promoted and celebrated.

The project provides an opportunity for community renewal and to champion sustainable development through the provision of:

- 6 affordable housing units in Ratagan
- 2 affordable house sites and one at full market price in Saraig
- 5 new crofts (3 in Saraig, 2 in Ratagan)
- a community growing area in Ratagan
- 2 business units in Ratagan
- investigating a community space in Ratagan
- investigation of a tourist facility for camping/campervans/pods in Saraig
- management of the woodland to enhance biodiversity
- promoting a circular footpath and interpretation boards to raise awareness about the rich history, culture and environment of the area.

The project will lead to a range of economic, social, and environmental benefits. It will contribute to the regeneration of the area through creating opportunities for more people and families to live, work and socialise and to manage and promote biodiversity and the natural environment on community-owned land.

	(b) Has this need been recognised in a local place plan?
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(500 words max limit)

The [Lochalsh Local Place Plan \(LLPP\)](#) consulted the community of Lochalsh through the Lochalsh Collaboration which represents all community councils and community trusts in the area, through working with all primary and the secondary school, a public meeting, using participatory consultation methods and with a display of the local place plans produced by the schools, and through an online consultation. The local place plan mapped and highlighted the different elements of the Micro Eco Village project. The LLPP was endorsed by all 7 Lochalsh community councils and 6 community trusts. It was registered with Highland Council in September 2024.

The aspiration of the LLPP is to support the community from the cradle to the grave. It highlighted 11 priorities. The Micro Eco Village project will make a significant contribution, or contribute to some extent on seven of these priorities, including the main priority of affordable housing:

- Housing that is affordable on local salaries.
- Better year-round, well-paid employment.
- More training, apprenticeships & work premises.
- More cultural, sporting & social facilities & activities for all ages, especially <30s.
- Visitor facilities to increase benefit & reduce harm from tourism.
- Better transport: public transport, walking & cycling, community transport & low carbon options.
- Local food: land for growing & promotion of local produce

For the Loch Duich Community Council area, the LLPP mapped the Micro Eco Village proposals of affordable housing, woodland crofts, community facility, community growing, business units and improving the paths network. It highlighted five placemaking priorities, of which the Micro Eco Village delivers on three of those priorities:

- Keep and enhance facilities and services (through the community growing area and the proposed community space);
- Develop affordable homes and woodland crofts (and business units) for people to live and work locally; Maintain and enhance local paths network (by creating a circular footpath network between Ratagan and Saraig.
- The central aim of these proposals is to tackle depopulation, enable people to stay locally, support Local Living and sustain our local community

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
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(500 words max limit)

Kyle and Lochalsh Community Trust worked in collaboration with the Lochalsh Collaboration, a forum comprised of the area's 7 community councils, 6 community trusts and other organisations in Lochalsh, on a comprehensive community consultation and then wrote the [Lochalsh Community Action Plan \(LCAP\)](#) in 2022. This was based on 600 community responses to a community survey (out of 2,100 Lochalsh adults). The responses showed the top priority was affordable housing. 86% want to keep children and families in Lochalsh; 75% expressed concern at their increasingly elderly community; 104 local businesses see business units as the second most important measure to support business; 57% of respondents want to see new tourist facilities, to help keep tourists in the area rather than just rushing through Lochalsh to get to Skye; 50% want access to land for growing for individuals/communities. The Micro Eco Village will deliver on all of these priorities.

Loch Duich Community Council first recognised the need to keep the Forestry and Land Scotland site in Saraig from being sold on the open market in 2022 and asked Kyle & Lochalsh Community Trust to take on the project. The community council has remained involved in the project and provides support for it, including inviting development officers to attend meetings or provide updates. A resident who lives in

Ratagan is on both the Loch Duich Community Council and a director of Kyle & Lochalsh Community Trust.

Housing Needs Survey 2024: 157 responded, plus 10 business owners, 78% supported the proposals, 44 residents have housing need. 31 have tried to find alternative housing. 33% of these have children under 16. 20% will look for housing outwith the area if necessary. 28 of 44 want to work from home, or from a business unit, 27 are interested in woodland crofts. 57% of business owners reported difficulty in recruiting/retaining employees through lack of affordable housing.

Letters of support have been received from

- Kate Forbes, written while she was still the MSP,
- Isabelle Campbell, Councillor,
- Scottish Crofting Federation,
- Loch Duich Community Council,
- Loch Duich Parent Teacher Council,

Marine businesses:

- MOWI,
- Eco-Cascade,
- Misty Isle Boat Tours.

We have organised on-site visits and two public meetings in Inverinate Hall during 2025 and 2026 which have attracted up to 45 people. We received written and verbal submissions for the recent community consultation on the Community Woodland Management Plan which have influenced the development of the plan. We have received 12 applications to join the liaison group which will meet regularly to support the development of the project. It had its first meeting on 15th June 2026.

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.

☐	Increasing community resilience
☐	Tackling poverty and inequality
☒	Addressing causes of rural depopulation
☐	Helping economic recovery and sustaining growth
☐	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)

- Appoint a full time development officer
- Appoint a housing agency to support the design process
- Work with the housing agency and design team to conduct technical surveys into the sites
- Work with the housing agency and design team to produce designs, apply for and secure planning permission
- Secure partners for building and managing the affordable housing
- Research and apply for funding for the groundworks, services and construction of the affordable homes
- Apply for funding and set up the community growing area

- Organise at least 3 community meetings and organise liaison group meetings approximately every quarter
- Secure funding and/or partners for the business units
- Finalise community ideas for the community facility and research/secure funding for its construction
- Work with the community and the James Hutton Institute to research, design and install heritage interpretation
- Install footpath signage and produce promotional materials
- Apply for funding for officer support for the next (construction) phase, building warrant, legal and other costs

(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) Outcomes will be:

- Kyle & Lochalsh Community Trust will be able to attract a development officer to take on this ambitious project, and have the financial and human resources to be able to develop this crucial next stage of the Micro Eco Village project
- By the end of this project, the Micro Eco Village project will be ready to enter the construction phase, having secured planning permission and have a funding plan.
- With planning permission in place, and partners identified, it will be possible to apply to further funders for the development and construction phase.
- The social outcomes from the Micro Eco Village will be:
 - population retention and regrowth
 - rebalancing the demographic by giving young people/families opportunities to live in the area
 - a strengthened school roll
 - two new developments to bring community members together
 - a new community space in an area currently without one
 - a new community growing area.
- The economic outcomes will be:
 - Homes close to Passivhaus standards, with running costs at 15% of the cost of conventional homes, making a big contribution to reducing fuel poverty
 - two new business units for rent
 - space in new homes for home working or running a business
 - opportunity for 5 new croft businesses
 - homes for employees of local businesses currently struggling to recruit or keep staff because of lack of affordable housing.
 - possibility of making part of the growing area available to a commercial grower
- Environmental benefits:
 - five woodland crofts which will be replanted with native woodland to support biodiversity, including the reintroduced red squirrel, in line with the Community Woodland Management Plan currently being developed
 - affordable homes built to high ecological and energy efficiency standards, thus reducing carbon emissions

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

(500 words max limit)

It is intended that a number of important elements of the project will be developed and completed during the lifetime of this project:

- funding will have been secured and the community growing area will be set up
- allocations policy is developed and the affordable house sites marketed and local purchasers chosen
- the woodland crofts application is progressed, an allocations policy developed and once approved, tenants chosen
- heritage, culture and environment are researched, signage and interpretation installed and promotional materials produced to promote the circular footpath that already exists.
- By securing planning permission for those elements which require construction budgets: the affordable housing, business units and the community facility, KLCT will be in a strong position to secure partners for the affordable housing and business units and will have submitted funding applications for all three elements of the longer-term elements of the project.

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)

Action on climate change and sustainability is embedded in the ethos of the project:

- The community growing area and woodland crofts will enable people to grow food and wood fuel locally
- Use of the land will be guided by our [Community Woodland Management Plan](#) which aims to achieve high levels of biodiversity on the woodland crofts.
- The affordable housing and business unit design will aim for high levels of sustainability during the construction phase through the preferred design of the buildings which are built using only timber produced in the Highlands, using local contractors for the construction wherever possible, and avoiding building on any areas of peat or which impact on local water sources.
- The building designs will also aim for the highest possible standards during their lifetime, with running costs of only 15% of conventionally built buildings, using an innovative Danish air source whole-building system and solar pv.
- The provision of business units in the area with very low running costs will provide space for enterprise locally, reducing the need for business owners and their employees to commute to other areas which currently offer business units.
- The community space will provide a space to meet and organise events locally without having to travel

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?	
(500 words max limit) - Houses, business units and the proposed community space will be designed to suit all disabilities. - The MAKAR homes are designed to be convertible to full disabled access on the ground and top floor if required for any resident, and future-proofed as residents get older with a space designed into the homes which can accommodate a lift. - We will use disabled-access venues for meetings. - We use a variety of communication media including printed media, social media, and public meetings to allow people of a range of abilities and needs to engage. - We have invited community members to register to receive regular email updates about the project to allow those who are unable, or do not wish to attend public meetings to stay engaged with the project. - We will use an open and fair allocation policy for the woodland crofts, affordable house sites and for the housing (once it is built).		
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 ensure it is signed by an appropriate workplace representative.		Yes ☒ No ☐
Can you confirm if you have the Living Wage Accreditation or are planning to be certified?		Yes ☒ No ☐ Applied ☐
Is the Fair Work First statement on your organisation's website?		Yes ☒ No ☐ Do not have a website ☐
How many people do you employ or how many volunteers do you have?		9 employees, volunteers
Do you currently pay the Real Living Wage hourly rate?		Yes ☒ No ☐ NA ☐
As part of your procurement assessment process, do you ensure that traders/suppliers also pay the Real Living Wage hourly rate?		Yes ☒ No ☐
How do you provide channels for Effective Voice in the workplace for staff and/or volunteers?		☒ Line Management Relationship ☐ Staff /Engagement Surveys ☒ Suggestions Schemes ☒ Intranet/Online Platforms

- ☒ Staff Forums / Networks
☐ 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.



CRF overheads and management fees sun

Budget Heading	Detailed Costs	Revenue/Capital	Amount
Development Officer	18 months @ £35,000 pa = total £52,500 NI £6,749.10 + Employer's pension contribution £2156.94	Revenue	£61,406.04
Inflationary payrise	3.5% pay rise for Development Officer from 1 April 2027	Revenue	£1418.37
Overheads	Line management, finance/admin = office costs @ 10% of total	Revenue	£9556.69
Design team	Design, engineering & survey costs + planning fees	Capital	£48,680
Housing agency	To manage the engineering and design phase, support funding applications and developing partnerships	Revenue	£10,000
Promotion/consultation	Promotional + consultative materials, signage, hall rental, travel for development officer and volunteers	Revenue	£3,000
Total revenue expenditure	£ 85381.10		
Total capital expenditure	£ 48680		
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS	£134061.10		
Is VAT included in these costs?	Yes ☐ No X ☒		
Can you confirm that the costs above have not already been incurred or committed to?	Yes X ☒ No ☐		

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 ☒ No ☐ ☐
5.3	Please explain how your project will achieve value for money.	
- This ambitious and innovative project aims to provide a blueprint for other communities for how to address multiple rural challenges of depopulation and lack of enterprise through its combination of affordable housing, crofts, business units, growing area and community space. This investment by Highland Council will help to achieve a project of critical importance to the area which can be rolled out to other communities suffering similar challenges. - The combination of a full time project officer for 18 months plus the support of the housing agency to manage the design process and assist with funding applications will help to ensure that this very ambitious, multi-stranded project delivers on all its aims. - As this is a multi-faceted project, not just about affordable housing, the project officer will have many tasks to work on to achieve the project's full potential - creating and finding tenants for woodland crofts, developing business units, developing the growing area, taking forward plans for a community space and for a proposed tourist facility. The officer needs to identify and apply for funding for all these elements. They also need to organise/minute regular liaison group meetings and keep the local community informed through meetings and communication/media, as well as keeping the trustees informed of progress and supporting them to make decisions when required. - For the affordable housing, the project officer will work with the housing agency to identify funding as well as develop a budget for the construction phase, and on finding partners for the construction phase. - CHT brings a lot of experience of managing a design team and of where to source funding - they have strong relationships with the Rural & Island Housing Fund, Highland Council housing team and Lochalsh & Skye Housing Association. Decisions might have to be made during the design process, particularly once the surveys have been completed that will require technical knowledge. It might well not be possible to recruit a development officer who has this level of technical experience and knowledge – as well as having the skills to take forward all the other elements of the project. Having CHT on board ensures KLCT knows it has the right level of expertise. - We have already secured investment of £48,680 from the Crown Estates Community Capacity Grants Programme for this project - KLCT has now received permission that it can cover the £3500 planning permission fees, and £500 croft registration fees, as well as the design and survey fees from its Crown Estates Community Capacity Grant through a redistribution of those funds. - We put the design work out to tender and received 9 tender bids. - Our chosen design team (MAKAR) was in the bottom two for cost but was the highest quality with regard to the design for environmental and financial sustainability and running costs. - The indicative build costs of the houses are considerably lower than comparable other designs and most importantly, the running costs for tenants who will live in the houses are only 15% of a conventional architect designed house due to the very high carbon neutral standards of the MAKAR houses. - This will represent excellent value for money for residents of the new homes, and for businesses, making an important contribution to reducing fuel poverty for households and businesses.		

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 £
Crown Estate Scotland Community Capacity Grant (Design + survey fees, planning permission fees +croft registration fees)	Yes ☒ No ☐		48,680
	Yes ☐ No ☐		
	Yes ☐ No ☐		
	Yes ☐ No ☐		
	Yes ☐ No ☐		
	Yes ☐ No ☐		
	Yes ☐ No ☐		
Total match funding			£ 48,680
CRF requested			£ 85,381.10
Total funding			£134,061.10

6.2 Will the project involve “in kind” support? Yes ☒ No ☐

6.3 If yes, please detail.

- Trustees of Kyle & Lochalsh Community Trust – time taken considering project updates, making decisions, oversight of finances
- 12 local community members of Loch Duich who are members of the liaison group, meeting approximately quarterly
- Members of Loch Duich Community Council – discussing at meetings, attending public meetings, publicising project documents
- James Hutton Institute – supporting community consultation for the project, exploring environmental and cultural themes, co-designing heritage interpretation (subject to them securing funding for this stage)

6.4 Please explain why public funding is required to deliver the project.

Kyle & Lochalsh Community Trust does not have the reserves to deliver this project

6.5	Please explain what the remaining bank balances are for in your accounts.	
Total in account as at June 1st '26 = £118,821.05 Co-op Community Fund - Heritage and Young People - £2,396 Crown Estate - Micro Eco Village - £48,680 Highland Council Ward Discretionary Fund SGA2012 - Micro Eco Village - £2,920 Heritage Lottery Fund 2 - Plock Collage - £59,161 Total Restricted Funds = £113,157 Total Unrestricted Funds = £5,664.05 .		
6.6	Please explain why unrestricted funding in your annual accounts cannot be used to deliver the project and/or used as match funding.	
There are unrestricted funds of only £5,664.05 which KLCT cannot commit to a project as this amount must be retained for ongoing core costs or emergencies.		
6.7	If you are applying for 100% funding for your project, please explain why no match funding is available.	
N/A		
SECTION 7 – INCOME GENERATION		
7.1	Will the project generate income?	Yes ☐ No ☒
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.	
N/A		
7.3	How will you ensure that local organisations/ businesses are not disadvantaged because of the project? Are they supportive of the project?	
➤ We are involving local organisations/businesses to become involved in the project through public meetings, public consultations or re[presentation on the liaison committee. ➤ Loch Duich Community Council is an active partner in the project ➤ We will ask the design team to consider using local contractors for any work during the design and engineering phase, and will build in the strong preference for use of local contractors once we reach the construction phase. ➤ Business units were identified as the second most important business support identified by 104 business owners during the Lochalsh Community Survey process in 2021. ➤ 57% of business owners responding to the 2024 housing needs survey said that they had difficulty recruiting or retaining staff due to the lack of affordable housing.		

- 131 local people responded to the housing needs survey and 79% supported the proposals.
- Under 60% of survey respondents own their own homes. This is less than the Highland average of 67%.
- The survey results show a high number of people living in privately rented accommodation (15%) compared to the Highland average of 9.9%.
- Both the Lochalsh Housing Needs Survey results (5%) and Highland census (5.7%) show a lower number of people living in other socially rented accommodation compared to the Scottish average of 11.1%.

7.4 Have you considered taking out a loan for the project? Yes ☐ No ☒

7.5 If not, please state why?

The project will not generate any income to be able to pay off a loan

7.6 Have you previously received public funding? Yes ☒ No ☐

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?
Scottish Land Fund – land acquisition, legal fees, 1 year salary	12/03/2025	£166722	Yes ☒ No ☐
Highland Council – refurbishment of facilities	Click or tap to enter a date.	£63839.32	Yes ☒ No ☐
CARES – Kyle Community Power feasibility	Click or tap to enter a date.	£16265	Yes ☒ No ☐
HIE – Plock Ranger facilities	Click or tap to enter a date.	£14085	Yes ☒ No ☐
HIE – support for trust manager	2025, 2026	£42000	Yes x
HLF – Plock College of the Environment & Traditional Skills	August 2024	£187,336	Yes x
CLLD – composting toilet		£9771	Yes x
Scottish Land Fund Stage 1 and Rural Housing Fund	March 2023	£26,010	Yes x
CRF Delivering a Local Place Plan	22/09/2023	£22,241	Yes x
DTAS – Recovery & Resilience Fund	1/6/2026	£36,000	No x
Highland Council Ward Discretionary Fund – noticeboard and interpretation costs	14/1/2026	£3,500	Yes x
Scottish Forestry – Community Woodland Management Plan	4/12/2025	£4,500	Yes x

SECTION 8 – SIGNATURE AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION CHECKLIST

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: [REDACTED]	Date: 19/06/2026
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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 ☒ No ☐
2	Annual financial accounts – latest available.	Yes ☒ No ☐
3	Constitution or articles and memorandum.	Yes ☒ No ☐
4	Committee Members or Directors List.	Yes ☒ No ☐
5	Policies – relevant organisational policies applicable to the project such as child protection, health and safety, equal opportunities, Fair Work First policy.	Yes ☒ No ☐
6	Valid organisation insurance policy.	Yes ☒ No ☐
7	Evidence of need and demand i.e. letters of support, community consultation reports, photos, feasibility study	Yes ☒ No ☐
8	Confirmation of match funding letters	Yes ☒ No ☐ NA ☐
9	Permissions – i.e. planning, building warrants, marine licences	Yes ☒ No ☐ NA ☐
10	Business plan (income generation projects only)	Yes ☐ No ☐ NA ☒
11	Job descriptions (for CRF funded posts)	Yes ☒ No ☐ NA ☐
12	Evidence of control/ownership of asset – i.e. lease, title deeds	Yes ☒ No ☐ NA ☐
13	Valid quotations or estimates	Yes ☒ No ☐ NA ☐
14	Partnership agreement	Yes ☐ No ☐ NA ☒
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

Community Regeneration Funding (CRF)

Expression of Interest form

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1. CONTACT DETAILS FOR PROJECT LEAD

Main contact name:	
Job title:	Strategic Lead [Operations]
Team/Department	Place
Email address:	
Contact telephone:	

2. PROJECT DETAILS

Project title:	Achnasheen Public Toilets – Feasibility Study Scope & Cost
Project location (inc. postcode):	Achnasheen, Ross Shire, IV22 2EJ
Start date of project:	03/08/2026
End date of project:	31/12/2026
Are all Statutory permissions in place? (Planning, building warrant, licence, etc.). If permissions are pending, what is the expected date for final decision?	N/A
Is the asset in Highland Council ownership?	Yes
Is The Highland Council leasing the land or asset? If so, what is the term left on the current lease agreement	N/A

3. PROJECT BUDGET

3.1 Expenditure

Budget heading	Revenue or capital	Amount (£)
Targeted feasibility and options appraisal	Capital	£20,000

Total revenue expenditure	£0
Total capital expenditure	£20,000
Total project costs	£20,000
Are the costs based on valid contractor quotes? Y/N <i>If No, please detail below how the costs were estimated.</i>	Y
Note: Project procurement must be compliant with The Highland Council standing orders.	
Costs are based on an estimate and brief from internal Project Management, Design & Construction. The study will be carried out by a Highland Council Architect.	

3.2 Funding package

Match funding: - please give details of match funding if relevant

Name of funder	Amount (£)	Confirmed (Y/N)	If unconfirmed, has it been applied for and what is the expected decision date
Total match funding			
CRF Grant request amount	£20,000		
Total funding: <i>This must equal the project expenditure listed in 3.1</i>	£20,000		

If you are applying for 100% funding from CRF, please state reasons why:
No community organisation to lead

4. PROJECT SUMMARY

4.1 Which **ONE** of the following **CRF strategic objectives** do you feel your project relates to the most:

- Increasing community resilience ☒
- Tackling poverty and inequality ☐
- Addressing causes of rural depopulation ☐
- Helping economic recovery and sustaining growth ☐
- Tackling the climate emergency and working towards net zero ☐

4.2 Project activity and outcomes

a. Tell us more about the project and the activity planned.

Achnasheen public toilets play an important role that goes well beyond a simple convenience facility. In a remote Highland location, they are a key part of the area's infrastructure, supporting the local economy, community resilience, and the wider travelling public.

From a commercial perspective, Achnasheen sits at a strategic point in the Highland road network, acting as a stopping point for traffic travelling between major west coast destinations, Inverness, and routes heading north. For many visitors, particularly those unfamiliar with long rural distances, the availability of reliable facilities influences where they choose to stop. The presence of public toilets encourages people to pause in the village rather than pass straight through.

This has a direct benefit to local businesses. Even in a small settlement, increased dwell time leads to greater footfall for any nearby services such as shops, garages, or accommodation providers. Without basic facilities, there is a real risk that visitors will bypass the area entirely or choose alternative routes where amenities are available. In that sense, the toilets support the viability of local businesses and help retain economic activity within the village.

From a local resilience perspective, the toilets form part of essential infrastructure in a remote community. Distances between settlements in the Highlands are significant, and alternative facilities are often many miles away. For residents, delivery drivers, utility workers, and others relying on the road network, having a known, accessible facility is important for day-to-day functioning. This is particularly relevant given the level of service and operational activity across rural areas, including roads maintenance, utilities, and emergency services.

They are also important from a public health and environmental standpoint. In the absence of formal facilities, there is an increased risk of informal stopping and toileting, which can lead to hygiene issues, littering, and environmental damage. In rural areas, this can be particularly sensitive given proximity to watercourses, agricultural land, and the natural environment. Providing a maintained facility helps manage this in a controlled and responsible way.

In terms of supporting the travelling public, the importance is even clearer. Achnasheen is located on long-distance travel routes where journey times between larger settlements can be substantial. Public toilets provide reassurance and enable safer journey planning, particularly for families, older people, and those with medical needs. Without facilities at key locations, people may be forced to stop in unsafe or unsuitable locations, including on narrow rural roads.

There is also a broader reputational aspect for the Highlands as a whole. The availability of basic infrastructure, including toilets, plays a part in the overall visitor experience. Well-maintained facilities signal that an area is welcoming and prepared for visitors, whereas a lack of provision can result in negative perceptions, particularly given the growth in tourism and road-based travel across the region. In summary, Achnasheen public toilets are not an isolated asset but part of the wider infrastructure that supports:

- Local economic activity and passing trade
- The functioning and resilience of a remote community
- Public health and environmental protection
- Safe and sustainable travel across the Highlands

For these reasons, their continued operation is important not only to the village itself, but to the effectiveness of the wider Highland transport and tourism network.

It is also important to recognise that, in this location, there is no viable alternative provision. There is no community organisation currently in place to operate the facility, and there are no nearby businesses able to support a comfort scheme arrangement.

As a result, if facilities are to be maintained at this key location, it is likely that a Council-led solution is required. Without that direct provision, there would be a significant gap in service, given the lack of nearby alternatives for both residents and those travelling through the area.

It is important that all viable options are properly considered and tested before determining the most appropriate way forward. In this case, that means assessing refurbishment of the existing facility, full rebuild, disposal, and the potential for provision at an alternative site.

Each of these options carries different implications in terms of cost, long-term sustainability, operational requirements, and service provision.

Refurbishment may offer a lower upfront cost but could be constrained by the condition, layout, and lifespan of the existing building. A full rebuild would provide an opportunity to design a modern, compliant facility better suited to current and future demand, although this comes with a higher capital investment.

Disposal must also be considered as part of a balanced appraisal, particularly where ongoing revenue pressures exist. However, this would remove provision from a strategically important location and therefore needs to be fully understood in terms of impact on the community, local economy, and travelling public.

Similarly, relocating provision to an alternative site may offer advantages in terms of access, visibility, or constructability, but could also reduce effectiveness if it no longer aligns with established travel patterns or stopping points.

Given the importance of the facility to both the local area and the wider Highland network, it is essential that these options are compared on a consistent basis, considering whole-life costs, deliverability, risk, and the broader community and economic impacts. This ensures that any decision taken is evidence-based, transparent, and delivers the best overall value for the Council and the communities it serves.

The activities funded by this application will include:

- **Undertaking a site review and building appraisal**
Including a site visit and high-level condition assessment of the existing building, supported by a measured survey only where required. A new roof and septic tank have already been highlighted as required.
- **Coordinating technical inputs**
Managing inputs from structural engineers (to provide a high-level assessment of the building) and identifying any key risks relating to ecology (e.g. bat surveys) and utilities infrastructure.
- **Engaging with Planning**
Liaising with the Planning Authority to establish what is likely to be acceptable in principle for each option, including refurbishment, redevelopment, modular provision, and potential alternative sites.

- **Developing outline option responses**
Preparing simple diagrams and spatial arrangements sufficient to test feasibility (e.g. layout of toilet facilities, servicing requirements, access), without progressing into detailed design.
- **Assessing constraints and risks**
Identifying key issues such as site constraints, servicing limitations, abnormal costs, and deliverability risks associated with each option.
- **Preparing order-of-magnitude cost estimates**
Providing comparative capital cost estimates for each option, including benchmarking against similar facilities (e.g. Kinlochewe, Gairloch).
- **Undertaking options appraisal**
Bringing together all technical, planning, cost, and delivery considerations into a clear comparison of options, including lifecycle and operational implications.
- **Producing a concise feasibility report**
Presenting findings, options appraisal, and a clear recommended option suitable for Committee consideration.

b. How will your project contribute to addressing priorities identified in the Area Place Plan and/or other relevant Highland Council Strategic Development Plans?

The Achnasheen public toilets project directly supports a number of priorities typically identified within Highland Council Area Place Plans, particularly those relating to sustaining rural communities, supporting visitor infrastructure, and improving the quality of place.

In terms of local place-based priorities, the project contributes to:

Sustaining rural communities

By maintaining essential infrastructure within a remote settlement, the project supports the continued viability of Achnasheen as a functioning community. The provision of basic services such as public toilets is a key element of rural resilience, enabling residents, service providers, and passing trade to operate effectively within an isolated area.

Supporting local economic activity

The facility plays a clear role in encouraging dwell time and supporting passing trade. This aligns with local priorities to strengthen fragile rural economies and ensure that small settlements benefit from tourism flows, rather than being bypassed. The project therefore helps retain economic value within the community.

Enhancing visitor experience and infrastructure

Area Place Plans regularly identify the need to improve infrastructure that supports tourism, particularly in high-traffic rural routes. Providing a reliable and well-maintained facility at a strategic network location improves the overall visitor experience and contributes to a more positive perception of the Highlands as a destination.

Protecting the environment and local amenity

The project helps reduce issues associated with informal toileting, littering, and environmental damage. This aligns with place-based priorities around environmental stewardship, public health, and maintaining the quality and attractiveness of rural spaces.

At a wider strategic level, the project aligns with key Highland Council objectives and development frameworks, including:

Highland Outcome Improvement Plan / Community Planning priorities

The project supports outcomes relating to resilient communities, economic sustainability, and improved public infrastructure. It enables communities to function effectively despite remoteness and supports inclusive access for residents and visitors.

Highland Local Development Plan and transport strategy themes

The facility supports safe and sustainable movement across the Highlands by providing essential infrastructure along long-distance travel routes. It contributes to safer journey planning, reduces the need for unsafe roadside stopping, and supports the functioning of the wider transport network.

Tourism and economic development strategies

The project aligns with the Council's approach to managing increasing visitor numbers by ensuring that appropriate infrastructure is in place. It supports the principle that tourism growth must be matched with investment in services that manage its impact and maximise local benefit.

Asset management and best value

The proposed feasibility work directly supports the Council's duty to ensure Best Value by objectively assessing refurbishment, rebuild, disposal, and alternative site options. By considering whole-life costs, operational implications, and service impact, the project ensures that any future investment decision is evidence-based, proportionate, and delivers long-term sustainability.

Climate, environmental and public health priorities

By formalising provision and reducing uncontrolled environmental impacts, the project contributes to environmental protection and improved hygiene outcomes, which are increasingly recognised as core components of sustainable place-making.

Importantly, the absence of a community operator or alternative provision reinforces the need for a Council-led approach in this case. This ensures continuity of service at a strategically important location, consistent with the Council's role in maintaining essential infrastructure where market or community solutions are not viable.

Finally, the proposed activities—site appraisal, technical assessment, planning engagement, option development, and feasibility reporting—provide a structured and proportionate approach to decision-making. This aligns with the Council's governance and strategic planning processes, ensuring transparency and a clear audit trail in how options are considered and prioritised.

c. What will be the main outcome of your project, and what outputs do you anticipate it will deliver (short and long term) for Highland communities?

How does this outcome link to the CRF strategic objective selected in 4.1?

Main outcome of the project

The primary outcome of this project is to establish a clear, evidence-based and deliverable long-term solution for public toilet provision at Achnasheen, ensuring the continued availability of essential infrastructure at a strategically important rural location.

This outcome will provide certainty on the most appropriate option (refurbishment, rebuild, alternative site, or other) and enable informed decision-making that balances cost, sustainability, service provision, and community benefit. Ultimately, it ensures that provision is retained in a way that is financially and operationally sustainable for the long term.

Short-term outputs

The project will deliver a number of immediate outputs through the feasibility stage:

- A detailed understanding of the condition and constraints of the existing facility and site
- Coordinated technical input (structural, ecological, utilities) identifying key risks and opportunities
- Early engagement and feedback from Planning on acceptable forms of development
- Clearly defined and comparable options (refurbishment, rebuild, alternative site, disposal) supported by outline layouts
- Identification of constraints, abnormal costs, and delivery risks associated with each option
- Order-of-magnitude capital cost estimates, benchmarked against similar facilities
- A structured options appraisal considering whole-life cost, deliverability, and service impact
- A concise feasibility report with a recommended option suitable for Committee approval

These outputs will provide a robust and transparent evidence base to support future investment decisions.

Long-term outputs for Highland communities

Subject to the chosen option being progressed, the longer-term outputs are expected to include:

- Continued provision of public toilet facilities at a key rural location
- Improved quality, reliability, and accessibility of facilities for residents and visitors
- Enhanced visitor experience, supporting tourism routes and strategic travel movements
- Increased dwell time and passing trade, supporting local economic activity
- Reduced environmental impacts associated with informal toileting and waste
- Improved safety for road users by reducing the need for inappropriate roadside stopping
- Strengthened infrastructure supporting service delivery (roads, utilities, emergency response) in a remote area

Collectively, these outputs contribute to a more sustainable, functional, and attractive rural environment.

Contribution to community resilience (CRF strategic objective)

The project strongly aligns with the Community Regeneration Fund strategic objective of reinforcing and building community resilience.

This is demonstrated in several key ways:

- Maintaining essential infrastructure in a remote setting

In rural Highland communities, the loss of even basic services can significantly impact viability. By securing long-term toilet provision, the project helps maintain a baseline level of infrastructure necessary for communities to function effectively.

- Supporting economic resilience

By encouraging stopping and dwell time, the facility supports local businesses and helps retain economic activity within small settlements that might otherwise be bypassed. This contributes to sustaining fragile rural economies.

- Providing resilience for the travelling public and service delivery

The location serves a wide range of users including residents, tourists, delivery drivers, and essential services. Reliable facilities support safe and practical long-distance travel across the Highlands, reducing risk and improving journey resilience.

- Reducing environmental and public health risks

Formal provision reduces the likelihood of uncontrolled environmental impacts, which can affect watercourses, land use, and community amenity. This helps protect the local environment and supports healthier, more sustainable places.

- Addressing lack of alternative provision

Critically, there is no community operator or comfort scheme available locally. This means the community does not currently have the capacity to deliver or sustain the service independently. A Council-led solution therefore ensures continuity of provision and prevents a service gap that would otherwise undermine local resilience.

- Supporting informed and sustainable decision-making

The structured appraisal of all viable options ensures that any future investment is based on robust evidence, considers long-term sustainability, and delivers best value. This reduces the risk of short-term or unsustainable solutions, strengthening resilience over time.

Summary

In summary, the immediate output of the project is a clear, evidence-based decision on the future of the facility. The longer-term outcome is the retention of essential infrastructure that supports the economy, environment, and daily functioning of a remote Highland community.

This directly reinforces community resilience by ensuring that Achnasheen remains a viable, supported, and connected location within the wider Highland network.

Are any of the project activities proposed to be funded via CRF considered part of The Highland Council's statutory duties?

Yes ☐ No ☒

How will the CRF grant enable the delivery of outcomes that could not otherwise be possible through current resources or delivery mechanisms

In the current Achnasheen context, the ability to deliver this project without external funding is extremely limited. There is no established community organisation, development trust, or local operator able to take forward feasibility, development, or delivery of the facility. Unlike larger settlements, there

is no local network with the capacity, governance, or resource to lead this type of project or access alternative funding streams.

As a result, without CRF support, the project would be unlikely to progress beyond its current position. The Council's existing resources are prioritised towards statutory service delivery and core operational requirements, and there is no dedicated provision within current budgets to undertake the level of feasibility work required to properly assess refurbishment, rebuild, relocation, or disposal options.

Without this intervention, the likely outcome would be continued uncertainty, potential loss of the existing facility, and a resulting gap in basic infrastructure at a key rural location.

Additionality and delivery mechanism

This means that a Council-led approach is the only realistic delivery mechanism. However, even under a Council-led model, the project cannot proceed to an informed decision without the feasibility and option appraisal stage that CRF funding supports.

Summary

In summary, the CRF grant provides essential enabling funding in a location where:

- there is no community organisation to lead or deliver the project
- there are no alternative funding routes immediately available
- the Council does not have existing budget to undertake the required feasibility work

Without CRF, the project would be unlikely to progress. With CRF, it becomes a structured, evidence-led process that leads directly to an implementable and sustainable solution, ensuring continued infrastructure provision and strengthening resilience in a remote Highland community.

Please confirm you have read and understood the [Privacy Notice](#): Yes ☒ No ☐

Appendix 2 - Technical Assessment RAG Summary Spreadsheet

CRF ref	Organisation	Project title	Project description	Total project cost	Grant Requested	CRF % 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	Project Officers Comments
4231	Plockton Village Hall	Plockton Village and Community Hall Heating Project	Plockton Village Hall wants to reduce energy waste and keep the building warmer. Expert advice showed the roof needs better insulation before a new heating system can be installed. This project will improve insulation to reduce heat loss and lower energy use.	£ 30,644.00	£ 21,480.00	70.1%	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	3	3	3	28	A strong application which clearly sets out identification of the need for this project as a first phase towards improving the energy efficiency of Plockton Village Hall. The applicant has used Hall reserves and fundraising to undertake a study on the existing building and established the need for insulation before any replacement heating system can be considered. Quotes are in place and the project is ready to commence.
4232	Kyle and Lochalsh Community Trust	Loch Duich Micro-ecovillage	The project will seek to employ a project officer for 18 months to coordinate development work, engage with the community, work with key partners, and progress project plans. The role will also focus on identifying and securing funding needed to deliver construction and other project elements.	£ 134,061.10	£ 85,381.10	63.7%	2	3	3	2	3	3	2	3	3	3	27	This is a strong application with clear local support and a well evidenced need. The project fits closely with local priorities and has the potential to bring real long-term benefits to the area. There are some risks around timescales and that presently the match funding doesn't take the project design stage to pre-construction. However, concerns on robustness and legacy can be mitigated with a condition to hold regular progress meetings to ensure the Development Officer & Trust are making reasonable progress against agreed outcomes.
4247	The Highland Council	Achnasheen Public Toilets – Feasibility Study Scope & Cost	Following the closure of the public toilets in Achnasheen there is a desire driven by local Ward 5 Members following representation from communities, to look at options for establishing public toilets within the village once again.	£ 20,000.00	£ 20,000.00	100.0%	3	2	3	3	3	2	3	1	3	3	26	This is a positive application for a feasibility study addressing an identified gap in provision in an important rural area. The applicant has provided a clear explanation of the need for the project and how it supports local priorities. The proposed study represents reasonable value for money. While there is limited evidence of engagement and no match funding identified at this stage, these issues are not unusual for a project at this early development phase.

WRS� CRF allocation following April 2026 Committee
WRS� CRF Allocation from HCCF Tranche 7

£ 151,288.77
£ 337,019.28

Total WRS� CRF available at August 2026 Committee

£ 488,308.05

Total applied for at August 2026 WRS� Committee

£ 126,861.10

Remaining if all applications are approved

£ 361,446.95

All projects are given a rating of red, amber or green against key assessment criteria. As part of the application paperwork applicants are made aware of the criteria for these. These ratings are then converted into scores as follows: Red = 1; Amber = 2; Green = 3. This allows a total score for each project to be provided. Ratings are based on information provided during the application process and are provided as a guide only.

All projects presented are eligible but if Members wish to approve projects that have red or amber ratings it would often suggest that additional conditions will be attached to the award to address these concerns.