



FUND REPORT

DUFFTOWN & DISTRICT MICROGRANTS 2020 - 2022

DORENELL WIND FARM
COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND



DDCA
Dufftown and District
Community Association

Introduction

The Dorenell Community Benefit Fund provides for a microgrant scheme, under which Dufftown and District Community Association receives an annual amount to make grants of up to £1000 to groups or individuals for charitable activities within the Dufftown & District area.

On April 2nd 2020, Dufftown and District Community Association received its first tranche of £11,321.18 to distribute through the microgrant fund.

Individuals and groups can apply to the fund by submitting an application form, stating the details and benefit of proposed activity.

Decisions on grant awards are made by the Dufftown and District Community Association Board of Trustees. There is no set application deadline. Grant applications are reviewed at monthly Board meetings.

Between April 2020 and November 2022, £10,156.15 was awarded through the Dufftown & District microgrant fund.

About us

Dufftown and District Community Association is a registered charity (SC023622). Our charitable purposes are:

- To relieve the poverty of the local population of Dufftown and District.
- To advance the education of the local population of Dufftown and District.
- To provide, fundraise, manage or assist in the provision of facilities and/or activities in the interest of social welfare for recreation/leisure.

Dufftown & District Microgrant Fund

Awards available:

- Individuals: up to £500
- Groups: up to £1000

Grant-making process:

- Application available on website
- Applications considered on a rolling basis.
- Decisions made at monthly DDCA Board meetings.



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Awards summary

Date	Applicant	Purpose	Award
22/09/2020	Mortlach School Parents Council	Ipad charging station	£1000
26/10/2020	Royal British Legion	Kitchen items	£1000
23/04/2020	Dufftown Football Club under 12s	Training equipment	£1000
11/04/2021	Dufftown in Bloom	Landscaping fabric	£1000
2/12/2021	Dufftown & Mortlach Development Trust	Farmers market equipment	£677.94
12/03/2022	Mortlach Memorial Hall	Kitchen items	£735.21
12/03/2022	Keith and Dufftown Railway Association	Bike racks	£943
26/05/2022	Aigan Court	Garden upgrades	£800
16/05/2022	Royal British Legion	Food for Queen's Jubilee Celebrations	£1000
10/06/2022	Dufftown Scottish Country Dancing Club	Ceilidh band fees	£1000
02/08/2022	Dufftown Football Club under 12s	Equipment for children's football camp	£1000

Impact

Below are a few case studies of the positive impacts of the fund since 2020.

Community Events

“We applied to DDCA for a micro grant to contribute towards the cost of The Queens Jubilee Weekend, which we wanted the whole community to celebrate free of charge.

Childrens disco, vintage tea party, live music and cinema screening were all part of the weekend, which was a huge success. The weekend was attended by over 700 of the local community.”

- Royal British Legion, Dufftown



Impact

Young people and sports

Dufftown Football Club received a grant to purchase equipment and deliver a football summer camp for local youngsters which was to run from the 8th to 12th of August 2022. 22 young people (aged 7-16 years old) expressed an interest with 20 of them participating over the course of the week. In five days they achieved a combined total of 7080 minutes of activity in glorious weather.



Comments from parents:

“My child thoroughly enjoyed this camp and looked forward to attending every day, he would definitely love for this to happen again.”

“It was lovely to see kids from different schools develop positive relationships throughout the week. It was a really nice mix of game time and coaching. My children attended enthusiastically.”

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Outdoor environment

Visitors to Dufftown and volunteers at the Keith and Dufftown Railway can now use the new bike racks to keep their bikes safe whilst exploring the heritage rail station.



Garden upgrades

Using the Dufftown & District microgrant, Aigan court sheltered housing will improve their front garden to make it easier for the residents to access the water tap for watering the plants.

Town centre flowers

Dufftown in Bloom received a microgrant to purchase plants and compost for their baskets and flower beds that brighten up Dufftown throughout the summer months.

Marketing and Communications

During its first round, the Dufftown & District microgrant fund was promoted to the local community through social media posts. Local groups and individuals were encouraged to get in touch with Dufftown and District Community Association to discuss their project and receive a microgrant application to submit.

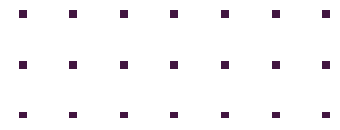
To increase awareness of the fund and make the application process easier, Dufftown and District Community Association made the microgrant application available online on the Dufftown community website in November 2022.

In the future, the Dufftown & District microgrant scheme will be regularly promoted on the Dufftown and District Community Association social media as well as local funding guides, such as tsiMoray monthly newsletters.

Conclusion

The first tranche of Dorenell Wind Farm Benefit Fund microgrants delivered through Dufftown and District Community Association has brought several benefits to the community. Awards made since the beginning of the fund are already having a positive impact through community events, new equipment and sports activities.

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