

Funding Analysis

On Monday 18 March 2024 Heldon Community Council submitted a document (shared below) setting out a series of potential funding sources they had identified. This table replicates the funding sources identified, Heldon Community Council's comments and a response detailing the status and relevance of each potential funding source, noting that for inclusion in the full business case the funding needs to be committed by the time of business case submission.

Funding Source	HCC Comments	Response
Scottish Government (SG)	<p>We have sought open door routes into the SG to ascertain potential funding opportunities, though we still await</p> <p>The Lossiemouth Footbridge the SG provided funding for the design and construct the bridge with a value of £1.8m, which includes £1.375m capital cost; £365,000 risk allowance; and £60,000 site supervision costs.</p> <p><u>NOTE</u> Moray Council should approached SG to seek direct funding in line with this earlier project.</p>	The Leader of Council wrote to Scottish Government and received a response dated 13 October 2023 stating that Scottish Government are unable to provide match funding
Sustrans–Places for Everyone	The route is also noted upon Moray Council active travel map noted as Waymarked cycle routes: Elgin Experience. C2E, B9010	This has been replaced by Active Travel Infrastructure Fund – the information quoted from the front part of the web page is out of date. ATIF applications closed on 2 February 2024 for local authorities. This scheme would not meet the criteria for the ATIF

	<p>funding for the creation of infrastructure that makes it easier for people to walk and cycle for everyday journeys.</p> <p>Local Authority can apply</p> <p>Funding is available for 100% of design costs and 70% of construction costs for existing projects. We will work with you to identify match funding where necessary.</p> <p>Round 2 applications were open 20th March 2024 with deadline of 3rd April. FBC has already been completed therefore hopefully extracts can be utilised for this application.</p> <p><u>NOTE</u> This route is part of Moray Council active travel route. Moray Council therefore should seek further clarity on funding now that the FBC has been concluded and funding is open.</p>	
Sustrans–Spaces for People	<p>Additional funding a total of £30million of Spaces for People funding available to support local authorities and statutory bodies to provide safe walking and cycling infrastructure as the country transitions out of lockdown.</p> <p><u>NOTE</u> This route is part of Moray Council active travel route. Moray Council therefore should seek further clarity on funding now that the FBC has been concluded</p>	This funding source closed for applications in 2020

<p>Scottish Government Place based Investment Infrastructure Fund</p>	<p>The Programme will link and align all place based funding initiatives to create a coherent approach to building resilient communities, addressing inequalities and supporting an inclusive, well-being economy in local settings. In practice this means that consideration will be given to how place based investments align with other planned investments in the locality in order to streamline delivery and increase impact.</p> <p>The Programme aims to: ensure that investments in a place are relevant to that place and for the benefit of all the people in that place. support the delivery of 20 minute neighbourhoods.- provide a consistent framework for looking at investments in a place, and explore with those communities how greater collaboration can improve the circumstances of peoples' lives. support the ambitions of existing place based plans and strategies, such as the Infrastructure Investment Plan and the emerging National Planning Framework4, making sure that money spent in places has the greatest collective benefit possible. accelerate ambitions for Community Wealth Building, community-led Regeneration, and the cities and town centres agendas. provide a coherent local framework across urban and rural areas for realising ambitions for inclusion, climate change, and wellbeing.</p> <p><u>NOTE</u> Moray Council therefore should seek further clarity on funding now that the FBC has been concluded</p>	<p>The Investing In Communities Fund closed for applications in 2022 and was for revenue costs associated with PBIP The funding provided to Moray Council under the Place Based Investment Programme for future years has been allocated to the Town Centre Improvement Plans as approved by committee.</p>
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<p>Potential future planning application Rothes3Wind Farm There is a potential future wind farm application at Glen Latterach, Elgin (24/00136/APP) which is seeking approval for a meteorological mast Kellas Drum Wind farm Birnie Quarry -</p>	<p>With any of these potential future planning applications Moray Council could seek monies towards infrastructure projects via Development Obligations to help fund.</p>	<p>These are all prospective planning applications which have not been appraised or determined and there is no certainty on delivery, nor the scale / focus of any developer obligation or community fund</p>
<p>SSEN Transmission's Community Benefit Fund</p>	<p>SEN will further refine Community Benefit Fund plan framework in anticipation of the UK Government's recommendations and guidance following their recent consultation Community Benefits for Electricity Transmission Network Infrastructure.</p> <p>Subject to the UK Government's recommendations, intend to formally launch our Community Benefit Fund in 2024</p> <p>Anticipate that the regional projects will be of higher value and have a greater transformational impact. The local funds will be solely for communities who are situated close to new infrastructure and we will provide more information in due course on how we plan to administer this. These local communities will be able to apply for both elements of the fund.</p> <p>Will publish more details in due course on timescales, eligibility, transparent decision making and the application process. We expect that priority will be given to those projects that deliver on our two identified themes of:</p>	<p>This fund is not yet open for applications so is not a current funding source</p>

	<p>People, focusing on skills, training and employability; and Place, emphasising the community and culture of the north of Scotland</p> <p><u>NOTE</u> Funding is an option for this type of project requirements which HCC would be more than willing to apply for funding with information provided via FBC.</p>	
Birnie Quarry – Aggregate levy.	<p>There is currently a PAN notice submitted for sand & gravel extraction at Dykeside Farm, Birnie. The levy seeks £2 for every tonne of material extracted Extraction is 50,000/ton/ year which equates to £100,000 each year.</p> <p><u>NOTE</u> Moray Council therefore should seek further clarity on the levy.</p>	These are all prospective planning applications which have not been appraised or determined and there is no certainty on delivery, nor the scale / focus of any developer obligation or community fund
Kellas Drum	<p>Within the webpage of Kellas Drum suggests over the 30 year lifespan there could be potential £8.64million in community benefit</p> <p><u>NOTE</u> Should this application proceed HCC would be more than willing to apply for funding with information provided via FBC.</p>	These are all prospective planning applications which have not been appraised or determined and there is no certainty on delivery, nor the scale / focus of any developer obligation or community fund
SSE (Scottish and Southern Energy)	The Sustainable Development Fund is in addition to our local community funds and supports strategic projects in the regions where SSE is operating. It allows the benefits of our renewable energy	This fund is not due to open until Autumn 2025 for the Highlands – and this is also likely to mean Highland Council area so is not an eligible or current funding source

<p>Sustainable development fund (only available in some Local Authority areas)</p>	<p>developments to be accessible to a wider area and is directed to projects that can achieve significant impact in local communities.</p> <p>The fund for the Highlands is open Autumn 2025. Following consultation with regional stakeholders in 2015, the following themes have been established and any successful application must fit in to at least one of these areas:</p> <p>Creating opportunities – Create or enhance opportunities for education and employment through activities that develop skills and improve an individual’s chance of entering the workplace.</p> <p>Empowering communities – Empower communities to become more resilient and protect vulnerable residents through measures which demonstrate long-term social, environmental or economic improvements.</p> <p>Sustainable places – Stimulate meaningful regeneration to improve or enhance local infrastructure, landscape, biodiversity or heritage and make a lasting difference to the places we live, work and visit.</p> <p><u>NOTE</u> HCC would be more than willing to apply for funding with information provided via FBC.</p>	
<p>National Lottery Community Fund – National Lottery awards for All Scotland</p>	<p>Apply if your organisation is a: voluntary or community organisation registered charity constituted group or club</p>	<p>The funding scale is small – up to £20,000 and no application has been made by Heldon Community Council</p>

	<p>not-for-profit company or Community Interest Company school (as long as your project benefits and involves the communities around the school) statutory body (including town, parish and community council).</p> <p>Can fund projects that'll do at least one of these things:</p> <p>bring people together to build strong relationships in and across communities improve the places and spaces that matter to communities help more people to reach their potential, by supporting them at the earliest possible stage support people, communities and organisations facing more demands and challenges because of the cost-of- living crisis. Funding size - £300 to £20,000</p> <p><u>NOTE</u> Funding is an option though value is low for this type of project requirements</p>	
National Lottery Community Fund (Scotland) Scottish Land Fund	Suitable for:- Voluntary or community organisations, Public sector organisations The Scottish Land Fund is open to organisations in both urban and rural Scotland which are community-led, community- controlled and defined by a geographic area. Successful applicants will clearly demonstrate that their project will help their local community to:	The fund relates to purchase of land, land assets and buildings and any land or building acquired must be capable of delivering a level of income which ensures it does not become a liability for the community in the long term, therefore the bridge replacement would not be an eligible proposal, nor has an application been made.

	<p>achieve more sustainable economic, environmental and/or social development through ownership of land and buildings have a stronger role in and control over their own development own well managed, financially sustainable land and buildings.</p> <p>Will prioritise applications that can demonstrate significant positive impact for the community as a whole. Applicants will have the opportunity to test out and develop their ideas with support from a Scottish Land Fund Adviser.</p> <p>Funding size - £5,000 - £1,000,000</p> <p><u>NOTE</u> Although this is open to Public sector organisations, though further detail will require to be ascertain</p>	
National Lottery Community Fund (Scotland) Community Led Activity	<p>Through our Community Led funding we aim to support communities to improve the places in which they live and the wellbeing of those most in need.</p> <p>We will fund organisations to deliver work that achieves the following outcomes:</p> <p>Everyone in the community has the opportunity to influence and get involved in community-led activity. People in the community are better connected and work together to improve their wellbeing.</p> <p>Funding size - £20,001 - £150,000</p> <p><u>NOTE</u></p>	<p>This fund is for community-led organisations, the fund is limited to £150,000 and revenue costs are stated to be the main focus of an application, with up to £50,000 of 'minor capital costs' as part of an overall application potentially being eligible, therefore unlikely to be a suitable funding source, and no application has been made by Heldon CC.</p>

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Cloddach Bridge funding options

Heldon Community Council (HCC) funding analysis has been undertaken which have a number of different criteria requirements.

Moray Council Economic Development should be approached as they can reach into many sectors within both UK and Scottish Government process to ascertain potential funding routes both for Moray Council and or Community led associations. We are not unaware if they have been asked to provide a paper to assist with funding.

All various funding will require elements of the Full Business Case being prepared by the Council to enable the various elemental items to be utilised as part of any application.

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