

**Additional Nithsdale Area Committee
Discretionary Grant Criteria 2018/2019:**

1. Services and projects which deliver activities that bring economic benefits to Nithsdale for example events, local festivals, arts and galas, employability activities, social enterprises, tourism related projects.
2. Services and projects which deliver activities that demonstrate community benefits and build community capacity in Nithsdale for example community managed services, community run facilities, community safety activities, civic pride and environmental projects, projects that identify community need.
3. Services and projects which demonstrate early intervention and address the needs of disadvantaged groups in Nithsdale for example young people are more actively involved in decision making, our ageing population is active and engaged to influencing services in their own community, projects that promote fairness and respect across communities.

To be eligible to apply:

4. Applications of more than £10,000 must have match funding of at least 50%.
5. The project must commence within the financial year of the award and be completed within 12 months; Note: where applicants require financial commitment in advance of a new financial year to support event planning or where a project will be delivered very early in the next financial year early awards can be made 'in principle'. This process can only be agreed if supplemented with a committee report.
6. Applications can include an inflationary increase on the previous year.
7. Dumfries and Galloway Council must be consulted on projects and activities in development stage
 - Applications for over £10,000 require to submit a Business and Financial Plan
8. Council Services which meet the following:
 - Evidence that the project/activity enhances or is additional to normal service provision
 - Can demonstrate community consultation
 - Can clearly evidence within the application that they are actively working in partnership with other organisations
9. National organisations must have a locally constituted body.
10. Individuals may request up to £75 for personal sponsorship relating to their talent or endeavour which reflects positively on Nithsdale.
11. Applications from religious groups or for faith themed events must demonstrate wider community benefit and access.

12. Applications will be for no more than £25,000.

13. From 2017/18 there is a limit of 5 years of continuing applications from the same organisation.

The following are not eligible for funding:

14. Applications for the sole benefit of any private asset where there is no wider community benefit.

15. Applications from self interest groups - where there is no evidence of wider community benefit.

16. Applications for regional events/projects.

17. Applications for retrospective funding.

18. Match funding cannot be from any other Council committee. This does not include commissions/contracts from Council services.

19. Applications from organisations providing childcare.

20. Applications which include costs for depreciation.

21. Prizes or sponsorship money.

22. Applications requesting funding to support activity/projects which as a result will raise funds to donate to others.