

STEWARTRY AREA COMMITTEE DISCRETIONARY GRANT CRITERIA 2018/19

All applications will show how your event, project, activity or service contributes to our Council's Priorities and Commitments as well as the locally set Area Committee Priorities set out below:

Within Stewartry Area, the following have been identified as key priorities:

1. Projects or initiatives improving the environment through enhancing the environment or reducing the environmental impact in the key areas of:

- Energy and water use
- Carbon emissions
- Increased Biodiversity (habitats and species)
- Waste Disposal
- Recycling
- Sustainable agriculture/forestry

2. Projects or initiatives supporting community economic development. For example, there will be additional income for existing local businesses and / or there will be new businesses in your local area. Local businesses in the Stewartry will directly benefit from the project. This will be because the grant is spent in the Stewartry or because the project has encouraged more tourism visits to the local area, or because you provided new premises for businesses that moved into the area or expanded their operations within it.

3. Projects promoting community self-sufficiency and resilience. For Example, the community will have greater capacity to withstand threats and to adapt to changing circumstances to help people help themselves. You will achieve this greater resilience through greater local involvement in your community to produce long term benefits, increased levels of skills and knowledge, fresh sources of expertise and advice and working in partnership to share experiences/services and resources.

4. Projects promoting or developing learning opportunities for:

- Young People
- Disadvantaged Groups and
- Older People

The project will contribute to the education of young people, disadvantaged groups and/or older people. The project will identify local priorities and need and will address these, possibly in partnership with other agencies, to improve the lives of these groups in the community. You will be able to demonstrate the difference your project or service will make to people's lives to reduce inequalities and improve the education of your target group(s).

5. Projects promoting or developing the general health and well-being of:

- Young People
- Disadvantaged Groups and
- Older People

The project will contribute to the health and well-being and social care of people in your community, depending upon which group or groups you are targeting. The project will identify local priorities and needs and will address these, possibly in

partnership with other agencies, to improve the lives of these groups in your community to keep mentally and physically active. You will be able to demonstrate the difference your project or service will make to people's lives to reduce health and social care inequalities and keep mentally and physically active.

6. Projects improving local community infrastructure and facilities. For example, local residents will have a better quality of life and overall the area will be more attractive, safer and/or better provided for. Applications may demonstrate that the project for which funding is sought will improve local community facilities and / or that once improved the improvement will facilitate a better quality of life for residents in addition to the improved facility itself.

7. Initiatives which develop or improve accessible rural transport .For example, the project will lead to improved access for the community, a better choice of travelling methods and/or an improved frequency of services to enable them to be a part of the local social life, whether that be improved access to transport for work purposes or opportunities for better social engagement in pleasure activities due to the anticipated results of the initiative.

8. Projects promoting community civic pride and/or an appreciation of local history. For example, local residents will have an increased sense of place and pride in their community. They will appreciate their local environment and will be encouraged to engage with it. Before and after evidence will show the difference the project has made and will be able to evidence the community's appreciation for the difference the project has achieved. It may be that your activity has made the area more attractive, safer and/or better provided for. Applications may demonstrate that the project for which funding is sought will foster a sense of belonging and /or a greater sense of, and appreciation for, local history.

9. Projects which help to identify local community needs and aspirations, e.g. surveys, community consultations and feasibility studies to determine the future function, management, viability and sustainability of a range of community activities including, but not limited to, the acquisition of community assets. The project will be able to show that it will contribute to an understanding of the aspirations of the community including their views about what they feel they need, what changes they would like to see and will also lead to the identification of any disadvantaged groups about whom little was previously known. You will have identified local priorities and needs and will be able to articulate these. You will also formulate ways in which these might be addressed, possibly in partnership with other local agencies.

10. Initiatives linked to promoting and developing local festivals and galas. For example, there will be opportunities for the public to engage in activities that promote social inclusion, provide educational and recreational opportunities, a means of highlighting local services and activities, the event will develop existing services and may also offer opportunities for local community groups to advertise their existence and / or fundraise. The event will also be a means of providing additional income for existing local businesses. You will be able to show that local businesses have benefited from your project. This will be because you will spend your grant locally, or because you have/will encouraged more tourism visits to the local area.

11. Funding for Individuals of Promise

Applications up to and including £1,000 will be evaluated in accordance with the overall criteria set out above for all Discretionary Funding applications and includes applications to support Individuals of Promise. Please see below for details of this scheme.

12. Core funding – Stewartry Area Committee will consider making a contribution towards the core overheads and expenses of an organisation that it considers provides a valuable service to the residents of the Stewartry on an area-wide basis. Full costs will not be eligible and only services that provide an element of additionality to Council services, or those provided by other third party organisations active in the area, will be considered.

To be eligible to apply:

1. Applicants must demonstrate that other funding is in place or provide evidence of fundraising which could include in-kind support.
2. The event or project must commence within the financial year of the award and aim to be completed within 12 months.
3. Third Sector groups and voluntary organisations must meet all of the following:
 - a. Be properly constituted
 - b. Have independently examined accounts
 - c. Are delivering a service or project in the Stewartry
 - d. Can clearly evidence within the application that other funding has been sought; and exhausted
 - e. Have returned all requested monitoring information relating to previously agreed awards
4. Applications will be for no more than £25,000.
5. Where an application is received for a service that used to be operated by the Council, it will only be considered for funding if it can show all of the following:
 - a. that it is now headed up by a community group or third sector organisation;
 - b. evidence that the project / activity enhances or is additional to previous Council-run routine service provision;
 - c. community consultation and involvement;
 - d. that other funding sources have been sought and exhausted;
 - e. that all requested monitoring information relating to previously agreed awards has been supplied.

Organisations or groups receiving over £10,000 must provide detailed monitoring returns.

Criteria for Awarding to Galas and Events:

1. There should be commitment to the event being self-funding within a 3 year period.

2. Funding will be conditional of production of a full set of accounts within 6 months of the event being held.
3. Funding will be based on a per head basis for differing types of galas / events as detailed below on a reducing basis over a maximum of 3 years:
 - a. Small local galas – maximum of 50p per head reducing to 20p per head
 - b. Stewartry wide events – maximum of £1 per head reducing to 50p per head
 - c. Regional impact event – maximum of £1.20 per head reducing to 50p per head

The following are not eligible for funding:

1. Applications for retrospective funding.
2. Funding will not be awarded to replace any provision which has been removed due to constraints on budgets.
3. Projects already considered by Stewartry Area Committee this financial year.
4. Applications which conflict with Council policy.
5. Applications for religious purposes.
6. Applications for political purposes.
7. Costs for depreciation.
8. Improvements to property not owned or not significantly controlled by the applicant.
9. Self interest groups - applications for the sole benefit of any private asset/group where there is no wider community benefit.
10. Applications for firework displays, including flying lanterns and helium balloons.
11. Private companies unless they are Registered Charities.
12. Third-party applications. Applications must be made by the organisation incurring costs or running the event unless the funding relates to road closures for galas and associated works.
13. Fabric of schools or buildings used primarily for religious purposes.
14. Prizes, sponsorship or local community grants in the area in which the organisation operates.

Individuals of Promise in the Stewartry

The Stewartry Area Committee is keen to encourage funding applications from Stewartry residents whose activities are likely to bring recognition to the area by participating in sports and other activities. Applicants may apply to have some of the costs associated with their chosen discipline met by the Area Committee where such funding enables them to represent their chosen discipline at a **national** or **international** level.

Awards made under this heading are discretionary and are intended to recognise individuals who are at the forefront of their chosen discipline.

Residents of the Stewartry, of any age, can apply to the Stewartry Area Committee under this scheme for help with the costs associated with their chosen activity. The maximum payable under the scheme is £1,000 per resident annually and to qualify for funding you must:

- have your only or principal home in the Stewartry;
- be able to evidence your involvement in your chosen discipline at a national or international level;
- be prepared to engage with local activities and organisations in the Stewartry in your chosen discipline and be able to evidence this involvement, and;
- be able to prove how you have calculated the sum for which you want funding.

This scheme is open to residents participating in, but not limited to, the following disciplines:

- Sports recognised by **sportscotland**
- Music
- Drama
- The Arts
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Applications are welcomed from participants in other disciplines and will be considered on their merits.

To apply for an award please use the application form for individuals. Please note that Stewartry Area Committee only considers applications four times a year in March; May; September; and November. Failure to meet this timetable will result in consideration of your application being held over to the next date.

Stewartry Sports Council

Sports-people just starting out on their sporting journey can apply to the Stewartry Sports Council (SSC) for help with the costs associated with their sport including individual representation, coaching, sports development, sports equipment and travel expenses. The maximum award available is £250 per resident annually.