



Dunblane Development Trust Small Community Grants Fund Criteria 2025



Due to the continued success of The Giving Tree, we are delighted to be able to reinvest its proceeds back into Dunblane through the Dunblane Development Trust Small Community Grants Fund (DDTSCGF).

Applications to the Dunblane Development Trust Small Community Grants Fund (DDTSCGF) will be considered against the following criteria:

1. Positive Criteria

Applications that meet the greatest number of the following criteria are most likely to be successful.

Criterion 1(a) must be met.

a) Locality

- The grant is to be used within the boundary of the Dunblane Community Council.

b) Organisational Requirements

- The organisation has a constitution, committee, and accounts.
- The organisation has held an AGM within the 18 months preceding the application.
- The organisation has a regular annual income of less than £200,000.
- Social Enterprises and Community Interest Companies may apply, but sole traders are not eligible.

c) Community Benefit

- The grant will benefit the social, educational, sporting, or economic life of the community.
- Alternatively, the grant may benefit tourism or enhance the scenic or historic value of the area.
- The project should benefit the community as a whole entity.

d) Project Scope and Funding

- The project is expected to be completed within 12 months.
- The amount requested from DDTSCGF is under £4,000 in any 12-month period.
- NOTE: Groups that have been successful in receiving funding from the Braes 'o' Doune Wind Farm Fund in 2025 may not apply for the same project but may apply for funding for an alternative project.

2. Negative Criteria

Applications that meet any of the following will have a reduced chance of success:

a) Personal Benefit

- Grants sought by individuals for personal benefit.

b) Statutory Responsibilities

- Grants for projects already funded or reasonably expected to be funded or undertaken by statutory bodies (e.g., Stirling Council, Police, schools, health services).

- NOTE: Grants may be available to statutory bodies for extra-curricular or locally run initiatives that fulfil several positive criteria.

c) Timing

- Retrospective grant applications.

d) Funding Proportion

- Applications expecting DDTSCGF to fund the project in its entirety.

e) Scope of Benefit

- Large requests where only a few people benefit, or where part of the grant would be redistributed outside the community.

f) Geographical Relevance

- Projects that bear little relation to the Dunblane area.

g) Political or Religious Purpose

- Grants will not be made for the promotion of any specific political or religious purpose.
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3. Grants for Revenue/Running Costs

Grants may be awarded for the revenue or running costs of any organisation within the Dunblane Community Council area that fulfils several positive criteria, provided **Criterion 1(b)** is met.

Considerations include:

1. Evidence of fundraising equivalent to at least the amount requested.
 2. Reference to accounts and constitution to ensure proper governance.
 3. The grant should not simply increase the general balance of the organisation's accounts.
 4. Preference will be given to projects fulfilling multiple positive criteria.
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4. Grants for Capital/Project Costs

Grants may be awarded for capital or project costs, subject to the following:

1. The project may only be entirely funded by the Fund if no other sources of funding are available.
 2. In exceptional circumstances, grants may be awarded for costs already incurred.
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5. Revision of Criteria

DDTSCGF reserves the right to adjust the range of criteria in light of experience.

6. Application Process

- Applications must be emailed to: **DDTcommunitygrantsfund@gmail.com**
- Only applications received at the correct address by the closing date will be considered. Late applications will not be accepted.
- Applications will be acknowledged by return and applicants will be notified of the recommendation in a timely manner.

- The Fund may request additional information before making a recommendation.
- Awards will be made by the Dunblane Development Trust on the recommendation of the Dunblane Development Trust Small Community Grant Fund, a body comprising of representatives from the Dunblane Development Trust, The Giving Tree, Dunblane Community Council and the wider Dunblane community.
- **Do not incur expenditure before receiving funds from DDTSCGF.**