

# GREATER GOOD

Our plan for a sustainable future

## Community Fund Annual Report 2024

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## CHAIRPERSON'S FOREWORD

Welcome to the annual report on the Edinburgh Airport Community Fund. It is an unbridled joy to chair the Fund meetings and the good we do through the grants we make is having a real impact in the communities that neighbour the airport. The incredible work of the amazing charities and organisations we fund is genuinely inspiring and it so rewarding for fund members to see the good that we can do by being able to help them out.

2024 has been another successful year for the Fund and we have offered grants to a wide array of groups and organisations. With the cost-of-living crisis still affecting people all over Scotland, we have continued to fund organisations working in this vital space. We continue to fund really exciting capital asks from sports equipment to community garden projects.

As we look to the year ahead, I want to thank the amazing airport staff who support our work and will help us to distribute an even larger pot of funding next year.

**Alex Cole-Hamilton,**  
MSP Edinburgh Western,  
Edinburgh Airport Community Fund Chair



## SINCE 2010

Edinburgh Airport Community Fund donated more than



to over  
**450 projects**

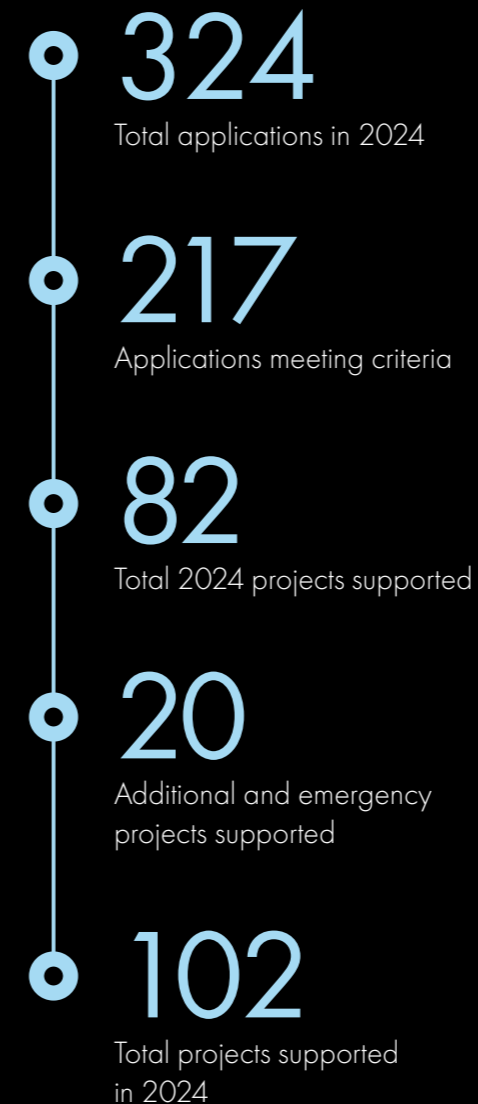
For Edinburgh Airport, our commitment to being a Trusted Neighbour means sharing business success with those that live and work in our communities. Our Community Fund allows us to do just that. By supporting projects from community groups, charities, social enterprises, and other non-profit organisations, we want to make a meaningful, lasting difference through direct financial support of inspiring projects.

This year, the Community Fund has gone from strength to strength. It has received more applications than any year since its inception and has distributed more funding to more projects than ever. Surpassing, for the first time, the records set in 2019.

We also raised the total amount available throughout the year, from £150,000 to just over £217,000. As part of this funding uplift, we committed to funding even more projects from our November 2023 tranche in recognition of the sheer number of high-quality applications that, sadly, missed out in that round. A further £83,000 was donated, bringing the overall funds distributed throughout 2024 to £300,000.

We are proud to share our second Community Fund report, which summarises the key features of the fund, its successes, its governance, as well as highlighting some of the incredible projects we have supported this year.

## OUR 2024 IN FIGURES



**£217,000** total available throughout 2024. A further **£83,000** donated to **19** unfunded projects from the November 2023 round of funding as well as an emergency payment.

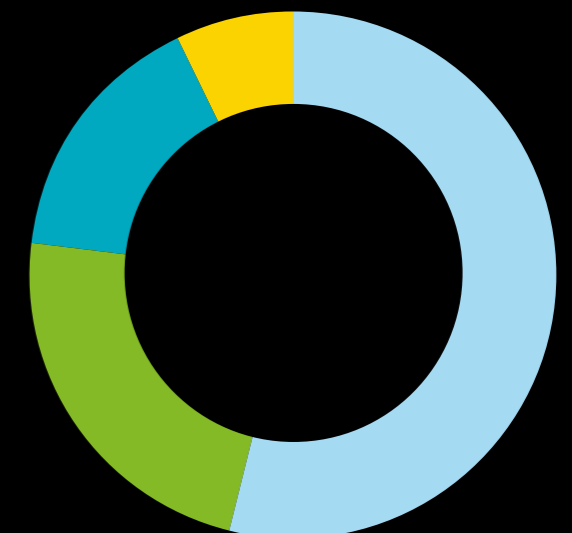
Total distributed in 2024 =  
**£300,000**

**54%**  
of projects supported taking place in areas of high multiple deprivations.

**22%**  
of projects supported taking place in the top 20% of most deprived areas in Scotland.

## Projects supported by location

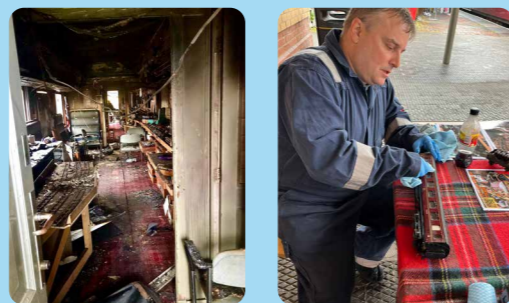
Projects supported in  
**54% Edinburgh**  
**23% Lothians** (East, West, and Mid)  
**16% Fife**  
**7% Falkirk**



## CASE STUDY

Following a deliberate arson attack on the much loved Bo'Ness Model Railway, the Community Fund Board agreed an emergency payment of £7000 to help the Bo'Ness Gauge O Group get back on their feet and make repairs to the badly damaged train carriage and models contained within.

The models had been built over 30 years by a team of volunteers. Works have been underway throughout 2024 to refurbish and reopen the attraction as soon as possible.



# FUND GOVERNANCE

## COMMUNITY FUND BOARD

The Edinburgh Airport Community Fund Board meets three times per year – in Spring, Summer, and Autumn - to discuss applications and select projects for funding. The Board is comprised of a Chairperson, a Fund Secretary, and five additional members made up of Edinburgh Airport employees, community leaders, and a student representative.



### GALA DAY PAYMENTS

Gala or cultural events such as Christmas celebrations are eligible to apply for a grant of up to **£750** each year



### COST OF LIVING SUPPORT

In recognition of the rising living costs affecting families in our communities, the community fund can award a grant of up to **£1,500** to organisations combatting this, such as foodbanks



### LOOKAHEAD

In 2025, the Community Fund will have a pot of up to **£240,000**

## OUR CRITERIA

The Community Fund receives numerous applications every year and so has created clear criteria to ensure that the money we make available goes to projects that leave a lasting impact in our community. For the past three years, we have worked to align the Fund criteria with our Greater Good strategy.

### THE FUND CRITERIA ARE:

- Projects should support one or more of the four pillars of our Greater Good sustainability strategy.
- Applying organisations should be based and deliver services in Edinburgh, Falkirk, Fife, or the Lothians.
- Those applying must be not-for-profit organisations such as charities, community groups, or social enterprises.
- The maximum award is £7,000. In some exceptional circumstances, this may be increased.
- Applicants must not have received a grant from the Community Fund within the last two years.
- Applications must not include requests to:
 

Pay for staff, salaries, consultancy, or services offered by a 3rd party.	Pay for staffing resources such as stationary, office materials or IT.
Pay for utilities or other running costs.	Pay for one-off costs such as single use items, rent, licenses, subscriptions or sponsorship.
Pay for uniforms or sports strips.	
- Projects should leave a legacy and benefit as many people as possible.

For further detail on the criteria for our Community Fund see [here](#).

## THE VIEW FROM OUR STUDENT BOARD MEMBER



Being part of Edinburgh Airport's Community Fund has been such a rewarding experience. It's given me the chance to see how the airport supports local communities and to help make decisions that truly make a difference.

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2024 PROJECTS SUPPORTED

MEETING	ORGANISATION	PROJECT	AMOUNT	PILLAR
Nov 2023	Hidden Door Festival	10-year anniversary event items	£7000	●
Nov 2023	Denend Primary School & Nursery Parent School	Upgrades to outdoor playground	£7000	●
Nov 2023	St David's RC Primary School	Items for biodiversity garden	£7000	●
Nov 2023	People Know How	Installation of canal boat wheelchair lift	£7000	●
Nov 2023	Murieston Community Garden	Upgrades to community garden	£7000	●
Nov 2023	Dalgety Bay & Hillend Community Council	Wayfinding signage for Dalgety Bay and Hillend	£7000	●
Nov 2023	BRAG Enterprises	Creation of community growing space	£6624	●
Nov 2023	Bridgend Farmhouse	Creation of a peace garden	£6208	●
Nov 2023	Kirkliston Community Conservation Volunteers	Essential items for the Kirkliston Community Fridge	£5889	●
Nov 2023	Burntisland First Aid Services Trust	First Aid education centre development	£4926	●
Nov 2023	Move On	Defibrillators and essential educational tools	£4350	●
Nov 2023	Cramond Playgroup	Expansion of sensory play area	£4277	●
Nov 2023	West Lothian Indoor Bowling Club	Installation of disability ramp	£3200	●
Nov 2023	Bo'ness Food Pantry	Cost of living payment	£1500	●
Nov 2023	The Hygiene bank	Cost of living payment	£1500	●
Nov 2023	Edinburgh Union Canal Society	Essential boating items	£1050	●
Nov 2023	Ratho Children's Gala	Gala day payment	£750	●
Nov 2023	Bo'ness Children's Fair Festival	Gala day payment	£750	●
Nov 2023	Blackhall Children's Sports Committee	Gala day payment	£750	●
Apr 2024	Spartans Community Foundation	Solar panel installation	£6625	●
Apr 2024	Pleasance Theatre Trust Ltd	Hearing loops and accessibility items	£6000	●
Apr 2024	46th Fife Scout Group	Purchase of communal mountain bikes and safety equipment	£5640	●
Apr 2024	Passion4Fusion	Purchase of communal bikes for BME families	£4600	●
Apr 2024	Dalgety Bay Community Woodlands Group	Reconstruction of a community woodland path	£4500	●
Apr 2024	Broxburn Primary Parent Council	Construction of an outdoor learning space	£4080	●
Apr 2024	Hutchison Vale Community Sports Club	Replacement of heating system	£3763	●
Apr 2024	Broxburn and Uphall Development Group	Further development of the community garden	£3000	●
Apr 2024	Craigsbank Church of Scotland	Installation of benches	£2860	●
Apr 2024	Bathgate Band	Purchase of musical equipment	£2750	●
Apr 2024	Grangemouth Old People's Welfare	Replacement of heating system	£2650	●
Apr 2024	Cycling Without Age Scotland - Peebles Chapter	Purchase of trishaw electric bike	£2500	●
Apr 2024	Queensferry High School	Match funding for kit-car	£2500	●
Apr 2024	Carrick Knowe Primary School	Refurbishment of polytunnels	£1860	●
Apr 2024	Fighting Chance Project	Purchase of judo mats for a safe falling programme	£1635	●
Apr 2024	Radio Forth Cash for Kids	Cost of living payment	£1500	●
Apr 2024	Drylaw Telford Community Association	Cost of living payment	£1500	●
Apr 2024	Holy Trinity Church Foodbank and Cafe	Cost of living payment	£1500	●
Apr 2024	Wee County Men's Shed	Purchase of tools for the men's shed	£1500	●
Apr 2024	Gylemuir Primary School	Items for "Sustainability Superheroes" programme	£1495	●
Apr 2024	RCD Fundraising Group	Purchase of acrobatic mats (subsequently withdrew application)	£1350	●
Apr 2024	Mayfield and Easthouses Youth 2000 Project	Purchase of kit for a wellbeing room	£1192	●
Apr 2024	One Parent Families Scotland	Gala day payment	£900	●
Apr 2024	Ratho children's Gala	Gala day payment	£750	●
Apr 2024	Stoneyburn and Bents Children's Galaday	Gala day payment	£750	●
Apr 2024	East Calder Children's Gala	Gala day payment	£750	●
Apr 2024	Linlithgow & Linlithgow Bridge Children's Gala Day	Gala day payment	£750	●
Apr 2024	Kirkliston Gala Day	Gala day payment	£750	●
Apr 2024	Lochgelly Children's Gala	Gala day payment	£750	●
Apr 2024	Dalgety Bay and Hillend Gala	Gala day payment	£750	●
Apr 2024	Crossgates Events Committee	Gala day payment	£750	●
Apr 2024	Ferry Fair Festival Committee	Gala day payment	£750	●

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Apr 2024	Prestonpans Children's Gala Committee	Gala day payment	£750	●
Apr 2024	Dunmore Nursery	Creation of planters for allotment	£500	●
Apr 2024	Maddiston Primary school Gardening club	Purchase of gardening tools and items	£500	●
Apr 2024	Central Burntisland Tenants and Residents Association	Installation of a small garden shed	£300	●
Apr 2024	Currie Community High School	Purchase of sporting equipment	£300	●
May 2024	Bo'Ness Gauge O Group	Emergency payment for model railway repair	£7000	●
Aug 2024	The House of Hope (Scotland)	Kitchen refurbishment and creation of wig salon	£7000	●
Aug 2024	Change Mental Health	New flooring for creative arts space	£6600	●
Aug 2024	Livingston Community Shed	Equipment and utility installation for educational space	£6255	●
Aug 2024	77th Kely Scout Group	Creation of outdoor learning centre	£5183	●
Aug 2024	LifeCare Edinburgh	New flooring for community hub	£5131	●
Aug 2024	Cheer Evolution	Purchase of cheerleading equipment	£4964	●
Aug 2024	Grassmarket Community Project	Further for items for skiff building project	£4860	●
Aug 2024	National Museums Scotland	Purchase of a cargo bike and PPE	£4805	●
Aug 2024	Edinburgh Leisure	Funding towards "LA Active" programme	£4480	●
Aug 2024	The Melting Pot	Improvement to centre's accessibility	£2000	●
Aug 2024	Scran Academy	Equipment for training kitchen	£2000	●
Aug 2024	Edible Estates	Garage renovation in communal garden	£1500	●
Aug 2024	Lodestars Community Hub CIC	Cost of living payment	£1500	●
Aug 2024	The Ripple Project	Cost of living payment	£1500	●
Aug 2024	Edinburgh Food Project	Cost of living payment	£1500	●
Aug 2024	The Pennypit Trust	Cost of living payment	£1500	●
Aug 2024	Ratho Primary	Purchase of items for mud kitchen	£1500	●
Aug 2024	St Columba's RC High School Dance & Gymnastics Club	Purchase of soundsystem and gymnastics equipment	£1350	●
Aug 2024	FetLor Youth Club	Refurbishment of snooker table	£1200	●
Aug 2024	Strange Town	Purchase of items for film group	£1050	●
Aug 2024	Edinburgh Headway Group	Kitchen equipment	£1000	●
Aug 2024	106A City of Edinburgh Rainbows & Brownies	Tools for DIY programme	£900	●
Aug 2024	Kirkliston Community Conservation Volunteers	Installation of a garden shed	£700	●
Aug 2024	Aditi	Coffee making equipment	£300	●
Nov 2024	Women's Aid East and Midlothian	Accessible outdoor play area	£7000	●
Nov 2024	Goodies SCIO	Delivery cargo bike	£6800	●
Nov 2024	Corstorphine AAC (Frame Running Group)	Running frames and spare parts	£6640	●
Nov 2024	Under The Trees	Rewilding supplies for "Wild Futures"	£6122	●
Nov 2024	Play Works	Match funding for solar panel installation	£5202	●
Nov 2024	NDT/ Newtongrange Community Garden	Expansion of bee learning centre	£4229	●
Nov 2024	Branch Out Together - formerly Lothian Autistic Society	Upgrade to outdoor play space	£4122	●
Nov 2024	Scotland Yard Adventure Centre	Installation of garden shed and art room equipment	£3554	●
Nov 2024	Kirkliston Primary School	Purchase of communal bikes for cycle skills programme	£3000	●
Nov 2024	10th Craigmound Scout Group	Hike tents for scouts	£2985	●
Nov 2024	Newton Community Council	Installation of new benches for the village	£2500	●
Nov 2024	Livingston FC Community Club	Solar panels and battery	£2475	●
Nov 2024	West Lothian Youth Foundation	Part funding for new goal posts	£1721	●
Nov 2024	KLSB Community Group	Cost of living payment	£1500	●
Nov 2024	St Augustine's RC High School	Cost of living payment	£1500	●
Nov 2024	Southside Community Centre Association SCIO	Cost of living payment	£1500	●
Nov 2024	Pilton Community Health Project	Cost of living payment	£1500	●
Nov 2024	30th Craigmound Scout Group	LED light installation	£1500	●
Nov 2024	Kirkcaldy Community Radio (SCIO)	Purchase of essential items for community radio provision	£1300	●
Nov 2024	Linlithgow & Linlithgow Bridge Children's Gala Day	Gala day payment	£750	●
Nov 2024	Roslin Community Development Trust	Gala day payment	£750	●

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FEEDBACK FROM SOME OF THE FUND BENEFICIARIES:



**Project:**  
Funding to further develop the Strathbrock community garden

August 2024  
£7,000



Together with previous funding from the Edinburgh Airport Community Fund in June 2022, the Strathbrock Community Garden has had the necessary finance to create the highly appreciated local amenity that the project offers everyone. The funding allows us to continue to enhance the garden, providing an example of how fresh, healthy food may be grown, while highlighting environmental principles, for the local population to enjoy.

Keith Macleod,  
Chair, Broxburn and Uphall Development Groups



**Project:**  
Replacement drums for the Samba group

November 2023  
£767



Our Samba Band only had enough drums to accommodate 10 Members. With our new set of drums we can now have a total of 15 members playing the drums.

Without the help of EAL we would not have been able to grow our Samba Band and encourage new members to join us.

Huge thank you from Kirky Samba.

Agnes Rothney,  
Kirky Samba



**Project:**  
Purchase of communal mountain bikes and safety equipment

April 2024  
£5,640



The application itself was relatively easy and straight forward, and the one thing that really did impress me was how quick the decision was made which, to a Scout Group, actually means you can get the young members involved or active in a reasonable timeframe.

For our Scouts in Cowdenbeath this award will make a huge difference, mainly it gives our leadership teams in the older sections of Scouts and Explorers the resources to get outdoors and utilise the facilities which are on our doorstep.

David Kennedy,  
Group Lead, 46th Fife Scout Group



**Project:**  
Communal bikes for BME families

April 2024  
£4,600



The Edinburgh Airport Community Fund has catalysed significant positive change in our Men's Mental Health Program, turning the cycling project into a source of solace, empowerment, and wellness. Participants have shared heartfelt feedback about how these sessions have offered a renewed sense of purpose, camaraderie, and connection.

Isaac Akhadolor,,  
Project Coordinator, Passion4Fusion

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