



# Community Fund criteria guidance



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We will consider applications which include both immediate and long-term commitments to create a more sustainable Scotland and develop meaningful partnerships between the airport and surrounding local communities.

The application criteria under the four pillars of the Greater Good sustainability strategy are as follows:

## Zero Carbon

- ✈ Mitigation or reduction in the impacts of climate change
- ✈ Reduction of emissions from fossil fuels, uses of renewable energy and zero-emissions technology
- ✈ Alternative fuel use and new technology adoption
- ✈ Investment in sustainable buildings and infrastructure upgrades

Potential projects may include:

Charging points for electric cars, use of alternative fuels, smart heating systems, insulation upgrades, tree planting projects.

Past funded project examples:

E-cargo delivery bike to lower carbon emissions, battery storage solution for solar panels, double glazing and insulation.

## Enhancing Scotland

- ✈ Waste, water and energy consumption reductions
- ✈ Biodiversity and wildlife projects
- ✈ Environmental improvements for businesses and communities
- ✈ Local businesses and organisations with sustainable partnerships and growth

Potential projects may include:

Biodiversity projects such as wildlife corridors and insect encouragement, community/school growing spaces, food waste reduction equipment, sustainable tourism partnership projects.

Past funded project examples:

Polytunnel for a community growing space, rainwater collection and composting equipment, gazebo to weatherproof local tourism and cultural events.



## Scotland's Best Business

- ✈ Youth partnerships, apprenticeships, or mentoring
- ✈ Engagement with disenfranchised communities
- ✈ Upskilling and employability boosting
- ✈ Health, wellbeing, and healthy working lives initiatives

Potential projects may include:

Training and skills courses for disadvantaged communities, local apprenticeships and work experience partnerships, sports and physical activities, technology and connectivity projects, mindfulness and stress workshops/clinics.

Past funded project examples:

Disabled changing room renovation, outdoor interactive learning materials, sporting equipment for local clubs.

## Trusted Neighbour

- ✈ Safety, shelter and vulnerable persons' support
- ✈ Physical improvements to local communities
- ✈ Volunteering & charity support
- ✈ Targeted, local support for cost-of-living initiatives

Potential projects may include:

Community care, safe housing, shelter and support schemes, community charity projects, cost-of-living initiatives, local community improvements

Past funded project examples:

Community sensory garden equipment, "mud kitchen" play area, community first aid equipment and training materials.



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## Useful information

Postcodes eligible to apply to the Edinburgh Airport Community Fund are as follows.

- EH: all excluding 31, 39, 40, 41, 42
- FK: only 1, 2, 3
- KY: only 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 11, 12

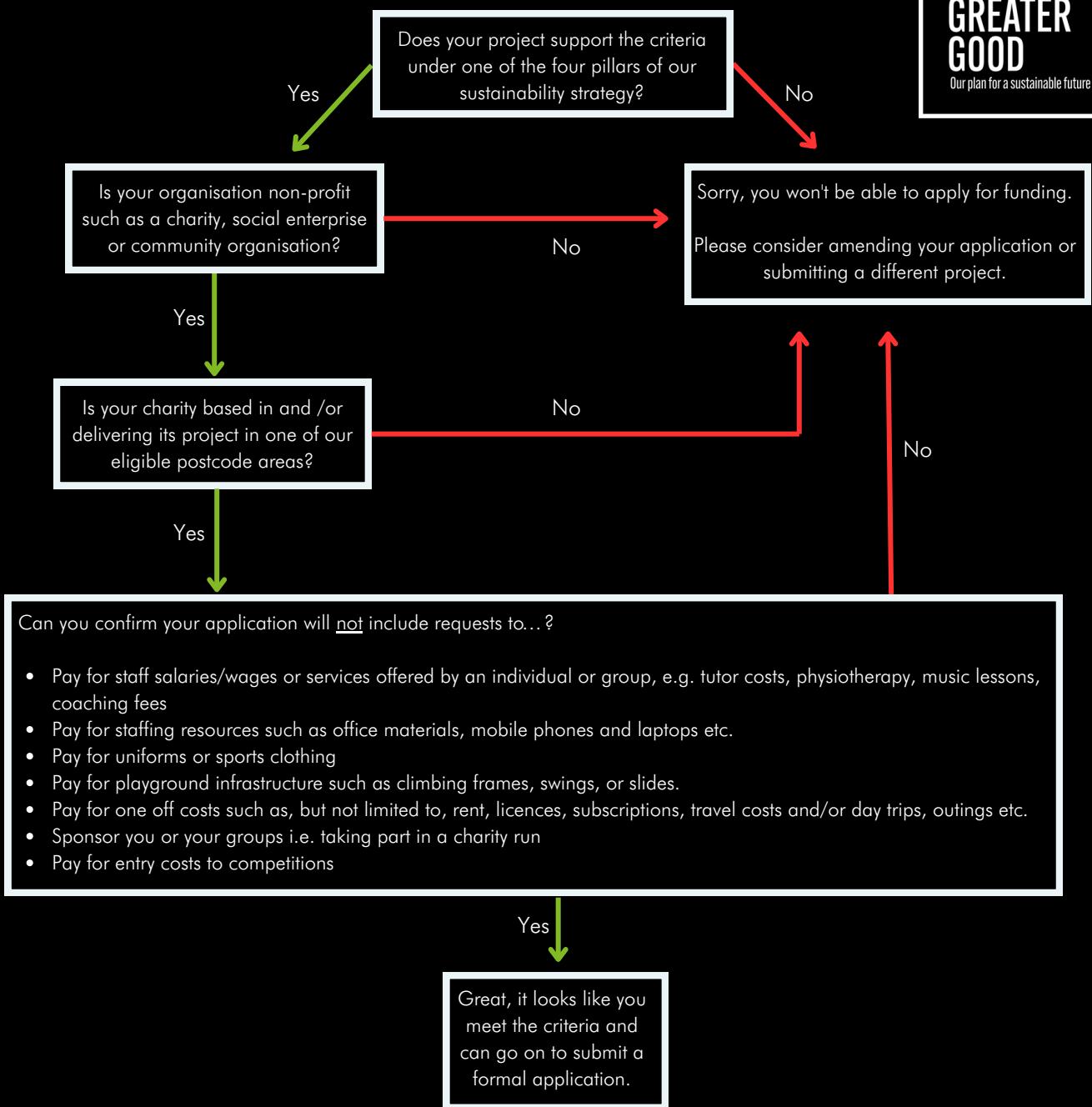
Schemes which demonstrate opportunities for an organisation or charity to become self-sufficient or fund other long-term improvements are encouraged - short term items such as clothing or wages will not be considered.

Applications which have clear, accurate, and truthful presumptions of the project's expected outcomes and beneficiaries will be looked upon favourably.

While funding is generally reserved for non-perishable items or projects that produce an ongoing legacy, the Board does recognise that there is a cost-of-living crisis affecting our local communities. Therefore, consideration will be given to applications for targeted, local projects which aim to alleviate some of the symptoms of the ongoing crisis. If your application is for cost-of-living related funding, please make this clear within your project description. A cap on successful cost of living support related projects' funding has been set at £1500. Funding remains at the absolute discretion of the Board.

There is a cap of £7000 on the amount of funding that can be sought, however, if funding cannot be fully supported, there may be an opportunity to award partial funding. We also advocate match funding where appropriate and advise organisations to consider other funding sources. Funding must be spent within one year of the funds being awarded.

We receive many requests to fund technology and IT. The Board will consider such requests on an individual basis if they meet the criteria stated above. As always, funding remains at the absolute discretion of the board.



We recommend looking through the application form questions and gathering all the necessary information before going onto completing and submitting the form.

We will ask for a range of details but please be aware applications MUST:

- provide clear details of how funding amounts are calculated
- explain exactly how the grant will be used
- explain who will benefit from the funding
- Provide as accurate, detailed, and truthful information as possible on intended outcomes/beneficiaries of the project
- include quotes from relevant companies for the requested items or a spreadsheet with a breakdown of items and their associated costs

Submitting an application does not guarantee funding. We will consider all applications received, looking at the merits of each application and its impact on the community. We may contact you for further information if necessary. The decision of the Board is final.



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