

GREATER GOOD

Our plan for a sustainable future

Community Fund Annual Report 2023

INTRODUCTION

CHAIRPERSON'S FOREWORD

Welcome to the first annual report on the Edinburgh Airport Community Fund. It is always a joy to chair the Community Fund meetings and award funding to the amazing charities and organisations delivering vital work in our communities. I am always delighted by the quality of the projects we see apply for funding – everything from boats to bikes, solar panels to plants!

2023 has been a hugely successful year for the Fund and we made some changes along the way to ensure the money is going to the right places. With the cost-of-living crisis in 2023 affecting people all over Scotland, we changed the criteria of the fund to ensure we could support local organisations working in this space. We have also been lucky to have two incredible young people from Edinburgh Napier University on the Board to ensure that the diversity of opinion, and age, is representative.

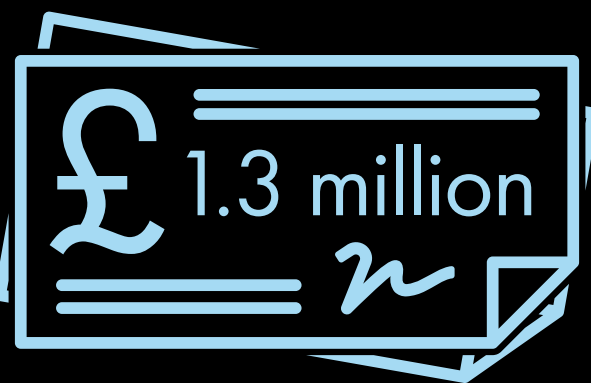
With 2023 coming to an end, it is time to reflect on the successes of the past year and to look forward to another year in the Community Fund, with an uplifted pot and many more inspiring projects to support. I hope you enjoy reading about what we have been doing and I look forward to keeping you up to date with our goings on in 2024.

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



SINCE 2010

Edinburgh Airport Community Fund donated more than



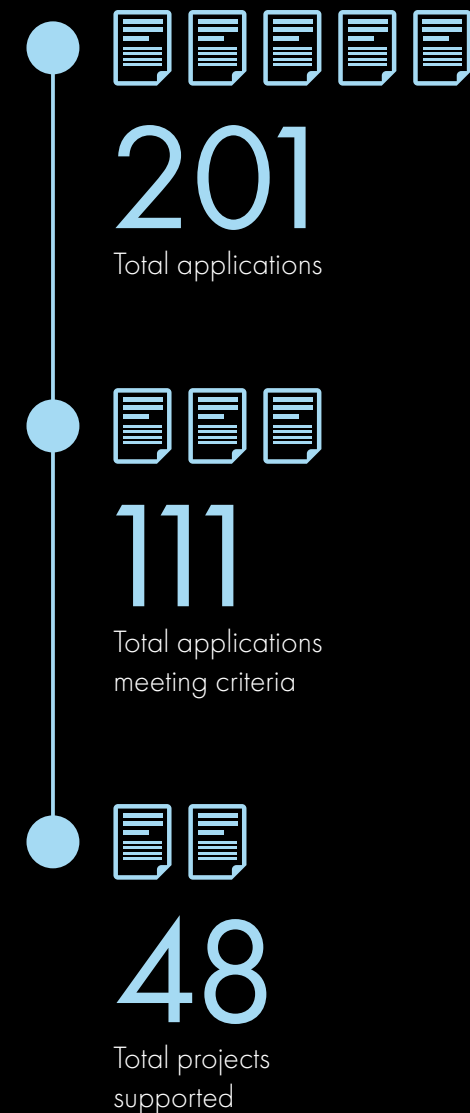
to over
450 projects

As part of our Greater Good sustainability strategy, the Edinburgh Airport Community Fund allows us to share business success with our neighbours and inspiring organisations working locally. The Fund sits under the Trusted Neighbour pillar of our strategy, and it is a key tool for the airport in supporting change in our communities – change we hope will serve and benefit future generations.

The Community Fund was first launched in 2010 to support organisations making a difference in our local area through projects, programmes, and charity work of all shapes and sizes. Since its inception, the fund has donated more than £1.3 million to over 450 projects. After a hiatus in 2020 and 2021 due to the global pandemic, the Community Fund reopened in 2022 with £100,000 made available. As the aviation sector continued to recover in 2023, the pot was raised to £140,000 to reflect the projected 14m passengers that our airport would see through the doors that year.

Here, we are delighted to share our first annual Community Fund Report, which summarises the key features of the Fund, how it is governed, and highlights some of the funded projects this year.

OUR 2023 IN FIGURES



£140,000
total available throughout 2023

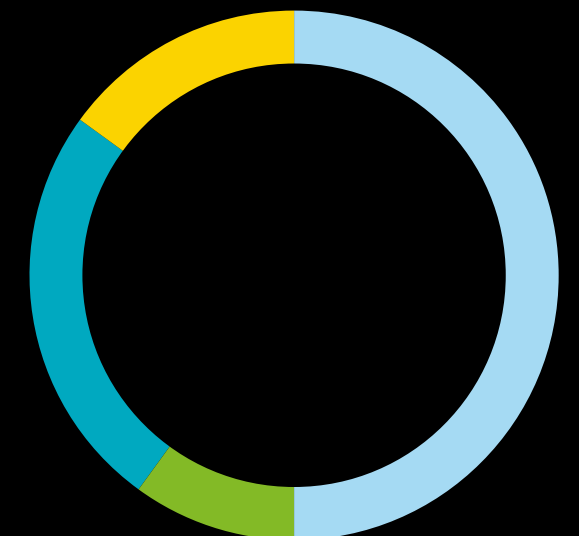
58%
of projects supported taking place in areas of high multiple deprivation

15%
of projects supported taking place in the 10% of most deprived areas in Scotland

Projects supported in
Edinburgh, Falkirk, Fife, and the Lothians

2023 Community Fund Projects Supported by Greater Good Pillar

- Trusted Neighbour **50%**
- Zero Carbon **10%**
- Enhancing Scotland **25%**
- Scotland's Best Business **15%**



FUND GOVERNANCE

COMMUNITY FUND BOARD

The Edinburgh Airport Community Fund Board meets 3 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 6 additional members made up of Edinburgh Airport employees, community representatives, and for the first time ever in 2023, local students with an interest in aviation.

OUR CRITERIA

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

THE FUND CRITERIA ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- 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
- 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 or office materials.
 - 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](#).

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 for projects such as community foodbanks

A LOOKAHEAD TO



In 2024, the Community Fund will have an uplifted pot of £150,000



Being a member of the Board has been a fantastic opportunity to meet new people from both inside and out of the airport while also having the privilege of taking part in the discussions to allocate funds to the worthwhile charities!

Finley George



It has been a joy to help make some tough decisions on where the funding should go. It has opened my eyes to the extent the airport wants to give back to the communities around it.

Heather McCulloch

2023 PROJECTS SUPPORTED

MEETING	ORGANISATION	PROJECT	AMOUNT (£)	PILLAR
April	Cramond Primary	Urgent repairs to natural playground	7,188	●
April	Edinburgh Agroecology Cooperative	Purchase of E-Cargo delivery bike	6,470	●
April	The Glencorse Association	Items for outdoor activity area	6,227	●
April	Ravelrig RDA	Items and equipment for community clubhouse	5,190	●
April	Harmeny Education Trust	Purchase of woodworking workshop tools	5,042	●
April	Disability Darts Scotland (SCIO)	Dartboards and related equipment	4,980	●
April	Craigencalt Rural Community Trust	Renovation of community walkway	4,245	●
April	Edinburgh Kayak Club	Children's paddle sports equipment	4,000	●
April	Bo'ness Public Primary School PTA	Upgrade for school assembly hall AV equipment	3,159	●
April	Craigsfarm Community Development Project	Furniture for wellbeing room	3,126	●
April	Dunfermline Men's Shed	Specialist tools for workshop	2,700	●
April	AC Oxfgangs Community Football Club	Roof repairs and goal posts	2,500	●
April	Fife Historic Buildings Trust	Gazebo and outdoors engagement items	2,094	●
April	Friends of Saughton Park	Part funding towards public drinking tap	2,000	●
April	Friends of Roslin Moat	Materials for bird hide renovation	2,000	●
April	Lords Taverners	Cricketing equipment	1,709	●
April	Circle	Cost of living payment	1,500	●
April	Bo'ness Storehouse Foodbank	Cost of living payment	1,500	●
April	Napier University Archery Club	Replacement archery equipment	760	●
April	Christmas In Kirkliston	Gala day payment	750	●
April	Ratho Children's Gala	Gala day payment	750	●
April	Kirkliston Children's Gala Day	Gala day payment	750	●
April	East Calder Children's Gala	Gala day payment	500	●
August	The Bridge 19-40 Union Canal Society	Part funding towards purchase of a new passenger boat	7,300	●
August	Coastwatch West Fife (SCIO)	Mobile, solar powered lookout station	7,000	●
August	Blackness Community Hall	Replacement heaters	5,692	●
August	WHALE Arts	Biodiversity garden equipment	5,300	●
August	Newtongrange Community Garden	Equipment for organic garden	4,926	●
August	Scotland Yard Adventure Centre	Mobile loop system unit and two-way radios	4,396	●
August	Bright Sparks	Raised planters and gardening equipment	3,379	●
August	Community One Stop Shop	Cost of living payment	1,500	●
August	Community Renewal Trust	Cost of living payment	1,500	●
August	Edinburgh City Mission	Cost of living payment	1,500	●
August	LIFT	Cost of living payment	1,450	●
August	SSERC	Items for vegetable garden	1,100	●
August	SHE Scotland	Gazebo and items for biodiversity area	1,080	●
August	Leith and Edinburgh North Dodgeball	Dodgeball netting and court markings	1,055	●
August	Southwood Primary School	Gardening equipment	995	●
August	Simpsons Special Care Babies	Premature baby feeding pillows	960	●
August	Glenrothes Strollers Community Football Club	Indoor activity sets for unpaid carers	500	●
August	Children 1st	Sensory panel for child development	325	●
November	Forth Bridges Men's Shed	Solar panels and wind turbines	5,804	●
November	Muirhouse Youth Development Group	Items for the renovation of the "Pilton retreat"	5,700	●
November	Bridge 8 Hub	Folding bikes for an international expedition	4,140	●
November	1st Craigmalmond (Kirkliston) Scout Group	Replacement scout hall furniture	1,855	●
November	Community Playgroups Uphall	Outdoor children's play equipment	1,512	●
November	Kirky Samba	Replacement instruments	767	●
November	Ladywell Neighbourhood Network	Transportable furniture for external engagement	720	●

● Enhancing Scotland

● Scotland's Best Business

● Zero Carbon

● Trusted Neighbour

FEEDBACK FROM SOME OF THE FUND BENEFICIARIES TO DATE:



This generous grant from the Edinburgh Airport Community Fund will allow our Young People to continue to experience the transformative effect of the outdoors. Thanks to the Edinburgh Airport Community Fund, we can continue to support young people to achieve lasting personal change and #ChangeYoungLivesOutdoors!

Robin Jeffery,
Operations Manager, Venture Scotland

Project
Purchase of 5 new canoes and safety equipment to enable outdoor activities for young people in Edinburgh

November 2022
£7,000



The Edinburgh Airport Community Fund has been a pleasure to deal with. Our award allowed us to purchase a bespoke, mobile trailer which we can use to provide vital coast watch services to more areas in West Fife. Overall, a really positive experience that has made a big impact.

Craig Somerville,
Station Commander, Coastwatch West Fife

Project
Purchase of a solar powered mobile lookout station for use in west Fife

August 2023
£7,000



I just wanted to say a huge thank you – the application process was very straightforward and was dealt with promptly. Thank you and your team once again for a painless exercise in seeking funds – I wish there were many more like yours!

Barbara Johnson OBE,
Organiser, Ravelrig Riding for the Disabled Association



Project
Items and equipment for the upgrade of their community clubhouse

April 2023
£5,190



The Trust applied to the Airport Community Fund for some equipment to help when we run public engagement activities. Heritage isn't a simple concept, and can mean different things to different people. Owning equipment to support our outreach, and help us achieve our goal of making heritage live in Fife, really helps our tiny charity achieve great things!

Emma Griffiths,
Training and Development Officer, Fife Historic Buildings Trust

Project
Gazebo and items to enable attendance at public engagement events and festivals

April 2023
£2,094



Your kindness will help us to increase both our capacity and reach, enabling more young people to discover their potential and extend our support up to the age of 18.

Neil Squires,
Chief Executive, Harmeny Education Trust

Project
Purchase of items to complete a new secondary education woodworking workshop

April 2023
£5,042



On behalf of the players, coaches, committee and supporters of Whitburn Juniors I would like to thank you for the grant of £3,988 towards the installation of the battery in our changing rooms. Storing the electricity from our solar panels will help greatly in reducing our energy bills and our efforts to reduce our carbon footprint.

Robert Cook,
Whitburn Junior FC

Project
Solar panel battery storage for their club changing rooms

April 2022
£3,988



The Fund were very keen to help and support our application and help contribute to our wee community club. With the funds secured we are hopeful to, weather permitting, be able to offer free outdoor sessions for adults and juniors in our local area which will allow people in the Granton area to access sport and exercise, and all the physical and mental health benefits that brings, without cost.

Keir Liddle,
Leith and Edinburgh North Dodgeball

Project
Sports netting and court markings for community club

August 2023
£1,055



Firstly, a huge thanks to all of the Board from the Edinburgh Airport Community Fund, the funding is greatly appreciated and the support for the card readers and contactless equipment has allowed thousands to travel paperless and free of charge. In these challenging times this means a great deal to so many.

Dolina Gorman,
Fundraising and Marketing Manager, Handicabs Lothian

Project
Electronic card readers and contactless equipment for the Hail and Ride service

April 2022
£3,276

CONTACT DETAILS

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