



**APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING FROM THE AUCHTERARDER
COMMUNITY FACILITIES FUND**

GUIDANCE NOTES FOR APPLICANTS AND APPLICATIONS FORM

BACKGROUND

The Auchterarder Development Framework will deliver 800 dwellinghouses within Auchterarder. The identified level of development will have an impact on the level of existing services provision provided by community facilities. To mitigate this impact as the development progresses a contribution of £1,000 per unit will be made up to a total £600,000. This money will be used by the Council over the lifetime of the development to improve the wider realm or facilities as the demand on these increases. The Auchterarder Community Facilities Fund will be available for use on projects being promoted by Council Services and voluntary/community organisations which improve the amenity of the public realm or facilities within the settlement boundary of Auchterarder.

GUIDANCE NOTES

The Council will consider all applications for funding in line with the essential criteria. Where it is agreed the proposal would support community projects and meet the essential criteria the Executive Director (Environment) can approve the transfer of contributions up to a maximum of £50,000 per project. Applications for funding for more than £50,000 per project will require Committee approval. Where Committee approval is required this may take up to 4 months, dependant on the Committee cycle.

All contributions received will be spent on projects which improve the amenity of the public realm or facilities within the settlement boundary of Auchterarder. These include, but not exclusively, car parking facilities, public hall improvements, adaption of existing school changing facilities to permit access to pitches forming part of the new Sports Facilities, a public library, new or enhanced public transport services, improvements to the core path network and recycling facilities. This range of community improvements forms the basis of the criteria against which applications for funding from the fund will be assessed.

The funding will not be received by the Council as a lump sum, but will be based upon the sales of each new dwelling within the Development Framework; therefore funds will only be allocated to projects where they have already been collected. The funding will not be used to fund a single large project, but will be spread across a range of projects. A report providing details of funding received and allocated will be published annually in April.

Who can apply?

The Auchterarder Community Fund is available for use on projects being promoted by Council Services and voluntary/community organisations. The definition of a voluntary/community organisation is a body which is led by volunteers, is non-profit distribution, legally independent of the state, and is dedicated to a public good. The funding criteria contained in this guide apply to all local voluntary/community and national voluntary organisations and umbrella organisations requesting financial support from the Auchterarder Community Fund. Applicant organisations would have to demonstrate that they are open to all regardless of religion, race, gender or disability.

Specific Notes:

- Religious organisations: religious organisations will be considered, if they meet the standard conditions, on the basis that the programme offered is sufficiently general in nature to be applicable to a wide cross-section of the population of regular and sufficient duration (eg weekly for 2 hours, 36 weeks per year).

- Uniformed organisations: Uniformed organisations can apply where there is provision within a written constitution for equal access and opportunity for individuals as appropriate to the nature of the organisation.
- National organisations: National organisations will be considered, if they are able to identify defined local activities to the reasonable satisfaction of the Council.

Criteria For Assessing Applications For Funding

Applications for funding should meet the following criteria:

1. Projects should be located within the settlement boundary of Auchterarder as defined by the adopted Local Development Plan. Projects which start within the boundary but extend out with, such as core path improvements, would be acceptable;
2. Projects should be linked to mitigating the impact of the new housing within the scope of the Auchterarder Development Framework on the public realm or facilities;
3. Projects should improve the amenity of the public realm or facilities and should consider a range of funding streams in addition to the Community Facilities Fund to ensure maximum value. Money cannot be used for projects which are already fully funded from other sources. Projects being brought forward with contributions from other funding streams will be able to access gap funding from the Community Facilities Fund.
4. Projects should identify any ongoing maintenance or eventual replacement costs and demonstrate that this can be secured through existing or future budgets.

APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

In order to minimise delays in processing your application please complete all sections as fully as possible. Plans and or information can be attached in support of the application form.

Name of applicant(s) (to whom funding would be payable)

Project address/location (please attach a location plan)

Project proposal overview

Project output (What is the project seeking to achieve?)

Amount of funding requested

Details of what the funding will be spent on

Summary of any other funding sources which will be used in addition to requested funding

Date by which receipt of funding is preferred

(Applicants will be advised of the timescale for payment of funding and the documentary evidence which will be required once the application has been assessed)

Applications for less than £50,000 will normally be decided within 6 weeks but if an earlier decision is required please indicate the date below. Applications for more than £50,000 will require Committee approval which may take up to 4 months.

For all applications a **location plan** of the project site should be submitted with the application.

Applications should be preferably be submitted by email to the Developer Negotiator at TESDevelopmentContributions@pkc.gov.uk

A paper copy of the application together with the accompanying location plan should be sent for the attention of the Developer Negotiator to:

Strategy & Policy Planning
Perth & Kinross Council
Pullar House
35 Kinnoull Street
Perth, Ph1 5GD

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