



GRANT INFORMATION SHEET

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What is Dumfriesshire East Community Benefit Group (DECBG) SCIO?

Dumfriesshire East Community Benefit Group (DECBG) was registered with OSCR, the Scottish Charity Regulator, as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) (registration no. SC047593) on 19 July 2017. The SCIO was set up by the five community groups surrounding ScottishPower Renewables' Ewe Hill Windfarm in order to receive Community Benefit Funds from Ewe Hill Windfarm to distribute to projects.

How is Dumfriesshire East Community Benefit Group (DECBG) managed?

DECBG currently has a Board of up to ten Trustees, comprising representatives elected by each of the five communities directly surrounding Ewe Hill Windfarm:

Hutton and Boreland (North Milk) (Hutton Community Fellowship);

Corrie (North Milk) (Corrie Parish Hall);

Tundergarth (North Milk) (Tundergarth Parish Hall Committee);

Middlebie and Waterbeck (Community Council);

Langholm, Ewes and Westerkirk (Community Council)

Governance and administrative support is currently provided by The Southern Uplands Partnership (SUP), Studio 2, Lindean Mill, Galashiels, TD1 3PE. The Southern Uplands Partnership is a Charity working across the South of Scotland, primarily in the Scottish Borders and Dumfries and Galloway.

What does Dumfriesshire East Community Benefit Group (DECBG) do?

DECBG receives and distributes Community Benefit funding from Ewe Hill Windfarm from ScottishPower Renewables.

There are two Funds – **The Ewe Hill 6 Fund** and **The Ewe Hill 16 Fund**.

Ewe Hill 6 was the first phase of the windfarm, with six turbines.

The Ewe Hill 6 Fund is for the inner group of five communities around Ewe Hill windfarm.

Ewe Hill 16 was the second phase of the windfarm, with sixteen turbines.

The Ewe Hill 16 Fund is for the above communities plus a wider distribution of communities (see page 3).

The total amount of funding expected over the lifetime of Ewe Hill Windfarm will be over £1.7 million for the Ewe Hill 6 Fund and over £4.6 million for the Ewe Hill 16 Fund.

The Ewe Hill 6 and 16 Funds are separate 'pots' and applications are assessed in different ways, which is explained below.

THE EWE HILL 6 FUND

The Ewe Hill 6 Fund will receive an annual contribution from ScottishPower Renewables of approx. **£69,000** (index linked over the operational life). This will be shared between:

- North Milk area (50%), split between three local community groups:
 - Hutton Community Fellowship (16.66%)
 - Corrie Parish Hall Committee (16.66%)
 - Tundergarth Parish Hall Committee (16.68%)
- Middlebie and Waterbeck Community Council (28%)
- Langholm, Ewes and Westerkirk Community Council (22%)

for distribution to worthwhile projects to benefit the people who live and work in these communities. Each Group manages its own share of this Fund and applications from within these areas and closely surrounding areas should be made directly to the relevant Group, contact details for which are below:

For information and to apply to the Ewe Hill 6 Fund, please contact:

Hutton and Boreland

Theresa Parker

Email: theresa.parker@aims.co.uk

Corrie

Frank Carruthers

Email: kennelbrae@yahoo.co.uk

Tundergarth

Katie Nairn

Email: katieanairn@gmail.com

Middlebie and Waterbeck

Anne Laird

Email: anne-mwcc@the-lairds.com

Langholm, Ewes and Westerkirk

Robert Dickson

Email: robertdickson47@yahoo.co.uk

THE EWE HILL 16 FUND

The Ewe Hill 16 Fund will receive an annual contribution from ScottishPower Renewables of approx. **£184,000** (index linked over the operational life) to be distributed to worthwhile projects and initiatives which benefit the people living and working in the area of East Dumfriesshire, which is shown on the attached map and includes the following communities:

- North Milk area, including
 - Hutton and Boreland
 - Corrie
 - Tundergarth
- Middlebie and Waterbeck
- Langholm, Ewes and Westerkirk
- Canonbie and District
- Springfield and Gretna Green
- Gretna and Rigg
- Kirkpatrick Fleming
- Eastriggs, Dornock and Creca
- Kirtle and Eaglesfield
- Brydekirk and District
- Hoddom and Ecclefechan
- Lockerbie and District
- Eskdalemuir

and any other **surrounding community** where the project is deemed to be of significance to the communities of East Dumfriesshire. If your project lies just outwith the blue boundary line shown on the attached map, contact us to check if your project idea would be eligible for support.

The Ewe Hill 16 Fund will be awarded to projects through an Open Grant Application process. Application Forms are available to download from the DECBG website www.decbg.org.uk or can be downloaded from SUP's website, www.sup.org.uk, or obtained by emailing decbgscio@gmail.com or telephoning 01750 725154 or phoning or texting 07741 076997.

The Grants process will be administered and initial assessments of applications made by The Southern Uplands Partnership. The SCIO Trustees will make the decisions on all applications to the Ewe Hill 16 Fund.

Who can apply for funding from the EWE HILL 16 FUND?

As well as being in the geographic area of East Dumfriesshire Community Fund, as shown on the map on page 7, applicants to the Ewe Hill 16 Fund must meet the following criteria to be eligible to apply:

- Applications must be from constituted groups (not individuals) and operate on a not-for-profit basis (copy of Constitution or governing document must be submitted).
- Applicants must have a Bank Account in the name of the Group with non-related signatories (copy of a Bank Statement must be submitted).

- Applicants must provide their latest set of accounts (or cashflow projections if accounts are not available within the first year of operation).
- To ensure fair distribution of the funds, only **one** application per organisation each calendar year will be considered, unless advertised to the contrary.

What can be funded from the Ewe Hill Windfarm Funds?

Projects and initiatives that support the rural regeneration and sustainability of communities within the Ewe Hill Windfarm area and enhance the lives of those living and working in the area will be supported.

Applications are welcomed that fall into the following categories:

- Educational projects (but not something which is the responsibility of the Local Authority);
- Projects which enhance citizenship and community development and sustainability;
- Projects promoting and advancing the arts, heritage, culture or science;
- Provision of community facilities;
- Provision of recreational facilities, including public participation in sport, or the organisation of recreational activities with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended;
- Projects protecting or improving the environment.

Priority will be given to projects which can demonstrate:

- Local consultation – evidence that the local community has been consulted and is supportive of the project;
- Strategic projects - with longer term impacts and benefits;
- Partnership working – working with other organisations (e.g. voluntary, local, regional or national) to add value to a project.
- Local procurement – using local suppliers and providers for goods and services, where possible.
- Environmental considerations – consideration of the project's carbon footprint and minimising the environmental impact.
- Match funding of at least 10% of the project cost will be required, but projects with more match funding to add to the value of the project and maximise the Community Benefit funding are preferred.

Consideration of the following types of projects will be made on a case by case basis, subject to availability of funding:

- Multi-year projects (up to a **maximum** of three years).
- Staff costs may be considered provided there is a detailed Job Description and **specific** project outputs.

Applicants should be aware that projects supported through the Funds will be publicised on the DECBG website to promote and raise awareness of the Funds.

What will not be supported?

Projects which include the following activity cannot be supported:

- Religious purposes (where one religious group would benefit over another or the promotion or activities of any religious group). Where a religious building (Church, Church Hall etc) is a community resource and the application is for the improvement of the community hub which would benefit the whole community, this would be acceptable.
- Political purposes (applications which promote political views or the activities of political groups cannot be supported);
- Entertainment or hospitality purposes (where funds would be used to offer a gift, hospitality or entertainment with the intention of achieving an advantage over others);
- Funding cannot be awarded to be spent at the discretion of a person or legal entity;
- Any purpose which is averse to ScottishPower Renewables, Windfarms, renewable energy industry or the electricity industry;
- Investment in any windfarm or windfarm site which does not belong to Scottish Power Renewables;
- The funding or replacement of a service which is provided by, or is the legal responsibility of, the local authority or other public authority or a statutory responsibility;
- Projects which cannot demonstrate a significant benefit to the local community;
- Projects whose primary benefit is not to residents of the communities of East Dumfriesshire, in the community areas listed on page 2 and shown on the attached map;
- Funding for the repayment of loans or debts or applications to the Fund for loans;
- Individuals or private businesses;
- Retrospective funding (costs which have already been incurred before a decision on an application to the Fund is made).

- Contingency amounts.
- Repeat applications for core funding / running costs of organisations.
- Activities likely to bring Dumfriesshire East Community Benefit Group SCIO, The Southern Uplands Partnership or ScottishPower Renewables into disrepute.

What amounts of funding can be applied for?

The Ewe Hill 16 Fund will normally support projects with an award between £1,000 - £30,000. Requests for less than £1,000 should be directed to the Ewe Hill 6 Fund, through the relevant Community Group on Page 2.

Projects which fall outwith the area supported by the Ewe Hill 6 Fund and which require less than £1,000 may apply to the Ewe Hill 16 Fund and will be considered on a case by case basis, depending on the amount of funding available. Please contact The Southern Uplands Partnership at decbgscio@gmail.com for advice.

Where demand exceeds supply, it may not be possible to support your project, or you may be awarded a lesser amount than that requested.

Funding may be approved / committed but not available for payment until the next tranche of funding is received from ScottishPower Renewables.

The maximum that can be applied for is 90%, DECBG cannot fund 100% of project costs.

Please note that funding awards over £10,000 will be subject to staged payments.

Please note that you will be required to provide receipts as evidence of expenditure within **three months** of the completion date of your project.

When and how can applications be made?

Applications must be submitted on the Ewe Hill 16 Grant Application Form and sent with supporting documents.

Funding rounds will be advertised. There are currently two funding rounds per year:

Applications for the September Board meeting should be submitted by: **31 July**

(Your project should not start before 1st October)

Applications for the March Board meeting should be submitted by: **31 January**

(Your project should not start before 1st April)

For pre-application enquiries or assistance, to request an application pack, or if you have any queries when completing the Application Form, please contact Pip Tabor or Sheila Adams at:

Email: decbgscio@gmail.com or telephone 01750 725154 or 07741 076997

or download an Application Pack from www.decbg.org.uk or www.sup.org.uk

It will save time if you provide **all** relevant details and documents requested, otherwise there could be delays in processing your application.

It is easier to assess your application if all relevant information is provided within the Application Form document. If you do need to provide further information in support of your application separately, please make sure that this is clearly stated on your application form (e.g. 'see attached 'name of document') or this may not be taken into account.

To assist in processing, **typed** applications are preferred. If this is not possible, please write clearly in black ink. Completed application forms, and all supporting evidence, should be emailed to decbgscio@gmail.com **AND ALSO** posted, with **original** signatures, to:

The Southern Uplands Partnership, Studio 2, Lindean Mill, Galashiels, TD1 3PE

Applications will be acknowledged within one week of receipt and decisions will be notified within one month of a Board meeting. Please check you pay the correct postage for the size and weight of your application. We cannot take responsibility for the return or non-delivery of applications sent with insufficient postage.