

**PERTH COMMON GOOD FUND
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE CRITERIA
WITH EFFECT FROM 1 APRIL 2017**

1. Within the boundary of the Perth common good area and if funding is available, applications will be considered from individuals either in full time education or of senior citizen status and from groups whose members qualify on the same basis or which are operating within the same boundary.
2. The Perth common good area is restricted to Elected Member Ward 10 Perth City South, Ward 11 Perth City North, and Ward 12 Perth City Centre. Applications for Financial Assistance from individuals residing or groups operating outwith the boundary of the Perth common good area must clearly demonstrate that the project or activity to be undertaken will provide benefit to the inhabitants of the City of Perth.
3. The Financial Year for the Perth Common Good Fund covers the period 1 April to 31 March. The Perth Common Good Fund Committee meets five times per year to consider applications for Financial Assistance and other business matters; Committee meeting and application deadline dates are available at Perth & Kinross Council Grants Direct [Community advice - grants - Perth & Kinross Council](#)
4. Applications for Financial Assistance must be submitted to Perth Common Good Fund Committee in advance of the project or activity taking place. Retrospective applications where expenditure is incurred during the time between the application submission deadline date and the date of the Committee meeting will be considered however the applicant must be aware that funding may not be approved by Committee.
5. A separate Capital Grants fund will be maintained to support applications for Financial Assistance towards the funding of building improvement works, and the acquisition of equipment. Applications for funding assistance must be submitted to the first Perth Common Good Fund Committee meeting of the new Financial Year, which normally takes place during April or May. The Capital Grants fund will normally close until commencement of the next Financial Year, however Committee may consider late applications if Capital Grant funding remains available.
6. The following conditions shall apply to all applications for Financial Assistance:-
 - 6.1 The application for Financial Assistance must demonstrate that the funding will provide benefit to the inhabitants of the City of Perth. The Perth Common Good Fund Committee must be satisfied that all disbursements from the fund meet this requirement and the Committee decision in this regard is full and final.

- 6.2 The Perth Common Good Fund should not be viewed as a resource to supplement the funding of Council services; applications for Financial Assistance from Council services are therefore not encouraged. Any application submitted by a Council service will be considered by the Perth Common Good Fund Committee on its own merits.
- 6.3 All awards must be claimed on completion of the project or within 3 months of the activity taking place. Funding for awards not claimed will be returned to the Fund.
7. Small Grants:-
- 7.1 Applications for Financial Assistance will be considered by the Perth Common Good Fund Committee in line with the criteria below:-
- 7.2 Organisation of events/games/festivals including prize awards up to a maximum of 40% of the total costs
- 7.3 Hire of hall and provision of prizes for school prizegiving ceremonies – up to a maximum of 40% of total costs
- 7.4 Voluntary work overseas:-
- 6 months or more: up to £400 per individual
 - 1 – 5 months: up to £250 per individual
- 7.5 Attendance at summer schools/events:-
- Less than 1 month but more than 2 weeks: up to £150 per individual
 - One to two weeks: up to £100 per individual
- 7.6 Excursions/Parties (up to 2 applications per year per group):-
- Contribution of up to 50% towards the actual costs. Each organisation is permitted a maximum of 2 applications during the course of a financial year. Overall grant to be capped at £7 per individual with an overall maximum grant of up to £700.
- 7.7 Visits by and from School/Youth/Sport/Music groups:-
- Contributions of up to £600 for groups less than 20 individuals and up to £1,000 for groups over 20 individuals for youth groups, senior citizen or vulnerable groups for activities exceeding 1 day.
- 7.8 Any other purpose where it can be demonstrated that there is a benefit to the inhabitants of the Perth common good area.

8. Capital Grants:-

- 8.1 The funding of applications for Capital Grant funding will be restricted to the available annual budget.
- 8.2 It is expected that the total funding available will be fully committed at the first meeting of the Perth Common Good Fund Committee at the start of the new financial year. In the event that funding is not fully committed, the Common Good Fund Committee may choose to either roll forward the unallocated funding to the next financial year, or consider further applications during the year.
- 8.3 Acquisition of equipment - consideration on merits up to a maximum of 25% of total cost and up to £2,500, subject to the budget available.
- 8.4 Provision and improvement of buildings - consideration on merits up to a maximum of 25% of total cost and up to £50,000, subject to the budget available. Note that the facilities must be available to the general public.

9. Expenditure which is not eligible for funding awards:-

- 9.1 Assistance with further or higher education fees
- 9.2 Charity fundraising, e.g. sponsored walk/cycle/bungee etc
- 9.3 Town twinning activities other than those qualifying through the age/occupation criteria
- 9.4 Organisations with religious or political associations where there are restrictions on usage or availability
- 9.5 Core funding of the voluntary sector
- 9.6 Assistance with day to day running costs, e.g. the rental of premises, employee costs, etc