

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL

Finance and Resources Committee - 1 February 2023

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND 2022/23

Report by Head of Culture & Community Services (Report No. 23/35)

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 This report informs Committee of the funding commitments made for the 2022/23 Community Investment Fund (CIF) across the 10 ward panel areas (the three Perth City wards are combined into one for the purposes of CIF). £68,000 remains unallocated across the CIF as a whole for carry forward into 2023/24. This is the final CIF round under the current scheme. Future support for grassroots community initiatives will be considered within the current Council budget process.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Committee:
- (i) notes the funding decisions taken by Ward Panels for 2022/23 CIF
 - (ii) approves the carry forward of £68,000 for disbursement to community grassroots projects in 2023/24, for use in the wards where the underspends have arisen.

3. STRUCTURE OF REPORT

- 3.1 This report is structured over the following sections:
- Section 4: Background
 - Section 5: Funding Decisions
 - Section 6: Conclusion

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 In 2018/19, the Council established a Community Investment Fund (CIF) as part of its commitment to devolve more decisions to local communities. Since then, a total of £1.6m has been distributed to approximately 300 community-led projects.
- 4.2 In February 2022, the Council approved a further £100,000 in addition to previously approved budget of £300,000 for a further round of Community Investment Fund in 2022/23. This included an additional funding criterion relating to supporting community groups facing significant financial challenges as a result of rising energy costs. Adding in the 2021/2022 underspend provided a total budget of £410,665.78 for Community Investment Fund 2022/23.

- 4.3 [Report 22/212](#) set out the process for running CIF 2022/23, with the application process opening in mid-September and closing on 4 November 2022. Ward Panels had to meet by Friday 16 December and make decisions on funding, with the exception of Kinross-shire where the Local Area Committee has the decision-making function of CIF. In Kinross-shire, the four ward Councillors assessed the applications and sought input from the Local Action Partnership before finalising their commitments.
- 4.4 The number of applications received and funding requested is summarised below:

Ward	Funding Available	Number of Applications	Funding Requested
1 – Carse of Gowrie	£33,863.00	7	£43,672.80
2 – Strathmore	£40,024.00	7	£33,300.96
3 – Blairgowrie & The Glens	£31,167.00	10	£76,099.00
4 – Highland	£32,048.00	14	£58,546.64
5 – Strathtay	£33,267.00	13	£83,378.01
6 – Strathearn	£31,316.00	12	£46,265.80
7 – Strathallan	£32,167.00	5	£11,997.73
8 – Kinross-shire	£35,167.00	12	£68,508.49
9 – Almond & Earn	£29,117.00	3	£40,008.36
10/11/12 – Perth City	£112,529.78	28	£343,062.96
TOTALS	£410,665.78	111	£804,840.75

5. FUNDING DECISIONS

- 5.1 The following funding decisions were made in each ward area, with funding paid out to successful applicants in early January:

Ward 1 – Carse of Gowrie		
Group	Project	Funding
St Madoes Under 5s	Health & Wellbeing	£1,455
St Madoes & Kinfauns Parish Church	Madoch Centre Inclusive Spaces	£12,181.80
Inchtute and Kinnauld Parish Church	Warm Spaces	£3,356
Tayside Upcycling & Craft Centre CIC	Educational Outreach	£3,667.50
Inchtute Village Hall	Cost of Living	£2,200
West Carse Public Hall Trustees	Energy Costs	£3,000
TOTAL		£25,860.30

Ward 2 – Strathmore		
Group	Project	Funding
Robert Douglas Memorial Trust	Energy Costs	£5,330
Kettins Community Hub	Community Growing Space	£1,850
3rd Perthshire Scout Group	Scout Camp Aid	£4,500
Coupar Angus Youth Activities Group	Fun, Friends & Fitness	£2,556
Scone & District Community Council	Heated Throw Project	£5,609.30
Kinrossie Public Hall	Cost of Living	£1,500
Cargill & Burrelton Community Hub	The Shepherds Hut	£1,591.46
TOTAL		£22,936.76

Ward 3 – Blairgowrie & The Glens		
Group	Project	Funding
Blairgowrie & District Seniors Outings	Cost of Living & Mobility Project	£2,000
Strathmore Screen		£2,350
Wisecraft Blairgowrie (PKAVS)	Wellbeing Blooms	£5,000
Perth Autism Support	Outreach Fund	£4,250
Blairgowrie and Rattray Community Football	Community Projects	£5,000
Blairgowrie and Rattray Development Trust	Activities for Supported Accommodation	£2,317
Nest Creative Spaces	Make, Mend and Upcycle	£250
Mantalk	Minibus	£10,000
TOTAL		£31,167

Group	Project	Funding
The Scottish Crannog Centre	Young People's Training Club	£3,000
Loch Tayside CIC	Cost of Living	£1,250
The Pitlochry Garden Share		£3,000
Killiecrankie, Fincastle & Tummel CC	Outdoor Visitor Map	£2,732
Aberfeldy Development Trust	Affordable Housing Project	£2,704
Atholl Centre	Repair & Replacement Project	£6,368
Killiecrankie Memorial Hall Trust	Broadband Provision	£2,530
Aberfeldy Tennis Club	Cost of Living	£170
Breathe Youth Work Project		£2,850
Pitlochry and Moulin Men's Shed	Shed Improvement Project	£1,039
Pitlochry Repair Café	Skill Sharing in Creative Ways	£1,955
Rannoch Community Trust	Bridge of Gaur Befriender Scheme	£4,450
TOTAL		£32,048

Ward 5 – Strathtay		
Group	Project	Funding
Almondbank Church Youth Group	Almondbank Youth Space	£500
Chapelhill Hall Community Association	Cost of Living Project	£1,456
Dunkeld and Birnam Sports and Leisure Hub	Covered Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)	£1,550
Stanley Development Trust	Public Access Defibrillator	£580
Loch of Clunie Preservation Group	Educational & Information Signage	£3,200
Luncarty Football Club	Integration & Expansion Project	£3,000
Amulree Village Hall Trust Fund	Extension Project	£10,509
DAB Hands Men's Shed	DAB Hands	£4,222
Bridgeton United Amateur Football Club	Re-establishment Project	£7,750
Chapelhill Hall Community Association	Play & Coffee Project	£500
TOTAL		£33,267

Ward 6 – Strathearn		
Group	Project	Funding
Perth & Kinross Disability Sport	Rural Perthshire Sport Project	£3,571
D of E Award Perth & Kinross Association	The Starfish Way	£5,500
Remake Scotland	Repair Cafes	£4,568
Friends of Crieff Cemetery	Fountain Refurbishment	£637
Crieff Connexions	Crieff Connexions Hub	£3,365
Perth Autism Support	Outreach Fund	£4,250
Logos Youth Project	Soup-a Saturdays	£2,705
Nature Connects Perthshire	The Nature Wellbeing Project	£3,180
Strathearn Welcome		£1,040
St Fillans Community Trust	The Pebble Patch – The Beithir's Lair Play Park	£2,500
TOTAL		£31,316

Ward 7 – Strathallan		
Group	Project	Funding
Aberuthven Village Hall Trust	Aberuthven Heritage Trail	£1,040
Aberuthven Village Hall Trust	Youth Warm Space	£2,880
Dunning Scouts	Gear Bank	£2,130
Neuro Central	Improving Wellbeing	£5,400
Strathallan Safe Swim	Summer Holiday Swimming Programme	£2,438.53
TOTAL		£13,888.53

Group	Project	Funding
Kinross Colts FC Juniors	Pitch Maintenance & Enhancement	£7,000
Fossoway & District Community Council	Community Speedwatch	£4,030.50
Cleish Village Hall Association	Audio Visual Upgrade	£2,860
Kinross-shire Partnership	Better Place to Live Fair	£630
Glenfarg Community Transport Group	Minibus	£5,000
Portmoak Babies & Toddlers	Outdoor Play Equipment	£1,000
Kinross Primary Parent Council	Arts & Culture Programme	£2,000
Milnathort Core Paths Group	Core Path Benches	£2,635
Crook of Devon Village Hall	Digital Equipment	£1,227.99
Perth Autism Support	Outreach Fund	£2,125
Broke not Broken	Family Resilience Project	£10,000
TOTAL		£38,508.49*

*There is a funding gap of £3,341.49 which the Kinross-shire Local Action Partnership have agreed to fund from their core budget.

Ward 9 – Almond & Earn		
Group	Project	Funding
Oudenarde Community Group	Community Garden	£3,500
66th Perthshire (Abernethy) Scout Group	Pavilion Renovations	£12,117
Dunbarney & Forgandenny Parish Church	The Big Brig Youth Project	£13,500
TOTAL		£29,117

Ward 10/11/12 – Perth City		
Group	Project	Funding
The Walled Garden (PKAVS MH&WH)	Room for Recovery	£7,500
Perth Autism Support	Outreach Fund	£4,250
Perth CAB	Community Bridges	£8,992.50
Holiday @ Home project		£2,000
Perth Ukrainian Weekend Club		£6,000
Anchor House	The Neuk – Cost of Living Emotional Support	£14,000
Giraffe Trading	The Cooking Giraffe	£5,000
Perth & Kinross Gymnastics Development Group	Youth Leadership Programme	£4,143.59
Perth City Junior Netball Club		£4,734.96
PLUS Perth	Ropemakers Close & Horners Lane	£3,994
Perthshire Welfare Society	Bridging the Gap	£5,400
Social Flock		£17,205.50
Buttons and Bows		£4,000
TOTAL		£87,220.55

5.2 The table below summarises the overall spend and highlights underspend in four ward areas:

Ward	Funding Available	Funding Awarded	Underspend
1 – Carse of Gowrie	£33,863.00	£25,860.30	£8,002.70
2 – Strathmore	£40,024.00	£22,936.76	£17,087.24
3 – Blairgowrie & The Glens	£31,167.00	£31,167.00	-
4 – Highland	£32,048.00	£32,048.00	-
5 – Strathtay	£33,267.00	£33,267.00	-
6 – Strathearn	£31,316.00	£31,316.00	-
7 – Strathallan	£32,167.00	£13,888.53	£18,278.47
8 – Kinross-shire	£35,167.00	£35,167.00	-
9 – Almond & Earn	£29,117.00	£29,117.00	-
10/11/12 – Perth City	£112,529.78	£87,220.55	£25,309.23
TOTALS	£410,665.78	£341,988.14	£68,677.64

5.3 It is recommended that the total underspend of just over £68,000 is carried forward for disbursement to grassroots community projects in 2023/24, for use in the wards where the underspends have arisen. The current Transformation Review of community engagement is considering ways to make the grant

application and monitoring process across various Council grant schemes including any future version of CIF more streamlined, for applicants and cost-efficient to administer.

6. CONCLUSION

- 6.1 Community Investment Fund supports new and innovative community projects that tackle inequalities and improve quality of life. This round of CIF has seen £342,000 committed to support 85 separate projects across Perth and Kinross.

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• APPENDICES – NONE

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1. IMPLICATIONS, ASSESSMENTS, CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

Strategic Implications	Yes / None
Community Plan / Local Outcomes Improvement Plan	Yes
Corporate Plan	Yes
Resource Implications	
Financial	Yes
Workforce	None
Asset Management (land, property, IST)	None
Assessments	
Equality Impact Assessment	Yes
Strategic Environmental Assessment	Yes
Sustainability (community, economic, environmental)	Yes
Legal and Governance	None
Risk	None
Consultation	
Internal	Yes
External	None
Communication	
Communications Plan	None

1. Strategic Implications

Community Plan/Single Outcome Agreement

- 1.1 Supporting and investing in community-led solutions to locally identified issues contributes to the delivery of the Perth and Kinross Community Plan / LOIP in terms of the following priorities:

- (i) Giving every child the best start in life
- (ii) Developing educated, responsible and informed citizens
- (iii) Promoting a prosperous, inclusive and sustainable economy
- (iv) Supporting people to lead independent, healthy and active lives
- (v) Creating a safe and sustainable place for future generations

Corporate Plan

- 1.2 Supporting and investing in community-led solutions to locally identified issues contributes to the delivery of the Perth and Kinross Council Corporate Plan in terms of the following priorities:

- (i) Giving every child the best start in life;
- (ii) Developing educated, responsible and informed citizens;
- (iii) Promoting a prosperous, inclusive and sustainable economy;
- (iv) Supporting people to lead independent, healthy and active lives; and
- (v) Creating a safe and sustainable place for future generations.

2. Resource Implications

Financial

- 2.1 Community Investment Fund has a budget of £410,000 for 2022/23 and funding decisions of £342,588.14 have been made, leaving an underspend of £68,077.64.

3. Assessments

Equality Impact Assessment

- 3.1 Under the Equality Act 2010, the Council is required to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations between equality groups. Carrying out Equality Impact Assessments for plans and policies allows the Council to demonstrate that it is meeting these duties.
- 3.2 The information contained within this report has been considered under the Corporate Equalities Impact Assessment Process (EqIA) and has been assessed as **not relevant** for the purposes of EqIA.

Strategic Environmental Assessment

- 3.3 The Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 places a duty on the Council to identify and assess the environmental consequences of its proposals.
- 3.4 The information contained within this report has been considered under the Act. However, no action is required as the Act does not apply to the matters presented in this report.

Sustainability

- 3.5 Under the provisions of the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003 the Council has to discharge its duties in a way which contributes to the achievement of sustainable development. Under the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 the Council has a general duty to demonstrate its commitment to sustainability and the community, environmental and economic impacts of its actions.
- 3.6 The information contained within this report has been considered under the Act. However, no action is required as the Act does not apply to the matters presented in this report.

4. Consultation

Internal

- 4.1 There has been consultation with the Finance Department, Communities and the Executive Leadership Team.

2. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 2.1 No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above report.