

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL

Strategic Policy and Resources Committee

20 April 2022

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND 2021/22

Report by Head of Culture & Community Services

(Report No. 22/89)

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 This report updates the Committee on Community Investment Funding grants awarded to community groups by Ward Panels for the limited second round of funding for 2021/22.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Committee
- i. **Notes** the spend for round two of CIF 2021/22
 - ii. **Notes** a further paper will be brought to Committee in summer, outlining proposals for 2022/23 CIF

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 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 over £1.5m has been distributed in total to around 300 community-led projects.
- 3.2 COVID and lockdown meant that there was no CIF programme in 2020/21 and Council agreed to carryover the £300,000 it had agreed for that year into a larger 2021/22 fund. [Report 21/83](#) set out revised funding and governance arrangements, reflecting ongoing COVID restrictions and a desire to streamline the process. The first round of 2021/22 CIF resulted in 85 projects being awarded just over £400,000 between them ([Report 21/222](#)). This meant that just under £200,000 of funding for 2021/22 remained, spread across different wards. The table below summarises the underspend.

Ward	Total Allocation 2021/22	Total Spend Round 1	Underspend
1 – Carse of Gowrie	£45,000	£24,525	£20,475
2 – Strathmore	£56,000	£6,137	£49,863
3 – Blairgowrie and the Glens	£47,000	£47,000	£0
4 – Highland	£43,500	£38,374	£5,126
5 – Strathtay	£50,000	£21,681.60	£28,318.40
6 – Strathearn	£47,000	£46,951	£49
7 – Strathallan	£48,000	£43,384	£4,616
8 – Kinross-shire	£53,000	£40,605*	£12,395*
9 – Almond and Earn	£43,500	£43,500	£0
10/11/12 – Perth City	£167,000	£94,164.61	£72,835.39
TOTAL	£600,000	£406,322.21	£193,628.79

*Note that subsequent changes to the funding awarded in the Kinross-shire ward following the November 2021 Committee means that the underspend and therefore, funding available for the second round was **£16,013**.

3.3 Due to the level of underspend, a second round of CIF 2021/22 was approved for those ward areas that had at least £3,000 of funding remaining. The second round of CIF for these seven areas opened for applications on Monday 10 January and closed on Friday 18 February.

4. CIF 2021/22 SECOND FUNDING ROUND

4.1 The table below summarises the number and value of applications received in this second round of funding.

Ward	Remaining Allocation 21/22	Number of Applications	Value of Applications
1 – Carse of Gowrie	£20,475	5	£24,347.40
2 – Strathmore	£49,863	17	£108,574
4 – Highland	£5,126	2	£3,845
5 – Strathtay	£28,318.40	13	£61,401.09
7 – Strathallan	£4,616	6	£7,631.14
8 – Kinross-shire	£16,013	9	£32,851
10/11/12 – Perth City	£72,835.39	28	£275,360.61
TOTAL	£197,246.79	80	£514,010.24

4.2 Ward panels met in February and March to consider the applications received from their areas and make decisions on which should be supported and to what extent. The following tables summarise the decisions that were made.

Ward 1 – Carse of Gowrie		
Group	Project	Funding Awarded
St Madoes and Kinfauns Parish Church	Madoch Centre Sustainable Action - Round 2	£2,675
Carse of Gowrie Group	Community Fruit & Nut Trees in the Carse of Gowrie	£575
Errol Bowling Club	Upgrade of Existing Irrigation System	£2,125
Errol Primary School Parent Council	Errol Community Staging Project	£8,754
Carse of Gowrie Group	Resurfacing the Skate Park in Errol	£2,500
TOTAL FUNDING		£16,629

Ward 2 – Strathmore		
Group	Project	Funding Awarded
Scone Men's Shed	Heating for Scone Airport Men's Shed	£4,178
St Martins Public Hall	Balbeggie Coffee & Chat	£1,022
Alyth Development Trust	Diamond Jubilee Park	£8,000
Elder Voice	Befriending project	£4,700
Kinloch Memorial Hall	Upgrade of area to front of Kinloch Memorial Hall	£2,990
RDMI Institute	Digital Inclusion	£9,863
Kettins Community Hub	Kettins Parish – Community Support	£5,217
Alyth Hill Users Group	A Year on Alyth Hill	£3,493
Meigle & Ardler Community Development Trust	Meigle and Ardler Pathways Projects	£4,000
Strathmore Community Hub	CanDo Magazine	£1,200
Strathmore Community Hub	Equipment for Community Fridge	£4,000
TOTAL FUNDING		£48,663

Ward 4 – Highland		
Group	Project	Funding Awarded
The Breathe Project, Aberfeldy Parish Church	Joint 24hr Community Youth Event	£1,445
Atholl Centre	Atholl Centre – Kitchen Use for Community Events.	£700
TOTAL FUNDING		£2,145

Ward 5 – Strathtay		
Group	Project	Funding Awarded
Gien a Haund	Benches Project, Dunkeld and Birnam	£1,500
Caputh Hall Committee	Caputh Village Hall celebrating a Rural Perthshire Community	£3,660
PH8 Community Group	Bringing our Community Action Plan to life	£6,500
Luncarteenies	'Cosy Corner'	£500
Luncarty FC Youth Football Academy	Luncarty FC Youth Football Inclusion Project	£6,000
Blackhaugh Farm Action Group	Healthy Harvest Events	£2,100
Friends of Stanley Primary School	Stanley Primary School Playground Development	£3,500
C406 Litter Group	C406 Verges for Wildflowers not Litter	£750
Murthly Village Hall Management Committee	Murthly Working Together	£2,108
Birnam Book Festival	Birnam Book Festival 2022	£1,700
TOTAL FUNDING		£28,318

Ward 7 – Strathallan		
Group	Project	Funding Awarded
Strathearn Cares	Bedding Package Purchase	£800
Braco & Greenloaning Community Council	Community Noticeboards	£745
Auchterarder Community Sports & Recreation	AED Project	£1,200
Muthill Village Hall SCIO	Improving Outdoor Facilities	£1,098
Dunning Community Council	Community Safety Mobile Camera Project	£773
TOTAL FUNDING		£4,616

Ward 8 – Kinross-shire		
Group	Project	Funding Awarded
Portmoak Village Hall	Portmoak Village Hall	£1,000
Broke Not Broken	Family Away Days	£5,013
Kinross Centre	Meals on Wheels	£2,000
Kinross & District Men's Shed	Events Trailer	£3,500
Sparks Group	Re-Group and Recovery	£2,300
Kinross-shire Volunteer Group	Community Support in Kinross-shire	£1,200
Kinross Community Council	Kinross Outdoor Gym	£1,000
TOTAL FUNDING		£16,013

Ward 10/11/12 – Perth City		
Group	Project	Funding Awarded
Letham4All	School Holiday Swimming Sessions	£6,000
Education Centre - Bajka CIC	Community Integration Events	£6,000
Perthshire Pride	Pride 2022	£11,000
Buttons & Bows Baby Bank	Tiny Treasure's Activity Project	£2,000
Hospital Radio Perth	Care Home Requests	£1,920
Community Connectors	Family Holiday Activities	£6,500
North Muirton Community Group	North Muirton Community Centre Flooring	£5,100
Kinnoull Parish Church	Phoenix Youth Group - After School Clubs	£2,995
South Perth Community Garden	Upgrading the South Perth Community Garden Polytunnel	£2,700
Moncreiffe Youth Group	Revive Juniors	£2,130
Perth Welfare Society	Bridging the Gap	£7,000
Letham Climate Challenge	Household Crisis Project	£2,258
TullochNET	Perth North Church (TullochNET)	£5,000

Ward 10/11/12 – Perth City cont.		
Group	Project	Funding Awarded
Perth Parrots Floorball Club	Floorball Club	£569.61
Perth Congregational Church	Perth Congregational Church Youth Group	£3,730
Social Flock	School Uniform Bank	£7,000
TOTAL FUNDING		£71,902.61

5. FUNDING SUMMARY

5.1 The overall funding provided through the Community Investment Fund across each ward for 2021/22 is summarised below. In previous rounds of CIF underspends have been carried over into the following tranche or year and it is recommended that the same is done for this year.

Ward	Total Allocation 2021/22	Total Spend Round 1	Total Spend Round 2	Carryover 2022/23
1 – Carse of Gowrie	£45,000	£24,525	£16,629	£3,846
2 – Strathmore	£56,000	£6,137	£48,663	£2,857*
3 – Blairgowrie & the Glens	£47,000	£47,000	N/A	£0
4 – Highland	£43,500	£38,374	£2,145	£2,981
5 – Strathtay	£50,000	£21,681.60	£28,318	£0.40
6 – Strathearn	£47,000	£46,951	N/A	£49
7 – Strathallan	£48,000	£43,384	£4,616	£0
8 – Kinross-shire	£53,000	£36,987	£16,013	£0
9 – Almond and Earn	£43,500	£43,500	N/A	£0
10/11/12 – Perth City	£167,000	£94,164.61	£71,902.61	£932.78
TOTAL	£600,000	£402,704.21	£188,286.61	£10,666.18

*£1,657 of this carryover results from funding returned by a successful applicant from Round 1 of CIF 2021/22. The remaining £1,200 has been awarded (in principle) to the second year of the CanDo project led by Strathmore Community Hub from Round 2 of CIF 2021/22.

6. COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND 2022/23

6.1 Council has previously committed a further £400,000 for Community Investment Fund in 2022/23 and the remaining underspend outlined in the previous table will be added to that. Report 21/222 outlined areas where the CIF process could be improved for future, this covered:

- **Governance and decision making** – changes to establishment and running of ward panel process

- **Impact on outcomes** – changes to project monitoring to improve evidence of impact of funded projects
- **Administration** – 2021/22 CIF has used Knowledge Hub as the main administrative tool, but other options could also be considered.

6.2 A paper outlining specific proposals for the 2022/23 Community Investment Fund will be brought to Strategic Policy and Resources Committee in summer 2022.

7. CONCLUSION

7.1 The Community Investment Fund (CIF) invests in community-led projects which tackle inequalities and improve quality of life across Perth and Kinross. Local community members have significant influence over decision making through involvement with Ward Panels. In this second round of 2021/22 CIF **£188,286.61** has been invested in support of **56** projects across Perth and Kinross. This means in 2021/22 Community Investment Fund has supported 141 community-led projects with £589,333.82 of funding, with the remaining £10,666.18 being carried over into the 2022/23 Community Investment Fund.

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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 £600,000 for 2021/22

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 Officer Team.

2. BACKGROUND PAPERS

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.

3. APPENDICES

None