

## What is the Community Fund?

The Community Fund was established to ensure local communities benefit from Edinburgh Airport activities. It provides financial support to community groups and charities that are committed to improving the opportunities, facilities and services available to local people.

The Edinburgh Airport Community Fund will consider applications from Edinburgh, the Lothian's and south Fife that support local sport, health and wellbeing, community, educational and environment initiatives, or a combination of these. Priority will be given to proposals benefitting those living within the communities closest to the airport or those most affected by aircraft noise.

We will consider applications which support the long-term development and sustainability of projects which fall into one or more of these areas:



**Sport, health  
and wellbeing**



**Community**



**Education**



**Environment**

### **Sport, health and wellbeing**

We are keen to support schemes which encourage and enhance physical and mental wellbeing. Proposals to establish or enhance new or existing initiatives are welcome and should indicate how they will have a long-term benefit. Proposals for initiatives that will have a short-term benefit, such as purchasing sports strips and uniforms, are unlikely to be supported.

### **Community**

The Edinburgh Airport Community Fund seek to support pieces of work or projects which fall outside mainstream local or Scottish Government service delivery, but which clearly benefit people in the communities around the airport.

### **Education**

Educational initiatives should aim to enhance the opportunity and ways of learning but should not be a replacement funding source for reduced education authority funding. We are keen to work with organisations that offer new, different and exciting ways to learn.

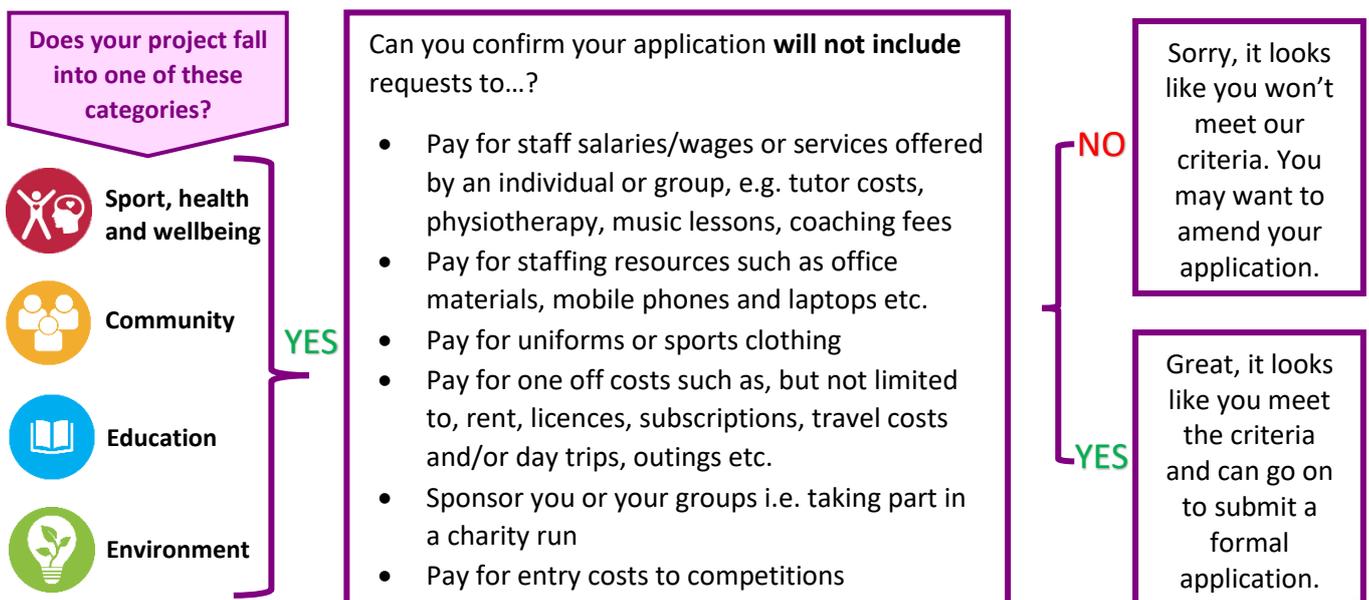
### **Environment**

The environmental theme covers projects and initiatives that improve the immediate environment of local areas, buildings, or outdoor spaces, through practical work, or by environmental education. Projects include biodiversity, wildlife and conservation management, the protection of local habitats and the prevention of litter and waste that causes pollution. The community fund will consider all types of activities relating to these themes, including purchasing equipment, trees and plants. Funding is also available for educational activities in state schools and community groups. We will also consider schemes which are aimed at reducing a school and community buildings or organisations carbon footprint. This may be through using less electricity, gas, or vehicle fuels. Examples of such projects include energy efficient lighting or installing better insulation. Projects aiming to reduce energy use should include the energy savings expected (in kWh) and carbon savings.

## Useful Information:

- Schemes which demonstrate opportunities for an organisation or charity to become self-sufficient or fund other long-term improvements are encouraged, short term items such as clothing or wages will not be considered.
- There is no cap on the amount of funding that can be sought, however, if funding cannot be fully supported, there may be an opportunity to award partial funding. We also advocate match funding where appropriate and advise organisations to consider other funding sources
- We receive an increasing number of requests to fund technology. The Board will consider such requests on an individual basis if they meet the criteria stated above, however, there is no guarantee such requests will be met.
- Gala day funding is capped due to the volume of requests received and will be weighted towards communities closest to the airport or most affected by aircraft noise. Gala day funding requests will also be considered alongside requests for other projects, therefore, gala days are not guaranteed funding.
- Except for gala day funding applications, organisations that are successful in applying for funding are not eligible to apply again for two calendar years where the beneficiaries would be the same.

## Go through the flow chart below to see if your project is eligible for funding



We recommend looking through the application form questions and gathering all the necessary information before going onto completing and submitting the form. We will ask for a range of details but please be aware applications ***MUST***:

- provide clear details of how funding amounts are calculated
- explain exactly how the grant will be used
- explain who will benefit from the funding
- include quotes from relevant companies for the requested items or a spreadsheet with a breakdown of items and their associated costs

**If you have any questions about the funding available through the Edinburgh Airport Community Fund please contact [communications@edinburghairport.com](mailto:communications@edinburghairport.com)**

Submitting an application does not guarantee funding. We will consider all applications received, looking at the merits of each application and its impact on the community; we may contact you for further information if necessary. The Community Board is made up of representatives from the wider community with experience in the criteria areas, the decision of the Board is final.