

Island Communities Fund 2021/2022 (ICF) Maoin Coimhearsnachdan nan Eilean 2021/2022 (ICF)

Background

Cùl-fhiosrachadh

The Scottish Government recently launched the £2 million Island Communities Fund/Maoin Coimhearsnachdan nan Eilean (ICF). Applications are invited until noon, Friday 16 July 2021. [English Press Release](#) | [Gaelic Press Release](#)

[The Infrastructure Investment Plan for Scotland 2021-22 to 2025-26](#) stipulates that Scottish Government will invest £30 million delivering the National Islands Plan (2019) in the next five years (2021 to 2026), supporting a range of sectors including Tourism, Infrastructure, Innovation, Energy Transition and Skills; informed by our learning of how island communities responded and adapted to the (COVID-19) pandemic. This finance will be delivered through the Islands Programme (IP).

Islands Programme

Prògram nan Eilean

The IP will support projects that encourage population growth and stem population decline; deliver on our net-zero ambitions in a way that no-one is left behind; and support a green economic recovery from the ongoing impacts of the pandemic. Investments will align to local priorities, while contributing to ongoing collaborative population work with our island communities, and creating/supporting sustainable employment opportunities; all central delivery priorities within the [National Islands Plan](#) (NIP) and [NIP Implementation Route Map 2020-2025](#).

Island Communities Fund – Overarching Priorities

Maoin Coimhearsnachdan nan Eilean – Prìomhachasan Tar-ruigheach

As one strand of the IP, the Island Communities Fund (ICF) will build on the success and our learning from the 2020-2021 Islands Green Recovery Programme (IGRP) to support delivery of the NIP at grassroots level.

Successful proposals will help our islands to thrive through community-led, 'shovel-ready', green infrastructure activities. Through [Community Wealth Building](#) approaches, projects will play their part in re-shaping and enhancing communities as part of a green economic recovery that supports resilient, successful and sustainable futures for Scotland's islands.

The ICF will support employment and enhance health and wellbeing, through activities linked to the NIP, while delivering a green economic recovery from the ongoing impacts of COVID-19. Successful applicants will have clear a focus on developing sustainable economic activities on islands, through job creation, sustainable employment and the safeguarding of jobs. Projects will contribute to Scotland's fair and just transition to net zero and to climate resilient living on islands.

Island Communities Fund – Criteria

Maoin Coimhearsnachdan nan Eilean – Slatan-tomhais

For information regarding the eligibility criteria and fund requirements, please use the web link below or contact Inspiring Scotland, who are managing the fund on behalf of The Scottish Government:

- ❖ Information and Applications: www.inspiringscotland.org.uk/island-communities-fund/
- ❖ Direct Contact and Support: enquiries@inspiringscotland.org.uk
- ❖ Twitter: [@IslandCommFund](https://twitter.com/IslandCommFund) | [@InspiringSland](https://twitter.com/InspiringSland) | [@IslandsTeamSG](https://twitter.com/IslandsTeamSG) (#islandcommunities)
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