

## **Additional Wigtown Area Committee Discretionary Grant Criteria 2018/2019**

### **Priorities**

1. We will provide a good start in life for everyone;
2. We will prepare our young people for adulthood and employment by supporting projects which promote and / or develop learning opportunities, improve the general health & well-being of young people and disadvantaged groups;
3. We will care for our older and vulnerable adults by supporting projects which promote/improve support/services for older people/vulnerable adults;
4. We will support and stimulate our local economy and particularly projects / initiatives which are focused on community economic development (including local festivals/galas), identifying community needs, improving/developing community infrastructure/facilities;
5. We will maintain the safety and security of our region by supporting projects which promote community civic pride, self-sufficiency, community resilience and the development of Driver Feedback Signs/associated road safety measures;
6. We will protect and sustain our environment and support projects and initiatives which will improve the environment;
7. We will improve the way our Council works.

### **To be eligible to apply:**

8. Requests will not usually be considered for more than 75% of total eligible costs unless in exceptional circumstances;
9. Applications must be for no more than 30% core funding\* except in exceptional circumstances;
10. Project applications must not contain more than 30% core costs\*;
11. Events must show a clear economic impact to the Wigtown area and will be awarded funding on the basis of a partial grant/partial underwrite or complete underwrite. 50% of the award will be released upon receipt of acceptance of the terms and conditions of grant with the balance only being released upon production of the event's final Income and Expenditure account which must clearly demonstrate the organisation's need for the funding;
12. Assistance with the cost of hiring any facility; applicants may request a grant of up to 75% or a maximum of £1,000, whichever is the lesser. This will also include any facility which was previously in Council ownership but has now transferred to

community ownership by way of asset transfer or any alternative management arrangement which has ensured the continued operation of the asset within the community;

13. Applications will also be considered on the same basis from applicants seeking assistance with the cost of hiring other community type facilities not covered by the classification detailed above;

14. Applications will not be supported from Council Services for funding of core services or for replacement of existing provision, but may be supported to fund the local enhancement of and additionality to normal service standards provided the Service is able to justify and demonstrate the following:

- community consultation,
- need; and
- local Ward Member support.

15. Annual repeat funding requests from Council Services will not generally be considered.

### **16. Community Applications**

Applications will be welcomed from Community Councils/community groups wishing to progress a project/initiative on behalf of their respective community.

\* **Definition of core costs** – Wigtown Area Committee defines core costs/funding as salaries, wages, honorariums, rent, utility bills, insurance, etc.

### **The following are not eligible for funding:**

17. If an application has been considered by or received assistance from any other Council Committee then it will not be considered by nor receive assistance from Wigtown Area Committee. If, however, an applicant has to apply to each of the four Area Committees for a region wide application, then this application will be considered;

18. Retrospective events unless in exceptional circumstances.