



FIFE ENVIRONMENT TRUST

Newsletter

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FET Funding Available

The Scottish Landfill Communities Fund (SLCF) and FET Awards

The Scottish Landfill Communities Fund (SLCF) is a tax credit scheme linked to Scottish Landfill Tax. The Scheme encourages landfill site operators to provide contributions to Approved Bodies who can then pass the funds onto community and environmental projects. Fife Environment Trust (FET) is one such Approved Body.

Since the establishment of the Scottish Landfill Communities Fund, Fife Environment Trust (FET) has awarded grants to **117 eligible projects** with a combined award figure of over **£3.8 million**. The FET contribution to projects has helped lever in match funding totaling approximately **£8.7 million**.

The Board of Fife Environment Trust recently met to consider 19 large grant requests for funding. Of the 19 applications submitted, the Board agreed to approve funding towards 14 projects including:

- * £50,000 to Collydean Community Centre towards the costs associated with alterations and improvements to the building;
- * £47,619 to Buckhaven Baptist Church towards the expansion and improvements of the kitchen facilities;
- * £50,000 to YMCA Glenrothes towards the costs associated with rejuvenating a large garden area including the creation of a play area;

- * £46,832.35 to Kingsbarns Community Council towards the cost of improving the current play park offering located at Seagate, Kinghorn;
- * £49,800 to East Wemyss and McDuff Green Poverty Action Group towards the cost of creating a community garden which will contribute towards the prevention/relief of food poverty;
- * £27,000 to Abbeyview Bowling Club towards the cost of replacing the indoor bowling arena carpet; and
- * £14,225.25 to Fife & Kinross Bat Group towards the cost of creating a unique 'bat house' and night scented garden in Letham Glen, Fife.

In total, **£577,097.60** was committed by the Trust for projects to improve/create public amenities or restore historic buildings.

Application Deadlines and Funding Threshold Levels

The next deadline for the submission of large grant applications to FET is Tuesday 31st March 2020. The Board will meet to discuss all March submissions at the next meeting of the Trustees scheduled for Thursday 28th May 2020. Applications to our Small Grants Scheme for awards up to £10,000 are considered on a rolling basis.

The Board can consider applications from community groups/organisations looking to improve public amenities, restore historic buildings/structures or undertake biodiversity projects.

If you would like to find out more about the funding available from Fife Environment Trust, please visit our website or contact our Projects Officer via the details listed below.

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