

The Ardrishaig *ACTion Fund*

What is the *ACTion Fund*?

It is the fund that comes from the revenue Ardrishaig receives from its partnership in Allt Dearg Community Wind Farm. Grants are made by Ardrishaig Community Trust. Where necessary the Trust will convene an ***ACTion Fund Panel*** to assess applications and make recommendations to the Trust's Board of Directors.

What is the purpose of the *ACTion Fund*?

The fund will support the following purposes within the Ardrishaig area:

- Projects which demonstrate social benefit, economic regeneration and job creation;
- Sustaining cultural heritage;
- Improvements to community care;
- Increasing youth projects;
- Increasing energy efficiency & fuel poverty reduction;
- Environmental benefit;
- Other demonstrable social benefits for the area.

Who can apply to the *ACTion Fund*?

Anyone who is trying to deliver real benefit to the Ardrishaig community. This can be through existing or new groups that need short term funding. Or in the medium to long term it can be to support larger regeneration projects that will improve Ardrishaig for the benefit of both its residents and visitors. The *ACTion Fund* can't just give out money. It can only respond to proper requests submitted by local groups.

How much will be available?

Funds should be received from Allt Dearg Community Wind Farm every six months for 15 years, starting during 2013. The amount available will obviously depend on how much wind there has been, and on the price of electricity! In the early years we are anticipating receiving around £100,000 each year. From this the Trust will allocate funds for grants. It will also be building a Regeneration Fund for use in larger community wide projects, and considering options for longer term sustainable income once the Allt Dearg income ends after 15 years.

When can I apply?

You can complete the ***Expression of Interest*** form overleaf at any time. It could be some time though before a fuller grant application can be made. In some cases the Trust may decide to make a grant or donation solely on the basis of the Expression of Interest.

Where applications are likely to be complicated or the amounts involved are substantial, the Expression of Interest form will allow discussion to take place, and to enable the Trust to assist with the grant application. Also, if you don't already have a formal group established the Trust may be able to provide help and advice on setting one up. The Expression of Interest is a good way to register your interest in receiving a grant, so fill in the form with whatever detail you can and send it in.

How do I apply?

Use the form overleaf to register your interest now. The main application forms, guidelines, and submission process will be published in due course. If you have submitted an Expression of Interest form you will automatically receive a copy of the full details. Otherwise information will be available via the Trust website at www.ardrishaigcommunitytrust.org and on the Trust's Facebook page. Printed copies will also be available from the Trust, the Community Council, and from around the village.

How do I get more information?

Keep an eye on the Trust's website and Facebook page. Watch for any updates in the Squeak. And look out for posters or flyers around the village.

If you submit an Expression of Interest form we will also send you further information by email or post as it becomes available.

Ardrishaig ACTION Fund

Expression of Interest Form

Name of group applying for funds	
What does/will your group do <i>(we can help with setting up your group if necessary)</i>	
Does your group have:	A constitution <input type="checkbox"/> A bank account <input type="checkbox"/> <i>(again we can help if necessary)</i>
Is your group based in Ardrishaig – if not where is it based	
How much does the group / project need in total, and over what period	
How much are you looking for from the <i>ACTION Fund</i>	
What would the money be used for	
Describe the benefit to Ardrishaig if this funding is provided	
Would your group be prepared to undertake or assist with some additional community task, and is there anything in particular you would be able to do	

Contact Details	
Name	
Postal address	
Email address	
Phone number(s)	

Send your completed form to: **Ardrishaig Community Trust, Stronachullin House, Stronachullin, Ardrishaig, PA30 8ET.**

Or you can email: info@ardrishaigcommunitytrust.org.

We will send you an acknowledgement as soon as possible.