

SSE Community Benefit Funds - Large & Micro Grants 2019-2020

2019/2020 – SSE grant year 1- £46,925; SSE grant year 2 - £48,493.23

Total Awards made to community bodies: **£31,059**

Grant recipients:

Large Grant Awards (>£500 but <£10,000)

- **£ 10,000 to Badenoch Broadband Community Interest Company.** This was a contribution to the overall cost of the project to install systems and equipment at 5 key satellite and signal locations within the Laggan area to mitigate against any failures in the provision of broadband & internet services.
- **£ 3,000 to The Laggan Forest Trust** to plan, construct and install a cycling skills facility (known as a pump track) for children, at the Laggan Wolfrax centre. A grant of **£3000** was approved to progress to a final design, confirm total project costs and to obtaining planning permission. A condition to receiving the grant was applied – to provide cycling proficiency skills training to the pupils of Gergask primary school.
- **£ 1,395 to Laggan Heritage** - application to restore the stone masonry on the Sarah Justina Macpherson monument. This is part of a wider project to review the condition of all the Heritage Monuments in the Laggan area.
- **£ 5,664 to Laggan Heritage** to restore Cairn and Access to Calum Piobaire at Catlodge & to restore Mrs Grant's memorial stone in Laggan Churchyard.
- **£ 5,000 to Laggan Community Council (LCC)*** to fund Micro Grants of <£500 for applications to the local Micro Grant panel.
- **£ 6,000 to Laggan Community Council*** for Covid 19 community resilience fund. (To date NO applications/awards have been made from this fund.)

The funds to LCC are adjudicated separately by the locally appointed Community panel members – which includes one member of the CC - to award grants up to £500 (or £1000 in the case of the COVID 19 funds) to projects for identified community benefit.

Micro Grants (up to £500) totalling £2910 have been made. Funds remaining within LCC bank account £2090 for future awards.

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| 2021 – unused funds brought forward from 2020: | £ 64,359.23 |
| – year 3 annual grant from SSE – in April 21: | £ 49,678.11 |
| – available funds (April 21 to March 22): | £ 114,037.34 |

(subject to verification from SSE)

The large grant fund can presently only offer grants up to £10000 to a project in any one year, however a community group is able to submit a potential multi year project for higher sums.