

SSE Community Benefit Funds - Large Grants 2019 – Laggan Grants > £500 and <£10000

£46,925 was allocated to Laggan Community by SSE's Sustainable Communities Fund in 2019. £5000 was provided to Laggan Community Council to fund Micro Grants of <£500 for applications to the local Micro Grant panel.

£41,925 was available during 2019 to award to Community Group applicants to the Large Grant panel. **The following Large Grants have been awarded by the SSE panel during 2 meetings in 2019.**

April 2019 meeting: 2 applications submitted – one award made to the **Badenoch Broadband Community Interest Company** for **£10000**. 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 Community Council area. This is to mitigate against any failures in the provision of broadband & internet services due to weather related problems, power outages & spikes across the Laggan Geography. As the **Community Interest Company** serves almost 80% of Laggan's residents and businesses, such a project was deemed appropriate of support by the adjudicating panel.

A fund of **£31,925** was therefore carried forward to the November meeting.

November 2019 meeting: 2 applications submitted – from Laggan Heritage and The Laggan Forest Trust – both applications received support.

The **Laggan Heritage** application was to restore the stone masonry on the Sarah Justina Macpherson monument, which was in need of significant repair - a grant of **£1395** was approved. This is part of a wider project to review the condition of all the Heritage Monuments in the Laggan area. Laggan Heritage are also contributing 25% to the overall cost of the repairs.

The Laggan Forest Trust application was for a project to plan, construct and install a cycling skills facility (known as a pump track) for children, at the Laggan Wolftrax 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. Once complete, the Fund would review any subsequent application for possible construction costs in future panel meetings.

2020. The available fund for LAGGAN carried forward is **£27,530**. An additional sum of **£48,332** will be added by SSE providing a total of **£75,862** available for applications in 2020. Of this, £5000 will be allocated to the Micro Grant Panel.

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