

SSE Micro Grants 2019 – Laggan – grants up to £500

The following Micro Grants have been awarded by the Local SSE Micro Grant Community Benefit fund committee in 2019. £5000 per annum is available to award each year in 2019, 2020 & 2021. Funds not used in 2019 will be carried forward to 2020.

March 2019 meeting: 2 applications awarded – total £962

Village Amenity Improvement: Application from residents of Laggan Village to replace, replenish and maintain planters throughout the main street in Laggan from A86 junction to Village Hall. One application was for new whisky barrel tub planters (£462) and the second grant (£500) for the provision of compost and plants throughout the year. Residents from the community have volunteered to maintain these tubs.

June 2019 meeting: - no applications received

September 2019 meeting: 3 applications awarded – total £1160

Laggan Community Hall: Application to fund a new Notice Board outside Laggan Village Hall (£460 award).

Village Amenity Improvement: An action item from the 2019 Community Action Plan. Application (£200 award) to improve/upgrade the entrance area around the public toilet in Laggan. Volunteers have replaced the stone chips and undertaken a general tidy up outside the toilet to compliment the internal refurbishment of the toilet undertaken on behalf of LCA earlier in the year.

Village Christmas Lights for 2019: Application (£500 award) from the Community Council to part fund the installation of Christmas lights by Highland Council which no longer pay for any on-going provision of Christmas lights in the village. The Community Council will be exploring future Christmas light decoration preferences in 2020.

December 2019 meeting: 1 Application awarded

Village Amenity Group: Application of £350 approved. During 2019, it was noticed that much litter is left at various car lay-bys on the main roads through Laggan. As no litter bins would be emptied by Highland Council, an application to create and place “please take your litter home” signs at selected sites was agreed.

2020 Applications for SSE Micro-grants from individuals or community groups for community benefit or environmental improvement will continue throughout 2020 with any application to be submitted to the panel via treasurerlcc@laggan.com The local panel will be meeting in early March, June, September and December 2020.