



Burnamakiman Hydro Community Fund Factsheet

Background

Burnamakiman Hydro Community Fund benefits those living in South Cowal. Since 2019 South Cowal Community Council (SCCC) has received an annual community benefit from the Hydro Scheme which we distributed, through an application process, to local community groups and individuals. In 2024 we distributed funds for 2 years meaning we had a budget of £10,000. In February 2024, SCCC agreed to do the same again so there will be no grants awarded until later in 2025 by which time we will have received community benefit funding for 2 years.

Each year a Community Panel, made up of people who live, work or volunteer in the area, will consider applications and decide how the money from the Fund is best distributed.

Groups, individuals and organisations working to benefit people in South Cowal can apply to the Fund. Applications from groups or organisations must have a governing document or a set of rules and be set up on a not-for-profit basis; groups do not have to be a registered charity to apply.

Applications from groups/individuals/organisations located outwith the Fund area will be considered but these must demonstrate clear benefit for residents of the South Cowal area.

Making a Difference

The Fund will provide grants to support projects that:

- Enhance the quality of life for local residents of all ages.
- Contribute to vibrant, healthy, successful and sustainable communities.
- Promote community spirit and encourage community activity.

In addition, 5% of the fund will be retained for individual applications from persons with disabilities who require assistance that cannot be sourced from public funds.

Timescales

The application and decision dates for 2025 are not definite as yet but could be as follows:

Application deadline	Panel Decision	Decision Ratified By Community Council	Payment made
31 August 2025	By end October 2025	November 2025	December 2025

The decisions of both the Panel and South Cowal Community Council will be final with no appeals considered or correspondence entered into. All applicants, both successful and unsuccessful, are welcome to re-apply in the future. Successful applicants will be required to provide evidence of how the funding has been spent on their project.