**Community Investment Fund - Perth & Kinross Council 2024-25**

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In order to apply you must have a MyPKC account. If you haven’t got a MYPKC account, all you need to set one up is an email address. We have a video on how to register for an MYPKC account below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lkQmC3_6GT4&feature=youtu.be&ab_channel=Perth%26KinrossCouncil>

If you are still having issues, please get in touch and we will try and assist you getting started.

**1. What is Community Investment Fund?**

The Community Investment Fund (CIF) provides an exciting opportunity for people to work together to create a confident, ambitious and fairer Perth and Kinross, for all who live and work here.

In 2024/25, over £365,000 has been allocated between the 12 Perth and Kinross Wards to support projects that tackle local issues and improve quality of life for communities across the area.

If you are interested in applying for CIF funding, we encourage you to read more about the [PKC Corporate Plan](https://www.pkc.gov.uk/article/23056/Corporate-Plan-Vision-and-Priorities). Your application should demonstrate how your proposal will contribute towards these priorities.

Applications are now open and will close on Friday 6 September 2024.

**2. How much can I apply for?**

The table below sets out how much funding is available in each of the wards. Whilst there is no minimum or maximum amount that you can apply for, you should bear these amounts in mind. In 23/24, the average funding award was around £4,000.

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| **Council Ward** | **CIF Funding 2024/25** |
| 1 – Carse of Gowrie | £22,353.27 |
| 2 – Strathmore | £35,970.05 |
| 3 – Blairgowrie & The Glens | £23,676.84 |
| 4 – Highland | £21,370.52 |
| 5 – Strathtay | £24,724.17 |
| 6 – Strathearn | £26,904.20 |
| 7 – Strathallan | £24,948.87 |
| 8 – Kinross-shire | £26,529.68 |
| 9 – Almond & Earn | £30,139.71 |
| 10 – Perth City South | £41,158.10 |
| 11 – Perth City North | £57.907.13 |
| 12 – Perth City Centre | £30,116.70 |
| **TOTAL** | **£365,799.24** |

**3. Who can apply?**

In order to apply for funding, you must:

* demonstrate how your project tackles local issues and improves quality of life in your community;
* demonstrate how your project will contribute to the priorities of the Perth & Kinross Council Corporate Plan
* be a not-for-profit, community group, social enterprise or local charity. Businesses, individuals, regional groups and national charities are not eligible to apply for funding. They can, of course, be partners in a community-led project.
* be seeking funding for a project which benefits members of your community in a Council Ward in Perth and Kinross only.
* not be applying for a project for which you have already received funding from the Community Investment Fund;
* not already be in receipt of monies from the Council for the service or project included in your new proposal, unless the proposal clearly demonstrates that it will significantly improve the service, or make it sustainable; and
* have a bank account that has two signatories who are not related nor live at the same address.

If you require additional support to complete an application, please contact us at

[CIF@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:CIF@pkc.gov.uk). Locality-based staff are able to offer one-to-one discussions and their details can be provided by contacting the email address or telephone number above.

**4. How long can the funding be used for?**

We anticipate that the majority of projects will be completed within that 12-month period, however, we can be flexible and longer projects can be considered on a case-by-case basis.

**5 How do I apply?**

This year, the CIF application process is being managed through an online portal, which can be accessed from [www.pkc.gov.uk/cif](http://www.pkc.gov.uk/cif). If you need further support to complete the form, you can ask for help by contacting the Community Investment Fund Team on [CIF@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:CIF@pkc.gov.uk). The team will either help you directly or put you in touch with one of our locally based workers who can offer provide advice and support

**6. How will the decision about funding your project be made?**

Funding applications will be assessed against the impact on the priorities of Corporate Plan:

* 1. Tackling poverty
  2. Tackling climate change and supporting sustainable places
  3. Developing a resilient, stronger and greener local economy
  4. Enabling our children and young people to achieve their full potential
  5. Protecting and caring for our most vulnerable people
  6. Supporting and promoting physical and mental wellbeing
  7. Working in partnership with communities

Other key considerations in the decision-making process include:

* additional outcomes you expect your project to deliver;
* the need for your project;
* demonstrable support from the community for your project;
* lasting benefits from your project, beyond the period of funding;
* the impact on your project if funding is not provided through CIF;
* the level of involvement from other organisations;
* how your project will build skills and confidence in the community;
* how you will measure the impact of your project.

**7. What will the Community Investment Fund cover?**

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| **Yes** | **No** |
| • Community management of a local  facility.  • Improvements to a community asset.  • Developing an outdoor space for  community use.  • Purchasing equipment or materials that  will benefit the local community.  • Community events or a programme of  activities.  • Sessional staff to support community  based activities.  • Training for community members if  it can be shown to benefit the wider  community.  • Promotion and publicity for community  activities, programmes or development  activities.  • Running costs and overheads, where it can be demonstrated that these have increased significantly as a result of increases in the Cost of Living  • New or innovative services, designed to  tackle inequalities. | • A project which has already been funded by the Community Investment Fund.  • General costs which are part of an organisation’s core business.  • Professional fees such as lawyers,  architects, accountants or consultants.  • Activities which collect funds for  redistribution to other charities or  individuals.  • Promotion of a religious or political  cause.  • Research projects.  • Projects that take place on private land, and are not accessible to the community.  • Flights, or travel outside Scotland.  • Activities which have already taken place |

**\***If you are not sure if your project costs are likely to be eligible, please contact the Community Planning Team in the first instance.

**8. What happens if the application is successful?**

If you are successful you will receive an offer letter from us by email. This will outline how much funding is being offered, the terms of the offer and monitoring requirements.

Please note that you may not receive the full amount requested.

The monitoring for the Community Investment Fund will consist of an impact evaluation which must be completed after a 12 month period (or shorter if your project is completed within 12 months).

Once payment details have been received the monies will be paid directly into your group’s bank account in full. Please note that we cannot pay funds into an individual bank account, it must be a group account.

**9. What happens if your application is unsuccessful?**

If you are unsuccessful in your application, we will let you know by email and provide you with information on other sources of funding.

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language or format, (on occasion, only a summary of the document will be

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Customer Service Centre on 01738 475000.

You can also send us a text message on 07824 498145.

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