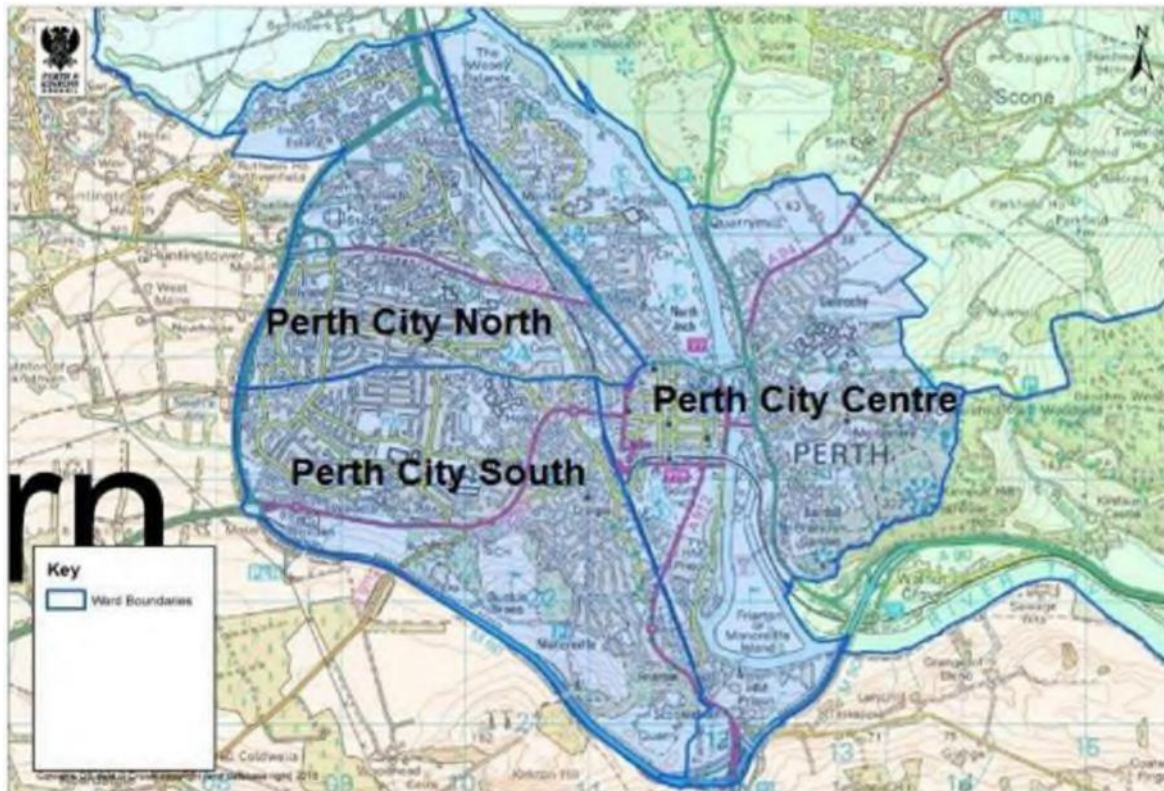


Perth Common Good Fund

Revised Financial Assistance Criteria

1. All grants are awarded at the discretion of the Perth Common Good Fund Committee.
2. Within the boundary of the Perth Common Good area and if funding is available, applications will be considered from individuals and groups for projects or activities which demonstrate benefit to the residents of the City of Perth.
3. The Perth Common Good area is restricted to Elected Member Ward 10 Perth City South, Ward 11 Perth City North, and Ward 12 Perth City Centre. Applications for financial assistance from individuals residing or groups operating outwith the boundary of the Perth Common Good area must clearly demonstrate that the project or activity to be undertaken will provide benefit to the residents of the City of Perth.



4. Applications for financial assistance from schools and school groups (such as Parent Councils) within the Perth Common Good area will be considered regardless of where participating pupils reside.
5. The Financial Year for the Perth Common Good Fund covers the period 1 April to 31 March. The Perth Common Good Fund Committee meets five times per year to consider applications for financial assistance and other business matters; Committee meeting and application deadline dates are available on the Council's [Community funding support webpage](#).

6. Applications for financial assistance must be submitted to the Perth Common Good Fund Committee in advance of the project or activity taking place. Retrospective applications where expenditure is incurred during the time between the application submission deadline date and the date of the Committee meeting will be considered however the applicant must be aware that funding may not be approved by Committee.
7. A separate Capital Grants fund will be maintained to support applications for financial assistance towards the funding of building improvement works, and the acquisition of equipment. Applications for Capital Grant funding assistance should be submitted to the first Perth Common Good Fund Committee meeting of the new financial year, which normally takes place during April or May. The Capital Grants fund will normally close until commencement of the next financial year, however the Committee may consider late applications if Capital Grant funding remains available.
8. The following conditions shall apply to all applications for financial assistance.
 - 8.1 The application for financial assistance must demonstrate that the funding will provide benefit to the residents of the City of Perth. The Perth Common Good Fund Committee must be satisfied that all disbursements from the fund meet this requirement and the Committee decision in this regard is full and final.
 - 8.2 The Perth Common Good Fund should not be viewed as a resource to supplement the funding of Council services; applications for financial assistance from Council services are therefore not encouraged. Any application submitted by a Council service will be considered by the Perth Common Good Fund Committee on its own merits.
 - 8.3 Applicants who are seeking funds to purchase resources, or undertake capital projects are asked to demonstrate that they are sourcing these from local providers where these can reasonably meet their needs.
 - 8.4 All awards of £400 or less will be paid in advance, but recipients must complete an end of grant monitoring form and provide evidence of spend based on their initial application Awards greater than £400 must be claimed on completion of the project and within three months of the activity taking place. The claim should include an end of grant monitoring form and evidence of spend, based on the initial application. Funding for awards not claimed will be returned to the Fund.
9. Small Grants
 - 9.1 Applications for financial assistance will be considered by the Perth Common Good Fund Committee in line with the criteria below.
 - 9.2 Organisation of events/games/festivals including prize awards:

- (a) no entry fee payable by the public: up to maximum of 40% of the total actual costs
 - (a) entry fee payable by the public (commercial event): up to a maximum of 20% of the total actual costs subject to the submission of an evidenced Income and Expenditure account for the event
 - (a) in the event that the Common Good funding of a commercial event results in a profit, the level of funding award will be reduced accordingly
 - (a) in the event, that the commercial event is loss-making, the Common Good funding may be used to underwrite the loss, subject to the level of funding approved by Committee
 - (a) grants will not be paid for any event/games/festival which are cancelled following the approval of funding by Committee
- 9.3 Hire of hall and provision of prizes for school prize-giving ceremonies – up to a maximum of 40% of total costs.
- 9.4 Voluntary work overseas by individuals:
- 6 months or more: up to £400 per individual
 - up to 6 months: up to £250 per individual
- 9.5 Attendance at summer schools/events by individuals or groups of up to 5:
- more than 2 weeks: up to £150 per individual
 - one to two weeks: up to £100 per individual
- 9.6 Excursions/Parties (up to two applications per year per group):
- contribution of up to 50% towards the actual costs; each organisation is permitted a maximum of two applications during the course of a financial year; overall grant to be capped at £10 per individual with an overall maximum grant of up to £1,000
- 9.7 Visits or trips by and from school/youth/sport/music groups:
- for groups of between 6 and 10 people, a flat contribution of £500
 - for groups of 11 or more; a contribution of £50 per person to a maximum of £1,000 for youth groups, senior citizen or vulnerable groups for activities of one week or more

9.8 Any other purpose where it can be demonstrated that there is a benefit to the residents of the City of Perth.

10. Capital Grants

10.1 The funding of applications for Capital Grant funding will be restricted to the available annual budget.

10.2 It is expected that the total funding available will be fully committed at the first meeting of the Perth Common Good Fund Committee at the start of the new financial year. In the event, that funding is not fully committed, the Common Good Fund Committee may choose to either roll forward the unallocated funding to the next financial year or consider further applications during the year.

10.3 Acquisition of equipment and uniforms - consideration on merits up to a maximum of 25% of total cost, subject to the budget available.

10.4 Provision and improvement of buildings - consideration on merits up to a maximum of 25% of total cost and up to £50,000, subject to the budget available. Note that the facilities must be available to the general public.

11. Expenditure which is not eligible for funding awards

11.1 Assistance with further or higher education fees.

11.2 Charity fundraising such as a sponsored walk, cycle or bungee, for example.

11.3 Town twinning activities within Perth City which are more properly attributed to the Civic Fund.

11.4 Organisations with religious or political associations where there are restrictions on usage or availability.

11.5 Core funding of the voluntary sector.

11.6 Assistance with day-to-day running costs such as the rental of premises, employee costs, and so on.