



BLAIRGOWRIE & RATTRAY DEVELOPMENT TRUST COMMUNITY PROGRAMME

SMALL GRANT FUND POLICY

INTRODUCTION

The Trust is a community-led organisation working to make improvements to the town, and supporting others to make our community a better place in which to live, work and visit. The Small Grant Fund is made possible by the fundraising efforts of Trustees and One Voice/BRDT volunteers

AWARD VALUE

Subject to availability, awards between £100 and £350 can be granted from this Fund. Small variations to these limits may be accommodated at the discretion of the Board of Trustees

GRANT FUND ELIGIBILITY

Individuals and groups which:

- Operate in the same geographical area as the Trust
- Support the values and the aims of the Trust; working in similar ways to achieve benefits for the town

CRITERIA

A Small Grant may be awarded where the investment directly contributes to one or more of the following BRDT overarching outcomes:

- Blairgowrie and Rattray is recognised as a town renowned for its attractive public spaces, accessibility and environmental responsibility
- Increased local activities to promote sustainable consumption of natural resources and combat climate change
- Community involvement increases; acting as one towards common purposes

- The town is a widely recognised centre for arts, crafts, leisure, and outdoor pursuits
- More people choose to visit all year-round
- The history and culture of the local area becomes widely known to residents, and visitors alike

Examples of expenditure include items of equipment, cost of hosting community events, outings and festivals, publicity material, volunteer expenses and training. This may also include unexpected one-off costs to support the sustainability of an important activity which the organisation may not be in a position to meet at that particular time.

CONSIDERATIONS

- Decisions on awarding a Small Grant rests fully with the Trust - there is no appeal process
- A fund is provided on a one-off basis, and is not automatically renewable
- Funds cannot be awarded retrospectively

PROCESS

- A period of four weeks is required for the application to be processed
- Some evidence/justification of costs will be required with all applications – the assessment will consider if these costs appear to be reasonable
- There will be two rounds of applications during the year
 - Summer from 1st May to 31st August
 - Winter from 1st October to 28th February
- The fund will close when budgets for each of the rounds have been allocated.

MONITORING THE IMPACT OF SMALL GRANTS

The Trust will contact applicants by phone or email on completion of the funded project to evaluate the benefit and efficacy of the award. The Trust will produce a short annual report on the allocation of these funds; and in doing so will require the cooperation of funded groups. Information such as photographs and written feedback will helpful for reporting.

HOW TO APPLY

The Application Form can be downloaded here and emailed to admin@brdt.org.uk
A paper copy can be obtained on request from the Trust Office

ENQUIRIES AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION – please call 01250 876000 or email admin@brdt.org.uk