

# CROWN ESTATE COASTAL COMMUNITIES FUND

## (B&B)

### Fund Eligibility:

- Aberdeenshire's [Coastal Zone](#), as defined in the Local Development Plan, and any settlement which borders this provides the eligible geography of the fund. Projects taking place outside of this area and up to two miles from the coastline, may be considered where they can demonstrate a strong and tangible link with the coast or sea.
- Such applications may come from groups or organisations representing communities of interest as well as of place (for example wildlife or environmental, arts or well-being groups).
- Projects must be led by public or third sector parties and have a tangible link to the coast and/or the sea.

Examples of what is meant by a tangible link to the coast or sea are:

- Projects that help people to develop skills related to coastal or seafaring pursuits, activities or enterprises, for example sailing, fishing, or boatbuilding.
  - Projects that celebrate the heritage of coastal and seagoing communities of place and interest. For example, a coastal or fishing village or township, historic boatbuilding, or relevant clubs or organisations.
  - Projects that improve access to coastal areas. For example, paths and viewpoints
  - Projects that improve the coastal environment. For example, applications to establish and support community groups looking after their coastline.
  - Projects that improve community-controlled infrastructure such as harbours, boathouses and buildings.
- Projects should reflect the different needs and requirements of each Place and support activities that contribute to the [Place and Wellbeing Outcomes](#):



- Projects must contribute to **at least** one of Aberdeenshire Council's priorities:

Pillar	Priority
Connected Communities	The project will work with communities and partners to enhance the sense of connection among places. This includes supporting communities to come up with innovative solutions to ensure our places are resilient and vibrant.
Living Well	The project will encourage and support residents to lead healthy and active lives, to contribute meaningfully to their communities and will be reflective of the needs of the ageing population.
A sustainable economy	The project will support a strong and diverse economy by attracting people of working age to the region, complementing the highly skilled local workforce.

- Grants must be a minimum of £500 and a maximum of £5,000.
- There must be a minimum of 10% match funding. Funding of up to 90% of projects will support deliverability within the timescale.
- Applications from organisations with an annual turnover of more than £250,000 will not be considered, unless applications are being submitted by the Council on behalf of community groups, or by other bodies whose annual turnover is not directly related to the local initiative under consideration.
- Funding for core activities such as staffing, and overheads will not be eligible. In some instances, funding for consultancy work, or for seasonal posts, may be considered.
- Third party applicants will be required to submit a copy of their most recent, independently examined set of accounts, including their current bank balance, demonstrated by three most recent bank statements, and identify any funds therein which have been ringfenced for other projects. Evidence that the bank account has a minimum of two signatories (by providing a bank mandate/signatory list, letter of confirmation from the bank or online banking screenshot showing authorised users)
- Applicants will be required to provide information on related funding applications, whether they have been successful and, if so, how much funding they have received.
- Groups require to be properly constituted and submit a copy of their Constitution or Memorandum of Understanding/Articles of Association. (This may not apply when Aberdeenshire Council is making applications on behalf of others).
- Groups will be expected to provide, for the purposes of Following the Public Pound, copies of their insurance documents.
- Applications which are solely, or substantially, for individual benefit will not be considered.

- Groups must be able to give an assurance that they will be able to complete their projects and have receipts submitted by 30 June 2027.
- Payment will be made retrospectively on receipt of invoices or other confirmation that the money has been spent in accordance with the proposals applied for. Payment will be made by BACS transfer to a group's bank account, or, where the Council is acting on behalf of a group, by internal transfer.
- The use of the budget or project must not commit the Council to recurring expenditure or maintenance.