



GARIOCH AREA INITIATIVES FUND 2025/26

Funding Application Form
2025-2026

The aim of the Garioch Area Initiatives Fund is to enable part of Aberdeenshire Council's Area Committee Budget to be used responsively to address the needs of communities and maximise scarce resources. It also promotes, through the utilisation of all available resources, opportunities to work more closely with individuals and communities to understand their needs, maximise talents and resources, support self reliance and build resilience.

SECTION 1: Contact Details

Name of Organisation/Group	
Contact Name	
Position	
Address (including postcode)	
Telephone No	
Email address	
Please enter Treasurer's details below (if different from contact above)	
Address (including postcode)	
Telephone No	
Email address	

SECTION 2: Details of the Project

Please provide details of your project below:

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Please indicate which of the following themes this project aligns to. Please tick all that apply.

Theme:

Improving the Appearance and Maintenance of Towns and Villages within Garioch

- Improve the attractiveness of Garioch as a place to live, invest, work and visit.
- Improve residents' aspirations, confidence, decision-making capacity and involvement in community life.
- Improve the physical environment and infrastructure of Garioch including energy efficiency measures.

Stronger and Empowered Communities: Support and empower the people of Garioch to develop and deliver a vision for their local area, by delivering Place Based Community Plans, to ensure their

communities are well informed, involved in decision-making and take a responsibility in delivery of local actions and priorities, to help form stronger and resilient communities through the contribution of volunteers and to enable communities feel empowered and enabled.

- **Healthier Communities:** Support and empower the people of Garioch to reduce inequalities in health outcomes between communities, to protect and support public health, community mental health and physical wellbeing and build community resilience to ensure greater community partnership working, increasing the ability of individuals and groups to influence matters affecting them and their communities and to increase participation in quality wellbeing activity.
- **Connected Communities:** Support and empower the people of Garioch to reduce loneliness and social isolation, to provide active travel routes that are easy and safe to access, to improve transport provision to healthcare and wellbeing activities, to challenge inequality, social exclusion, rural isolation, and vulnerability and provide greater opportunity to connect digitally to reduce commuting, access services and encourage commercial and social enterprise.

2.2 Outcomes: Please outline how this project will meet the local outcomes attributed to your chosen theme(s).

2.3 Community Support: Has this project been identified and prioritised by the community through specific engagement and/or consultation events?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please provide further details:

2.4 Maintenance Arrangements: Please provide details of any future maintenance requirements and arrangements to be put in place in respect of your project:

2.5 Is this a new or an existing activity? Please provide details:

2.6 How many people are likely to benefit from the project?

Please provide details:

☐ Less than 20 ☐ 21-50 ☐ 51 – 100 ☐ whole community

2.7 Does the project demonstrate partnership working?

Please give details of any other groups/partners that are involved in the project:

Aberdeenshire Council is committed to promoting positive attitudes, equality and diversity and eliminating discrimination, harassment and victimisation for people with protected characteristics.

2.8 Is your project aimed specifically at any of the following protected characteristics?



Sexual Orientation ☐



Pregnancy & Maternity ☐



Age

☐

Race

☐

Disability

☐

Sex

☐

Religion/belief

☐

Gender reassignment

☐

Marriage/Civil partnership

☐**SECTION 3: Project Cost**

Total cost of project	
Amount requested (must not exceed 50% of the total project cost to a maximum of £4,000)	
Breakdown of cost	

3.1 Previous Funding from Garioch Area Committee Budget: Have you received Area Committee funding within the past three years? If so, please state the project and the amount received.

Project	
Amount claimed	

3.2 Other Funding Applied For: Please provide details of any other sources of funding applied for and the amount secured. The project **must** have the balance of funding in place or it will not be eligible.

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Grants must be claimed before the end of the financial year in which they are awarded.

SECTION 4: Organisation Finance

Please submit a copy of your most recent independently examined accounts (bank statements are not sufficient).

Signature	
Position	
Date	

Successful applicants will be required to provide a short report on the project so that the Garioch Area Committee can have an indication of how the money has been spent and how the project has benefited the community.

Please return the completed application form and any supporting documents to:
garioch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Please check that you have included the following documents:

The application form	<input type="checkbox"/>
A copy of the group's Constitution, or Memorandum and Articles	<input type="checkbox"/>
A copy of the most recent independently examined accounts (bank statements are not sufficient)	<input type="checkbox"/>