

## GRANT PURPOSE

In a bid to support communities of Marr the Aberdeenshire Council Marr Area Committee has instigated an awards programme.

The Marr Area Partnership administers these awards and works with communities to achieve the maximum benefit.

The awards are designed to promote sustainable community development schemes. Regard is paid to the criteria in the Councils Local Agenda 21 statement.

The awards have in the past covered:

- Business Promotion
- Information directories
- Communication networks
- Transport initiatives
- Cultural and historical projects
- Environmental improvement schemes
- Community engagement initiatives and audits
- Tourism related promotions

We have supported projects from computer access to path networks.

## AWARD

The awards are intended to be used in tandem with funds raised by a community. Community fundraising can be from efforts within the community or from other grant bodies.

Awards will be up to a maximum value of 50% of a project cost. The maximum grant award under the scheme being £1,000.

We encourage:

- Communities to consider this grant as a preliminary part of a project with long term benefits. It can also be applied for to assist existing and continuing project development.
- Community groups to come together for the common good of a project.
- Groups to consider links with other areas of Marr to achieve a wider impact.

The Awards application dates are 30th of June, September, December and March. Approval is given as quickly as possible. A fast track system exists for reviewing an application if required\*. MAP has a comprehensive grant guide and dossier of many other sources of grant support. Groups requiring financial support or advice are encouraged to contact us at anytime throughout the year. Contact details on reverse of brochure.

## COMMUNITY

In order that your application has the greatest chance of success we would encourage you to get the support of as many people within the community as possible.

The sample application form overleaf will give you key guidelines as to how this project will be assessed.

The many communities of Marr have a most valuable resource within their midst, that of high levels of expertise and local knowledge. Some communities may, however, feel they need objective assessment of their project and an access to advice that is not held within the community. MAP works with communities to bring that advice to a project.

The initiative Grant Scheme is part of our community development programme. It is our aim to give a project the resources it needs and to also help community groups see the potential for their own long-term development.

The Marr area extends from Huntly, Alford, and Banchory west to Strathdon, Corgarff and Braemar. It includes Aboyne, Ballater, Feughdee, Finzean, Birse, Monymusk.

\* Please note that project work should not start prior to getting confirmation of the award of grant.

Sample Application form

Initiatives Title .....

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Applicant .....

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Description of Initiative .....

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Benefits of Initiative (and who will benefit)

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How does this initiative meet the criteria of sustainability, social and environmental impact?

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Provide details of other fund raising for this Initiative: .....

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Total Project Cost: .....

Have you informed your local Councillor? .....

Applicant Group: .....

1st Signature: .....

Print (name): .....

2nd Signature: .....

Print (name): .....

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# MARR AREA partnership

## INITIATIVE GRANT SCHEME

Working with the diverse communities of Marr to encourage and enable the sustainable development of their economic, environmental and social future.

