

Annandale and Nithsdale Community Benefit Company Award Summary for 2017

Applicant	Purpose of request	Amount requested	Amount awarded	Declarations of Interest/ Comments/ Conditions/ Feedback to applicant
Annandale and Nithsdale Community Benefit Company:2017.02.22				
Nithsdale Walking Works Network	To continue running costs of service providing volunteer-led walks for people with health issues.	£9,518	£9,518	That evidence of match funding is supplied.
St Michael's Cricket Club	To promote cricket in the area by delivering cricket coaching in D&G schools.	£7,800 (over 3 years)	£7,800 (over 3 years)	That a copy of the accounts to September 2016 is provided. That the list of schools involved is confirmed. For the second and third year funding to be released interim reports must evidence engagement with a significant number of beneficiaries from within the area of benefit.
Moffat Civic Pride	To plant up, maintain and water the floral displays in Moffat.	£1,000	£500	David Booth declared an interest and did not contribute to discussions. Due to Moffat Civic Pride's healthy reserves, the Board felt unable to support the project in full. However, they would like to offer a grant of £500 to cover the cost of four new planters.
Hub Dumfries and Galloway	To recruit, train and support local volunteers to provide one to one support for computer drop-in sessions to assist people with online benefit applications, universal job match searches and job applications	£19,968 (over 2 years)	£19,968 (over 2 years)	That confirmation of match funding is submitted. That the second year's funding will not be released until interim monitoring is received.
The Arthur Trail Association	To create a permanent display and exhibition space in Moffat Museum promoting The Merlin Trail and the area's Arthurian heritage.	£5,000	-	The Board felt that the project offered limited direct benefit to local people in relation to other applications being considered.
Thornhill & District Squash Club	To install exterior insulation to the squash court.	£4,915	-	The Board felt that the limited benefit to a small number of members was low in proportion to the amount requested. It would be encouraging to hear that the group was working with schools and other organisations to grow its membership and increase participation in the sport.
Discover Kirkmahoe	To develop and publish a booklet of short walks that join up the longer walks in the area. Also to add benches, wooden sign posts, bird and bat boxes along the route.	£1,500	£1,500	That written permission is provided from landowners. That evidence of either acknowledgement that the works are a permitted development or planning permission is provided.
SHAX	To re-fresh volunteers skills, knowledge, confidence and employability; Recycle donated goods through re-use, re-purposing and upcycling; Re-home vulnerable local people by providing essential items to start new tenancies.	£10,000	£10,000	The Board felt encouraged that the SHAX were working towards becoming sustainable without grant support. Further applications for general running costs were unlikely to be supported.
Thornhill Playgroup	To improve the outdoor area to give children the opportunity to explore and enjoy the natural world, and improve their health and wellbeing.	£4,387	£4,387	That confirmation of final element of match funding is submitted. That a full breakdown of equipment cost is provided.

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Thornhill and District Community Transport	To assist in the purchase of a replacement minibus.	£12,500	£9,466	DoI: David Dick left the room
SWing Band	To fund the purchase of music stands, banners, scores and outdoor jackets for performers as well as a study day with a professional jazz musician.	£4,053	£4,053	
Lochar Thistle Youths AFC	To remove and replace fluorescent lighting in an indoor training arena with energy-efficient LED lights.	£4,000	£4,000	While the Club's constitution is adequate for the purposes of this grant, it could do with some updating in particular with regard to how the club can be dissolved, although the arrangements for subsequent dispersal of funds are acceptable.
Soul Soup Counselling and Training Ltd	To provide counselling, support and activities for young people with mental ill health.	£20,000	-	While the ANCBC Board remain supportive of the project in principle, there is evidence that the organisation is still struggling with the burdens of governance and therefore some concerns raised about the ability of the organisation to cope with the administrative requirements of financial accounting and handling multiple grant streams and an increasing workload all at the same time. The Board would encourage Soul Soup to seek further administrative support and apply at a later stage when financial reporting, budget forecasting and other monitoring systems are clearer.
Thornhill Friendship Club	To fund energy saving measures, renew toilet facilities for disabled use, structural repairs and refurbish the kitchen.	£20,000	£20,000	DoI Richard Clark left the room
Collin Village Hall Management Committee	To upgrade boiler and heating system in Collin Village Hall.	£3,310	£3,310	
LGS Community Trust	To turn Hamilton Starke Playing Fields and Pavilion into a vibrant, sustainable community venue.	£16,463	£16,463	That a bank statement is submitted in the absence of accounts and since the organisation has been operating for less than one year a comprehensive cash-flow projection should be provided. That the long term lease is agreed and a copy provided to Foundation Scotland. The ANCBC Board would encourage LGS Community Trust to conduct a comprehensive review of governance arrangements demonstrating a clear distinction between Let's Get Sporty CIC and LGS Community Trust. Further, in terms of best practice, board members cannot be staff and vice versa. These issues should be addressed before any further application is made to the fund.

Annandale Transport Initiative	To contribute towards the running costs of provide affordable accessible community transport for the residents of Annandale & Eskdale.	£20,000	£20,000	That a satisfactory interim report is submitted to Foundation Scotland before the second year's award is paid.
Moniaive Michaelmas Bluegrass Festival	To contribute to the costs of accommodation, tutor fees and campsite hire for the Moniaive Michaelmas Bluegrass Festival.	£1,750	£1,000	A reduced award of £1,000 is offered in support of the project. As this is the second year that ANCBC have supported the festival, the Board would like to see the project become fully sustainable through more traditional fundraising methods in the future.
Troqueer Landward Community Council	To provide a range of outdoor playpark equipment, including inclusive equipment at the Beeches Avenue park in Cargenbridge,	£20,000	£20,000	That the agreement of the local authority to take over the inspection, maintenance, and insurance of the play equipment once installed is secured in writing before any payment of grant is made. That proof that the full funding package is in place is provided before any grant is released.
Moffat Gold 2017 SCIO	To cover additional costs for the championships including screen hire, toilet, shower and office facilities, rubber matting, medals and a CCTV system.	£20,000	-	The ANCBC Board felt that all things considered the proportionality of benefit to the residents of the ANCBC area of benefit was low in comparison with the cost. Further, the subject of the grant application was not critical to the success of the project.
SWRI Dumfriesshire Federation	To provide a marquee, catering equipment and entertainers for the SWI's centenary garden party at Comlongon castle, Clarencefield	£5,896	-	The ANCBC Board feel that the SWRI Dumfriesshire Federation has significant reserves available, it could be argued that some of the payments are retrospective given the timescale, deposits paid and invitations delivered. Further, this project is a one off catering/party event which is not a priority for the fund. Future applications would be considered for a project more in keeping with the spirit of the fund.
Kirkmahoe Parish Hall Committee	To refurbish the hall's front window and entrance steps and redecorate the interior.	£2,925	-	While the aims of the grant and capacity of the committee are well worth funding, the ANCBC Board felt that Kirkmahoe Parish Hall Committee has ample funds in its savings bond to provide for these costs.
Kate's Kitchen	To contribute towards funding a support worker and development worker for 3 years	£20,000	£20,000	That independently signed accounts are submitted for financial year ending March 2017.
Boreland Village Hall	To purchase 15 new tables and 20 new chairs for Boreland Village Hall	£2,000	£1,000	The ANCBC Board felt that the Hall Committee could afford to contribute more towards the cost of the project and still have ample reserves for operational costs. Therefore a reduced award has been offered of £1,000.
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Food Train	To replace the delivery van used by the Annandale & Eskdale branch.	£7,924	£7,924	That a copy of the signed finalised annual accounts for 2017 are provided to Foundation Scotland. That three competitive quotes are secured for the new vehicle.
Thornhill Bowling Club	To purchase ten benches to create a comfortable spectator area.	£1,172	£1,172	

South of Scotland Beekeepers Association	To convert and upgrade an existing stone building to become a dedicated location from which all of the SSBKA activities can be run.	£20,000	£20,000	That a copy of the final signed lease is made available to Foundation Scotland before any payment of grant is made. That all necessary permissions are secured from the local authority.
Sleeping Giants Community	To contribute toward "Hidden Histories of Dumfries and Galloway", a varied and exciting skills, personal, and social development programme for young people from a range of disadvantaged backgrounds	£20,000	£20,000	That a satisfactory interim report is provided 10 months into the project to be agreed by the Board prior to the second payment being made.
Dumfries and Galloway Arts Festival	To increase the number, diversity and quality of live theatre, music and performing arts events in Annandale.	£15,000	£15,000	That a satisfactory progress report is received prior to each subsequent payment being made.
Moffat Academy Community Partnership	To pay for the salaries of 2 part time staff and the resources needed for the toddler group to continue.	£3,520	£3,520	DoI Martin Brown left the room. The Board would like to see the project move towards sustainability prior to any further applications being submitted to the Fund.