**Green Living Fund 2025/26**

**Fund Guidance and Criteria**

**Overview**

The Green Living Fund is an opportunity for community groups to apply for a grant to support new initiatives that tackle climate-related priorities within the community, while also helping those in the community with the cost of living.

Proposals should be designed in to fit within at least one of the following criteria:

* Energy – e.g. reducing consumption, promoting efficiency
* Transport – e.g. encouraging active travel, decarbonising transport
* Waste – e.g. reducing, reusing and recycling, repairing, sharing
* Resilience – e.g. adapting to changing conditions – including flooding, drought
and heat
* Nature – e.g. improving greenspace, increasing biodiversity, local food growing
* Engagement – e.g. increasing public awareness and engaging communities

The proposals will then be screened by an expert panel to confirm feasibility before the proposals go forward to the public voting stage, where members of the local community will be able to choose which proposals will receive funding. Final evaluation of the proposals will be made 50% on technical evaluation and 50% on community voting. The technical scoring will be based on the following criteria:
o Expected climate change impact – 30%
o Expected cost of living impact – 30%
o Wider community benefits - 20%
o Value for Money - 20%

**Who can apply?**

The funding is available for all types of community organisations including, but not limited to community groups, community councils and charities. Groups are able to submit a joint application.

Groups who were successful for Green Living Fund Round 1 funding are eligible to apply again provided the funding will allow a new phase of the project to continue or will provide additionality to what was previously delivered

We can’t accept applications from: Individuals, Sole Traders, Schools, Statutory Bodies, Companies that can pay profits to directors, shareholders or members (including Companies Limited by Shares), Organisations with religious or political associations where there are restrictions on usage or availability.

If you have an idea you would like to implement, but not part of an eligible organisation please contact climatechange@pkc.gov.uk or contact [Perth & Kinross Climate Connect](https://www.climateconnect.scot/)

**Funds available per Council Ward**

For the purpose of localising the decision making , the funds available will be divided across Council wards. The projects for each ward will be voted on by residents within each ward community. The total funds available for each ward, along with their respective council wards is detailed below.

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| Council Wards | Total Funds Available |
| Carse of Gowrie | £14,902.18 |
| Strathmore | £18,573.47 |
| Blairgowrie and the Glens | £15,784.56 |
| Highland | £14,247.01 |
| Strathtay | £16,482.78 |
| Strathearn | £15,235.38 |
| Strathallan | £16,101.87 |
| Kinross-shire | £17,686.45 |
| Almond and Earn | £15,065.13 |
| Perth City South | £19,357.15 |
| Perth City North | £16,533.79 |
| Perth City Centre | £20,030.19 |
| Total | £199,999.96 |

If you’re not sure which Ward you’re in you can use the map <https://www.pkc.gov.uk/article/19845/Map-of-Electoral-and-Community-Council-boundaries> or postcode checker to identify your Ward <https://www.pkc.gov.uk/article/15505/Find-your-local-councillor>.

Should a proposal involve more than one Ward, groups are advised to select the main ward impacted and clarify any other Ward(s) impacted using the text box provided in the relevant application form section. When reviewing the applications prior to voting, if the project spans multiple wards or is Perth & Kinross-wide, PKC will consider the distribution of proposals across wards and discuss with the applicant if it might be appropriate to change which ward the application was classified under or to divide the project between wards.

Funds can cover capital or revenue expenditure and all funding should be used for public benefit. Funding should cover additional costs incurred by the organisation for delivery of this project and should not costs for staff time or materials covered under existing contracts.

Funding is expected to be disbursed the week commencing 8 December 2025 and should be spent by 31 December 2026. Unspent funding by 31 December 2026 MUST be returned to the Council unless prior agreement for an extension is reached with the Council in exceptional circumstances.

**Fairer Communities for All**

As there are two PKC community funding opportunities running in parallel, when reviewing applications to the Fairer Communities for All and Green Living Fund, PKC reserves the right to transfer applications from either fund to the other prior to voting, following agreement from the applicant, if this would be a more suitable fund for the project.

Individual projects will only be put forward for public voting for one of the funds. Community groups are able to apply for both funds if they have two separate projects.

**Criteria**

As mentioned above, the Fund is looking to support proposals aiming to deliver against one or more of the following five categories.

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| Category | Description | Proposal Ideas |
| Energy | reducing consumption, promoting efficiency, expansion of renewables | Community Energy Generation |
| Transport | encouraging active travel, decarbonising transport | Community Bus; Cycle Hire |
| Waste | reduce, reuse and recycle | Re-use initiatives  |
| Resilience | adapting to changing conditions – including flooding, droughtand heat | flood mitigation projects, community resilience projects set up to respond to climate events |
| Engagement | increasing public awareness and engaging communities | Community events and workshops; Working with young people and schools |
| Nature | Improving greenspace, biodiversity, local food growing | Orchard creation; hedgerow networks; pollinator friendly allotments; green roofs/walls |

**Timeline**

22 August 2025 – Call for applications opens.

03 October 2025 – Submission for applications closes

03 October – 27 October 2025 – Screening of applications by Council

27 October – 14 November 2025 – Voting open

17 November – 21 November 2025- Final Screening

24 November – 29 November – Results evenings

8 December – 12 December 2025 – Target date for disbursing funds to successful applicants

**How to apply**

Once the application window opens on 22nd August, you will be able to submit your proposal using Microsoft Forms. The application form can be accessed at https://forms.office.com/e/ErDfNFyUup

Please fill out all the information asked for.

In the ‘Your Project’ section, please consider the following points:

* Describe your project
* Set out how it will deliver against the criteria you have selected
* How it will improve quality of life in your community
* How it will help people in your community with the cost of living
* What the social impact of your project will be
* What the climate impact of your project will be

Please provide a high-resolution picture of your logo (if available) and any other supporting materials you may wish to include e.g. a video or any other document that may be used during the participatory budgeting process. Please do so by emailing climatechange@pkc.gov.uk using **GLF 2025** - **your group name and project name** as the subject line. Examples include a video of group members and locals talking about the anticipated benefits of the proposed project, or photos showing similar work.

**Grant Conditions**

As part of applying for the fund, applicants will be asked to confirm the following:

* The applying group has a UK bank account or building society account in the legal name of the organisation, with at least two unrelated people who can manage the account
* Your application for funding will only be considered if Perth and Kinross Council feel the project is viable. All funding should be spent by 31st December 2026. In the event that any part of the agreed funding is unspent on 31st December 2026, all unspent money MUST be returned to Perth and Kinross Council unless prior approval has been obtained from the Council for a project extension
* You agree to keep full written records of what the agreed funding is spent on and to retain original invoices/receipts as proof of expenditure. You will retain all records for a period of 6 years and provide copies promptly to Perth and Kinross Council upon request.
* You agree to provide a short monitoring report on completion of works being carried out.
* In accepting any funding, you are agreeing that your activities will be publicised by Perth and Kinross Council.
* The Council reserves the right to reject grant applications or claims, or recover grant funding, if it becomes apparent that any of the award conditions are not being met or where the Grantee has outstanding debt due to the Council.
* Section 2 of the Local Government Act 1986 prohibits the Council from publishing any material that appears to be designed to affect public support for a political party. The same section also prohibits the Council from awarding funding to organisations for this purpose. By signing this agreement, the Organisation gives a positive assurance that its activities do not promote any views on questions of political controversy which are identifiable as the view of any particular political party or parties.
* The Organisation should ensure that it complies with all relevant legislation relating to their organisation, including all appropriate health and safety requirements.
* All organisations are expected to have the following in place:
	+ suitable operational and financial management practices;
	+ effective organisational governance;
	+ auditable record keeping systems; and
	+ relevant employment, equalities, and safeguarding policies. Safeguarding policies should be specific to the client group/s the organisation is working with and demonstrate an understanding of any risks and how those are to be mitigated.

**How to vote**

When voting opens, expected in late October 2025, community members will be able to vote using an online platform that will be available via the [Perth and Kinross Climate Action Website.](https://www.pkclimateaction.co.uk/blog/green-living-fund-2025-26)